

"Purring in the New Year"

December 29-30, 2017

A 2-day, 15 Ring (10 AB; 5 SP) Alternate Format Cat Show

Entry Deadline: 10:00pm, Sunday, December 24, 2017

Enter On-line: <http://december.maineevent.org>



Friday Judges	Sat AM Judges	Sat PM Judges	Important Contacts Please: No calls after 9pm Pacific Time! Show Manager & Entry Clerk: Tracy Hisel, (360-520-6627), 549 St Rt 506, Toledo, WA 98591-9719 entryclerk@maineevent.org Vendor and Sponsor Coordinator: Elaine Weitz, 206-920-9214, 5517 152nd St SW, Edmonds, WA 98026, vendors@maineevent.org
Pam Barrett (AB) Deer Island, Oregon	Fate Mays (SP) Corpus Christi, Texas	Ellen Crockett (AB) Port Townsend, Washington	
Fate Mays (AB) Corpus Christi, Texas	Laura Cunningham (SP) Dublin, California	Melissa Parsley (AB) Skykomish, Washington	
Theresa Kempton (AB) St. Petersburg, Florida	Theresa Kempton (SP) St. Petersburg, Florida	Laura Cunningham (AB) Dublin, California	
Canie Brooks (AB) Long Beach, California	Jamie Christian (SP) Toledo, Ohio	Theresa Kempton (AB) St. Petersburg, Florida	
Rick Hoskinson (AB) Kirkersville, Ohio	Rick Hoskinson (SP) Kirkersville, Ohio	Jamie Christian (AB) Toledo, Ohio	

All-in-One Show Hall and Hotel — is the Hotel RL Olympia (previously called the Red Lion Hotel-Olympia), located at 2300 Evergreen Park Drive SW, in Olympia, WA 98502. Phone: 360-943-4000; Fax: 360-357-6604. Website is: <http://hotel-rl.com>.

Show— will be in the Forest Ballroom, downstairs. Friday check-in: 12:30-1:30pm —Friday show hours: 2:00pm to 9:00pm. Saturday check-in: 8:30-9:30am—Saturday show starts at 10am. Saturday afternoon session ends at 6:00pm. Advertised Public **Show Hours: Fri: 2pm to 9pm, Sat: 10am-6pm**. There will be food concessions available for purchase just outside the show hall. Cat litter will be provided in the show hall. Bring your own cat food, food dishes and litter pans.

Hotel Information — Room rate: Single/double/triple/quad \$109.00 per night + tax. \$15.00 PET FEE PER STAY. Includes complimentary parking and wi-fi throughout the hotel, restaurant, lounge, Business Center, Fitness facilities, swimming pool, whirlpool, room service, and valet/laundry service. **Note:** The hotel no longer has coffee pots in the sleeping rooms.

To get the above rate, you must book your reservation no later than Friday, December 7, 2017 under the block name of THEM1117 to book either online at www.redlion.com or by phone at 1-800-RED-LION. I have also included a link to make it easier for you to book directly into your block:

<https://reservations.redlion.com/ibe/details.aspx?hotelID=13753&langID=1&group=THEM1117&hgID=280&currID=0&dt1=6571&nights=3&rooms=1&adults=1&child1=0>

After Dec 7th, the hotel's prevailing rates will be in force and will be based on availability. Take extra care to clean up litter, food and other spills. Protect the rooms from spraying cats by confining them in cages or keeping them in the bathroom. Exhibitors staying at the agree to abide by TICA's Hotel Room Inspection Policy.

Directions to the Hotel RL:

From North or South I-5: Take Exit 104 US Highway 101. Take first exit, Crosby Blvd/Cooper Point Road. Turn right on Cooper Point Road. Take immediate right onto Evergreen Park Drive. Turn right again on Lakeridge Way (adjacent to Morris Business Park sign). Continue straight to hotel entrance.

From Highway 101: Take the Crosby Blvd/Cooper Point Road Exit. Keep right at the fork, follow signs for Crosby Blvd and merge onto Cooper Point Rd SW/Old Cooper Point Rd SW. Turn right onto Evergreen Park Drive SW. Take the 1st right to stay on Evergreen Park Dr SW. The hotel entrance is on the right hand side.

Airport Information — The closest airport is Seattle-Tacoma International Airport (SEA), which is 51 miles north of the hotel close to Interstate 5.

Special Events

Friday Evening Holiday Buffet Dinner! Join us for a special Holiday Buffet Dinner. After all, it is a tradition at "The Maine Event" shows.

New Year's Gift Exchange! Since this show is AFTER Christmas, we will be having a New Year's gift exchange instead of our Christmas Ornament exchange. Rules are simple. Bring a new wrapped New Year's Gift (\$10.00 max). The exchange will be done between the Saturday AM and Saturday PM shows!

Holiday Theme Cage Decorating Contest! Decorate your cage(s) with a New Year's theme and automatically be entered in the cage decorating contest. Prizes for top 3 decorated cages: 1st Place—an entry with double cage and groom space, 2nd Place — an entry with double cage, and 3rd Place—groom space to our next show.

JE Judging! Will take place on Saturday during the lunch break (just before afternoon judging). **Judge: TBA**

Junior Exhibitors — Any questions about the Junior Exhibitor program should be directed to Alex Marinets, the Junior Exhibitor Coordinator at alexmarinets@gmail.com. JE's who are currently in TICA's JE program are eligible to receive the special JE entry rate provided they participate in the JE ring at the show. Each JE entry includes a regular show entry and double cage. For more information go to the club's website.

Benching Request: Only one benching request will be allowed. **If you list more than one, only the first request will be considered.** Handicapped exhibitors will receive preferential and "free" end-of-row benching, if requested. All other end-of-row requests will be benched on a first-come, first-served, space available basis at a cost of \$15.00. Entry clerk will make every attempt to bench your cats per your request, however, the club does not guarantee that all benching requests can be honored due to space limitations and show hall configuration.

Cage size: The club's cages are 21" tall, 21" deep, and 45" wide and has a 3" divider in the middle which can be easily be used as one large cage or it can be split into 2 cages if you need to separate multiple cats. Every 'odd numbered' entry includes a double cage space. Benching is sold in increments of double cage space only!

Personal cages: If you use a personal cage, and it is wider than 45", you must also purchase a groom space to accommodate the extra width. The maximum depth for a personal cage is 24" deep. If your cage is deeper than 24", it will not fit on our 24" deep tables. If you plan to use your personal cage, please note this on the summary sheet.

Other Cage Requirements: The top, floor, sides, and back of the cage must be covered. Per TICA rules, only one cat or two kittens per 1/2 double cage, and two cats or four kittens per double cage.

Exhibition/For Sale cages are \$40. These are double cages and are available to exhibitors who have at least one cat entered for competition, provided space is available. You must complete an entry form for each kitten or cat for sale and on exhibition; All cats/kittens must be listed in the exhibitor catalog. No exceptions! No cat or kitten will be allowed in the show hall if it is not listed in the catalog. No sales will be allowed from carriers. If you are bringing cat(s) for sale, you **MUST** comply with all TICA rules regarding maximum numbers allowed (i.e., no more than 2 adults or 4 kittens in a double cage).

Ring Clerks/Stewards — Clerks will receive lunch plus \$35 for each full day of clerking. Clerks will be paid after clerking, please do not deduct clerking fees from your entry form. Preference will be given to those in the TICA clerking program. The Club is also in need of good stewards for the show. Stewards will receive lunch plus \$20/ring for each full day of stewarding.

Show Catalogs — One show catalog is included free with your first entry. Additional show catalogs are \$5 each. No catalogs will be available for sale in the show hall. The show committee accepts no responsibility for catalog errors due to illegibility or mistakes on the entry form.

Kitten Age Requirements — To compete, kittens must be **4 calendar months old** — must have been born **on or before September 29, 2017**. To be allowed in the show hall, kittens must be **3 calendar months old** — must have been born **on or before October 29, 2017**. **Note:** If the Entry Clerk requests it, a TICA litter registration must be provided at the time of entry. Any kitten without proof of age will not be entered in the show, nor will it be allowed in the show hall.

Household Pets (HHP's)— HHP Kittens (4 to 8 months old) do NOT need to be altered. HHPs over 8 months of age must be altered (neutered or spayed). Please phone the entry clerk if you are not sure how to describe your cat's color, or if you have any questions about how to fill out the entry form.

Preliminary New Breeds and Advanced New Breeds— According to TICA Show Rule 203.19, all Preliminary New Breeds (PNB) and Advanced New Breeds (ANB) must have a TICA registration number prior to entering any TICA show. No PNB or ANB may enter a show with a "registration pending" status.

Registration—Registration with TICA is not necessary to compete in the cat's first show, but is required for the 2nd and subsequent shows for confirmation of championships and TICA regional and international awards. Contact the TICA Executive Office for specific registration procedures.

Liability— The Maine Event, TICA, the Hotel RL Olympia, will not be held liable for injury, loss or damage to cats, exhibitors, property of exhibitors, vendors or other such persons or property in attendance.

Health — This is a non-vetted show. Every cat that enters the show hall must conform to normally accepted health requirements and be up-to-date on its vaccinations. Front and back claws must be clipped. Cats from households with contagious or infectious illnesses within the last 21 days are ineligible for entry. *Cats with suspected contagious or infectious illness or with parasites will be removed from the show hall.*

Show Rules — All exhibitors agree to abide by and uphold the show rules of TICA. Show rules and registration information are available from TICA, PO Box 2684, Harlingen, TX 78551, (956) 428-8046 or from the TICA website: www.tica.org

Other Important Club Rules — With the exception of cats available for adoption by rescue organizations, no other cats or kittens are allowed in the show hall unless they are listed in the official show catalog. No cat or kitten sales are allowed from carriers.

Closing Dates, Payment and Fees.

- All entries must be received & paid by **10:00pm, Sunday, December 24, 2017**.
- Entry fees and all related costs are due and payable as soon as an entry and/or summary form has been received by the Entry Clerk whether it be by website, phone, fax, email, or snail-mail. Submitting entry information via any of these methods constitutes an agreement to pay for all services ordered, even if you fail to complete the entry process, withdraw from the show, or fail to attend the show.
- All fees must be paid in cash, by check or via PayPal within 24 hours of entry and/or summary forms submission in U.S. funds. Send PayPal payment to: treasurer@themaineevent.org. **Money orders and bank checks are to be made payable to "The Maine Event"**. Only checks from a United States bank can be accepted. No post-dated checks. Returned check fee—\$30.00 plus any bank fees charged to the club.
- **NO REFUNDS!** Once an entry or service has been received, only substitutions may be made, for a fee. Any excess payment will be considered a donation to the show.
- Cats co-owned by members of two different households are eligible for multiple entry discounts **ONLY** if a photocopy of the cat's TICA registration accompanies the cat's entry showing the names of both co-owners.
- End-of-row benching (not handicapped) - \$15.00.
- Phone entry fee — \$5.00/entry.
- Substitution fee — \$10.00/entry.
- Extra catalog — \$10.00/each.
- Late fee — Any exhibitor whose payment has not been received for any reason prior **10pm, Sunday, December 24, 2017**, will be assessed a \$25.00 late fee.
- Payment at the door will be at the sole discretion of the Entry Clerk, and will be subject to the \$25.00 late fee, and **MUST** be paid in cash. No exceptions!