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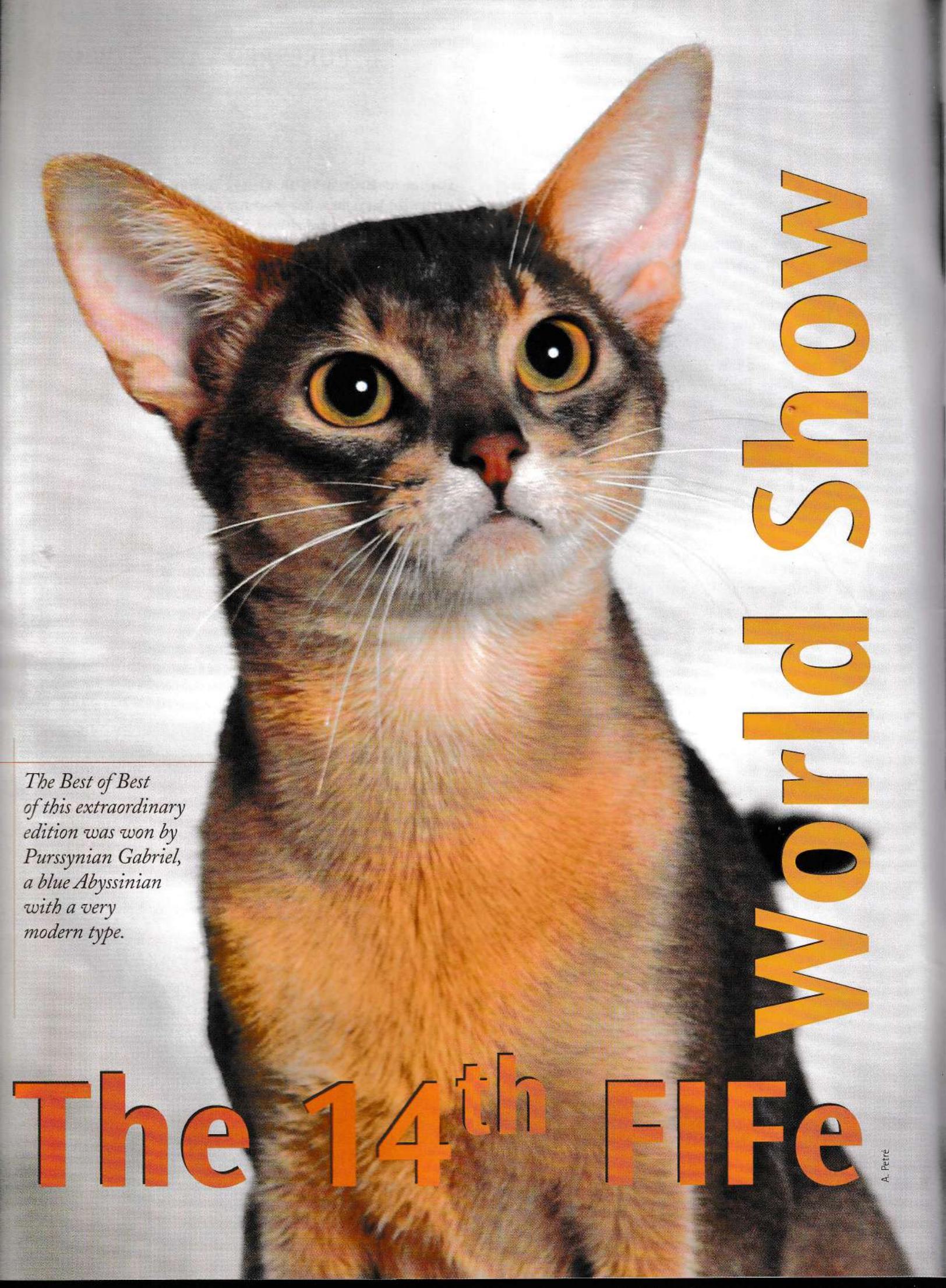
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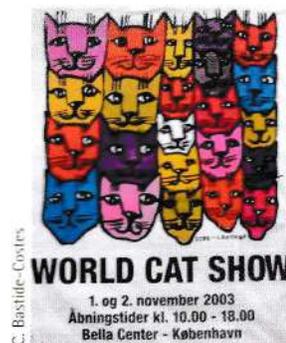
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The 14th FIFe

A well-deserved standing ovation!

Copenhagen November 1st 2003

For the second time in its history, the annual FIFe World Show took place in Copenhagen, Denmark. With 1,400 entries, 1,388 to be more specific, one could tell that it would be a huge show: one of the biggest and most important ever organised by FIFe. The competition was truly exceptional, not only because of the number of entries it generated but also owing to the great Felis Danica's organisation and the beautiful work done by the judges. It was an all-round success, very professional, and of course, there were the cats! Did you know that, in order to participate, a cat must hold at least an International champion title or have won a Best in Show or a Best of Variety? This was maybe the challenge of competing against the best cats of the moment that convinced exhibitors from 22 countries to come and try to win the very coveted World Winner Title. After two exciting days, the Best of Best of this extraordinary edition was won by Purssynian Gabriel, a blue Abyssinian with a very modern type. His breeders are Beth and Darrell Newkirk, USA, and he belongs to Tino Gillmeier, Germany. The next FIFe World Show will take place in Vienna, Austria on the 13th and 14th of November 2004. Now, whether you are an exhibitor, a breeder or simply a fancier, no matter what your favourite breed is or what federation you belong to, make sure you don't miss **THE event!**



The Fédération Internationale Féline

Full steam ahead!

Exclusive interview with Eric Reijers, President of FIFe

Founded by a French lady called Madame Ravel in 1949, the Fédération Internationale Féline, which is well-known under the name of FIFe, is one of the most important cat fancy federations in the world. Mainly located in continental Europe and Scandinavia, FIFe boasts 37 affiliated clubs in 35 countries, including South Africa and Asia and a total of 75,000 individual members. We have met Eric Reijers, FIFe president, who has shared with us his vision of the federation's future.



Jan Krag

"The relationship with the world federations must improve and become more effective in the future."

PUREBRED CATS: *Éric Reijers, you are the FIFe president. The FIFe World Show was one of the biggest cat shows ever organised. What are your feelings about it?*

Eric Reijers: It was the largest World Show ever organised and there were 14 so far. Nowadays, quantity and quality do not always go together but I do think that this particular show was really well organised and the atmosphere was wonderful. It was certainly one of the best. I have to congratulate Felis Danica for the fantastic work they did. All the clubs worked hard, in a friendly and co-operative way.

There was incredible quality in most of the cat breeds. The judges were professional, were entertaining and brilliantly explained their judgement. Is it usual in your federation?

Well, it seems to depend on where you are or rather on whom is judging. According to our rules, we have to judge openly and explain to the exhibitors and audience what we are seeing and what we feel when we are judging the cats.

I really believe that it is the only correct and most appealing way of judging. Exhibitors and visitors are entitled to know what is going through our minds when we are judging a cat, and the reasons why we are preferring cat A to cat B.

This implies that judges must have excellent verbal and languages skills and must know their standards. I think the worse thing a judge can say is, "I select this cat today" if he cannot explain the reasons why. People pay good money to show their cats and are

entitled to get a quality judgement or at least a justifiable one. Exhibitors are our "customers" and have to be treated as such. Some cats do not really meet man-written standards, that is a fact! But they are all beautiful, gracious and deserve to be loved and treated in the best possible way. A good judge can give a Very Good 1 to a cat and still make the owner feel that his/her cat is special. To me, it is crucial that judges are or used to be breeders and exhibitors. I am still an active breeder and exhibitor and also organise shows on behalf of my club. I know what is going through a "normal" exhibitor's mind when a judge makes a mistake. The best thing is to know every aspect of the cat fancy.

What role does FIFe play in the cat fancy world-wide?

This is a difficult question! The FIFe Federation is an association of all our national members. The General Assembly forms the highest authority in FIFe.

The Board is simply there to implement the GA's decisions and handle day-to-day affairs. To some extent, there is neither real management nor direct Board authority on the members (countries) except when the rules are broken.

This system is a problem for FIFe because it prevents the Federation from reacting quickly and efficiently. One has always to wait for GA members' approval.

To me, one of FIFE's positive sides is that it unites so many different countries, cultures and languages under one banner. We are represented in all but two European countries (but no longer in Belgium and not in Ireland) and in all the future EEC countries. We have also members on other continents (Malaysia, Mexico, Brazil and Argentina). To me, FIFE has strong principles about cats' health and welfare, which are written in the rules and in our recognition policy.

What is the relationship between FIFE and the other main federations? In your opinion, how is it going to evolve?

FIFE meets annually CFA, TICA, ACF, NZCF and WCF, the major players of the global Feline Organisations in the World Cat Congress. We are building a relationship with GCCF and hope to get them to join the WCC.

Today, the relationship we have with them is quite informal: many things unite us and many other divide us. The judging system in the USA and Australia/New Zealand is really different from our "classic" written judgement.

The relationship with the world federations must improve and become more effective in the future. The future of cat fancy is important to all of us. I hope we can all agree to a common registration and breeds identification system. It would be an important step forward!

I believe that FIFE should greatly modernise itself: people should reconsider rules and statuses, the Judges Education Programme aspects, and should also adopt ring judging as a possible alternative for "classic" judging. I also believe that we should centralise all the LO and REX databases. The countries should keep on being responsible for pedigrees issue and receiving money for it. FIFE should have an up and running backup system for each pedigree issued in each FIFE country. These are the biggest challenges we must try to meet in the years to come. As I said before, FIFE is not a quick acting organisation because of its structure and many people see progress as a threat.

I would like to change the election rules too. I do not think it is fair that a country with 8,500 members has only one vote just like a country with 85 members. This is certainly not democratic! In a word, we must gradually "loosen the old corset".

What role should FIFE play in the cat fancy in the future? Do you have any plans?

Yes I do. I have outlined many of them above. I do not wish to discuss about the ones I have neither studied nor assessed yet. I can let you know of one "problem": FIFE has members outside



"It is crucial that judges are or used to be breeders and exhibitors" (Pictures: Alva Uddin, Sweden & Flavia Capra, Italy).

Europe. Maybe, we should do like in the dog fancy world, *id est*. have full members, affiliate members and contract members.

I also strongly consider trying to change the laws at a European level, which would forbid the sale of cats (and dogs) in animal shops. Cats and dogs need to be socialised in a responsible breeder's home environment.

How do you see the purebred cat's future? How can you ensure the purebred cat's promotion?

This has been quite a priority on my agenda for a long time, and without making any advertisement here, I would like to thank Royal Canin very much. They put the pedigree cats forward and thereby brought them into the general public's notice. Pedigree cats can only grow in numbers and we must all be aware of their existence to ensure a positive promotion of them. We must also discuss health and behavioural problems more openly and take the consequences. One of the few places where you can see pedigree cats is on cat shows, and they are in pens... many of them have the sign "do not touch" written on them... This is NOT good PR. I would like to see folders, flyers or booklets on the different breeds available at the entrance of the FIFE cat shows. We should explain why cats (unlike dogs) have to be in a cage and how a show works. We *must* have a "cuddle" corner on every show where visitors can actually touch and play with the cats! Everybody wants to touch a cat, feel its coat and hear it purr. Our hobby is an "indoor" one. We do not actually go for a walk with our Cornish, Chartreux or Persian as dog people do with a Great Dane, a Chihuahua or a Poodle. We do not give "normal" people much of a chance of touching our cats when they can actually touch or even properly see dogs on dog shows! ♦



The re-birth of an old lady

Because its members are all following the same rules concerning standards, shows, judges and cat's registration, FIFE feels very homely: people are comfortable to meet there and share common values based on quality and strict requirements. FIFE has been somewhat closed to other cat associations for a long time. They were called "the independent" referring to the fact that they were not part of FIFE. The gap was so wide that, sometimes, FIFE did not even recognise the cat pedigrees the "independent" issued. But times are now changing! Today, "independent" and FIFE breeders are working happily together on many breeds. Once worked on separately, rich gene pools are now shared for the great benefit of cats' beauty and welfare. FIFE has also established a very dynamic relationship with the main cat associations in the USA (CFA, TICA) as well as in Australia and New Zealand. Wise for its past, FIFE is now looking ahead and preparing its future with a lot of care and attention and following its president's, Eric Reijers, directives. With 1,400 entries, and exhibitors coming from 22 countries, the 14th FIFE World Show may stand for a proof and a symbol of a new vitality. **FIFE website: <http://www.fifeweb.org/>**

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Welcome speech by Ole Amstrup, President of Felis Danica.

Once you are at the Copenhagen Bella Centre, the International ambiance of the 14th FIFe World show strikes you. There, all the announcements are made in English even if many other languages can be heard. A simple hello suffices to get a reply in English. Whatever the country you are coming from, you can share your passion for purebred cats!

by CATHERINE BASTIDE-COSTES

Welcome to Copenhagen!

Once he has gone through the spacious hall of the Bella Center, the visitor does not know which way to turn. The two exhibition halls are huge! As far as the eye can see, there are lines of cages, which promise waves of great emotion. But at first sight, one can be sure of one thing: here, quantity rhymes with quality. For the amateurs' comfort, the cages are arranged by breed, which allows them to step in, to admire and compare the cats. Next to each breed, stands the corresponding club stall, which informs the very inquisitive visitor when the latter tries to convince them that his or her favourite cat is definitely the one to vote for. Judges stand close to the breed they are in charge of, so that exhibitors do not have too much way to walk. Cosy and stylish, the judges' rings consist of both esthetical and practical aluminium cages and one table where the judge can examine each cat at ease.

One day... to judge!

The whole Saturday is devoted to judging. Each cat is presented to the judge who writes a report on it and award it a title certificate (called point) corresponding to its registration category or not (kittens 3/6 months, kittens 6/10 months, Ch., Int Ch., Gr Int.Ch., European Ch. or Gr European Ch.). This title is awarded according to the cat's quality and its conformity to standard (id est compared with the other cats registered in the same category). There is a title awarded by category, by colour and by sex. Once the first choice is made, the judge awards a Best in

Variety. He makes a selection among all kittens that got an Excellent 1 and all adults, which won their Best in Colour point (the condition is that there must be at least five cats of the same colour). The judges explain the choices they make to the audience by describing the cats' strongest and weakest points. This is a very instructive moment!

At the end of the afternoon comes the nomination's time for the Best in Show. In each of the four categories acknowledged by FIFe, the judges nominate: one 3 to 6 months kitten (male or female), one 6 to 10 months kitten (male or female), one adult male and one adult female, one neutered male and one neutered female.

Some judges are making the moment really entertaining. The very attentive and ready to play spectators clap at each nomination. The World Winners will be chosen among those nominated cats on Sunday. After such a thrilling day!



C. Bastide-Costes

Lines of cages, which promise waves of great emotion.

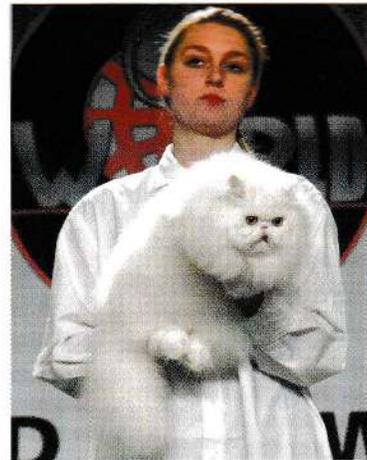


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The judges explain the choices they make to the audience by describing the cats' strongest and weakest points. On the picture above, Albert Kurkowski (Poland) presents a Maine Coon to the attentive spectators.

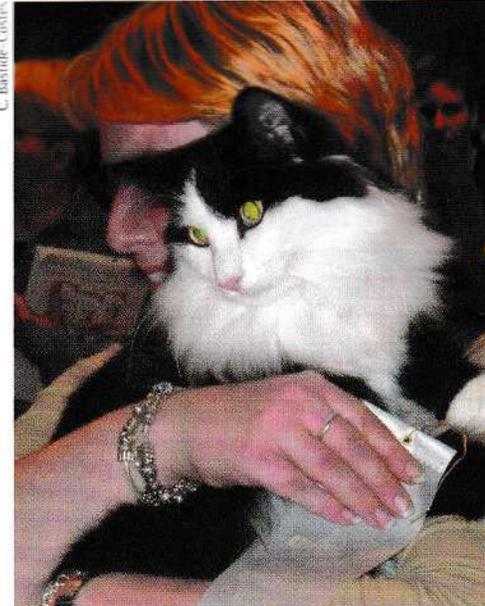


Each cat is presented to a vet who examines it before its entry to the show.



C. Baahle-Coxter
Anders Lorenzen

The cats are being taken care of by stewards to be presented to the nominations and to the Best in Show.



The Norwegian Forest Cats were the most represented breed at the FIFe World Show.

Top stewards!

If the cats are directly brought to the judgement rings by their owners and put into waiting cages behind the judges, they will be taken care of by stewards to be presented to the nominations and to the Best in Shows. For the exhibitors, who are not used to entrusting their cats to strangers, it can be a somewhat distressful experience. They are afraid that their little "protégés" will react badly when they are in strange arms or that they will not be shown to advantage. We must say that all the stewards have demonstrated great skills. Recruited and selected weeks before the show, they all took good care of the cats and displayed a great knowledge of their behavioural and morphological characteristics.

Come in and look around!

It is crucial for a show as important as the FIFe World Show to be easy in terms of access. It is a key to its success and to both visitors and exhibitors who are arriving, carrying their cats in comfortable but bulky kennels! The Bella Centre, which is a 10-minute drive

from the airport, next to a train station connecting it with the Danish Capital City centre and close to a clearly indicated motorway exit, perfectly meets this requirement.

Dramatic entrance for Norwegian Forest Cats

With 322 entries on the catalogue, the NFO was the most represented breed at the FIFe World Show. This is understandable because the breed was born in Scandinavia. The second most represented breeds are the Persian (190) and the Maine Coon (176). Then comes the Birman (102) that people could admire in many different colours. The top short-haired breed is the British Shorthair. Then come the Siamese (61) and the Abyssinian (60). For the less represented but more popular breeds, there were Bengals (only 7) and Sphinx (also 7). ♦

10,000 visitors:

One of the factors showing the show's success was the number of visitors. According to Ole Armstrup, the number of visitors was close to 10,000 people. Royal Canin, the main sponsor, bought 3,000 tickets in advance and some tickets were handed out with some of their products. On the two days of the show, there were 7,000 people, who paid an entrance fee.

"In Denmark, purebred cats are very well accepted..."

Five questions to Dorte Kaae, chairwoman of the most important Danish cat club and the FiFe Show Commission.



C. Bastide-Costes

Where does your passion for purebred cats come from?

I have participated in the cat fancy for 25 years and from the very beginning, I have been a member of the Jydsk Racekatte Klub. I have always loved cats, from the very first house cats we had back in my parents' farm. Later, when I got my own place, I bought two Siamese kittens. Since then, I have been breeding Siamese and Oriental shorthairs. Being a member of a cat club, I started to participate actively in shows and very soon, became interested in the cat fancy and in the organisation of shows. I have been a Board member of the Jydsk Racekatte Klub and Felis Danica since 1988. For the last 10 years, I have been chairwoman of the Jydsk Racekatte Klub. At FiFe, I am honoured to be chairwoman of the Show Commission. I am travelling a lot and get to see a lot of cats around Europe as a FiFe judge (I, II and IV). It allows me to make a lot of good new friends and it is wonderful to have this great opportunity to see, handle and talk to all these lovely cats, which come on my table.

Could you introduce your club and explain how is organised the cat fancy in your country?

The cat fancy in Denmark consists of 4 clubs (Dansk Racekatte Klub (DARAK), Jydsk Racekatte Klub (JYRAK), Racekatten and Katteklubben), which form a federation called Felis Danica. Under this name, there are approximately 20 breed clubs and the Norwegian Forest Cat Club is the largest of them, with more than 500 members registered. Only the 4 main clubs are allowed to issue pedigrees and to hold the International Cat Shows. One person only, the registrar of pedigrees, is getting paid in the Felis Danica: everybody else works for free.

In 1934, the Jydsk Racekatte Klub was the second club to be founded in Denmark. DARAK was the very first one to be in 1931. Later on, Racekatten was founded and the youngest created club, Katteklubben, is now 14 years old.

Jydsk Racekatte Klub is the largest of the 4 clubs, with approximately 40% of the total number of members. In Denmark, the 4 clubs represent a total of about 5,000 members.

Each club organises 3 - 4 shows per year - the Jydsk Racekatte Klub holds 4 shows, with 550 - 750 exhibited cats per show. In September this year, we held our largest show ever, with almost 800 exhibited cats. In 2002, JYRAK issued more than 2,100 pedigrees out of the 5,400 issued by Felis Danica.

How many cats are there in your country and how many of them are purebred cats?

In Denmark, we breed approximately 5,500 purebred cats per year. I think that there is a total of 50,000 purebred cats. The total cat population in Denmark is not really known. Let me think: 1,000,000 or 2,000,000? Honestly, I am not entirely sure.

What is the situation with purebred cats in Denmark?

Pretty good! Purebred cats are very well accepted, and the different breeds are well known - at least for the most popular ones! We are trying to hold cat shows in different places and to give purebred cats a lot of publicity. Often people choose a cat instead of a dog because it is easier to take good care of a feline friend.

The most popular breed is the Maine Coon with more than 1,300 bred kittens in 2002. We then have the Persian/Exotic breed followed by the Norwegian Forest Cat, with 1,200 bred kittens each.

How was Denmark chosen to hold the FiFe World Show?

Denmark asked FiFe for permission to hold the World Show years ago and got it. We also hold the 1993 World Show. We gradually started to work on it a year and a half ago, but we have been working very hard for the last 10 months. Right now, about 35 people are on the project, but a lot more will be working on the show itself. ♦

Copenhagen World Show in figures

CATS BY BREED

CATEGORY I

Exotic Shorthair44

Persian190

Total: 234

CATEGORY II

American Curl3

Maine Coon176

Norwegian Forest Cat 322

Ragdoll 16

Sacred Cat of Burma 102

Siberian8

Turkish Angora11

Turkish Van11

Total: 649

CATEGORY III

Abyssinian60

Burmilla16

British shorthair84

Burmese52

Chartreux3

European Shorthair .11

Korat8

Manx5

Cornish Rex35

Devon Rex21

Russian Blue18

Ocicat16

Somali29

Sokoke5

Sphynx7

Bengal7

Housed Hold pet27

Total: 404

Category IV

Siamese61

Oriental Shorthair36

Balinese3

Javanese

(Oriental longhair)1

Total: 101

GENERAL TOTAL: 1,388

EXHIBITORS BY COUNTRY

Denmark419

Sweden130

Finland69

Germany41

Norway26

Netherlands23

Italy20

Spain16

Czech Republic11

Poland11

Switzerland10

France9

Latvia8

Austria6

England6

Belgium3

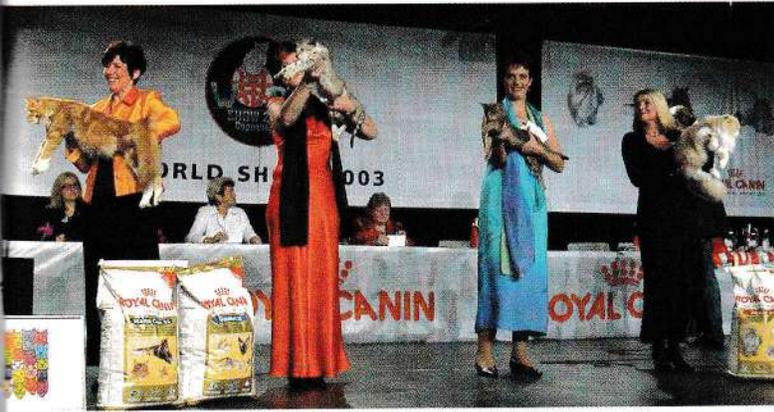
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Luxemburg2

Romania2

*The best 4 cats.*

When Saturday was devoted to judging properly speaking, the whole Sunday was dedicated to the Best

in Show, the winners of which were awarded the very coveted title of World Winner 03. For this special event, Felis Danica used all the means at their disposal.

The passage of the cats in front of the judges was a really thrilling moment. The audience sat on chairs, were able to share the atmosphere with the judges. The latter, who made themselves very comfortable on the big stage, were quietly examining each of the cats, presented by very attentive stewards. During the few minutes required for the selection, a small orchestra was playing some very nice background music, which helped easing the anguish that could be seen on the faces of the nominated cats' owners. They sat in the first row by the podium...

Category after category, the judges wrote down the cat number to which they gave a vote on a slate. Each time, the audience's response was a huge ovation. That was to give you gooseflesh!

*Tristan Cat's Service.**Jasmin of Gentle Lions.**Purssynian Gabriel.**La Bell Leo.*

Best in Show

Cat Pictures: A. Petré

Best in Show

Category I: Look, sweet look

With 234 cats (190 Persians and 44 Exotic Shorthairs), group I was one of the smallest but nonetheless impressive groups. Most of the Persians and Exotics with their huge round eyes and smiling expression were the best types you could find.

Most of the Persian winners in group I did not come from Scandinavia but Italy (2 winners), Austria, Germany and for the Best in Show, Poland. All were very homogeneous in type: broad-chested and perfectly groomed cobby cats, with heavy boning. One could see many good profiles (unfortunately, nowadays, foreheads, noses and chins forming straight lines tend to disappear for weak skulls and excessively strong chins). The mouths were all symmetrical and judges paid a great attention to this particular detail.

Sadly, none of the Exotic Shorthairs, which were judged with the Persian cats, won a WW title. One could admire two gorgeous bicolour cats. The Best in Show was Tristan Cat's Service*PL, a cream and white, very masculine looking male with a round and broad chest, a very sweet look and gorgeous well-opened copper eyes. There was also a dainty blue and white harlequin, Elain's Charles Chaplin... A very promising young male!



Best of category I, Tristan Cat's Service, cream and white Persian male, (Poland).

A. Petré

Very "classic" in their type, the red neutered male and the black female kitten were good examples of what a Persian cat should be.

The colour points called by other federations Himalayan were very well represented too with two beautiful blue-eyed blue tortie points. ♦ C. B-C.

Judges category I

Louis Coste, France

Hannah Jensen, Sweden

Mario Ottino, Italy

Veikko Saarela, Finland

Elisabeth Steinhauser, Austria

Louis Coste: "Most of the cats were very well groomed"



Anders Lorenzen

"The overall quality of this group was excellent. Most of the cats were very well groomed. This is a very important point because it is a show and Persians need to be in good coat condition for their well-being. When I was judging, I very occasionally asked some exhibitors to return to their cage in order to groom their cat better. The quality of the Persians was superior to the Exotics'; they were more "open" in their expression. I think this is the reason why no Exotic won a WW title. One could see excellent short bodies and excellent heavy boning. The Best In Show, a cream and white male, Tristan Cat's Service, is a spectacular cat, very well presented. His best features are his cobby body and his large, well-opened eyes adorned with such an outstanding copper colour. I particularly liked the black silver mackerel tabby male, Siruksen Merlin (see picture), who was very impressive with his excellent top of the head. He was my choice but Tristan got 3 votes and Merlin 2, then..."

Best in Show

Category II: Maine Coons versus Norwegians: The Norwegians beaten at their own game!

As they were the most represented breed in the show and were also on familiar ground, the NFOs (Norwegian Forest Cat) were considered as being the great favourites of this huge group, which comprised nearly 650 cats. It was without counting the Maine Coons! In each class, eleven judges had the hard task to choose between the eleven cats they nominated. A big deal indeed! If one or more NFOs were nominated in each class, one only was to win the WW title... A powerful black and white male called S*Lisjökogen's Bishop was noticed for his excellent boning and NFO facial expression. The NFOs did not get better results because they lacked in general quality. The other breeds were simply better and so were the Maine Coons to be more specific. Though the breed quality of Maine Coons seems to

have declined in many countries (including the USA), we have seen the very best of this breed in the two WW in Copenhagen.

One could admire long and substantial bodies, heavy boning, excellent heads with square and broad muzzles, high ears, extra long tails, great coats, and overall excellent Maine Coon facial expressions.

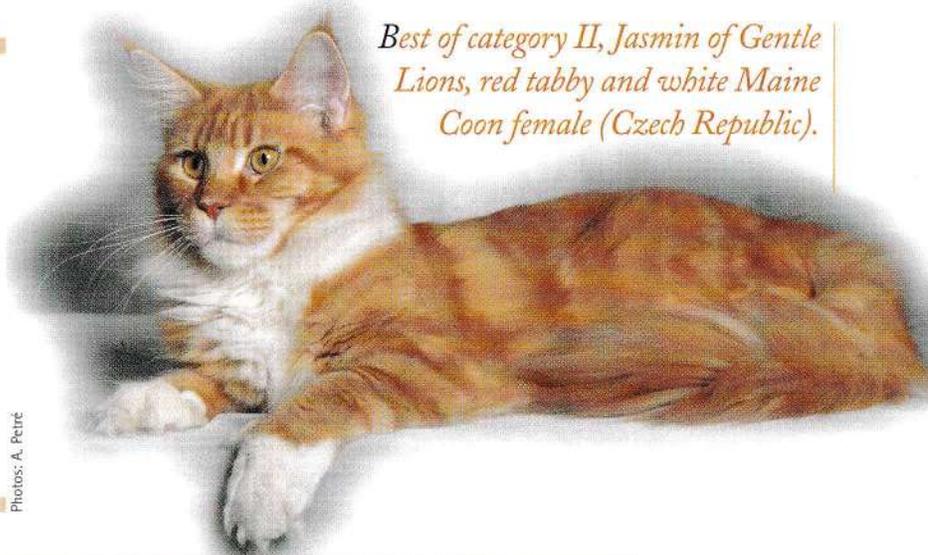
Most of the Birmans presented in this show had great bodies and coats. But many did not have a nice Roman nose (It is a typical feature of the breed). The gloves should have been given a special attention because they were sometimes irregular or too short. Two blue point Birmans, one male and one female, won the WW in the neuter class. They were well groomed and looked good.

Seierø's Jackie Chan, a lovely blue Ragdoll kitten male won his WW very easily. ♦ C. B-C.

Judges category II

Eivor Andersson, Sweden
Flavia Capra, Italy
Geird Edvarsen, Sweden
Albert Kurkowski, Poland
Bohumir Mahelka, Czech Republic
Françoise Milcent, France
Eveline Preiss, Austria
Raymond Alessandro Saetre, Norway
Dietmar Sagurski, Germany
Elisabeth Steinhauser, Austria
Alva Uddin, Sweden

Photos: A. Petré



Best of category II, Jasmin of Gentle Lions, red tabby and white Maine Coon female (Czech Republic).

Geird Edvarsen: "I was really impressed by Honey Hill's Tommy Steine"

"I think that most of the nominated cats were lovely. I was very happy with the cats I nominated, especially the neuters, adult male and kitten/youngster. My adult female, a NFO, was feminine but her legs and bone structure were too refined. My nominated male, S*Lisjökogen's Bishop, was BOX (Best Opposed Sex) and I voted for him for the best adult. I was glad to see a really large NFO. The nominated Birmans, Maine Coons and most of the NFOs were really nice too. The Ragdoll baby, Seierø's Jackie Chan, was marked and really promising. The Turkish Angoras I had to judge were "ok", but most of them did not have the coat described in the written standard for the breed. The ears were also too small. The white female in the Champion class, Wi'Nte Sams Mika Mikaela, was beautifully groomed and definitely my best Turkish Angora. The Ragdolls really differed in type and size. It should normally be a large cat. I was really impressed by Honey Hill's Tommy Steine (see picture), the winning 6-10 months red tabby Maine Coon. He had a great body, coat and expression. The shape of his head was according to the written standard for his breed. His ears were nice in size and they had a very good placement. In my opinion, he was the best of them all. The winning female Maine Coon, Jasmin of Gentle Lions, was really nice in size and type but her coat was not at her best."



Best in Show

Category III: Aby and Cornish, top of the list!

With sixteen different breeds and more than 400 cats, group III was very promising. It was composed of all short-haired breeds but the Siamese and Oriental ones. It also, unusually included the Somali. Nobody was disappointed by this diversity of types and colours!

The large range of breeds in group III made it very difficult to judge. On Saturday, one could see beautiful coloured English Burmeses, powerful and marked British Shorthairs, nice Manxes and Korats and very rare Sokokes. This Best In Show day certainly marked a victory for two breeds: the Abyssinian and the Cornish Rex. Out of the six Best in Show, 3 were awarded to the former and 3 to the latter.

The Best Cat In Show was a blue Abyssinian male, Purssynian Gabriel, the kind of cat, which is "breaking the waves". Gabriel had an incredible presence. When he arrived in his steward's arms, it was just as if he was saying: "Look at me, I am the winner!".

Please note that the other blue Abyssinian's mother, Luna-Tick's Jenny Juniper, Best In Show neuter, also comes from the CFA American cattery called "Purssynian". The 6/10 months Best In Show's father, a sorrel Abyssinian female called Tootsie aus Abusir, comes from the same line as Des Entrechats Signature, TICA Kitten of the Year 2001-2002! The other great winner of the day was the Cornish Rex breed. All the Cornish nominated were of the highest quality. The Best Opposed Sex, Ch.Pendragon's Shalimar, is a very refined female. She has large, tall and high-set ears, an excellent double Roman nose when viewed in profile, excellent well-opened eyes, an arched back and a muscular body. Her boning is very dainty, her tail whippy and her coat, silky and wavy. The 3/6 months WW, Bachelorette van Wei Haj Wé is also a very promising Cornish baby. ♦ C. B-C.

Judges category III

Stephe Bruin, The Netherlands
Ad de Bruijn, The Netherlands
Ursula Loose, Germany
Gianfranco Mantovani, Italy
Eric Reijers, Czech Republic
Glenn Sjöbom, Sweden
Alfred Wittich, Switzerland



*Best of
category III,
blue Abyssinian
Purssynian
Gabriel
(Germany).*

A. Petre

Gianfranco Mantovani: "I had the great privilege to judge him"

"I was really impressed with the quality of the nominated cats. There were many beautiful cats in each breed, with a special mention to the Abyssinians: the Best in Show adult, Purssynian Gabriel, the blue female, Luna-Tick's Jenny Juniper, which was Best Neuter and the very promising sorrel kitten, Tootsie aus Abusir, which won the best 6-10. As for the Cornish Rex, there were a fantastic adult female and a kitten 3-6, which were both very elegant and high-legged, with large ears and a fantastic facial expression. I had the opportunity to judge both. The tortie and white adult female, Pendragon's Shalimar, was Best in Variety. I nominated her and she was Best Opposite Sex.

To me, the best short-haired cat was the blue Aby male, Purssynian Gabriel, which won the Best of Best. I had the great privilege to judge him and I chose him with no single doubt. Gabriel has a lot of good features: he is very elegant and well muscled with a short coat. He also has a wonderful colour, which is not usual for a blue Aby and of course, a beautiful expression. For me, he is not only a great Aby, but also a very charming cat. I think that he had a fantastic way to present himself. He was born to be on a cat... walk!"

Best in Show

Category IV: Scandinavia: 6 Guest: Nil!

In FIFe, Siameses, Balineses, Oriental Shorthairs and longhairs form their own group. Almost 100 cats were presented in this world show. It was the consecration of Scandinavian's breeders with four victories for Sweden and two for Finland!

For all the people who do not know about the FIFe's Siameses, one could describe them as a living dream. They can be somewhat heavy built but they have the most beautiful head you can imagine: long convex profile, extremely low ears and triangular eyes.

There were more Siameses than Orientals at this world show and they were of a greater quality.

Let us begin with the Best In Show, the incredible La Bell Leo, a seal tabby point male with a very nice, balanced head. This "top model cat" won the WW for the second year.

In FIFe, breeders do not hesitate to show powerful and masculine adult males and judges give them awards. This is to remember!

The Best Opposite Sex was a very feminine chocolate point "girl". Kattilan Juliet Jones.

The most impressive cat in the group was Kattilan Ilmari Itäinen. WW 01. 02. 03, son of the American Siamese. Felitan Fabulous Felix. This brown ticked tabby Oriental, with huge ears, large triangular head and wonderful green eyes, is the kind of cat you cannot forget! In the neuter class, several of his offsprings were noted for their results: Kattilan Juliet Jones, WW 03 female. Kattilan Jerry Cotton, a chocolate tabby point male nominated for Best in Show and Kattilan Johnny Guitar, an extreme lilac point Siamese, WW 02 in kitten 6/10 category and nominated this year for Best In Show neuter male. ♦ C. B-C.

Judges category IV

Eiwor Andersson, Sweden
Stephe Bruin, The Netherlands
Louis Costes, France
Eric Reijers, Czech Republic

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Best of category IV, La Bell Leo, seal tabby point Siamese male (Sweden).

Louis Coste: "He is one of the nicest Orientals you can imagine"



C. Bastides-Costes

"Most of the Siamese and Oriental cats nominated in this group are very well known on the show bench. They are great champions and excellent breed samples. La Bell Leo is outstanding in many ways. He has a perfect triangular head, with large and low ears and excellent shaped eyes and colour. He has a long and muscular body too, which is not always true for all the Siameses. Some cats are too heavily built and too massive. Ears are not the only feature of the breed! The chocolate point female, BOX, is exquisite and refined. She is a Kattilan Ilmari Itäinen's daughter (see picture). This brown ticked tabby male, WW01-02-03, Best Neuter this year, is one of the nicest Orientals you can imagine!"

Best in Show World Winners

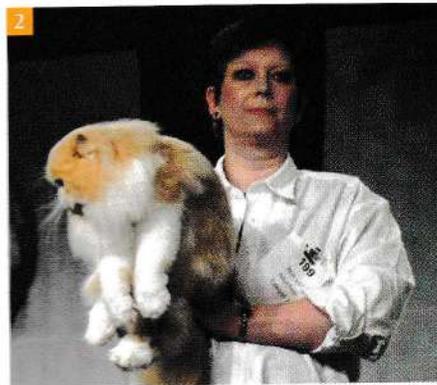
Best of Best:

1•Int. Ch. Purssynian Gabriel

Blue Abyssinian male

Breeder: Beth and Darell Newkirk, USA

Owner: Tino Gillmeier, Germany



Pictures n°1-2: E. Damica

Best in show category I

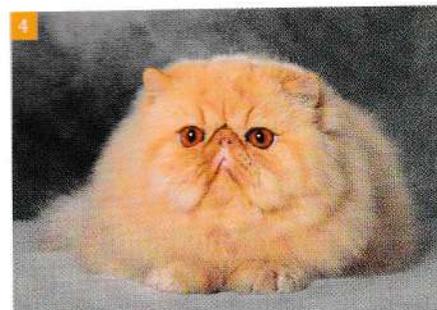
2•Best in show

European Ch. Tristan Cat's Service*PL

Cream and white Persian male

Breeder: B. Stopka

Owner: Robert Skrzypizak, Poland



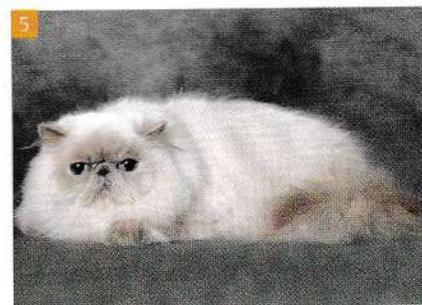
Pictures n°3-7 and 9: A. Petré

3•Best Opposed Sex (BOX)

Gr. Int. Ch. Cara Mia Di Garda

Blue tortie point Persian female

Breeder and owner: Kornelia Bayer, Germany



4•Best in Show neuter

European Champion, WW 99-00 A Pierre de Magic Bacio

Red Persian neuter male

Breeder and owner: Hedwig Kavan, Austria



5•Best Opposed Sex (BOX) neuter

European Ch., European Premier Carambola Del Plumbago

Blue tortie point neuter female

Breeder and owner: Nino de Molfetta, Italy

6•Best in Show 6-10 months

Elain's Charles Chaplin

Blue and white harlequin male

Breeder: Elaine and Sven-Erik Høj, Sweden



7•Best in Show 3-6 months

Georgia of Kenfthis

Black Persian female

Breeder and owner: Gianmichele Romano, Italy



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Best in show category II

8•Best in Show

Gr. Int. Ch. Jasmin of Gentle Lions

Red tabby and white Maine Coon female

Breeder and owner: Jenka Kubova, Czech Republic

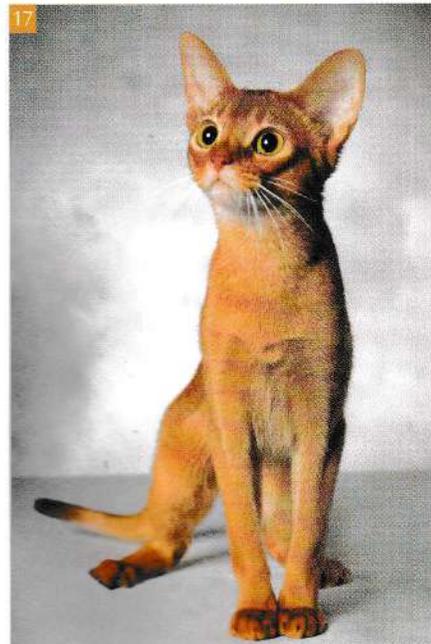
9•Best Opposed Sex (BOX)

European Ch. S*Lisjökogen's Bishop

Black and white Norwegian Forest Cat male

Breeder: Kicki Johansson, Sweden

Owner: Kerstin Skogman, Sweden



10•Best in Show neuter

European Ch., European Premier, WW 99 Vela Carina's Valerie
Blue point Sacred Birman female neuter
Breeder and owner: Hans and Margit Brückel, Germany

11•Best Opposed Sex (BOX) neuter

Gr.Int. Premier S*Backkara's Blue Bocelli
Blue point Sacred Birman male neuter
Breeder: Mary Back, Sweden
Owner: Heidi Nowakovski, Denmark

12•Best in Show 6-10 months

Honey Hill's Tommy Steine
Red tabby Maine Coon male
Breeder: Bente Nan and Anders Braaten
Owner: Karin Sonstebyseter Strom, Norway

13•Best in Show 3-6 months

Seiero's Jackie Chan
Blue point Ragdoll male
Breeder and owner: Dorthe Seiero Nielsen, Denmark

Best in show category III

1•Best in Show

Int. Ch. Purssynian Gabriel
Blue Abyssinian male
Breeder: Beth and Darell Newkirk, USA
Owner: Tino and Tobias Gillmeier, Germany

14•Best Opposed Sex (BOX)

Ch.Pendragon's Shalimar
Black tortie harlequin Cornish Rex female
Breeder: Erik Reijers, Czech Republic
Owner: Ulla and Hannu Kotro-Kervinne, Finland

15•Best in Show neuter

European Ch., Premier Luna-Tick's Jenny Juniper
Blue Abyssinian neuter female
Breeder and owner: Marianne and Lars Seifert-Thorsen, Denmark

16•Best Opposed Sex (BOX) neuter

Premier Hanky Panky van Wei Haj Wé
Red and white Cornish Rex neuter male
Breeder and owner: Mieke and Annemarie Brekelmans, Belgium

17•Best in Show 6-10 months

Tootsie aus Abusir
Sorrel Abyssinian female
Breeder and owner: Christoph Kappel, Germany

18•Best in Show 3-6 months

Bachelorette van Wei Haj Wé
Black and white Cornish Rex female
Breeder and owner: Mieke and Annemarie Brekelmans, Belgium

Best in show category IV

19•Best in Show

European Ch., WW02, SW02-03 La Bell Leo

Seal tabby point Siamese male

Breeder and owner: Jill Back

20•Best Opposed Sex (BOX)

Ch.Kattilan Juliet Jones

Chocolate point Siamese female

Breeder: Eeva Voujolahti, Finland

Owner: Anne and Krister Tainio, Finland

21•Best in Show neuter

European Premier, WW01-02 Kattilan Ilmari Itäinen

Black ticked tabby oriental Shorthair neuter male

Breeder: Eeva Voujolahti, Finland

Owner: Anne and Krister Tainio, Finland

22•Best Opposed Sex (BOX) neuter

European Ch., European Premier, WW02, SW02 S*Alien's Tequila

Sunrise

Seal tabby point Siamese neuter female

Breeder: Irene and Alexander Eiger, Sweden

Owner: Irene Eiger, Sweden

23•Best in Show 6-10 months

SW03 San-T-Ree Gentle Touch

Blue spotted tabby Oriental Shorthair male

Breeder: Eiwor Anderson, Sweden

Owner: Camilla Olin, Sweden

24•Best in Show 3-6 months

S*Jackpott's Made in Sweden

Black Oriental Shorthair female

Breeder and owner: Cleopatra Lindell and Elisabeth Cefalk,

Sweden

Domestic Cats

25•Best in Show

Tarzan

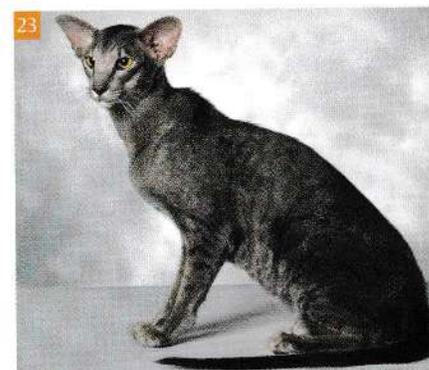
Black and white shorthair male

Owner: Gun and Christer Christensen, Sweden

26•Best Opposed Sex (BOX)

SW 00-01 Jaffa

Owner: Malin de Lange, Sweden



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