

Legion hosting cat show this weekend

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The Acton Tanner

Madge Turner is hoping for a purrfect weekend.

In her 14th year of breeding and raising Balinese cats, the Acton resident is part of the organizing committee for the "No Name Cat Club Show," which is bringing some 155 cats and 35 breeds to the Acton Legion Saturday and Sunday.

Along with five judging rings where cats will be graded on show standards, health, cleanliness and good looks, the show — open from 10 am to 5 pm both days — will

have various booths. Vendors will be selling grooming aids, toys, jewellery and offer different samplings of cat food.

"The show, which will also hold a special competition for non-registered household cats, is full. I've had to turn about 25 people away," said Turner on Thursday.

The five-year member of the No Name Cat Club, which is affiliated with the Canadian Cat Association, expects breeders from all across Canada and the United States to partake in the show.

There will also be different

shows, kittens for sale and experts to answer people's questions on nutrition, animal care and food for cats.

"The best place to buy a cat is at a show because you know you're getting a quality cat," Turner reasoned. "My husband Bill and I put our three Balinese cats before the judges because they know best. If you love your cat, you breed the best to the best to keep up with the standards."

Each breed has its own standards. The judge has a mental perception of the perfect specimen of a particular cat's breed.

"People will be able to look at cats they have seen only in books before. They will see a rainbow of colours and different personalities," said Turner.

Acton residents David and Suzanne Keith along with Sandra Runalls-Lichty will enter cats in the show.

Admission is \$3 for adults, \$8 for a family pass and \$2 for children and seniors.



FELINE FANATIC: Madge Turner holds her Balinese cat Silver Paws, one of three she will enter in this weekend's No Name Cat Club Show at the Legion. (Doug Harrison photo)



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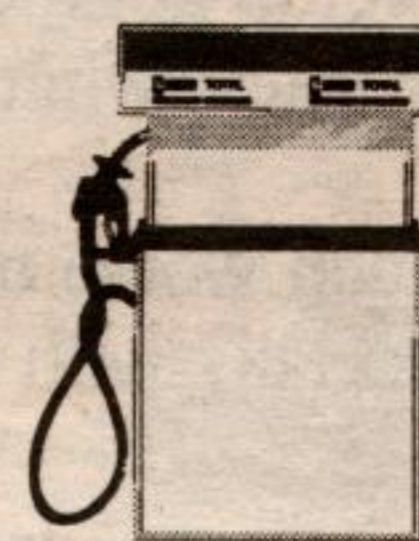


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