



**THE CAT FANCIERS' ASSOCIATION, INC.**

World's Largest Registry of Pedigreed Cats

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## **CFA INVITES YOU TO SEE, DO, TOUCH AND FEEL AT MEET THE BREEDS**

Spectators attending Meet the Breeds on October 16-17 at the Jacob K. Javits Center will be able to see the 41 breeds of cats recognized by CFA; do fun things like participate in the Bingo game or run a cat through agility; touch any, or all, of the cats in attendance; and, feel the differences in the coat of an American Wirehair and a Selkirk Rex.

Activities include:

- CFA breed councils will have decorated booths that explain the history of the breed, their uniqueness, and various cats will be available to show the colors and coat lengths. The Russian Blue booth will have a distinct “Russian” feel to it; the Selkirk Rex will show off their “western” heritage”; and, the Abyssinian will display an Egyptian theme.
- Visitors to the show will have the opportunity to touch and feel the cats – enjoy the warm, suede body of a Sphynx, or the bristle-brush coat of an American Wirehair; or the smooth and tight coat and body of an Oriental. Marvel at the petite Singapura and Devon Rex, and be awed by the size of the Maine Coon.
- Kids can have fun with our specialty Bingo game. Collect a card at the CFA booth and find all the breeds listed on your unique card, have it stamped at the appropriate breed booths, and deposit it in the BINGO box when completed. Winners will be announced hourly.
- Feline agility will have several “loaner” cats available if you want to try your hand at running a cat through the agility course of weave poles, stairs, hoops and hurdles. It takes a bit of skill, and a lot of cooperation on the part of the cat, to complete the course in record time.

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- CFA Allbreed Judge Joan Miller will present several talks on Saturday and Sunday explaining the history, personality and nuances of the different breeds in her breed presentation ring.
- The “Cat Walk Couture” will be held on stage at 2pm on Saturday. Cats of various pedigreed breeds will strut their stuff on the runway, wearing designer feline “Meow-Wear” created by Carla Reiss. Picture a Sphynx dressed up like Edward Cullen from “Twilight”, an American Shorthair sporting a Hallowe’ en dress and hat, or a Ragdoll wearing a Brazilian Showgirl outfit ala Carmen Miranda.
- CFA’s “2010 Cat Idol” will be named on stage at 3pm on Sunday. All cats in attendance at Meet the Breeds will be eligible to be selected as one of the top 10 final contestants. Spectator applause, as measured by the applause meter, will be used to determine this year’s winner.

Come participate in see, do, touch and feel at Meet the Breeds on October 16-17 at the Jacob K Javits Center.

### **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 voluntary 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](http://www.CFA.org).

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