

# Maine Coon Adoptions

November 2007

59 kitties found loving homes since our July newsletter. We salute these kitties and their new families!

Gregory / *Nefertiti & Tuffy*  
Becky & Marcus / *Flicka*  
Daniel & Mark / *Cisco*  
Kelly / *Elliot & Sundance*  
Dave / *Tysha*  
Pamela / *Maggie Mae*  
Caryl & Aram / *Max*  
Lauren / *Elle*  
Kaite / *Marla*  
Erin & Charles / *Winchester & Puma*  
Peter & Rita / *Natasha*  
Canute / *Nicodemus*  
Patty & Doug / *Cooper*  
Bob & Simone / *Linus & Laney*  
(also *Neko & Annie* from another rescue group)  
Ashley / *Cody*  
Jal / *Bonnie*  
Zarina / *Patrick*  
Sarah-Jean / *Daphne*  
John / *Max*  
Linda & Dan / *Max*  
Hadley / *Nemo & Henry*  
Selina & Frank / *Misty*  
Eileen, Gianfranco, Arianna & Cesco / *Ricky*  
Colleen / *Ben*  
Cynthia / *Bijou*  
Arline / *Tuffy*  
Arianna / *Boo*  
Cherith / *Pluto*  
Susan / *Moses*  
Gretchen / *Blair*  
Brandee / *Betsy*  
Nathalie / *Chiclet*  
Hamish & Susannah / *Lincoln*  
Susan & Clark / *Frieda*  
Chris & Trisha / *Kensei*  
Rick and Jessica / *Leo*  
Lori & Peter / *Gus*  
Sally / *Tallulah*  
Frederik & Nathalie / *Bob*  
Irene / *Donald*  
Joanne / *Ellie, Brooke & Penny Lane*  
Walt / *Bobbi*  
Jeanne & Sharon / *Timmy*  
Christal & Joe / *Mia*  
Nellenda and David / *Minna*  
Aaron & Jessica / *Harry*  
Ahna / *Melanie*  
LouAnn / *Zaria*  
Diana / *Cupcake*  
Whitney / *Monique*



## Greetings from The Director:

The recent October earthquake reminded us of the importance of keeping our kitties safe and indoors. The rattling and shaking jolted many Bay Area residents - people and pets alike, and a frightened pet is apt to run and hide to protect itself from harm. In the safety of your home this means running under the bed or hiding under the couch. But what if your kitty gets outside? This newsletter is dedicated to suggestions for keeping our kitties safe and what to do if a beloved pet gets lost. > > *Elaine Lyford-Nojima*

## Keeping Your Kitty Safe

### Prevention Is Key

The old saying that an ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure is a good rule to remember in helping to prevent kitties from becoming lost:

- Always keep your kitty inside. An indoor-only kitty will live longer, will have fewer injuries and is less likely to become lost.
- Whenever you transport your kitty be sure

to use a secure carrier, as a scared cat can easily escape from your arms, run away and hide.

- Take some good quality, close-up pictures of your kitty, so that if he does manage to escape, you will be able to create flyers.
- Make sure your kitty always wears a collar (breakaway safety collars are the best) with a tag with your CURRENT telephone number.

➤ All Maine Coon Adoption cats are microchipped. Please keep your address and phone number current with us so that we may notify you if your pet is found.

(Similarly, please call us if your pet becomes lost so we can offer tips, support and ideas.)



## Finding a Lost Kitty



### Start Searching Right Away!

- After searching your house thoroughly, begin calling for your kitty around your neighborhood at different times of the day, preferably at a quiet time when there is less traffic or other noises that may scare him. After you call, stop, be quiet and listen for any reply. Take a flashlight out at night and in the early morning and shine it in bushes and under cars, watching for the reflection of your kitty's eyes.
- Make LOTS of color flyers. Keep it simple - **LOST KITTY** in big letters at the

top, **your phone number** in BIG letters, a **LARGE photo of your pet** and the word **REWARD** (no amount). Pass flyers out to neighbors and post them in your neighborhood. **Going door to door in your neighborhood with flyers is THE best way to find your pet.** (Most kitties do not stray too far, but start searching, distributing and posting flyers in ever widening circles if time goes by.)

- Leave flyers with local vets and at animal shelters.
- Visit local shelters often (enlist the help of family

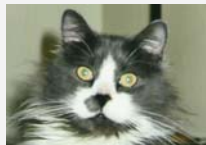
and friends). It is essential to search the shelters rather than simply calling, since often the description you give of your pet and the description the shelter lists may be different.

- Post "lost pet" ads in local newspapers and free online ads with Craigslist.org & Petfinder.com.



[Ruby escaped while in foster care. We got her back (after a month!) by never giving up the search and passing out & posting tons of flyers.]

## Ask Mr. Fergus



*Dear Mr. Fergus,*

My good buddy, Mr. (Walter) Mittens, has been missing now for 3 weeks, and my people are beside themselves. Do you think finding Mitty is hopeless now?

*--Missing my bud*

*Dear Missing,*

Don't give up trying to find Mitty. Mr. Fergus has lots of tales about kitties being found weeks or even months later. His very own human aunt and uncle found their kitty NINE (!) months after it escaped. (After the initial reunion with hugs and kisses, that kitty had some 'splainin' to do, but, of course, being a cat, he never did.)



*Get photos of your furry family members with Santa!!!*



**Kitties or Uncle Sam?**

Now, we all like our Uncle Sam, but we're pretty sure he like kitties, too, so he won't mind if a little bit of your tax money goes to MCA. If you'd like to include MCA in your charitable contributions this year, make your check out to SAFE and send it to:

Maine Coon Adoptions  
2527 Carmel St.  
Oakland, CA 94602

## Paxton and Lincoln, the "three-quarter" kitties

Hamish and Susannah thought they were popping into the PetSmart in San Jose to admire the tropical fish, but they saw the MCA "Adoption Fair" sign, and fate intervened. When they wandered over to take a look at some of the kitties "just for fun," little did they know that Paxton, a beautiful kitty with silky black fur and a gorgeous ruff, was waiting for them.



*"They give us so much joy, and I hope every adoptee gets even half the amount of smiles we get from Action Paxton and Turbo Lincoln, the three quarter kitties." - Susannah*

Paxton had quite a history. He was run over by a car, but, thankfully, a kind man named Paxton (of course) rushed him to a local cat

sanctuary (North County Humane Society in Atascadero). MCA's Director just happened to be at the sanctuary picking up other cats when Human Paxton came rushing in with Kitty Paxton in a box, so MCA ended up taking Paxton after the sanctuary nursed him back to health.

The accident left Paxton without one of his hind legs, but the kindness of Human

Paxton and of the folks at the sanctuary left Paxton's sweet, good-natured personality intact. So, when Hamish, Susannah and Paxton saw each

other, it was love at first sight all around, and Paxton had a new family.

MCA kept in touch with Hamish and Susannah, and were delighted to get frequent updates and photos of Paxton. When MCA heard of another kitty, four-month-old Lincoln, who had a similar accident that left him with only three legs, our Director called Susannah and Hamish who once again opened their hearts and home and took in Lincoln. Paxton and Lincoln are now the best of buddies!



## Santa Paws is Coming

Santa Paws and his elves will be at the PETSMAST store in San Jose three days in December. We'll have photographers there who are especially skilled in animal photography to take great shots of your furry family members (and you, too) with Santa.

For \$9.95, you will receive a print of your beloved pet in a Holiday paperboard frame, designed exclusively for PETSMAST. Maine Coon Adoptions receives \$5.00 from each package purchased.

**Dates:** Friday, Saturday & Sunday  
**December 7th 8th & 9th**

**Time:** Friday 5:30 - 8:30 p.m.  
Saturday 10 a.m. - 5 p.m.  
Sunday 11 a.m. - 5 p.m.

**Where:** PETSMAST  
607 Coleman Avenue  
San Jose

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## Holiday Shopping Made Easy through MCA!

If you will be shopping online this holiday season, please sign up to support MCA through iGive. The iGive program costs you absolutely nothing, but once you sign up, participating retailers (and there are hundreds of them - Nordstrom, Barnes & Noble, PetSmart, just to name a few!) will give a percentage of the proceeds to Maine Coon Adoptions.

To sign up, simply visit [www.igive.com](http://www.igive.com) and type in keyword search "Maine Coon Adoptions." Then, simply select the listing for CA-Maine Coon Adoptions - a Division of SAFE, and you are on your way to simple online shopping and assisting Maine Coon Adoptions with rescue efforts. This holiday season, sit back and shop online knowing you are helping kitties in the process!