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A Note From Your Director

The October Ballot should be out. It includes those running for Regional Director (for those regions), the one proposal (for all), and we are also including for those on the Peterbald breed section, their requested updated Breed Standard to vote on. Hopefully, all TICA members realize that they will only receive a ballot if their membership was current by the deadline date. As usual, members will have 45 days to vote.



Also, with the holidays approaching fast, please make sure your felines are safe from toxic foods.

“It’s ALL About the Cats”

Laurie

MEET YOUR NEIGHBOR

1. My residence and cattery "ClockworkCatz Ragdolls" is located in Toccoa, Georgia USA.
2. My family members: Cubby, Abu, Puffy, Pickle and Rosy < These are my adult Ragdolls.
3. Have always loved all creatures. A very long time ago a friend, "Jane the cat lady" whom I knew through training and showing horses gave me three orphaned kittens to raise. Then Moody Blue came into my life, loved and cared for her. She crossed over the rainbow bridge at 21 years, 2 weeks and 3 days (had all her teeth too). Dx: worn out parts.
4. I enjoy seeing all cats and creatures at their "PEAK CONDITION" and I very much enjoy the things I learn from expert judges, the friendships I make and seeing unusual breeds. But the best thing is seeing them in peak condition.
5. I wish to form a solid friendship with someone who can become my travel partner, so that I may attend more shows. I have reliable transportation with plenty of space to haul one person, and their two cats. Plus equipment. I am insured and a safe driver, fair minded and appreciative if someone can go 50/50 on gas and hotel. I desire to also show out of the SE Region into the Central South and Central East areas. Contact me: Nora Catz on Facebook and LIKE my page. My website is: <http://www.clockworkcatz.com/>



My cats are gentle and fully vetted.

Nora Catz

THANKSGIVING FOODS THAT ARE TOXIC TO CATS

Turkey (or any meat)

All meat should be well cooked and always boneless.

Sage

Cats are especially sensitive to this herb, it can cause stomach upset and central nervous system depression.

Bread dough

Raw dough could actually rise in your pet's sensitive tummy causing discomfort or an even more serious emergency.

Cake batter

Raw eggs can cause salmonella infection in your pet, just as it can for anyone in your family. Stick to dog biscuits and kitty treats instead of this sugary concoction.

Too much of anything

Little tastes of human food could cause stomach pains, diarrhea and even pancreatitis in your pet. The same goes for you, you should both practice moderation!

Wrappings

Dispose of aluminum foil, plastic wrap and wax paper. While licking up food left on these wrappings pets can ingest some of the wrapper, leading to intestinal obstructions. Also, look out for tooth picks, skewers and used silverware.

Hot food

When carrying hot food from the stove or to the table, be sure little Fluffy isn't taking that moment to weave through your legs.

Source: ASPCA.org, Bay Animal Hospital, home.lifegoesstrong.com

DIS YOU KNOW CAT FACTS

- Cats have five toes on each front paw, but only four toes on each back paw.
- Cats have true fur. They have an undercoat and outercoat.
- The cat is a social animal. A pet cat will respond and answer to speech, and seems to enjoy human companionship.
- When well taken care of, a cat can live twenty or more years.
- A cat cannot see directly under its nose which is why a cat cannot seem to find tidbits on the floor.
- Cats have AB blood groups just like people.
- People that are allergic to cats are actually allergic to cat saliva or to cat dander.
- Cats lack a true collarbone. They can generally squeeze their bodies through any space that they can get their heads through.
- Many cats cannot properly digest cow's milk. Milk and milk products give them diarrhea.
- Cats do get cancer and can have a form of AIDS.
- Cats can have gum disease. The vet should clean their teeth once a year.
- Most cats have no eyelashes.
- Cats with white fur and skin on their ears are very prone to sunburn. Frequent sunburns can lead to skin cancer.
- Cats can get tapeworms from eating fleas and mice.
- You can tell a cat's mood by looking into its eyes. A frightened or excited cat will have large round pupils. An angry cat will have narrow pupils. The pupil size is related as much to the cat's emotions as to the degree of light.
- A cat is pregnant for 58-65 days.
- White vinegar is good to neutralize cat urine odor.
- Cat "kneading" behavior is left over from kittenhood when they kneaded their mother's belly for milk. The marching or kneading means that the cat is happy.
- A cat's normal temperature is 101.5 degrees F. The critical environmental temperature is about 97 F, at which point a cat begins to pant to cool itself down. Sweat Glands exist in the pads of the feet and are scattered over the body, but sweating is not a temperature-regulating mechanism in cats.
- Blue-eyed white colored cats are often born deaf. That is due to the gene that gives them their white coat is connected to deafness.
- Cats with white feet are mistakenly called Boots, that white-pawed condition is referred to as "gloves" by those who truly know.
- Nearly 10% of a cat's bones are in its tail.
- A cat has 245 bones in their body, as they grow older some of the bones fuse and the number becomes smaller.
- Cats have 30 teeth. Kittens have baby teeth which around 7 months are replaced with permanent fangs.
- The Pilgrims introduced cats to N. America.
- A cat spends about 30% of her life grooming itself.
- An old barber shop tonic called Bay Rum makes an excellent skin toner for cats, adds sheen to their coats and they like the smell.
- A cat's hearing is one of the sharpest in the animal kingdom.
- A cat can recognize her owner's foot steps from hundreds of feet away.
- They can also recognize the sound of their owner's cars.
- A cat's eyes shine at night due to a reflective layer called the tapetum lucidum, it contains tiny crystal-like reflective properties. So when light hits a cat's eyes it bounces back and makes it look as though the cat's eyes are glowing.
- The life expectancy for a cat was 8 years in 1930 which has now doubled to 16 years.
- Cats are native to all continents except Australia and Antarctica.





RECIPES and CRAFTS



BAKED APPLE ROSES

Ingredients:

Here's what you need to make 6 of your own roses:

- 4 apples, cored and halved (leave the skin on)
- Juice from 1/2 lemon
- 3 Tbsp fruit preserves (I used apricot but you can use your favorite fruit)
- 2 Tbsp water (plus more for apple soak)
- 1 sheet of puff pastry
- Cinnamon, to taste

Instructions:

- Preheat Oven to 375 degrees
- Put apple slices in microwave safe bowl. Fill bowl with water and juice from half a lemon. Use enough water to make sure apple slices are covered by water. Microwave for 3 minutes. This will soften the apple slices and make them more pliable for rolling up.
- Next grab a sheet of puff pastry. Flour your board and roll out the puff pastry enough to make 6 strips at 3 inches wide. I scored and cut mine with a pizza wheel but you can use a knife.
- In a bowl mix your favorite fruit preserves with a couple tablespoons of water. Then spoon out the preserves in the center of the strip of puff pastry.
- Next place the apple slices long ways halfway on the strip. Keep adding slices until you reach the end. Then fold the puff pastry over the bottom of the apple slices.
- Roll up the puff pastry and place in a greased muffin tin.
- Bake the apple roses for 35-45 minutes.
- Pull out of oven and let cool for 5 minutes.

This would be such a beautiful dessert for any occasion, but I am definitely bookmarking it for Thanksgiving. I know my family will be so impressed by these (and it doesn't hurt that they'll think I spent a ton of time on them!)

Have you tried making apple roses before? What flavor would you use? Blueberry, cherry, orange?

Inspiration for this video comes from: Cooking with Manuel



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