

Could YOU help us give sanctuary to the Egyptian Maus roaming the streets of Cairo foraging in rubble and waste bins?



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CATS in CRISIS!

ANCIENT EGYPTIAN MAU CATS are facing possible extinction in their homeland, being currently unrespected and unwanted.

EMRO is a registered non-profit animal welfare group dedicated to rescuing these descendants of the sacred cat of Ancient Egypt.

This leaflet outlines our aims and suggests ways you can help us give sanctuary to these lovely naturally-occurring spotted cats.

HISTORY: The Egyptian Mau is well known. It is believed these cats are descendants of the sacred cats of Ancient Egypt and their ancestry goes back at least 3,500 years. A Mau is the only naturally occurring spotted cat. It bears the "M" mark on its forehead, sometimes called the "scarab mark" after the symbol the Ancient Egyptians considered divine. As highly honoured and respected animals, it was an offence to hurt or kill a cat, there was mourning when a cat died and many have been found mummified in tombs.



*A spotted cat slaying the Apophis serpent in front of the ished-tree
From a papyrus with the "Book of the Dead" of Hunufer. c 1280BC*

TODAY: Sadly the life of the Mau is very different in today's Egypt. These beautiful spotted cats are facing persecution and possible extinction. They are neither protected nor valued; in fact, the public perceives them as undesirable pests, running feral throughout the country, foraging in rubble and dustbins for food. There is little veterinary care and they live a short, hungry and painful existence. The Egyptian government, in a desperate attempt to curb the growing numbers of stray animals, is systematically poisoning cats, many of which are clearly feral Egyptian Maus.

WHAT IS THE EGYPTIAN MAU RESCUE ORGANIZATION (EMRO)?

We are a group of concerned individuals who passionately believe it is time the Egyptian Mau was returned to a position of respect in its country of origin. The aim of our newly formed group is to rescue and give sanctuary to as many of the feral Maus in Egypt as possible, before it is too late and the ancient lineage is destroyed.

EMRO is fund raising and working to create a safe and healthy environment in Cairo where the rescued cats can live safely. Most Maus captured will be neutered or spayed, and the tamer ones adopted out, as much as possible. We believe the Mau should be recognised as a natural heritage and respected as such by the local Egyptian people. This will require education and information. We plan to have the Sanctuary, near Giza, open to local and tourist visitors for educational and historic purposes.

A select group of the most typical, healthy and well-spotted Egyptian Maus will be made available to suitable and responsible catteries around the world to enlarge the current gene pool in their country. We would help arrange the paperwork and necessary certification, travel arrangements, etc.

EMRO has non-profit status (NGO #6196 as of Aug.23/05) and has a governing Board of Directors to control the project. We will have a small staff and hopefully many dedicated volunteers as we depend solely upon the generosity and support of the public and private benefactors.

HOW CAN YOU HELP EMRO SAVE THE MAUS IN EGYPT?

- Make a donation to our Sanctuary Fund via cash; international cheque; bank deposit or Visa via Pay-Pal. Tax deduction receipts are now available.
- Help us promote our vision through advertising or by linking our website to yours to raise worldwide awareness.
- Give us some fund-raising efforts or ideas to boost our finances.
- Sponsor an EMRO Sanctuary cat or cats.
- If you are a breeder of Maus, would you be prepared to donate a portion of future kitten sales to EMRO?
- Make a bequest to EMRO in your will.
- Give us support with feral rescue techniques and equipment.
- Volunteer to come to Egypt and work with our group. (We could help arrange visits to museums and historical sites in return!)
- Help with donations of food, equipment and veterinary supplies.
- Help with educational brochures, displays on Egyptian Maus around the world, advice on spaying/neutering etc. to help with our educational programme in Egypt.

As you can see, there is much to be done! Please help us to make a profound difference in the quality of life for Egyptian Maus at their source..... Time is of the essence!