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A Note From Your Director



In a few weeks all members will be getting ballots for the upcoming 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) Please make sure all your information is updated on your TICA TDS account.



“It’s ALL About the Cats”

Laurie

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

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>

MEET THE BREED

KURILIAN BOBTAILS

General Description

The Kurilian Bobtail is a strong cat with a wild appearance, medium to large in size, brawny with strong substantial boning, but despite the Kurilian Bobtails looks they are very gentle. It is one of the thirteen natural breeds of cat recognized by TICA.



History

The Kurilian Bobtail is a natural breed of cat tracing its origins to the Russian Island of Sakhalin and to the Kuril Islands, an archipelago of approximately 56 volcanic islands, stretching 700 miles between the Russian peninsula of Kamchatka and the Japanese island Hokkaido, separating the Sea of Okhotsk from the Pacific Ocean. It is documented in Russia that cats with short tails have been on the islands for at least 200 years and were brought back to central Russia in the middle of the 20th century by members of the military or scientists. The Kurilian Bobtail was accepted to Championship status by TICA in 2012.

Personality

The character of the Kurilian Bobtail is independent, highly intelligent, clever, inquisitive, sociable, playful, trainable, absent of aggression and very gentle. They are devoted to their humans and when allowed are either on the lap of or sleeping in bed with their owners. They adapt well to other cats, children, dogs and other household pets. They are excellent jumpers and are inclined to survey their domain from the highest point available to them.

Traits

The true phenomenon of the Kurilian Bobtail is the pom-pom appearance of their tail. Every Kurilian Bobtail has a unique tail structure giving each its own unique signature. It is impossible to find two identical tails on the Kurilian Bobtail and such a diversity of tails gives even more charm to the breed. The body is medium to large, compact and semi-cobby, with a broad chest. On first seeing, Kurilian Bobtail you may think that the cat is not particularly heavy, but upon lifting the cat it becomes apparent that these marvelous creatures are very solid and brawny. Mature males can weigh as much as 15 pounds, however females are generally smaller weighing between 8 and 11 pounds. The coat is soft and silky, generally non matting and pleasant to the touch.



RECIPES and CRAFTS



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

Quotes of the Month

Eat, drink and be scary.

Author Unknown



I'll bet living in a nudist colony takes all the fun out of Halloween.



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