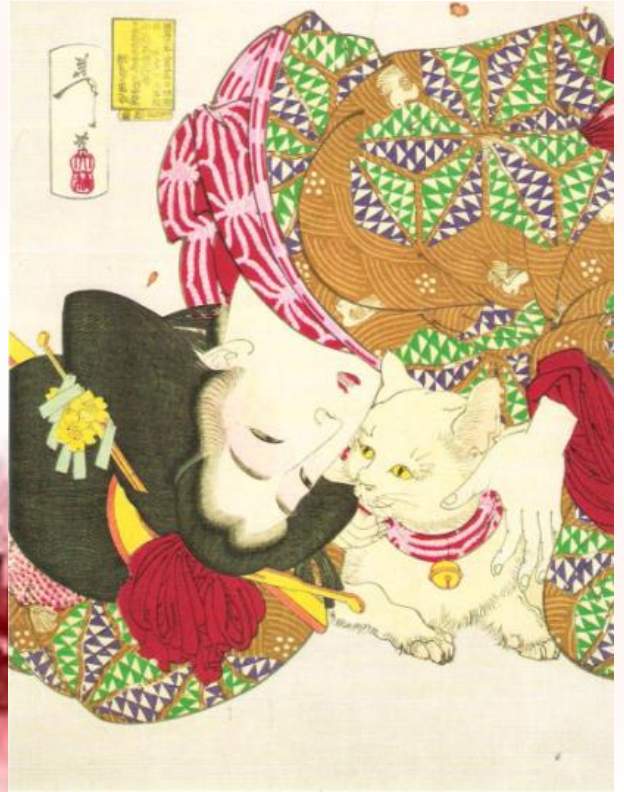


PIONEER CATS

CFA was the first feline registry to recognize the Japanese Bobtail for the unique breed that they are. Abyssinian breeder Elizabeth Freret of Virginia saw her first Japanese Bobtail in 1967 in a pet store in Maryland and pursued obtaining one. Her search to find a Japanese Bobtail lead her to Judy Crawford, an American working with the breed in Japan. In 1968 Elizabeth accompanied by fellow cat fancier Wain Harding picked up three Japanese Bobtail selected by Judy for a good genetic start. The kittens were Judiko's Madam Butter of Amulet, Judiko's Richard San of Amulet, a red and white male, and a cinnamon colored tabby female, Prunello. When Madame Butterfly was bred to Richard she had five vividly colored kittens all with the bunny tail. In 1969 another shipment of eight Japanese Bobtails was sent to Elizabeth so she would have healthy outcrosses. In addition, Judy Crawford sent approximately 40 more Japanese Bobtails to the U.S. before she left Japan to settle in Seattle. Thus, the breed was presented to the CFA Board of Directors in 1969 and granted Miscellaneous status based on the adorable litter Elizabeth presented to them, along with historical documentation. All attempts were made at accuracy. Corrections and additions welcome. Note that only the first of a color grand (male or female) are noted in Championship and Premiership. Eye color is not mentioned (such as first blue-eyed or odd-eyed) as CFA only records information on eye color for white cats. So here is the journey of our Pioneer Cats and their owners in CFA.



First Registered (1969)

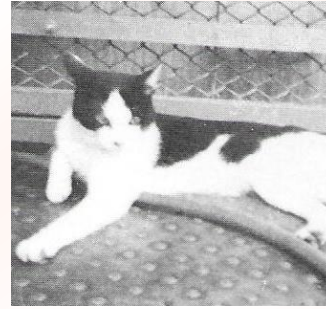
Judiko's Mme. Butterfly of Amulet
Mi-ke
Br: Judy Crawford
Ow: Elizabeth Freret



First Grand Champion (1976)

First Best of Breed (1977)

GC Maryott's Quan Yin of Amberleigh
Mi-ke Female
Br: Joyce Maryott
Ow: Mary Olsen/Pattie LeBlanc



First Black/White Grand Champion (1978)
GC Espoir Matsuoo
Black/White Male
Br: Dr. Ando-Yoko Imao
Ow: Yoko Imai

First Grand Champion Male
First Grand of Unknown Parentage (1977)
First Red Tabby/White Grand
GC Mr. Lee of Far East
Red Tabby & White
Br: Unknown
Ow: Jean Kryszczuk



First National Award Winner in Premiership (1982)
First Mi-ke Grand Premier

CH GP NW Kitai Mitu of Nekolady
Mi-ke Spay
Br: Catherine Curry
Ow: Barbara Romanos



First Brown Tabby/White Grand Champion (1977)
First Brown Tabby/White Best of Breed (1978)
First Repeat Winner (1978, 1979, 1980)
GC Ran Win's Fuji-san
B/O: Nancy A. Winans



First Black/White Best of Breed (1982)
GC Kitai Ichi Sumie of Vedalia
Black/White Male
Br: Catherine Curry
Ow: Debra B Fredericks



First Grand Champion in Japan (1977)
GC Espoir Gemmi
Mi-ke Odd-Eyed
Date Granded: 8/1/1977
Br/Ow: Yoko Imai



First Red/White Grand (1985)
First Red/White Breed Winner (1986)
 GC, BW, RW Bassetti's Saisho, DM
 Red/White Male
 B/O: Janet Bassetti



First Brown Tabby/White NW in Premiership (1986)
First Brown Tabby/White Grand Premier
 CH GP NW Rulew's Mac Gregor of Jo-Ni
 Brown Mac Tabby-White Neuter
 Br: Lewis Wesley Barnes
 Ow: Allen Scruggs & Douglas Myers



First Regional Best In Premiership (1985-Region 3)
First Red/White Grand (CH or PR)
 GP RW Choneko Omoi of Vedalia Red / White Neuter
 Br: Dee Hinkle
 Ow: D. Coburg – S.A. Gotch

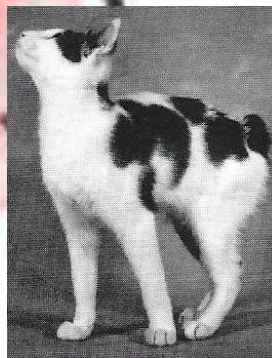


First Patterned Mi-ke Grand, CH or PR (1986)
 GC Furfayar's Kuchibeni of Kiddlyn
 Patterned Mi-Ke Female
 B: Belle & Cameron Nau
 O: Linda K. Donaldson



First Distinguished Merit (1986)
First Mi-ke DM
 CH Grenouille MosiMosi of Bassetti, DM *
 Mi-ke Female
 Br: Barbara Belanger
 Ow: Janet Bassetti

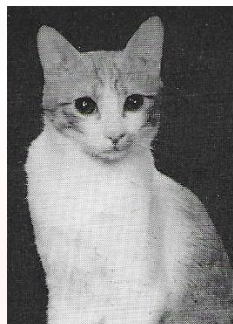
*Pictured with Baby Saisho



First Black/White Grand Premier (1986)
 GP Dunbree Yoshi of Clacritter
 Black/White Neuter
 Br: Rebecca Dunn
 Ow: L. Falteisek – K Lauren



First One Show Grand Champion (1986)
 GC Choneko Imari of Merracat
 Mi-ke Female
 Br: Dee Hinkle
 Ow: Dee Hinkle/Bill Elliott/Steven Swain



First Red Tabby/White Grand Premier (1986)
 GP Bassetti's Tabi of Berjo
 Red Tabby/White Neuter
 Br: Janet Bassetti
 Ow: Lynn Berge



First National Winner in Championship (1988)
First Black/White Breed Winner in Championship (1988)

GC BW NW Nekomo Hirohito
Black-White Male
Br/Ow: Allen Scruggs-Douglas Myers



First Red/White NW in Premiership – Tie (1988)

CH GP NW Bassetti's Tomodachi of Maricho
Red-White Neuter
Br: Janet Bassetti
Ow: Marilyn R Knopp



First National Winner Kitten (1988)

GC NW Bassetti's Pachinko
Mi-Ke Tri-Color Female
Br/Ow: Bob-Janet Bassetti



First Solid (Black) Grand (CH or PR) Champion (1988)

First Solid (Black) Distinguished Merit

GC Kuro Ran of Bassetti, DM
Black Male
B: Barbara Rosalez
O: Janet Bassetti



First Red/White NW in Premiership – Tie (1988)

GP NW Merracat's Moto Siteboi of Karleton
Red-White Neuter
Br: William Elliott- Steven Swain
Ow: Jerry-Eve Russell



First Solid White Grand (CH or PR) Champion (1988)

GC Stellamaris Shinshi of Mayflower
Br: D Coburg- Sandy Gotch
Ow: Muriel Slodden