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CFA TO HOST THE WORLD CAT CONGRESS IN HOUSTON, TEXAS

MANASQUAN, NJ – March 8, 2008 – A mutual interest and concern for all cats, pedigreed and non-pedigreed alike, will bring the members of the World Cat Congress to Houston, Texas, on March 28-31. Meetings, attended by representatives of 10 pedigreed cat registering bodies worldwide, will explore an international cooperation to study and seek solutions to problems of common interest. Topics such as legislation that could affect the breeding programs of pedigreed cats, and feline health and welfare, which affects all cat lovers from the pedigree breeder to the pet owner, will be discussed.

The weekend will showcase a Cat Fanciers' Association (CFA) All Breed Cat Show on Saturday and Sunday, March 29-30. The cat show, to be held at the

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George R. Brown Convention Center, is expected to attract entries from across the continent. Spectators can attend between the hours of 10:00am and 5:00pm on Saturday March 29, and between 9:00am and 4:00pm on Sunday, March 30.

The judging panel at the cat show will truly be an international one, with 4 judges from the United States joined by prestigious judges from the Australia, Czech Republic, South Africa, and Sweden. Exhibitors will be privileged to have their entries evaluated by this panel of experts.

CFA President, Pam DelaBar, a Texas resident, is also the current president of the World Cat Congress. "We look forward to welcoming delegates from around the world to our meetings," said Ms. DelaBar, "and to showing off our fabulous CFA-registered felines to the panel of judges at the show."

CFA recognizes 41 breeds of pedigreed cats, and as many as 250 entries are expected to attend the show. Among the breeds that may be found at the show are the very popular and easily-recognized Persian and Siamese, as well as the impressive Maine Coon, the elegant Cornish Rex, the long and lean Oriental, and the unique hairless Sphynx. The judges will handle and evaluate all of the pedigreed entries along with a special class judging for the household pet cat.

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Ms. DelaBar also said, "Corporate sponsors for such an event are greatly appreciated by CFA, and we are fortunate to have the generous support of Royal Canin and Dr. Elsey's Precious Cat at this show. In addition, Sturdi Products will be presenting a CFA Centennial SturdiBag pet carrier to the highest scoring in each of the 3 classes – kitten, championship and premiership (neuters/spays)."

About the World Cat Congress

A 1994 event, known as "Cats and Man," was organized by the Italian cat club *Associazione Nazionale Feline Italiana*. The meetings were attended by worldwide representatives from the various pedigreed cat registering bodies, and they have evolved into annual meetings of what is known today as the World Cat Congress. All members of the World Cat Congress share an interest in issues that affect cats worldwide. Further information can be found on their web site at www.worldcatcongress.org.

About The Cat Fanciers' Association, Inc.

Founded in 1906 as a non-profit association of member clubs, The Cat Fanciers' Association, Inc. (CFA) is the world's largest registry of pedigreed cats. To date, CFA has registered more than 2 million pedigreed cats throughout the world. CFA's mission is to preserve the uniqueness and beauty of the pedigreed breeds of cats, and to enhance the well being of ALL cats. CFA promotes education, responsible cat ownership and proper care to the owners of millions of cats worldwide. The CFA, headquartered in Manasquan, New Jersey, administers rules for the management of cat shows and promotes the interest of breeders and exhibitors of pedigreed cats. CFA breeders, exhibitors, judges and fans span the globe, annually hosting over 400 competitions on four continents. CFA and its affiliates work nationally with local shelters, at a grassroots level, to help improve the problem of stray cats and abuse, and to encourage neuter/spay programs. CFA has been instrumental in the development of several international charitable organizations such as CFA Disaster Relief and The Winn Feline Foundation. To learn more about the Cat Fanciers' Association, the pedigreed breeds of cats, or to find the nearest CFA cat show, visit their web site at www.cfa.org.

QUICK FACT SHEET

WHAT:

World Cat Congress Annual Meeting & CFA All Breed Cat Show

WHEN:

World Cat Congress Meeting, March 28, 2008

CFA All Breed Cat Show, March 29-30, 2008
10:00am and 5:00pm on Saturday March 29
9:00am and 4:00pm on Sunday, March 30

World Cat Congress Business Meeting, March 31, 2008 (closed meeting)

WHERE:

World Cat Congress Meetings and Seminars
The Hilton, 1600 Lamar, Houston, TX

CFA Cat Show –
George R Brown Convention Center (Hall D), 1001 Avenida de las Americas, Houston, TX

CAT SHOW ADMISSION:

\$8.00 for adults
\$4.00 seniors 65 and older
\$4.00 for children 5-12
Children 4 and younger admitted at no charge

NOTE:

1. Hi-resolution breed photos are available upon request to cfa@cfa.org
2. To arrange an interview with CFA and World Cat Congress President, Pam DelaBar, please contact cfa@cfa.org

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