

## SE Region October 2011 Newsletter





## Meet Your Neighbors

Kim & The Black Pack of GA www.youtube.com/user/KimsCats1 www.facebook.com/RagaMuffinOwen www.kibbleforkritters.com

My breed? HHPs. I have a DLH rescue, Mickey, a tuxedo, whom I found at Petco/Cat Haven Rescue in Evans, GA. Mickey did extremely well at the Kudzu show in July, 2011, his first two-day show. As we are both newbies to showing, I'm very happy as this is new for him and he's 'mostly' cooperative.

I recently adopted a DSH kitten, "Only One More Smudgsicle," a tuxedo who will make his debut at Cattyshack in September. Smudgsicle is a rescue whom I adopted from CSRA Happy Tails Rescue of Appling, GA.

In addition to Mickey and Smudgsicle, I have RagaMuffin tuxedos Oona, Owen, Ozzzy, and ObieTrice. Oops! SheDaisey is a RagaMuffin, however she's black on white. I love black and white, and I can thank my mother for that. My tuxedo cat thing started in 2000, with my first RagaMuffin.

Other hobbies? I work in my yard--three acres of bushes to chop, grass to mow and plant beds to weed. It gives my brain a rest and it's good therapy. There's always cat brushing, litter pan cleaning (we use a four foot Walmart baby pool), Drinkwell cleaning, vacuuming to do, you know the drill. These cats are a lot of work!

What pays the cat food bills? I work for a small hotel company in the Augusta, GA area. We have the Baymont Inn & Suites/Augusta Riverwatch, the Best Western Evans Hotel (Grovetown) and a small independent motel in Martinez. I handle sales & marketing stuff and a whole bunch of "other duties as assigned," and I love it. I have a gracious hotel owner who allowed me to take an idea in 2008 and turn it into a yearly program, "Kibble for Kritters," which benefits CSRA Happy Tails Rescue. We have a December month-long pet food collection and a benefit breakfast each July, and the food collections and cash proceeds benefit the rescue. I'm currently trying to expand the program to other pet-friendly Best Western hotels in Georgia. Check out our site, <u>www.kibbleforkritters.com</u>and our FaceBook page. While this is a pet thing for me, it's also our Best Western hotel's community service project and I've been able to marry the both, we all benefit and I've made some great friends.

If I were to start all over again with cats, my choice would probably be ZOTS! Tuxedos, of course! There's something about those faces and lack of hair that just appeals to me.

Thank you to TICA and fellow feline fanciers for being so welcoming to us newbies!



## Recipe Of The Month

Cream Cheese Pound Cake

1 8oz block cream cheese-room temp

6 eggs-allow to get to room temp

3 sticks of butter-room temp

1 tb vanilla extract

3 c cake flour

3 c sugar

Cream together cream cheese and butter.

Add vanilla extract.

Add 2 eggs-mix.

Add 1 cup flour-mix

Add 1 c sugar-mix.

Continue to alternate the eggs, sugar and flour until mixed together.

Place into a 10 inch tube pan or 2 loaf pans-sprayed with Pam.

Place into cold oven-and turn on the oven and bake at just under 300 degrees for about 2 hours. Do not open the oven door during baking or cake will fall. Use toothpick to determine if done at the end of baking...I baked mine in a 10inch tube pan for 1 hour and 50minutes. Do Not use a bundt pan. It will not hold all of the batter.

Submitted by Susan Hamrick, Timeheart Havanas





## Did You Know ..??..

Reading a Standard



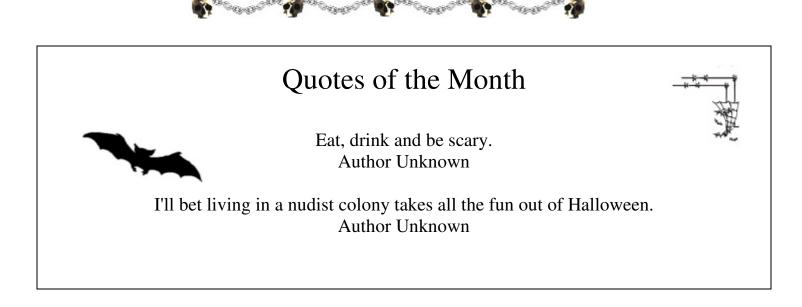
We all know that pedigree cats are bred to meet their written standard. We are all looking for the perfect show cat! For each breed there are 100 points awarded. Have you really looked at the points awarded for your breed's standard? Lets look at the points in the Bengal standard. Fifteen points are awarded for Pattern, ten points each for Texture and Color. One would gather that the Pattern, Color, and Texture of the Bengal are an important part of the breed. Now the Siamese Breed Group (Siamese, Balinese, Oriental LH/SH) Eyes have the most points with twelve being awarded, next comes ten points each for torso, musculature, texture, and length of coat. Knowing this, one would gather that the breeders of the Siamese Breed Group think their cat's eyes are very important! On to the Persian Breed Group (Persian, Himalayan, Exotic Shorthair) Ten points each for eyes, torso, boning, length/texture, and color/pattern. So a cat in this breed group better have proper eyes, body, and of course hair. Of course judges look at the whole cat when making their decisions and take into consideration what each breed standard wants them to judge against. All judges give two points each for eyes and ears because the cats have two of them  $\odot$ Now go look at the standard for your breed and dig into the points and see your breed like a judge might... All TCA breed standards can be found at the TICA web site.

http://www.tica.org/public/breeds.php#championship

Submitted by Laurie Patton







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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..!!..

Laurie

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