



# DESPERATE HOUSECAT MAYBELLINE A835713

**MAYBELLINE** needs a very special adopter who will help her overcome her litter box issues (medical causes have been ruled out). She was found as a stray when she was a kitten, and was brought to AAC after ten years because her owner could no longer take care of her. They told us that she hasn't used a litterbox for the last five years, which means she **DID** use one for the first five years. Something in her home environment likely changed, causing **MAYBELLINE** stress. Because the owner didn't work with her to correct the issue, she needs to be retrained to use a box. In the shelter, **MAYBELLINE** is very scared and is hiding most of the time. She is starting to allow herself to be handled, and is a sweet lap cat when she feels comfortable. With time and patience in a quiet, non-threatening environment, she **CAN** regain her litter box manners. There are also simple treatments available (such as a topical form of Prozac) that are proven very effective in resolving litterbox issues. Staff and volunteers are available to provide tips to interested adopters.

- ◆ 10 years old, black and white tuxedo, medium hair, spayed
- ◆ INTAKE: 6/1/2021
- ◆ Sweet once she is comfortable with you
- ◆ Tends to hide
- ◆ Sometimes a Lap Cat; Sometimes talkative
- ◆ Good with other cats; Unknown with dogs and children; Needs a quiet home

To adopt **MAYBELLINE**, visit [www.austintexas.gov/department/adopt-pet](http://www.austintexas.gov/department/adopt-pet)  
For information about **DESPERATE HOUSECATS**, visit [www.desperatehousecats.info](http://www.desperatehousecats.info)