## LAURIE PATTON - SE REGIONAL DIRECTOR

A Note From Your Director ......

Congratulations on all of our International Award Winners in the Southeast Region..!.. What a grand accomplishment..!.. I hope many of you will be able to celebrate with us in Austria... If not I believe there will be a live stream during the ceremonies... Also in October all members will be getting a ballot to vote in the Regional Director election. You will be getting a ballot either by snail mail or by your TDS account via the TICA web site (https://online.tica.org/). If you do



not get a ballot by the end of October please contact the Executive Office of TICA to get one ((+1) (956) 428-8046)

#### Other information for the Southeast Region

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#### 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.)

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Our Cats - Purr-Star Solar Power, Karissimakat Spittnimage of Higrove, Pirateslair I Oughta Be In Pictures, Indian Summer Sky, Ay Chihuahua of Careycats,

Our Judges - Richard, Robin, Theresa, Barb, Clint, Rene, Carol, Steve, Laurie, Barbara, Toni, Rob, Lynne, Stephanie, Kim, Al, Robby

## **DID YOU KNOW?**

- The Ocicat breed was started from breeding a Siamese and an Abyssinian.
- The Birman is the only breed of cat that is required to have a roman nose.
- The Singapura is the smallest breed of cat.
- Cat bites are more likely to become infected than dog bites.



# **RECIPES and CRAFTS**



### **RECIPE OF THE MONTH 7 MINUTETUNA CASSEROLE**

1 can (6 1/2 oz.) tuna (drained
1 can (3 oz.) Durkee French fried onions
1/4 c. green pepper, thinly sliced
1 c. celery (thinly sliced)
1/4 t. onion powder
1 can (4 oz.) mushrooms (drained)
1 can cr. of celery soup

Combine one half can of French fried onions with other ingredients. Place in greased casserole. Bake at 350° for 25 mins. Sprinkle remaining onions on top. Bake 5 mins. Serves 4-5.



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