



NATIONAL CAPITAL CAT SHOW

Dulles Expo and Conference Center – Chantilly, Virginia

September 6-7, 2008

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See Cat - See Cat Run - Run Cat Run **Athletic Kitties to be Featured in Agility at the National Capital Cat Show**

September 1, 2008 (Chantilly, Va.) The latest craze to hit the cat show circuit is coming to you at the National Capital Cat Show, Sept. 6-7, 2008 at the Dulles Expo and Conference Center in Chantilly, Va. You've heard all about dog agility competitions, and have thoroughly enjoyed watching the dogs whip through the obstacle courses with determination and speed. Now, can you actually imagine a cat lowering its dignity enough to do that?

Cats are definitely trainable, and most are willing to follow a feather or dangling toy anywhere. Athletic kitties will travel from around the country to compete in Feline Agility Competition. The competition includes a course of 10 obstacles, including stairs, hurdles, hoops, tunnels and weave poles. Winning athlete-cats usually whiz through the course in under 15 seconds.

In 2006, the Cat Fanciers' Association (CFA) awarded its first ever National Agility Award, with the proud winner being a local cat, Twyla Mooner, owned by Lisa-Maria Padilla of Reston, Va. Twyla, a blue Abyssinian female, was not only the top agility cat, but ended the show season as the 28th Best Cat in Championship, Fifth Best Cat in the CFA Southern Region, and Third Best Abyssinian in the nation. This year Lisa-Maria will be competing in agility with some of Twyla's offspring.

Last year, a special Japanese Bobtail ended up as the Third Best Cat in Agility in CFA. That cat, 'Tess' lost to one of her housemates. Tess will be in competition this year. Will Tess take top honors or will one of Twyla's offspring run away with it, or will another newcomer sneak in and take it all?

The CFA cat show will be open to the public and will provide an entertaining day for spectators. In addition to the judging activities, which will take place throughout the show, spectators will have the opportunity to see cats "up close and in the fur" while they are waiting to compete. Owners are happy to answer questions about their cats and many of them will offer kittens for sale. Cat toys and supplies will be available from specialty vendors. Several artists, including internationally known Jamie S. Perry, will display their works and have originals and prints for sale.

Admission is \$8.00 for adults, \$5.00 for seniors and children, and \$24 for a family of four. For more information on the show or to arrange a pre-show interview and cat photo opportunity, contact Debbie Metz, show manager, at 301-365-2462 or email debbiemetz@verizon.net. Press quality photos of cats running agility are available upon request to skogeier@erols.com. The event Web site is www.nationalcapitalcatshow.com.