

SE REGION NEWSLETTER

LAURIE PATTON — NEW SE REGIONAL DIRECTOR

A Note From Your Director

We are all brought together because of the love of our cats and that thought we must keep in front of us at all times... We agree and we disagree, but we love our cats the same...!!.. So let us begin a new journey where everyone has a ticket and hopefully everyone will hop on board for our region, the greatest region in TICA...!!..



If we want different for our region then we must do different for our region...!!..

Sincerely, Laurie Patton

MEET YOUR NEIGHBOR

JANUARY 2012

I'm from Auburn, Alabama, which is in the central eastern area of the state, about 30 miles from the Georgia border.

I've always had pound kitties, but when my last cat died at age 20 (summer 2011), I decided to get a cat from a breeder because I wanted a certain kind of cat. I researched the breeds and decided upon the Ragdoll breeds because of their social nature. I haven't been disappointed. All breeds are beautiful, but this breed is exceptionally sweet.



HELEN KIRK

I can't really explain why I decided to go into breeding them, except that it has been a dream of mine to have more than one cat in the house, and to work with kittens as well. The three I have aren't yet old enough to become parents, so, I'll be looking forward to learning as I go, and getting advice and tips from other breeders in this area.

I work full time in the accounting field, have a son (age 15) and daughter (age 13) who also love these kitties, and am very much looking forward to meeting other cat owner/breeders in the cat fancy.

The only other hobbies I have are playing the piano, working in my yard, and supporting my kids in their extracurricular activities.

HAPPY NEW YEAR TO ALL



CATS ARE WONDERFUL FRIENDS

Gentle eyes that see so much, paws that have the quiet touch. Purrs to signal "all is well" and show more love than words could tell. Graceful movements touched with pride, a calming presence by our side. A friendship that takes time to grow, small wonder why we love them so.

Author Unkown from CatQuotes.com

MEET THE BREED

NAPOLEON (Preliminary New Breed)

General Description

An endearing doll-like face and a low-slung body like a Dachshund help the Napoleon capture your heart and bring a smile to your face. They combine the older doll-faced Persian look with the short legs of the Munchkin and come in all the colors of the rainbow and both long and short hair. A man-made breed currently in the early stages of development, the standard Napoleon comes with short legs but there are also kittens with normal leg length but the same sweet look. It comes in both short- and long-haired coats.

History

The Napoleon shares its history with the Persian that has been a part of the cat fancy from its beginnings in the late 19th century and with the modern Munchkin whose roots go back to 1983. Sandra Hockendal rescued a pregnant cat with short legs – some of her kittens did too and Sandra's Louisiana plantation became the base of a population of short legged cats that results from a dominant dwarfism gene. TICA recognized the Munchkin for registration status in 1994 and for Championship status, after years of careful monitoring for health, in May 2003.

In 1996, Joe Smith (Blueline cattery) started breeding Persians with Munchkins. Joe was a Basset Hound breeder, a low-slung breed of dog, and became intrigued with the Munchkin and its genetics. He wanted to create a breed that would have universal appeal whether the cat had the signature short legs or the longer legs of the non-standard version. Joe decided to call his breed the Napoleon after the short-statured Napoleon Bonaparte. The Persians used were the so-called doll faced Persians which had a longer nose than the modern Persian and a very open sweet expression. In 2001 Joe contacted TICA and the new breed was added to the list of Experimental breeds and by 2002 Joe had met the criteria for the next stage in development and the breed was advanced to Registration Only status. This important step recognized the name and started the breed on the first rung of the ladder towards championship status.

It takes a long time and a lot of hard work to develop a new breed and there are often frustrations and heartaches along the way with both the development and the process to get a new breed accepted. In 2008, Joe moved on to other projects and other Napoleon breeders picked up the torch to continue the drive towards full recognition. Sam Tate (Wonderfulkitty cattery) and Margie Gardner (Creators) continued to push the breed forward but it was not until Teri Harris (Munchkinlane) presented the breed to the TICA board in September 2011 that the Napoleon got to the coveted next step of Preliminary New Breed and could begin showing in that class at shows effective May 2012.

Personality

The Napoleon is a gentle, extremely affectionate and people-oriented cat. They have the gentleness of a Persian and the energy and curiosity of the Munchkin. Their big eyes in their sweet faces give them a look of complete innocence while their inquisitiveness gets them into all kinds of scrapes. While gentle, they are also self-starting when it comes to activity and like the Munchkin can navigate the curves of their self-defined race-track for the day at breakneck speed.

Traits

In appearance, the first thing you notice is the sweet face and the second the short legs. While derived from the Persian and the Munchkin, the Napoleon is a distinct breed with its own characteristic look. The head is round and has great big eyes but rather than the short snub nose of a Persian, the Napoleon has a longer nose much like the earlier Persians. The standard Napoleon has short legs but the non-standard version with the long legs still has the same distinctive features in the head and there is no mistaking the fact that it is a Napoleon. Round is the word most associated with the breed. The round head has a shape like a pie-plate and big round eyes like marbles are set into it. Round cheeks, round top head, round muzzle. The ears are medium to small and also contribute to the round look of the head. The nose has a slight change of direction often referred to as a ski jump nose meaning it tips up ever so slightly at the end. All of which combine to present the very sweet innocent look of the breed. They are a medium-sized strong cat—and their low-slung bodies reflect that. Like Napoleon, they wear their short-legged bodies with great authority. Roundness also has a role in the overall structure of the body—they have a semi-cobby body which gives a sense of roundness and the overlaying musculature emphasizes that same roundness. These sturdy cats have strong, solid boning and excellent musculature kept in shape by their active natures that has them running round the house and up and down the stairs.



Taken from TICA Breed Pages



RECIPES



YOUVOLAKIA (Greek Spaghetti)

- 2 pounds of ground beef
- 1 can Cream of Mushroom Soup (Campbells)
- 1 can Cheddar Cheese Soup (Campbells)
- 1 large onion diced
- Spaghetti to taste
- Salt and Pepper to taste

Brown ground beef in skillet. Add onion, salt and pepper. Simmer for a few minutes. Drain and mix in soups. Pour into a shallow baking dish. Cut cheddar cheese into slices and cover top of mixture.

Bake at 375 degrees until cheddar is melted..

You'll only need a salad to go with it. Serve and enjoy!

Submitted by Jo Parris

MARY KRAUSE'S LACE COOKIES

- 1 cup sugar
- 1 cup oatmeal (not instant)
- 3 Tbsp flour
- 1/4 tsp baking powder
- 1/2 tsp salt

Mix well.

Add then refrigerate until hard

- 1 stick of melted butter
- 1 tsp vanilla
- 1 beaten egg

Drop 1/2 tsp onto parchment paper covered cookie sheet 4 inches apart. Bake at 325 degrees for 8-10 minutes until light brown.

Submitted by Shana Scanlin

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Cats From Out of the Storm **TOTO THE TORNADO KITTEN**

Written by: Jonathan Hall and Illustrated by: Carol Ruzicka

A tiny kitten survives a tornado and brings a community together. This is an adorable and heartwarming story of a days old kitten found in a tree and his survival.



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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.

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

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