



When one has lived the history of CFA for so long, there are stories to be told. Donna Jean (who was "Donna" until she went to college where another Donna Thompson was enrolled and both young ladies were asked to use their middle names to avoid confusion!) remembers purchasing her first CFA-pedigreed cat and attending her first CFA show in 1964. Her first show cat, GC Erman Theodocius of Jeannel was just the right cat to get Donna Jean and her mother, Alice, hooked on showing. Donna Jean relates, "It was an incredible experience in 1968 when Teddy received his „national award“ as a Top 5 Longhair Male (4th Best). Back then, they were called the Hydon-Goodwin All-Star awards, and they were announced on the floor of the annual meeting so it came as a surprise to hear Teddy’s name called for the award!" It is hard to imagine a time when there was no such thing as e-Points letting us know the precise standings on a weekly basis ...

Donna Jean also had many years of experience with other breeds including Abyssinian (GC, BW Jeannel Charlie -- Best of Breed in 1971) and her adoration of Scottish Folds is well known! She also worked briefly with Silver Tabby American Shorthairs and Siamese. She bred the beautiful tabby and white Persian, GC, GP, NW Jeannel Johnny B Good, CFA’s Best Cat in Premiership in 2006. Born and raised in Indiana but having lived in Pennsylvania and finally Manassas, VA, for the past 30+ years, Donna Jean will now call yet another of CFA’s regions home for this next chapter of her life. She looks forward to the relocation with her current bevy of Persians who will certainly look forward to their mom being much closer to work!

In her professional life outside the cat fancy, Donna Jean owned and operated Ja-Len Kennels with her mom in Crown Point, Indiana, and had an H&R Income Tax Office while living in Pennsylvania, as well as managing two self-service gasoline stations. Most recently, she managed two different surgeon’s medical offices Northern Virginia for the past 31 years. Her background will certainly serve to help CFA get off to a great start in its new surroundings in Alliance. **Welcome aboard!**

