

THE MUSEUM OF MODERN ART

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FLASH - - Late Friday afternoon the Certificate of Occupancy was received for the new building of the Museum of Modern Art at 11 West 53 Street. Saturday morning a small bedraggled white kitten with handsome black and brown spots and a tiger-ringed tail walked in and took up residence at the Museum. The voluntary and unexpected feline arrival was regarded as a propitious omen by the Museum workmen who immediately feted her with a container of milk in the hope of making her occupancy permanent.

When word reached the Museum staff this morning (Monday, April 24), the name Mu was conferred upon the kitten in honor of the oldest known cat, an Egyptian of great antiquity. The name is considered doubly appropriate as it is composed of the first two letters of the word Museum.

Should any rats be discovered lurking about the magnificent glass-walled million-dollar edifice, the Museum is confident that Mu will be able to dispose of them. Her attitude, however, has not yet been determined regarding the birds in the Museum's Collection, notably the six-foot American Folk Art eagle and Brancusi's Bird in Space, both of which will be shown in the Museum's exhibition Art in Our Time which will open to the public May 11.