

CFA's Top 25 KITTENS 2013-2014

by Tracy Dalton

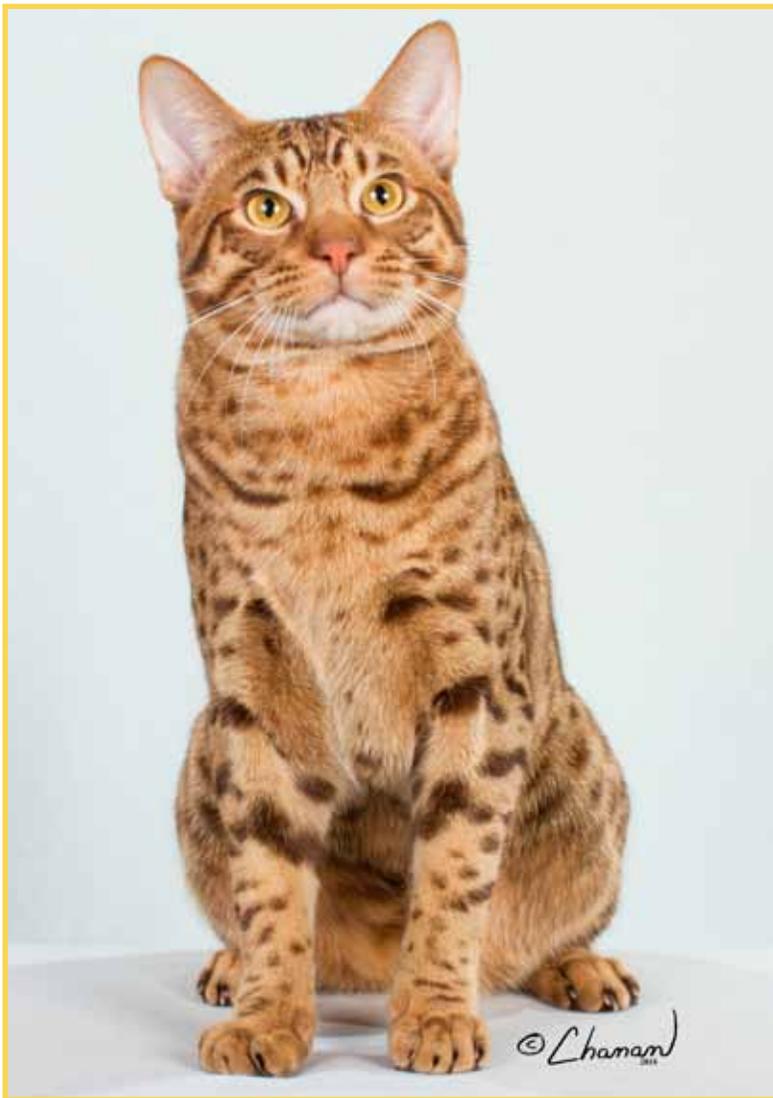
Best Kitten

GC, NW DOTDOTDOT BORNINTHEUSA OF WILD RAIN

Chocolate Spotted Ocicat Male

Breeder/Owner: Roger & Nancy Brown, David & Carol Freels

Submitted by Nancy Brown



We had high hopes for GC, NW DotDotDot BornintheUSA of Wild Rain. “Uncle Sam” and his litter brother, “GC, NW DotDotDot Reflections of Wild Rain” were part of the first litter we have raised in several years. The sire of this litter was a Wild Rain cat, and Calumet Cats cattery (owned by Fran Volkman) was closely involved in the litter’s pedigree.

When we started “Uncle Sam’s” run in August, he was just over four months of age and looked it. He was just a baby. Sam had three planned shows and about a month before National Capital, his training at “Ocicat Boot Camp” was extensive. He was assigned to play with a much younger boy who could hold his own in the muscles classes in climbing, wrestling, body building, mud wrestling and night stalking. We named his friend Semper Fi to encourage him to live up to our expectations as a Marine Drill Sergeant. Semper Fi’s sister, Rosie the Riviter, was a tough assistant, and they frequently would gang up on Sam to take him down.

Our Chihuahuas were his final test. He had to pass muster with these girly, but tough playmates, and they put him through a tough course.

Sam’s temperament was perfect for a travel show cat. Nothing bothered him. He loved going through airports, staying in motel rooms, and enjoyed crowds at the show as well as the other cats in attendance. He was frequently mobbed as he was leaving judging rings, and learned the “royal wave”.

Sam’s last kitten show was at the World Show where he was highest scoring kitten alongside his litter mate, GC, NW DotDotDot Reflections of Wild Rain, shown by David/Carol Freels. Reflections was highest scoring kitten in the Red show and second highest scoring kitten. Reflections is CFA’s 15th Best Kitten.

Second Best Kitten

GC, NW CHELSEA ROSE WATSON

Solid Blue British Shorthair Male

Breeder: Barbara Sinbine, Robert & Diana Belfatto

Owner: Cyndy Byrd, Andrea Bohren, Tina & Joan Patrone, and Connie Jacobson

Submitted by Cyndy Byrd

GC, NW Chelsea Rose Watson is the fifth National Winning British Shorthair kitten for my mom, Joan, and me. As in each previous year, Mom and I wait to hear from Cyndy and Andrea on their new litters and if, possibly, one of them could become our next potential show cat. It is never a question as to which one they will send, because it is always their best one. Watson, a beautiful and loving, sturdy, blue, male British Shorthair, with soft copper eyes and a wonderful coat, was the choice this year – and we could have never imagined that he would become CFA's Second Best Kitten.

Watson started his kitten career at the Santa Monica Cat Show with Cyndy and Andrea. Then Cyndy flew to Rochester, New York for his next show and to bring him to me. As soon as Cyndy took him out of his carrier, it was love at first sight. Watson took meeting his new mom and his new show cage like a seasoned pro, purring and head butting away. He did very well at the show, making 7 out of 10 finals, with many of the judges commenting that this was a kitten to watch out for. He also learned all about sisal poses, except that going to the very top was a little scary for a 4-month old Brit kitten. Our next show would be National Capital; Mom and I have always enjoyed going and would it would be extra special, as Cyndy and Andrea were coming to help show Watson. We had a blast at the show with my sister, Teresa, Cyndy, Andrea, Bruce and Jeri, shopping and eating Mom's special cookies. The weekend was made even better as Watson made 5 finals. We were so proud seeing him up in the ring with all of the beautiful kittens at the show.

Mom and I continued our journey with Watson, traveling to Illinois for our next show. My sister, Teresa, was coming, also, to show her beautiful Maine Coon kitten, Alysheba. Our hotel was an Extended Stay and Watson took one look at the kitchen and figured out quickly that the sink made a wonderful bed – and that when the refrigerator door opened, he fit very nicely on the shelf. He continued to do the same, every time we stayed at an Extended Stay. Watson and Alysheba had a great show and we had wonderful dinners with Teresa and Sharon and Bill Powell. Over the rest of September and October, Watson continued to do very well at the shows. The first week in November brought another trip to Cotton States and Mom and I, along with Teresa, had a great time.



The World Show in November was going to be Watson's last show with Mom and me, as he was going back with Cyndy and Andrea to finish his kitten show career. We had entered him in the Red Show and we hoped for the best. None of us could have ever dreamed that he would make 8 of 9 finals, including 2 Best All-breed Kitten's, and just miss being highest scoring kitten in show. After that, Mom and I came down from Cloud Nine and had a very tearful goodbye to our beloved Watson. Cyndy and Andrea finished Watson's kitten career in Portland and Phoenix. After the show in Arizona, Watson had vaulted into the number-two spot in the nation and best kitten in Region 5. Wow!

Mom and I would like to thank Cyndy and Andrea for their love and support – Your friendship is a treasured part of our lives. We would like to congratulate Allen 2 on his win with GC, NW Kittiesland Dream a Blue Doll. We would also like to thank Bruce Russell for letting us love and show the wonderful GC, RW Kinross Eragon.

To my sister, Teresa, Mom and I could not do it without your love and support. Congrats on your great year with Alysheba. A huge thank you to all of the judges who supported Watson throughout his show career. What a year!!

Third Best Kitten **GC, NW TOXICATE SUNDAE BONNET**

Brown Tabby & White Exotic Female

Breeder/Owner: Tracey Dalton

Submitted by Tracey Dalton and Shelby Friemoth

Most who know me, know that I at this time, did not “DO” birthing. So on April 11, 2013, Shelby & John Friemoth drove to their grooming job with GC Candirand’s Devilish Dreams “Devon” in tow. Devon was due this day and Shelby wasn’t taking any chances. So while she was grooming her 3rd Persian, Genie (Shelby’s client) told her that she thought Devon was pushing. Shelby laughed, thinking Genie had no clue.....but soon realized Devon WAS pushing. Devon delivered 2 babies within the next hour. After Shelby and John were done with their grooming, they packed up Devon and 2 babies and drove home. Needless to say, 5 minutes into the trip, Sundae Bonnet was born. Many, many, many thanks to Shelby Friemoth for delivering our baby.

In August, I had quite a few exotic kittens and Shelby and I both thought they were all pretty nice. Shelby had her favorite, GC Toxicate Masquerade, I had my favorite – Toxicate Blaze and John had his....a pretty little brown tabby and white kitten with a bonnet on her head.... hence the name Sundae Bonnet. So at the Ontario show in California, Shelby and I decided to bring all 9 exotic kittens to the show, just for

fun. There were 13 wonderful exotic kittens in show and each and every judge shook their heads in complete awe at the quality. While Masquerade took most of the orange ribbons, Sundae Bonnet clearly was BEST EXOTIC kitten, receiving 6 brown ribbons, 8 out of 10 finals and was 3rd Best Kitten in show.

From this point on....game on.... Sundae Bonnet was BEST kitten in show quite often. Shelby and I were so very excited, had a wonderful time showing her, a blast hanging out with all of our friends and never skipped a beat. On the week ending September 16/17, 2013, after only a total of 5 shows and 38 rings, Sundae Bonnet was a National Winning kitten with 2381.20 points. The 25th kitten at season end was 2169.80. Shelby dared me to pull her from competition, which she believed would make her the only NW kitten with under 40 rings, but both of us were too scared to not show her and besides, we were having so much fun. And, of course, we know that if we had stopped showing, all stats would have differed from the final result.

Thanks to everyone who loved Sundae. Thanks to all the judges who finaled her. Thanks to all our friends



who supported us during this fantastic, exciting adventure. Thanks also to Jeanne Snyder and Michelle Whitford for letting me use GC Pysmis Wuv Bug of Purfurvid. Special thanks to Shelby Friemoth – my partner in crime, my best friend and my strongest supporter.

4th Best Kitten
GC, NW KIT'S MAGIC BULLET OF RICHSON

Silver Tabby American Shorthair Male

Breeder: Chun-Kit Fung and Dawn Skupin

Owner: Richard Hoskinson and Kit & Joanne Fung

Submitted by Rick Hoskinson



In March of 2013, Rick judged a show in Hong Kong and while there made an inquiry if there were any silver tabby males of the same quality of GRC Kit's Doremon, which Rick helped to Grand at that show. Kit replied that he had a very young kitten, and later at that show, Joanne brought over a photo, of a kitten, that looked like a miniature adult.

Over the course of the next several months, Rick and Kit continued to correspond about the kitten. Finally, it was agreed that Rick would attempt to campaign the kitten and on May 14, 2013, Rick drove to Chicago to meet the flight that brought the kitten to America.

Rick said, "I couldn't believe my eyes when I looked into the carrier. Here was this beautiful kitten, kneading and purring up a storm, after a 19 hour flight." "AJ" as he is affectionately known, immediately took to the shows, earning a memorable Best Allbreed Kitten in his first ring from long time friend Hope Gonano.

But all was not without challenges. AJ decided early on that he didn't particularly enjoy traveling. He would scream the entire length of any journey, (after decorating the inside of his carrier with various offerings from both ends of his

body) including one memorable trip to the Oaks, Pennsylvania, where he screamed for 10 hours! But, even with that, AJ left an impressive and enviable record. He was never defeated in CFA kitten competition. He was highest scoring kitten every time he was entered, including the large summer shows at Garden State, Hidden Peaks, TGIF, and National Capital. He was also shown at Louisville in May, GL Regional in June, Sternwheelers in July and North Atlantic Fundraiser in August. The lowest he ever placed was fourth in an allbreed ring. He graded in style in one show (Indianapolis) under the expert agenting of Teresa Sweeney. AJ took it all in stride, and has retired to produce the next generation of beautiful Silver Tabbies. Rick, Kit and Joanne want to thank everyone who made this possible, especially Dawn and Mike Skupin, whose lifetime of devotion to the American Shorthair breed is apparent in this beautiful, once-in-a-lifetime cat!!

5th Best Kitten

GC, NW BRIAR-MAR CATCHING FIRE

Red Tabby-White Shorthair Manx Female

Breeder: Omar F. Gonzalez & Gary L. Veach

Owner: Omar F. Gonzalez & Gary L. Veach & Suki Lee

Submitted by Omar Gonzalez

GC Briar-Mar Catching Fire – a red classic tabby/white female Manx was bred by Omar Gonzalez and Gary Veach and co-owned with Suki Lee of Hong Kong. “Katniss” is the first born to her parents. Her sire is this year’s Fourth Best Cat – GC BW NW Mistysprings Chicago Fire. Her mother was a past National Winner as well, GC NW Kiomichi’s Margo of Briar-Mar and Sixth Best Kitten for the 2011-2012 show season. “Katniss” was special from the start; she is the picture of balance with a beautiful pattern and gorgeous expression. Few judges could resist her charms after just one look. She came out the first weekend in October and was shown for a total to ten shows over the course of seven weekends ending her kitten career at six months in mid-December. “Katniss” finished the show season as CFA’s Fifth Best Kitten and the North Atlantic region’s Best kitten for 2013-2014.

Although her career was short and uneventful, she like her father, always ranked the top three at most of the shows she attended. We are looking forward to seeing what the future holds for her.



6TH BEST KITTEN

GC, NW INSTINCTS COLUMBIA OF PURRMATIX

Ruddy Abyssinian Female

Breeder: Chris Giammarinaro

Owner: Deb Muratore & Terrie Smith

Submitted by Terrie Smith, Debbie Muratore, and Chris Giammarinaro



CFA’s 6th Best Kitten for the 2013-14 show season is an outstanding ruddy female Abyssinian named GC, NW Instincts Columbia of Purrmatix. When the litter was 8 weeks old, Terrie went to Chris and Debbie’s home to visit with the kittens. Terrie took one look at this little baby, and said “That’s the one....you’re getting a National Win on this baby!” Chris replied, “I’m going to need some help”, and Terrie replied “I will help you. She’s too good

not to campaign.” Terrie was touched and excited that Chris added Terrie as Columbia’s co-owner, as Terrie plans to pursue the judging program, and Chris and Terrie decided together to start a small Somali program with the help of Mary Franz.

Getting a National Win on Columbia was not that hard. Her outstanding type, clarity and density of color are remarkable; but what really sets her apart

is her wonderful show presence. From day one, she showed like a little dream. She was meant to be a “Star,” and she is one now!!!

Columbia’s first show was so exciting. Her dense coat sparkled with rich sienna coloring. Her large, brilliant eyes were so interested in her surroundings! She enjoyed being handled, and remained completely relaxed all weekend. We decided to continue to show her, and every weekend she went home with piles of rosettes and a belly full of Stella and Chewy’s, her favorite treats! She loved all of the attention! Bath time back at home was a pleasure; Columbia would just stand in the tub, and enjoy her beauty treatment!

A big thanks to Keith Kimberland who insisted that Columbia must attend Cotton States in Georgia. The show hall was fabulously decorated, and the kitten count was over the top! Columbia went home with several Best Kittens, and hundreds of points and now things started to get serious. Columbia attended the World show, and competed against the top Abyssinian kittens in the entire World. Gorgeous babies from Russia, France and the United States were there, and Columbia was Best Abyssinian kitten in show and excitingly she was even third highest scoring shorthair kitten on Saturday at the World Show.

Debbie would like to add the following: As one of Columbia’s owners

and exhibitors, I am extremely excited about my first National Win. One of my most exciting moments showing Columbia was at a show when the judge had ten special toys for his top ten kittens. He jokingly told Columbia to go pick her toy. She picked up a toy in her mouth and brought it back to the judge as if she was saying, “OK, this is my choice”. My heart went pitter patter. Not only is she beautiful, she is brilliant.

Terrie, Chris and Debbie would like to thank the judges and their friends for supporting this very special little lady. It has indeed been a year to remember. And thank you Columbia for being you. The perfect show cat. You are a treasure.

7th Best Kitten

GC, NW KITTIES LAND DREAM A BLUE DOLL OF CHELSEA ROSE

Solid Blue British Shorthair Female

Breeder: Wenwei Shi

Owner: Cyndy Byrd and Andrea Bohren

Submitted by Allen Shi

My name is Allen Shi, a British Shorthair lover that comes from Shanghai, China. GC, NW Kitties Land Dream a Blue Doll’s (Blue Doll) story all started from my British Shorthair dream.

Two years ago, I imported a couple of British blues from Lyndsey Kay Banfield, cattery Cromwell in Tasmania, Australia. After showing the male, Cromwell Benjamins Dream, to GC, DW and the female, Cromwell Me Oh My, to GC, I planed to let them produce kittens. Fortunately, Me Oh My gave me five very healthy blue babies. Blue Doll was the smallest kitten of the five at two months old. I never thought about bringing her to cat show until she was four months old. The little girl began to look like a male with a very sweet face. The most important thing was she had abnormally dense coat for her age. At the moment, there was a litter sister, Kitties Land Walk Under Sunshine, who also looked very nice. I decided to show both of

them to see what they would receive in the judge’s ring. So in September, I brought Blue Doll and Sunshine to a local 8 ring show in Shanghai. Blue Doll made 3 finals and Sunshine made 4 finals. Towards the end of the month, I made an 18 hours drive to Tianjin, China for their second show. These two girls took half of the best of breeds in the show. The following weekend, another 20 hour drive to Foshan, China for a 12 ring show. Again they won all the best of breeds out of 15 British kittens. Blue Doll began to indicate that she liked to show and got a little better results than Sunshine during this show. Though still very hard to say which one of them was better, I knew it was the time to only focus on girl.

The decision was finally made on October when my good friends, Cyndy Byrd and Andrea Bohren, came to Shanghai. Only Blue Doll would continue showing. Meanwhile, the British



Shorthair kitten really looked different every day. Blue Doll was in very good condition. She got almost all the best of breeds in the October shows and many Best Kittens. During the first weekend of November, Blue Doll went to her first show abroad, Chiang Mai, Thailand. She received 9 finals out of 12 rings in this show, becoming the Best Kitten in International/Latin American Division. After finishing another two shows in Shanghai and Shenyang in November, Blue Doll was going to Detroit for World Champion show. It was so exciting to meet many

friends in such a big party! Blue Doll was the best British Shorthair kitten in purple show. Thought came to my mind, maybe this girl could be a National Winner of this season! There were two more shows for Blue Doll in kitten class. They were the key to NW! I have to say that Blue Doll really knew what I was thinking about. Her perfect behavior made herself highest kitten in both shows. Finally, she reached 7th best kitten in the National standings and I knew she would not fall out. She is also the first British Shorthair National Winner in China!

I think breeding is a magical thing. The dream of producing better cats connects people come from different country together. I will treasure the memories of happy times with friends every weekend during these 4 months. I want to say thank you so much to Allen Chen, Cyndy, Andrea and Penni for great help and support. Thank you to all judges who liked Blue Doll and called her into finals. Especially thanks to Lyndsey for giving me the stunning parents of this girl. Also congratulations to all friends' great achievements in this wonderful season!

8th Best Kitten GC, NW MYSTIC ROSE MAGIC MAN OF PURRCASSO

Black and White Bicolor Persian Male

Breeder: Lisa Larcom
Owner: Noelle Giddings

submitted by Noelle Giddings

I first saw "Magic" on Facebook in a fuzzy baby picture and thought "what a cute kitten and too bad it is a boy." His breeder, Lisa Larcom, was a fellow exhibitor in my region. I was familiar with Magic's parents (GC, RW Phyxius So Not Solid of Mystic Rose and GC, RW Esta Valley's Anna of Mystic Rose, DM) having seen both of them shown and having seen several of the dam's past kittens. I was already in the process of showing a Premiership cat and at the time I wasn't looking for another male. However, I really liked what I saw and I learned from a mutual friend, Carl Cacho, that he had already seen the kittens in person and was impressed with them and that this may also be Anna's last litter. It was an opportunity hard to pass up and in the end it came to be that I would take Magic.

I met up with Lisa at the next local show and brought Magic home when he was 10 weeks old. I knew as soon as I saw him that he was a kitten I couldn't wait to show. He had just about all I could ask for...type, coat and personality. I had already planned out some shows for my Grand Pre-



mier, and the first one Magic would be old enough for was in Denver at the end of September, traditionally often a competitive show. I figured if he could go to that show and do much at barely 4 months old, then I might have something. And it turns out, I did. Magic was 4th highest scoring kitten in show despite a very competitive kitten

entry. At this point, I knew I was going to keep on going and see how far we could go.

The rest was a whirlwind. Magic continued to do well at each successive show. He took to the scene like he was born to it with a busy and playful manner. He wasn't above trying to

dismantle some of the decorations at the judge's table, as everything was a game to him. He even was referred to as the "Pit Bull Persian" after chewing and gripping the scratching post at one show with his mouth like a dog. As typical for kittens out of his dam, he grew quickly in size and put on massive coat as he developed.

At 5 months he did very well at the World Show (Purple) and was highest scoring bi-color Persian kitten and 10th best kitten overall. In retrospect, he had achieved enough points be-

fore he was even 6 months old for his National Win. As I came to realize I was going to have my first kitten NW, I then shifted my focus to trying for best kitten in our region, which in time he did achieve and held. The last 6 weeks of his kitten competition the counts dropped and he started to sit some shows out. In the end he pulled into 8th position nationally just missing 7th by a handful of points. He ended up being the highest scoring Persian kitten of any division for the season. I only showed him once as an adult where he was a half show grand with 5 rings be-

ing the first cat I graded in one show or less.

It was a blast to show Magic and he made it seem easy on one hand although it was a lot of work on the other. Thank you to Lisa for letting me have him, to my fellow exhibitors who were his fans and to the judges who used him in their finals. Magic has continued to grow and improve since retirement from the show ring and is now easily one of my largest cats.

9th Best Kitten

GC, NW MORADO' SODAPOPSHOPSHEBOP OF JOYCATEX

Brown Spotted Tabby and White Exotic Female

Breeder: Gabrielle Moore and Paula Yono

Owner: Long Zheng and Penni Richter

Submitted by Penni Richter

GC, NW Morado' Sodapopshopshebop of Joycatex (Soda), was one of SEVEN beautiful kittens out of GC Ginoba Marco Polo of Morado' x Morado Hakuna Matata.

Allen Chen (Long Zheng), was looking for a female for his breeding program and Penni saw pictures of this litter of kittens. She picked Soda as her favorite in the litter and mentioned her to Allen. Allen asked Gabrielle if he could buy her and she was his! In September, Penni flew to Washington State to pick up Soda, and one of her littermates for herself. The whole litter was all so amazing, it was such a pleasure to see them and hard for her not to take them all home!!

Allen asked Penni to show Soda as a kitten for him, he loved her and was very confident that she could get a National Win! Penni had nothing to show at the time, so she agreed. Soda's career started off with a slow start. There were many nice Exotic kittens out at the time, all beautiful and more mature than Soda. She made a few points here and there as a four month old, and made a few more as a five



month old. Not what Penni thought was needed to add up to a National Win. Allen kept his faith and never gave up, encouraging Penni to keep going!!

Penni returned home from a trip to China to see Soda at 6 months old, looking fabulous!!! Now was her time!

She went to shows with new energy and excitement for sweet Soda! Her first show out as a 6 month old was Dayton Cat Fanciers and she had a fantastic show, receiving the honor of highest scoring kitten in show. Soda spent the next two months doing very well at the shows she went to, including more highest scoring kitten honors and

receiving Best Exotic Kitten and third Best Kitten overall at the World Red Show. At the end of her kitten career, Soda ended up 9th Best Kitten Nationally and was lucky enough to stay there.

Allen and Penni are very grateful to the judges that loved her, and to Soda, who continued to blossom and become such a beautiful, sweet and enduring girl! As we write this, Soda is

now living her happy life in the home of Allen and Angela Chen, anxiously awaiting her first litter of babies out of GC, BW, NW – COTY Parti Wait EX Jackpot

10th Best Kitten
GC, NW CUZZOE COSMOPOLITAN
OF MORO

Blue Solid Persian Female
Breeder/Owner: Justin Pelletier,
Eric Valencia, and Anne Nenin
No Article Submitted



11th Best Kitten
GC, NW PARTI WAI MY BLUE HEAVEN OF CUZZOE

Blue and White Bicolor Persian Female
Breeder: Gloria Busselman
Owner: Gloria Busselman, Justin Pelletier, and Eric Valencia
Submitted by Eric Valencia



Before I begin with the story of my campaign, I would like to thank Gloria Busselman for allowing me to show such a wonderful kitten. The day Gloria emailed me a video of Haley I instantly fell in love. She was only about eight weeks

old, but already you could see she had potential. She was so full of herself too! I was able to fly out and pick Haley up just before our southern regional awards banquet and show. This show became the first chance I had to exhibit Haley myself.

After our first show together I knew it was just the beginning. A couple shows we attended required traveling by plane. Although flying is something I do not enjoy, knowing I was going to a show with her was enough to make me get on the plane. One of the shows we flew to was in Ontario, California. This show was held in the gymnasium of the middle school I attended. Brought back memories.

In the four months I showed Haley I had so much fun and, like every year, started new friendships. Thank you to all the judges that loved Haley and again to Gloria for allowing her to be apart of Cuzzoe. Congratulations to all the CFA National winners of the 2013-2014 show season. I hope this year was as fun and exciting for you as it was for us!

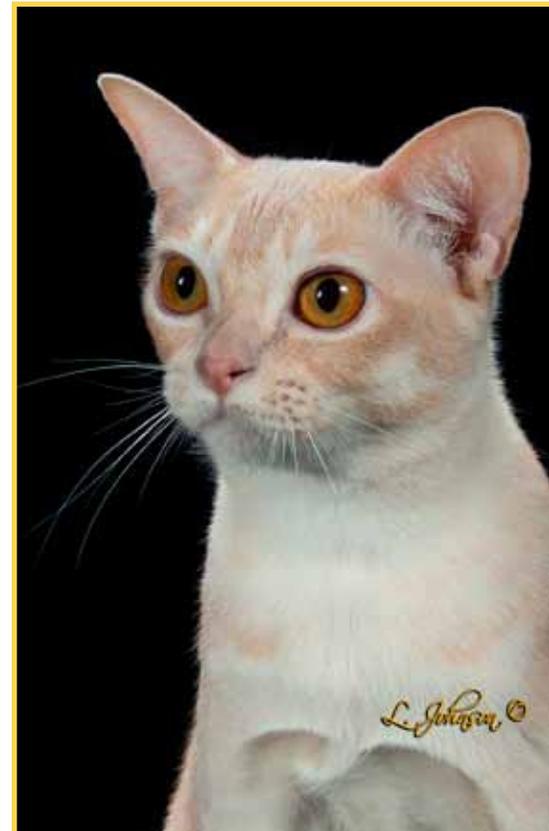
12th Best Kitten
GC, NW EUROCASTLE MANDALAY
Cream European Burmese Female
Breeder: Scott Butler and Lauren Castle Flynn
Owner: Lauren Castle Flynn and John Flynn
Submitted by Lauren Castle Flynn

Mandalay aka Layla is a light cream European Burmese stunner with a sweet expression that just melts Lauren's heart. Layla, bred by Lauren Castle Flynn and Scott Butler, is owned by Lauren Castle Flynn and John Flynn.

Layla finished this season third highest scoring kitten in the North Atlantic region. Her second kitten show was National Capital in Virginia where Layla received her first best kitten. Thank you, Sharon Roy.

In addition, Layla was fourth highest scoring kitten at the prestigious World Show held in Novi, Michigan on November 23rd and 24th, 2013. Remarkably, Layla achieved her kitten win attending only six shows. Thank you Layla! We love you!

Congratulations to the other winners, their breeders, and their owners.



13th Best Kitten
GC, NW CUZZOE BAHRAM OF VERSUS
Brown Tabby Male Maine Coon
Breeder: Justin Pelletier & Eric Valencia
Owner: Yoko Noguchi,
Justin Pelletier & Eric Valencia
No Article Submitted

14th Best Kitten
GP, NW SHELBIE'S KLONDIKE OF NUDAWNZ
Copper-Eyed White American Bobtail – Longhair Male
Breeder/Owner: Shelby, Lorna, and John Friemoth, Seth Baugh, and Tracy Dalton
Submitted by Shelby Friemoth



What a ride..... Lorna and Seth were ready, willing and able... Tracey and I were not ready to get on the road, so Seth and Lorna began Klondike's climb to success. His first show was Hidden Peak and he made a big splash right away. They continued to show him during the month of August and once Tracey and I were ready, we gathered up Sundae Bonnet and Klondike and began our trek across the country.

Every weekend brought new and exciting challenges and successes. It's a good thing American Bobtails and Exotics get along so well - they take

after their owners. Klondike, from his very first show, never skipped a beat. National Capital was the show that I knew for sure I had something wonderful. Klondike made 9 out of 10 finals becoming 3rd Best Kitten in show. We couldn't have been more thrilled and excited. Klondike continued his climb up the National standings and at the Dayton show in November came back to live with Lorna and Seth again. We all had our hand at showing him at the hectic World Show. Despite never being able to sit down, Klondike had a great time and ended up being third Best of the Best Longhair Kitten in the

Purple Show. Lorna and Seth didn't end up showing Klondike as a kitten again due to low count shows his last two eligible weekends, but they did show him to a one show Grand Premier at the Just Cat'n Around show in December. Klondike was then retired. We are very proud of his achievements, and most proud that he is a third generation National Winner, as well the second American Bobtail National Kitten winner. Thank you to all of the judges that made these achievements possible and to our friends for all of the fond memories.

15th Best Kitten
GC, NW DOTDOTDOT REFLECTIONS OF WILD RAIN

Chocolate Spotted Ocicat Male

Breeder/Owner: Roger & Nancy Brown, David & Carol Freels

Submitted by David and Carol Freels

CH Dotdotdot's Ciao Bella of Wild Rain was bred to GC, BW, NW Wild Rain Priceless and then sent to Roger and Nancy Brown for another shared litter. The hope was to get a really nice kitten that Roger and Nancy would show while we stayed closer to home.

The Brown's raised and socialized the litter and selected their kittens to keep. Then they drove from Omaha and we drove from Sacramento to meet in Wyoming where we took the rest of the kittens.

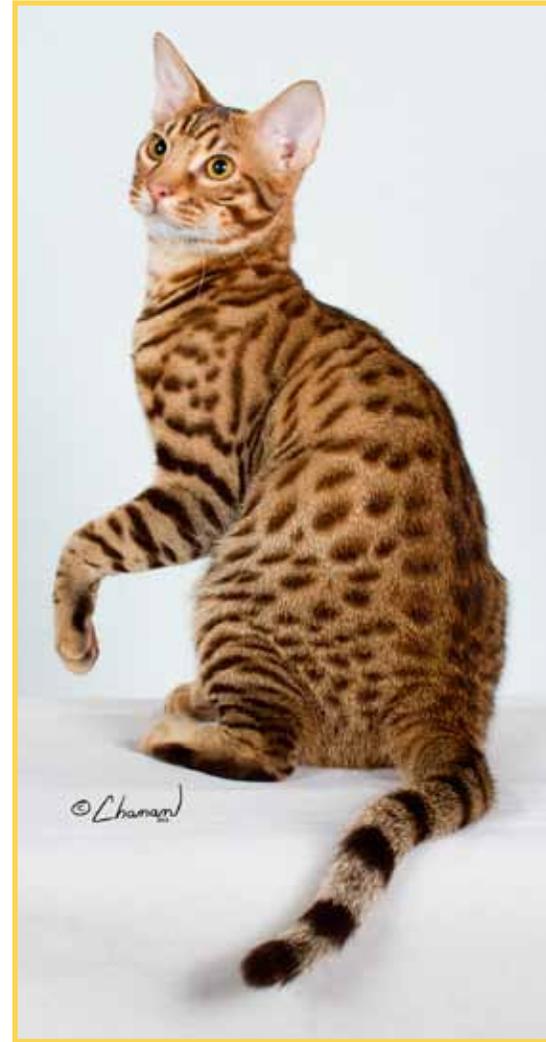
Reflections was a surprise to us. When he was brought out to meet us, both David and I said "Oh, we can show him!" We had not realized that there were TWO beautiful boys in the litter.

As Reflections' show career continued and he kept doing better we decided he should go to the World Show. Getting there was grueling and we almost

turned around when the second leg of our flight was cancelled and no flight could get us to Detroit before the show started. It was Roger who suggested that instead of flying back home we would go to Indianapolis where we rented a car and drove all night to Detroit. Of course our luggage didn't make it either and we ended up using tablecloths for show drapes. We have many thanks for the other Ocicat exhibitors who helped us get set up and then to the rings on time.

What a major thrill for the brothers to each earn highest scoring kitten in their World Shows and then to both earn National Wins. It was beyond imagining and we are exceptionally proud of them both.

Reflections maintained a fabulous disposition throughout his entire show experience. He was and still is a delightful and loving fur person. We are very fortunate to have such a great guy.



16th Best Kitten
GC, NW THAIFONG SANTORINO OF AYUTHAYA

Chocolate Point Siamese Male

Breeder/Owner: Virginia Wheeldon and Susan Perkins

Submitted by Virginia Wheeldon

For Virginia Wheeldon and Susan Perkins, a National Win with a Siamese kitten had always been THE most treasured dream. Although they had past successes showing Siamese kittens (three previous best of breed kitten winners including two of Mario's

ancestors), the timing had never been right for a national campaign.

GC, NW Thaifong Santorino of Ayuthaya (aka Mario) was sired by GC, BW, NW Thaifong Rio of Ayuthaya (CFA's best Siamese and sixth best cat

2009-10). The litter was late arriving, born on day 72. At that point Virginia and Susan weren't thinking about show prospects; they felt lucky to have live kittens!

Mario's show career got off to a slow start. For his first outing, they took him



to just one day of their regional show in June. There he made three finals including a Best Kitten. He sure looked pretty in the ring! They took him to a few small shows and he started doing better and better each weekend. So they decided to test the waters at a larger show. Virginia made the long

trip to Baltimore where a favorite judge commented that it shouldn't be hard to get a NW with him. "No way", they thought. He had missed too many of the big shows, AND he was going to age out before the World Show in November. But they had already made plans to attend National Capital, one of their favorite shows, and they had the National Siamese Cat Club show the weekend before National Capital. What a show NSCC turned out to be. Mario was best in all ten rings! Things were definitely looking up. So off they went to National Capital where Mario had a great show, picking up enough points to make a NW look within reach. With only three weekends left before he aged out, they started scrambling to find count. After two disappointing weekends it was back to Maryland where Mario had a fantastic final show, splitting best kitten wins with the future KOTY.

Mario went on to grand in his first weekend out as an adult. With a NW looking more and more like it would hold, they were able to relax and show for fun. And fun it was! Mario's Championship wins were impressive. He black-lined 7 of his 13 adult shows

(was second in three others) and was best cat in 47 out of 90 rings.

Virginia has always thought that there is no greater challenge than breeding a good chocolate point Siamese male. Mario fits the standard and stands out with his wonderful elegance, length, and refinement. He has a rock hard body, large flyaway ears, a long tapered head and pretty dark eyes. His color is excellent - a clear ivory body and perfectly matching points. He was truly a pleasure to show. Although he was rarely animated in the ring, he loved to snuggle up to the judges and purr. They never tired of seeing the look on judges' faces when they picked him up for the first time and felt his amazing weight and muscularity.

What were the season's highlights? Well nothing can top going best kitten in all ten rings at the NSCC show. They will also treasure the memories of being Best Siamese at the World Show (Red) in a very strong class, and winning the Mona Cherrington Award at the Absolutely Abyssinians show in January. It was a year to remember and Mario will be a hard act for Virginia and Susan to follow.

17th Best Kitten

GC, NW GENASAQUA'S OBERON

Brown Tabby & White Persian Bicolor Male

Breeder: Lisa Monical

Owner: Sharon Rogers, Lisa Monical, and Leicy Bartlett

Submitted by Lisa Monical

GC, NW Genasqua's Oberon is co-owned by 3 special ladies, Leicy Bartlett, Sharon Rogers, and myself, Lisa Monical. Obie as he is affectionately known, is a complete sweetie and this is our story.

I had my doubts about keeping CH Genasqua's Tintalle, while this girl had awesome structure and a fabulous top head, there was no sparkle, nothing super special. She was a female that was on my short list, even though Leicy was adamant that I keep her. She asked me how many other cats had I produced, let alone felt, with that type of head? In the end I conceded and Tally was put with GC Chancery's McDreamy of Genasqua. Born into a litter of 5, Obie had that special something, and a top head like I had never felt before, by far one of the best kittens born



at Genasaqua. As Obie got older, we both became more and more excited. I knew if this kitten kept on as he was, he would be a kitten that should be campaigned, something I was unable to even attempt due to family commitments. Leicy felt we should contact Sharon Rogers and see if she would be interested in running him. I agreed and Leicy set forth putting things into motion. We sent pictures and videos, Sharon was interested, and so we waited, with fingers crossed, to see how Obie matured. At 4 months I made the journey to Portland, Oregon for Leicy to finally see the litter in person. Just as I had described, his top head, body and expression was beyond exceptional. Leicy set to taking photos and video that night in the hotel room, again they were sent to Sharon. After a short phone call, Sharon elected to have him come down to Los Angeles

and we would see how he did at the shows on a more competitive level.

Sharon set eyes on Obie and was in love! Leicy and I told Sharon that if he stayed true to his lines, he wouldn't really take off in the show halls till the end of his kitten campaign. Off Sharon and Obie went, traveling near and far. True to form, Obie really started racking up points towards the end of his 6th month. Oberon and Sharon were many times Best Kitten as well as being Best Bi-color kitten at the World Show (Red) against some amazing competition. Sharon & Obie shot up in the standings. Obie's last kitten show was in Germany. On December 14, 2013 they went to their last show together, Oberon went from open to grand in one day. Now the wait started. There were still many other wonderful kittens being shown. I was

on pins and needles, hoping he would stay in. Stay in HE did!

I cannot thank Sharon enough for taking a chance on us, for loving our boy and always presenting him in excellent condition. Obie is my first National Win, home bred, and an exceptional example of the breed. However none of this would have been possible without my partner in crime, my mentor and best friend, thank you Leicy. But most of all, thank you for not letting me sell his mother, LOL.

We look forward to see what the future brings, the excitement of watching a kitten mature, the strategy of combing bloodlines, and the joy of seeing it to realization. Thank you to my fellow breeders, all the amazing Judges, for cheering Sharon & Obie. The 2013/2014 season is one I will never forget.

18th Best Kitten
GC, NW CINEMA'S HALO OF WISHES
Blue-Eyed White Solid Persian Male
Breeder: Dennis Adler and Blake Mayes
Owner: Dennis Adler & Blake Mayes and Connie Stewart
Submitted by Blake Mayes

Halo was one of six in a late litter. Dennis and I had thought from the beginning he was a special kitten and felt he was of National quality, but we knew it was far too late in the season for him to compete on a National level. It happened that Connie Stewart was at our house when he was about four months old and she felt the same way we did about him and took him home with her. She began showing him about a month later and he instantly began making high finals and started racking up points. Connie was already showing two other cats in championship so Halo did not get to attend many shows and finding count was becoming almost impossible. When he was seven and a half months Connie said she was taking him to San Diego for what might be his last show so Dennis and I decided to attend the



show with Connie. When we got to our hotel room I called Connie to meet up with her since she was at another hotel. I'll never forget her directions to me. It is one of my favorite memories of the campaign. "Get on the freeway. Go this way, not that way. Get off on the exit that sounds something like VooLaLa. Then make a left turn somewhere. I'll be waiting in the lobby." After I stopped laughing, we did find the hotel and has a wonderful weekend. Halo did exceptionally well and we left the show in 28th place and only 50 points out of the Top 25. We

knew we had to find another show, but he aged out within a few weeks. There was a show in Hong Kong in two weeks. Connie felt it would have count and Halo needed to attend if he had a shot at a NW. It would be Halo's last show and only shot at getting a National win. So, Sunday night after the show Connie and Dennis purchased tickets to Hong Kong and within a few days they were on their way.

I received a text Friday night from Dennis. It was Saturday morning in Hong Kong. It was a photo of a rosette with Best Kitten on it. Know-

ing what the count was in Hong Kong and knowing what Halo was replacing, I knew this was enough and he was moved into 25th. However, Halo was highest scoring kitten at that show and moved all the way to 18th. He came home, aged out a few days later, safe and secure in CFA history as a 2013/2014 National kitten winner.

Halo only attended a few shows and had to count almost every ring. We were so thrilled with how he did and cannot thank Connie enough for what she did for Halo and for us.

19th Best Kitten GC, NW CASTILLEJA LITE BRITE OF JOBARA

Brown Patched Tabby and White Devon Rex Female

Breeder: Donna C. Peck and Barbara Irie

Owner: Barbara Irie and Jade Kleider

Submitted by Bobbi Irie

Lite Brite is co-bred by Donna Peck, Barbara Irie and co-owned by Donna Peck, Jade Kleider and myself. She is aptly named. Not only is Lite Brite flashy in color but she also has truly been a bright light since the day she was born at the home of Donna Peck, transported into our arms by Sheryl Flake, groomed and trained for the show bench by Jade Kleider. I am the lucky person that got to accompany Lite Brite, fondly known to us as Libby, to the shows throughout the country and currently gets to live with her and enjoy her Devon monkey antics.

Throughout her show career, Libby enjoyed most aspects of showing with mild exception to bath time although she relished the gentle towel massages afterwards. When it was time to head out, I would unzip her Sturdi and call, "Libby, it's showtime!" and she would immediately appear and leisurely saunter into her carrier. Libby captivated the hearts of many TSA's in security, the travelers at the airports and even made a few fans of the flight attendants. She is one of the sweetest ambassadors of the Devon Rex breed that

I have had the pleasure of exhibiting. On the show bench, she displayed that famous stretch and emulated the impish "cute" factor for which Devons are so well known. Libby has maintained her adorable disposition throughout her show career and continues to be delightful with or without an audience present.

Her favorite toys are "sparkly" teasers, crinkle balls and a little fuchsia mouse that lost its ears and tail half way through the season. Never fussy about her food, Libby eats her kibble daintily but she always let it be known that she expected her duck hearts for being a good girl after each ring and gobbled them up vigorously. Also, it was no secret that Libby would indiscriminately share her hammock, bed, and show cage with any other Devon that we showed along with her. To the delight of spectators, she routinely took cat-naps curled up with half of her body on top of another Devon and at times dangling precariously off the edge of her hammock but never falling.

There are many wonderful moments which run into a bit of a blur when



traveling weekend after weekend for kitten points but Libby was consistent in her sweet temperament, affectionate demeanor, and has a special sparkle/star quality to this day. One of the highlights was her final show when she went from a young adult open to a ONE SHOW GC at the Sushi Cats show in Ontario, California. Com-

peting with many other beautiful and incredible opens and champions, many of the same season kittens turned young adults, and vying for the few coveted best champion spots, Libby was overlooked in the call-backs on the first day. On the second day, Libby finished in four consecutive rings to

achieve her grand title and purred in my arms nonchalantly as I carried her back and relished the congratulations with relief and excitement. Most memorable of all are the smiles that were shared throughout the season whether Libby was in her benching cage, on the judge's table or being car-

ried to and from in my arms. It never gets old. With much appreciation and thanks to all those that supported Libby and cheered her on, I gratefully submit this caption of Libby's story

20th Best Kitten
GC, NW WYNTERWYND CLAIR DE LUNE
Russian Blue Female
Breeder/Owner: Annette Wilson
Submitted by Annette Wilson

Wynterwynd Clair De Lune's story begins in the late summer/early fall of 2012, I had a handsome male kitten (GC Wynterwynd Watermarque) with huge, low ears and a classic tabby ghost pattern over his entire body... and Barb Schreck had a gorgeous, pale female kitten (GC RW Tylona's Dancing In The Moonlight) with a perfect dense, short, plush coat. We showed the kittens together at the Sacred Cat of Burma show in late August and she told me if my kitten beat hers, I would have to take hers home. Well, my kitten only took one Best of Breed... but the teasing continued through the fall shows, including the World Show where "Moonie" was Best Russian Blue kitten and "Watermarque" was second. In December, Moonie was a one show grand and in January, Watermarque was a one show grand. Barb offered Moonie to me (or maybe I begged for her) and I brought her home and bred her to Watermarque just before he went off to his new home in Europe. Moonie ended up as CFA's '26th Best Kitten' last year!

The litter of four arrived in mid-June, 3 males and 1 female. Clair (or "Loonie" as Barb calls her), was noticeably paler in color from birth and was way

too much of a princess to hang with her brothers. She had large, expressive eyes and a sweet but aloof personality. While she didn't get her mother's dense, short coat, she did have her father's long legs and body...and thankfully, no tabby markings!

Clair was shown only six weekends from November to mid-January and missed only one final, in her very first show. She appealed to a wide variety of judges, many of whom only saw her once. Many did double takes when they saw her in the ring — her color is pale, molten silver. Clair started enjoying shows a bit more in January but by that time we had only a couple more shows to go to...though at least I could relax and realize she wasn't going to leave the judging table and run laps in the show hall. At the last show I could get her to, Lucky Tomcat in St. Louis, she was highest scoring kitten, which was a thrill! A month later, she was a one show grand at Lincoln State.

Every cat is the result of the work of many breeders. Credit for Clair goes to the breeders of her grandparents: Lori Stevenson, Valarie and Willy Williamson and Peg Johnson.



21st Best Kitten

GC, NW RK GEMS TROY ZEBRA JASPER

Silver Tabby-White American Shorthair Male

Breeder: Kay and Randy Bertrand

Owner: Kay and Randy Bertrand, Jeff Janzen, and Steve McCullough

Submitted by Steve McCullough & Jeff Janzen



Steve flew to Salt Lake City and picked up Troy after the show. His next show was to be the “World Show” so off to Michigan we went. We checked in on Friday and I quickly opened the catalogue to see who our competition would be. My heart sank. I recognized some of the catteries and breeders who were to be our competition and knew it was not going to be easy. By the end of the show on Sunday, we were 6th highest scoring shorthair kitten and got a Best Kitten in Don Williams’ ring. We were close to 900 points at the end of the weekend and began to think that a Kitten win might be possible.

One of the highlights of the show season was Big Houston. We ended up with 7 Best Kittens and highest scoring kitten in show. Troy’s show travels took him from coast to coast with great memories. For example, did you know that you get the best chicken at a steak restaurant? The best place to sit while riding in a car is on Steve’s left knee. And that a silver tabby and white can be too white? Nothing beats cuddling with a Norwegian Forrest Cat. Just ask Troy.

We can’t thank Kathy and Craig enough for leasing their cats to Randy and Kay. Most importantly, thanks to Kay and Randy for entrusting Troy to us for this win. Also we would like to thank my fellow judges for finaling Troy and making this win happen. Most of all many, many thanks to Randy and Kay for giving us this boy. There just might be a Hautechat litter of American Shorthairs in our future.

Troy’s kitten win didn’t start out to be a “campaign.” I’m getting ahead of myself, so let me go back to the beginning. I was judging a show in Chehalis, Washington. There was a class of American shorthair kittens entered. I made one silver tabby and white male my best of breed and ended up making him my best kitten in show. I later learned that he had been bred by Randy and Kay Bertrand out of the KC Dancer lines of Kathy and Craig Miller. While waiting on paperwork, I asked Kathy what Kay was going to do with all those kittens. The first words out of Kathy’s mouth were, “She’s keeping them!” I asked Kathy to talk to Kay as I wanted to show one. Kay had them all entered in three more shows and we decided after the Salt Lake City show, we would take him to Kansas and show him.

22nd Best Kitten

GC, NW KIOMICHI'S OUTRAGEOUS FORTUNE OF OCIGATOS

Brown Patched Mackerel Tabby and White Shorthair Manx Female

Breeder: Mark Davis & Michael Henson

Owner: Kathy Gumm & Mark Davis

Submitted by Mark Davis



It was the middle of November in 2011 that I received a text from Kathy Gumm while she was running one of my cats for a NW in Premiership, Kiomichi's Amazing Grace. She asked if I would be interested in a show kitten from Sydney Brosnan. I thought, you have got to be kidding, a kitten from Sydney Brosnan? I have only dreamed of having a Tynwald kitten ever since I started studying pedigrees about 28 years ago. Of course, and I didn't care if it only had 3 legs and was pink, I was taking it!!!!

Sydney had brought 2 female rumpy littermates to this show and offered both of them to Kathy and myself, and of course I got the brown tabby and white. Brown tabby is my least favorite color!!! But I took her anyway! About a week later Kathy shipped my kitten, which I named Tynwald's Summer Moon. I

only showed Summer once after she arrived before I bred her at a fairly young age because she came in season very early and very regularly. When I received Summer's registration slip in the mail I saw her birth date and knew immediately that this was a special kitten. Her birthday was 4/7/11, which just happens to be my all time favorite numbers!

Summer was a wonderful mother and it was in her 3rd litter that a certain special kitten was born. There were 3 rumpies, 2 girls and a boy. I offered the boy to Sydney in repayment for Summer. I gave one of the girls to a new breeder, Teresa Epperson. Kathy took the brown patch tabby and white van female. I was on a roll naming all of Summer's litters names that blended well with each kitten in the litter. Kathy came up with the name Outrageous Fortune for her kitten, so I named the other girl Cha-Ching and the boy Big-N-Rich. I had decided to bring all three new owners together at their first show and let everyone take their kitten home from the show. Well, instead Kathy decided to have a total knee operation right before this show and had to drive all the way from Napa, CA to Cleburne, TX because her doctor wouldn't allow her to board a plane due to possible complications.

The show in Cleburne was the first weekend in June, which was prime tornado season. Kathy and her friend Laurie arrived at my house, just east of Oklahoma City on Thursday before the show and I was to follow them to Cleburne. I was so excited to finally meet Tom and Sydney Brosnan.

They were even more wonderful people than I had imagined them. What a show this turned out to be. All the judges raved about this special litter of wonderful Manx kittens. One judge even said, "This is the most beautiful litter of Manx kittens I have ever seen in my life". Kathy kept bringing me back down to earth. No one kitten hogged all the ribbons, each kitten got their fair share and at least one kitten was in every final and some of the judges even used two of them. After the show everyone left with their new kitten. I didn't really even think about any of the kittens running for a NW, but once Kathy started showing her kitten, which we dubbed "Sissy", I was amazed how she just took off and was winning the judges over.

Kathy was unable to take Sissy to Garden State and I thought then that her chances of getting in the top 25 were doomed. I thought my only consolation was Briar-Mar's Catching Fire as her mother is my breeding so maybe my grandkitten would get a NW and I'd be happy. Never did I expect for my own kitten AND my grand kitten to make it and stay in the top 25. January, February and March of 2012 were the most nerve wrecking three months of my life. I wasn't sure I was going to live through it!

And now GC, NW Kiomichi's Outrageous Fortune of Ocigatos has just had her own absolutely wonderful litter of 3 kittens and they are Ocigatos Flame and Fortune, Ocigatos Loose Change and Ocigatos Petty Cash of Kiomichi.

Is that chapter over? Or will it continue?

23rd Best Kitten
GC, NW BALERIN CARNIVALE OF FEATHERLAND
Brown Tabby and White Norwegian Forest Cat Female
Breeder: Agatha Pomaranski and Melissa Morton
Owner: Michael & Lorraine Shelton

The road to this award was an entirely unexpected one. Carnivale's litter was the result of a breeding between a boy of ours, GC RW Featherland Carondelet, and a girl bred by Melissa and owned by Agatha, Sangha Krystall. Carnivale stood out early, in no small part because of her odd eyes, an unusual feature in a bicolor Forest Cat. But as she continued to develop, it became obvious she had much more going for her than just her beautifully unusual eyes.

Carnivale's show career began in August at the Poppy State show in northern California, where she was modestly successful. We had no plans for any sort of campaign; although it was apparent she was an impressive kitten, the whole idea of a kitten campaign was somewhat intimidating. We did decide to take her to National Capital, just to experience the show. It turned out to be the one show where the two eventual National Winner Norwegian Forest Cat kittens were present. We had no expectations of success going in, and were absolutely thrilled when she made one final.

After that, we primarily stayed close to home, staying on the West Coast, even when attending other shows would have been the "smarter" move. But even as Carnivale moved up in the standings, we were focused primarily on enjoying traveling with her, supporting the same shows we had enjoyed in the past. Carnivale quickly developed into an experienced show cat, taking long car rides and the occasional plane trip in stride. She loved staying in hotel rooms and the one-on-one time we got to spend. She also began to develop something of a following with some other exhibitors, who were taken with her calm demeanor and those wonderful eyes.

As the season wore on, Carnivale moved into the top 25 nationally. It became obvious that her eventual placement would depend heavily on the World Show, which would be her last kitten show. We had entered as soon as the show opened, because it's a great place to meet up with other breeders, and see the best of the best. As with National Capital at the beginning of this road, we had little expectation of success.



But unlike National Capital, the World Show seemed like a dream. Carnivale made seven out of nine finals, and was the highest scoring Longhaired Kitten in the Purple show.

From that point forward, all we could do was watch her drop in the standings as the season progressed. We still had no expectations that she would stay in the Top 25. In fact, there were several discussions of how we would handle her eventual fall to 26th! But that fall never came, and here we are, with a National Win we never expected. And although we are, of course extremely happy to have achieved this, in the long run it is the journey that we will remember more than the destination. It was a journey shared with friends new and old, and with a remarkable kitten with those oddly beautiful eyes

24th Best Kitten

GC, NW KITZN'S FOXTROT

Brown Mackerel Tabby and White Norwegian Forest Cat Male

Breeder: Keith Kimberlin

Owner: Keith Kimberlin and Kate Barie

Submitted by Kitty Barie

Foxtrot is the result of many wonderful years of mentoring by Keith Kimberlin. We have a system that works very well. Normally, the cats are bred at Keith's, then I take them home to have the litter, raise it, and socialize the kittens. Since I have four kids, it helps to ensure that our kittens are ready for anything. Kitzn's Minuet had already produced GC, BW, NW Kitzn's Archeopteryx, and Keith felt that she could do it again. We both knew that RW Kitzn's Ides-of-March was an excellent Norwegian Forest Cat, so it was decided to breed the two together, and see what we would get.

We worked it out so that I would go to Keith's for a show on March 2, while he was in the Netherlands. After the show, I would pick up Minuet so she

could have her kittens at my place. However, we missed a week when we calculated her due date. When I stopped by to get her, she already had kittens!!! There were 3 wonderful male kittens with her. Considering what had occurred, I immediately started calling them Whiskey Tango Foxtrot. Since I wanted to make certain that she had completed her labor, I opted to stay another night at Keith's. By the time I left the next morning, another male - Brutus - was added to the mix. After a few weeks I could tell Foxtrot was something special. Keith confirmed it later when I was at his house to get pictures taken. At Foxtrot's first show, one of the judges looked at him and said "Oh, look! It's a baby National Winner!" The rest is history



25th Best Kitten

GC, NW 3JANES 2WINDY2BELIEVE OF NUDAWNZ

Blue Abyssinian Female

Breeder: Teri Kennedy, Elizabeth Koller, Julie Onstott, Monica Zehnder

Owner: Lorna Friemoth, Seth Baugh, and Teri Kennedy

Submitted by Lorna Friemoth

GC, NW 3Janes 2windy2believe of NuDawnz, or "Twola" as she would later be called, is CFA's 25th Best Kitten for the 2013/14 show season. She is also the second best Abyssinian Kitten and Cat in Championship. Twola was bred by Teri Kennedy, Elizabeth Koller, Julie Onstott, and Monica Zehnder, and is owned by Lorna Friemoth, Seth Baugh, and Teri Kennedy. She is the first blue Abyssinian kitten to achieve a National Win.



Twola was born during a crazy winter storm at Teri's house and was named after this storm. She was from a litter of four blues, and from the minute Lorna saw her little face in her six week old photos, she knew that Twola was the one.

Twola came to live with Seth and Lorna when she was approaching 5 months of age at the Abyssinian Midwest Breeders show, where she made a few finals in a very nice class of Abyssinian babies. Her next show was Hidden Peak, where she took breed in every ring in another nice class of Abyssinian kittens and made several

finals. Showing Twola and Klondike together was fun, but they knew there would be a point where we would have to separate them in hopes to divide and conquer. Twola faced much harder class competition later in her kitten career, but still managed to accumulate enough points to hang onto her National Win. She was an open for the Dayton Cat Fanciers show and got a little under half of her grand points, and then went onto grand champion at the World Show.

Twola was shown as an adult through the first weekend in March, and was then retired as she was secure in her National breed placement. She will be

the foundation queen for Lorna and Seth's Abyssinian program and they couldn't be happier with her.

Lorna and Seth would like to thank the 3Janes cattery for entrusting them with Twola and making their dreams of breeding top quality Abyssinians come true, as well as the judges that supported Twola so she could become the first National Winner for the 3Janes Cattery. They would also like to thank their friends for all of their support and kindness.