

# **SHUE NEWS**

**OFFICIAL NEWSLETTER FOR  
SNOWSHOE CAT LOVERS**

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## **THE INTERNATIONAL CAT ASSOCIATION (TICA) SNOWSHOE BREED WINNERS - 2012**

A show 'season' runs from 1 May each year through 30 April of the following year. The following winners were shown in cat shows by dedicated Snowshoe lovers who exhibit their cats in support of maintaining breed status in the organizations that the snowshoe cat is recognized as a pedigreed breed. Without exhibitors who exhibit the Snowshoe eventually the Snowshoe would no longer be a breed of cat.



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# **EXHIBITION ACCOMPLISHMENTS**

## **2011 - 2012**

### **BEST OF BREED CHAMPIONSHIP CATS**


<b>RANK</b>	<b>NAME</b>	<b>REGION</b>
<b>BEST</b>	<b>COLDENUFFORSNOW GAIETY</b> 	<b>EW</b>
<b>SECOND BEST</b>	<b>KIABINDHI POLAR SKY/GC</b>	<b>EW</b>
<b>THIRD BEST</b>	<b>GLITTAKITZ NARIKO</b>	<b>EW</b>
<b>FOURTH BEST</b>	<b>GLITTAKITZ KOKO</b>	<b>EW</b>



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## **2011 - 2012**

### **BEST OF BREED ALTERS**

<b>RANK</b>	<b>NAME</b>	<b>REGION</b>
<b>BEST</b>	<b>ADVISH ICE MAIDEN</b> 	<b>EW</b>
<b>SECOND BEST</b>	<b>YOGINI LOUISIANA</b>	<b>EN</b>
<b>THIRD BEST</b>	<b>SNOWCATS SHADOW DANCER</b>	<b>MA</b>



# **EXHIBITION ACCOMPLISHMENTS**

## **2011 - 2012**

### **BEST OF BREED KITTENS**

<b>RANK</b>	<b>NAME</b>	<b>REGION</b>
<b>BEST</b>	<b>SNOWCATS ITS A DREAM</b> <b>(PHOTO NOT AVAILABLE)</b>	<b>MA</b>



## **GENERAL DESCRIPTION - 'BY' HELLEN POUNDS**

For the perfect recipe to make a Snowshoe cat, take the splash of pointed colors with the lighter colored body coat from the Siamese, a white tuxedo look with white feet from the American Shorthair side of their ancestors and the resulting in white feet (with or without a white face), blue eyes, medium body with long legs and shorthair will produce the unique Snowshoe look. But the Snowshoe is not 'just another pretty face'. Packed into that unique look is also a unique personality. Now add the Siamese intelligence along with many of the other Siamese traits that make the Snowshoe what it is today and the reason why it is still bred back to the Siamese to maintain that inheritance. Then add a dash of the American Shorthair to round off the edges of the body and contribute a bit of a less exotic build and personality and you are getting close to the final product. When selecting the ingredients, take care not to overwhelm the blue eyes or the pointed colors by carefully selecting a color and build that does not eliminate the look or distort the personality and you have a Snowshoe cat.



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## **THE SNOWSHOE STANDARD - 'BY' HELLEN POUNDS**

Standards for a breed are established by registry organizations to provide guidelines for Breeders and exhibitors.

Breed Standards cover the shape of the cat, acceptable colors, eye color and other features that make the snowshoe cat a breed that is visibly unique from other cat breeds.

A snowshoe cat that has not been bred in a breeding program may still look like a Snowshoe and will have Snowshoe or Siamese Ancestors and may even meet the standards for a Snowshoe but is classified as a House Hold Pet for exhibition.

The following slides feature cats that have been judged in cat shows to be the Best of Breed. These cats meet the standards Established for the international Cat Association (TICA).



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## **COLORS - 'BY' HELLEN POUNDS**

Snowshoe kittens are born totally white. The point coloring begins to develop in a few weeks. The tail, legs, head and ears darken as the kitten ages. The body is a lighter color ranging from a light cream color with the shading darkening with age. The most common colors are seal point and blue point. The lighter colors of chocolate, lilac, etc are less common because of the specialized breeding required to produce the lighter colors and because the lighter colors do not produce as good a contrast between the point color and the white feet. The Snowshoe eye color ranges from a sparkling blue eye color to a pale blue gray color. Paw pads may be a combination of point color or pink or a combination of point color and pink.



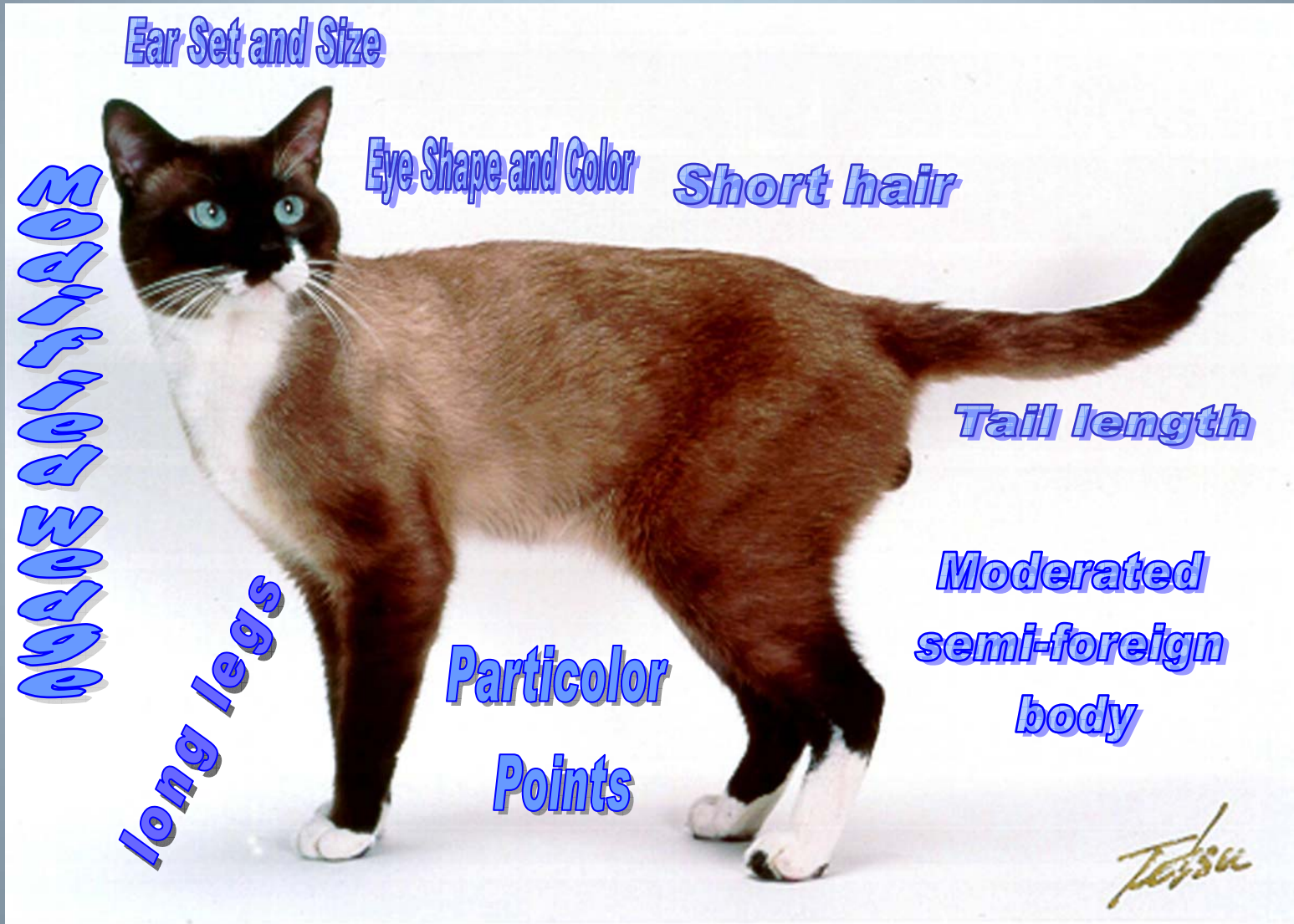
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# BREED GOALS



# A Successful Breed Program



## **COAT - 'BY' HELLEN POUNDS**

The Snowshoe is a shorthair cat, not to be confused with either a Birman or a Ragdoll and is not related to either of these breeds. The coat is a single layer with no evidence of an undercoat and is usually smooth to the touch. The short hair coat provides for an easy to groom coat and most Snowshoes will groom themselves unless they are not feeling well or are stressed.



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## **TYPE / SIZE - 'BY' HELLEN POUNDS**

The Snowshoe is a well balanced cat, neither too small nor too large; it is firm, muscular without being bulky and deceptively powerful and agile. The body has the appearance of a runner and jumper rather than that of a weight lifter being moderately but not extremely long giving the body the appearance of a rectangle. The ears are medium large and continue the triangular shape of the head. The paws are oval tapering to the toes, and are medium in size.



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## **PERSONALITY - 'BY' HELLEN POUNDS**

The Snowshoe personality is as unique as their appearance and is never boring. The personality is a complicated mix of mystical aloofness along with a slight dash of 'normal' cat. Like snowflakes and coloring, no two cats have the same personality. Some are shy, some are bossy (but nice), and some are caregivers, taking the role of worrying about their adopted person as though it were their lifelong ambition.

Generally a 'talker', with a soft, melodic voice the Snowshoe normally habitats well in a multiple cat family but some are loners and prefer your total attention. Almost all are inquisitive and active, offering many hours of delightful entertainment and a cat's lifetime of affectionate companionship.

Most Snowshoes form a primary bond with their chosen person while still maintaining friendship with other people. They know what you are going to do long before you know it. They like to be near you, but unlike a dog, they prefer to lead you than to follow you. The resulting personality is not for every cat owner and being 'owned' by a Snowshoe is something you have to experience to appreciate. Once 'owned', you will probably never want to be without one.



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## **SNOWSHOE STORIES - 'BY' MEMBERS**

Snowshoe stories by members

*Submit your story for inclusion here. Examples of possible topics are:*

- How I met my snowshoe
- My snowshoes favorite pastime
- Amazing things my snowshoe does
- How I rescued my snowshoe
- Showing my snowshoe as a household pet
- How I spoil my snowshoe
- What I have taught my snowshoe
- What my snowshoe has taught me

*Feature your Snowshoe on this page/ in this section. Include a photo with your Snowshoe's name and at least your first name as the person 'owned by your snowshoe' (hint, you can do a story and add a photo of the snowshoe in the story)*



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## **MAKING A DIFFERENCE**

### **WHAT ONE OF OUR MEMBERS DID TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE**

After reading Lou's message about fund raising, I wanted to share information about a fund raiser that my husband and I held.

We had a 20th birthday party for my Himalayan, Rudy. (I lost him three years ago at the age of 21). Rudy was a grand fellow with such an amazing personality; he had so very many family members and friends who adored him.

We had more than 50 people attend the birthday party in our backyard during the summer of 2008,

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and instead of bringing gifts for Rudy, he asked everyone to bring gifts for the pets of a local pet rescue group that we selected based on the good work that it did.

The response to Rudy's request for donations was absolutely astonishing--some who couldn't attend sent Pet Smart or other gift cards.

I've posted a picture of the collection piled on our dining room table. (See if you can find Rudy in there, too!).

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I posted this photo in the photo posting for the Snowshoe cats group in the album I am calling "Fund Raising Ideas. " I'll dig out a copy of the invitation and post that, too. So feel free to borrow the invitation and throw a bash for your favorite kitty . . . or doggie.

BTW, my birthday is on a Saturday this year in the fall, so I'm planning a fundraiser that will ask for donations for the rescue group. It is amazing how generous people are when it comes to animals, even those who claim they are non-animal people. (They could have fooled me.)

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We also have a small holiday cocktail party each December, and this year we asked folks to join us in donating pet food to a pet food pantry that benefits local pets.

The local Pet Food Pantry supplies food to shelters and also to those having trouble affording pet food (those who might be unemployed or seniors), so that the people can keep their pets and avoid surrendering them to shelters.

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<http://voices.yahoo.com/pet-food-banks-across-united-states-offer-free-3239355.html?cat=53>

and one of them is an online group that offers help starting your own Pet Food Pantry on Yahoo groups at

<http://www.groups.yahoo.com/group/PetFoodPantryUSA/>

There are many ways to help out pets in need. I would love to adopt them all, but Zekie, my big Snowshoe, and two other kitties keep us busy. My three kitties and our dog are all rescues, and we can help in other ways even if we can't adopt them all.

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You are so right that just by bringing something, people are doing "more." Every little bit counts. We delivered the collection from Rudy's party on the following Saturday and the rescue group was in utter disbelief.

Some of the foster parents shared in the supplies while others were earmarked for another local shelter - the supplies were delivered to that shelter that evening. We found out later that the shelter had run out of food and didn't know what they were going to do Sunday to feed the animals.

So everyone that contributed and the "more" that they did, made a HUGE difference.



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## **A RESCUE STORY**

**HERE IS WHAT THE 'CAT FANCY' PEOPLE (PERSONS WHO EXHIBIT THEIR CATS) ARE DOING TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE. THE FOLLOWING IS NOT SPECIFIC TO SNOWSHOES BUT I BELIEVE IT IS AN INSPIRATION TO ALL OF US WHO PARTICIPATE IN THE RESCUE OF HOMELESS CATS (OR OTHER PETS). FROM DEB:**

I would like to share a wonderful rescue success story.

Carolyn sent out an email that a Cornish Rex was in a shelter and had only a couple days left. She was looking for someone to get the little girl out of the shelter. If someone would rescue her for now, Carolyn would find a home for her.

I immediately went down to the shelter and brought the little girl home. The folks at the shelter said the owner had died, and a neighbor brought the kitten to the shelter.

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## **A RESCUE STORY**

Those of you who know me know that I have very large, very long haired, Norwegian Forest Cats. When I got this pretty little girl home, I had no clue how to bathe a kitty with short, curly fur. I was fairly certain that it wasn't going to take 2 hours to bathe and dry her like it does for my weegies :) It was quite a treat to have an entirely different kind of kitty in the house. She settled in very quickly. She was very sweet and loving.

Two days later, I received a call from the shelter. They told me that the person who died was not the owner of the kitty. He was the brother of the owner. The owner had been on vacation in Europe and had just returned home. She was informed about the death of her brother and was told that someone had adopted her kitty at the shelter.



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## **A RESCUE STORY**

The people at the shelter told me that I didn't have to give the kitty back to the owner since I had adopted her. I explained that the only reason I adopted her was to keep her safe and find a forever home for her. The shelter gave me the owner's contact information.

I called the owner and told her I had her baby, and would love to get her back to her as soon as possible. The owner lived about 3 hours away, but we soon discovered that I lived less than a mile from her cousin. Her cousin came right over and picked up the kitty. The next day she was back in the arms of her loving mom.

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## **A RESCUE STORY**

This lady was devastated when she returned home from vacation and found that her brother had died.

She was dealt a second blow when she was told that she had also lost the cat that her brother was caring for when he passed away.

Thanks to the incredible network of caring people that volunteer time and money to rescue kitties all over the country, this person was reunited with her beautiful, loving companion.

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## **A RESCUE STORY**

The thanks really should go to those folks that are on constant vigil, and always ready to help when our feline friends need a helping hand/paw. Ellen in Washington somehow discovered that this kitty was in a shelter in Texas. Ellen contacted Carolyn in Dallas, who sent out a message to the South Central group.

Within a couple hours the kitty was rescued from the shelter, and two days later, returned to her original owner.

When that owner called me and thanked me for rescuing her baby, it was an incredibly rewarding feeling.



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