

SE Region October 2010 Newsletter



Meet Your Neighbors

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1. What breed do you work with..??.. How long..??..

Currently Bengals (16 years) and Japanese Bobtails (6 years)

I started with Himalayans and Persians in 1985 for ten years and was tired of long hair.

I had Maine Coons, Sphynx, Munchkins (pet only), Exotics, bred a few litters to learn about them and educate myself. After finding the Japanese Bobtails that was the breed I fell in love with and the bobs and bengals get along very well at this time.

2. If you could, what other breed of cat would you like to work with..??..

Toyger or Aby

3. What is your most memorable win..??..

Bengal of the Year in 2002

Bengal Supreme in May 2010

4. How did you start in the world of cats..??..

When my children were young in I would walk up and down the aisles with my stroller at cat shows and bug all the breeders, ask too many questions, etc., and then one finally sold me a cat, a red tabby Persian. I learned about red and red tabbies quickly! Actually in all my childhood photos I am holding a cat or a cat was at my feet and a hula hoop in my hand. I always picked up the neighborhood strays, I said it followed me home, lol, brought them home, fed them, but could not keep them in the house. I always said when I grow up I will keep my cats in the house as many as I want to! I have been drawn to cats, and cats drawn to me, I never set out to be a judge, or put on shows, just naturally happened because I enjoy it.

3. What, if any other hobbies..??..

Ice Skating, Yoga, Fishing, Hunting, Dining



Meet The Breed

JAPANESE BOBTAIL

General Description

The Japanese Bobtail is the good luck cat of Japan. When visiting Japan, one sees a ceramic cat with a raised paw beckoning in many doorways and it is the traditional symbol of good luck. The Japanese Bobtail is a natural breed originating in Japan with a chiseled head structure and stylized angular lines. It is an ancient breed that is portrayed in manuscripts and paintings for at least 1,000 years. Like the bright colors of the beckoning cat, it comes in many colors but the favored ones are rich, vibrant, and bright. The favorite color is the mi-ke or tri-colored cat. Vividly contrasting colors and bold dramatic patterns are preferred on all bi-colors. The unique feature of the cat is its bobbed tail that consists of a variety of kinks and curves creating a pom-pom effect-like a fingerprint, no two tails are ever the same. If you're looking for an active athletic cat with elegant flowing lines, these porcelain-like cats may be just what you're looking for! Enjoy their rambunctious antics while admiring their structure all dressed in rich deep colors and bold patterns.

History

Written records and paintings document the existence of the Japanese Bobtail in Japan for at least 1,000 years in both coat lengths. A 15th century painting in the Smithsonian Institute in Washington, DC shows two longhaired bobtails with their coats parted down their backs and a feathery pom-pom for the tail. There are also sketches of the Japanese Bobtail sitting next to geishas. As with other ancient breeds, there are many legends and traditions surrounding its origin.

In 1968 the Japanese Bobtail arrived in North America when breeder Judy Crawford sent the first cats to Elizabeth Freret in the USA. When Judy returned to the USA, she brought more of the cats with her and worked with Elizabeth Freret to get the delightful breed recognized. TICA initially recognized the shorthaired Japanese Bobtail for competition in June 1979. Even though the longhaired cats had also existed for centuries, TICA only recognized them for competition in March 1991.

Personality

These charming cats are very active and intelligent. They enjoy companionship and have loving, outgoing personalities and love to talk to you with a large vocabulary of soft chirps and meows. The Japanese Bobtail loves to play whether it is splashing in water, engaging in a game of fetch, or pouncing and dancing with a beloved toy. When not busy playing, these busy cats are off exploring every nook and cranny, whether it is investigating the contents of a cupboard or leaping to the top of the bookcase to get a better view of what is happening outside. These active cats are not lap cats-while they will settle for a short nap, they are too busy to stay still for long and are quickly off to the next adventure. They are loyal to their family and adapt well to other pets and children making them an excellent addition to any family.

(Taken from the TICA breed pages.) Laurie Patton

Halloween Kitty Litter Cake

Ingredients

1 spice or German chocolate cake mix
1 white cake mix
1 large pkg vanilla instant pudding mix
1 pkg vanilla sandwich cookies
A few Tootsie Rolls
Brand new litter pan
Brand new litter scooper



Prepare the cake mixes according to the directions on the boxes. Use any size pans. Allow the cakes to cool to room temperature. Prepare the pudding mix and put it in the refrigerator for now. Crumble the white sandwich cookies in a small bag. Set aside all but about 1/4 cup. Crumble the room temperature cakes into a large bowl. Toss gently with half of the remaining white cookie crumbs and enough chilled pudding to moisten (not soak) the crumbs. Put the cake, cookie crumbs, and pudding mixture into a brand new, clean litter box. Roll the Tootsie rolls in your hands until they're soft and pliable. Pinch the ends so they are no longer blunt and look convincingly like cat poop. Repeat this process with as many Tootsie rolls as you'd like to add. Reserve three for the final garnish. Bury the shaped Tootsie rolls in mixture and sprinkle them with the other half of the cookie crumbs. Shape the last three Tootsie rolls and scrape them on top of the cake. One can hang over the side of the litter box. Sprinkle them lightly with cookie crumbs. Serve with a brand new litter scooper for that extra touch!

<http://www.kristianhoffman.com/kitty-litter.htm>



Quote Of The Month

“Follow your honest convictions, and stay strong.”

William Thackeray

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!

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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!

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

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