See Twyla.  
See Twyla run.  
Run, Twyla, run.

The latest craze to hit the cat show circuit is about to make its debut at the upcoming Vintage Cat Fanciers 25th All Breed Cat Show, to be held in St. Catharines, Ontario on June 30 and July 1, 2007.

The show, at the CAW Centre on Bunting Road, will feature a CFA All Breed Cat Show plus something new this year -- a Feline Agility Competition. The pedigreed all breed show, licensed by the Cat Fanciers’ Association, expects an entry of 225 cats representing such well-known breeds as the Persian and Siamese. Over 40 other various breeds, both longhair and shorthair, will be in attendance, including the ever-popular Maine Coon, the dainty Cornish Rex, and the very bald Sphynx.

In addition, Twyla will be there! Twyla, a beautiful blue Abyssinian female, is a consistent winner in the championship class, but is equally well-known for her achievements in the agility ring. The feline agility competition features a course of 10 obstacles -- stairs, hurdles, hoops, tunnels, and weave poles. In fact, the course is similar to what we have seen at dog agility tournaments for years.

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Twyla is an absolute whiz at agility! Literally, she whizzes over hurdles, whizzes through hoops, and whizzes around weave poles so quickly that you’ll miss her if you blink. She and her owner, Lisa-Maria Padilla, have obviously been practicing at home as Twyla currently has her course time down to 7 seconds flat – an amazing feat for both cat and owner!

QUICK FACTS:

WHO: Vintage Cat Fanciers is a local group of pedigreed cat breeders. The club is affiliated with The Cat Fanciers’ Association, the world’s largest registry of pedigreed cats.

WHAT: 25th Annual All Breed Cat Show and 1st Annual Feline Agility Competition

WHEN: Saturday, June 30 and Sunday, July 1, 10am to 5pm each day

WHERE: CAW Centre, 326 Bunting Road, St. Catharines, Ontario

ADMISSION: $8/Adults, $2 Children (5-12), Children under 5/Free

EDITORS NOTE: Hi-res photos available at https://cfa.org/agility/publicity/

ABOUT THE CAT FANCIERS’ ASSOCIATION:

Founded in 1906 as a non-profit association of member clubs, The Cat Fanciers’ Association, Inc. (CFA) is the world's largest registry of pedigreed cats. To date, CFA has registered more than 2 million pedigreed cats throughout the world. CFA’s mission is to preserve the uniqueness and beauty of the pedigreed breeds of cats, and to enhance the well being of ALL cats. CFA promotes education, responsible cat ownership and proper care to the owners of millions of cats worldwide. The CFA, headquartered in Manasquan, New Jersey, administers rules for the management of cat shows and promotes the interest of breeders and exhibitors of pedigreed cats. CFA breeders, exhibitors, judges and fans span the globe, annually hosting over 450 competitions on four continents. CFA and its affiliates work nationally with local shelters, at a grassroots level, to help improve the problem of stray cats and abuse, and to encourage neuter/spay programs. CFA has been instrumental in the development of several international charitable organizations such as CFA Disaster Relief and The Winn Feline Foundation. To learn more about the Cat Fanciers’ Association, the pedigreed breeds of cats, or to find the nearest CFA cat show, visit www.cfa.org.

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