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FELINE HISTORY ON DISPLAY AT MEET THE BREEDS™

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 Meet the Breeds™ on October 17-18 at the Jacob K. Javits Center, New York City. One of the focal points of their 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 Cat Fanciers' Association (CFA) partnership with the Sherpa Pet Group and American Airlines. A draw will be held in the booth and attendees can enter to win a new Sherpa carrier developed specifically for this program. Brochures explaining this exciting new program will also be available.

In addition to the carrier display, the foundation invites spectators to visit their booth and "take a walk through history with us". The booth will have on display - 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 their book display is a Beresford Cat Club Stud Book, which lists 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.

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 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. Further information can be found at www.FelineHistoricalFoundation.org.

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