

The Golden Evolution ~ What's Love Got to Do With It?

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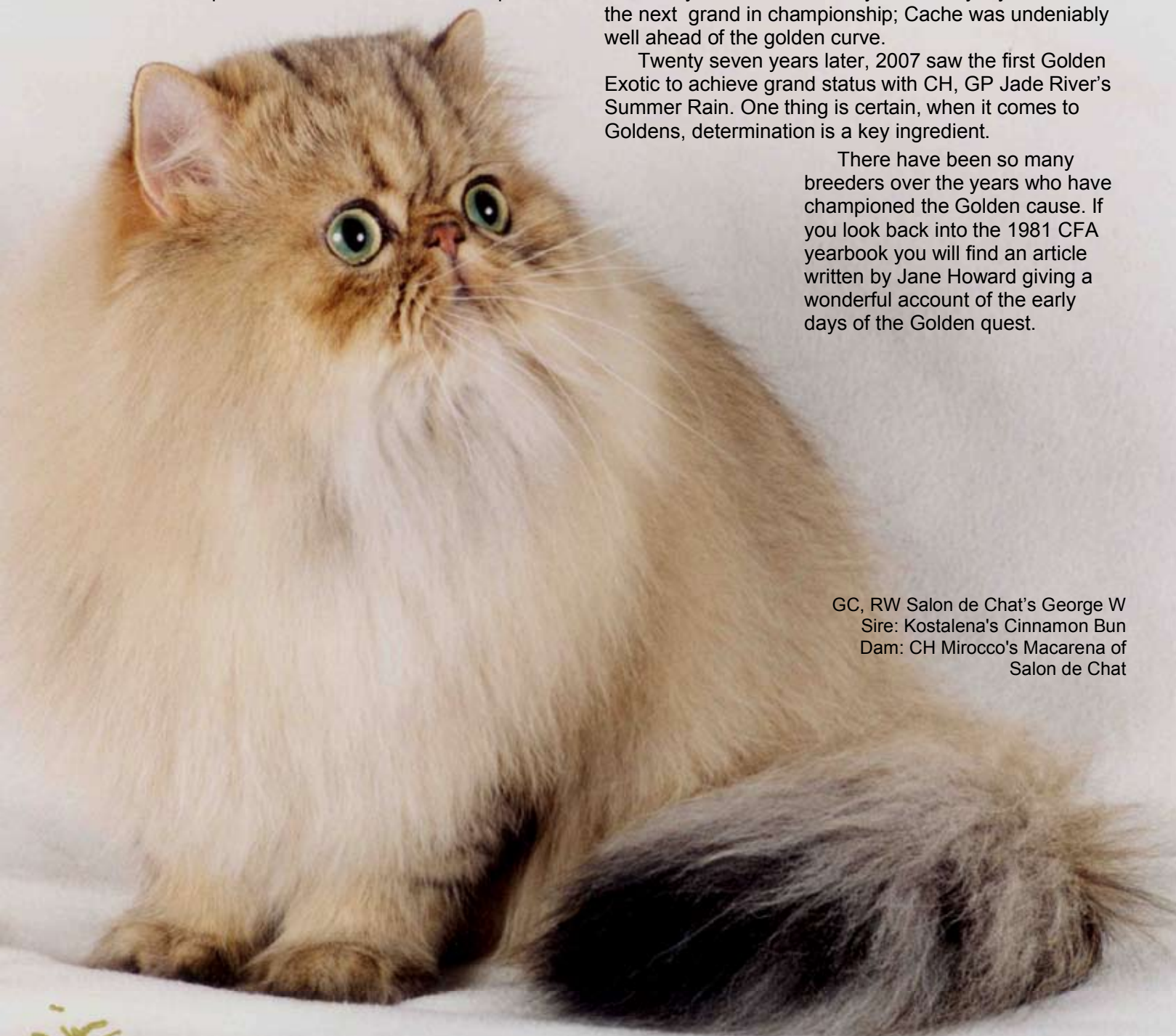
The progress of the Golden is punctuated by several milestones spanning more than 30 years. The Golden was accepted for championship in CFA in 1977. There are numerous accounts of the dedication and determination displayed by the early Golden pioneers; from development of the standard and acceptance

of the color to the first Golden Grand, GC LaCattique's Cache in 1980. It is not difficult to imagine Cache granding, his photograph is testament to the quality achievement he represented, then and now. Considering that over six years past before the next grand achievement, GP Kelley Lane's Bit O'Honey and nearly 8 years before the next grand in championship; Cache was undeniably well ahead of the golden curve.

Twenty seven years later, 2007 saw the first Golden Exotic to achieve grand status with CH, GP Jade River's Summer Rain. One thing is certain, when it comes to Golden, determination is a key ingredient.

There have been so many breeders over the years who have championed the Golden cause. If you look back into the 1981 CFA yearbook you will find an article written by Jane Howard giving a wonderful account of the early days of the Golden quest.

GC, RW Salon de Chat's George W
Sire: Kostalena's Cinnamon Bun
Dam: CH Mirocco's Macarena of
Salon de Chat

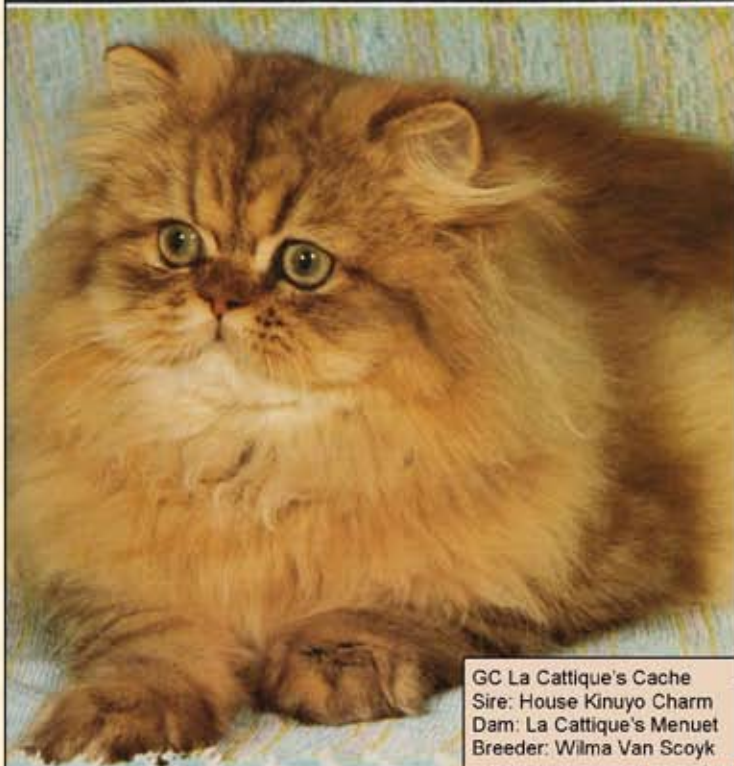




GOLD FEVER

THE GOLDEN PERSIAN -
A BEGINNING

By Jane Howard



GC La Cattique's Cache
Sire: House Kinuyo Charm
Dam: La Cattique's Menuet
Breeder: Wilma Van Scoyk

A review of the history of the Golden will reveal that not only have the cats evolved but the stewards of their progress are ever changing as well. The last ten years have seen a changing of the Golden Guards and several more milestones in the Golden journey. Barbara Bosco of Castlegate Cattery has several grands and regional winners to her credit not to mention the first Golden Breed Winner, GC BW RW Castlegate BeDazle of Catschateau in 2005.



Kostalena's Ace of Hearts & Faith Avenue, Bred by the late Susan Leslie, a prominent Golden fancier noted in *The Golden State*.

THE GOLDEN STATE

BY COLLEEN POWER

1993 began a new Gold Strike that has continued for more than five years now. That year, GC Harthrob Simply Irresistible and her close relative, CH Harthrob Born in a Barn, two females with immense honey gold chinchilla coats and lovely boosing were placing in the same finals, including Best Cat wins. They went on to take CFA's 1993 Best and Second Best Chinchilla Golden wins. More impressively, "Sy" was sufficiently remarkable to end up in the top 300 cats (no. 254 in fact), despite being retired in February due to her owner's severe illness. The color

from crossing two silvers. These kittens had been appearing in silver litters for over fifty years and quietly disappearing into pet homes, before their recognition by Cat Fanciers Association in 1977.

EXHIBITS - EXHIBIT GOLDENS

The first registered golden was described in the British registry of 1925 as a "sable chinchilla" from two silvers, in a litter that registered silver chinchilla kittens as well. GCCF's Stud Book no. 4, entry no. 836.

CH Duffy of Allington, "from which all sent-day chinchillas appear to be descended through one or more of the following: Rodney of Allington, CH Donita of The CH Macduff of Allington, CH Felicit Allington, CH Foxburrow Tilli Willi, Foxburrow Flame, CH Musidora of Allington, CH Langherne Winsome, CH Fittell Allington, CH Scamp of Allington, Flambeau of Allington, CH Fidelity Allington, CH Laurel of Allington, Marella of Allington, CH Scourbank King, CH Salisbury Aphra." (Bentley, p.3)

Jane Howard of Jenwilli Cattery, former editor of the USF.



In the 1999 yearbook Colleen Power (Caliopo Cattery, writer for Persian News, co-editor of Exotic Express) authored "The Golden State" detailing a great deal of Golden history and the breeders that created it. This is a beautiful article full of Golden eye candy to delight the reader, a must have for the library of every Golden Fancier.



Ch: Chashir's Rising Sun of Oshambhala breeder: Shirley Guller owner: Christopher Beck



GC, BW, RW Castlegate Bedazzle of Catschateau
 Sire: GC Castlegate Razzle Dazzle
 Dam: CH Castlegate's Baby Love

Bottom line...you just have to love the Golden color to pursue such elusive beauty.

With so many journeys we often look back and wonder; How did I get here?... Why did I come here?... and sometimes..."What was I thinking?" Careful reflection will reveal the initial inspiration, the pursuits endeavored and the setbacks overcome to deliver us to our present point in time. Sometimes those first steps seem far removed from the present or dare I say - embarrassing, given current ideals and commitments.

My first exposure to the Golden was in a picture book of pure bred cats. I cannot speak for the "quality" of the many other breeds but most of the Persians pictured were pet quality cats. This mattered little to me at that time since I did not have the foggiest notion what the difference between "pet" and "show" might be. What I did know was that of all the colors pictured in this book, none could hold a candle to the rich Golden with the teal green eyes. To this day, even though I have loved many Silvers over the years, nothing can rival the beauty of a well colored Golden in my eyes. For me, the combination of green eyes and rich deep golden fur are second to none. Add to this the expression the Golden gains from the tabby patterning on the face and my heart just melts.

Obtaining my first breeding cats proved to be a good deal more difficult than deciding on my favorite color. After several months of searching, and searching, I met Susan Leslie of Kostalena cattery. Susan gave me my start in cats and I will always remember her dedication and love of the Golden. At that particular point in history few Golden fanciers were unaware of the dedication and achievements of Susan and Sue (Sue Hinkle of Fairisles.) These ladies have since passed but their cats remain in many of the pedigrees of today's winning Golden. CH, GP Jade River's Summer Rain is just two generations removed from GC Fairisles Superstition Gold. I am exceedingly proud of her accomplishment and I think Susan and Sue would be too.



CH, GP Jade River's Summer Rain
 Sire: San Luis Stormin Normin
 Dam: Af Edal Loga Precious Gold

Golden Regional and Breed Winners	
1993, 1994 Japan	GP, RW Solty Akanechan
1995 Northwest	GC, RW Kitnpaws Karamel Krunch
1996 Japan	GC, RW Dalee Good As Gold
1999 Japan	GP, RW Kisaragi Apple Gam
1999 Japan	GP, RW Susseliebe Marmelade Mousse
2000 Japan	GC, RW Goldenwave Suika
2001 Japan	GC, RW Syama Soramame
2003 Gulf Shore	GC, RW SalonDeChat's George W
2005 North Atlantic	GC, BW, RW Castlegate Bedazzle
2005 Japan	GP, RW Coujee Go Go
2006, 2007 North Atlantic	GC, RW Castlegate's Georgie Girl
2007 North Atlantic	GC, RW Castlegate's English Muffin
2008 North Atlantic	GC, RW Castlegate's Cashew
2008 North Atlantic	CH, RW Castlegate's French Toast

Ask any Golden breeder how they feel about working with Golden and they will tell you it is a labor of love. Most Silver breeders will acknowledge that Silver is a very difficult color to work with. They may talk about the development of the desired coat and eye color and the struggle to maintain adequate boning and type. Few dispute the challenges Silvers face in the show ring nor diminish the work necessary for achievement in the show arena. When you ask a Silver/Golden breeder to compare the two colors they will tell you how much more difficult it is to produce show quality Golden than show quality Silvers.

Beside the issues they have in common with the Silver, the Golden has the added challenge of brightening the undercoat and removing the dreaded dark barring. With the shortened Exotic coat the length of the under coat is cut by more than half which greatly diminishes its ability to diffuse the surface markings and alters the overall appearance of color....now, who's up for that challenge?

All the breeders on the USGF roster who are known to breed Golden (over 30) were asked a few questions, these are the stories of the respondents.



CH Joyvyn Lion King
Sire: CH Silvergold Hotflash
Dam: CH Joyvyn Carolina Sunlight

JOY ANANDI

My love of the golden began in California in 1989, when I met Sue Hinkle and her beautiful chinchilla goldens. I had just moved there. The color was indescribably breathtaking, like spun gold. She was my dear friend, I miss her. Her legacy will live on forever.

I obtained my first chin golden boy, from Uschti from Germany. I named him Sue's Golden Legacy, he is on my web page. I then was blessed to get a boy from Lisa Underwood, named Ch Ridgetop GoldDream. I sold him to Martha Collier. My next golden was Ch La Gemini LaksmiGold from Penny Robinson. Laksmi is also behind most of my goldens.

This lineage is behind many beautiful goldens, including all of the ones I have today. My Ch Joyvyn Carolina Sunlight, Ch Joyvyn Moonlight, Joyvyn Moonshine-all of the same breeding, and all of their offspring have Golddream doubled on.

I love the Chinchilla golden's best. This color is a challenge at best. Hard to maintain the pale spun gold color with the new ultra extreme kitties of today. Using solids it takes many generations to get the color back if at all possible. My latest kitten, named Omega is out of Joyvyn Alphagold, She's a chingolden female. He's a chinchilla silver boy. I find that chingolds bred to a chinsilver girl, will produce chins in either color.

My most rewarding experiences are with the chingoldens. When one gets the real chingold color, for me the only thing I love more is the Chinchilla silvers. I love both but adore the chinsilvers.

It's been 27 years breeding and 30 years in love with the silver color, went to my first cat show in 1979 at Pocono Heresy Resort. Met Janice Reichle and some of the top breeders in the world at this show=I was hooked until now.



Joyvyn Alphagold
Sire:CH Paws&Purrs Brannigan of Joyvyn
Dam:Joyvyn AlphaStar

PETRA BAKKER
Cattery Van IJdoorn
Netherlands

My interest in Golden was first inspired by the warm color and the type of these lovely cats. I find golden more beautiful than the brown color, it makes our lovely Persians/Exotics so special.

The warm golden color is something you have to try to keep. Not every kitten has the same warm golden color, but when you keep breeding with the right goldens then it stays with them.



Van IJdoorn
Golden Power
DOB: July 9, 1998
Sire: Fairisles Surya
Dam: Sunset Star
van Bommelstein

My most rewarding experience is that I needed to keep a golden male [Van IJdoorn Unique Boy] for my girls. But the only male was not so good. His type and his color was not how I like it. But he was better than nothing. He developed perfectly, but no babies from him. After 3 years I have my first litter from him, 3 kittens. For every year - one kitten. I almost gave up!!



Van IJdoorn Unique Boy
Sire: Sunnybeach Fantasy of Van IJdoorn.
Dam: Chantilly Lace's Golden Gospel

GRETCHEN WINCHELL

Ornamental Persians

It was many years ago. I can't even remember now how long ago, but I saw a picture of a couple Golden Persians. I was hooked. They were similar in color to my favorite Arabian Chestnut horses that I had bred for almost 30 years at that time. Chestnuts also range from a deep firey red, through a brand new copper penny color to a strawberry blond coloring. My entire life I have loved Chestnut horses. So this was a natural progression for me.



Ornamental Kittens

The silvers are beautiful to me as well, but "gotta luv them goldens." There is something about the warmth and fire of the golden colors. The other interesting similarity to chestnuts is that I never get two goldens that are "exactly" the same color. I also love how they change in coloring from season to season and year to year. They are truly an ever evolving color.



GP Ornamental Mejdán
Sire: CH Tootiekats Hot Rod of Ornamental
Dam: CH Dalee Golden Magic of Ornamental

Showing isn't always about having the winning cat to me. The spectators at our shows seem to get such delight when they discover my Golden Persians. Frequently, mine are the only goldens at the show. Most spectators have never heard of this color and seem to get a great deal of joy in discovering them. I always spend time acquainting them with my cats and let them have a chance to enjoy their personalities. It is very rewarding to introduce these little charmers to the rest of the world.



CH Salon de Chat's Queen-Of-Hearts
Sire: GC, RW Salon de Chat's George W.
Dam: Salon de Chat's Cassie

CAROL FEAZELL

Salon de Chat

I once answered an ad in the newspaper for black and white Persians kittens for sale. The kittens were cute and well cared for, however they just were not what I was looking for. The funny thing was, I didn't know what I was looking for. The breeder was kind enough to give me an old issue of the CFA Almanac to take home. I was hooked the minute I saw an ad for Silver and Golden kittens.



CH Af Edal Loga Supersensual Gold of Salon de Chat
Sire: CG Fairisles Superstition Gold
Dam: Wenjo's Golden Tamina

I do love the golden color. In my opinion, there is nothing more striking than a Golden with good color and beautiful green eyes. It is very difficult to breed a Golden that meets the Persian standard with a clear coat (free of tabby markings) and green eyes. I am still working on this challenge! My most rewarding experience with my Goldens is attaining a regional win in approximately 11 shows with GC, RW Salon de Chat's George W in 2002.



WILMA VAN SCOYK

LaCattique

Showing the Golden's to acceptance back then was a real challenge and it was for all the associations at the same time.

Looking back now, I realize what all Cache accomplished and it amazes me. This little newbie on the block and what he did. I know many have wondered why, after having the first Golden grand champion, what happened that I did not continue on. But I kept a couple of promises and placed two females and a male and you can guess; Cache's mom had to be spayed and so I could never repeat the breeding. One of the heartbreaks of breeding.

The Golden's today are just beautiful and like our Silvers have come a long way. I wish there were more being shown all over, not in just certain areas. I wish every Golden breeder all the best and hope that my little Cache will be remembered for what he did. ~ Wilma



Sunnybeach Goldfever
 Sire: GC, DW Sunnybeach
 Don Ciccio
 Dam: CH Sunnybeach
 Angel of Mine



CH Goldkatz Gamblin Man
 Sire: Ch Silver-Storm Eclipse of GoldKatz
 Dam: Silver-Storm Uncloudy Day

PR GoldKatz Let It Ride
 Sire: CH GoldKatz Gamblin Man
 Dam: GoldKatz Tabu You Say



Jade River's Fire & Light goes nighty-nite.....zzzzz

Golden Grands in Chronological Order

	Date Graded	Name	Description	Date of Birth	Breeder
1	6/11/1980	GC La Cattique's Cache	SGPM	5/1/1979	Wilma Van Scoyk
2	9/6/1986	GP Kelley Lane's Bit O'Honey	SGPS	10/19/1980	Beverly Kelley
3	4/24/1988	GC Rendeenmama Gain	CGPM	6/4/1985	Kazuyo Saito
4	10/1/1988	GC Harthrob Krugerrand	CGPM	10/15/1987	Steve-Stacy Hart
5	2/4/1989	GC Dee-J Desert Poppy	CGPF	5/9/1987	Dolores Single
6	4/15/1989	GP Kelley Lane's Tara	SGPS	8/27/1979	Bill-Beverly Kelley
7	2/10/1990	GC Marigold Van De Elegance	SGPF	4/23/1987	Diny Feiken
8	2/16/1991	GP Danpeg Honeybear	CGPN	5/11/1988	Peggy Thompson
9	3/2/1991	GC LaBelleChat's Gomez	SGPM	4/24/1989	Linda Kober
10	3/9/1991	GC Cachecache Curl	CGPM	10/13/1988	Shiyoko Sasaki
11	8/3/1991	GP Diadem Kellee	SGPN	4/1/1990	Janice Reichle
12	11/23/1991	GC Fairisles Superstition Gold	CGPM	7/15/1990	Susan Hinkle
13	4/11/1992	GP Alabout Little Tommy Tucker	SGPN	7/1/1989	Nancy Wallis
14	11/14/1992	GC Harthrob Simply Irresisible	CGPF	7/31/1989	Steve-Stacy Hart
15	7/10/1993	GP Puffian Gentleman Jim	SGPN	8/18/1991	Arnie-Maddy Aguilino
16	10/30/1993	GC Fairisles Gold Mark	CGPM	6/13/1992	Susan Hinkle
17	1/1/1994	GC Harthrob Born In A Barn	CGPF	6/11/1989	Steve-Stacy Hart
18	1/22/1994	GC Danpeg Ginger Snap	SGPF	7/31/1991	Peggy Thompson
19	2/12/1994	GP, RW Solty Akanechan	SGPS	7/4/1987	Kumi Yamada
20	2/26/1994	GC Fairisles Honeybear Goes to Bavaria	CGPM	9/25/1991	Susan Hinkle
21	5/14/1994	GC, RW Kitnpaws Karamel Krunch	CGPM	4/3/1993	Janice Reichle-Debbie Jackson
22	4/29/1995	GP Countrylove's Marigold	SGPS	10/17/1992	Shirley Michaud-Dent
23	7/22/1995	GP La Gemini Petit' D'Ore	SGPN	6/7/1994	Penelope Robinson
24	8/19/1995	GC Fairisles Honeybear	SGPM	4/6/1989	Susan Hinkle
25	4/6/1996	GC, RW Dalee Good As Gold	SGPM	3/10/1994	Barbara Whitman
26	4/13/1996	GC, PR Elchakcharan's Golden Surprise	CGPN	4/6/1995	Wilma Vandersman
27	3/8/1997	GP Kostalena's Elvis	SGPN	5/24/1993	Susan Leslie
28	4/12/1997	GC New Field Billy The Kid	SGPM	3/11/1995	Yasuko Nitta-Yuma Misaki
29	4/26/1997	GP Cadykats Rag-A-Muffin	SGPS	11/14/1993	Marcia Rodgers
30	3/14/1998	GC Kostalena's Heart-of-Gold	SGPM	6/24/1996	Susan Leslie

Description: Shaded or Chinchilla, Golden, Persian or Exotic, Male—Female—Neuter—Spay

Date Graded		Name	Description	Date of Birth	Breeder
31	3/28/1998	GC Countrylove's Golden Sun	SGPF	1/5/1997	S Michaud-Dent-A Atkinson
32	8/15/1998	GP Big Sky's Running Bear	SGPN	6/17/1993	Jane-Darreld Jesson
33	10/17/1998	GP, RW Kisaragi Apple Gam	SGPS	7/15/1992	Michiyo Wakao
34	12/12/1998	GP, RW Susseliebe Marmelade Mousse	CGPN	11/20/1993	Masumi Endoh
35	3/20/1999	GC Big Sky's Merrigold	SGPF	1/28/1991	Jane-Darreld Jesson
36	7/31/1999	GC Castlegate's J.A.G.	CGPM	6/21/1997	Barbara Bosco
37	8/7/1999	GP Mirocco's Meg O' My Heart	CGPS	7/1/1997	Michelle Formica
38	8/28/1999	GP Bennic Golden Girl	SGPS	8/16/1988	Blanche Nichols
39	9/11/1999	GC Emenjay Cracker Jacks	SGPM	8/24/1996	Joann Forrest
40	12/18/1999	GC, RW Goldenwave Suika	SGPF	2/26/1999	Kazuo-Miyuka Miya
41	1/8/2000	GP Cadykats Birthday Surprise Package	SGPS	2/24/1998	Marcia Rodgers
42	3/25/2000	GP Hapynesis As Gold As It Gets	CGPN	3/8/1998	Judy Hinton
43	5/13/2000	GC Castlegate's Razzle Dazzle	SGPM	3/11/1998	Barbara Bosco
44	10/17/2000	GP SalonDeChat's Change-of-Heart	SGPS	7/29/1997	Carol Feazell
45	4/28/2001	GC, RW Syama Soramame	SGPM	7/7/2000	Masaru-Hitomi Nishiyama
46	12/1/2001	GP SilverNGold Tiger Lily	SGPS	9/8/1999	Elizabeth Ullman
47	12/8/2001	GC, RW SalonDeChat's George W	SGPM	11/7/2000	Carol Feazell
48	4/6/2002	GC Castlegate's Gemstone	SGPM	5/1/2000	Barbara Bosco
49	11/2/2002	GP Golden's Cherie Van De Smaragd	SGPS	6/1/1998	A Smeehuyzen Van Der Velde
50	3/1/2003	GC La Gemini I Luv Lucy	SGPF	2/2/1999	Penelope Robinson
51	3/29/2003	GC Goldenwave Whoopi	SGPF	4/20/1998	Miyuki Miya
52	6/14/2003	GC Castlegate's Dazzlr	SGPM	4/16/2002	Barbara Bosco
53	12/13/2003	GC Castlegate's Pink Floyd	SGPM	5/14/2002	Barbara Bosco
54	2/28/2004	GC Castlegate Maximus	CGPM	8/27/2001	Barbara Bosco
55	4/3/2004	GC, BW, RW Castlegate Bedazzle	SGPF	9/30/2001	Barbara Bosco
56	10/16/2004	GP All Aglitter Braveheart	SGPN	9/11/2001	Diane Loving
57	4/16/2005	GP, RW Coujee Go Go	SGPN	6/11/2003	Kouji Ozasa
58	7/30/2005	GC Labrese That's All Folks	SGPF	10/13/2004	Dorie Lapoma-Joe Calabrese
59	12/3/2005	GP Ornamental Mejdán	SGPN	4/4/2002	Gretchen Oehl
60	7/8/2006	GC, RW Castlegate's Georgie Girl	SGPF	10/24/2005	Barbara Bosco
61	7/15/2006	GC All Aglitter Cleopatra	SGPF	5/24/2004	Diane Loving
62	9/23/2006	GC Castlegate's Jesse James	SGPM	11/11/2005	Barbara Bosco
63	12/2/2006	GP All Aglitter Ranger	SGPN	10/1/2004	Laura Gregory-Diane Loving
64	12/9/2006	GP Paws & Purrs Georgia Peach	CGPS	5/16/2000	Joan Styers
65	3/10/2007	GC, RW Castlegate's English Muffin	SGPF	6/15/2006	Barbara Bosco-Dorie Dostal
66	10/14/2007	GP Jade River's Summer Rain	SGES	6/11/2004	Elise Scafani
67	1/26/2008	GC, RW Castlegate's Cashew	CGPM	5/8/2007	Barbara Bosco
		CH, RW Castlegate's French Toast	SGPF	2/2/2007	Barbara Bosco