



NATIONAL CAPITAL CAT SHOW

Dulles Expo and Conference Center – Chantilly, Virginia

September 6-7, 2008

www.nationalcapitalcatshow.com

FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT:

Dawn Shiley
(703)498-0698
skogeier@erols.com

Top Cats Come to Washington-Area to Compete for Top Cat

August 24, 2008 (Chantilly, Va.) Fancy felines from around the country will have the opportunity to earn Top Cat status at the National Capital Cat Show. The cat show will be held on Saturday, Sept. 6 (9:30 am-5:00 pm) and Sunday, Sept. 7 (9:30 am-4:00 pm) at the Dulles Expo and Conference Center in Chantilly, Va.

More than 400 pedigreed cats are expected to compete in this year's show. Many beautiful breeds are on the list of competitors, including Cornish Rex, Egyptian Mau, Norwegian Forest Cat, Devon Rex, and Burmese, as well as some of the more well-known breeds, Siamese and Persian. Household pets will also compete to be the best house cat.

Athletic kitties will compete in Feline Cat Agility. For the past decade, the sport of dog agility has taken the country by storm. Dogs are leaping over hurdles, maneuvering around weave poles and diving through tunnels. Cats will get their chance in Chantilly. The course will include tunnels, hoops, weave poles, stair steps and low, medium and high hurdles. Expect some cats to zoom through the course in just seconds.

Attendees are invited to meet "Tess," a two and one-half year old mi-ke Japanese Bobtail, who was named Best-In-Show at Cats! New York! 2007, which is held in Madison Square Garden. After earning that title, Tess appeared on the Martha Stewart Show, where she help Martha in a cooking segment, and also on the Regis and Kelly show, where she chose to give her attention to Kelly (not Regis). Tess completed last year's show season as the fourth best cat in nation. She also is talented in agility and was ranked third in the country in agility. Tess is owned by Karen Bishop and Jill Archibald of Freehold, N.J. In addition to greeting spectators at the show, Tess will be competing in the agility competition.

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. Internationally-known Jamie S. Perry will display her original works of art 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.

The National Capital Cat Show is sanctioned by the Cat Fanciers' Association (CFA). CFA is a non-profit organization dedicated to the welfare of cats. CFA was founded in 1906 and is the world's largest registry of pedigree cats with affiliated clubs producing more than 325 shows a year.

For more information on the show or to arrange a pre-show interview and cat photo opportunity, contact Dawn M. Shiley, public affairs coordinator, at 703-489-0698 or email skogeier@erols.com. Press quality photos of "Tess" and cats running agility are available upon request. The event Web site is www.nationalcapitalcatshow.com.