

SE Region April 2011 Newsletter



Meet Your Neighbors

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1. What breed do you work with..??.. I have worked with several breeds over the years. When I first started in the cat fancy in 1987 I worked with the entire Persian breed group. the Himalayan, Persian, and the Exotic Shorthair until I received my first sphynx alter in 1998. I showed him for 2 years and decided I wanted to work with the sphynx breed. I started actively working with my breeding program in April of 2000. I enjoy the sphynx breed by far . I find them to be not like any other breed of cat. Their personality will win you over by far. Over the years I have shared my home with several other breeds of cats, Tonk's, Bombay, Burmese, Siamese, American Bobtail, Manx, Dsh, Birman, Mainecoon, American Shorthair and a Bengal.
How long..??.. I started in 1987 to present

2. If you could, what other breed of cat would you like to work with..??.. I find the Japanese Bobtail to be very interesting but have cut back on my breeding program at the moment and working with a very limited number of kitties.

3. What is your most memorable win..??.. My most memorable win was my IW win with IW, SGC Wizardgate's Daddy's Girl. She got an IW as a kitten, RW as an Adult in the same year and then received an IW as an adult the following year. and she truly is Daddy's Girl.

4. How did you start in the world of cats..??.. When I was 16 I worked for a good friend of mine who was a Persian breeder. I bought my first cat from her even though I did not know it was truly pet quality until I showed up in the show hall with her to show her. But I got hooked and have been in it ever since. It is actually odd now that I think about it. We did not have cats growing up, my mother is terrified of cats so we never had any in the home growing up we were truly a "dog family". Those of you who have met my mom knows it is a great accomplishment to have gotten her into the show halls and the awards shows knowing there were going to be cats there lol.

5. What, if any other hobbies..??.. Other hobbies, I enjoy watching movies, playing video games, when I lived in Virginia Beach I enjoyed taking my walks in the afternoons on the beach with my dogs. I also enjoy cooking and eating...LOL. I also want to include this I think I am very much a people person, love to meet new people, make new friends, and over the past years have really enjoyed traveling.



Meet The Breed

General Description

The intriguing Sphynx cat never fails to draw a reaction from people - some people love the bald, wrinkled look, some are fascinated by the cat, while others are less than enthusiastic. But for those that take the time to get to know the cat, a great treat is in store. They have very soft skin that feels like the softest chamois leather and are so very warm to the touch that you just want to cuddle up with them-especially in cold weather. Their toes are like fingers and they use them that way as they investigate and play with everything that takes their curiosity. They wrinkled faces remind you of the wisdom we all gather with age while their big ears and lemon-shaped eyes give them a unique look. Their rounded Buddha-like bodies bring a smile to the face. The Sphynx is definitely an enigmatic breed for the connoisseur.

History

First attempts at breeding Sphynx began in 1966, when a black and white cat gave birth to a hairless kitten in Ontario, Canada. The owner named the hairless kitten Prune, due to the wrinkled hairless skin. Prune was bred to other cats in an attempt to create more hairless kittens. Because hairlessness is a recessive gene, some of the kittens resulting from this union had hair, while others did not. These kittens were called Canadian Hairless Cats, which some people referred to as Sphynx cats, due to their physical similarities with an ancient Egyptian cat sculpture called the Sphinx. Between 1975 and 1978, several natural mutations of hairless kittens were found in Minnesota and Toronto. These kittens, named Epidermis, Punkie, and Paloma, were bred to Devon Rex, another breed with very little body hair. The Sphynx breed traces its history to the offspring of these unions. TICA has recognized this breed for over 20 years and there are now several thousand Sphynx registered in the world.

Personality

The Sphynx is an inquisitive, intelligent, and extremely friendly cat. Warm and soft to the touch, Sphynx frequently sleep with their owners under the covers. The term "Velcro lap cat" used to describe the desire of the Sphynx to be on you all the time, is very accurate. Sphynx love to greet every new person visiting the home, and most get along well with dogs and other pets. Because of their hairlessness, Sphynx have a tendency to get cold but they are intelligent enough to find a warm place- usually a computer monitor, a sunny window, a television, or under a blanket with their owners. Sphynx are highly active and will entertain themselves for hours and some Sphynx even fetch toys. Many Sphynx owners describe their cats as elf-like or childlike due to their inquisitive and intelligent nature. Sphynx are loyal and dedicated to their owners and make very affectionate companions for everyone.

Traits

The Sphynx is one of a few hairless breeds. Striking and distinctive in appearance, they do not lack hair entirely. Fine down covers the skin of most Sphynx, giving the skin a chamois or suede-like texture. Light hair is usually visible on the nose and backs of the ears. Sphynx come in a variety of colors, including solid, particolor, tabby, tortoiseshell, and are recognized in all four of TICA's categories: Traditional, Pointed, Mink, and Sepia. Their color is viewed on the pigment of the skin and on the few hairs (down) they have. Perhaps their second most distinguishable feature is their huge ears, frequently more than 2 or 3 inches in height. The Sphynx also has an open and sweet expression, greatly facilitated by the large lemon shaped eyes. This is a sturdy medium-boned, athletic and highly muscular cat. The belly of the Sphynx should give the appearance of having recently eaten a large meal. Because of their friendly nature, Sphynx often make excellent show cats as they are highly accepting of new people and easy to handle. Because of their lack of absorbent coat, Sphynx tend to get oily and need to be bathed often, but they are not hypo-allergenic. While some individuals with allergies find they are not allergic to Sphynx, others discover they are allergic but usually to a lesser extent.

(Taken from the TICA breed pages.) Laurie Patton



Show confirmations – musings of an entry clerk

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I don't think many exhibitors realize the importance of first carefully completing an official TICA cat entry form for every cat they want to bring into the show hall and then thoroughly checking their confirmations when they receive them from the entry clerk. Entry clerks are usually very busy and do make errors and a lot of times are guessing at the information they are receiving because details are missing or the entry is illegible. A catalogue that has very few errors is an important part of a smoothly functioning show. The judge's books are only as good as the catalogue because the judges books are based on exactly the same source of information. If my email helps exhibitors understand the importance of what they send to entry clerks then publishing it will be well worth it.

I'm a member of the

Best regards,

Ruth Sogz
Member
Southern Alberta Calgary Cat Fanciers
Calgary, Alberta, Canada

This email is so true. The show catalog and judges books can only be as good as the information that is put into them.

Please please check your confirmations carefully..!!.. Check name, sex, color, birth date, TICA number (They should be the same except for the last 3 numbers) If there are any typos let the entry clerk know so they have plenty of time to correct the errors... This also helps the Master Clerk and Ring Clerk books too... If you do not have a confirmation you are not entered in the show... The last show I was at I wrote to the entry clerk asking for my confirmation because I had not received one... Well she said she had sent 2 of them but I never got either one... She then copied and pasted one in the email and wa la, the confirmations were sent to the wrong email address... You as the exhibitors need to keep up on your confirmations...

If anyone has any trouble with filling out the official TICA entry form I will be more than happy to help and I know any entry clerk will as well...

Laurie



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Southeast Regional

Rolling Out The Red Carpet The A "cat" emy Awards



**July 30 & 31, 2011
Columbia, SC**

Ring Sponsors - \$100 and Judges Dinners - \$40 sponsors are available.

"Show premier" party on Friday Night at the hotel – Including hors d'oeuvres & BYOB.

Parade of Breeds – We will have a special area with as many breeds present as possible for the public to see. Columbia has wonderful cat lovers and they flock to the show. Please contact Judith Johnson - johnsondj@comcast.net

Star Wall of Fame and Remembrance – We will have a wall of stars that will be personalized remembering a friend that is now gone or celebrating a win. Cost is only \$5.00 per star. This is a foil gold star with your personalization and you get to take it home after the show..!!..

Get your stars today contact Laurie Patton – Pirateslairmc@aol.com

Goodie bags will be available for dinner guests courtesy of Kitt Flicks Productions. You are welcome to mail your gifts to me so they can be included in the bags ahead of time. I would estimate 100 –125 gifts for the banquet. Get your thinking caps on now!

VIP Treatment Package also available - \$100.00 Gets you premiere benching, lunch and no waiting in line for check in..!!.. Very Limited..!!..

Best Celebrity Look A Like Contest – Winner gets \$25.00 Gift Card

Best Hollywood/A"cat"emy Awards decorated cage - Winner gets \$25.00 Gift Card

<http://www.seregiontica.org/Shows/KittFlicks/kittflicksflyer.htm>

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Recipe Of The Month

Easter Egg Dipper Treats

Ingredients

- 3 tablespoons butter or margarine
- 1 (10 ounce) package regular marshmallows
- 6 cups KELLOGG'S® RICE KRISPIES® cereal
- 1 1/2 cups semi-sweet chocolate morsels or milk chocolate morsels
- 5 teaspoons shortening
- Multi-colored sprinkles



Directions

1. In large saucepan melt butter over low heat. Add marshmallows and stir until completely melted. Remove from heat.
2. Add KELLOGG'S® RICE KRISPIES® cereal. Stir until well coated.
3. Using 1/4-cup measuring cup coated with cooking spray divide warm cereal mixture into portions. Using buttered hands shape each portion into 2 1/2- x 1 1/2-inch egg shapes. (Or, coat insides of plastic snap-apart Easter eggs with cooking spray. Press cereal mixture into eggs. Remove cereal mixture from plastic eggs.) Cool.
4. In small saucepan combine chocolate morsels and shortening. Cook over low heat until melted, stirring constantly. Dip bottoms of cereal eggs into chocolate. Decorate with sprinkles. Place on wax-paper-lined baking sheet. Refrigerate until chocolate is firm. Individually wrap in plastic wrap. Best if served the same day.

I use to make these every year with my son - We covered the whole "egg" in chocolate though –
They are easy and fun to do...!!..

Submitted by Laurie Patton



Did You Know..??..

The following plants are poisonous to cats...



y, Pig Lily, White Arum, Trumpet Lily, Florist's Calla, Garden Calla, Arum Lily, Aloe vera Pine, House Pine, Norfolk Island Pine, Rosebay, Rhododendron, Maidens (Baby's) Breath, Amaryllis, Fire Lily, Lily of the Palace, Ridderstjerne, Chrysanthemum, Mum just to name a few... Get a bigger list at;

http://cats.about.com/gi/o.htm?zi=1/XJ&zTi=1&sdn=cats&cdn=homegarden&tm=25&gps=86_538_1243_686&f=00&tt=14&bt=0&bts=0&zu=http%3A//dcn.davis.ca.us/vme/DrSue/poisplnt.html

Submitted by Laurie Patton

The Contents Of My Cat Show Bag...

I have an airplane size carry-on bag I use for the show hall. It is on wheels so it is easy to wheel it along. Inside

I have my cage curtains, cat bed, litter box, scooper, plastic dog walk bags, dry cat food in a bowl with lid, canned food, various toys, and of course a grooming bag. In the side zippered pocket I have a copy of my cat's shot record as well. My grooming kit includes a zip lock bag of Q-tips and cotton balls, comb, brush, anti-static spray, Band-Aids, business cards, and a couple pens. I also pack a hotel only bag. This bag has a scooper, dry food, canned food and water from home or bottled water. I also pack extra bowls and a roll of dog walk bags.

The bags are so easy to use for soiled litter..!!.. Zip lock baggies also work great... I have a zip lock bag of cotton balls and Q-tips for use at the hotel. I also bring full size trash bags to contain all litter. My cat sleeps in a fold down canvas crate and before I fold it down at home I put his bed in there so I don't forget it. For me the two bag system works great because if I forget something at the show hall I usually have it packed in the hotel bag and I don't have to carry as much from the hall to my room. If you use a Sturdi bag you can of course pack all your show things in it, only downfall is that it is not on wheels ☺

Submitted By Laurie Patton

If you have any tips or tricks you would like to share please send them to me PiratesLairMC@aol.com

Take the Cat Nip Quiz..!!.. How much do you know about Cat Nip..??..

<http://www.funtrivia.com/playquiz/quiz46522556438.html>

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

I am in need of some Meet Your Neighbors...

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

Laurie

Don't forget that the SE Region is on Facebook

<http://www.facebook.com/group.php?gid=300505338191>

Until next month!