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Will YOUR Cat Jump Thru Hoops?!! Come Watch Ours!



FACT SHEET

**WHAT: The Houston Cat Club's 55th CFA
CHARITY CAT SHOW**



CELEBRATE OUR 55TH ANNIVERSARY!

WHEN: Saturday and Sunday, January 6-7, 2007
WHERE: George R. Brown Convention Center, Hall A - 1001 Ave de las Americas, Houston, Texas 77010; (713) 853-8000
HOURS: 10 to 5 Saturday; 9 to 4 Sunday
ADMISSION: \$7.00 Adults; \$4 Under 12/Over 65; Free Admission for Under 4
City of Houston Parking Fee: \$7 per car

BENEFICIARIES: HOUSTON AREA Animal Welfare Groups: The Houston SPCA, Citizens for Animal Protection (CAPS), the Homeless Pet Placement League (HPPL), The Houston Humane Society and The Winn Feline Foundation. Over the last 54 shows, HCC has donated \$850,000+ to these and other local charities as well as to the Winn Feline Foundation. **Donations come from spectators' admission fees.**

****FOR THE 2ND YEAR! CFA FELINE AGILITY COMPETITION****



You've all heard about dog agility competitions, and have thoroughly enjoyed watching the dogs whip through the obstacle courses with determination and speed. Amazing how they can climb up and down those high steps and race through those weave pole areas. Now, can you actually imagine a cat lowering its dignity enough to do that?

But, of course! Cats are definitely trainable and most are willing to follow a feather or dangling toy anywhere! It can also be pretty funny to watch, too! Some cats take to the course like a duck to water, and have it down pat when it comes to running through tunnels and jumping through hoops. Others, though, seem to be more curious about the course, and will thoroughly inspect each obstacle before even thinking about tackling it. And then there are those competing cats who think the idea is to put their owners through the course paces, and give the humans a really good work-out while trying to coax them out of a tunnel or over a jump. **Come Watch the Feline Agility Competition at the Houston Charity Cat Show!**

PEDIGREED CAT COMPETITION: As many as 450 pedigreed cats and kittens will compete for awards given by 6 judges from the Cat Fanciers' Association, Inc. Top ten finalists in the pedigreed division, consisting of 39 recognized pedigreed breeds (such as Abyssinians, American Shorthairs, Balinese, Birman, Burmese, Chartreux, Maine Coon Cats, Cornish and Devon Rex, Persians, Scottish Folds, Siamese, Selkirk Rex, Sphynx Cats [hairless cat], and Tonkinese) will earn points towards titles of Grand Champion, Grand Premier and Regional and National

Awards for the 2006-2007 Show Season. Siberians (native cat of Russia) and American Bobtails are the newest accepted championship breeds. The La Perms (curly coated cats), may also be evaluated by the judges in the Provisional Class.



HOUSEHOLD PET Everybody's favorites, the Household Pets will be judged in 6 rings by CFA Allbreed judges throughout the day. Ribbons and rosettes will be awarded in each ring to the top 10 winners under each judge. Special competitions will be held for Best Costume and Tricks Performed by Cats. HHPs will compete for the Best Decorated Cage following the theme "MEET ME AT THE MOVIES."

OF SPECIAL

NOTE:

Book Signings by award-winning feline authors Amy Shojai, known for her feline health care books, and Carole Nelson Douglas, noted creator of the Midnight Louie Cat Mystery Series on Saturday (1 pm - 5 pm) and Sunday Noon - 3 pm). Both authors will have copies of their books for sale, and of course will sign them for the purchasers. These books include:

By Amy Shojai: **Chicken Soup for the Cat Lover's Soul (2005)**; Chicken Soup for the Dog Lover's Soul (2005); PETiquette: Solving Behavior Problems in your Multipet Household (2005); Complete Care for your Aging Cat; Complete Kitten Care; New Choices in Natural Healing for Dogs & Cats' and The First-Aid Companion for Dogs & Cats.

Carole Nelson Douglas will tout her latest in the Midnight Louie Mystery Series, **CAT IN A HOT PINK PURSUIT (2005)**, as well as earlier books featuring Midnight Louie--a jet-black tomcat with an appetite for mystery and an attitude right out of Damon Runyon--and his red-haired human companion Temple Barr, a publicist in the glittering Las Vegas media scene. Some of these include *Cat Nap & Pussy Foot* (reprint soon available); *Cat in an Orange Twist* (PB, 2005); *Cat on a Blue Monday*; *Cat in a Crimson Haze*; *Cat in a Diamond Dazzle*; *Cat in a Leopard Spot* and *Cat in a Golden Garland*.

ASK THE VET

KIOSK -

The Ask-The-Vet-Kiosk will be manned from 1:00 to 3:00 p.m. Saturday and 12 Noon to 2:00 p.m. Sunday. Spectators have the opportunity to discuss their pet cats' health with highly qualified veterinarians from the Houston Area.

JUNIOR SHOWMANSHIP JUDGED BY CFA ALLBREED JUDGE AND FORMER PRESIDENT OF CFA, DON WILLIAMS from Florida - see this link for more info: <http://kids.cfa.org/js.html>

SHOPPING:

A Kitty Shopping Mall - a variety of toys, treats, beds, climbing posts, premium cat foods, combs, brushes, and even shampoos are available for purchase. The latest in human and kitty attire, as well as jewelry and articles for the home with cat motifs, will be on sale. Just the Place to Purchase Gifts of a Feline Nature...



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