

CFA's Webmistress

Looking for Kathy Durdick our new CFA Webmaster??? Look for a Mini Cooper with the license plate LV2CRNR (Love to corner)...or perhaps in an "abandoned-for-the-season" Washington State Department of Forestry fire watchtower where she and her husband Jon might be camping....

Introducing Kathy Durdick.

Kathy Durdick is an Honors graduate of Portland

> State University with a BS in computer science and has been a programmer for over 20 years. Last 7 years, Kathy has served as a Senior Programmer/Analyst at a Washington state utility company. For the last 3 years, Kathy's sole responsibility was for the "myAccount" portal that allows customers to log on and view their account and billing information, make payments, etc. Written using ASP.NET for the web site side, with an interface to the COBOL mainframe system that does all the processing for the utility. (Yes, Virginia, there IS still COBOL in the world... <g>)

In 1997, Kathy combined her computer expertise with her artistic talents and began Ristokat Web Designs. In addition to designing and maintaining a number of personal cattery sites, she also volunteers her time and expertise to create and maintain sites such as The Atlantic Himalayan Club, the Persian Breed Council, the Somali Breed Council, and CFA's Northwest Region website. In November 2005, she also began a labor of love called HimalayanCatsOnline.com - a site to showcase the history, photos, pedigrees, and show results of the Himalayan breed. She has written innumerable outstanding articles, especially about Himalayans, introductory articles for newbies, and explanatory articles about showing in CFA. Kathy's programming talents have come into play on PandEcats & ShowCatsOnline especially with the programming used to keep the indexes and gallery up-to-date, as well as the database programming necessary to the CatPedigrees.com databases.

Her talents as a web designer and programmer have changed the face of our region on the Internet. She re-designed and now maintains CFA's Northwest Region website. It is through her efforts that the region has earned the reputation of not only presenting photos of each year's regional winners beautifully, but ours is consistently the first regional website each season to be updated with the latest winners. She provides online entry forms for many shows, as well as creating online flyers for them.

At various points during her time in the cat fancy, Kathy has been a licensed clerk, a member of several divisions of CFA's Persian Breed council, of the Atlantic Himalayan Club, and of the Lewis & Clark Longhair Specialty Cat Club. Kathy has donated her talents and time to many regional awards shows and banquets.

Kathy Durdick, along with her husband, Jon, began breeding Himalayans under the Ristokat cattery name in 1994. Although maintaining a small breeding program, Kathy has shown in most regions of CFA, and consistently supported shows in the Northwest. The success of Ristokat in the show ring has included over 30 grands, 12 regional winners, seven national color wins, and three DMs. In addition, she has graded cats for friends in the U.S., Canada, and Europe.

On a personal note, Kathy is a quiet, talented woman that really doesn't like to talk on the phone and handles emails with lightning speed. Her sense of humor is prominent and she is a pleasure to work with. Kathy is not flashy...she is simply very talented, creative, very hard working, and generous with her skills and time. Please thank Kathy for the work she has done, and will continue to do, for CFA.