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**Family Answers Call to Adopt 14 Year Old Cat
From Peninsula Humane Society & SPCA**

BURLINGAME, CA. – A family in San Mateo answered the Peninsula Humane Society & SPCA's (PHS/SPCA) call for potential adopters of a 14 year old cat that was surrendered to the shelter this past April.

Ion, the 14 year old cat found his new home earlier this week. He was adopted by Sara Cook, a PHS/SPCA wildlife volunteer and her husband Jason of San Mateo. "There was just something about his sweet face that pulled at my heart strings," said Sara Cook. "Some people are intimidated by adopting senior animals, but my husband and I have had several older cats and we knew Ion would be a perfect addition to our family."

Ion was first adopted as a kitten from PHS/SPCA in 2003, but his first family had moved back to Slovenia and unfortunately was unable to take him with them. He was surrendered to PHS/SPCA this past April where he waited hoping to be adopted.

"He's just the best and the minute he sees me or my husband, he starts purring," said Cook.

Ion's new family includes two other cats and a bird. "Ion is so easy going and calm that he's not even expressed an interest in our bird," according to Cook.

"We are so grateful to the Cooks for opening up their hearts and home to Ion," said PHS/SPCA Communications Manager Buffy Martin Tarbox. "We have several senior animals available for adoption at our shelter in Burlingame and sadly they are often overlooked because of their age. People who are seeking a mellower animal might want to consider adopting a senior pet."

To meet animals of all ages, please visit PHS/SPCA at 1450 Rollins Road in Burlingame.

Images attached of Sara and Jason Cook at PHS/SPCA when they adopted Ion (image credit Thelma Andree) and Ion enjoying his new home and family (Image credit Sara Cook).

About Peninsula Humane Society & SPCA

Peninsula Humane Society & SPCA is a private, open-door, not-for-profit animal welfare organization. Primary programs include animal adoptions; animal rescue and sheltering, including specialty care for domestic animals with medical and/or behavioral challenges; wildlife rehabilitation; animal cruelty investigation; community outreach and education; low-cost spay/neuter; and obedience classes. This vital work is made possible by volunteers and donations. PHS/SPCA receives no funding from national animal welfare organizations. Visit www.phs-sPCA.org to learn about all PHS/SPCA's programs and services, ways to help the animals and special events.



