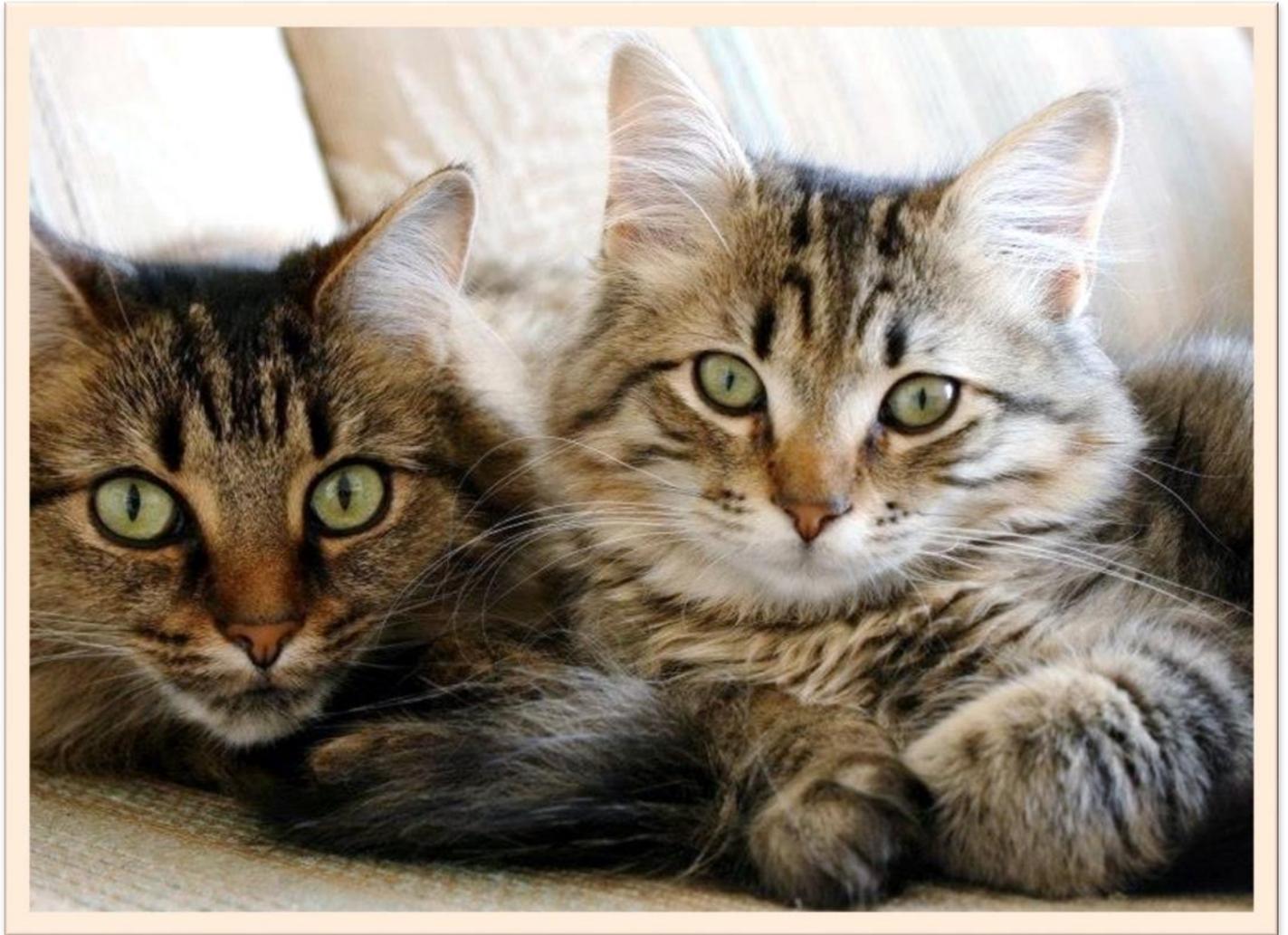


Maine Coon Adoptions

Do your heart a favor, adopt a Maine Coon cat
100 cats adopted since our May 2017 newsletter // December 2017



Keeping them Safe in Emergencies

The recent North Bay fires served as a devastating reminder that we need to prepare to keep our furry companions safe in an emergency. Here are some steps you can take.

Make sure your cats have I.D

Microchip your pets. Put collars and tags on your pets with up-to-date contact information. After the fires, the papers



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Have kitty carriers at hand

Keep a hard-sided carrier at hand for each pet. Cats, especially when they're agitated, can tear through soft-sided carriers. Write your contact information and your

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Prepare "Go" Kits for Kitties

Keep an emergency kit near an exit. A sturdy container that can be carried easily, such as a duffel bag or plastic tub is best. Stock up on



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I.D., continued ...

were full of stories of heart-warming reunions between people and their pets all because the cats were microchipped.

Also, when people see a pet with a collar and tag, they know it's a pet, not a stray.

Kitty Carriers, continued ...

pet's name in permanent marker on the carrier. Because getting a terrified kitty in a carrier is a challenge, keep pillowcases nearby so you can slip a pillowcase over your cat before sliding him into the carrier.

"Go" bag, continued ...

food and water. Add a low-slung plastic bowl that won't interfere with whiskers. Canned food keeps better and has more moisture. Look for small cans with pull tabs, or food in pouches. Don't count on refrigeration being available.

Other essential "Go" Bag items:



- Litter box and litter, litter scoop, paper towels and plastic trash bags. Aluminum pans can serve as disposable litter boxes. A Ziploc bag can scoop litter in a pinch.
- Medications for at least 2 weeks, along with any treats used to give the medications.
- Medical records, including current vaccination records. If you need to board your kitty, you may need to provide proof of vaccination.
- Comfort items. A beloved toy, blanket or bed can help your pets feel more comfortable. Put one of your unwashed T-shirts in a zip-lock plastic bag to serve as bedding.
- Current photos of pets and a description of their breed, age, sex and markings in case you get separated from them.
- A list of phone numbers, including your cell, work and home, your veterinarian, emergency clinics, and area animal shelters.
- A handout with boarding instructions, such as feeding schedule, medications, and any known allergies and behavior problems.

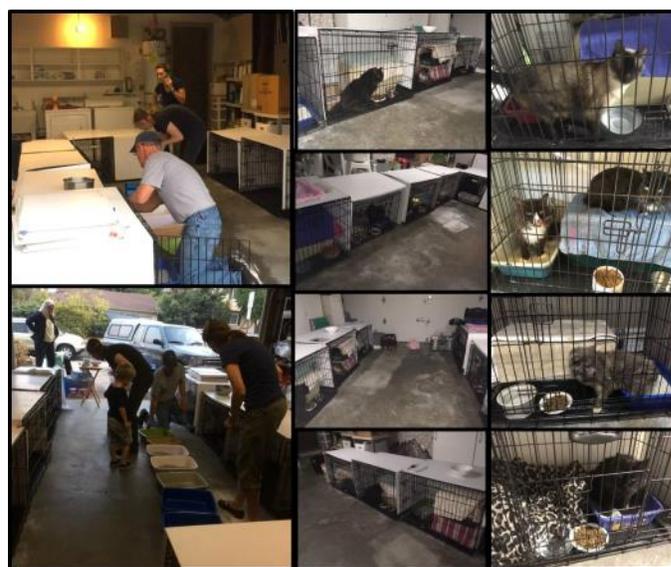


I need my pillow!

MCA VOLUNTEER DEBBIE SHELTERED 19 CATS IN HER GARAGE DURING THE FIRE.

Our amazing rescue colleague Anne, who used to direct a cat sanctuary in St. Helena, now provides care for elderly cats. She had to evacuate quickly when the fires hit, so MCA volunteer Debbie offered her garage, and MCA volunteers Suzanne, Debbie and Joelle got all 19 cats moved into cages in the garage until Anne could move back.

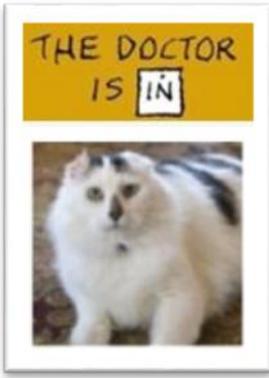
MCA VOLUNTEER SUSIE CONTACTED ALL OUR ADOPTERS NEAR THE FIRES TO OFFER OUR HELP. ALL THE ADOPTERS AND THEIR PETS WERE SAFE, ALTHOUGH SOME LOST THEIR HOMES.



Rescue groups and shelters worked tirelessly to help fire victims. Milo Foundation had to evacuate all the animals from their sanctuary in Willits. When they moved back, they also housed pets from families who needed temporary boarding. Sonoma Humane Society & Wine County Animals Lovers were first responders who continue to work to unite families with their missing pets. Rocket Dog, Oakland Animal Shelter, Hopalong, and so many others, did crucial work.



Helping stressed kitties



Purrlitzer Prize winning Dr. Mac talks to you today about kitty stress.

Emergencies can be very stressful for kitties, even if you are able to shelter in place. Comfort items like those mentioned on the preceding page can help relieve some of the stress. Your cat is very tuned in to your emotions and will quickly pick up your anxiety. Remain calm and talk to her in a soothing voice. If you can, find a quiet place to slowly pet and massage your kitty, but don't force it. Holding your cat in your arms when he doesn't want to be held won't make him get over his fear. Exercise can help destress cats, so play with them if possible. Some cats find restful music soothing. Over-the-counter medicines may help. NaturVet Quiet Moments Calming Aid Gel can be applied to the paws, so they have to lick it off. Some people report that Nature's Miracle calming spray can help.

Yes! I want to help the kitties by being part of the team!

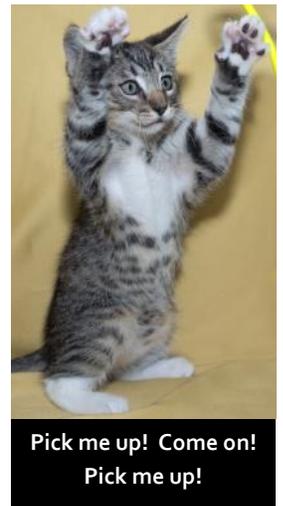
"Wow. fantastic. Just fantastic!" That's something we hear a lot from volunteers when a kitty whose life they helped save gets adopted. Join the team, and you'll hear yourself saying it, too. We need:

Adoption Counselors: Interview prospective kitty parents on the phone and help them pick the right kitty for their lifestyle.

Adoption Fair Staff: Help introduce our wonderful kitties to the public at adoption fairs in Oakland & Pleasant Hill.

Kitty Cuddlers: Give our rescued kitties plenty of playtime and love. This is particularly important for shy or traumatized kitties who need to learn to trust humans again in order to find a forever home.

Email us at elaineln@pacbell.net if you'd like to help.



Pick me up! Come on!
Pick me up!



Yes! I want to help the kitties by donating!

YOUR DONATIONS IN ACTION

\$15	\$25	\$50	\$100	Other:
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