

# SE Region May 2010 Newsletter

## Meet Your Neighbors

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

I started with Birmans in 1983 and continue to work with them. When Wendell became interested in shows we added Maine Coons and then American Bobtails.

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

Going into the judging program required me to get a shorthaired cat. I first got a Siamese from Bruce & Dianne Alexy and then I choose an Ocicat. I will not breed them but Racer has moved into my heart forever.

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

Having the Best Kitten in the SE Region. Pirates Lair Dyn-O-Mite is a blue point Birman that is now retired and hopefully this season will win his Lifetime Achievement title.

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

I started in 1983 with a Birman alter. He didn't do very well because he had 3 tail faults but I had no idea what a tail fault was back then!

### **5. What, if any other hobbies..??..**

We have a house full that needs attention. 4 dogs, (2 Miniature Pinschers, 2 Doberman Pinschers) A Scarlet Macaw, a beard dragon and a few chickens. I also love to play with my camera. I just love taking pictures. I make jewelry, crochet and am a Facebook junkie! Wendell is an avid gun collector, police badge collector and also like photography.

## Remembering Mike Atkinson

A very dear friend and breeder of Oriental Shorthairs, Mike Atkinson, passed away a couple of weeks ago. He fought a hard battle with stomach cancer, which was diagnosed not more than three months ago. Mike worked with a friend, Cindy Crenshaw (Oyate), and together they produced some nice cats over the past few years. His cattery name was Gwydian, and we got to know Mike when we lost our old Oriental last year. We immediately recognized his talent and his love for Oriental Shorthairs.

Mike actively showed in both TICA and CFA, and was very supportive of the local Cashiers-Highlands Humane Society and Friends for Life Forever Farm in Toxaway, NC. In fact, he and his partner, Mic Cook, donated all proceeds from the sale of older show cats to those organizations. Mike was loved by many people here in the Highlands-Cashiers and Glenville, NC area.

Marilyn DeLong

## This isn't cat related... BUT WE ALL NEED TO EAT!

My moms chicken...

Make sure you all try this- it is the best....

Cut up chicken- or what ever pieces your family likes....I don't like it with skinless breasts-

1 can of whole cranberries

1 bottle of Russian dressing- you can use french

1 pkg Lipton onion soup

Place chicken in a roaster or 9x13 pan

Mix all ingredients- pour over chicken lightly pepper top cover with lid or tin foil bake on 350 for an hour or so- we like ours really done take off top last 20 min or so- this chicken is pretty as well as juicy and there is a nice "gravy" that is WONDERFUL served over rice.

Please let me all know if you like it. I have lots of recipes....and I always need new ones

Stephanie

## Did You Know?

The domestic cat is the only species of cat that can hold its tail vertically while walking.

Cats have the largest eyes in proportion to their body size of all mammals.

Cats usually have 12 whiskers on each side of its nose.

A cat's pulse is between 130 - 240 beats per minute.

A cat's gestation is between 61 - 70 days.

Cats have 30 vertebrae. Humans have 25.

The normal body temperature is 102 degrees F.

Like humans, kittens have "baby" teeth, which are replaced with their adult teeth from around 6 months of age.

Cats perspire through their paws.

Cats breathe at a rate of 20 - 30 breaths per minute.

The ridged pattern on a cat's nosepad is as individual as a human fingerprint.

Cat urine glows under "black light".

Well we are off to a new show year. We need to really support clubs this year and show that we care about them. We really need to thank Toni Scarborough for the wonderful job she does on show reports. Our Regional is coming up in the end of July. We really need to have volunteers to help. I know this will be a great year showing our cats and seeing friends we have made at shows. I have one thought about sharing rides and motel costs. This does really help on expenses and it is fun to travel with other cat people. We are having more shows, breeds are at shows we have not seen in a long time. We need to thank Joyce Henderson on her work with the regional funds. We need to remember to add \$1.00 per cat extra when entering. I would like to thank Ed Manning for his wonderful job being RD, which is a volunteer job. We know what Jo Parris went through and she did a great job. But I would like to thank our regional members for all their hard work and support of our shows!

See you next month

Thank you,

Claudia Evans

Anyone wanting to submit articles, recipes, trivia or anything you think others would like to read can send me the info at [PiratesLairMC@aol.com](mailto:PiratesLairMC@aol.com)

Thanks to all who contributed this month..!!..  
Laurie