

# SE Region July 2010 Newsletter

## Meet Your Neighbors

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- 1. What breed do you work with..??..** Scottish Folds How long..??.. 12 years
- 2. If you could, what other breed of cat would you like to work with..??..** hmmm I love Pixie Bobs.....maybe Russians
- 3. What is your most memorable win..??..** My Interenational Win with Holyfolds Diamonds Lil Darlin Gem, and Holyfold Chip Off the Old Block- they both were great to show it is always fun to walk into a show hall and have exhibitors part the masses for you to walk thru.. Chip died way to early-Lil darlin is very healthy very much a love and sometimes is shown as an alter- she is almost 10.
- 4. How did you start in the world of cats..??..** My husband got me a show cat to try to keep me quiet about having more children as my youngest had just started college. Now I am raising 2 grandchildren- taught me to not wish for things and pray for things- unless you really want it BAD....
- 5. What, if any other hobbies..??..** Hmm..kids, the restaurant, can you believe it in my spare time with 6 grandkids- I still like to travel, love to judge cat shows, I love entertaining, cooking, and putting on the CEU events in the SE region for judges- my therapy is scooping cat boxes- which I actually don't mind doing....and one of my favorite hobbies is my hubby who puts up with alot. I hardly have time to read- answer e-mails etc.. I am not on face book- I am still on dial up, live in the woods in a very small town- nearest grocery store is 30 miles away...I love quiet-not a fan of music, like rippling water and pretty flowers but hate gardening. I always take time to thank God for what I have for who I am and who HE is continuously molding me into.

## Our American Breeds

American Bobtail, American Curl, American Shorthair, and American Wirehair.

The **American Bobtail** comes in any color and pattern. This means that they can be any pattern in black, brown, chocolate, cinnamon, blue, lilac, fawn, red, and cream, with or without white. This wonderful variety of colors and patterns comes in two (2) hair lengths: short and medium-long. The short hair is plush and reminds people of a rabbit pelt. The longer one is easy to keep with minimal combing. The weight of males usually ranges between 12-16 lbs while females are 7-11 lbs. The weight should come from the cat being well-muscled and having substantial, large boning, rather than being overweight. One of the most unusual traits is the cat's shortened tail. The desired length of the tail should be a minimum one inch and a maximum not longer than the hock. The tail mutation gene is not a controllable gene resulting in the different tail lengths of each kitten in the litter.

The **American Curl** comes in longhair and shorthair-and a myriad of colors. The coat is a silky, flat-lying coat with little undercoat. Consequently there is little shedding and the coat requires little grooming. While the curled ears are the major feature of this special breed, other key characteristics of the American Curl are its large walnut shaped eyes and a medium-sized rectangular body. All American Curls are born with straight ears. They start to curl back into a rosebud position at 3-5 days gently unfolding like a rose petal until they reach their final shape at about 16 weeks. The degree of curl in the ear can vary greatly ranging from almost straight to an arc of 90-180 degrees.

The **American Shorthair**, our native shorthair breed, is one of the most adaptable breeds for any type of household; for a single person living alone. The American is an excellent companion; for a senior citizen the American is a calm, devoted pet; for a family with children, the good natured, playful American, known to be excellent with children, fits right in; for a busy household, the non-demanding American keeps itself entertained, ready for the time they have for relaxation. Apartment living suits them as well as a house. One of the natural breeds, the American Shorthair is a medium size cat, muscular with a firm, well-balanced body. They have easy care short, lustrous coat in a range of colors and patterns.

Like its counterpart the American Shorthair, the **American Wirehair** is one of the most adaptable breeds for any type of household-from being the lap cat curled up with the senior citizen to the energetic cat joining in to play with the children. One of the natural breeds, the American Wirehair is a medium size cat, muscular with a firm, well-balanced body. The wirehair gene originated as a spontaneous coat mutation in upstate New York and changes the hard coat of the American Shorthair to the hard, dense, springy coat of the American Wirehair.

While the **Maine Coon** does not have the word American in its name this breed is one of the oldest natural breeds in North America, the Maine Coon is generally regarded as a native of the

state of Maine (in fact, the Maine Coon is the official Maine State Cat). America's native longhair, Maine Coons were well established over a century ago as a hardy, handsome breed of domestic cat, well equipped to survive the hostile New England winters. Breeders have sought to preserve the Maine Coon's "natural," rugged qualities. Maine Coon owners enjoy the breed's characteristic clown-like personality, affectionate nature, amusing habits and tricks and willingness to 'help' with any activity. They make excellent companions for large, active families that also enjoy having dogs and other animals. For owners wishing to show, the Maine Coon has reclaimed its original glory in the show ring. First recorded in cat literature in 1861 with a mention of a black and white cat named 'Captain Jenks of the Horse Marines,' Maine Coons were popular competitors at early cat shows in Boston and New York. A brown tabby female named 'Cosie' won Best Cat at the 1895 Madison Square Garden Show.

*(Taken from the TICA championship breed pages.)* Laurie Patton

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## **Recipe of the Month**

### **7 Minute Tuna Casserole**

Submitted by Laurie Patton

- 1 can (6 ½ oz.) tuna (drained)
- 1 can (3 oz.) Durkee French fried onions
- 1/4 c. green pepper, thinly sliced
- 1 c. celery (thinly sliced)
- 1/4 t. onion powder
- 1 can (4 oz.) mushrooms (drained)
- 1 can cr. Of celery soup

Combine one half can of French fried onions with other ingredients. Place in greased casserole. Bake at 350° for 25 min. Sprinkle remaining onions on top. Bake 5 min. more. Serves 4-5.

## **Cat Recipe of the Month**

### **Turkey Supreme (for cats)**

Submitted by Laurie Patton

- Makes 4 servings
- 1 turkey breast, cooked and chopped fine
- 1/2 cup carrots, diced
- 1/4 cup spinach, diced
- 1/2 cups green beans, diced
- 3/4 cup cooked brown rice
- No-salt chicken broth

Combine turkey, carrots, spinach and green beans. Add rice and enough chicken broth to bind ingredients. Cool until mixture is lukewarm and serve.

# The TICA Junior Exhibitor Program

Submitted by Judith Johnson

*TICA's International Junior Exhibitor Program provides the opportunity for young people under the age of 18 to participate in the TICA experience and learn about feline husbandry. Participants are exposed to both competition and a continuing educational process as they work their way through Levels of Achievement. The program promotes sportsmanship and self-confidence and fosters an ever-growing knowledge base of feline husbandry, breeds, grooming, and show participation and production.*

*The goals of the program are to:*

*\*Educate junior exhibitors on feline health and care*

*\*Mentor junior exhibitors as they build their self-confidence*

*\*Inspire and honor Junior Exhibitors with trophies and awards as they learn about competition and good sportsmanship.*

*\*Grow the number of TICA Junior Members.*

The Junior Exhibitor program in the South East region is rapidly growing. We are very excited to have welcomed many new Junior Exhibitors in the past few months who have taken their first steps into the world of showing. We see all kinds of different children in the program. From youngsters to the almost 18 year olds, from out going and talkative to very shy children. Yet all of them share a common love: cats! This is what bonds them together and what makes the Junior Exhibitor rings so much fun. Junior Exhibitors, the judge and spectators always have a lot of fun and a great time in the ring.

It is obvious our Junior Exhibitors take much pride in the presentation of their cats and their knowledge of the cat fancy. As where some of them may start out a bit shy and soft-spoken, they soon grow to be confident enough to clearly answer the judge's questions and to tell the spectators about the cat they are presenting.

All Junior Exhibitors start at the novice level. They need to meet certain requirements in order to move forward to the next level and to be eligible for regional, national and even international awards. One of the requirements is that they are a Junior TICA member and that they need to own or co-own the cat they are showing. For this, you, the parent, simply fill out the back of your cat's registration form, add your child's name and send it to TICA.

The Junior Exhibitor program is so much more than just showing cats and answering questions. We have seen this program build confidence in children. We have seen children bloom that are normally shy. The children gain a wealth of information and experience in the cat fancy. They learn about friendship with other Junior Exhibitors and above all, they learn about good sportsmanship, which is so important to instill in our children.

Growing a program like this in a region takes a lot of work and commitment. From now on, the Junior Exhibitor Liaison position has become a team effort with myself and Bonnie Charvat who has graciously offered to help me with the program and scoring. Together we are working on helping Junior Exhibitors and their parents to meet the program's requirements and we hope to welcome many more Junior Exhibitors in the South East region!

If you would like to know more about the Junior Exhibitors program please contact one of us for more information:

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Did You Know..??..  
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202.4.3 Show License Fees

202.4.3.1 \$15 per Allbreed Ring

202.4.3.2 \$15 per Specialty Ring (LH/SH)

202.4.3.3 \$10 Breed specialty or Household Pet ring (must be at least 20 entries present and competing per Show rules 21.69, 21.71 and 21.72)

202.4.3.4 \$10 per Allbreed Household Pet Ring (Stand Alone Show)

202.4.3.5 \$5 per Specialty Household Pet Ring (Stand Alone Show)

202.4.3.6 The club is required to pay these fees.

202.4.4 Late Show License Application. The Executive Office shall charge a \$25 late Application for Show License Fee to any club that does not have the proper paperwork in hands of the Executive Office staff 60 days prior to the show.

*Taken from TICA Show Rules*

These are the fees clubs have to pay before the show..!!..  
Get your early bird money in now..!!..

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# The Beauty Part to Cat shows

*Written by Laurie Patton*

Getting ready for a cat show can sometimes be exhausting... One has to pack for the cat, pack for the show hall, and of course pack for yourself..!!.. Oops what about the cat..??.. Well whether you have a long or shorthaired cat a bath is still in order... Sure a long hair bath is more time consuming but when you finish blow drying your cat aren't you proud of your work..??.. Shorthaired cats still shed and you have to make sure you get out as much dead hair as possible... Can you see Miss America with bed hair..??..

Condition is another area... Our cats depend on us for their health... Regular vet visits, good food, and of course playtime are part of conditioning... A cat that is too thin or too fat is not in optimal condition... A cat that is flabby is also not in condition... Just because you have a big cat it doesn't mean they can't be rock solid and full of muscle... Could Jack Sprat's wife win the Miss America title..??..

Dirty ears, dirty noses, dirty eyes, unclipped nails (Can be a DQ) are all things judges should not see on any cat... Unfortunately they do see it many times at a cat show... Don't let your cat come to the show being Jack Sprat's wife or Miss America without a manicure, with bed hair, 30 pounds over weight, and a face full of zits...

Present your cat as the winners they should be..!!..

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## True Friendship

True friendship isn't seen with the eyes, it is felt with the heart.  
When there is trust, understanding, loyalty, and sharing.  
True friendship is a rare feeling, but when it is found  
It has profound impact on our well-being, strength, and character.  
True friendship does not need elaborate gifts  
Or spectacular events in order to be valuable or valued.  
To ensure long-lasting quality and satisfaction,  
True friendship only needs a few key ingredients:  
Undying loyalty, unmatched understanding, unsurpassed trust,  
Deep and soulful secrets, and endless sharing.  
These ingredients, mixed with personality and a sense of humor,  
Can make a friendship last a lifetime!  
This is just a thank you, my friend, for all the wonderful and colorful  
Special ingredients You've brought to my life!  
Pass this on to such a friend!

- Author Unknown  
Submitted by Ed Manning



