



EGYPTIAN MAU RESCUE ORGANIZATION UPDATE

Last year we published an article about the Egyptian Mau Rescue Organization, EMRO, a registered NGO dedicated to the rescue and nurture of the Mau breed of cat. This beautiful breed is believed to be the descendent of the sacred cat of ancient Egypt. Although it is highly valued abroad, the contemporary cat here in Egypt is mostly a desperate street creature, neglected and even abused.



Perhaps you are new in Egypt and have not heard of this cat; or you may have read about it before – this breed has attractive and interesting characteristics: long legs and neck, gooseberry green eyes with a startled expression, an “m” marking on its forehead, a spotted coat of fur in shades of grey, bronze, or smoke, and a delightful personality.

When Mrs. Gloria Lauris arrived in Egypt in 2004, she discovered these remarkable cats, so prized overseas, living in deplorable conditions; she began to form an organization that would provide sanctuary, adoption, and preservation for the breed. EMRO became a registered NGO in August, 2005, and began a number of initiatives here in Egypt. In addition, it is in contact with Mau organizations and catteries around the world. The following is an update of their activities and needs.

Sponsorship and Adoption

Many Maus and Mau-mixes, and some others, are available for adoption from the cattery in Mokattam. Some may be adopted locally, and others are adopted by persons overseas.

In addition, it is possible to sponsor a cat, paying for its food and veterinary care, should one not be able to adopt. Sponsors reside abroad and in Egypt.

Pet Escorts

Currently there are between 15 to 18 cats that have adoptive families waiting abroad. EMRO urgently needs caring individuals who would be willing to escort a cat, or cats, to families that might be in the same destination as those who are traveling. All paperwork and expenses have been covered – all that is needed is for the escort to accompany the cat from Egypt to the airport abroad and take it through customs. The cat may accompany the passenger or ride in

cargo. EMRO provides the cage, the papers, its expenses, and even delivers the cat to the airport here, and possibly the escort. Currently there are many adopters waiting in the U.S.A. There are also some cats waiting to go to Germany.

The Sanctuary in Giza

In the spring of 2005 land was purchased in Giza in the area between the pyramids and Sakkara. This initiative would serve to house and care for feral cats, as well as some tame ones. There is a vision of making this sanctuary a tourist stop, at which visitors could view this unique cat which is a part of Egypt's heritage. An old carpet factory is on the property, and there is a possibility of housing some tourist shops and perhaps a café. Revenue from visitors would help support the shelter/sanctuary. Currently, work has stopped for lack of funds. Any donations would be greatly appreciated.

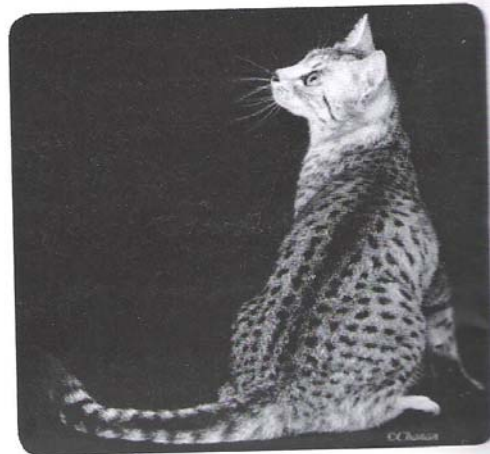
Volunteers

EMRO has a continuing need for volunteer personnel to handle office tasks, as well as to socialize with the cats at the cattery in Mokattam. Also, anyone who has ideas for, or could assist with, fundraising activities is invited to contact EMRO.

Cats Boarding

There is a boarding service available at EMRO's cattery in the Mokattam.

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