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REMEMBERING ESSIE

Friends remember former breeder member, Esther "Essie" Ventola, Essie Coon cattery, of Milford, Massachusetts. She was the past president of the Maine Coon Cat Association and a member of the Cat Fanciers Federation. Essie joined her beloved cats at the Rainbow bridge on Nov 26, 2007. Memorial donations may be made to the United Maine Coon Cat Rescue, c/o Union Trust, 1768 Atlantic Highway, Waldoboro, ME 04572. Stories from friends begin on page six.



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Donna, Jill & Charger go to Malaysia International Cat Show aka "MyCats 2007" and so do hundreds of locals

Breeder member, Donna Hinton, Nascat cattery of Texas, and retired breeder member Jill Burrow, Coonsboro cattery, take their first trip to Malaysia and Donna presents a three part article on the CFA show, quarantine issues and on Malaysia itself in regards to introducing Maine Coon cats. Also along, and now living in Malaysia, was Nascat Super Charged, pictured above right.



Pictures above show part of the huge crowds that came to the show. The line of spectators waiting to get in the door was around the corner and down the street!

Pictured right is the showhall—MATRADE Exhibition & Convention Centre. Story begins on page 2.

MALAYSIA ... THE MAINE COONS HAVE ARRIVED PART 1

By Breeder Member, Donna Hinton, Nascat cattery

November 2005, San Mateo CA, CFA International Show. I was approached by a young, shy couple, with a different dress, who were holding a Persian. Dr. Moonyza Akhmal and her husband, Suwardi Yaacob introduced themselves (of course their names went right over my head, which will not surprise anyone who knows me; I am horrible with names!) and presented me with a gift from a Maine Coon breeder in Malaysia. (Malaysia? Where in the world is Malaysia?, I thought to myself).

They were very charming, talking about this breeder, Jimmy Lee of Felis Wonder, who wanted to get a cat from me in the future, and presented me with a baseball cap, which said "Visit Malaysia 2007," along with a glass paperweight with the skyline city of Kuala Lumpur. Hmm...little did I know that this was going to be my destiny in the near future.

The next two years went by with lots of corresponding through emails. Then things really took a serious turn, when Jimmy Lee expressed a big interest in a male kitten that I had. I wanted to make sure my cat was going into a good home, with a responsible breeder. I told Jimmy that there was no way that I would ship a cat in cargo for some 30+ hours. His response was, "Why don't you fly here, hand carry the cat, and come to our cat show?" So it looked like I was going to take a trip!

Here's a little bit of background before we take our journey.

Malaysia is located in an area of the world known as SE Asia, just SW of Viet Nam and Thailand. There are two areas of the country: Western Malaysia is made up of 11 states and is sandwiched between Thailand to the north and Singapore to the South at the end of the peninsula; and Eastern Malaysia, located 500 miles across the South China Sea, which means you do have to fly or take a boat, to the island of Borneo (yes, the only home to orangutans and other unusual wildlife) and is the more remote, primitive Malaysia, and is made up of three states Sabah, Sarawak, and Brunei - the rest of the island is part of Indonesia.

It is a country of multiple contrasts of peoples, religions, and land. The population is 57% Malay, followed by Chinese, Indian, with the remainder made up of other ethnic groups. Malay is the major language, but English is spoken freely by most people. Islam is the major religion, along with Buddhism, Hindu, and Christianity; other smaller religions are encouraged to practice their faiths freely.

The modern capital city of Kuala Lumpur has a new high tech airport, the world's tallest buildings, The Petronas Twin Towers, and monorail systems. Then within just a two-hour drive, way up in the mountains you will arrive at the world's oldest rain forest in the entire world, Taman Negara, home to elephants, tapirs, tigers, clouded leopards, along with other exotic animals, birds, and plants. It is also home to many nomadic tribes, who still live off the land with no modern conveniences. They live in thatched houses, on stilts and with no windows, that can be taken down and moved all in a day to follow the food or to escape flooding when the rainy season arrives. One tribe that crossed our paths while we were visiting the elephants on the preserve was the Orang Asli, meaning the "original people." I had the chance to see and use their weapon of choice for getting animals for food, a blow gun with about a 6 inch dart. It is amazing how with a puff of air, the dart sails so easily and fast, but my own aim was not very good! I let Jill Burrow ride the elephants, by the way!

Malaysia received independence from Great Britain in 1957, celebrating Independence Day on August 31. The government is a Parliamentary democracy. In 1970 the government set up a goal to be reached by the year 2020. In this fifty-year time frame known as "Vision 2020," Malaysia wants to be a fully developed first world country. Since 1970, and still growing, they have already developed modern cities, mirroring our own. The ultra modern Grand Prix Race Track attracts world class drivers to their events. The new Olympic equestrian center draws world class horse jumping and showing. The fully modern Kuala Lumpur airport and the McCats 2007 Cat Show are two more signs of positive achievement in their ambitious plan.

Back to the show itself, now!

What? A cat show? Getting national country-wide attention? Yes ... A Cat Show!

Well, the next thing I know, I am booking a ticket to hand carry this 7-month old boy, Nascat Supercharged!, aka Charger, to his possible new home. Of course, as soon as I did this, I had second thoughts: "What did I just do? Am I crazy?" In a panic I called my good friend and MCBFA sponsor, who started me with breeding, just to see if she wanted to meet me there. Jill Burrow of Coonsboro, said, "Yes, of course, as long as I can do it with air miles." Two days later Jill called back and all was set.



Sitting Front left to right: Angela Lee, Donna Hinton & Melissa How (Agility Winner)
Standing Back left to right: Jimmy Lee, Amanda Chung (HK Exhibitor) and Jill Burrow.

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WINNERS' GALLERY



Grand Champion
Nascat Breaking Thru The Pack
 Brown Classic Tabby & White Male
 Breeder/Owner: Donna Hinton

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Grand Champion Mellowmaines
Sonoma Valley

Red Classic Tabby & White Male

Grand Premier Mellowmaines
Napa Valley

Brown Classic Tabby & White Neuter
 Breeder/Owner: Brenda Flahault

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Supreme Grand Champion Alter
Woodpile Americium of Chemicoons

Blue Classic Torbie & White Spay

Breeder: Jan Dell

Owners: Liz Hansen & Collette Thomas

Preston



A 3 Show, Female Supreme
Supreme Grand Champion
Woodpile Combustion
of Chemicoons

Brown Classic Torbie Female

Breeder: Jan Dell

Owner: Liz Hansen

Preston



(Above Right) Grand Champion
McKittyCreek Shimmer of Highlander

Brown Classic Tabby & White Female

Breeders: Sue & Bill Storten Owners: T. Signore & E. Sweeney

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(Left) Grand Champion
Shubacoons Yogi of Ger. Macavity

Brown Classic Tabby Male

Breeders: Paul & Ramona Shuba Owners: Irmie & Peter Bittner

(Continued from page 2) Cat shows are not really new to Malaysia. I had the pleasure of talking a bit with Madam Zamina Zainal Ariffin, who grew up in the fancy. She started showing 30 years ago with her parents, at a time when there was a FIFe club which held shows. The club has been inactive for the past 5 or 6 years. Now that the fancy has started growing, a group took an interest in CFA and formed the Feline Society of Malaysia.

The first Maine Coon arrived in Malaysia about 10 years ago, a pet owned by retired French biologist, PhD Gerald LeJune. While in France, Gerald was a breeder of German Shepherds who participated in the dog show world. After arriving in Malaysia, he learned that there were very few breeders of pedigreed cats and no one had seen, or even heard of, a Maine Coon! It was only natural that Gerald, having bred dogs, asked himself why he should not raise these magnificent cats. About 8 years ago, he registered the cattery name "Embellie" and obtained his first breeding male, Pedropurrs Lightning. He obtained his females from European breeding lines out of Willowplace, MtKittery, and Coonyham. Most recently, Gerald imported two Maines from Moulin Crecy.

The second MC breeder came in 2 years later. Wan Jahara Wan Hussein, "Arena" cattery, imported lines out of Willowplace, Cancoon, and Tabbyskin. Jimmy Lee and Angela (Lee) Mun started their cattery about 4 years ago with his first breeding females from Gerald: Embellie Nuage of Felis Wonder (whose recent DM at this show made her the first MC DM in SE Asia), and Embellie Cendrillon of Felis Wonder. Jimmy then imported from Japan a male, Eternal Hikaru Genji, who is the grandson of GCRW Stormwatch Dirtrack Demon and CH MtKittery Mercedes-Benz of Nascacat. He later added Himedaruma Mt. Takao of Felis Wonder, who goes back to Coonyham and Velvet Jewels lines.

Pusakarimba Maine Coons of Shafei Husin came right after Felis Wonder, who imported CH Jayhawkcat Starburst of Pusakarimba, a blue tabby & white male prior to MyCats 2007. The most recent breeder in Indonesia is Bright Luna. Cacang Effendi recently imported CH Jayhawkcat Leonardo Da Vinci. Other cats have come from Russia.

Currently there are about 18 Maine Coon breeders in all of SE Asia, with 10 in Malaysia. The majority are small breeders, not over-producing since only the population that lives in the larger cities can afford a pedigreed cat. Breeders have to be careful placing their pets, requiring that potential pet buyers must agree to keep their cats indoors, and that all pets are sold with spay/neuter agreements or have already been desexed.

The situation is like the one we were in with placing our pets in the 70s, 80s, and 90s. It took time and effort to educate the general public. In Kuala Lumpur, pet Maine Coons run about \$400.00, which is very expensive for the average citizen. With Malaysia's growing economy, the exporting of more goods, trades, natural resources, and tourism, salaries are now increasing. The demand for pedigreed cats is expected to rise.

The remainder of Maine Coon breeders are located in other parts of SE Asia. There are two on the island of Borneo, located in eastern Malaysia two states of Sabah and Sarawak. There are two in Thailand followed by one in Hong Kong, (Nekoland, Virginia Lui) Taiwan, Korea and Indonesia. As of this writing the Philippines does not have Maines, but with their own shows and the popularity of this breed growing fast, I'm sure we'll see them there very soon.

It is a challenge for breeders. It is very expensive to import, plus they face negativity from breeders in other countries, because of the unknown or "what they have heard." The few breeders in Malaysia are concerned about growth being too fast for this breed. They definitely do not want to see people who get into breeding for money and who sell breeders to anyone with the money, as we have seen happen in other parts of the world.

I see already the need for importing different lines to allow for genetic diversity. They do want to raise their cats to the best of their ability, breeding for good health and passing their knowledge along to others by teaching responsible pet ownership. All of these goals and objectives guide members of The Feline Society of Malaysia who breed any pedigreed cats, not just those who work with the Maine Coon.

You still have some questions to ask if you get inquiries from SE Asia. As in other areas, you still have some people who are not the best and most ethical breeders. Please keep an open mind when you do get an inquiry. Do they show? How much? How and where can they test? Then contact judges who have judged over there and see if they know the character and reputation of this breeder. This trip opened a new world for me. I've made lots of new friends and have a better understanding of their country, their goals, and their hurdles.

The fancy is still small enough that everyone knows everyone else in SE Asia. Today, better communications with emails, Faxes, websites, and the like make it much easier inquiring about cats as compared to earlier times, when you had to write letters or pay expensive phone bills whether you were looking for cats or inquiring about someone's character.

Malaysia is accomplishing the Vision 2020 goal. The Cat Fancy and the Maine Coons are here to stay.



Jill Burrow (Coonsboro) riding an elephant



Introducing Provisional Breeder Member Jen Beasley Nepetaoons Cattery, United Kingdom

Well, Hello Members of the MCBFA, from your latest "Apprentice" in the UK !

I have been asked to do an article about myself and hope you will find it interesting. In the words of Jim Reeves (doesn't that age me!) "Welcome to my World".....

It was at the ripe ol' age of 9 years that I told my very Victorian Grandmother that I wanted to run a Cattery and breed cats. Her retort was "don't worry, you will grow out of it dear" as you will read, I never have Cats are undoubtedly my passion.

My home is in Cumbria; I live in a 17th Century Croft House with Barn attached, a series of gardens with dry-stone walls surrounding the entire property, together with an enclosed field. The entire property overlooks the Pennines (known as the spine of England) together with the valley below. In another direction are Shap Fells and again its valley. At the bottom of my garden is my pride and joy, Cat Nap Cattery.

Currently there is a 70 mph gale blowing, hail-stones, driving rain and a temperature hovering around minus 8 degrees. The Pennines and Fells look like a picture from Switzerland, with heavy snow.

My pride and joy is Cat Nap – over the years, I've worked hard to get it beyond most other cattery standards, even to the point of installing full central heating with radiators in each pen. I belong and am registered to a very old cat charity in the UK called "Feline Advisory Bureau" – not the best of names! It has about 200 UK-wide catteries on their books and these are the absolute crème-de-la-crème of Catteries; it also undertakes medical research into cat's health. They are also heavily endorsed by TICA and GCCF.

Now, it's a fallacy to think that Catteries are just for people going on holiday and needing a place for their cat – recently I had a 1yr old Maine Coon boarding for convalescence, because his owners couldn't bear his condition or to medicate. The cat was involved in a road traffic accident and unlike most head-injured cats, suffered facial wounds and a broken nose – never seen this before – he looked just like Mike Tyson had hit him square in the face and his nose was absolutely flat. The swelling was aw-

ful. His eyes almost boss-eyed. Anyhow, I handed him back once the worst was over and the threat of a blood clot had cleared – he will remain however, a very odd-looking Coonie with breathing problems, plus of course a few lives lost!

Then there is the sad case of my 'indefinite' cat – his owner is an elderly lady who now lives some 200 miles from Cumbria in Scotland with her daughter. Latterly it has transpired that she is suffering 'elder abuse' and fears for her beloved cat – so this very elderly cat was transported to me for an indefinite stay, in order to alleviate the old lady's mind.



Julescoon Daisey-Mai

Because of the bad weather I decided not to take photo's of the countryside but attach what I do at Xmas for the boarding cats. You will see that its very traditional English food – not unlike Thanksgiving – I start at breakfast time and by evening they get their dessert! It's worked out to accommodate cat's digestive requirements, but the customers love it, because after all, if their cats were at home, they'd be fed the same!! Don't we all love our cats.....?

Moving on now to my next pride and joy being the Showing and Breeding of Maine Coons – isn't it fun? Boy, am I learning so much! Last year I had my first two litters – a set of 3 kittens and one of 8

kittens – the latter caused my main concern because the queen struggled to feed – so thanks to Ann-Mary Bishop my Mentor, we came up with a recipe that worked – each and every kitten ended up over the average weight at 12 weeks and are now fine examples of their breed. I'm waiting for my queens to call in order to start the 2008 Season of kittens.

I should add that I've blood tested my cats following research by FAB into breeding/compatibility; they are all HCM free and this year will commence tests to check for hip dysphasia.

My queens live in the Cottage with me – never penned – save an outdoor garden room which they reach via a priest-hole (now a cat flap) in my study. My two studs live at the cattery and roam my office, reception, kitchen and corridors – I call them the customer service greeters because that's what they are – just typically laid-back and nosey Maine Coons.

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Remembering Breeder Member Esther (Wieloch) Ventola of Essiecoons

Joan Doran, A'Doracoon Maine Coons

It all began on the farm in Connecticut, a young girl giving the feral cats that unconditional love they so badly needed. Even though **Esther (Wieloch) Ventola** was infected with cat scratch fever at an early age which ended in surgery to remove the infected lymph nodes, then developed into lymph edema in her adult years it did not stop her from caring for the one thing that was most precious, her cats!

In the mid 80's Esther began her breeding program (**Essiecoons**) with a blue tabby named Elvira. It wasn't long before Esther was completely involved within the cat fancy, breeding with the Mor-ace, Whalesback, LeBeau Minu, Capecoon and Sarajen lines. She made her presence within The International Cat Association (TICA) and Cat Fancy Association (CFA), however the Cat Fanciers Federation (CFF) was her main focus. She was a member of Mass Colony and the United Maine Coon Cat Association clubs plus show manager to many successful shows and award banquets. Esther was instrumental in the design of the UMCCA Logo and letterhead among many things. Esther was great at organizing, she enjoyed it! Along her journey within the cat fancy she had many friends and associates that could always count on her support.



From left to right: Jane Gilley, Esther Wieloch-Ventola, Nancy Lisi and Teri Matzkin. At a CFF awards banquet many, many years ago.

Not only was she a member of Maine Coon Breeders & Fanciers Association (MCBFA), she also was past president of the United Maine Coon Cat Association (UMCCA) affiliated with CFF. This was her passion and held many goals to better and protect her breed, the Maine Coon Cat. She stepped forward to commitment and never backed down, a completely determined woman.



Joan and Essie at a CFF banquet for the 1999 show season earning Best All-Breed Kitten honors.

Esther was first, my cat friend (if that's what you would call it in the beginning of our friendship), the friendship then developed in to my best friend. She was the breeder that spent the time to acknowledge me when I walked up to her at a cat show with those famous words we all know. I have a Maine Coon! She went out of her way to visit with me, critique my cat and guide me through my first cat show. That was the kind of person Esther was, gentle, caring, supportive and sensitive towards others. She had a wonderful sense of humor and an infectious laugh, someone you enjoyed being with. She was the kind

of person you wanted to have as your best friend!

Esther was competitive showing her Maine Coons, but also enjoyed good times just hanging with she competitors. Esther's Master Grand Champion, "Essiecoons Winston", was a lovely red classic tabby, sweet, purring, loving boy. "Coonmora Becall of Essiecoons" was a beautiful brown patch tabby that was awarded Supreme Grand Champion status. Brown tabbies were her focus, she was receptive to all colors.

Esther ended her breeding program in the late 90's but never ended her association within the cat fancy. She worked weekends at the cat shows for Pet Food Experts. Many of you may remember Esther as the "Iam's Lady." She gave many of you advice about the products she was selling and I'm sure gave you advise and a great deal! Many of you knew her and welcomed her whenever she entered the showhall.

Esther was admired and respected within the cat fancy and her cats were her top priority. They were beautiful just like her! The cat fancy has lost a grand lady. Esther has now crossed that rainbow bridge but will be in our hearts forever.

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Rain Dancer a Red Silver Tabby
Siring Kittens at Nepetaoons

In the UK are three registries – FIFE, TICA & GCCF. However, in the North of England & Scotland, FIFE shows are exceptionally rare – but TICA are now up and coming fast upon the heels of GCCF and much, much more fun ! Added to this and derived from activities at Cat Nap, are the radio broadcasts.

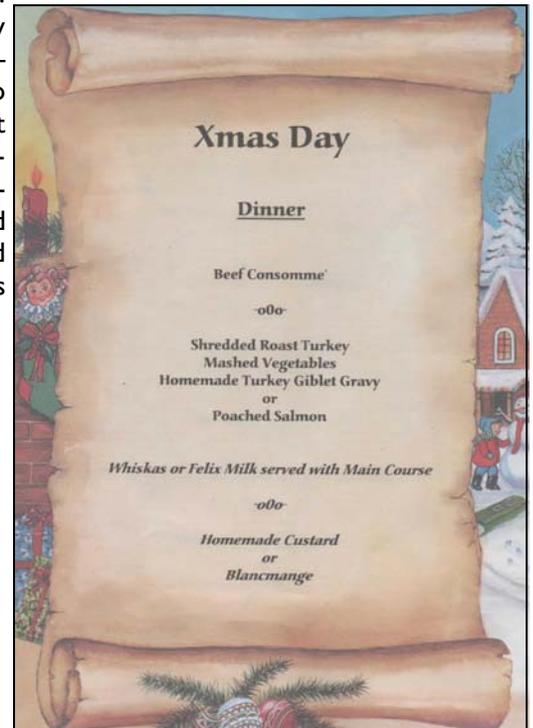
The Radio Broadcasts started at my Annual Fete to raise funds for Cat Rescue Charities and has been on-going for over three years; about every 6 weeks I do a broadcast on cat ailments, behaviour etc. for the public, which is now broadcast to three radio stations. But I also suggested that it was time to try Broadcasting from Cat Shows and this started another ball-rolling. Lynne Shearer did a telephone interview from the USA which is now pod-casted – it was a cracking interview and listened to widely not only on the radio public but also by UK Breeders. At shows, we interview Judges – National and International – the Registries themselves and their Committees – different Clubs and Cat Breeds, plus of course the breeders

themselves. By Xmas one TICA show at Leicester went transatlantic to a San Francisco station... so we shall see where this goes next as its very much in its infancy ! I have to add that this is all undertaken voluntary – there is no fee payment involved.

If there is any Member who would like to come over to England, I have little doubt that a meeting with other Maine Coon Breeders could be organised for you – just email and I will try to set something in motion.

Last, but by no means least, I must express my final and personal thanks to a very experienced breeder, who imparts knowledge expertly and so freely – my Mentor, Ann-Mary Bishop of Hurklecoons.

Pictured right is a copy of the dinner menu for Christmas Day at Nepetaoons—served from 6am to 6pm.



*You can see more of the Nepetaoons at www.maineoons.me.uk

President's Corner



A Calicoon kitten

Almost 2 years has passed since MCBFA's last elections. It will soon be time for elections again. Due to term limits of 2 consecutive terms, both I and our Vice-President, Carol Pedley, are not eligible to run for those positions again. In order to run for office you must have been a full breeder member for 2 years. It would be great if some of our newer breeder members would consider filing to run for an office. Newer members taking a more active part in an organization help to keep it active and current.

Lynne Sherer

MALAYSIA ... SHOWING IN ASIA AND QUARANTINES PART 2

Showing is not an easy task in SE Asia. I know we complain in the states because we have a 5 or 6 hour drive for a show. But what if you could never show out of your state because of quarantines? If you lived in SE Asia, you would be faced with this challenge.

Malaysia and China are the only two countries where you can go back and forth for shows, so long as you have all the documentation, a microchip, a titer, and a health certificate. These two countries have developed a quarantine exemption protocol.

Flying to Hong Kong with a cat, it must go in cargo for the 5.5 hour flight. No inboard pets are permitted. At this show, MyCats 2007, there were about 100 cats from out of country, and 90 of these were from Hong Kong. That is a lot of cats coming over through cargo! They still have to go through the Department of Agriculture to make sure all the paperwork is correct. Shipping cats in cargo is much cheaper than in the states, about \$35.00 per carrier. The Chinese exhibitors come with friends. For some reason China does not allow more than one cat per passenger to come back into the country. I was told the Chinese want to prevent pet trafficking. So, exhibitors bring friends along equal to the number of cats that they show, just so they can get their show cats back home! Most showed 2 cats, but there were a few with 3 and 4 cats.

I was very fortunate to be able to fly with Charger in the cabin. This was a 25-hour flight, not including the connection times. Most airlines I contacted would not allow an inboard pet, but thankfully, Delta, who is co-shared with Korean Airlines, allowed this. The cost was even cheaper than flying with an inboard pet in the states: \$75.00 for the entire trip!

These two areas of the world have the fastest growth for the cat fancy and will continue to do so, especially with China having a very prosperous economy now. Pedigreed cats are prestigious in these countries. The people love pedigreed cats. It is going to be harder for the other countries because of the strict quarantine coming or going.

Malaysians will not show in Korea, Philippines, Singapore (which is right across the border), or Taiwan. If they do, the cat has to come over the month prior, and then the cat would have to go back into quarantine for four months upon arrival back in Malaysia!

Here are different classifications for quarantine listed in groups, and the link to find out more. There are 3 groups of classifications for Quarantine:

Group I: Dogs and cats imported direct from U.K., Ireland, Australia, New Zealand, Fiji, and Hawaii are normally exempted from quarantine, subject to full compliance with the permit conditions.

Group II: Dogs and cats imported from the following 40 countries/places may be exempted from quarantine provide the animals fully comply with the permit conditions. All owners have to apply for a special permit. As the rabies status or other factors may change in these countries/places, the list is subject to ongoing review. Group 2 countries are Austria, Bahamas, Bahrain, Belgium, Bermuda, Brunei, Canada, Cayman Island, Cyprus, Denmark, Finland, France, Germany, Gibraltar, Guam, Iceland, Italy, Jamaica, Japan, Luxembourg, Malaysia, Maldives, Malta, Mauritius, Norway, New Caledonia, Papua New Guinea, Portugal, Seychelles, Singapore, Solomon Islands, South Africa, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, Taiwan, The Netherlands, USA (Continental), Vanuatu, Virgin Islands. For dogs and cats from a Group II country/place of origin, the animals must be accompanied by the certificates stipulated.

Group III: Dogs and cats imported from countries/places other than Group I or Group II must be accompanied by certificates stipulated in Table 3 (Form No. G102c) (PDF format). Due to fluctuation in the demand for Government Animal Management Centre quarantine facility and to avoid delay in your plan to import your dogs/cats, the Form No. PC100 (PDF Format) must be completed as soon as possible. It is recommended that you book 3 months in advance.

**In a Group III country, a cat from this group has to go through a 4 month quarantine in Hong Kong. China, Philippines, and Indonesia are also Group III countries. Cats can only go to HK after 6 months residing in Malaysia. Malaysian cats don't require quarantine in Thailand but coming back to Malaysia, quarantine is required, so quarantine exemptions have to be applied for in advance for their return.*

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Hong Kong has quarantine for Thailand cats and once your cat is in Thailand, you are treated like the owner of a Thailand cat, thus a new rabies titer is needed. Malaysians can show in Thailand, but then you cannot go to Hong Kong for six months with the cat you have shown in Thailand.

So, yes, Malaysians will show in Thailand because they can get their cats back to Malaysia, but they will take only a cat that they do not plan to take to a HK show within the upcoming 6 months. So anyone wanting to campaign a cat sticks to shows in China or Malaysia. And if you are rich, you can fly to Europe for a show, but coming back to Malaysia your cat will have to go into quarantine for one week; the same holds for China also.

In SE Asia, most of the shows are in China or Malaysia, but they do not have the amount of shows as do Europe and the US. Do not confuse Japan with the rest of SE Asia! Japan has its own region and has weekly shows like the US. Very rarely will you see a Japanese exhibitor show in SE Asia because of the quarantines.

To us the quarantine situation is mind-boggling, but SE Asian exhibitors know the rules very well. If you should decide to export a cat, they will be more than happy to walk you through this mountain of confusion.



Promoting the cat show on *Astro Awani Channel* (satellite TV)

Note: This information was obtained from www.afcd.gov.hk/endix.html and from Jimmy Lee of Felis Wonder.

A New CFA DM: Grand Champion Avicats Lambrusca of Mellowmaines, DM MCBFA Breeder Member Brenda Flahault



Brown Patch Tabby Female
DOB: November 12, 2001
Sire: GC, RW XTC Ogunquit of Big Tree Cat
Dam: GC Avicats Phaethusa Stria

"Lamby" is a lovely affectionate and very outgoing richly-patterned cold classic brown patched tabby with red, who is always the first to jump in your lap.

Lambrusca's Five CFA Grands:

- Grand Champion Mellowmaines Valpolicello
- Grand Premier Mellowmaines Asti (pictured right)
- Grand Premier Mellowmaines Dom Perignon
- Grand Champion Mellowmaines Sonoma Valley (pictured on page 3)
- Grand Premier Mellowmaines Napa Valley (pictured on page 3)



Memoirs of Esther: An Awesome Person and Maine Coon Breeder

by Carol Pedley, Breeder Member, Le Beau Minu cattery, Maine

When I put a request out on the UMCCA list for people to write their memoirs of Esther “Essie” Wieloch-Ventola I got a few responses, one of which was the following from Debbie Crevier of Bigbaby Coons Cattery.

Debbie’s special memory is of a really fun time she had helping Esther work on one of the Cat Fanciers Federation’s yearly awards banquet that United Maine Coon Cat Association sponsored. “Esther was great to work with”, she said. She recalls being at Esther’s home helping her make the center pieces for the tables and how they had to be just “perfect”. They had such fun doing them. Dudley, Esther’s Pomeranian assisted with the project--- along with several of the cats, but they came out just lovely in the end.

Then there were the endless conversations about the speech that Debbie had to give at the banquet, which she didn’t really want to do, but Esther kept telling her that it was “no big deal” and “you’ll be fine. Just find a point above the people and focus on it and make believe no one is there.” She was right and the speech went fine. She was always at the end of the phone with advice and encouragement, be it about UMCCA or the cats (even late at night). Debbie knows she misses having her around and will always remember the good times they shared.

My memories of Esther go way back to the days when I first met her at a CFF show. She was anxious to learn all she could about Maine Coons and we became close friends along with Lynn Gourinski of Prsnkty Maine Coons, Teri Matzkin of Sarajen Maine Coons (before Teri left MA). Esther was easy to make friends with. She was a very outgoing, generous and kind person. I remember that when she was in her early years of breeding her vet always seemed anxious to do c-sections when I finally advised her to let them go an extra day or two if need be and see if they would go into labor and deliver on their own. It wasn’t long before the c-sections were no more. We traveled to shows together very often and we had some very good times laughing over silly things, helping each other with grooming the cats and lugging all the cat show paraphernalia. I recall one time when we were loading the car from the hotel---



Carol Pedley, left, and Essie, right, at a show many, many years ago



Essie Coons Winston as a kitten

brought to make sure we left the room nice and neat. I am sure someone found it and enjoyed the use of it as we drove off forgetting it there!!

I recall another time when a plan I had fell through and we had plans to do a TICA show in CT. I didn’t want to drive that far alone and I would have my then 10 year old granddaughter with me. I called Esther all upset about what had happened and she just said “Drive down here and you and Alyson can go with me and Joan.” I was so relieved and grateful and we did just that. We had a swell time all that day. That Saturday evening we went to dinner and they all had lobster while I had prime rib. I was the one who got so sick I couldn’t even get out of bed the next morn-

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CH Essie Coons Sasafra of Le Beau Minu

Born: March 7, 1992

Sire: GC Capcoon Jumbalaya of Essie Coons

Dam: SGC Coonmora Bacall of Essie Coons

ing so Esther and Joan took Alyson and the cats and went to the show leaving me to rest until they had to get me out of there for check out time. They always welcomed Alyson and watched out for her as much as I did and Esther would joke with her and make her feel really at home. That Sunday evening when we got back to Esther's home I was still feeling very sick and not able to drive home and she welcomed Alyson and me to stay the night so I could drive when I was feeling a little better.

We had so many good times together through showing, the banquets, club meetings and the births of our kittens. It is hard to go back and pick a time or two as there were so many wonderful times and memories to share. I was very sad to see Esther give up breeding and eventually also the Iams booth at the shows as I would not see her so often and I would miss her very much. She was so proud of her cats and their offspring. I remember her saying "That's a Regis baby." And then about another "That's a Regis baby!" It got to be quite a private joke among us that those "Regis babies" were doing so well in the shows and we all wished them well. I did understand though that she needed to move on and do whatever she needed to do. I do know, as Joan said, that Esther always believed in the United Maine Coon Rescue League and was still very interested in how the Maine Coons were doing.

The good memories are far too many to mention here, but we would like it known what a wonderful person she was. She was an excellent, responsible breeder who adored her cats, kept an impeccably clean cattery and home, was a kind hearted and caring individual who would do just about anything for anyone who needed her. I had not seen her in a while, but I had not, nor will I ever forget her. Rest peacefully my dear friend for I know we will meet again someday.

WINTER 2007 Newsletter

College of Veterinary Medicine—Veterinary Teaching Hospital



This issue includes:

- Urinary tract obstructions in male cats
- Vaccine recommendations for 2007
- Winter pet tips
- Do microchips pose a cancer risk to pets?
- Grieving? You don't have to be alone.

Past issues, available online to subscribers, include some of the following topics:

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- Choosing a vet
- Fall pet tips
- Treating dog & cat bites in pets
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Celebrating A New CFA DM

Grand Champion, Regional Winner
Hamptoncoons Jigsy of McKittycreek,
Distinguished Merit

Brown Classic Tabby & White Male

DOB: March 24, 2001

Sire: GC RW TabbeyRd Bungalow Bill

Dam: CH Verismo Diana of Hamptoncoons

Breeders: Henry Grant & David Lamberton

Owners: Sue & Bill Storten

Presenting the SIXTEEN cats that Jigsy has sired that have earned the title Grand Champion or Grand Premier in CFA:



GP McKittycreek Griffin



GC TheCatSpa Fergie of Highlander



GP Camberwell Truman Burbank



GP McKittycreek Clancey



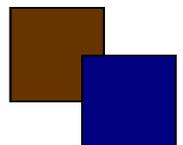
GC McKittycreek Aurora of Isadoru (UK)

I own The Cat Spa Fergie of Highlander who is the daughter of Jigsy and the daughter of The Cat Spa Karma. Fergie granded in style in two CFA shows and her final show had over 88 champions present to gain her grand points. Much stiff competition. But the icing on the cake is my new girl GC McKittycreek Shimmer of Highlander. She is a Jigsy daughter and her mother is CH Mckittycreek Caliente, DM. As of this writing, Shimmer is the number 12 ALL-BREED kitten in the nation in CFA and the number one Maine Coon kitten nationally. Since the season is almost over, this spot will hold. So her new title will be GC NW McKittycreek Shimmer of Highlander. So Jigsy is not only a DM, but also the proud sire of a national winning female kitten. I am so thankful to Sue and Bill Storten for these precious gifts and I am the proud owner of my Jigsy girls.
*Teresa Signore & Edwin Sweeney
Highlander Cattery
(Ohio)*

(right) GC McKittycreek Shimmer of Highlander

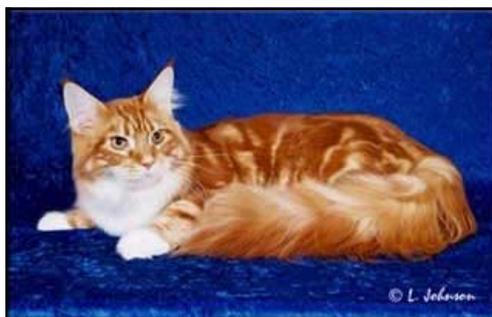


GP McKittycreek Sole Luna





GC Camberwell Not really a Waitress



(above) GC McKittycreek Turner of Stormytown
(below right) GC McKittycreek Tess of Stormytown

I would like to thank Sue for the opportunity to own and show my Jigsy babies Turner and Tess. Littermates Red & White Boy Turner and Brown Patch w/ white Tess were so fun to show. They competed against each other from the time they were kittens till they were GC's. The amazing thing to me is how consistent Jigsy's kittens are. It is SO hard to pick out a "pick of the litter". The quality from top to bottom of each litter is so outstanding, no matter who he is bred to. I can think of dozens of kittens sold as pets that would have been easy GC's. This is the mark of a true great stud boy if you ask me. Also, I have



(above) GC TheCatSpa Lucy of McKittycreek



brought more than my share of girls to Jigsy for stud service, and am so impressed at how much of a gentleman he was. All the girls love Jigs!! Thanks Sue!

Steve Brock
Stormytown Cattery (Iowa)

We have Firebug (pictured lower right) who we got in July 2006. We traveled from Munich to a show in New York (with Sue) in March 2007, where she was a ONE show grand! Firebug is a big and gorgeous girl. She is 16.5 lbs, a very heavy girl. We are happy Sue gave us this wonderful girl.

Irmis & Peter Bittner
Ger. Macavity Cattery (Germany)



GC Sharmani's Calamity Jane

Thank you, Sue, for patiently waiting for Sharmani's Bobbi Magee to finally get "in the mood" and breed with that incredible boy, Jigsy.

Cosmo and Calamity Jane are honored to be Jigsy's 13th and 14th Grand Champion offspring.

Sharon
Sharmani Cattery (Canada)



(above) GP Camberwell Not Really a CarHop
(below) GP Camberwell Cruisen' on Broadway



GC Sharmani's Cosmopolitan



AND NOW ... MYCATS 2007, THE SHOW ITSELF (PART 3)

By Donna Hinton



MyCats 2007 was the largest show ever held in Malaysia, with over 200 cats, 8 rings of judging held over 3 days. The show was presented by the Feline Society of Malaysia, supported heavily by Tourism of Malaysia.

The Malaysian Tourism group put in quite a bit of money to help this show become a success. There were lots of PR and TV spots. The show was held at the brand new Matrade Exhibition Hall and Convention Center; words alone cannot describe this beautiful building with exquisite architecture (<http://mecc.matrade.gov.my/>). An estimated 25,000 spectators visited the show.

Malaysia, wanting to encourage more exhibitors to the show plus have lots of gate, made quarantine exemptions for show cats from all foreign countries! Opening the show in this generous gesture was a first time occurrence. Foreign exhibitors who entered 3 or more cats (under the same name) were even provided with 3 free nights of lodging at the very classy show hotel. All was provided courtesy of the Board of MalaysianTourism.

Another big corporate sponsor was Royal Canin. They provided all the banners, including the benching areas for all cages, food for finalists in all rings, and PR. The judging was on Friday and Saturday. On Sunday was the Parade of Breeds (all held center stage) by Kim Everett; Junior Showmanship with Peter Vanvonterghem, who was just fabulous with the youngsters; Agility (won by a Maine Coon kitten); along with the judging for Best of the Best, including the 5 high scoring kittens, adults, and alters.



Crowds around the MC on display for the Parade of Breeds. This is GCDW Felis Wonder Lee Simon

Needless to say, I was very surprised to see the largest entry by breed were Maine Coons! There were 43 entered in the show, followed by the 29 Exotic Shorthairs. We had 14 kittens, 17 adults, and 12 premiership cats. The exhibitors were thrilled to see the MCBFA purple ribbons; it was the first time they had seen them and it meant so much to get one. I even had a few Persian exhibitors come up to me and asking, "Why don't you do that for Persians?" I had to chuckle and explain that the Maine Coon Breeders and Fanciers had been doing this for years for our breed to get worldwide recognition. I also was very proud to provide Special Rosettes for the Highest Scoring MC Kitten, Adult, and Premiership Cats. Our cats are special and I felt they well deserved this recognition.

This show represented the very first time for Agility in SE Asia. I had the honor of opening the Agility Class on Sunday, as the original person was unable to attend due to a traffic accident that very morning. The day prior, I had seen this one MC kitten in a ring, which was just a ball of energy, and I tried to convince the owner to try the Agility. She was not too enthused. So, Sunday, when I was asked to explain Agility, how it worked and



Native Malayan Dancers on Sunday before presentation of Best of Breed

(continued from page 14) how to get a cat to do this, I went to seek out this kitten and got permission to try to train Queenie in front of hundreds of people. Needless to say, I got scared, and afraid that if I failed, I would look like a fool. Queenie didn't let me down. After 10 minutes of loosening her up in the ring, letting her get used to the crowds, finding the special toy, we had two complete runs, both good ones. The owner, and the crowd, were thrilled and excited. Queenie's owner, encouraged by this trial, entered her kitten - and won! When they saw the MC kitten having a blast in this class, other exhibitors were also encouraged to try their cats.

Before presentation of the BOB, the Malaysia & Borneo Cultural Performers, in native costumes, treated us to a 90 minute show. The costumes were breathtaking and the dances and music were beautiful.

In the end, a Russian Blue Kitten was Best of the Best, Tsar Blue's Tsunami of Chloeadores, bred by Donna Fuller (US) and

owned by Li Ling Chung of Hong Kong.

Best MC Kitten: Nascat Super Charged! (2nd highest scoring kitten overall) Bred by Donna Hinton, and newly owned by proud Jimmy Lee and Amanda (Lee) Mun of Felis Wonder

Best MC Championship: New One-Show GC, Felis Wonder Sean Coonery, B/O Jimmy Lee

Best MC in Premiership: New One-Show GP, Felis Wonder Aragon, Breeder: Jimmy Lee, Owners: Freddy Fatey & Michelle Jalleh

Agility Winner: Four-month-old kitten, Enko Queen of the Night, who ran the course in a blistering 12.5 seconds, for her owners Kennet and Melissa How.

The highlight of the show for me was the presentation of the opening ceremonies for the show. The wife of the Federal Territory Minister, Datin Seri Siti Nooriah Ana Abdul Razak, delivered a fine speech about her love for cats and how she felt that cats should be family members, kept safe from harm, and emphasizing the importance helping our children learn respect and respon-



(photo above) The lady holding Charger is the wife of the Federal Territory Minister, named Datin Seri Siti Nooriah Ana Abdul Razak. She opened up the show and is a big cat lover, owning 21 cats at one time. The lady in the center in the beautiful head scarf is the show manager, Dr. Moonyza Akmal. The man on the left is an unnamed body guard.

sibility when caring for a pet. After she opened the show, she toured the show hall and wanted to see the Maine Coon from the US. It was a pleasure to meet her and have her hold Charger. She was in awe of his size and beauty, and exclaimed about his very calm temperament for a kitten in such a very crowded show hall.



Nascat Super Charged on center staged being handled by Kim Everett for judging of the Best of Breed

Overall, I had a wonderful time and experience. The people are warm, friendly, and their hospitality was superb. Yes, there was always some major event that took place every day, but that's the excitement of traveling, which tends to follow me anyway. I've learned to keep an open mind, go with the flow, and trust that it will all work out in the end.

I hope to return soon to spend more time seeing the rest of the country, especially Sabah in Borneo. There will be a show in the Fall (2008), which I'm strongly thinking about!

The Origin of the Domestic Housecat

By Susan Dorey, AmazingTails Cattery



Recent discoveries have expanded our knowledge of the origins of the house cat:

1. The fossil record has yielded evidence of the domestication of cats far earlier than previously known: A 2004 excavation of an archaeological site on Cyprus found the buried bodies of a human and a small cat in close proximity. The bodies were dated to 9500 years ago.
2. In June 2007 the Cat Genome Project published their findings that the Domestic Cat was really *Felis silvestris catus*, a sub-species of the small wildcat *Felis*, and a first cousin of the Near Eastern/North African Wildcat *Felis silvestris lybica*. The Domestic Cat and the Near Eastern Wildcat have a common ancestor dated to 131,000 years ago.

Cat Genome Project

The Laboratory of Genomic Diversity, an arm of the National Cancer Institute, was established in 1986; the current lab chief is Stephen J. O'Brien, Ph.D. The LGD has an ongoing Cat Genome Project with the goal of using the domestic cat as an animal model contributing to our understanding of human hereditary disease.

http://home.ncifcrf.gov/ccr/lgd/comparative_genome/catgenome/index_n.asp

The project team has published articles about their findings, the most recent and provocative being:

“The Late Miocene Radiation of Modern Felidae: A Genetic Assessment” appeared in the January 6, 2006 issue of Science magazine. It is a highly technical discussion of the unique lineages of modern cats, when they appeared, and their geographical distribution over time.

“The Near Eastern Origin of Cat Domestication” appeared in the June 29, 2007 issue of Science magazine. It describes their genetic assessment of 979 small cats, both domestic and wild, from three continents.

“The Evolution of Cats” appeared in the July 2007 Scientific American. It presents highlights of the previous two articles in a less technical format.

They study mitochondrial DNA (mtDNA), which is found in the cellular cytoplasm in organelles called mitochondria. In sexually reproducing organisms, mitochondria are normally inherited exclusively from the mother. Hence mtDNA is a powerful tool for tracking ancestry through females (matrilineage).

Felis silvestris catus

Today's Domestic Cat has five known lineages, meaning five different female ancestors, each ancestor in a different time and possibly place. The cat genome researchers conclude that the Domestic Cat evolved in the Near East in close proximity to the location of modern Near Eastern Wildcats: Israel, Saudi Arabia, and other Middle Eastern countries including the Fertile Crescent of 10,000 years ago. Stephen O'Brien said “It's plausible that the ancient [domestic cat] lineages were present in the wildcat populations back as far as 70,000 or 100,000 years ago.”

This sub-species is now widely distributed over the planet, presumably a result of its role as companion to human travelers.

Whence the House Cat

While mtDNA says all house cats are *F. s. catus*, it does not say why *F. s. catus* coalesced or why she took up with people. For the latter we can look to our own pets. I believe the label “pet” is profoundly indicative of why the Domestic Cat, just another wildcat in its beginnings, moved into our hearts and homes. They love to be touched and we do it so well and so willingly.

Consider this:

Captain Courageous jumps up to my desktop where he stretches on his side in front of me—and responds with visible pleasure to my strokes.

Tiger Boy, originally named Mister Clever and generally ignored in favor of his brother, looked at the world through wild eyes until, at 5 months of age, I deliberately renamed and socialized him. He quickly became a happy and contented pet.

Adult feral cats will live near people and eat food left out for them, but will not be caught.

Feral kittens, if separated from their mom, can be tamed.

These are facts. We know them. They are also clues to the earliest domestication of cats. We have no reason to think either of us—cats or people—are any different now than we were then. (continued page 17)

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(continued from page 16) As with today's feral cats, early adult *F. s. catus* would live near people, would eat food left for them, but would not let themselves be caught by people, let alone enter their homes. But kittens . . . ah, kittens. We cannot resist them now and we very likely couldn't resist them 10,000 years ago. As feral kittens can be tamed into house cats, so very likely could wild *F. s. catus* kittens be tamed into house cats.

Grain stores of the earliest civilized man might have brought wild Domestic Cats into regular proximity to humans, but it was their kittens who came in from the cold. The Domestic Cat seems to have a genetic willingness to be tamed. This willingness is strongest in childhood. Mother house cats teach their babies to eat from plates and use litter boxes. But people must socialize kittens or they will revert to wildcats.

Genetic Findings

The Cat Genome Project identified six clades corresponding to the following subspecies of Wildcat, *Felis silvestris*:

I	<i>Felis silvestris silvestris</i> , European Wildcat or Forest Cat
II	<i>Felis silvestris cafra</i> , Southern Africa Wildcat
III	<i>Felis silvestris ornata</i> , Asiatic Steppe Wildcat, Desert Cat, Central Asian Wildcat, and Indian Wildcat
IV	<i>Felis silvestris lybica</i> , North African Wildcat and Near Eastern Wildcat <i>Felis silvestris catus</i> , Domestic Cat
V	<i>Felis silvestris bieti</i> , Chinese Desert Cat and Chinese Mountain Cat
VI	<i>Felis silvestris margarita</i> , Sand Cat



It is clade IV that most interests us. It is composed of both the Domestic Cat and the Near Eastern Cat. It was found to have one common ancestor and to contain five separate lineages. There is no correlation between lineages and geographical locations. These findings infer that domestication occurred at least five separate times—each of the five lineages domesticated separately. Hybridization is common. A number of putative wildcats from Europe, south Africa, and central Asia carry domestic cat haplotypes. And some domestic cats carry wildcat haplotypes.

The researchers estimated the coalescent date for all *Felis silvestris* as 230,000 years ago and estimated the age for the common ancestor of *F. s. lybica* and domestic cats as 131,000 years ago. Other dating techniques yielded a range of 107,000 to 155,000 years ago. “These estimates are all greater by an order of magnitude than archaeological evidence for cat domestication.”

There are many surprises in these findings. It reclassifies four cats:

The Chinese Desert Cat was originally named *Felis bieti*, a separate species, in 1892.

The Southern Africa Wildcat was originally named *Felis cafra* in 1822 and renamed as *Felis lybica cafra* in 1944.

The Sand Cat was originally named *Felis margarita* in 1858.

The Scottish Wildcat was originally named *Felis silvestris grampia* in 1907. It has been found to be the same as *F. s. silvestris*.

The notion that the European Wildcat is an ancestor of some domestic cats like the Norwegian Forest Cat was disproved.

It may be that an analysis of north African wildcats would lead to an inference that the domestic cat also domesticated in north Africa.

Which cats were studied? The 979 cats studied included 4 Maine Coon Cats and 4 Norwegian Forest Cats. All cats described as “Breed cat” and “Lab cat” were from the USA. “Recent events prevented collection of wildcats from Iran, Iraq or North Africa for use in this study, however the taxonomic literature is almost unanimous in synonymizing wildcats from these regions with wildcats from throughout the Near East. . . . Wildcats throughout Africa, and Egypt particularly, require a broader sampling and deeper analysis than afforded to this project.”

In a separate effort Dr. Marilyn Raymond of the LGD has done a phylogeny of 38 cat breeds; her sample set of 1040 breed cats included 43 Main Coon Cats and 67 Norwegian Forest Cats (40% of which came from Norway). She found the Maine Coons to be closely related to British Shorthairs, Ragdolls, Russian Blues, and American Shorthairs and have no signs of hybridization with anything more exotic. Additionally, she found that there are several variants of the gene that causes long hair in cats. These variants do not indicate any relationship between long-haired cats in Maine and long-haired cats in Norway. (A paper describing the longhair mutation is in progress). Continued on page 18



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Terminology

In writing this article to my satisfaction I've had to become familiar with the terminology of genetic research.

lineage: descent in a line from a common progenitor (ancestor).

clade: a taxonomic group of organisms consisting of a single common ancestor and all the descendants of that ancestor.

divergence: the acquisition of dissimilar characters by related organisms in unlike environments.

phylogeny: the evolution of a genetically related group of organisms as distinguished from the development of the individual organism.

genome: one haploid set of chromosomes with the genes they contain.

haploid: having the gametic number of chromosomes. The haploid number is the number of chromosomes in a gamete (sex cell—sperm and egg) of an individual.

binomial nomenclature: a system of nomenclature (naming) in which each species of animal and plant receives a name of two terms where the first term identifies the genus and the second term identifies the species. This system was established by Carolus Linnaeus (1707–1778) and was based on anatomical similarities and differences.

phylogenetic nomenclature: a naming system formulated in terms of evolution and common descent and based on genetic similarities and differences. It does not rank species by category. It does establish a phylogenetic tree of genetic descent.



WINNERS' GALLERY Part II



**(left) Supreme Grand Champion
Versus Cloud Walker of Williamina**

Silver Classic Tabby & White Male

Breeder: Yoko Noguchi

Owners: Michiko/Russell Hagan



**(right) Supreme Grand Champion
Williamina Astro Boy of Kirdcoon**

Silver Tabby & White Male

Breeders: Michiko/Russell Hagan

Owners: Kouzo & Ikuko Kamoi

**(right) Grand Champion
Luckypaws Proteus of Retablo**

Silver Classic Tabby Male

Breeder: Lorraine Salan

Owner: Linda Mauller



**(right) Quadruple Grand Champion
Juniatas Kopernikus of GebuhrCoons'**

Brown Mackerel Tabby Male

Breeder: Kathrin Schier

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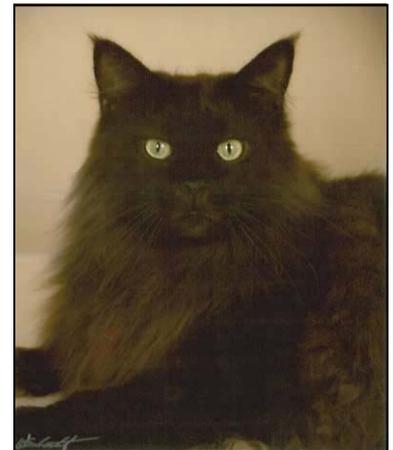
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