

Ambassador Committee Report

April 2013

Our RC's report:

Region 3 - RC Sheila Haskins says:

This year I put a different twist on everything. We had our Ambassador table near the entrance with information for folks who inquired. It seemed that I spent most of my time communicating with the ladies that were involved with the Dog Show next door. I do believe they visited us more than anyone. Our Door was not as busy as it was last year. We understand that Fair Park had a huge family event going on this same weekend.

Since we were actually low on spectators, I decided to have games for the Exhibitors.. and they loved it. They were excited to participate and get a prize. I had many pieces of jewelry left over that I purchased for the fund raiser booth and thought this would be fun... I had purchased a Calendar that was called the Magic Eye... you have to stare at it and if you figured out what forms before you, then they would whisper in my ear and tell me what it was.. if they were correct, they got a nice piece of "new" jewelry.. crystal clustered pawprints, etc...bracelets, matching rhinestone necklace and earrings... I do believe I have supplied a complete jewelry layout for those going to this years annual...

It was fun and the exhibitors were all lined up to see if they could figure out the image form on the page... I was told this was the greatest fun they have had in a long time. Since it was the end of the season for Region 3, I felt it was time to treat our devoted Exhibitors..

Sheila A. Haskins

CFA Region 3 Ambassador RC

Region 5 - RC Donna Isenberg writes:

Dear Willa:

I am unsure the lapse of time since the last report. So....I shall address the last show for the season, that was held in PalmSprings, Ca.. The show was presented by Los Colores Cat Club *Saturday and Tonks West *Sunday.

Both Bruce and myself had arranged to fly to the Paris show and were going to miss our last regional show....as it turns out, we did not leave our home that weekend at all.

Our Gc,Bw,Nw Catsafrats Tea Time....Cat of the Year in 2005, had his intestines wrap around his Spleen....which is a largedog condition....not found in cats ever.....well almost never :-).

Tea Time had experienced lots of gas....which was expressed by our Vet two days in a row....and he was given anti-gas medication and given Ringers twice a day....he seemed to improve, yet, we needed a reason for the gas. It was decided to use Ultrasound and of course the discovery was made regarding his condition. Surgery was imperative and he was scheduled for the next day, which was Tuesday.....by Tuesday evening, Tea Time had returned home and ate like he had not eaten in days....he has not stopped and he has already bred a little seal point female we have. If Tea Time had not had the surgery he would not be here today.....we are overjoyed that Tea Time was basically a very healthy cat and his recovery period lasted about 5 hours:-).

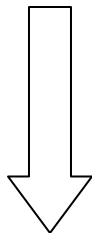
Anyway.....we did not attend any show the following weekend, we stayed by his bedside...well, we watched him eat and enjoy the sun during the day. Our Vet sent home at least a dozen syringes filled with pain medication, which of course I was sure he would be in need...NOT!

While being at home, I heard there was actually spectators in Palm Springs for a change.....I am positive the Ambassador representatives from this region were courteous and cooperative, for our region is comprised of very enthusiastic Ambassadors of CFA.

Hopefully, I will be able to report from experience next time. We did attend the Rebel Rouser show in Atlanta last week....may I say.....the Regional Representative had an Ambassador Table and handed out Stickers to all that were in need (including myself.....my stickers seem to fall off easily). I was really impressed!!!

Sincerely,
Donna Isenberg
So. Ca. Regional Coordinator

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Ken Cribbs, RC (Hawaii) says:



Hi, Willa,

The two-day Hawai'i Pet Expo ended today, and I just got back home. We had a blast. I'm exhausted and sore, but very happy with the enthusiastic reception from visitors to our booth. Attendance was estimated at between 14 and 15 thousand. I'll send you photos tomorrow.

I hope you're well and thriving!

Aloha,
--Ken



Region 6 - RC Candilee Jackson tells us:

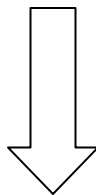
On Saturday, April 27, Greater St Louis Cat Club presented their year-end show at the Kennedy Sports Complex in St Louis MO. The show experienced a busy gate, keeping Ambassadors busy answering questions, and leading small "grand tours." A highlight of this show was the attendance of 13 teachers and their families from the Hillsboro R-3 School District: as a late minute "light bulb" moment, Ambassador Candilee Jackson sent out an "all call" email to the district about the weekend's doings. As a result many district families brought their small children to visit a very unusual event. Several Ambassadors lead the teachers and their families on "grand tours" to see some of CFA's more unusual breeds. The highlight of the day for most of the kids was petting a "naked" kitty! On behalf of my wonderful school district, I would like to thank my CFA family for indulging my colleagues during a very busy show schedule.

On Sunday, April 28, the many clubs who represent America's Heartland, produced their season-ending show in the same venue, a 6 x 6 with a new slate of judges. This show was also well attended, keeping everyone on their toes. Ambassadors were busy guiding many who were looking for specific breeds and fielding questions from first time spectators.

Probably the highlight of the weekend was the season's ending party hosted by America's Heartland. An incredible feast was laid out in one corner of the show hall and everyone was invited to party-hearty! There was an incredible amount of yummy food including brisket, tangy pulled pork, Lori McClain's famous mac 'n cheese, Beth Cassely's hot-cha-cha tortilla soup, Candilee Jackson's to-die-for Hawaiian meatballs, Nancy Brown's fruit ambrosia, and a host of dessert to tempt even the pickiest eater. A great time was had by all!

Candilee Jackson

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Karen Lane, Region 7 RC (Florida) reports:



Garfield joins with I-Cats in Florida for a Great Cause

On Memorial Day weekend in Vero Beach, Florida the I-Cats will be joined by Garfield at a cat show. Two I-Cats, along with Garfield, are featured in the show advertising. Although Garfield is not an official I-Cat, he will be in the reception area along with the I-Cats. The show has special meaning this year; since the show is on Memorial Day weekend, 50% of the show profits will be dedicated to the Wounded Warrior Project. Florida is home to a great number of military bases and home to a great number of military families. Beside the Wounded Warrior Project, the West Volusia Humane Society and H.A.L.O. Rescue (Helping Animals Live and Overcome) of Sebastian, Florida will both be in attendance.

All of the I-Cats wish everyone a Happy Memorial Day!!!

Karen Lane

Jayne Wood, Region 7-RC (Georgia) reports:

On May 4, 2013, Region 7's Rebel Rousers cat club put on a great one day, 6 ring show! The show hall in Lawrenceville, GA is always a pleasure to be in with its easy access and open layout, and it's so easy to get to! The food truck had lots of interesting tidbits to offer and there were lots of happy-faced vendors at the show.

It rained like cats and dogs all day but that didn't put a damper on the Ambassadors at

this show! Rebel Rousers donated a space for the Region 7 Ambassador booth and again, it was a great success. They benched us in the middle of the first row so everyone saw the booth as they entered the show hall. We signed up 2 new Ambassadors from that show so far, passed out at least 30 show guides, and made lots of new friends. The amount of visitors was about what was expected for this area - not too many, but what was lacking in numbers, was more than made up for in quality.

The Silver Persian, Mitzy, that I was showing gets bored in the cage so she spends a lot of time out on the grooming table drawing a crowd. At one point, I put a tiny little crown on her head and before I knew it, there were at least 20 people gathered around us smiling, laughing, and taking pictures. It proved to be a great way to get people to engage with me and ask questions about the show. It was so much fun that I made a slideshow for YouTube - you can see the Ambassador booth in the background.

Another great show in Region 7!

Jayne Wood
Alchemist Persians