

SE REGION NEWSLETTER

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LAURIE PATTON — SE REGIONAL DIRECTOR

A Note From Your Director

Two months down and I wonder where the time has gone... The phone tree is almost complete...!!.. One campaign promise down...!!.. Thank you to Judith Johnson for organizing all of the members and doing such a great job...!!.. The Disaster Committee is all put together and hopefully I will get an update from them ... The show managers yahoo group has



also been started, and I thank Angela and George for making that happen... Rene will be at a show near you with her "Bits & Pieces" during lunch... How exciting that so many things are starting to happen... Let's keep moving...!!..



MEET YOUR NEIGHBOR

SHANA SCANLIN

I live in Nashville, Tennessee. I have loved cats all my life. My very first cat show was when I was a toddler in California sitting on the floor with my blue point Siamese. I officially started showing cats as a teenager when my mother founded the Berryhille Cattery and the Christmas City Cat Club 28 years ago in Pennsylvania.



Around 1987, I took my first stab at breeding Sphynx. I was the first person in Pennsylvania to own and breed them. I produced one litter and then stepped away from it to enlist in the United States Air Force. During Desert Storm, I served in the capacity of Air Traffic Controller in the United Kingdom. After leaving the military, I returned to Pennsylvania to work for a short time with my mother, breeding and showing Exotic Shorthairs.

About three years ago, I moved to Nashville, Tennessee. I just couldn't stay away from the cat fancy, so I joined SouthernSophiticats and acquired my first Balinese. Since the Bali didn't like showing, I began my search for a new baby. That led me to my current beautiful American Bobtail Longhair.

I work as a Program Coordinator at Vanderbilt University Medical Center and I enjoy reading and digital photo editing.

HAPPY SAINT PATRICK'S DAY



CAT FACT

(The Secret Language of Cats)
By: Heather Dunphy)

In Egypt, the cat is known by the name "miw," in China by "maow," and in Thailand by "maa-oh" or "meo," just like the sound most commonly associated with our felines.

MEET THE BREED

AMERICAN BOBTAIL

General Description

Reminiscent of the wild cats, the American Bobtail is a medium-large to large, naturally occurring short-tailed cat, native to North America. It is a well-muscled, solid cat with the power and grace of an athlete. It has the gaze of the hunter and the rolling gait that, along with its naturally bobbed tail, give it the resemblance to the wild cats but with the loving affection and intelligence of the domestic cat. No two tails are identical so they are truly the hallmark of the individual and are proudly held above the back when the cat is alert, often wagging to express the cat's mood. Developed by nature to survive in its native environment, the American Bobtail has above average intelligence and is a breed of moderation rather than extremes taking up to 3 years to reach full maturity.

History

Although the Bobtail has been in America for many generations, the true development of the breed began in the late 1960's. Every breeder of the American Bobtail has heard the story of Yodi, the patriarch of the breed. John and Brenda Sanders, a young couple, were vacationing in the southwest. They were driving through an Indian Reservation in Arizona when they discovered a brown tabby kitten with a short tail and decided to take their new pet home to Iowa. When Yodi became of age, he romanced the couple's female cat, Mishi, a non-pedigreed domestic color point. The resulting kittens inherited Yodi's unusual short tail. The kittens soon caught the eye of family friends, Mindy Shultz and Charlotte Bentley, who saw the possibility of a new breed of felines. Using several of these bobtailed kittens and outcrossing to a longhaired color point, they produced the first true American Bobtails.

In 1989, TICA recognized the American Bobtail as a naturally occurring breed of cat. The foundation stock of this breed comes from feral cats possessing a natural short tail from different regions of the United States and

Canada. Most breeders no longer use feral bobtailed cats in their breeding programs.

Personality

The American Bobtail is a great family pet who attaches itself to the whole family, not just one person. The breed gets along with children as well as other pets, including the family dog. They want to be with the family rather than being alone. They have a subtle personality which is affectionate and loving rather than demanding or in your face. Most are moderately active without being either a "couch potato" or a "perpetual motion" machine. They can easily be taught to "walk" on a leash and play fetch.

Traits

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.





RECIPES



Corned Beef 'n' Cabbage Recipe

Prep: 10 min. Cook: 45 min.

Ingredients

4 cups water
1 corned beef brisket with spice packet (2 pounds)
1 medium head cabbage, cut into 8 wedges
2 large red potatoes, cut into 2-inch chunks
1 can (14-1/2 ounces) chicken broth
4 large carrots, cut into 2-inch chunks
1 medium onion, cut into 2-inch pieces



Corned Beef and Cabbage Recipe photo by Taste of Home

Directions

In a 6-qt. pressure cooker, combine water and contents of corned beef seasoning packet; add beef. Close cover securely. Turn regulator knob to pressure and select high pressure. Cook for 45 minutes. Meanwhile, in a large saucepan, combine the cabbage, potatoes and broth. Bring to a boil. Reduce heat; cover and simmer for 10 minutes. Add carrots and onion. Cover and simmer 20-25 minutes longer or until vegetables are tender; drain.

Release pressure according to manual instructions. Remove beef to a serving platter. Discard cooking liquid. Serve beef with cabbage, potatoes, carrots and onion. **Yield:** 4-6 servings.

Easter Tulip Cookies

Ingredients

1 1/2 cups butter, softened
1 cup powdered sugar
1/4 teaspoon salt
1 teaspoon vanilla extract
2 3/4 cups all-purpose flour, sifted

Simple Icing

6 cups powdered sugar
2 tablespoons meringue powder
1/2 teaspoon lemon juice
Food coloring paste or drops



Too cute to eat Easter Tulip Cookies -- Southern Living

Icing: Whisk together first 3 ingredients and 6 to 8 Tbsp. water until smooth. Divide mixture into 5 to 6 small bowls; tint icing in each bowl with desired food coloring paste or drops, stirring until blended.

Directions

1. Beat butter, sugar, and salt at medium speed with a heavy-duty electric stand mixer until creamy. Add vanilla; beat until well blended. Gradually add flour, beating at low speed until blended. (Dough will be very soft.) 2. Divide dough into 2 equal portions; wrap each with plastic wrap, and flatten into a disc. Chill 2 to 24 hours. 3. Preheat oven to 350°. Unwrap 1 dough disc on a well-floured surface. Cover with a large piece of plastic wrap, and roll to 1/4-inch thickness; cut into desired shapes with 3 1/2-inch cookie cutters. Place 1 inch apart on ungreased baking sheets. Chill 15 minutes. Repeat procedure with remaining dough disc. 4. Bake at 350° for 14 to 17 minutes or just until edges are lightly browned. Cool on baking sheets 5 minutes. Transfer to wire racks, and let cool completely (about 30 minutes). Decorate cookies with Simple Icing. Let stand 1 hour or until icing is firm.



ODDS AND ENDS



CUTE AND CUDDLY FELINES



A kiss is just a whisker away

Carmen Miranda never looked so good



Ho! Ho! Ho! Here comes Santa Paws

Is there room for one more?



WHAT IS YOUR CAT'S STRANGEST BEHAVIOR, FUNNY PHOTOS OR ARTWORK

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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