

Call of the Wild

Our two day feline extravaganza ended on a wonderful emotional note, as young breeder Lisa Jones Garner, from Portland, was awarded this year's Marguerite Martin Memorial Pye Purr Award for Best British Shorthair for her superlative blue boy, GRC Castlcatz Grawp of Mugglecats. Over the years, this award has been given to breeders in Northern and Southern California, Oregon, Washington, Idaho, Illinois, Kansas and Hong Kong. It's a particular pleasure to see the award go to a young breeder who will have a future to help carry on the beautiful tradition of British Shorthairs.



For the first time in Call of the Wild's history, we presented Feline Agility, presided over by ringmaster Carolyn Withers. Audiences appeared to be amused and delighted by all the antics at the agility ring and the top prizes, perhaps not too surprisingly, went to Abys and Japanese Bobtails.

We also ask spectators to vote for their favorite cat and, like last year, this year's Spectators' Favorite Award (an engraved silver star) went to a brown classic tabby & white Maine Coon: the very handsome GRP Cameronwoods Granite Springs, owned by Mary Turcotte.



A special feature of our show is the large number of shelters present with cats for adoption. This year we had Sonoma Humane Society, Forgotten Felines, FAIRE, Persian & Himalayan Rescue and Pets Lifeline of Sonoma and, as 8 shelter kitties found their forever homes over the two days, they were each given a huge round of applause.

Our 22 vendors, including noted cat artists (and local residents) Jamie Perry and Claudia Sanchez, all seemed very happy with an exceptionally good gate and fine sales.

For our very small northern California club, this is a huge undertaking and, at this point, all the club members have agreed that the next few days should be spent at a spa, perhaps in a bath of Margaritas. But, once we forget about the work and the worry, it's a thrill to see this community outreach, as breeders, shelters and visitors come together to enjoy the company and delight of the cat.

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Judge Pam Moser



Spectators' Choice Winner

