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CELEBRATING THE EARLY CAT FANCY

Alliance, OH – August 25, 2014 - The CFA Foundation (USA) and The Harrison Weir Collection (New Zealand) have collaborated on a new web site titled “The History Project” -- a look at the cats, people and clubs that were there in the late 19th century, during the very early beginnings of the Cat Fancy.

The site looks at the people responsible for setting the groundwork in the development of breeding programs and the showing of cats; the history of the clubs who organized, financed and supported cat shows in the early days; and, of course, an in-depth look at the cats themselves.

The cats are the main focus of this site. The individual cat pages are filled with photos and facts of each cat and, in some instances, are complete files where breeding histories, show wins, etc. can be found. Currently covered are Shorthair breeds -- Abyssinian, English (British) Shorthair, Manx, Siamese -- and Longhair breeds -- Birman and, as one would expect, a rather large number of Persians.

An added bonus on the site is the beginning of a virtual museum, which shows off some of the artifacts in the collections of both The CFA Foundation and The Harrison Weir Collection.

We invite you to take a look around the site which has resulted from the love of feline history by Karen Lawrence (The CFA Foundation) and John Smithson (The Harrison Weir Collection). Our URL is <http://www.cat-o-pedia.org>

About the CFA Foundation, Inc.

The Cat Fanciers' Association Foundation, Inc. was founded in 1990 as a 501(c)3 not-for-profit organization that collects and preserves the history of the cat and the cat fancy. A Feline Historical Museum, which displays the artifacts of the foundation, was opened in June 2011 at 260 East Main Street, Alliance, OH. The museum is open to the public 10am-4pm Tuesday –Friday and 9am-12pm on Saturday. For additional information on the CFA Foundation, visit their web site at www.FelineHistoricalFoundation.org, their Facebook page at www.facebook.com/CFAFoundation or call the museum at 330-680-4444.