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**TESS TAKES BEST OF THE BEST AT  
2007 CFA-IAMS CAT CHAMPIONSHIP  
WINNING OVER SOME OF THE WORLD'S TOUGHEST COMPETITION**

NEW YORK, October 14, 2007 – Wyndchymes Tess, a one and a half year-old Mi-Ke Japanese Bobtail from East Windsor, New Jersey, won the heart of Judge Larry Adkinson and thousands of New Yorkers at the 5th annual CFA-IAMS Cat Championship, sponsored by the Cat Fanciers' Association, the world's largest registry of pedigreed cats. More than three hundred cats competed at the show, which was held October 13-14 at New York's Madison Square Garden. (To learn more about the winner and the show, please visit [www.cfa-lams-cat-championship.org](http://www.cfa-lams-cat-championship.org) and <http://www.cfa.org/news.html>.)

Best of the Best winner Tess was joined by first runner-up Astral Charm Give Me Kisses, an 11-month-old blue-cream Persian from Kansas City, Kansas and second runner-up was Amber Snow Cayenne, a seven-month-old brown patched classic tabby and white Longhair Scottish Fold kitten from Columbia, South Carolina.

The Show placed the spotlight on 325 show cats representing the 41 pedigreed breeds recognized by the CFA. Among the breeds represented at the Show were Japanese Bobtail, American Curl, Maine Coon, Ragdoll, Cornish Rex, Sphynx, Siamese, and Persians. Highlighted at the show was Feline Agility Competition (FAC), a challenge that is sweeping the nation. The tournament, continuing to grow as a show spectator favorite in the 2006-2007 season, was won by Abyssinian Huey, owned by Jennifer Lanci of Long Island, New York. Huey navigated a series of ten obstacles, including tunnels, stairs, and poles in an astounding 10 seconds,.

Other highlights of the CFA-Iams Cat Championship were:

- *Adopt-A-Cat at the Garden* – The Mayor's Alliance for NYC Animals hosted 19 shelter and rescue organizations with dozens of cats and kittens seeking their new forever homes. More than 225 cats were adopted. To date, more than 1,300 cats and kittens have been placed with qualified adopters, in the last three years of this event.
- *Iams Trained Cats* – Hollywood's finest felines, stars of TV hit shows, and commercials, performed on-stage. Who knew that cats could play with more than one type of mouse?
- *Code3 Associates BART Came to NYC* – Short for Big Animal Rescue Truck, BART is designed to support and extend the ability of any agency or organization to effectively accomplish its mission in disaster or emergency. BART is specifically engineered to provide added resources to an area of

devastation, not to further deplete them. BART can remain totally self-sufficient for up to a week without re-supply.

- *Cat Lovers Take the Stage* – For those wanting to have fun and learn a little about their feline friends, there were guest speakers taking center stage, including Dr. Bernadine Cruz and Dr. Bruce Elsey. Both presented educational information several times during the weekend.
- *Breed Showcase* – Joan Miller, one of the leading authorities on felines, their personality and breed history, showcased a presentation of the CFA breeds, sparkled with information on the beauty, personality, and history of the these cats, each represented by a specially-chosen feline delegate.

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#### ***About The Cat Fanciers' Association, Inc.***

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. 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. We promote 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. Our breeders, exhibitors, judges and fans span

the globe, annually hosting over 450 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. For more information 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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Please note: Pictures of the Best of the Best winner are available. Please e-mail or call Peter Collins. Also, pictures were posted by Associated Press and Reuters News Service.