

SE Region November 2010 Newsletter



Meet Your Neighbors

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1. What breed do you work with..??.. How long..??.. I've been showing Norwegian Forest Cats since 1996 and started my cattery in 1999. They're a wonderful breed of cat.
2. If you could, what other breed of cat would you like to work with..??.. There are so many great cats. I had a Siberian for a short while, so I think I'd like to work with them -- if I could.
3. What is your most memorable win..??.. I actually have two, one in another association and one in TICA. My very first show cat became a Grand Premier in the ring in which her breeder was clerking. It was very special. In TICA, I had my first Supreme Grand Champion Alter just last year in Frances Yow's ring. I was so proud of Mr Kristjan, even though I didn't breed him.
4. How did you start in the world of cats..??.. A friend talked me into entering two household pets in a show. After I'd gotten the cages set up, she came over to me and said, "come meet your new baby. She's yours but you have to show her." It's been a blast.
5. What, if any other hobbies..??.. I love to read, especially with a cup of hot coffee on the table next to me. I also knit. It's a bit hard with all the furry bodies lying around the house and on me.

Meet The Breed

Norwegian Forest Cat

General Description

The Norwegian Forest Cat is a healthy, robust natural breed that developed over hundreds of years of natural selection in a harsh climate. They are a slow-maturing breed that may take up to five years to reach full maturity. This is a fairly low-maintenance breed, requiring minimal grooming. The Norwegian Forest Cat (or "Wegie") is an interactive, playful, loving member of any household.

History

The Norwegian Forest Cat's strong, sturdy body and thick coat are testaments to their evolution over the centuries in Scandinavia. They traveled with the Vikings, keeping their ships and villages free of vermin. Referred to as the "Skogkatt", the Norwegian Forest Cat has been included in Viking legend and mythology. By the 20th century, the Norwegian Forest Cat was becoming a rarity in its native land and was at risk of extinction. Consequently plans were started to ensure the future of the national cat in the 1930s but WWII interrupted this work. Finally in the 1970s the Norwegians put a special breeding program in place to protect the breed-and the breed received royal recognition when the late King Olaf designated them the official cat of Norway. The first breeding pair was imported into the United States in 1979. The International Cat Association was the first North American registry to grant Championship status to the Norwegian Forest Cat in 1984.

Personality

Intelligent and resourceful, the Norwegian Forest Cat is a mild-mannered breed that adapts easily to its environment. They are very interactive cats who enjoy being part of their family environment and love to play with any one who enjoys a game!

Traits

The Norwegian Forest Cat's body is large, muscular and substantial. Its strength and agility make it a natural hunter able to climb any surface. The water-resistant, semi-long coat with a dense undercoat developed to help the cat survive in the harsh Scandinavian climate. During the cooler months, the ruff is full and the dense woolly undercoat thickens to protect the cat from the cold. In the summer, the coat will be shorter although it will still have a water repellent texture. The tail is long, full and flowing. While the coat is full and dense in the winter months, it is also a coat that does not require the daily care of some other longhaired breeds. It is a good idea, though, to give a little extra combing in the Spring when it is changing its heavy winter coat for its summer one. Its minimal care requirements make this the ideal longhair for the busy active family! The Norwegian Forest Cat's head is the shape of an equilateral triangle, the profile of the nose long and straight. Eyes are large, almond-shaped, set at an oblique angle and very expressive. Ears are large, wide at the base and arched forward. Variety is the spice of life-and the Norwegian Forest Cat comes in a rainbow of colors for you to choose from.

(Taken from the TICA breed pages.) Laurie Patton



Thanksgiving Recipes

Some family favorites

Scalloped Corn

Ingredients

1/4 cup chopped green pepper
1/4 cup chopped onion
5 tablespoons butter
2 cups soft bread crumbs
2 cans cream-style corn
1 can whole kernel corn, drained
2 eggs
1/4 cup dry bread crumbs

Directions

In a large skillet, saute green pepper and onion in 4 tablespoons butter until tender. Stir in the soft bread crumbs, corn and eggs. Transfer to a greased 8-in. square baking dish.

Melt the remaining butter; toss with dry bread crumbs. Sprinkle over casserole. Bake, uncovered, at 350° for 25-30 minutes or until bubbly. Makes 5 servings.

Scented Rice in Baked Pumpkin

Ingredients

1 small pie pumpkin (about 2 pounds)
1 tablespoon olive oil
1/2 cup uncooked brown rice
1 cup water
1/4 cup coarsely chopped pecans, toasted
3 dried apricots, chopped
2 tablespoons raisins
1/4 teaspoon salt
1/4 teaspoon curry powder
1/8 teaspoon ground cinnamon
1/8 teaspoon ground cardamom, optional
1/8 teaspoon ground cumin

Directions

Wash pumpkin; cut into six wedges. Remove loose fibers and seeds from the inside and discard or save seeds for toasting. Brush wedges with oil. Place onto an ungreased 15-in. x 10-in. x 1-in. baking sheet. Bake at 400° for 35-40 minutes or until tender.

Meanwhile, in a small saucepan, bring rice and water to a boil. Reduce heat; cover and simmer for 20-25 minutes or until liquid is absorbed and rice is tender. Stir in the pecans, apricots, raisins, salt, curry, cinnamon and cardamom if desired. Set four pumpkin wedges aside for another use. Sprinkle cumin onto remaining wedges; top with rice mixture. 2 servings.

Southeast Regional

Rolling Out The Red Carpet The A “cat” emy Awards

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

Ring Sponsors and Judges Dinners Sponsors are available.

Don't miss the “show premier” party on Friday Night at the hotel - FREE

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.

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.
Get your star today!

Goodie bags will be available at the dinner courtesy of Kitt Flicks Productions. You are welcome to bring a little gift announcing your wins for the show year as well.
Get your thinking caps on now!

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Quote of The Month

It requires less character to discover the faults of others, than to tolerate them.

J. Petit Senn

Clerking School

Skyway Cat Club is hosting a clerking school on Saturday November 20, 2010 at the show hall following judging. Anyone wishing to attend please sign up with Laurie Patton @ PiratesLairMC@aol.com

The school is free but you must print your own copy of the clerking manual from the TICA web site



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

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

Claudia & Laurie

Don't forget that the SE Region is on Facebook

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

Until next month!

