

May 2018

Maine Coon Adoptions

Do your heart a favor, adopt a Maine Coon cat

88 cats adopted since our November 2017 newsletter!

Luciana is up for the
\$25,000 GRAND PRIZE
challenge!



Are you in?



EXCITING CONTEST FOR THE KITTIES!!

Friends, we have an amazing opportunity to [win \\$25,000](#) from the Michelson Found Animals Foundation. The Foundation is having its 5th annual 'Saving Pets Challenge' and will award a \$25,000 grand prize to the organization with the most online donations during the month of May. We're competing against similar-sized organizations, so our cover girl, Luciana, thinks we've got a real shot at the Grand Prize because she knows how generous you are.

This is a WIN-WIN for the kitties. If we raise the most money during the month of May, the kitties win the \$25,000 Grand Prize. But the kitties get to keep the donations anyway, of course, so everyone walks away a winner! If you're thinking of making a donation in 2018, can we ask you to do it now?

Vet bills run well over \$100,000 a year because so many kitties we rescue need a lot of vet care before they can find their forever home. Take the fabulous Wallace, for example — all 21 pounds of him. He came from a tiny Oregon community and had multiple health issues. Eight years old and FIV+, he needed eight teeth pulled before he was ready for adoption.

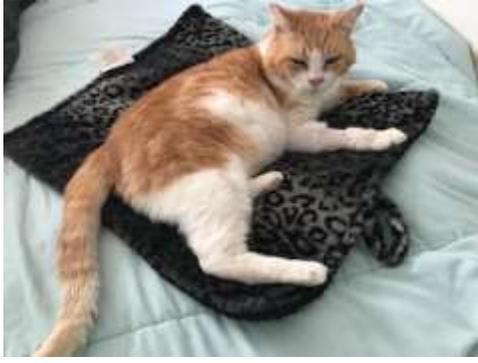


Yumiko was just skin and bones at 2.8 lbs when she was found in the middle of traffic. She had a serious upper respiratory infection, dental issues, an eye injury, an ear infection, and lice. Yumiko is Japanese for "child of dreams", and we want all our kitties to have lives they could only dream about in the past. It takes a great vet and kind people like you to make that happen.

The contest ends at 10:50AM on May 31. Donations have to be made at www.crowdrise.com/o/en/campaign/pet-rescue2 in order to count. Or you can find the same link on our home page at MaineCoonAdoptions.com.



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SWEET EVEREST NEEDED A HOSPICE HOME & FOUND IT

Everest is a fabulous boy with crummy luck. He has incurable nose cancer. We don't know how long he has left, but he's been doing really well so far. He makes biscuits when we talk to him, has a hearty appetite and purrs all the time. He's just a big, lovable, loving, SWEEEEET 4-year-old boy who has a heart and spirit the size of Mount Everest! And he loves people!

We were hoping he could pack all that love up and bring it to a home he can call his own where he can just be his wonderful self. We put out a call for a hospice home, and Todd & Miki answered the call. Here he is lounging contentedly in his new home. We're pretty sure those paws would be making biscuits if this were a video instead of a still photo.

Thank you, Todd and Miki, for your kind and loving compassion!

Q: One of my cats recently began behaving aggressively toward my other cat. What can I do?

A recent study showed that 27% of cats taken to shelters for behavior issues were surrendered for aggression. So, you've hit on a high stakes issue. There are many types of aggression, but it sounds like your cat is exhibiting social aggression, which usually develops gradually. It may begin with hissing and growling, but it then progress to attacks. With social aggression, it's very important that you provide your victim cat with a safe haven in the house where he or she feels safe from injury and stress.

Step 1 in dealing with cat aggression is ruling out any medical reason since many diseases may cause aggression. Some aggression results from boredom. Try instituting regular — by that I mean daily — play sessions. If you think your dominant cat is about to engage in aggression with your victim cat (thrashing the tail back and forth, ears pinned back, stalking), try distracting him or her with a noise or toy. You're not trying to scare your kitty — just distract him. If play and distraction aren't solving the problem, temporary separation may do the trick and give both cats a chance to hit the reset button. Sometimes you may need to completely reintroduce the cats as if one of them were new to the house. You're right on track to try to deal with it early. Once the behavior becomes entrenched, it's much harder to solve.



PROF. LEROY

Remeowned cat behaviorist,
Prof. Leroy Brown,
answers your questions.



Ever consider fostering?

Even if you can only foster for a week or two, it helps. Before going to foster care, our kitties will have seen our vet, be up-to-date on shots and spayed-neutered. MCA provides lots of support and information for its fosters. You provide the love.



HERE'S TO ALL THE CATS YOU HELPED SAVE!



You helped us save the lives of 43 older and special needs kitties in 2017 (20% of all adoptions)

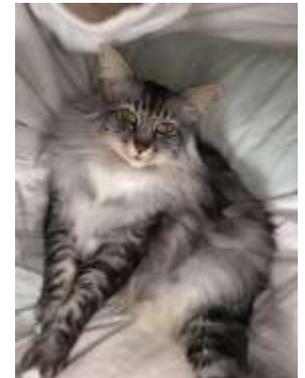


Once we pledge to rescue an animal, we provide whatever care is necessary to make sure that he or she is adoption ready. This commitment often leads to big vet bills, especially when we take in an older or special needs cat. We want to take a minute and say THANK YOU to our supporters for letting us make this commitment to some of the most vulnerable kitties out there. Here are some of the special kitties who now have loving forever homes. Counterclockwise from upper left: Wally had one leg amputated; Stephanie is deaf; Jan & Jill have cerebellar hypoplasia, which makes them wobbly when they move; Zaen Grey is an older kitty.

216 cats found new loving homes in 2017!

What could be better than seeing kitties chilling out in their new homes??

Moses & Mozart celebrate their birthdays. While Woody looks like he's ready to play, Watson stops to smell the tulips. Two different Jamesons show off their gorgeous selves.



SUMMERTIME, AND THE FLEAS ARE A' COMIN'



Oh yes they can. Indoor-only cats definitely can get fleas. You go outside. Your children go outside. Your dog goes outside. Friends come into your house from outside. Fleas can jump up to 100 times their own height, and they're not shy about hitching a ride on a pants legs, a shoe, or socks. Once inside, the little beasties jump on your cat, have a nice meal, then hop off to lay hundreds of eggs, which will hatch in 3-5 days.

A fine-toothed flea comb will pull out fleas — but dunk them in soapy water because plain water won't kill them. You can use a topical flea product, but follow the directions carefully, and don't use one that's not labeled as being safe for cats unless you consult with your vet. If you're concerned about flea treatment products, ask your vet to recommend a treatment.



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