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***Just before Valentine's Day we took in a friendly stray kitty who was living outdoors at a Palette Factory in McDonough, GA. Our volunteer, Bobby, who alerted us to this kitty's plight, asked me to name her so the Vet could get her spayed and create her medical records. I called her Miss Fluffy Pants, thinking I'd change the name later, but the name stuck.***



©2012 Bobby Stanford. MissFP at her former "home" at the Palette Factory.

You can read more MissFP's back story [HERE](#) <sup>[1]</sup>, but the short version is, **MissFP has FIV+ which basically turned this sweet kitty into a rescue-roadblock for us.** My rescue, [Kitten Associates](#) <sup>[2]</sup>, doesn't have a lot of resources and space in my one foster home in Georgia is at a minimum. **If I couldn't find MissFP a home, she'd take the only space we had and prevent us from helping any more cats until we helped her. That meant saying no to the requests I got to help kittens who are being born in the thousands in the south.**

I asked around and got a lot of "sorry, no's" then [East Coast Maine Coon Rescue](#) <sup>[3]</sup> was willing to do a courtesy post about her, but we didn't get any applications. **I asked other big shelters in Georgia and didn't even get a reply. FIV+ cats, though the virus is not easily spread from cat to cat (only through a deep, penetrating bite wound), makes them tough to adopt.** Add to that MissFP is black-which especially in the south makes it even harder to find her a home.



©2012 Maria S. Miss Fluffy Pants.

The goal, as it is with ALL our foster cats, was to figure out a way to get her to my home and hopefully find her a placement in Connecticut, but I was getting requests to help local kittens and I had to say yes. MissFP would have to wait and so would our other adult cat, King. Because King so easy going Maria allowed him to share space in her home with her resident cats and it wasn't a problem for him to remain there for longer than usual. **MissFP spent her days in a bathroom behind a closed door while Maria was at work. It wasn't a great life for MissFP and I felt terrible about it.**



©2012 Maria S. A good sign ahead...

I kept looking for help or a home for MissFP. **I did NOT want her to go to a sanctuary, never to have a forever home. MissFP loves people and is okay with other cats, but prefers humans. For a short time I thought we found a forever home right in Atlanta for MissFP, but the person backed out at the last minute-just hours before MissFP was going to be taken to her new home. We were all devastated.** MissFP went back to her cat tree in the bathroom and I went back to scratching my head, feeling torn between resentment and anger at myself. **I loved MissFP even if it was only from afar and I didn't care that she had FIV+, I just wanted her to have a loving home, but it just wasn't happening.**



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**I was resigned to the fact that MissFP was ours for a long time to come and many little kittens were never going to see the light of day because our foster space was full. That's just how it was. It wasn't MissFP's fault. Even if she wasn't in our Program, we'd still only be able to help one litter of kittens at a time.**



©2012 Maria S. How true.

I got an email from Michelle, one of the Board of Directors at Good Mews. **She wondered if I could help her find a rescue or sanctuary to help a cat named Clover who was testing positive for Feline Leukemia.** I did what I could and gave her some suggestions. For the heck of it I asked her if there was any way she could help me with MissFP. **Her answer shocked me. She had to check with some of the staff, but she was pretty sure they COULD HELP US! She'd write me back to confirm. All I had to do was WAIT and hold my breath. Was this the answer we'd been searching for so long?**



©2012 Maria S. I think they understand what [Jackson Galaxy](#) <sup>[4]</sup> refers to when he talks about the importance of building a "cat superhighway."

**At the time I didn't know much about Good Mews, other than that they were one of the biggest cat rescues in Georgia and that they help rescues out of state, too.** They have the manpower and sometimes they have the space to take on another cat to the 100 or so currently in residence.



©2012 Maria S. The view from within.

**After hearing rumors that another huge cat shelter in Georgia shut down intake due to having 150 kittens, I was flat out stunned that Good Mews would even consider taking on MissFP. Not only that, but they were just as careful about placing their cats as I was.**



©2012 Maria S. One of the cat's at Good Mews who's looking for a great home. This is HoneyBee <sup>[5]</sup> on Petfinder!

**I felt like I let MissFP down. It's a failure for us to not be able to find Miss FP a forever home, but it's always been difficult for us to place adults.** Take Mazie for example. She was here for 14 months before she got her forever home. I know I shouldn't beat myself up, but I still feed badly. I'll never get to meet MissFP nor have the joy of meeting her new family. **I will, however, be glad knowing that we have space in Maria's home for the 3 kittens she rescued last month. They'll no longer have to live in a ferret cage, but will have decent space to run and play.**

Now if Good Mews would just call and tell me their answer is YES!

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Wed, 2012-06-06 10:35 — Andrea (not verified)

### **I met Ms. Fluffy Pants last** <sup>[23]</sup>

I met Ms. Fluffy Pants last night. I was at the shelter to visit one of my former foster cats and I was struck by her name. Rest assured we volunteers will give her plenty of love and attention until the day she finds her forever home.

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