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**Dear Friends of Persian and Himalayan Cat Rescue,**

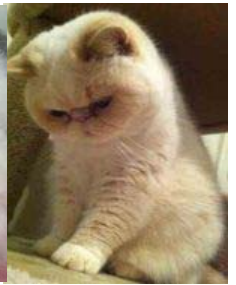
We hope this note finds you well, and thank you for your kind calls, e-mails and donations throughout another busy year. We rescued and adopted 43 Persian and Himalayan cats ourselves, and helped our other Rescue and Shelter partners place many others that were in their care. As trying times continue, cats are coming to us from many situations including foreclosures, evictions, personal illness, shelters and vets. The Berkeley Police even brought us two cats they found locked in a cabinet during a drug bust!

Every time we think we can't do it one more time, a hero sees the story on [www.persiancats.org](http://www.persiancats.org) and saves the day. We are blessed with many loyal, frequent web site visitors, and nearly every story we post brings calls and e-mails. These either result in an adoption or go into our wish book for future adoptions. And we gladly help vets, rescues and shelters across the country by posting Persians and Himalayans that need rescue. This year we have gotten cats adopted in MA, MT, NC, TN and more.

It is your donations, adoptions and help that keep this all going. Thank you again for your kind support throughout the year, and most of all for the wonderful stories of how much love your cats have brought to your lives.

Best wishes for a Happy Holiday Season, **Pat O'Rourke, President**

**Some Happy Tales from 2011:**



**MIA**

**KITTY KAT**

**PENNY**

**DAFFNEY in Montana**

**MOMO**

**Adopted in February**

**Adopted in May**

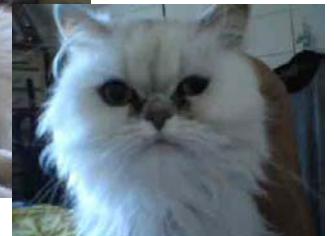
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**And more:**

**Tom and Jerry** were found by a real estate agent in an abandoned foreclosed home, where they'd apparently been for weeks without food and water! This wonderful agent kept and cared for them until we could find them a loving home together, which we did. All too often, "pet foster care worker" is becoming a job requirement for real estate agents these days, and we're glad when they step up like this caring lady.



**Ben** – Imagine someone this cute just walks into your garage and makes himself at home. That's just what Ben did one day. How did he know that the lady of the house would be such a cat lover? Hmmm.... Luckily, he was right, and he is now living happily ever after in this wonderful home, where he's now spending the first of many Holidays to come, thanks to this kind person.





## How you can help PHCR cats:

- ❖ **Foster** a cat that needs a safe, loving place to stay while we work to place him or her in a forever home.
- ❖ **Donate:** 100% of your donations go directly to the cats, including:
  - Vet bills – spay/neuters, surgeries, dental and medicine
  - Foster care
  - Supplies – food, litter, etc.
  - Publicity, including persiancats.org and special cat promotion events

## Note from Wanda, our Founder

Hello Friends,

Wishing you all Happy Holidays and the best for the New Year.

Still happy in Clear Lake with three of our rescued Cats: Elvis (2003), Billie (2004) and Kenny (2006.) They live with a short-haired black and white cat from Clear Lake named “Trouble,” who chases them each morning until I put him in a “Time-Out” room for 15 minutes. Trouble comes out of the room a well-behaved kitty... for a while. We also live with two big rescued dogs, who have been raised with cats. Life is good! **Best wishes, Wanda**

### How you can donate...

- ❖ [www.persiancats.org](http://www.persiancats.org) – “DONATE” button on home page
  - ❖ [iGive](http://iGive.com) and [Petfinder.com](http://Petfinder.com)
  - ❖ **Mail a check to: PO Box 475482, San Francisco, CA 94147-5482**
- Questions? E-mail us at [info@persiancats.org](mailto:info@persiancats.org)

## Tales from the Litter Box...

Litter box misbehavior is one of the more common reasons for cats finding themselves needing rescue, and there’s often an easy solution. If this trouble strikes *your* home, here are some tips:

1. **See your vet immediately** Peeing outside the box can be a sign of a urinary tract infection. These are easily cured with antibiotics.
2. **What is he afraid of?** Pooping outside the box often is a sign of fear. Is the box near something “scary?” Is another cat bothering your cat? Placing Fluffy’s litter box in a “safe” place should help.
3. **Some good practices:**
  - Number of litter boxes = number of cats PLUS ONE. 3 cats = 4 boxes.
  - Boxes should be as far away from each other as possible.
  - Boxes should be as far away from their food and water as possible.
  - CLEAN, CLEAN, CLEAN! Would you like to go to a dirty bathroom??
  - No covered litter boxes. These may hide odors from *you*, but they make them worse for Fluffy.
  - Try other types of litter. Some cats, especially declawed cats, are sensitive to what their paws touch. There are cats whose paws are so sensitive that they will only go on flat newspaper in their box.

**And, as always, safety first. Remember to keep mistletoe, lilies, tinsel, ribbon and other dangerous temptations (i.e. small things cats can swallow) out of reach. And, some cats are very allergic to pine, so watch that also.**



## A Big Thank You to...



- ❖ **Other rescue organizations** that share the load -- too many to name.
- ❖ **Our fabulous volunteers** who go above and beyond when we need them.
- ❖ **California animal shelters**, many of whom work diligently with us to find the best outcome for each and every Persian and Himalayan cat.
- ❖ **The many veterinarians**, including the Cat Clinic in Mill Valley, Danville Veterinary Hospital, Evergreen Veterinary Clinic in San Jose, Pets Unlimited, Sunol Pet Hospital, Tri Valley in Pleasanton and others who give their skills, time and rescue discounts to help our cats stay healthy.
- ❖ ... **and especially YOU**, who support the cats, and who adopt them and give them happy, loving homes!



## We at PHCR wish you all

# A Very Happy, Healthy, and Wonderful 2012!

