

SE REGION NEWSLETTER

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LAURIE PATTON — SE REGIONAL DIRECTOR

A Note From Your Director

The first meeting for the Southeast is ended now, but oh the things that have started... **JE fund Raisers, Show Manager Committee, phone trees, and of course fabulous Felines, Fun and Friendships..!!..** If there is a committee that you would like to see, let me hear from you now... **If there are things you would like to see changed, let me hear from you now...**



This is your region... If you want different, then we must do different... If you want to be heard, speak up... If you want a say, vote...

If anyone has any questions or comments please feel free to email the list, email me, or call me at home.... **"It's ALL About the Cats"**

MEET YOUR NEIGHBOR

JO PARRIS

American by birth, Southerner by Grace of God

Have been involved with Himalayans for 40 years. First as a pet owner, then as a breeder, now as an Alter Exhibitor - Thank you Debbie Lopeman.

My other hobby is reading novels.

My "Cattery" name is Caligula. I love words and Caligula is a Latin word meaning Little Boots.

When my Blue Persian (Father was a Himalayan) got her Supreme Grand Championship, I had an adrenalin rush (My first TICA Supreme). (There was a Judge who was a Persian breeder. He didn't like it because TICA had accepted the "Solid Colored Himalayans" as Persians. He made Tyche Best Cat and thereby made her a Supreme. The next day he was sitting in the same ring as I, and he said to his neighbor, "I can't believe I made a Himalayan my Best Cat." I leaned over between the two of them and thanked him!).

I'm a grammar freak.

HAPPY VALENTINE'S DAY



FILLET OF SOL

(Lee Anny Wynn Snook)

The sun slants in, its light a wedge
Of carpet by the door.

And to that slice of sunlight
Goes my cat, now, to restore
Herself. This nap is therapeutic
(Like the tuna she devoured).
She seems to need this daily bask.
She thinks she's solar powered.

MEET THE BREED

NEBELUNG

Introduction and Physical Appearance

The Nebelung is a sturdy, well-muscled, medium sized longhaired cat with a long body covered with a silky medium-length blue coat shimmering with silver at the tips. The name *Nebelung*, derived from the German word for *mist* or *fog*, *Nebel*, means a creature of the mists and is also the name of a medieval Germanic saga- the Nibelungenlied. The name was chosen by breed founder, Cora Cobb, to represent the cat's distinctive blue coat with silver tips which gives the cat's silky-soft coat a luminous, misty aura associated with a mythical creature rising from the mists. The tail is long with a full, thick plume gracefully balancing the long body. The ears are large in proportion to the head and continue the elegant lines of the head. They have wide-set eyes that impart a look of intelligence to the face and range in color from yellowish green to green with emerald green being the preferred shade.

History

The first registered Nebelungs were Siegfried, a male born in 1984, and named for the murdered dragon slayer in the germanic saga, the Nibelungenlied, and Brunhilde, a female born in 1985, named for the Icelandic queen in the same saga. Their mother was a black domestic shorthair named Elsa belonging to Cora Cobb's son, Karl, and the father was a blue domestic shorthair male that resembled a Russian Blue. Out of their first litter of six blue and black kittens, Siegfried was the only blue longhaired kitten-a beautiful, large kitten with long legs, long tail and the distinctive features of the Russian Blue combined with a medium length coat. Five months later, a second litter was born to Elsa and her blue "boy friend". **Their second litter of seven** kittens had another longhaired blue kitten but this time it was a female that Cora named Brunhilde. Her blue coat was longer and lighter than Siegfried's. In May 1986, Siegfried and Brunhilde's first litter was born. They

were gorgeous kittens, with their father's Russian Blue body type and their mother's long, glossy hair. Shortly afterwards, in 1987, with the help of Dr. Solveig Pflueger, Cora applied to The International Cat Association (TICA) for New Breed status (NBC). The TICA board agreed to **the development of the Nebelungs as "a Russian Blue Longhair following a Russian Blue standard with the exception of hair length"**. The board agreed unanimously to accept the Nebelung breed for championship status in TICA as of May 1, 1997. Since 1997, the breed has come to be recognized as a CH breed by other cat associations including Le Livre Officiel des Origines Felines (LOOF/France), the Canadian Cat Association (CCA) and ACFA (USA). Within the past year, GCCF (UK) has accepted the Nebelung for preliminary status (similar to ANB status in TICA).

Temperment

A Nebelung is highly intelligent cat that is loving to its owners and family members. Some may be shy with strangers, especially young children but some are also wonderfully extroverted fun loving cats. As with any breed, a Nebelung kitten will take time to adjust to a new home. If allowed to make its own advances, it should become a devoted companion for many years. Many Nebelungs are lap sitters, loving to be petted. Often they follow their owners from room to room just wanting to play or be around their people. **If allowed, they enjoy sleeping on their owner's bed.** Overall, they are active, affectionate, intelligent, good-natured cats that make excellent companions.





RECIPES



Berries with Champagne Cream Recipe

Prep: 20 min. + chilling

Ingredients

- 8 egg yolks
- 1/2 cup sugar
- 1 cup Champagne
- 1 cup heavy whipping cream, whipped
- 1 pint fresh raspberries
- 1 pint fresh strawberries



Berries with Champagne Cream Recipe photo by Taste of Home

Directions

In a heavy saucepan, beat egg yolks and sugar with a portable mixer until thick and lemon-colored. Gradually beat in Champagne. Place the saucepan over low heat. With a portable mixer, beat on low speed for 1 minute. Continue beating over low heat until mixture reaches 160°, about 5-6 minutes.

Cool quickly by placing pan in a bowl of ice water; stir for 2 minutes. Press plastic wrap onto surface of custard. Refrigerate until chilled.

Fold in whipped cream. Spoon three-quarters of the Champagne cream into stemmed glasses. Top with berries. Spoon remaining Champagne cream over berries. Yield: 6 servings.

JUST IN CASE YOU'RE PLANNING ON DOING A LITTLE COOKING

(VERY LITTLE — LOL)

(submitted by Joyce Henderson)



To keep potatoes from budding, place an apple in the bag with the potatoes.



Buy Hungrey Jack masked potato mix. Keeps in the pantry for up to a year.



When a cake recipe calls for flouring the baking pan, use a bit of the dry cake mix instead **and there won't be any white mess** on the outside of the cake



Go to the bakery! Heck, they'll even decorate it for you?



ODDS AND ENDS



YOUR CAT DID **WHAT?** CRAZY BUT COMMON FELINE BEHAVIORS

By Rebecca Sweat—CatFancy — December 2012

Dunk Toys In His Water Dish

Your cat might drop his toy in his water bowl because he thinks no one else will touch it there. **“In the wild, cats take their prey back to their nest where it will be safe,”** says Pam Johnson-Bennett, CCBC, PCBC, a certified and professional cat behavior consultant. **“For the household cat, food and water dishes would be considered safe areas.”**

Unroll the Toilet Paper

Cats unravel toilet paper rolls to simply have **some fun.** **“A cat gets a real kick out of controlling his environment and one way to do this is to watch this thing go round and round and unravel because of something he’s doing,”** notes John C. Wright, PhD, a certified applied animal behaviorist and psychology professor. If you hear the commotion and run into the bathroom to see what is going on, **“that doubles the fun, because now someone else has joined the game.”**

WHAT IS YOUR CAT’S STRANGEST BEHAVIOR OR FUNNY PHOTOS

Do you have some funny stories to tell about your cat? Do they do weird things? How about some funny cat photos that you would like to share with your SE Region friends? Well, no problem. Send those funny, weird, or cute items to shutterbug1948@gmail.com and in the subject line, please put SE Region Newsletter. Also, if you have children who like to draw pictures of their pets, scan or send them to me with permission to print and I will be glad to including these in our newsletters.

So, help me help you to share all those wonderful things about your fur babies.

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