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CFA FOUNDATION TO OPEN FELINE ARTIFACT COLLECTION IN ALLIANCE, OHIO

Alliance, OH -- June 14, 2011 -- After months of renovations, the CFA Foundation, Inc., has finalized plans to open the doors on its collection of feline artifacts and memorabilia. The Foundation, an historical associate of the Cat Fanciers' Association (CFA™), participated in a ribbon cutting ceremony on June 10, 2011 in Alliance, OH.

The collection, housed in a gallery-type setting, contains important pieces of feline history dating back to the early 1800's. The display occupies the ground floor of the new CFA Central Office in Alliance, OH. The office is located in the former Midland & Buckeye Savings & Loan building at 260 East Main Street and is part of the Alliance City Council's extensive downtown restoration plan.

Of special interest to visitors will be:

- * aquatints dated 1810.
- * the silver collar and medal won by "Cosey" at the 1895 cat show held at Madison Square Garden in New York City. Cosey was a Maine Cat owned by Mrs. Fred Brown of Long Island.
- * a wooden carrier used in the early 1900's to ship a cat from Europe to the United States.
- * advertising with images of cats, dating from 1901.
- * a unique collection of figurines donated by Wilton Wheeldon, a cat collector from Virginia.
- * historical items from the beginning of the cat fancy, including an 1896 rosette from a show in England.
- * a sizable library of books and magazines about cats.

For the next several months the collection and library will be open to visitors by appointment only. A grand opening is scheduled for late August on a date to be announced. Interested parties should contact the CFA Foundation at 330-680-4444 or email info@FelineHistoricalFoundation.org.

About The CFA Foundation

The Cat Fanciers' Association (CFA) Foundation, Inc., was founded in 1990 with the mission to collect and preserve the history of the cat and the cat fancy. The Foundation has been collecting historical pieces, books, magazines, and other memorabilia for the past 20 years. It also has a substantial number of art pieces, as well as a highly praised collection of figurines. For additional information, visit their web site at FelineHistoricalFoundation.org