



# CFA INTERNATIONAL C A T • S H O W

## **Persian Named “Best in Show” at the 2008 CFA International Cat Show**

*Winner Selected Among 729 Pedigreed Felines at the Largest Cat Show  
in the Western Hemisphere*

**ATLANTA, GA and MANASQUAN, NJ – November 23, 2008** - The Cat Fanciers' Association (CFA) announced today that “Kuurii Santos of Cuzzoe,” a black Persian male was selected as “Best in Show” at the **2008 CFA International Cat Show**. “Santos” was bred in Italy and is owned by Justin Pelletier and Brandon Moore from Raleigh, North Carolina, and Paolo Carnevaletti of Azzano Decimo, Italy, and Linda Acomb of Fallbrook, California. The largest cat show in the Western Hemisphere featured 729 of the world’s finest pedigreed felines at the Georgia International Convention Center during the three-day competition Nov. 21-23, 2008.

Every cat entered in the show was evaluated by a team of 6 professional judges, and reviewed according to a written standard for its breed. The standard is part blueprint because it describes the ideal specimen for the breed. A breed standard is precise enough to allow judges to evaluate cats accurately, and flexible enough to leave room for differences in interpretation between judges.

In addition, the following winners were also announced at the show:

- Rickat’s Jack Trick or Treat, a black Bombay male owned by Barbara Garneau was named the winner in the Shorthair Championship class. The Championship class is composed of registered, unaltered adult members of the 40 breeds recognized by the CFA
- I-Catchers Cathedral, a tortoiseshell Persian spay owned by Jane Lamas was named the winner in the Longhair Premiership class (neutered males and spayed females)
- Deydream High Hopes, a black and white Manx spay was named the winner in the Shorthair Premiership class (neutered males and spayed females)
- Latin Lover D’Carlotta, a brown tabby Exotic female, owned by Valery Boucher, was named the winner in the Longhair Kitten class
- Loganderry Cooper of Hilltop Park, a brown mackerel tabby Devon Rex female, owned by Claudia Hasay and Gerri Logan, was named the winner in the Shorthair Kitten class
- Feline Agility Competition was won by "Torch," an 11-month old chocolate spotted Ocicat male, owned by Sonja Moscoffian from Marshville, North Carolina. “Torch” completed the course in 11 seconds (beating out 27 other competitors)

“We’re extremely thrilled at the tremendous success of this year’s international competition,” said Allene Tartaglia, CFA Executive Director. “The Cat Fanciers’ Association congratulates all winners, and commends all participants in a truly exceptional competition.”

The show marked its 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary this year, and was its first appearance in Atlanta since 1997. This is also the first time in eleven years the show has been east of the Mississippi River.

CFA recognizes 40 breeds of pedigreed cats. Among the breeds found at the show were the very popular and easily-recognized Persian and Siamese, as well as the impressive Maine Coon, the elegant Cornish Rex, the long and lean Oriental and unique hairless Sphynx.

**About The Cat Fancier’s 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. 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 pedigree 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 their web site at [www.cfa.org](http://www.cfa.org).

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