

SATURDAY

11:00 -11:30am **What the Judges are Doing; What the Ribbons Mean** - Cat show judging can be mysterious. Discover what goes on in the judge's head as he/she examines a cat's profile or stretches out the torso of certain breeds; why they use toys and even more. When you understand the ribbons and rosettes, you will be able to know which cat is best in color class, best of breed, or even Best Cat in a judge's ring.

11:30-12:00 Visitors may see and ask questions about cats on exhibit

12:00-12:30pm **Can You Really "Train" a Cat?** - Once you know how cats communicate you can more easily encourage or enhance wanted behavior. Learn how to convince your cat that a harness and leash or a carrier means fun is coming next. Cats respond to positive reinforcement.

12:30 – 1:00pm Visitors may see and ask questions about cats on exhibit

1:00 - 1:30pm **Stuffed Animal Contest** - Children 12 years old and under are invited to enter their favorite stuffed animal for fun and judging each day. Prizes are awarded.

1:30 – 2:00pm Visitors may see and ask questions about cats on exhibit

2:00 – 2:30pm **Our Newer Breeds** – Most of the breeds you see today at shows have been accepted for registration beginning in the early 1960s. Some are variations of older breeds, like the Exotic, the Somali and the Oriental Shorthair/Longhair. Others are breeds that often go back centuries in their country of origin but are newer to the show ring such as the Birman, Siberian, Chartreux and Japanese Bobtail. Finally we have those breeds that are the result of imagination and careful breeding by humans – the Bengal, Ocicat, Burmilla and Ragdoll/Ragamuffin.

2:30 – 3:00pm Visitors may see and ask questions about cats on exhibit

3:00 – 3:30pm **Ask the Vet about Feline Dermatology** – Dr. Laura Stokking from Veterinary Specialty Hospital will discuss skin conditions in cats and their treatment.

3:30 – 4:00pm Visitors may see and ask questions about cats on exhibit

4:00 – 4:30pm **Introducing the Breeds** - We will explore the predictable personalities of various breeds to illustrate those that will please owners who like high energy, active cats or those who prefer more laid back, lap cats. We'll even introduce those breeds who are especially smart, clever or mischievous and will keep their humans entertained.