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Special Collection of Maneki Neko Comes to Alliance

Alliance, OH -- January 26, 2012 -- The Cat Fanciers' Association Foundation, Inc. announces the opening of their initial special collection – The Maneki Neko Collection -- on Tuesday, February 7, at the Feline Historical Museum in Alliance, OH.

The appealing and ever-popular Maneki Neko is easily recognized as the Japanese “Welcoming Cat” that is found in many restaurants and business establishments world-wide. Their documented history traces back as far as the Edo period in Japan (1603-1867) where the figurine established a reputation for bringing good luck and good fortune to those who exhibited one.

The CFA Foundation was the recipient of a collection of Maneki Neko in 2011, shortly after opening the Feline Historical Museum in Alliance. The gift of Don Hargrove, of Tennessee, results in one of the nation's largest public collections of Maneki Neko. In addition, the exhibit also contains numerous related items on loan from collectors around North America.

The Maneki Neko in the museum's Special Collection room range in size from miniscule to almost two feet in height and are in a wide variety of mediums, colors, decorations, and expressions. All sport their trademark - the well-known raised paw, whether it be left or right.

The CFA Foundation's Feline Historical Museum is located at 260 E. Main Street in Alliance, OH. Hours are Tuesday & Wednesday 10:00 am – 6:00 pm; Friday 1:00 pm – 7:00 pm; and, Saturday 10:00 am – 2:00 pm. Admission is free. For additional details phone 330-680-4444, email info@FelineHistoricalFoundation.org, or visit our web site <http://felinehistoricalfoundation.org/maneki-neko.html>.

About the CFA Foundation, Inc.

The Cat Fanciers' Association Foundation, Inc. was founded in 1990 as a 501(c)3 organization that collects and preserves the history of the cat and the cat fancy. A Feline Historical Museum was opened in June 2011 at 260 East Main Street, Alliance, OH. For additional information on the CFA Foundation, visit their web site at www.FelineHistoricalFoundation.org or call the museum at 330-680-4444.