

The CFA Foundation

The Cat Fanciers' Association Foundation, Inc.

Take A Walk Through History With Us...



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CFA Foundation at the CFA International Cat Show

The CFA Foundation was delighted to be a part of the CFA International Cat Show, held in Atlanta, GA on November 21-22, 2009. A variety of historical items were on display in our booth, including a wooden and brass cat carrier from the late 1800's. A printed handout described the evolution of the cat carrier from the late 1800's until the current day. Both exhibitors and spectators enjoyed browsing the memorabilia of the early cat fancy.



Besides the antique cat carrier, the booth also displayed the Cosey medal and collar from 1895, a cat show admission ticket from 1930, various medallions from the early 20th century, books from 1901 and 1906, and a collection of advertising that incorporated cats.

A New Booth Feature - Newspaper Articles

Research to date has found that the first printed mention of a cat show in North America was in a March 28, 1880 "FACTS AND FANCIES" article in the *Boston Post*, shown right as reprinted in the St. Paul, MN *Daily Globe*. While no mention is actually made of entries in the show, the following is noted, " No person will be admitted to the cat show before being searched, to see that he has not a boot-jack concealed about him."

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The foundation booth had a digital photo frame running a slideshow of historical newspaper articles that mentioned cats, cat shows, reports on shows, illustrations, and photos taken at shows between 1880 and 2009.

The CFA Foundation is always interested in adding to this newspaper article collection. If you have such print articles, we would appreciate it greatly if you could send a 300 dpi scan to info@felinehistoricalfoundation.org. If you don't have a scanner available, we'll be happy to scan the article and return it to you.

Recent Acquisitions



Tetsu Yamazaki, a well-known photographer from Japan, has donated a variety of items that he located during his research on the Manx breed history.

Mr. Yamazaki also donated a copy of his most recent book on the Maine Coon breed, which prominently features a photo of Cosey and the 1895 silver collar owned by the foundation.

Draw Winners

The CFA Foundation helped promote the new [Guaranteed On-Board](#) program offered by American Airlines and Sherpa Pet Group. In conjunction with this promotion, we held a draw for a Sherpa cat carrier at both Meet the Breeds and the CFA International Cat Show. Congratulations to the winners:

AKC-CFA Meet the Breeds

Eileen Cronin, Bayside, NY

CFA International Cat Show

Ryan Brown, Atlanta, GA

Want to Complete Your Library of CFA Yearbooks?

The CFA Foundation has completed an inventory of our CFA Yearbook collection and we have numerous duplicates of out-of-print CFA Yearbooks published between 1958 and 2001 that we are selling. Currently, we have soft covered yearbooks from 1968 through 1972 available (sold at an "as is" price), and hard covered yearbooks from 1973 through 2000 (price determined by condition). Quantities are limited and sales are on a first come, first serve basis.

In addition, we have over 150 cat-related books for sale on our web site. The full listing of yearbooks, books, and purchase details, can be found at <http://www.felinehistoricalfoundation.org/for-sale.html>

About The CFA Foundation, Inc.

The Cat Fanciers' Association (CFA) Foundation was established in 1990 by the Cat Fanciers' Association, Inc. Board of Directors as a forum to educate the general public about the existence and history of the cat. The CFA Foundation was formed to establish and maintain the following types of materials for the benefit and use of the general public: 1) one or more rooms where books, magazines and periodicals relating to cats will be made available; 2) places for the display and exhibition of paintings and works of art related to cats; and, 3) to engage in any and all other activities as shall from time to time be necessary or appropriate to effect any or all of the foregoing purposes. Visit www.FelineHistoricalFoundation.org to learn more about the CFA Foundation and see part of the historical collection.

Incorporated as a not-for profit corporation under laws of the state of New York on June 26, 1990. The foundation has been ruled not a private foundation, and is exempt from Federal Income Tax under Section 501 (c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code. Accordingly, contributions to the foundation are deductible for Federal income, gift and estate tax purposes.