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Dear Mrs. Gould,

Thank you for alerting us to the Newsday article on Maine Coon Cats. I guess we havent been spreading the word about these cats as much as we thought. Back in 1968 when this group was first started we used to see many stories like that. Not so much any more we have written to Newsday and sent them the same reprints that I have enclosed to you. Same for the Tackapausha Museum. Actually it was sort of fun to challenge Newsday. Possibly they might feel obligated to do a story on the real Maine Coon Cat.

I was fascinated by your mention of George. He must hold some sort of record of living to that age. I think others would be interested in reading about him too, and I hope you won't mind if I send your letter along to our Editor so that parts of it could be printed in our newsletter.

We have a six toed kitten in our house too. You are right that they are not accepted at cat shows yet. We knew that many Maine Coon Cats were polydactyl and did not want this trait to get entirely lost from the breed. Then we heard that some of the breeders who had these cats were no longer able to breed them. So my wife and I decided we had better get one and keep this trait going in the breed.

Thanks again.

Sincerely,

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