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WELCOME!

Welcome to another edition of *"Paws for Effect"*. 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.

"Paws for Effect" is a Newsletter from PolyTrak, a worldwide database service that tracks information on the Maine Coon polydactyl. We are in our 6th year of publication. Each issue 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.



Quality Coons -Aslan
The Netherlands

"He seems the incarnation of everything soft and silky and velvety, without a sharp edge in his composition, a dreamer whose philosophy is sleep and let sleep."
- - Saki - -

POLYTRAK IS NOW ON FACEBOOK

As we have mentioned before *"Paws for Effect"* is now on Facebook with 550 fans. We invite you to join us for some great pictures and comments.

Welcome All!

Just plug this URL into your browser if you are a member of Facebook and enjoy.

<http://www.facebook.com/pages/Paws-for-Effect-The-Maine-Coon-Polydactyl/117223974963298>



While at our Facebook page you can share a picture of your favourite poly...browse through the many pictures of Maine Coon polydactyls from throughout the World. Maybe you have a question or a comment about your poly. Here you can get views and answers from others in the poly world. It is a fun and interesting place to visit and we hope to see you there. Join us on Facebook: **Paws for effect – The Maine Coon Polydactyl!**

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SHOWING OFF IN THE RING

By Vonne Bode

On Saturday 28 & Sunday 29 April Cats & Tulips held their cat show at a new location, hotel and partycentre "De Schildkamp", in Asperen. Asperen is a beautiful countryside area to live and this show location is easy to reach by car. Maybe the location was the reason that there weren't many visitors, but nevertheless the atmosphere was good and the show hall had a nice temperature. There were five rings and the following judges: **Katharina Krenn, Francisca Gagern, Tomoko Vlach, Kurt Vlach and Chris Unangst.**

It was very nice to see a new generation of MC polys of which some were an offspring of MC polys that had been shown earlier in their young years too. The group of MC polys was very diverse as for colour, type and lines. And it was also nice to see familiar faces again and a few new ones too. **J**.

Saturday was going to be a big day for the MC polys since there was going to be a poly congress. It's great that C&T gave this possibility again. So which 22 MC polys (of which 21 in the special) were participating in this show weekend? Well number **617** and **608** were absent, but I would like you to meet the competition **J** ... starting with:

601



Boonlands Bell Josephine PP

602



Dynamicats Let's PP Party (Sun)

603



Leather and Lace Dim all the Light (Sat & Sun)

604



Eolecoons Evanesce PP



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605



Dynamicats Let's Get PP Loud (Sat & Sun)

609



Dirigo P'eter P'an of Fishintigers

606



Wakpalaluta's Native Black Peperoni

610



Fishingtigers Jumper

607



Wakpalaluta's Lampawghini

611



Dynamicats PP Fireworks



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612



Wakpalaluta's Laptop

615



White Rocks New Moon (Sat & Sun)

613



Bogycats Sopphy

616



Nova's Place Lady of The Well P

614



Wakpalaluta's Native Pommegrana

618



Fishintigers Jasper



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619



Fakir PP NicNac of Jalhay (Sat+Sun)

622



Leather and Lace Bonnie P Parker

620



TLC Polycoon's Butch P Cassidy

623



Galaxy P de Redland (Sat & Sun)

621



Lykken Power Girl PP

624



Gulinka PP NicNac of Jalhay (Sat & Sun)



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- The first ring was with -
Katharina Krenn



Katharina liked the MC polys and made clear she doesn't have a problem with them being accepted in championship. In her ring the following cats became her **Top 3**:

Saturday

1. 623-Galaxy P de Redland
2. 605-Dynamicats Let's Get PP Loud
3. 607-Wakpalaluta's Lampawghini

Sunday

1. 623-Galaxy P de Redland
2. 605-Dynamicats Let's Get PP Loud
3. 624-Gulinka PP NicNac of Jalhay

- The second ring was presented by -
Francesca Gagn



Francesca has had a lot of MC polys on her table over the years. And despite how she might feel about MC polys she has always taken the time to take a good look at each of them. Francesca's **Top 3** for the these two days were:

Saturday:

1. 623-Galaxy P de Redland
2. 605-Dynamicats Let's Get PP Loud
3. 607-Wakpalaluta's Lampawghini

Sunday:

1. 623-Galaxy P de Redland
2. 615-White Rocks New Moon
3. 605-Dynamicats Let's Get PP Loud

- The third ring was done by -
Tomoko Vlach



Tomoko didn't say anything about the cats this time. But as always she took lots of time for each cat and checked the paws very good;-). Tomoko's **Top 3** for both days were:

Saturday

1. 601-Boonlands Bell Josephine PP d
2. 623-Galaxy P de Redland
3. 619-Fakir PP NicNac of Jalhay

Sunday

1. 623-Galaxy P de Redland
2. 602-Dynamicats Let's PP Party
3. 605-Dynamicats Let's Get PP Loud



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- The fourth ring was of -
Kurt Vlach



Kurt also had the honour to do the MC poly congress. And with him he had a student judge. Kurt's **Top 3** for the two show days were:

Saturday

1. 623-Galaxy P de Redland
2. 605-Dynamicats Let's Get PP Loud
3. 607-Wakpalaluta's Lampawghini

Sunday

1. 605-Dynamicats Let's Get PP Loud
2. 623-Galaxy P de Redland
3. 602-Dynamicats Let's PP Party

- The last ring was judged by –
Chris Unangst



Chris was also accompanied by a student judge who took the first look at the MC polys. Chris's **Top 3** for the these two days were:

Saturday

1. 605-Dynamicats Let's Get PP Loud
2. 623-Galaxy P de Redland
3. 607- Wakpalaluta's Lampawghini

Sunday

1. 623-Galaxy P de Redland
2. 605-Dynamicats Let's Get PP Loud
3. 602- Dynamicats Let's PP Party



MC Poly Congress

As said Kurt Vlach did the MC poly congress. And he was pleased to do so. In this congress he had to make a **Top 10** of the 21 MC polys in this class. He pointed out that there were 3 things important for him when judging cats: 1. Type, 2. Grooming and 3. Temperament. Kurt told us that during the years he had seen the MC polys improve in type. And he also made clear that he loves the MC polys. Kurt's **Top 10** was as followed:



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10th Best Cat - A veteran among the MC polys
- TLC Polycoon's Butch P Cassidy - owner
Sharon Otten Boulton.

9th Best Cat - Kurt said this cat is a nice red
boy, but because of his temper (he was a bit fed
up) he didn't place him higher - Dynamicats
PP Fireworks - owner Rianna Hof.

8th Best Cat - Kurt said another nice boy, also a
bit angry but less angry than number 9,
therefore placed a bit higher - Wakpalaluta's
LapTop - owner Michaela Bolk.

7th Best Cat - Kurt was cuddling with this little
girl with her sweet soft mew - Gulinka PP
NicNac of Jalhay - owner Mireille Hotchamps.

6th Best Cat - Because this girl shows a lovely
profile - Bogycat SoPPhy - owner Martina Roth.

5th Best Cat - Kurt complimented on the
grooming - Leather and Lace Dim all the Lights
P - owner John Monster.

4th Best Cat - Kurt expressed how he loved this
young male with his attractive white muzzle -
Fishingtigers JasPPer - owner Christiane
Duentzer.

3th Best Cat - Kurt said a really nice male and if
he had been groomed just a little bit better he
would have placed him even higher -
Wakpalaluta's LamPawghini - owner Michaela
Bolk.



The final was between white girl Dynamicats
Lets Get PP Loud and silver torbie and white
girls Galaxy P de Redland. Kurt called the
owners to the ring and asked them to present

their cats. He said that they should tell the
public why the other cat should win.



So both mentioned the strong points of the cat.
And Kurt almost changed his mind, but in the
end Kurt chose as:

2nd Best Cat - Dynamicats Lets Get PP Loud -
owner Nicole Brixhe.



And as total winner and **1st** Best Cat - **Galaxy P
de Redland** - owner Sandra Hummel.



Congratulations! And thanks to all who made
this show possible J !!!

(pictures: Maryline Rault, Marjoleine Aafjes and 'Vonne
Bode).



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POLYTRAK FACT

POLYTRAK DATA USED WORLDWIDE

By Deb Brown

In early June, 2012 there were 1134 kittens listed in PolyTrak born as part of a polydactyl litter. 629 (or 56.9%) of these kittens listed are polydactyl.

- 7 Kittens (1.1%) are 1WD
- 237 Kittens (38.9%) are 2FWD
- 8 Kittens (1.3%) are 2RWD
- 41 Kittens (6.7%) are 3WD
- 316 (51.9%) are 4WD
- 20 Kittens have unknown paws
- 609 litter kittens are from poly Sire
- 461 litter kittens are from poly Dam
- 45 litter kittens – both parents are poly
- 7 litter kittens have homozygous Sire
- 6 litter kittens have homozygous Dam
- 6 litter kittens have Heterozygous Sire and Homozygous Dam

Did you realize that PolyTrak is an extremely effective and **free** way to advertise your Cattery, especially with the great rise in popularity of the Maine Coon polydactyl? Also you as a breeder are contributing to the expansion of scientific data available to research programs all over the world. This critical data that you submit, is **vital** to supporting this research information. Only **YOU**, as breeders can determine the success of this program by submitting your litter and breeder information and participating in the PolyTrak database service.

To date PolyTrak is listing 145 participating Catteries, which is no where near the total poly breeders around the World. We invite and encourage you to list in PolyTrak. Through 2011 and thus far in 2012 we have a new poly breeding program for the Maine Coon poly added to our database every 18 days.



Hayj You Coons – Lotso P
The Netherlands

That's a wrap for another Issue. We hope that you will join us again for more of the latest news from PolyTrak. Visit PolyTrak at <http://www.polytrak.net> to see archived issues of "*Paws For Effect*" dating back to January of 2007. And we would love to see you on Facebook's "*Paws for Effect - The Maine Coon polydactyl*".

Poly Power! Bye for Now

