

# PAWS FOR EFFECT



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## WELCOME!

**W**elcome to another edition “*Paws for Effect*”. This time the loong awaited **Special Edition**. It was meant to be quite some time ago, but due circumstances it wasn’t meant to be. But since the occasion was such a special one it really was time to finally get it done;-).

Also a welcome to our new subscribers. You can add, remove or send us your comments or story ideas at any time by just emailing [ptnewsletter@polytrak.net](mailto:ptnewsletter@polytrak.net).

“*Paws for Effect*” is a Newsletter from PolyTrak, a worldwide database service that tracks information on the Maine Coon polydactyl. Each time we try to feature articles of interest, not only for better understanding of the Maine Coon polydactyl, but also articles that may be of interest to the Maine Coon Breeder and Fancier, as well as the General Public. As always, we look forward to your ideas, suggestions and particularly your information and stories.



## CAN WE?

**W**ith the (back then) upcoming ballot for our proposal, asking for the Maine Coon polydactyl to be accepted in champion class, the Halloween show of Cats and Tulips seemed to be a good opportunity. A great way to show the public, exhibitors and judges what we’ve got and that there’s nothing wrong with this beautiful cat. It was time to spread the word again;-).

So all the effort was done, with Winnie Scheffmann working hard behind the scenes, to get as many polys together for this special show. A large poly cat count would also mean we would get a Maine Coon poly Special Fun Ring

in which the 10 best MC polys would be rewarded with a rosette. Many breeders and fanciers from all over the world were contacted and asked to come to this show. And many said yes! That these Maine Coon polys and their owners would come from different parts of the world like France, Germany and the USA, was an extra bonus that would make this show extra special. Poly Power!



Holland Welcomes The Maine Coon Polydactyls



## YES WE CAN!

**O**n 22 October the last cat count was done and the news was we would have the great number of 30 Maine Coon polys for the Poly Ring on Saturday 31 October 2009! So the World’s Largest MC poly showing in the World over the Halloween weekend was now a fact! . Meaning also work had to be done. Lots of promotion and information material needed to be prepared. And of course rings and rosettes needed to be sponsored to get our name out;-). Ken Bussard and Deb Brown were working on several movies that could be played on a laptop on our information table. The result of these movies you can find here:

[http://polystandard.polytrak.net/promo/videos/happy\\_2009.wmv](http://polystandard.polytrak.net/promo/videos/happy_2009.wmv)

[http://polystandard.polytrak.net/promo/videos/WorldWideCats\\_2009.wmv](http://polystandard.polytrak.net/promo/videos/WorldWideCats_2009.wmv)

<http://polystandard.polytrak.net/promo/videos/WonderfulPolyWorld.wmv>



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## LET THE SHOW BEGIN

October 31st arrived. All exhibitors were preparing their cages with extra attention because the show had the Halloween theme. Seemed cats and witches matched this theme perfectly. Of course we couldn't do without some bakery during the show. So on request I spent a little time behind my laptop to create a poly promotional design for the cake (some of you might recognise a few cats in the design;-).



The Poly Power and Polys Rock cake ;-)



More cookies and cake to survive the day;-0

And of course we had a big table to display all poly promotion material and

information and during some time of the day we had the movie clips playing on a laptop. Winnie had ordered some cute blue ribbons with the poly support logo that she gave to the supporters and Deb had some cute Halloween buttons that gave light. All the exhibitors with polys were sitting in one ring, so it was easy to meet with each other for a chat.



Promotion & info stand for the MC polys

There were 5 rings with the following judges: Robin Higgens (USA), Allen Wallburn (USA), Kurt Vlach (Austria), Tomoko Vlach (Austria) and Birgitte Berthelon (France). The Poly Special was going to be done by Kurt Vlach. The show started with an explanation of the TICA show principals. This was handy for the exhibitors to whom this TICA show was their first experience with TICA and their show ring concept. After this the show started.



The showhall



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**B**ut let me first introduce you to some of the people that were present to promote the polydactyl Maine Coon:

**THUMBS UP!**



1. Franklin van den Hoek (Carindy) 2. Paul Willems (Leather & Lace) 3. Miriam Muller (Siduroy) 4. Christiane Deutzer (Fishing Tigers) 5. Dhr. Knol.(Poespassions) 6. Sjeff Stolk (Amshula) 7. John Monster (Leather & Lace) 8. Elly Stolk (Amshula) 9. Leonie Flock 10. Eddi Flock 11. Wil van den Enden (Joined Forces) 12. Richard Oude Egbrink (Vaskebjorn) 13. Tanja van Rij (Recati) 14. Annemiek v/d Wijngaard (Panthaduc) 15. Elles van den Hoek (Carindy) 16. ? van den Hoek 17. 'Vonne Bode (PolyTrak) 18. Deb Brown (PolyTrak) 19. Sharon Otten Boulton (TLC Polycoons) 20. M.J. Knol Doffer (Poespassions) 21. Cathy Pettey (Pettey Cats) 22. Nympha van den Toorn (Magic Craft) 23. Winnie Scheffmann (PolysRock) 24. Cari Tucker (Mishikoonz) 25. Mireille Hotchamp (Du Domaine de Simba) 26. Nicole Brixhe (Nic Nac) 27. Nicole Hoffmann (White Shadow) 28. Marine Cornierre (Abracondabra) 29. Maryline Rault (Eolecoons) 30. Anneke Oude Egbrink (Vaskebjorn) 31. Corry Zijlstra (SailingCoons)

**A**nd now the real Stars of the show, the 30 polys that took part in the New Trait competition of this special Halloween weekend:



601. Estrella PP d'Eole Coon



602. Eolecoons Evanscene PP



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603. TLC Polycoons Koli P



604. Wackymoon Coon's Lady Peace P



605. Peggy P of Magic Craft



606. TLC Thunderchick P



607. Pantahduc's Velvet P of Shadee



608. Eolecoon's Enjhi P



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609. Cameroncoon Alicia Spinnet P



610. Vaskebjorns Layla P



611. TLC Polycoon's Fanny P Write



612. Midnight Fire's Banjo's PP



613. Poespassion Jottumbs P



614. Firedevils Mystique PP



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615. Poespassions Juwel P



616. Poespassion Jessy PP



617. RoyalMainlys Mixed Up Hot Rumba P



618. Joined Forces Precious Onyx



619. Ormedons Goliath PP



620. NicNac of Jalhay el Lusio



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621. MidnightFire's Black Beauty PP



622. Abracoondabra PP Elrond



623. TLC Polycoons Butch P Cassidy



624. TLC Polycoons Kington P



626. Eolecoons Elaia PP



627. Cooncollonia Lincoln P



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No picture made available

625. Joined Forces MR. P Stone

No picture made available

629. Joined Forces P Cerinthe



628. NicNac of Jalhay El Comda



630. Lykken Power Girl PP



## THE MC POLYS IN THEIR FULL GLORY

The first ring was the ring of Tomoko. With much patience she judged all 30 poly Maine Coons and inspected their feet. After she had judged all 30 poly Maine Coons she gave her comment to our group. She said the poly Maine Coons she just had seen were good type. She had examined the feet to see if the extra toes were flexible and her conclusion was they were. So she had no problem with the polys. Then she announced her top 3:

1. 605
2. 623
3. 603

Our next ring was with her husband Kurt Vlach. He said the same things as always, if I remember right;-). After the cages were full with polys, the best of them were selected and had to stay while the others had to make place for the rest of the polys. So as you can imagine the ring was filled with polys for quite some



time. And choosing a top 3 out of all those polys was pretty hard, but finally also Kurt made up his mind on his 3 Best New Traits:

1. 614
2. 610
3. 616

After Kurts ring it was time for a lunch brake. We still had to do 3 rings plus the poly special! The poly special Fun ring was done after lunch. Kurt made 2 groups, one with kittens and one with adults. The top 10 for each category were as follow:

### Fun Ring Kittens

- 1) 610
- 2) 614
- 3) 627
- 4) 609
- 5) 619
- 6) 623
- 7) 611
- 8) 630
- 9) 618
- 10) 604

### Fun Ring Adults

- 1) 616
- 2) 615
- 3) 612
- 4) 603
- 5) 607
- 6) 622
- 7) 613
- 8) 620
- 9) 608
- 10) 628



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Tomoko judging Butch



Kurt in our vibrant Dutch color



Tomoko having a good look at the digits



Kurt in action



Tomoko choosing her Best New Trait



Kurt checking the info on the cat



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After Kurt's ring it seemed the judges thought that having 30 polys in one ring was going to give a problem with the time schedule for judging the cats of the other categories. Or there was another (not so nice) reason for doing what they did. Anyway, what happened was that suddenly the group of 30 polys had to be split up and each of the three left rings were calling for the polys to be judged. So not only our cats, but also we as supporters were split up having no idea what was happening or what was said in the other two rings. Which in my opinion was a pity. If you wanted to see the polys, you had to make a choice out of the three rings. And also the excitement, supporting spirit and vibes were split in three. Lets hope they won't do this anymore in the future shows.

The next ring for one group was of Allen Wallburn. I don't have an impression of if he was pro or anti poly, but his top 3 was as followed:

1.603 2. 622 3. 627



Allen Wallburn in action



Allen's Best New Trait choice



A pair of extra hands is always handy when showing on a TICA show with multiple cats;-)



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The next ring was of Robin Higgins. Her top 3 New Trait cats were:

1. 627
2. 612
3. 614



Robin as always judging with her eyes closed

there was not any in the showhall. Really a pity we hadn't thought of it prior to this show. But of course it's never too late for a second try;-).

We did had some people of the magazine 100% NL in the showhall who were doing a piece on cat showing. So of course the digits of a poly had to be shown....



Deb using a teaser to distract Butch



The gorgeous boy who became Best New Trait in Robins ring

We had 30 polys this day and during a conversation in the show bench area, the idea of putting this in the Guines Book of Records came up. Unfortunately telling or showing them we had 30 polys on this show wasn't good enough to get them in the Book. We needed an official to be present to count the cats. But of course



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During the last three rings it of course came to the point that some judges had to wait for cats that had to be judged /stay at another judge's ring. This caused some irritation among the exhibitors and judges. But finally the last judge was always able to finish her ring. This ring was of Birgitte Berthelon and she spoke French. And I believe most of the people didn't understand what she said but were too shy/polite to say so;-). Her top 3 Best New Trait cats were as followed

1. 614
2. 603
3. 617



A very happy owner J



She's mine!



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## THE POLYS ARE HERE TO STAY

So it became a hectic show day in the end, but one thing was sure, the majority of the Maine Coons that day were polys. And we sure made clear that the polys aren't going away, their numbers are growing and they are here to stay J.

And of course we needed a group picture with the cats. Note the exhibitors aren't looking the wrong way, just to the different photographers that started to take snapshots of this large group presenting the MC polys;-). Yes we sure made history in the cat fancy J.



This month, **30 & 31 October 2010** Cats & Tulips has another TICA show. It's still possible to enter for this show, so ...come on people... J POLY POWER! Info on the show you can find on: <http://www.catsandtulips.nl/pagina18.html>

The next day was of course another show day, not with 30 polys but still with a large group of the cats from the day before. The results of this second show day were as followed:

<b>Robin Higgins</b>	<b>Allen Wallburn</b>	<b>Kurt Vlach</b>
1) 610	1) 603	1) 610
2) 605	2) 617	2) 603
3) 603	3) 605	3) 605

<b>Tomoko Vlach</b>	<b>Birgitte Berthelon</b>
1) 610	1) 603
2) 605	2) 617
3) 623	3) 605

That's a wrap for this Special Edition. We hope that you will join us again for the latest news from PolyTrak. Visit PolyTrak at <http://www.polytrak.net> to see archived issues of "Paws For Effect". BYE FOR NOW.

