

Poetry

in M-O-T-I-O-N

by

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The Doberman Pincher of Cats," one judge exclaimed as he placed this elegant creature on his judging table. The Russian Blue male stretched high on his slim long legs, gracefully extended his lengthy muscular body, turned his majestic head toward the spectators and imparted a serpent type gaze with his vivid green eyes. Oohs! and Ahs! were expressed by the captivated spectators, overwhelmed by the countenance of this magnificent breed. The Russian with his regal bearing, instantly loses his dignified pose when a fluffy feather comes into view. Like a kitten he playfully and swiftly snags the feather with lightening accuracy. He tilts his head to one side and prankishly swats at the feather with a subtle sense of humor that never ceases to delight and amuse.

Diana presents an invaluable view of the Russian Blue bloodlines, the breeders and the cats who have helped the Russian Blue breed achieve an increased degree of recognition. Ingeborg Urcia also gives us a look at the early history of the breed in her article entitled "The Russian Blue." All the above articles are noteworthy and I urge any novice to absorb the contents of these writings. However, for those who have just recently joined the cat fancy, I will briefly summarize the history in retrospect.

PROBABLE ORIGIN. As with any NATURAL BREED, no one is absolutely certain of the origin or the ancestry. It is a natural breed because man did not have a hand in creating it. Only Mother Nature knows its contents. It is believed that the Russian Blue originated near the Archangel Isle off the coast of Russia. Here, this hearty breed, in order to survive in the harsh arctic weather of Northern Russia, developed their sense of sight, hearing, and smell. This may also explain their speed, intelligence, and coordination. The arctic winters caused the coat to become a plush double coat. The inner coat is composed of short dense hair that provides insulation from the cold and the outer coat provides a protective covering to repel water and snow. Changes in the temperature, daylight, and darkness also caused the coat to change. The silver tipping in the coat was affected by the length of the day and natural light. Today's Russians are mostly kept indoors in artificially heated, cooled, and lighted facilities. This upsets the natural biological rhythm governing the coat cycle. Knowledgeable judges take this into consideration when judging the Russians who are obviously kept indoors or those who live year round in warmer climates. Sailors from the Archangel Isle, off the coast of Russia, are credited with transporting these magnificent cats to England and Scandinavia. However, the first recorded Russian Blue was reported to have appeared in a cat show at the famed Crystal Palace in London during 1875 as the "Archangel" cat.

The earliest history of these cats is related by Professor Cornevin, an early French scientist of the University of Lyons. Dr. Joumand, author of "Les Races des Chats" (1926) on the works of Cornevin, says of the Russian Blue: "Where a cat is he has been taken, and following up the old trade routes you will find him. Russia, Sweden, Norway, and Denmark possess him. He is also found in England as an imported Russian." Miss Kit Wilson of England says, "In the North the Russian cat is no doubt as ancient as the Egyptian cat is in the South." She describes the Russian Blue as similar to the Siamese in body contour, with a long, svelte body, thin whip-like tail, wedge-shaped head, the short coat of blue thick plush-like texture having a frosty tipped appearance. The legs are long, feet small, neat, and well rounded. Large ears, wide at the base and fairly transparent skin. Ear tips pointed rather than round.

During World War II, the Russian Blue became an almost extinct breed. After 1945 a reconstruction program was planned for this almost depleted breed. One source states that enthusiastic

breeders decided to turn to the Siamese. The combination of a Siamese called Lela Do and Gelding Mokey, a cat whose origin is unknown but Russian in appearance, are said to have developed the Dunloe line, along with a few other older Russian Blues. With this unification, the Russian Blue assumed a great resemblance to the Siamese and was temporarily referred to as Foreign Blue. In 1948 the Governing Council of the Cat Fancy accepted the Russian Blue as a breed. At that particular time the Russian Blue head was long and narrow with a sloping forehead. The coat was short and glossy, and the legs were long.

Yet another source states that the English used the British Blue or Blue Domestic in their breeding programs to continue the breed due to the lack of available Russian Blues at this particular time.

It seems to be agreed that, the Scandinavians, on the other hand, used the Blue Point Siamese for the same reason, producing the first true Russian Blue in Sweden, Anita of Finlandia.

The result was two different types of Russian Blue. This contributed to the coat color problem some Russian Blue breeders are occasionally experiencing today; in which not all kittens in the same litter are blue.

The English developed the plush pale colored coats with silver tipping and the finer boning; but the eye color was not vivid green. The Scandinavians developed the better head, body type, eye color and wider ears, but darker coat color. Since both types were imported to the United States, the Russian Blues being shown at that particular time did not have all the features required in the CFA Standards. Judges were finding that some of the cats excelled in some parts of the standard while lacking in other parts. It was confusing to both the judges and fanciers alike. Finally the Russian Blue breeders found that by breeding the English and Scandinavian lines together, a new improved model was created which fit the show standard better and created more uniformity in the breed. This type of breeding also improved fertility and encouraged larger litters. Breeding the English and Scandinavian lines together was an influencing factor in the new growth and acceptance of the Russian Blue breed.

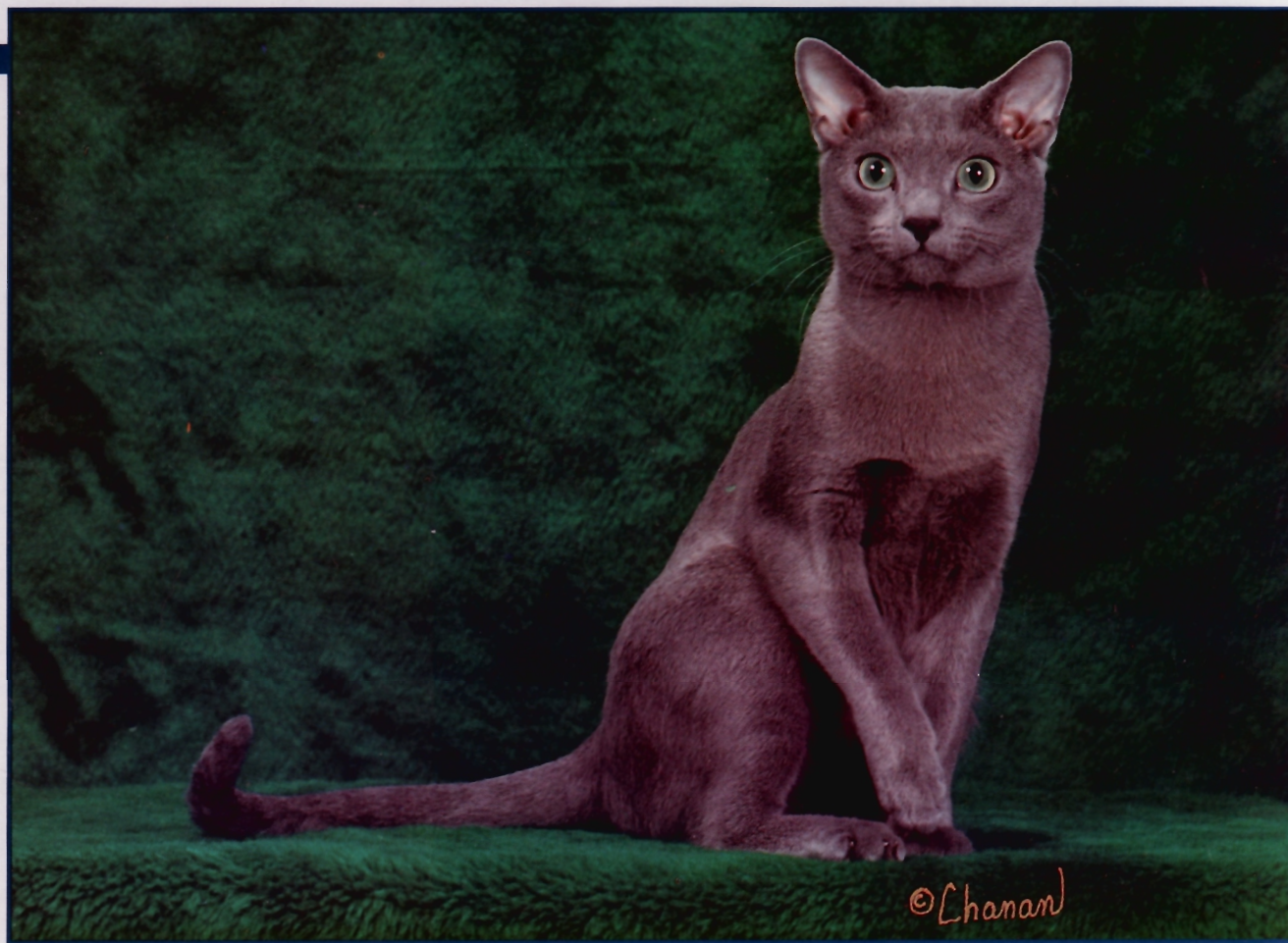
It is said that in the 1930's Mrs. Clinton Locke of Chicago imported some Russian Blues from Mrs. Carew-Cox that had a narrow skull, long face and large pointed ears. No one seems to know the disposition of these cats. Reports say that later in 1947 Mr. C. Commaire of Texas imported Dunloe Jan, and Blue Silk. The Dunloe line was the start of the modern Russian Blue in this country. Mr. Commaire then imported cats from Scandinavia for use in his breeding program. Articles indicate that the Hillcrest lines come directly from these cats. Finally in 1948 Russian Blue became the final name for this intriguing breed.

Some of the breeders that we find at the early part of our pedigrees are Mrs. Peg Caulkins, Felinest Cattery, containing English imports such as the Hoeller line, who gave us GRC Felinest Silver Dollar, known as Buck. The sire of this well known male was CH Hoeller's Baltika of Felinest

MAGNIFICENTLY ELEGANT is the best description of the RUSSIAN BLUE, a NATURAL BREED, not created by man in a cross-breeding program. The Russian Blue has been mistaken as the old Blue Maltese by older spectators at cat shows. They have also been called Archangel Cats and Foreign Blues.

Older cat fanciers and breeders are familiar with former articles such as "Sing The Russian Blues" and "The Russian Blue" by William Palmer, and "Will The Real Russian Blue Please Stand Up" by Bob Hazlet, as well as the article by Diane Seidel (Diana Doernberg) entitled "Gone Blue."

THE RUSSIAN BLUE



GRC TSAR BLU'S ZARIN

0500-448976 Birthdate: 10/31/87

B: Donna J. Fuller O: D. Fuller/L. Swope/C. Stewart

Photo by Chanan

(English), the dam was CH Tamara av Kallerstad (Swedish Imp.). With Buck's ancestry containing English Dunloe and some Swedish, his light colored coat is being seen in many of his offspring shown today.

William Palmer of Valinda, California, Hy-Line Cattery, combined the English and Scandinavian lines and often speaks of CH Hillcrest's Alicia of Hy-Line, a Dunloe cat. While this cat was not the best example of the breed, it produced excellent top show cats. He credits Diana Doernberg with suggesting the winning combination. Most of our top show cats today will have Diana's "Velva" line in their background. One of Palmer's well known males being seen in many of the backgrounds of our cats today is GRC Hy-Line's Silver Cloud, later owned by Julie O'Neil of Hialeah, Florida, who's sire was GRC Velva's Sky Chief of Hy-Line and the dam being CH Hill-Crest's Alicia of Hy-Line. Another offspring of Alicia's was GRC Hy-Line's Blue-Prince of The Czars, later owned by Julie O'Neil of Hialeah, Florida, who was sired by CH Kit-Kin's Blue-Bash of Hy-Line.

**NATIONAL WINNER:
3rd Best Cat
Best Of Breed**

**REGIONAL AWARDS:
Best Cat
Best Shorthair
Best Of Breed**

Mrs. Dorothy Lech, Three Crown Cattery, imported the Swedish lines with the lovely head, body, and emerald green eyes. GRC Pavel of Braheborg (Imp), and his sister Erosjina of Braheborg were very good examples.

Also important was Mrs. Harriet Zimmerman (deceased), Aberdeen Cattery, who obtained most of her cats from Esther Taylor of Atlanta, Georgia. These cats were primarily English Dunloe background with the plush coats.

Partial index of some cattery names and which lines they were breeding:

<u>DUNLOE</u>	<u>SWEDISH</u>	<u>ENGLISH</u> (mixed with Dunloe)
Hillcrest	Braheborg	Jennymay
Hoellers	Molleby	Meadiam
Beaver	Olsenberg	Sylphides
El Rosario's	Finlandia	Archon
Flo-Mar	Bellanhøj	
Betty Lou	Kabbarps	
Phillimore	Three Crown	
Re-Run	Radedjan	
Es-Ta	Dalecarlius	
Selene	Tinnerdalens	
Mission City		
Addick		
Flomar		
Aberdeen		
Folly		

According to CFA records, it was not until 1964 that the first Russian Blue achieved Grand Championship in The Cat Fanciers' Association.

This was a male; GRC Maja Acre Igor II of 3 R's (Fig. 2), owned by Marguerite Swift of Miami, Florida. Igor was a gift from Marjorie Jafee. Marge proudly states that Purina Pet Care and C.F.A. awarded Igor a trophy for highest scoring Russian Blue for the year of 1964. She commented that she has since retired from Russian Blue breeding.

IN THE LAST FIFTEEN YEARS the Russian Blue has greatly advanced. The Russian Blue breeders are now producing a beautiful model that fits the modern show standard well and is being accepted the world over. We are now seeing heartier cats producing a more substantial offspring with firm long muscular bodies (but not tubular), refinement of boning (but not oriental), lovely wide ears, good wedge, a sweet expression with vivid green eyes and a more plush coat. Evidence of this is in the reports of cat shows held in different parts of the country where Russian Blues are frequently among the top cats in the shows. Primarily the credit belongs to the breeders for creating a more beautiful and symmetrical cat. Utilization of bloodlines, primarily Velva, and others such as Tsar Blu, Miribu, Lov'n Blu, Jontue, Silverton, The Czars, and Roushka, to name a few, have developed a uniformity in our breed.

GRAND CHAMPION RUSSIANS ATTAINING NATIONAL AWARDS

since 1973 are (names as they appeared in Yearbooks):
 NGRC Miribu's Silver Lining, NGRC Velva's Cobalt Baron of Tsar Blu, NGRC Miribu's Promises Promises (Fig 6), NGRC Tsar Blu's Fitzwilliam, NGRC Miribu's Rhapsody In Blue (Fig. 5), NGRC Sereshka Alakazam of Kittay, NGRC Tsar Blu's Zane Grey (Fig. 13), NGRC Silver Acres Quicksilver, NGRC Jontue's Rhythm And Blues of Casein (Fig. 10), NGRC Tsar Blu's Zach, NGRC Harmony of Silver Acres (Fig. 11).

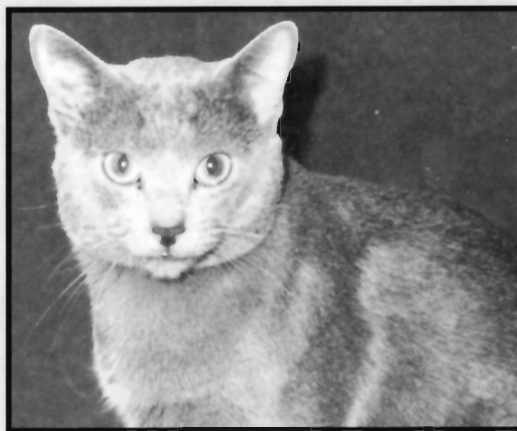


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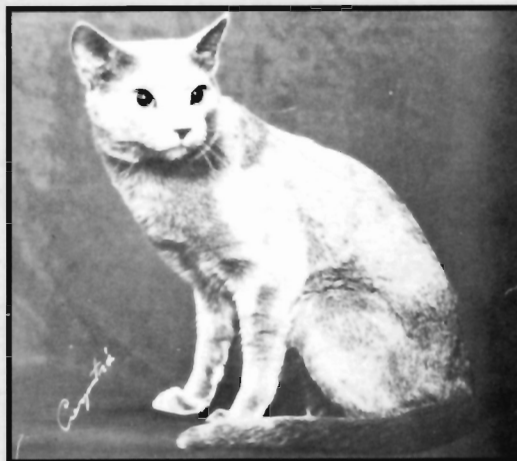


Fig. 5

PHOTOS OF PROMINENT RUSSIANS. Awards shown are those submitted by owner or researched. Any awards not shown are due to incomplete information received. Some of the quality Russian Blues of yesteryear and present day are:

(Fig. 3) GRC The Czars Silver Sable sired by GRC Kit-Kin's Volga Boatman, Dam - Kabbarps Anja of The Czars (Imp.), br:/ow: Ron and Julie O'Neil.

(Fig. 4) GRC Hy-Line Blu Prince of The Czars, Sire - CH Kit-Kin's Blue Bash of Hy-Line, Dam - CH Hillcrest Alicia of Hy-Line, br: William Palmer, ow: Ron and Julie O'Neil.

(Fig. 5) NGRC Miribu's Rhapsody In Blue, male, br: Margot Mellies M.D., ow: Carol and Deborah Probst. Rhapsody won 14th Best Cat Nationally in the 1977-78 show season.

(Fig. 6) NGRC Miribu's Promises Promises, Sire - Miribu's Zhivago, Dam - GRC Miribu's Silver Lady, br:/ow: Margot Mellies M.D. Promises was National Best of Breed in 1975-76 and National top 20 cat.

(Fig. 7) Miriam Faulkner's CH Grandyl Tamarask of That's A No-No, ow: Richard and Ruby Thompson.

(Fig. 8) GRC Les Joy Val, br: Will Thompson who was breeding Russians at that time.

(Fig. 9) GRC Silverton's Bozo, br:/ow: Jim Thompson. Bozo received National Award of 2nd Best Russian in 1980.

(Fig. 10) A well known male, NGRC Jontue's Rhythm and Blues of Casein, D.M., br: Carol and Deborah Probst, ow: Liz DeMercurio Watson. Rhythm's Regional Awards were 2nd Best Kitten 1980-81, Best Russian Blue 1980-81, Best Cat - Great Lakes Region 1981-82, Best Russian Blue 1981-82. His National Awards were 10th Best Kitten 1980-81, 2nd Best Russian Blue 1980-81, 10th Best Cat 1981-82 and Best Russian Blue 1981-82. Rhythm was sired by GRC Jontue's Blue Danube. His mother was GRC Silver Acres Re-Run. Rhythm is now owned by Margot Mellies, M.D.

(Fig. 11) No one can forget NGRC Jontue's Harmony of Silver Acres, better known as Spider. Bred and owned by Carol and Deborah Probst and in 1985-86 won Best Russian Blue and 16th Best Cat, in 1983-84 Best Russian Blue and in 1982-83 won Best Russian Blue.



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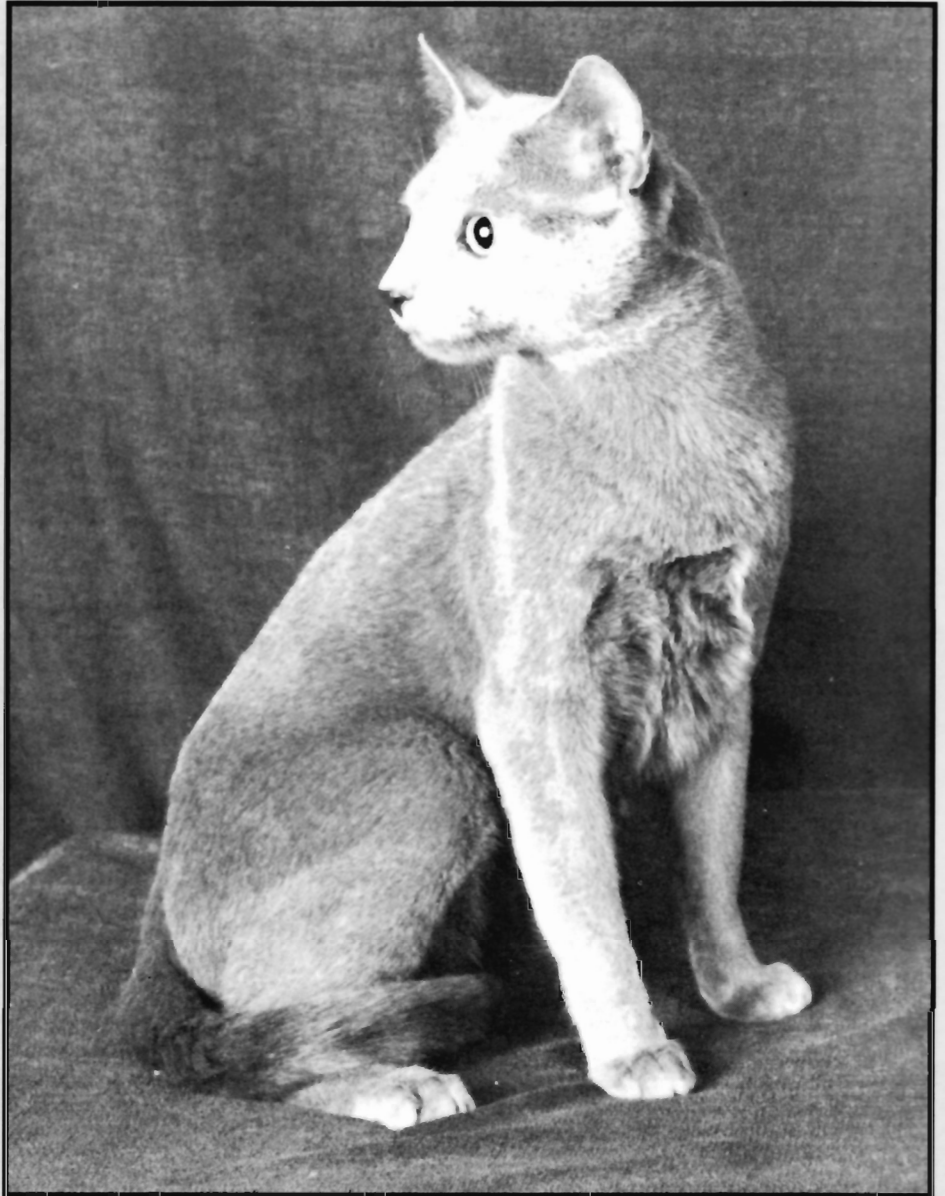


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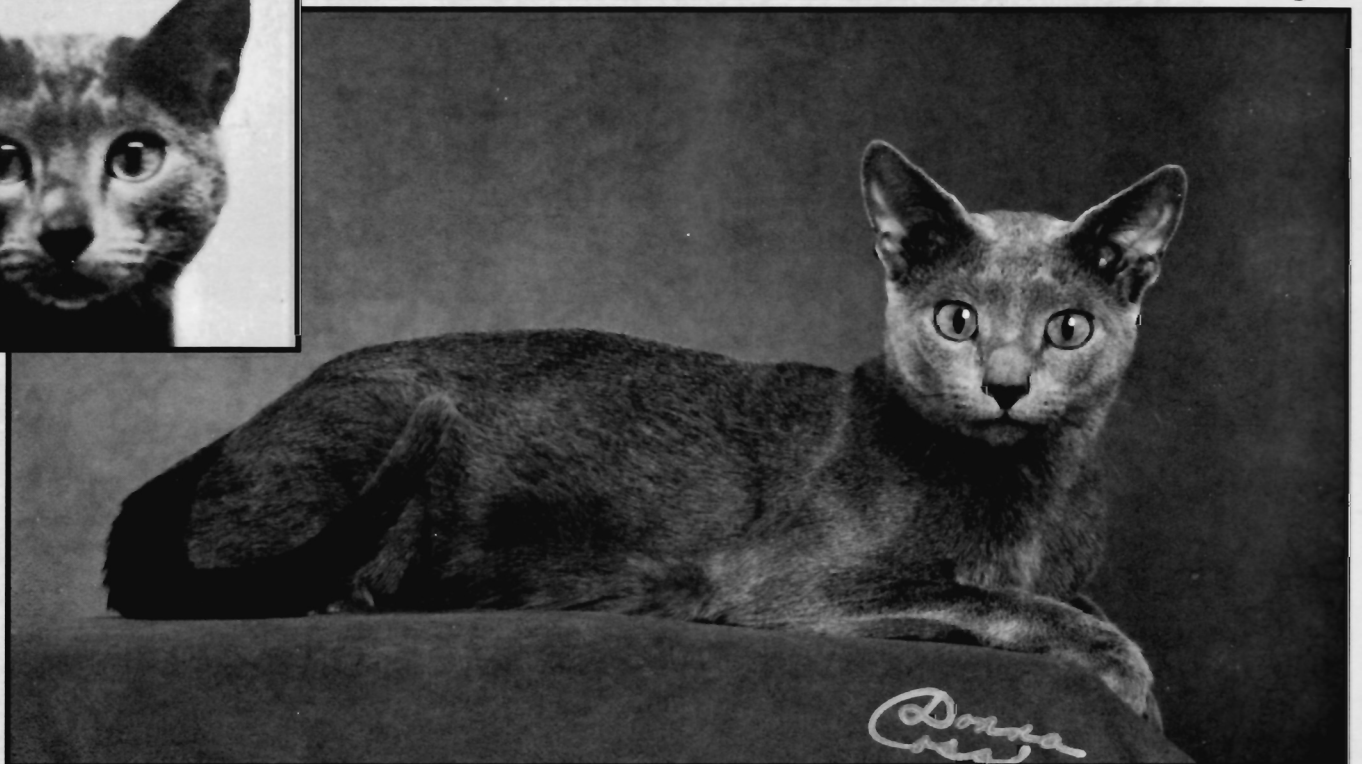


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(Fig. 12) GRC Velva's Diamond Dust, Sire - GRC Tsar Blu's Fitzwilliam of Velva, Dam - Nordic Natalie's Song of Velva, Br./Ow: Bob and Diana Doernberg. Diamond Dust won National Award of 2nd Best Russian in 1985.

(Fig. 13) NGRC Tsar Blu's Zane Grey, Sire - GRC Tsar Blu's Zorian Grey, Dam - CH Velva's Valerie Fair of Tsar Blu, DM, Br./Ow: Donna Fuller. In 1979-80 Zane won CFA National 3rd Best Cat and CFA Northwest Region Best Cat.

(Fig. 14) GRC Wynterwynd's Tempest, Sire - NGRC Jontue's Rhythm and Blues of Casein, Dam - CH Ikon Love 'N Kisses, DM, Br: Barbara Janisch/Annette Wilson, Ow: Annette Wilson. Tempest's awards were won in 1983-84 Midwest Region 2nd Best Russian Blue and 1983-84 Midwest Region 7th Best Cat. Annette says that she is proud of the fact that at six years of age, Tempest qualified for the first CFA/Purina Invitational Show.

(Fig. 15) Margaret (Peg) Johnson gives us GRC Heartbeeps Bluebeard, Sire - GRC Sarmarkan's Nicholas, Dam - GRC Tsarista's Tiffany of Heartbeep. Peg states that Bluebeard was 2nd Best Russian in the Southern Region in 1985-86 and Best Russian in the Southern Region 1986-87.

(Fig. 16) is GRC Blue Pride's Caithness, Sire - GRC Blue Pride's Crackerjack and Dam - GRC Snowyfull's Toast of the Town. Br./Ow: Brenda Messenger. Brenda says Caithness was 2nd Best Russian Nationally in 1986-87 and also the same season for the Northwest Region she was 8th Best Shorthair Kitten, 4th Best Cat and Best Russian Blue.

(Fig. 17) is GRC Nuance's Morning's Fragrant Essence, Sire - GRC Nuance's Andrew Jackson, Dam - Nuance's Megan Genteel, bred by Marge and Bob Jackson and owned by Peg Johnson.

(Fig. 18) GRC Clacritter Blue Sonya, Sire - GRC Velva Shines On of Samovar, Dam - GRC Clacritter Anna Katrina, br: Leslie Falteisek, ow: Meredith West. Leslie says this little lady was sold as a pet and is not to be bred.

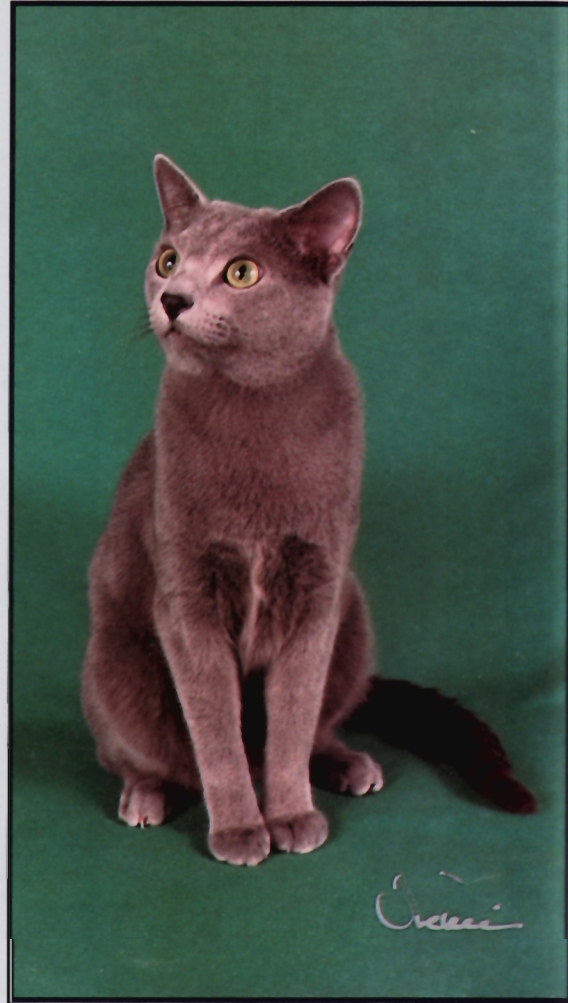


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Fig. 18

C.F.A. records reveal that in 1985-86, 657 points were available within the Russian Blue breed Championship Class. In 1986-87 that figure dropped to 646 points, with 523 points available in the 1987-88 show season

GRAND CHAMPIONS AND GRAND PREMIERS FROM 1972-73 THROUGH 1977-78

Cat names and status of each cat are presented as printed in the Yearbook's Grand Champion and Grand Premier Sections.

1972-73

GRC Car-Mac Thorn
GRC Car-Mac Pjater
GRC Fesenbrad's Czarvitch Rimsky
GRC Fesenbrad's Czarvitch Yuric
GRC Hy-Line's Shining Count
GRC Hy-Line's Silver Cloud
GRC Kit-Kan Lubov of Satin Song
GRC Meri-Rose Nicholoi of Lehigh

1973-74

GRC Braunhaar's Pnt
GRC Car-Mac Threl
GRC Car-Mac Linnea
GRC Grandyl Ivan
GRC Hy-Line's Blue Note
GRC Hy-Line's Dr. Zhivago Of Tsar Blu
GRC Hy-Line's Silver Mist
GRC Hy-Line's Sir Pasha of Jellicle
GRC Miribu's Silver Lining
GRC Miribu's Tora Tora of Velva
GRC Norsemen's Kiwi
GRC Norsemen's Artic Chipper
GRC Quiet Blues Alcoa
GRC Rindy's Haven Rhome
GRC Sahara's Marrianti of Kotickee
GRC Velva's Parfait of Three Crown
GRC Velva's Vida Blue

1974-75

GRC Hy-Line Silver Bell of Tsar Blu
GRC Grandyl Blue Serge
GRC Lehigh Mursik
GRC Miribu's Kirsten
GRC Quiet Blues So Blue
GRC Sa-Phy Andrew
GRC That's A No No Blue Vignette
GRC The Czars Silver Sable
GRC The Czars Silver Prince
GRC Three Crown Blue Note
GRC Twilight K's Nikitta
GRC Velva's Blue Moon Odor
GRC Velva's Cobalt Baron of Tsar Blu
GRP Car-Mac Lars
GRP Kit-Kin's Caesar of Tao-Lu
GRP Velva's Zainie

1975-76

GRC Arkhangelsk Vera
GRC Bluegenes Batchelor of Art
GRC Czarina Natasha of Lov'n Blu
GRC Edgin's Lance of Car-Mac
GRC Fesenbrad's Czar Chaka Khan
GRC Hy-Line's Quick Silver
GRC Kate's Shakespeare
GRC Katzenburg's Gandalf of J-Sun
GRC Les-Joy's Vanadium
GRC Lov'n Blu's Ksenia
GRC Lov'n Blu's Trudy Latish
GRC Lov'n Blu's Silver Dew Drop
GRC Miribu's Darlin'
GRC Miribu's Khristinia
GRC Miribu's Promises Promises
GRC Norsemen's Arctic Tern
GRC Norsemen's Blu Pinyon
GRC Sa-Phy Devon
GRC Sereshka Long John Silver
GRC Sereshka Shazam
GRC The Czars Archangel of Bluefish
GRC Tsar Blu Flash of Sereshka
GRC Vale's Bonnie Prince Charlie
GRP Thai-Mew's Igor

1976-77

GRC Abaddon's Faust
GRC Hy-Line's Blue Velvet
GRC J-Sun's Winnie The Blue
GRC Lov'n Blu's Revere of Kitta

GRC Lov'n Blu's Robert Morris
GRC Miribu's Rhapsody In Blue
GRC Miribu's Silver Lady
GRC Miribu's Sparklin Keshka
GRC Miribu's V.I.P. of Silver Acres
GRC Roads End Boris of Sherborn
GRC Sa-Phy Stormie
GRC Sereshka Flo Blue
GRC Sereshka Salarika
GRC Sereshka Shadowfax
GRC Silver Acres Counselor
GRC Silverton's Nyscha
GRC Three Crown Casper
GRC Tsar Blu's Chip O' Willy of Ztm
GRC Tsar Blu's Cyann of Sereshka
GRC Tsar Blu's Dazzling Adonis
GRC Tsar Blu's Fitzwilliam
GRP El-Bee-Jay's Blue Sprite
GRP Katzenburg's Korva Igorovitch

1977-78

GRC Car-Mac Lionel
GRC Car-Mac Patina
GRC Gentillesse Jazzy Lady
GRC J-Sun's Buttonwillow Blues
GRC Lov'n Blu's Charisma of Ikon
GRC Lov'n Blu's Imperatrissa Sasha
GRC Lov'n Blu's Peter Paws
GRC Malutka Chuka of Kitta
GRC Malutka Yasha of Satineque
GRC Malutka Anya
GRC Meri-Rose Fedore of Bombadil
GRC Miribu's Happiness Is Blue II
GRC Naissur Blu's Silver Dream
GRC Norsemen's Little Girl Blue
GRC Norsemen's Winter Chip
GRC Pau-nes Winter Sprite
GRC Seeneekat's Bell Star
GRC Sereshka Adimi of Suntar
GRC Sereshka Alakazam of Kittay
GRC Sereshka Savoir-Faire
GRC Silver Acres Ricky Ticky Tavy
GRC Silver Acres Solitaire
GRC Tsar Blu's Tsargazer of Chadows
GRC Tsar Blu's Zabrielle
GRC Tsar Blu's Zorian Grey
GRC Tsar Blu's Zsa Zsa
GRC Vale's Gandalf The Grey
GRC Vale's Kristi Blu
GRC Velva's Rachmaninov
GRC Ztm Himmel
GRP Blue Charm's Blu-Kris
GRP Catstone's Rasputin

1978-79

GRC Abaddon's Circle
GRC Abaddon's Sirens of Rhetoric
GRC Arkhangelsk Dvina
GRC Jontue's Blue Danube
GRC Les Joy Val
GRC Nordic Blue Chip
GRC Norsemen's Kakapo
GRC Roushka Casey At The Bat
GRC Roushka High Spirit
GRC Sereshka Virginia Slim
GRC Songfest's Allie
GRC Suntar's Aces High
GRC Temujin's Eric Van Zipper
GRC Twilight K's Nordica
GRP Arkhangelsk Aleksandr
GRP Kate's Plato of Gemlyn
GRP Kate's Shylock of Lintoli
GRP Miribu's Natasha of Rhetoric
GRP Roushka Moonraker
GRP Velva's Winkywilli

1979-80

GRC Kpacka's Arianna
GRC Lov'n Blu Misty Morn of Casein
GRC Lov'n Blu's Charming Chuck
GRC Miribu's Midnight Sun of J-Sun

GRC Silverton's Bozo
GRC Silver Acres Quicksilver
GRC Silver Acres Re-Run
GRC Tsar Blu's Dr. Ann
GRC Tsar Blu's Tsar Glow of Blue Pride
GRC Tsar Blu's Zane Grey
GRP Lov'n Blu Misty
GRP Nordic Gorgonzola of Deneshe
GRP Roushka Enterprise
GRP Silver Acres Magician

1980-81

GRC Jontue's Rhythm & Blues of Casein
GRC Katzenburg's Vasili
GRC Les Joy Baron B.V.
GRC Lov'n Blu Lot A Promise of Petrobe
GRC Lov'n Blu Buster Blu of Vale
GRC Roushka Amanda
GRC Roushka Baby Doe of Centennial
GRC Seeneekat's Swiss Miss
GRC Tsar Blu's Zanette
GRC Tsar Blu's Zava
GRC Vale's Bonnie Blu
GRC Ztm Micki C of Suntar

1981-82

GRC Blue Pride's Simply Super
GRC Casein Serpentine of Beluga
GRC Casein's Maxwell Edison of Roushka
GRC Ikon Panache
GRC Les Joy Ice Princess
GRC Miribu's Charade
GRC Nordic Silversmith of Rocat
GRC Nos Elite's Stud Macho of Nuance
GRC Seeneekat's Aldonza
GRC Silver Acres Applause Applause
GRC The Czars Silver Duke
GRC Tsar Blu's Lit'l Donna of Lov'n Blu
GRC Tsar Blu's Zanadu of Fancypaws
GRC Tsar Blu's Ziegfeld
GRC Velva's Tin Soldier of Bluegenes
GRC Vindicator Molly Blue
GRC Vindicator Vodka of Twilight K
GRP El-Bee-Jay's Silver Shadow

1982-83

GRC Blue Pride's Halfpenny
GRC Blue Pride's Tuppence
GRC Jontue's Harmony of Silver Acres
GRC Jontue's Silver Artistry of Shibumi
GRC Les Joy Pea-We of Silverton
GRC Les Joy's Bogie of Fancypaws
GRC Roushka Windrider
GRC Samovar Polonaise
GRC Samovar's Zehn of Naissur Blu
GRC Sherborn Green Gobble
GRC Silverton's Crestone of Camiscats
GRC Tsar Blu's Zamanda of Tsarista
GRC Vale's B.K.
GRP Les Joy Miss Nikki of Katstanz
GRP Nordic King Canute
GRP Petrobe Elwood
GRP Sherborn Purr
GRP Tsarista's Charlemagne
GRP Temujin's Tim Timothy

1983-84

GRC Bluegenes Shadowdancer
GRC Blue Pride's Crackerjack
GRC Casein's Birtha D. Blues
GRC Casein's Motor City Madness
GRC Ikon Evensong of Guillpur
GRC Jontue Steel Mill Blues of Kyina
GRC Nordic Silver Standard
GRC Roushka Double Play of Kyina

GRC Shibumi Travis McGee
GRC Tsar Blu's Frank Zappa
GRC Tsar Blu's Tazscha of Unikat
GRC Tsar Blu's Zach
GRC Tsar Blu's Zautiana of Nuance
GRC Tsar Blu's Zephyr of Nuance
GRC Tsar Blu's Zorba of Shan
GRC Tsar Blu's Zsartania of Valleyjoe
GRC Tsarista's Czarina Alexandra
GRC Tsarista's Tiffany of Heartbeeps
GRC Vindicator Siwi
GRC Wynterwynd's Blue Velvet
GRC Wynterwynd's Blue Hawaii of Kyina
GRC Wynterwynd's Tempest of Brandenburg
GRP Briarson Blueboy
GRP Casein's Triple Surprise
GRP Laho's Frederick The Great
GRP Nordic Silver Exchange
GRP Sa-Phy Joel

1984-85

GRC Aegean Big Joshua
GRC Aegean Blue Max
GRC Bluegenes Illusion
GRC Blue Pride's Gooseberry
GRC Blue Pride's Star Turn
GRC Heartbeeps George Burns
GRC Kittyplane Primadonna
GRC Kyina Ivan
GRC Kyina Skye Blue
GRC Les Joy Astrid
GRC Miribu's Blue Serenade
GRC Nuance's Maja Genteel
GRC Nuance's Smiling Aristocrat
GRC Sarmarkan's Nicholas
GRC Sergei Rachmaninoff of Les Joy
GRC Tsar Blu's Zork
GRC Tsar Blu's Zouthrn Bell of Katstanz
GRC Tsarista's Hot As Blue Blazes
GRC Twilight K's Sophia
GRC Tylona's Andromeda
GRC Tylona's Minuet
GRC Wynterwynd's Diamond Dust
GRC Wynterwynd's Dressed For Success
GRP Blue Pride's Sterling
GRP Kaybill's Basil
GRP Kaybill's Ilya
GRP Kittay's Deira of Zehnder
GRP Vale's Nicholas

1985-86

GRC Aegean Blue Velvet
GRC Blue Pride's Fancy Goods
GRC Blue Pride's Gubbins of Dabru
GRC Guillpur Soloretta
GRC Heartbeeps Bluebeard
GRC Heartbeeps Pegleg Pete of Kaybill
GRC Ikon's Ice Magic of Guillpur
GRC Kathausblus Janessa
GRC Kathausblus Sasia
GRC Katstanz Alympian
GRC Katzenburg's Alyosha
GRC Kyina Kosmo of Jaiger
GRC Kyina Shavano
GRC Nuance's Stonewall Jackson
GRC Roushka Madd Maxx
GRC Roushka Sagan Blue of Kots
GRC Seeneekat's Miklof
GRC Snowyfluff's Toast Of The Town
GRC Stardancer Nikola Testa
GRC Tsar Blu's Zally
GRC Tsar Blu's Zola
GRC Twilight K Suza
GRC Tylona's Aeolus
GRC Velva's Diamond Dust
GRC Wynterwynd Auld Lang Syne
GRC Wynterwynd Resolution of Azurski

GRC Wynterwynd Trivial Pursuit
GRP Blue Pride's Worthing
GRP Casein's Willi Boskovski
GRP Kyina Ivan
GRP Nordic New Winner
GRP Rho's Alexey of Russki
GRP Wynterwynd Dressed For Success

1986-87

GRC Aegean Blue Angel
GRC Blue Pride's Bubble And Squeak
GRC Blue Pride's Caithness
GRC Clacritter Sterling Silver
GRC Dorado's Blue Bear
GRC Katzenburg's Alja
GRC Kaybill's Ninotchka
GRC Les Joy Tabouache
GRC Miribu's Am I Blue of Friday
GRC Nitesea's Star Dust
GRC Nordic Hallmark
GRC Nordic Raoul
GRC Nordic Silver Queen
GRC Nordic Silver Viking of Ghostship
GRC Nordic Silverado of Ghostship
GRC Nordic The Maltese Falcon
GRC Nuance's Andrew Jackson
GRC Promises Jezebel
GRC Snowyfluff's Mischief Maker
GRC Stardancer Saint Valentine
GRC Tsar Blu's Zarla
GRC Tsar Blu's Zorro
GRC Velva Shines On Of Samovar
GRP Calamento's Andros
GRP Chaskara's Ilya
GRP Hy-Line Silver Belle of Tsar Blu
GRP Kaybill's Moonspinner
GRP Nordic Southern Comfort
GRP Nordic Vivacious
GRP Stardancer Beach Boy

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GRC Aegean Princess
GRC Azurski's Rapunzel
GRC Blue Pride's Devon of Trianon
GRC Blue Pride's Dacey of Coral
GRC Bluegenes Keepsake of Wynterwynd
GRC Chaskara Dar Lavanya
GRC Clacritter Anna Katrina
GRC Kathausblus Mr. Icee
GRC Katstanz Ashby of Azurski
GRC Katzenburg's Julishka
GRC Kaybill's Mistral
GRC Kiska Fedor
GRC Kyina Bolt From The Blue
GRC Miribu's Serendipity of Friday
GRC Naissur Blu Chautauqua
GRC Nitesea's Sashay
GRC Nuance's Morning's Fragrant Essence
GRC Nuance's Viva Murray
GRC Roxanastasia Legacy II
GRC Samovar Kyra
GRC Seeneekat's Jade
GRC Shabou Koupava
GRC Valleyjoe's Ava
GRC Valleyjoe's Ilona of Katzenburg
GRP Aegean Johnathon
GRP Ikon Ice Magic of Guillpur
GRP Jontue's Blue Light Special
GRP Kaybill's Snickers
GRP Roxanastasia Tuff Guy
GRP Shabou Lell
GRP Tylona's Minuet
GRP Stardancer Mouse
GRP Zaffer Misha Blue



THE YOUNGER GENERATION is now under way and we are witnessing the influence of those dedicated breeders who have stabilized the breed. For a well balanced specimen, all parts must be in harmony with one another.

Some of the cats presently being shown have more of the above qualities than others.

(Fig. 1), GRC Tsar Blu's Zarin, br: Donna Fuller, ow: C. Stewart/ Donna Fuller/ L. Swope, is most promising among the younger generation being shown this year with enough points to make a high national win and will definitely win Southwest's top honors for a Regional Award.

Other quality Russians in the Younger Generation are:

(Fig. 19), GRC Heartbeeps Shiver Me Timbers, a handsome svelte, long legged male, br:/ow: Margaret (Peg) Johnson.

(Fig. 20), GRC Bluegene's Keepsake of Wynterwynd, br: Mr. and Mrs. John Kethley, ow: J. Kethley/A. Wilson.

GRC Roxanastasia Legacy II, br: G. Hester, ow: Schneide;/Hester/Anderson.

(Fig. 21), A fine gentleman, GRC Tsarista's Alexi, br:/ow: Lamar and Frances Cobb.

Unfortunately not all top show Russians make it to the judging ring. Many breeders express their great disappointment and heartbreak in having a beautiful show specimen who is unable to cope with the show hall environment. At home they are playful and loving, however, a sudden personality change occurs as soon as the carrier is opened in the show hall. This otherwise affectionate cat finds the show hall environment so unbearably hostile, that he sometimes becomes unmanageable. Fortunately this in no way reflects on the show temperament of the rest of the kittens from that same litter. Witnessing this, spectators often go home with the wrong impression of the Russian Blue. Many judges are kind enough to try to explain to the spectators the reason behind the cat's disorderly conduct.

I would like to encourage all breeders to consider the health and well being of their cat over the quest to win a Grand Championship or higher awards. When this cherished feline expresses distress while being in the show-hall environment it is time to retire him, not medicate him. It has been my experience with GRC Nuance's Viva Murray (Fig. 22) that I can relate to this distress problem. Murray was shown as an adult from May 1986 to February 1987; but in that time he accumulated enough points to be Southern Regions Best of Breed and Sixth Best Cat. He placed 29th Best Cat in the Nation. He is a very elegant looking Russian male with a muscular long hard body, lovely slender long legs, proper wide ear set, nice wedge, expressive green eyes, and light colored coat. Unfortunately, in mid-January he began to feel so distressed out of his home environment that he developed a nervous stomach after one half hour of being placed in his benching cage. Since his health and well being were more important to me than winning points, I retired him to stud before the end of the show season. He is now happy and content with his selective female entourage.

To illustrate how the aforementioned bloodlines are related to most of the Russian Blues of today, I am including Murray's ancestry for your perusal. Murray's Sire is GRC Nuance's Andrew Jackson who's ancestry includes GRC Nos Elite's Stud Macho of Nuance, CH Nos Elite's Summer Willow of Nuance, GRC Hy-Line's Blue Prince of The Czars, CH Kit-Kin's Blue Bash of Hy-Line, CH Hillcrest's Alicia of Hy-Line, GRC Hy-Line's Silver Cloud, CH The Czar's Shado Queen, GRC Pam-San's Gray-Gor, CH Felinest Brita Blu of Kit Kin, CH Hill-Crest's Alexis, CH Hill-Crest's Frika and GRC Velva's Sky Chief of Hy-Line. Murray's mother is CH Suntar Karina of Nuance who was

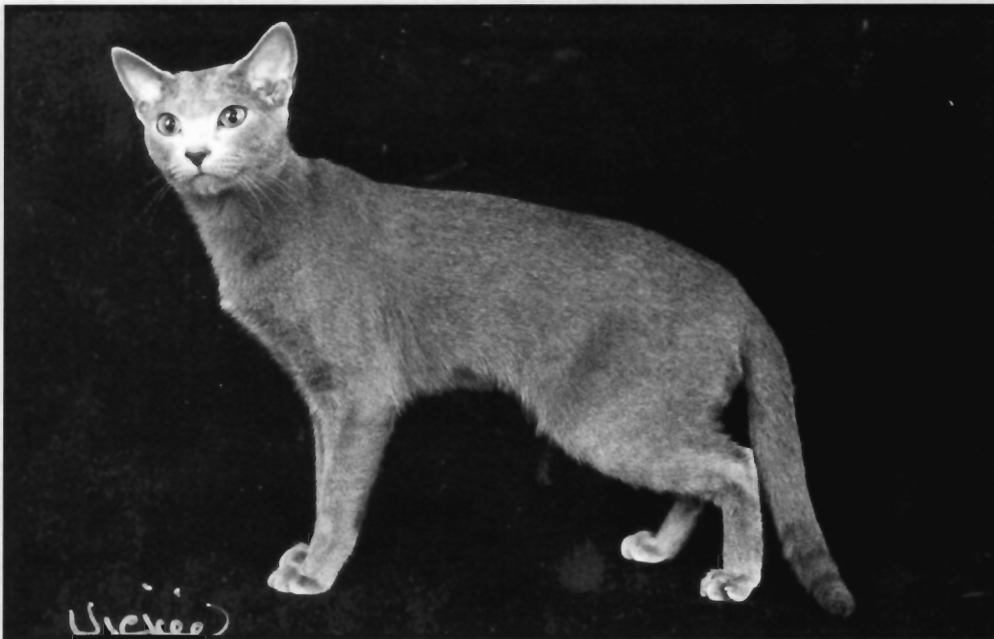


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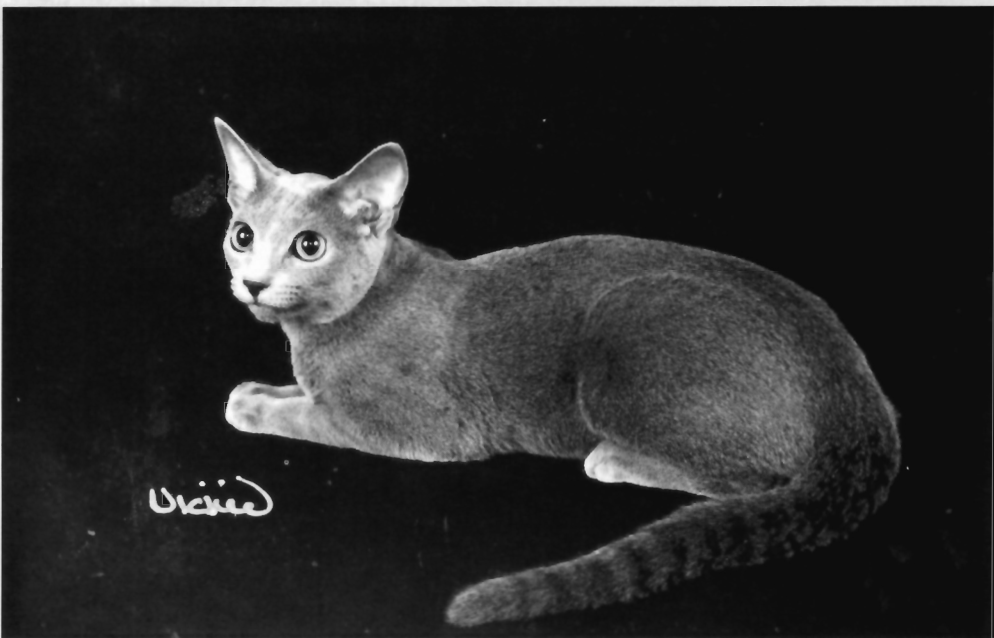
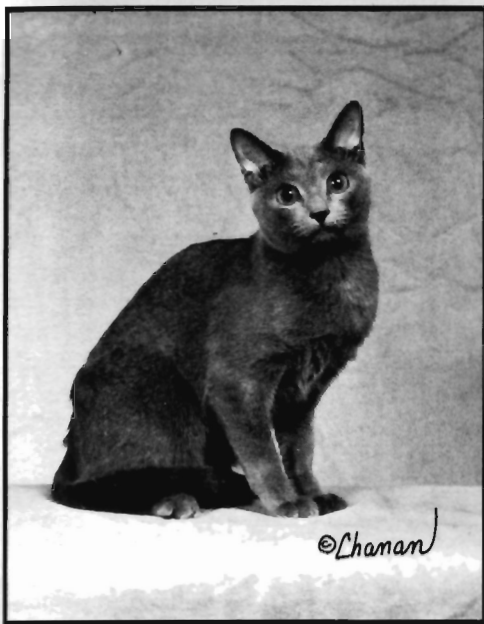


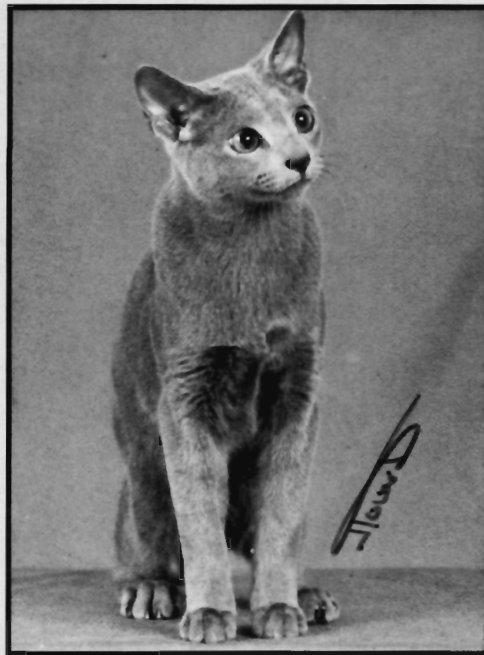
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Fig. 21



Region 5 Southwest
GRC SEENEKAT'S JADE
 B/O: Thomas J. Brosnan



Region 1 North Atlantic
GRC NORDIC RAOUL
 B: Natalie del Vecchio
 O: N. del Vecchio/H. Metosh



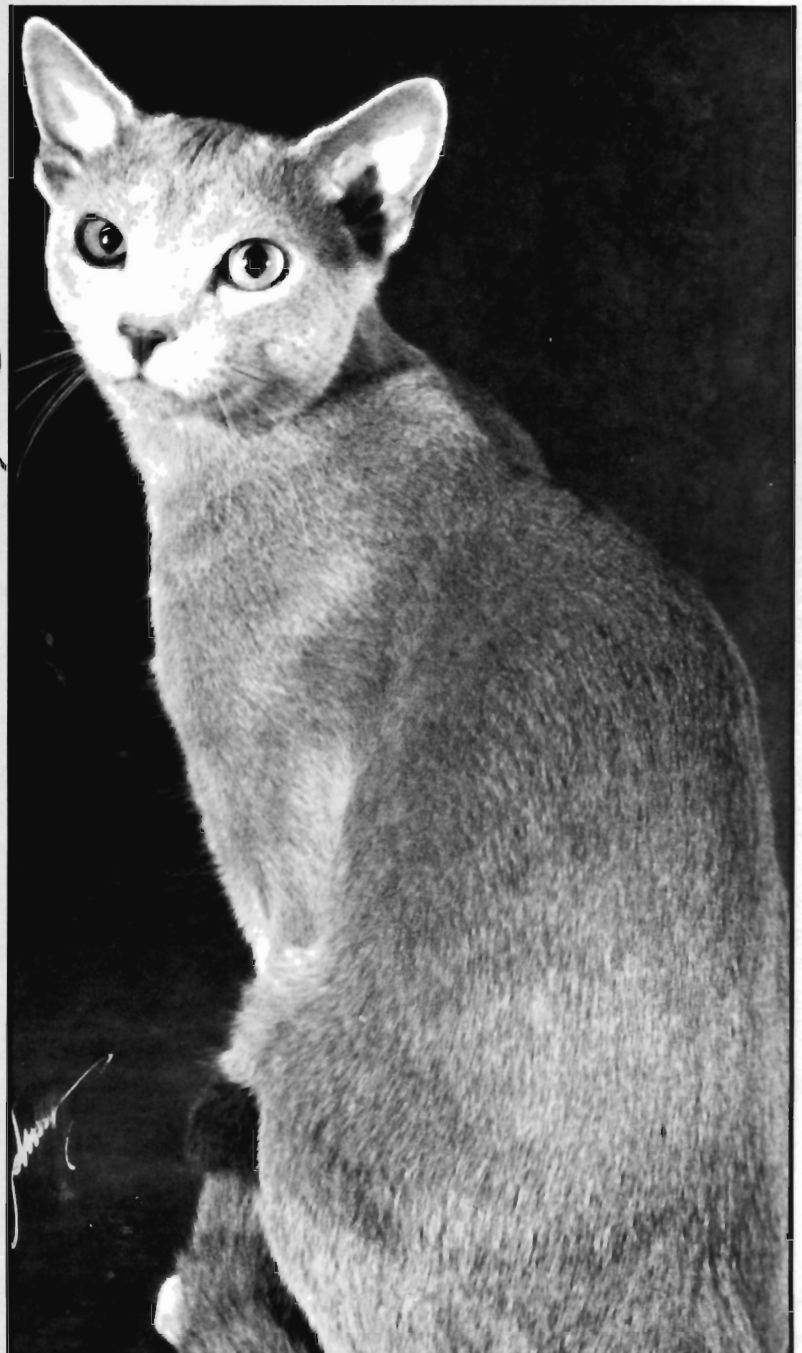
Region 6 Midwest
GRC VELVA SHINES ON OF SAMOVAR
 B: Diana/Robert Doernberg
 O: Marci/Jeff Lewandowski



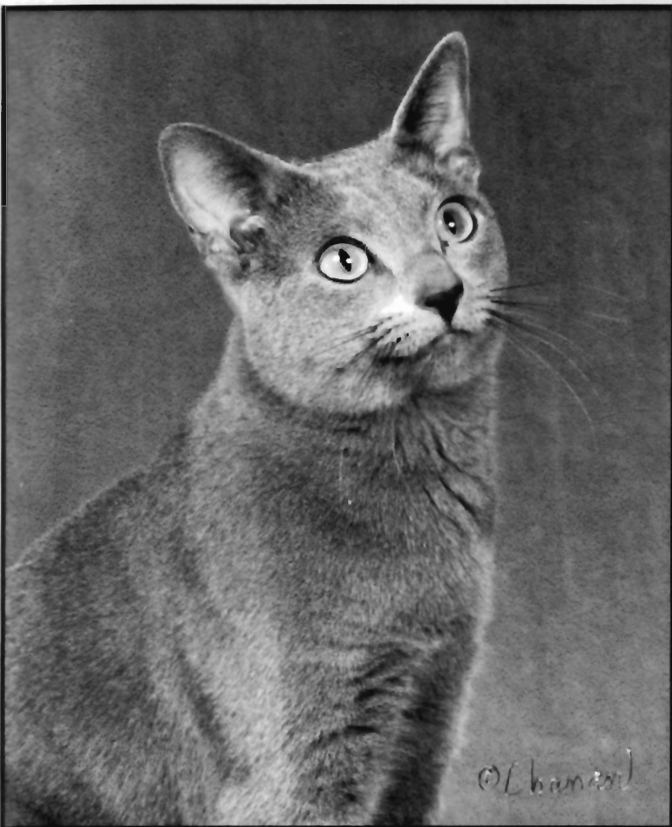
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Region 2 Northwest
GRC VALLEYJOE'S ILONA
OF KATZENBURG
 B: Ed Yurchick/Dan Lujan
 O: Ingeborg Urcia

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Region 7 Southern
GRC NUANCE'S VIVA MURRAY
 B/O: Marge and Bob Jackson



Region 4 Great Lakes
GRC KYINA BOLT FROM THE BLUE
 B/O: Anne/Amanda Bright

Sired by CH Jontue's Diplomat of Suntar whose ancestry includes: Jontue's Blue Danube, GRC Miribu's Rhapsody in Blue, Arkhangelsk Tru Dee Azuree, GRC Miribu's Promises Promises, GRC Miribu's Silver Lady, CH Arkhangelsk Mikkail, Arkhangelsk Odessa, GRC Silver Acres Re-Run, GRC Velva's Vida Blue, CH Miribu's Sunshine, GRC Velva's Blue Viking, CH Velva's Miss Behavin, Miribu's Zhivago and GRC Miribu's Silver Lady. The Dam of Murray's mother is GRC Zatm Micki C. of Suntar. Micki C was sired by GRC Zatm Himmel with ancestry of GRC Kate's Shakespeare, CH Day Time Nila of Zatm, Miribu's Zhivago, CH Miribu's Dardinella, CH Hy-Line Achilles of Iliad and CH Day Time Catherine. The Dam of Micki C. is Zatm Fargenigen with ancestry of GRC Tsar Blu's Chip o'Willy, CH Day Time Kobalt of Zatm, GRC Velva's Williwinky, GRC Hy-Line's Silver Belle of Tsar Blu, CH Hy-Line's Achilles of Iliad and CH Day Time Catherine.

THE YEARLINGS. Kitten personalities within the litter may vary from the very shy kitten to the most outgoing, from those who do not feel anxiety in a show hall environment to those who do. The show career, of those kittens who show great distress in a show situation, should be discontinued.

The Cat Fancier's Association birth statistics report that 304 Russian Blue litters were registered in 1987 with an average of 3.2 kittens per litter. In 1988, 268 litters were registered. Males totaled 454 and females 406 with an average per litter of 3.2. This was derived from the number of living births reported on litter applications.



Fig. 23

KITTEN PHOTOS

(Fig. 23) Just for the sake of showing the "Russian Smile" on this kitten, and remembering a desk plaque one judge displays on her judging table "never trust a smiling cat," is this old photo of GRC Nos Elite's Stud Macho of Nuance when he was 3 months of age. Br/ow: Marge and Bob Jackson.

(Fig. 24) Peg Johnson's photo of two 4 month kittens sired by GRC Heartbeep's Bluebeard. Dam: GRC Rouska Sagan of Kots. Peg relates that the antics of these two kittens and their littermate Ivan won them a TV spot as promotion for the 1989 Birmingham, Alabama show.

(Fig. 25) GRC Katzenburg's Julishka at six months of age. Sire: GRC Katzenburg's Alyasha, Dam: CH Katzenburg's Cricket. Br/ow: Ingeborg Urcia.

ABOUT THE AUTHOR. Marge Jackson has been breeding Russian Blues for over twelve years, focusing her attentions on "HEALTH and THE BODY PERFECT" for her cats. "I believe," says Marge, "that a breeder's credibility is measured by ethical conduct. I am candid about the quality and health of my kittens. My cats are housed in a clean environment with plenty of exercise. I personally dislike caging cats and only submit to this when absolutely necessary." Her first Russian Blues were purchased from Julie O'Neil, of The Czars cattery, who carried the old Hy-Line, Hillcrest, Felinest, and Velva lines. Marge combined these with cats purchased from Donna Fuller of Tsar Blu cattery, who carried the same lines. Donna is well known for her

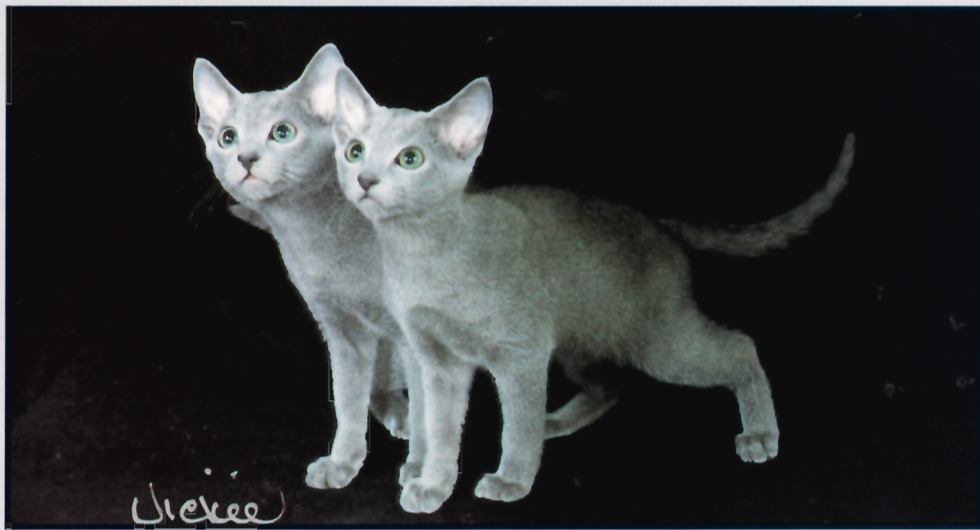


Fig. 24



Fig. 25



Fig. 26 GRC Nuance's Viva Murray (right) (Russian Blue) and GRC USAF's Muka Rimba of Nuance (Singapore) (left)



GRC Nuance's Smiling Aristocrat
Regional Award Winner - Best Russian Blue
17th Best Cat, Br/Ow: Marge and
Bob Jackson

PERSONALITY The Russian Blue's personality has changed very little over the years. Most of the Russians that I have known are compatible with other breeds, see (Fig. 26). We still find a highly intelligent cat who is sensitive and shy yet dignified and self assured. He is active, at times dashing from one room to the other, banking off furniture with grace of movement, and if alone will pretend to be pursued. He likes to climb to the highest place in the home and observe his domain. His nature is inquisitive and extremely loving. Females make excellent mothers and sometimes nurse their young beyond the weaning period. The Russian is most content when in his owners lap or bed or nestled up against his owners neck. A nudge with his head or nose, a meaningful stare, or a gentle touch with his paw will impart his needs. If an outside screened patio is available to him, he is delighted to enjoy the relaxing rays of the sun reaching down from its eminence to gently kiss his aesthetic body, enhancing each movement of muscle in all its magnificence.

contribution to enhance the Russian Blue by developing beautiful cats. Marge then brought in another line with a female from Sandra McDaniel, Suntar Cattery, carrying the Jontue, Silver Acres, Miribu, and Velva lines. These formed the foundation for Nuance Cats.

The author, a Florida resident since 1961, attended the University of Cincinnati before her quest to seek a warmer climate. Marge is founder and Board Chairman of Cats Exclusive, Inc., Southern Region Coordinator for over four years, and is very active in C.F.A. activities. Her cattery name is NUANCE, in which she has recently incorporated a well known lovely little lady by the name of Rimba, a Singapore. Marge is President of Associated Aviation Specialties, with her husband Bob.