

Meet Your Neighbors

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1. What breed do you work with..??.. How long..??..

John and I have had American Bobtails since 1990. We breed both the long and short hair varieties. It is a great undemanding breed both in care and attitude.

2. If you could, what other breed of cat would you like to work with..??..

We have also owned and shown Oriental Longhairs. Not sure that I would actually want to breed them but do enjoy the interaction they demand.

3. What is your most memorable win..??..

I think that it was Prairie State which was a back-to-back one day show. The American Bobtail had just attained championship status. Our Hershey Kiss was just 8 mos of age. He received 2 Specialty Best Cats and 1 Best All breed. I just remember crying with both John and judge Jean Marc Lagarde laughing at me.

4. How did you start in the world of cats..??..

Our sons wanted a cat which began our association with them. Plus we raised & showed Basenjis who have some similar qualities. Later in life I was very intrigued with wild looking cats. Started with the Ocicat and then the American Bobtail peaked my interest.

5. What if any other hobbies..??..

Hobbies.... Volunteering at the Great Smoky Mt Nat Park, hiking, some quilting, a bit of photography and warm glass (fusing and slumping).

Did you know?

The Ocicat breed was started from breeding a Siamese and an Abyssinian.

The Birman is the only breed of cat that is required to have a “roman nose”.

The Singapura is the smallest breed of cat.

Cat bites are more likely to become infected than dog bites.

Show Etiquette

- Come to the ring when called – first call is all that is required.
- Don't call attention to yourself to the judge when bringing your cat to the ring.
- You cannot sit in the ring with a cat. (unless the judge requests it)
- Talking to the judge while they are judging is not acceptable, unless the judge asks for the owner of the cat to ask a specific question.
- Messages about your cat should be directed to the clerk not the judge.
- Relay any special benching requirements (for the judging ring) to the clerk, well before the class is brought up.
- Absentees or color corrections can be announced if you let the Entry Clerk know before the show starts.
- Groom your cat before each ring – make sure all nails are trimmed, the eyes, nose and ears are clean! It is a beauty show after all.
- If you make a final, thank the judge when the final is finished.
- If you have permission to leave early, let the clerks know your cats will be absent.
- Have fun!

BE PREPARED: Creating a disaster plan before an emergency strikes is important

No one knows when bad weather or other emergency may strike and force you to evacuate you and your family, including your pets, from your home. Being prepared is the first step in reducing confusion, stress and making sure everyone is as safe as possible.

Below are some helpful hints in preparing your disaster plan and emergency kit.

From the American Red Cross (www.redcross.org)

The best way to protect your family from the effects of a disaster is to have a disaster plan. If you are a pet owner, that plan must include your pets. Being prepared can save their lives.

Different disasters require different responses. But whether the disaster is a hurricane or a hazardous spill, you may have to evacuate your home.

In the event of a disaster, if you must evacuate, the most important thing you can do to protect your pets is to evacuate them, too. Leaving pets behind, even if you try to create a safe place for them, is likely to result in their being injured, lost, or worse. So prepare now for the day when you and your pets may have to leave your home. The Red Cross recommends the following:

Have a Safe Place to Take Your Pets

- Local and state health and safety regulations do not permit the Red Cross to allow pets in disaster shelters. Service animals which assist people with disabilities are the only animals allowed in Red Cross shelters. It may be difficult, if not impossible, to find shelter for your animals in the midst of an evacuation, so plan ahead. Do not wait until disaster strikes!
- Contact hotels and motels outside your local area to check their policies on accepting pets and restrictions on number, size and species. Ask if "no pet" policies could be waived in an emergency. Keep a list of "pet friendly" places, including phone numbers, with your other disaster information and supplies. If you are alerted to an impending disaster, call ahead for reservations.
- Ask friends, relatives or others outside the affected area whether they could shelter your animals. If you have more than one pet, they may be more comfortable if kept together, but be prepared to house them separately.
- Make a list of boarding facilities and veterinarians who could shelter animals in an emergency; include 24-hour phone numbers.
- Ask local animal shelters if they provide emergency shelter or foster care for pets during a disaster. Animal shelters may be overwhelmed caring for the animals they already have as well as those displaced by a disaster, so this should be your last resort.

Assemble a Portable Pet Disaster Supplies Kit

- Whether you are away from home for a day or a week, you'll need essential supplies.

Keep items in an accessible place and store them in sturdy containers that can be carried easily (a duffle bag or covered trash containers, for example). Your pet disaster supplies kit should include:

- Medications and medical records (stored in a waterproof container) and a first aid kit.
- Sturdy leashes, harnesses, and/or carriers to transport pets safely and ensure that your animals can't escape.
- Current photos of your pets in case they get lost.
- Food, potable water, bowls, cat litter/pan, and can opener.
- Information on feeding schedules, medical conditions, behavior problems, and the name and number of your veterinarian in case you have to foster or board your pets.
- Pet bed or toys if easily transportable

From PetFinder.com (www.petfinder.com)

Pet Emergency Kit Checklist

- **Food** - One-to-two-week supply of the dry or canned food your pet usually eats. (While stored, make sure to replace the food according to expiration dates.) Also include a spoon, food dish and, if you use canned foods, a can opener. Record your pet's eating habits (amount and times) as well as any allergies your pet may have and keep the record with the other paperwork in this kit. Store the food in a waterproof and protective bag or case.
- **Water** - One-to-two-week supply in gallon-sized plastic containers. (Make sure to replace stored water regularly to ensure freshness.) Include a collapsible or travel water bowl that is easy to store.
- **Cleaning Supplies** - To clean crates/litter boxes.
- **Cat Litter** - One-to-two-week supply plus a small, plastic litter box and litter scoop. You can opt for disposable litter boxes that come pre-made with litter.
- **Paperwork**
- **Photographs** - In case you need to distribute pictures if your pet gets lost.
- **Vaccine Records/Medical History** - Copies of important veterinary documents, such as vaccination records, medical history, medical conditions, records of important test results (FeLV/FIV).
- **Veterinary Information** - Write down the name, address and phone number of your vet and an alternate vet. Write out a release statement, authorizing medical treatments for your pets. Write down your pet insurance policy number, if you have one.
- **Proof of Ownership/Animal Information** - Copies of registration information, adoption

papers, proof of purchase, microchip, tattoo or other identification information.

- **List of Emergency Contacts**
- **Medication** - List each pet separately and include dose and frequency for each medication. Keep a two-week reserve supply, with directions on how to administer. If possible, keep the medication in the original jar or bottle that it came in. Replace according to expiration dates. Don't forget reserve doses of flea and tick and heartworm preventatives.
- **Spare or Extra Collars, Harnesses, or Leashes**
- **Bedding or Pet Blankets**
- **Identification Tags** - If possible, have the ability to write your temporary location or contact information on the tags.
- **Brushes/Combs, Grooming Supplies**
- **Toys**
- **Animal Crates or Carriers** - Label with your contact information; make sure the animal has room to move around and it is safe for the pet (latches and bolts should be secure).
- **Pet First-Aid Kit** - Sterile gauze pads (3" x 3" and 2" X 2") and gauze bandage rolls (1" and 2")
 - First-aid adhesive tape, 1" roll
 - Cotton swabs (Q-tips®)
 - Tweezers
 - Scissors
 - Plastic freezer/sandwich bags
 - Small bottle of 3% hydrogen peroxide
 - Styptic pencil or cornstarch (stems blood flow from minor cuts)
 - Antibacterial ointment
 - Antiseptic cleansing wipes
 - Kaopectate® or Pepto-Bismol®
 - A current pet first-aid book
 - Eyewash
 - Eyedropper

- Mineral oil (a lubricant and laxative when given by mouth)
- Digital or rectal thermometer in a plastic case
- Leather work gloves (to protect you from being bitten)
- Latex gloves
- Leash
- Thin rope
- Splint materials (tongue depressor, 12-inch wooden ruler or thick magazine)

Place the contents in a plastic storage box, tackle box or coffee can with lid. Pre-made pet first-aid kits are available for purchase at pet supply stores such as [PETCO](#), pharmacies, retail and discount stores and on-line.

BE PREPARED AND PLAN AHEAD!!