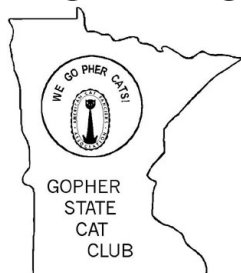


Gopher State Cat Club

In conjunction with

The American Cat Fanciers Association



presents

Top Hat and Cat Tails Rochester, Minnesota August 20-21, 2005



ACFA 2005 Annual Board of Directors Meeting, Awards Banquet
and
Championship and Household Pet Cat Show

SATURDAY JUDGES

Lonnie Alitz — Allbreed
Carol Barbee — Allbreed
Carol Jordan — Allbreed
Tim Murphy — Specialty



SUNDAY JUDGES

Joan Apel-Klarner — Allbreed
Barb Belanger — Allbreed
Joyce Irwin — Allbreed
Maureen Krzeszewski — Specialty

SHOW MANAGER

Kathy Grant
3871 Canter Glen Drive
Eagan, MN 55123
Phone: (651) 688-7984
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ENTRY CLERK

Lyla Fauble
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Apple Valley, MN 55124
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SHOW HALL: The Kahler Grand Hotel, 20 SW Second Ave., Rochester, MN 55902, is climate-controlled. Phone (507) 280-6200. (See SHOW HOTEL below for reservation information.) No smoking is permitted in the show hall.

SHOW TIMES: *Saturday* – Check in 7:00–8:00 a.m. Judging begins at 8:30 a.m.

Sunday – Check in 7:00–7:30 a.m. Judging begins at 8:00 a.m. Closing time is at the end of the last final or 4:00 p.m., whichever is later. Show hours for the public are from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

CLOSING DATE: Registration closes on Monday, August 8th, or when the 200th entry is received, whichever comes first. If you have not received your confirmation by August 12th, please call the entry clerk between 5:30 p.m. and 10:00 p.m. to confirm that your entry was received. **Make your hotel reservations early;** blocks of rooms can only be held until July 24, 2005. (See SHOW HOTEL below for more information.)

ENTRY FEES: Please refer to the Summary Sheet for prices and other registration details. **There will be a \$20.00 fee for paying at the door.**

RULES: The show will be conducted according to the American Cat Fanciers Association (ACFA) show rules, which are available for a small fee from the ACFA Central Office, P.O. Box 1949, Nixa, MO 65714-1949. Phone (417) 725-1530. The rules are also available on the ACFA web site, <http://www.acfacat.com>.

For more information, visit the ACFA North Central web site:
<http://www.acfanorthcentralregion.org>

HEALTH: This is a non-vetted show; no veterinary inspection will be required prior to benching. The club strongly advises that all cats and kittens be immunized against feline enteritis, calici virus, and rhinotracheitis at least three weeks prior to the show. Any animal from a cattery or house where there has been any infectious or contagious illness within 21 days prior to the show will not be allowed in the show hall. Entries must be free of fleas, ear mites, and fungus (ringworm). The show management will remove any cats that show signs of contagious illness or disease. All claws must be trimmed; if claws are not trimmed, it will be done at the show at the exhibitor's expense.

LIABILITY: Neither the show management, Gopher State Cat Club, any member of the club, nor the Kahler Hotel will be responsible or assume any liability for any loss, damage, injury or accidents to any person, animal, or property. The club reserves the right to refuse any admission and to remove any person or animal from the show hall in the best interest of the show and exhibitors.

CHILDREN: This show is for the display and competition of cats. While well-behaved children are welcome, two days at a show can be very boring and tiring for them. If an exhibitor or spectator does bring a disruptive child to the show hall, the child will be asked to leave. There will be no refund of entry or admission fees.

SUPPLIES: The club will provide litter. Bring your own food and water dishes, cat food, and litter pans.

CAGES: Our cages are slightly larger than standard show cages. Single cages (included with entry fee) are 22x22x25. Double cages are 22x22x54. Grooming spaces are 22x22x54. Due to having the show in a different location in the community center, we have limited availability of grooming spaces.

Novice exhibitors: Please bring coverings for the top, sides, and bottom of the cage.

SALES CAGES: Sales cages are available to exhibitors only. Minimum price for cat/kitten sales is \$150.00. No kittens are to be sold from carriers under tables or from vehicles in the parking lot.

KITTENS: No kittens under the age of four months will be allowed in the show hall. Kittens in the show hall must have been born on or before April 20, 2005, for the Saturday show and April 21, 2005, for the Sunday show.

HOUSEHOLD PETS: Household pets will be judged in all eight rings. They must be immunized at least three weeks prior to the show, and if they are over eight months old, they must be spayed or neutered. Although household pets may be declawed, all remaining claws must be trimmed.

AWARDS: The show will be scored for ACFA Inter-American and Regional awards. Cats must be present to receive final wins unless excused by the show manager prior to the closing time of the show.

TRANSFERS: Transfers for the show on Sunday must be made with the master clerk during the show on Saturday. No transfers will be accepted Sunday unless entered for Sunday only. All championship entries should be registered at the time of the show.

Novice exhibitors: If your cat wins enough points on Saturday, you may need to make a transfer. We're happy to help you.

PHOTOGRAPHER: Dave Hull is the official show photographer.

FOOD: People food will be available near the show hall. Exhibitors are not allowed to bring their own food.

SHOW HOTEL: Kahler Grand Hotel, 20 SW Second Ave. Rochester, MN 55902. Phone: (507) 280-6200. Call (800) 533-1655 for reservations. Free parking. Sleeping rooms for 1-4 people: \$75.00 + 11 percent tax; check in 3:00 p.m.; check out 11:00 a.m. Reserve your room by July 24, 2005. Mention Gopher State Cat Club when making your reservation. The Airport shuttle from Minneapolis-St. Paul Airport Lindbergh Terminal takes about 90 minutes and costs \$42.00 for a round trip. There is also a shuttle from the Rochester Airport.

SALES BOOTHS: A sales booth includes a 10' x 10' space with an 8' table for \$50.00. A double space with two tables is \$90.00, and a triple space with three tables is \$130.00. Additional tables are available at \$20.00 each. Contact Kathy Grant, 3871 Canter Glen Drive, Eagan, MN 55123, (651) 688-7984 before 10:00 p.m. Central Time for information.

ACFA 50th Anniversary Annual Events

BANQUET: The Heritage Buffet (\$30 per person) consists of assorted salads, roast stuffed chicken breast, seared beef tenderloin tips with pearled onions and mushrooms, baked lemon dill salmon fillets, buttered noodles and scalloped potatoes, medley of vegetables, cakes and tortes, and beverage station. **Social hour begins at 6:00 p.m., Friday, August 19, with dinner at 7:00 and the awards and program at 8:00.**

OTHER EVENTS: The board of directors will meet August 16-18. An open meeting will be held Friday, August 19.

LEISURE ACTIVITIES: Shuttle to the Mall of America (\$30.00 round trip), shuttle to the Treasure Island Casino, indoor pool, three restaurants on site and many more within walking distance, shopping, the Mayo Clinic, museums, and much more.