

The CFA Foundation

The Cat Fanciers' Association Foundation, Inc.

Take A Walk Through History With Us...



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FELINE HISTORICAL DISPLAY COMING TO ATLANTA

You know that cat carrier that you use to transport your cat? Ever wonder what type of carrier was used in the past? Well, here's your opportunity to find out –

The Cat Fanciers' Association (CFA) Foundation, Inc. will be attending CFA International Cat Show on November 21-22 at the Georgia International Convention Center, Atlanta, GA. One of the focal points of the booth will be "The Cat Carrier - from the late 1800's to 2009". On display will be a late 1800's wooden carrier with brass fittings and a one-of-a-kind faux-alligator modern carrier. The history of the cat carrier will be available in a handout, which will include information on a 2009 contest to develop an environmentally friendly carrier. The contest, held in Thailand, resulted in some very unique designs.

In conjunction with the display, the foundation will be introducing Guaranteed On-Board, the new CFA partnership with the Sherpa Pet Group and American Airlines. A draw will be held in the booth for the chance to win a new Sherpa carrier developed specifically for this program.

In addition to the carrier display, the foundation invites spectators to "take a walk through history with us". The booth will offer visitors a chance to view advertisements that included cats as far back as 1900, rosettes from shows held in 1896 and 1917, and a silver chalice awarded at a show in 1904. Smaller items include several medallions from early 20th century shows and clubs, cat figurines from around the world, and show catalogs from 1926 (Buffalo Cat Fanciers), 1946 (Empire Cat Club), 1947 (Garden State Cat Club), and 1954 (Cat Fanciers of Washington). A highlight of our book display is a Beresford Cat Club Stud Book, which lists registration entries between July 1899 and July 1900.

Of course, the "gem" of the CFA Foundation's collection will also be on display – the 1895 Cosey collar and medal. Purchased with funds donated by the National Capital Cat Show, this silver collar and accompanying medal was won by Cosey, a Maine (Coon) at the first National Cat Show, which was held in New York City.

CFA INTERNATIONAL CAT SHOW PARTICULARS:

Location: Georgia International Convention Center, 200 Convention Center Concourse, College Park, GA 30337

Date/Time: Saturday, November 21: 9 a.m. - 6 p.m.
Sunday, November 22: 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.

Guided Tours: Saturday, November 21 at 10 a.m., noon, 2 p.m., and 4 p.m.
Sunday, November 22 at 10 a.m., noon, and 2 p.m.

ADMISSION PRICES ROLLED BACK!

Admission: \$8 for adults; \$6 for children (6-12) and senior citizens (62+); free admittance for children age 5 or younger. Tickets can be purchased at the door.

About The Cat Fanciers' Association Foundation, Inc.

The Cat Fanciers' Association 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 foundation was incorporated 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. Further information can be found at www.FelineHistoricalFoundation.org

About the Cat Fanciers' Association, Inc.

The Cat Fanciers' Association, Inc.TM (CFA) was founded in 1906 as a non-profit association of member clubs and is the world's largest registry of pedigreed cats. CFA's mission is to preserve and promote 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. CFA and its affiliate clubs work nationally with local shelters, at a grassroots level, to help humanely reduce homeless and feral cat populations, and to encourage voluntary neuter/spay of pet cats. To learn more about the Cat Fanciers' Association, the pedigreed breeds of cats, or to find the nearest CFA cat show, visit their web site at www.cfa.org

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