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ODD-EYED WHITE PERSIAN WINS TOP AWARD

MANASQUAN, NJ – July 1, 2008 – A white Persian, owned by Sharon Markus (Nampa, ID) and Connie Stewart (Temple City, CA) has been named the Best Cat of the 2007-2008 show season by The Cat Fanciers' Association (CFA). Grand Champion, Breed Winner, National Winner Sunny Ridge Polar Express of Wishes, a gorgeous odd-eyed white Persian male, captured the top honor at the CFA annual meeting in Louisville, KY.

Polar Express was shown as a kitten during the 2006-2007 show season and was named the Northwest Region's 18th Best Kitten. As an adult, he developed into a stunning example of the Persian breed, with an exquisite body and superb head type accentuated with his beautiful odd-eye color. He has one blue eye and one copper eye, which is an extremely attractive look.

His owners became seasoned world travelers as they competed at CFA shows in Asia and Europe, as well as numerous shows across the United States.

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“This is an amazing win for an odd-eyed white Persian,” said CFA President, Pam DelaBar. “The work that is required to maintain the coat of a Persian, especially a white one, throughout a year-long show season is immense. This cat was shown in superb condition, and perfectly groomed, at each and every show in which he was exhibited, whether the show was in North America or he had spent 15 hours on a plane traveling to Hong Kong or Europe.” Ms. DelaBar continued, “This was indeed the year of the Persian in CFA, with Persian cats capturing the highest awards in all 3 classes – Kitten, Championship and Premiership.”

Best Kitten is Grand Champion, National Winner, Kuorii Per Sempre of D'Eden Lover, a beautiful black Persian female, owned by Paolo Carnevaletti (Italy) and Frederic Gaspard (France). This beautiful Persian wowed the judges with her lovely head type and short, cobby body. She also was a world traveler and was shown in both Europe and North America.

Best Cat in Premiership (neuters/spays) is Grand Premier, National Winner Boberan's Night Scout of Koi Pond, a gorgeous black Persian neuter, owned by Mathew and Delinda Pearson of Nashville, TN. Night Scout was extremely well-known on the show circuit for his very impressive coat factor.

The awards were based on total points accumulated throughout the show season which ran from the beginning of May 2007 through the end of April 2008.

In addition to these top winners, awards were given for the Top 25 Cats in Championship, Top 25 Kittens and Top 25 Cats in Premiership (altered adults). Breed awards were given for the top three felines in each of 53 breed/divisions and for Best and Second Best of color awards. The Best Cat, Kitten and Cat in Premiership from the Hawaii and International Divisions (Europe and Asia/Latin America), were also honored.

About The Cat Fanciers' Association

Founded in 1906 as a non-profit association of member clubs, The Cat Fanciers' Association, Inc. (CFA) is the world's largest registry of pedigreed cats. To date, CFA has registered more than 2 million pedigreed cats throughout the world. CFA's mission is to preserve the uniqueness and beauty of 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. The CFA, headquartered in Manasquan, New Jersey, administers rules for the management of cat shows and promotes the interest of breeders and exhibitors of pedigreed cats. CFA breeders, exhibitors, judges and fans span the globe, annually hosting over 400 competitions on four continents. CFA and its affiliates work nationally with local shelters, at a grassroots level, to help improve the problem of stray cats and abuse, and to encourage neuter/spay programs. CFA has been instrumental in the development of several international charitable organizations such as CFA Disaster Relief and The Winn Feline Foundation. To learn more about the Cat Fanciers' Association, the pedigreed breeds of cats, or to find the nearest CFA cat show, visit www.cfa.org.

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