

**NIKKI HORNER with GC SHAWNEE MOONLIGHT (CEW)**  
**CFA CAT OF THE YEAR – 1960, 1961 & 1964**

Photo: Cats Magazine, September 1960  
Courtesy of The CFA Foundation, Inc.

# Celebrating ICONS of the CAT FANCY

Nikki Horner



BY KAREN LAWRENCE

## NECOLIA WILLOUGHBY SLOBODIAN HORNER SHUTTLEWORTH Shawnee Cattery

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***“A Louisville girl the age of 5 started collecting alley cats. Now she is one – and probably at the top - of the nation’s exhibitors of show felines ...”***

***January 13, 1963. The Courier-Journal, Louisville, KY***

Nikki is a well-established icon of the cat fancy, described as a “most gracious lady,” but she was also a rebel and an over-achiever ... no other words are suitable to portray her. Her multiple marriages, life as a runway model and beauty queen, contestant on “To Tell the Truth”, plus a fierce competitor at cat shows were all part and parcel of Necolia Willoughby Slobodian Horner Shuttleworth. She said that “Shawnee cats were never campaigned for Cat of the Year”, but she certainly took more than her fair share of prizes over the years. She admitted that “she stopped counting at 100 CFA Grand Champions and lost track of Best-in-Show wins at around 500.”

Nikki was the daughter of Elzie Homer Willoughby and his wife, Ollie B. Yates. Born in Kentucky in 1925, she spent the majority of her life in that state, with short forays into Indiana and Pennsylvania

Nikki’s collection of cats began as a child as she brought home every stray she could catch. Her parents encouraged her interest, but also left windows open in their home so some of the cats Nikki collected could escape and help keep the numbers down. A purebred white Longhair was a gift from her mother on her 16th birthday. Nikki registered the cattery prefix, Shawnee, with CFA in 1946.



“May I introduce myself, I am **NECOLIA WILLOUGHBY SLOBODIAN** and that is **TREMUNITH MONTGOMERY** on the left and **KYAAC** of **VALHALLA** on the right in front of her kittens. They are very proud of their son **CH. KNIGHT’S PETER PIPER** who was titled the 1947 **ALL-AMERICAN Seal Point Siamese Male.**”

**Shawnee Cattery**  
 Reg. C.F.A.  
 119 North 46th St.      Louisville 12, Ky.  
 Ph: Arlington 1162-J

**The first Shawnee advertisement we can find – Nikki introduces herself as a Siamese breeder in the March 1948 issue of All-Pets magazine.**  
 PHOTO: 1948 Mar-All-Pets Magazine.



**Siamese, Shawnee Miosa with owner Nikki Horner, BEST KITTEN at the Kentucky Cat Club show in 1952.**  
 Photo: The Courier-Journal, January 7, 1952.

In 1943, she married Alex Slobodian, a member of the U.S. Army stationed at Bowman Field, Kentucky.

As early as 1857, one had to be 21 years of age to marry in Kentucky without parental consent. Her new husband was 6 years older than Nikki, so his age wasn't an issue, but Nikki lied on her marriage license application, claiming she was 21 when she was, in fact, only 18.

In a 1954 newspaper article it was explained that, “although always interested in cats, Mrs. Horner turned to breeding in a sort of desperation. Dr. John W. Taylor, former President of the University of Louisville, brought her a pet Siamese which he obtained from a Baroness in England.

When the cat's calling time came she 'had to do something about it' or else she never would have gotten any sleep.”

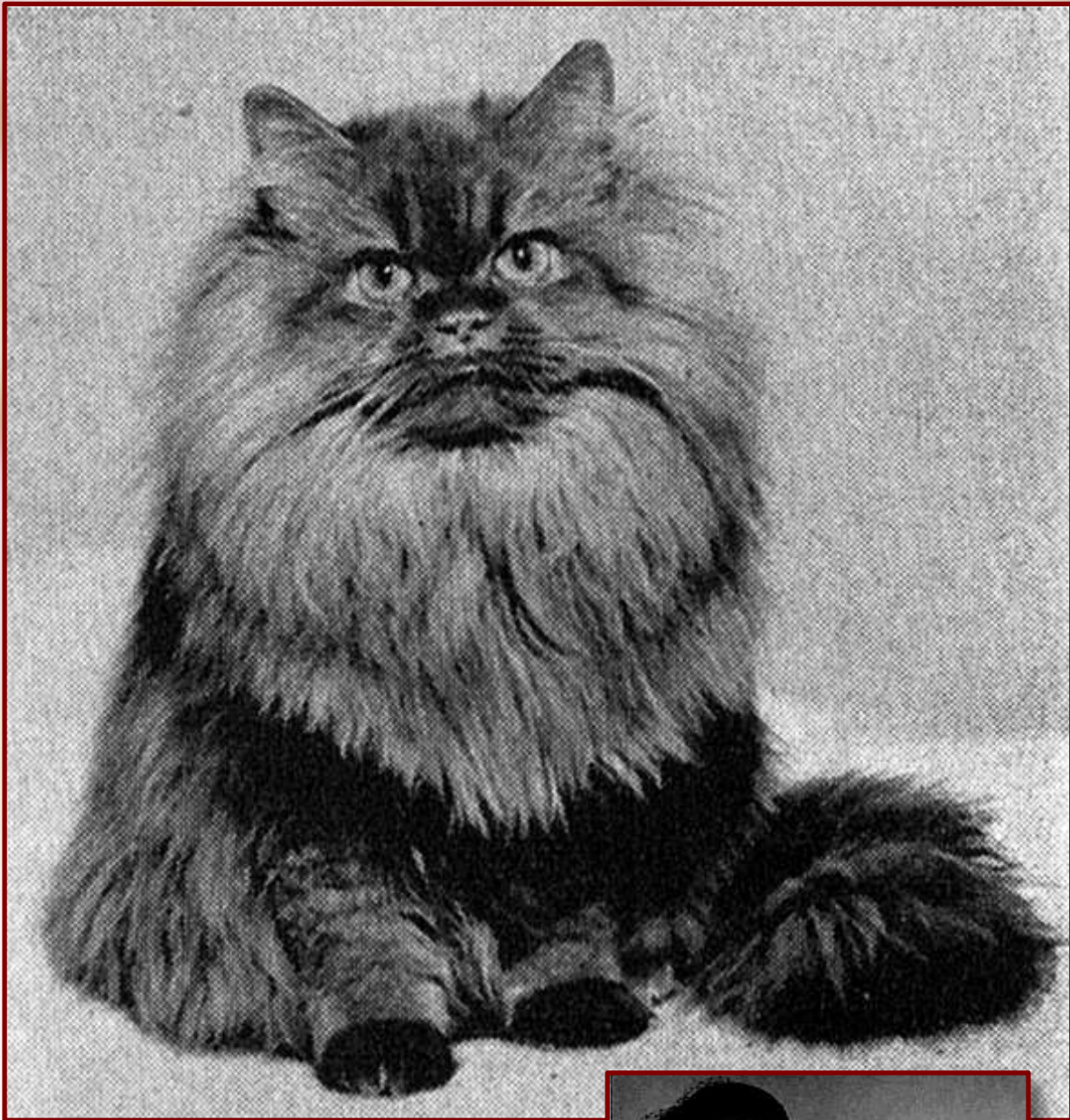
Nikki's Siamese were, of course, ultimately award-winning cats, taking a 1947 All-American award for Best Seal Point Siamese male with CH Knight's Peter Piper who was born in 1946.

The dam of the kittens shown in Nikki's advertisement, Kyaac of Valhalla, was born in 1944; the sire, Tremunth Montgomery, was born in 1943.

Numerous other Siamese litters followed, and in 1949 she had All-American Best Siamese Female of the Year. Registration records indicate that Nikki continued to breed Siamese until about 1957.

Nikki was helping to organize cat clubs and shows in Kentucky as early as 1948, when she was elected President of the newly formed Kentucky Cat Club. She helped advertise the new club by radio appearances on the local WAVE radio station.

A photo of Nikki in the July 1949 issue of Cats Magazine announced her move from Kentucky to Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. While married to Alex Slobodian, Nikki added Persians to her cattery and would eventually excel at breeding those as well



**A groomed Shawnee Copper Lustre**

Photo: Cats Magazine August 1951

Nikki and Alex Slobodian filed for a divorce in late 1950, with the final decree filed as of June 1, 1951.

Nikki wasted no time jumping into a second marriage, circa July 25, 1951 to Scoville Stephen Horner of Evansville, Indiana.

Horner was a pre-med student, who eventually earned a living as a pharmaceutical representative, which was fitting as his father owned the Evansville business, Horner's CutRate Drugs.



**Nikki with Shawnee Copper Lustre**

Photo: All-Pets Magazine, March 1950.



Courier-Journal Photo by Robert Steinau

### ***Dogs and cats—for accessories***

Local cats and dogs will be accessories for models in a fashion show to be given tonight at the Kentucky Hotel for the Kentucky branch of the women's association of Allied Beverage Industries. The show will follow a dinner set for 6 p.m. in the Terrace Room. Mrs. Louis J.

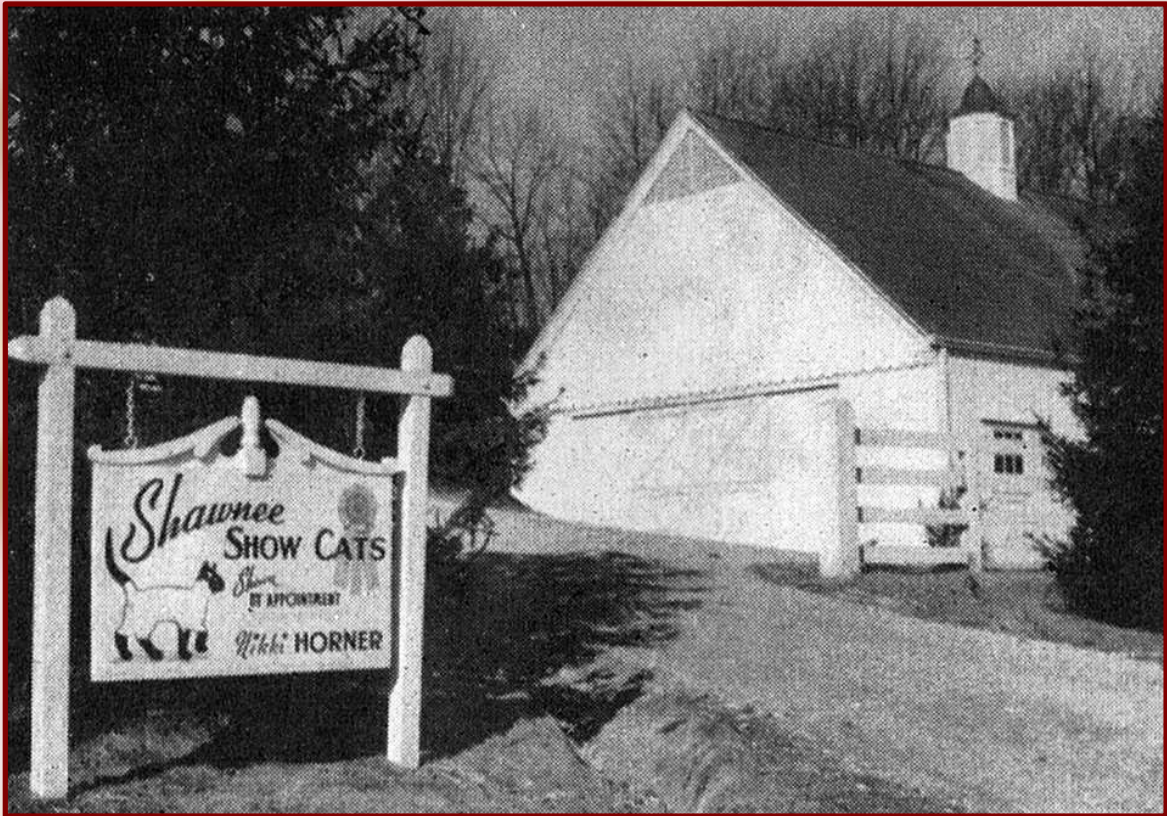
Frederick and Mrs. Scoville S. Horner, Jr., are managers of the show and will also be models. Mrs. Horner, above, wears an \$89.95 black faille gown that has braid on the bodice and skirt. Her 6-month-old Long Haired kitten, Shawnee Coppertone (Tony for short) will be carried in the show.

Mrs. Scoville S. Horner Jnr modelling. Photo: Robert Steiner, Courier Journal, October 1953.

### **A CAREER IN MODELLING**

In a 1963 newspaper article, Nikki said that “she went to work as a model to earn money to support her cats,” explaining that she had always had between 15 and 100 cats at her home since the age of 17.

Nikki took up modeling for Saks Fifth Avenue and capitalized on that notoriety in publicity for the shows she entered. As the Knoxville News Sentinel referred to “the beautiful Saks Fifth Avenue model Nikki Horner”, she would eventually become a last-minute entrant in the 1954 Miss Kentucky contest – which she won.



**Entrance to the Shawnee Cattery – Showing By Appointment**

Image: All-Pets Magazine, April 1959.

In an interview she revealed that she was celebrating her third wedding anniversary while competing at the Miss Kentucky pageant.

A 1960 article in The Asbury Press, promoting the Garden State Cat Club and Sand 'n Surf Cat Club's show reported, "A former Miss Universe contestant, Mrs. Nikki Horner of Newburgh, Ind., exhibited her copper-eyed, grand champion, longhair, white male, Shawnee Moonflight."

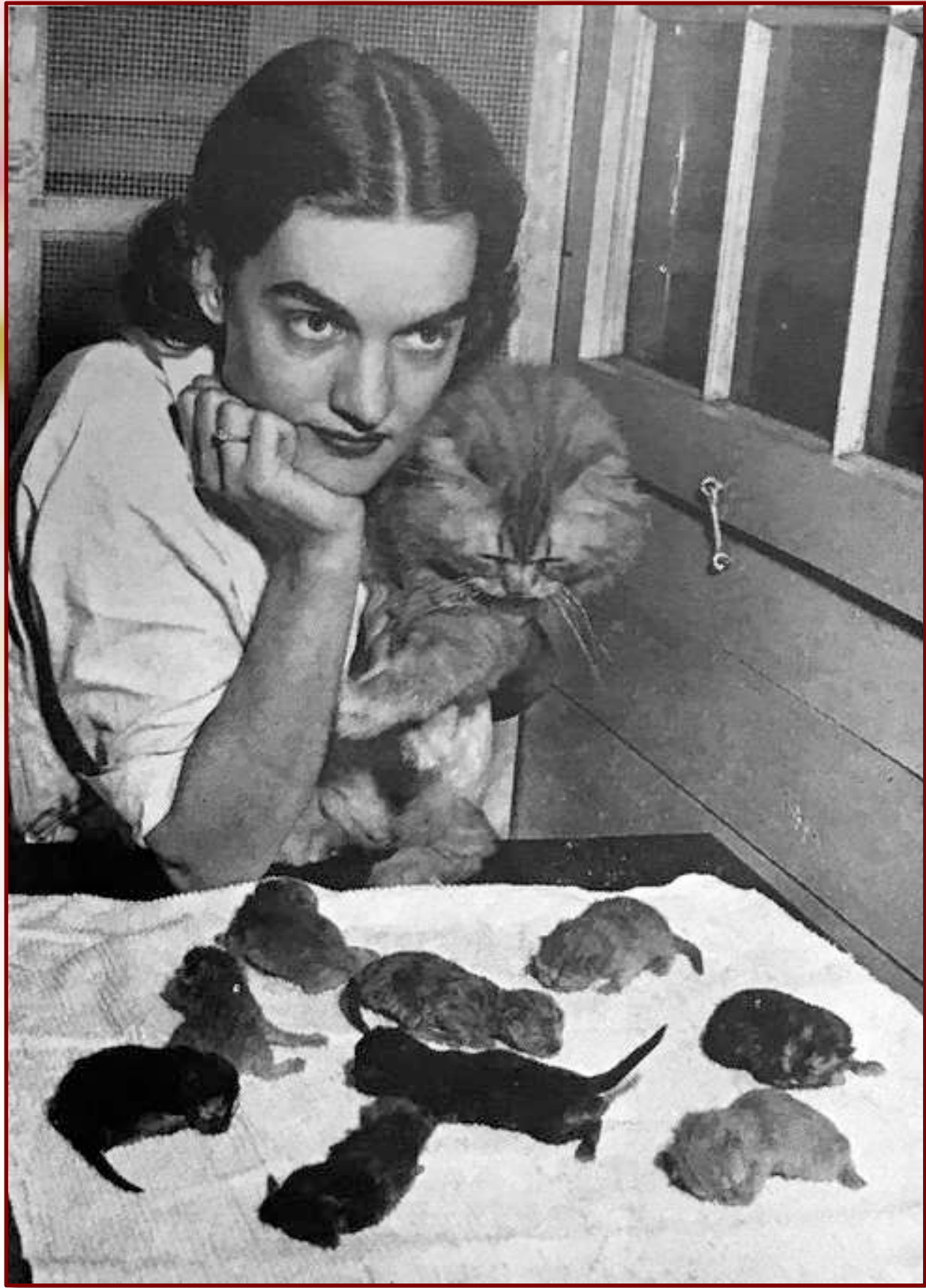
In 1953, Nikki co-sponsored a fashion show, using her cats as accessories for the runway models.

The late-1950s to the mid-1960s were really to be Nikki's era of both winning Persians and Domestic Shorthairs. By 1959, "Shawnee" had become a household name to cat fanciers, and Nikki had a huge sign outside her home welcoming people to Shawnee Cattery.

Registration records for Shawnee cattery show that by the mid-1950s, Nikki had also begun working with the Burmese breed.

It's interesting that the cat pictured on the Shawnee sign remained a Siamese, despite her huge wins at shows with Domestic Shorthairs and Persians.

Nikki had become well known for her numerous entries at shows, with her cats always shown on yellow cage curtains and her cattery staff, wearing yellow smocks, assisting to run the entries from ring to ring. Nikki usually entered a large number of cats, so her rows of yellow benching cages made quite an impression.



**Nikki Horner with a litter of nine Persian kittens. Holding sire, CH Glad-Low Red Coach of Shawnee.**  
Photo: *Cats Magazine*, August 1951

# Shawnee — since '43 — Nikki Horner

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- SHAWNEE Black Topaz, 8 pts.  
(Black L.H. Female)
- SHAWNEE Copper Lustre II,  
11pts. (Solid Red L.H. Fe.)



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SHAWNEE Startler

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SHAWNEE Dina, female.  
(solid reds)  
SHAWNEE Kaleidoscope  
SHAWNEE Keno-Keno  
SHAWNEE Halloween  
(tortoiseshells)  
SHAWNEE Godiva  
(red tabby female)  
SHAWNEE 'Lil Betsy  
(black female)  
SHAWNEE Applauds  
(colorbred blue male)



**CHAMPION SHAWNEE**  
"Kaleidoscope"

Tortoiseshell Longhair  
see below on wins



**CFA GRAND CHAMPION SHAWNEE**  
"Moonflower"

orange-eyed white longhaired female  
Breeder, Owner, Exhibitor: NIKKI HORNER



**CHAMPION SHAWNEE**  
"Godiva"

Red Tabby Longhaired Female Best  
Cat T & T Milwaukee. Unequaled  
type for red tabby. Unshown after  
championship completed.



**CHAMPION SHAWNEE**  
"Halloween"

Tortoiseshell Longhair Both best cat T & T  
Divisions. Best Cat Open Divisions. All-  
Breed. Under various judges. Each un-  
shown after championship completed.



**CFA GRAND CHAMPION SHAWNEE**  
"Startler"

Silver Tabby Domestic Male



**CHAMPION SHAWNEE**  
"Applauds"

Colorbred blue male, held by Nikki Horner,  
breeder, owner, exhibitor of all these fine  
cats. APPLAUDS — Best Novice once,  
Best Open four times.

The wins on all these cats would be too numerous to list. Especially on the Grand Champions, so I list only a few wins on those I showed only to their championships.

To all those I sold my lovely cats I send congratulations on their fine wins. To EVERYONE who helps in any small way to make up the Cat Fancy throughout the world, I send best wishes.

**NIKKI HORNER - Rt. 1 - Newburgh, Ind. - Ph: ULster 3-3203**

Full page Shawnee Cattery advertisement showing Nikki's array of Show cats.

Image: All-Pets Magazine, April 1959.





**NIKKI HORNER with CFA CAT OF THE YEAR 'GC SHAWNEE MOONFLIGHT'**

Photo: *'Cats Magazine'* September 1960.

As her Persian breeding program developed, she began combining lines from Klinkhammer, Dixi-Land and Rosedere, and produced a stunning white in 1958 that she named Shawnee Moonflight.

By the 1959-1960 show season, Moonflight had developed into a magnificent, heavily boned cat with oodles of coat, and he literally cleaned up at shows with over 105 Best-in-Show wins, eventually being named CFA's Hydon-Goodwin All-Star Awards Cat of the Year. His littermate, a white female named GC Shawnee Soap Suds was CFA's Best Opposite Sex Cat the same year – quite an accomplishment for littermates!



**GC. SHAWNEE MOONFLIGHT - COY and GC. SHAWNEE SOAP SUDS – BOX**

Photo: 'Cats Magazine' September 1960.

Achieving Best Cat is a thrill, but when a littermate to the Best Cat is selected as the Best Opposite Sex Cat it is a wonderful accomplishment. Nikki did just that with Best Cat, GC Shawnee Moonflight, and his litter sister, GC Shawnee Soap Suds.

Moonflight continued his winning ways for several years, being shown in four associations, and was CFA's Cat of the Year again in 1961, and repeated that same win again in 1964.

In February of 1961, Nikki was a guest on the television show *To Tell the Truth*. The purpose of the show being to determine which of three people claiming to be a "cat fancier and breeder" was the 'real' Nikki Horner. Moonflight even makes an appearance! You can find this episode on YouTube, and Nikki's appearance starts at the 8:28 minute mark - (105) [To Tell the Truth - Last show with Polly Bergen; PANEL: Faye Emerson \(Feb 20, 1961\) - YouTube](https://bit.ly/3aBi8Lf) (<https://bit.ly/3aBi8Lf>)

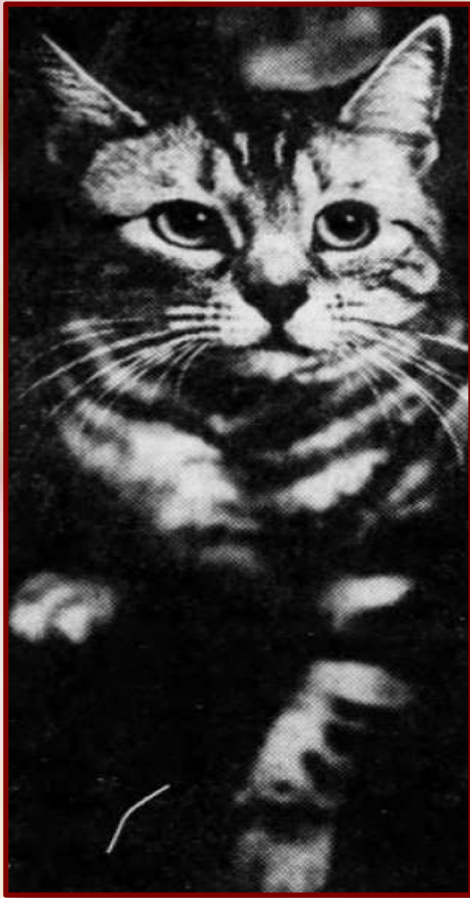
Over the years, numerous Shawnee Persians accomplished end-of-season wins in both CFA and the All-American Awards, including:

- **GC Shawnee Moon Flower**
  - o 1958 All Southern Honorable Mention
  - o 1959 All-American copper-eyed white female
- **GC Shawnee White Wash** – copper-eyed white female, nicknamed “Dubby”, was the highest winning female in the cat fancy at the time
  - o 1962-1963 5th Best All-American Cat
  - o 1963-1964 2nd Best All-American Cat; Best Opposite Sex Cat (to Persian, GC Shawnee Moonflight)
  - o 1964-1965 All-American Opposite Sex Cat of the Year (to Domestic Shorthair, GC Shawnee Trademark)
  - o 1965-1966 4th Best Longhair Female, CFA’s Hydon-Goodwin All-Star Awards
  - o 1966-1967 2nd Best Longhair Female, CFA’s Hydon-Goodwin All-Star Awards; All-Southern Cat of the Year
- **GC Shawnee Anti-Septic** – copper-eyed white male
  - o 1964 All-American Honorable Mention
  - o 1965 All-Southern Honorable Mention
  - o 1965-1966 All-Southern and All-American Copper-eyed white male
  - o 1965-1966 2nd Best Longhair Male, CFA’s Hydon-Goodwin All-Star Awards
- **GC Shawnee Painted Pink**
  - o 1969 All-Eastern Cream Persian female
- **GC Shawnee Bertha of Ivyridge**
  - o 1969 All-Eastern Honorable Mention Copper-eyed White Persian Female
- **CH Shawnee Sebastian**
  - o 1969 All-Eastern Honorable Mention Blue Persian Male
- **CH, ACA GC Shawnee Royal Caprice**
  - o 1969 All-Western Copper-eyed White Persian Male
- **CH, ACFA GC Shawnee Red Brave of Deb D**
  - o 1969 All-Southern Red MacTabby Persian Male
- **GC Shawnee Painting the Town Red**
  - o 1969 Best Opposite Sex Red Persian (female), CFA Hydon-Goodwin All-Star Awards; Best Red Persian, CFA Southern Region

Nikki even tried her hand at breeding Himalayans in the early 1970s. While they didn’t achieve as much success in the judging ring as did her Persians, she did brag that “In our first year of Himalayan exhibition, the top-scoring Himalayan was from a Shawnee-bred dam. Top Himalayan in the South was Champion Shawnee Knubia, Best Cat Allbreed, Savannah, December 1972. Judge: Boris Teron.”

#### **DOMESTIC (AMERICAN) SHORTHAIRES**

Nikki began her illustrious venture into Domestic Shorthairs with the purchase of Katnip Corner Romeo, a silver tabby that she renamed Shawnee Startler and by doing so, removed all reference to his ‘real’ breeder. Startler was destined to become the first silver tabby male Domestic Shorthair to earn the CFA Grand Champion title. Nikki then searched the country to select the best female silver tabbies with the best pedigrees she could find, as outcross mates for him.



**WOLFGANG LA ROSA,**  
the dam of Shawnee Trademark.

From *'The Minneapolis Star'*, October 21, 1965

By 1959, while married to Stephen Horner and living in Newburg, Indiana, Nikki had bred a stunning silver tabby male, named Shawnee Marksman.

Marksman traced his line back to numerous well-known silver tabbies— Ramayana Jenna of Gray Horse Farm, Lavender Silver Stripes and Lavender Silver Goblin—on his sire's side.

His dam's side traced back to "unregistered pure silver tabby shorthair Kentucky farm cats" in the third generation.

Regardless of his heritage, it was a breeding that clicked. Marksman was a double Grand Champion and won Best Domestic Shorthair in Cats Magazine's All-American Awards and 3rd Best All-Midwest Cat in 1961.

Late 1961 and early 1962 seems to have been a time of upheaval for Nikki, as she divorced Stephen Horner and married Dr. William Wallace Shuttleworth Jr.

For the first time in several years, no Shawnee cats shown by Nikki were included in the 1962 All-American winners.

She did, however, bounce back with a vengeance in the following years.

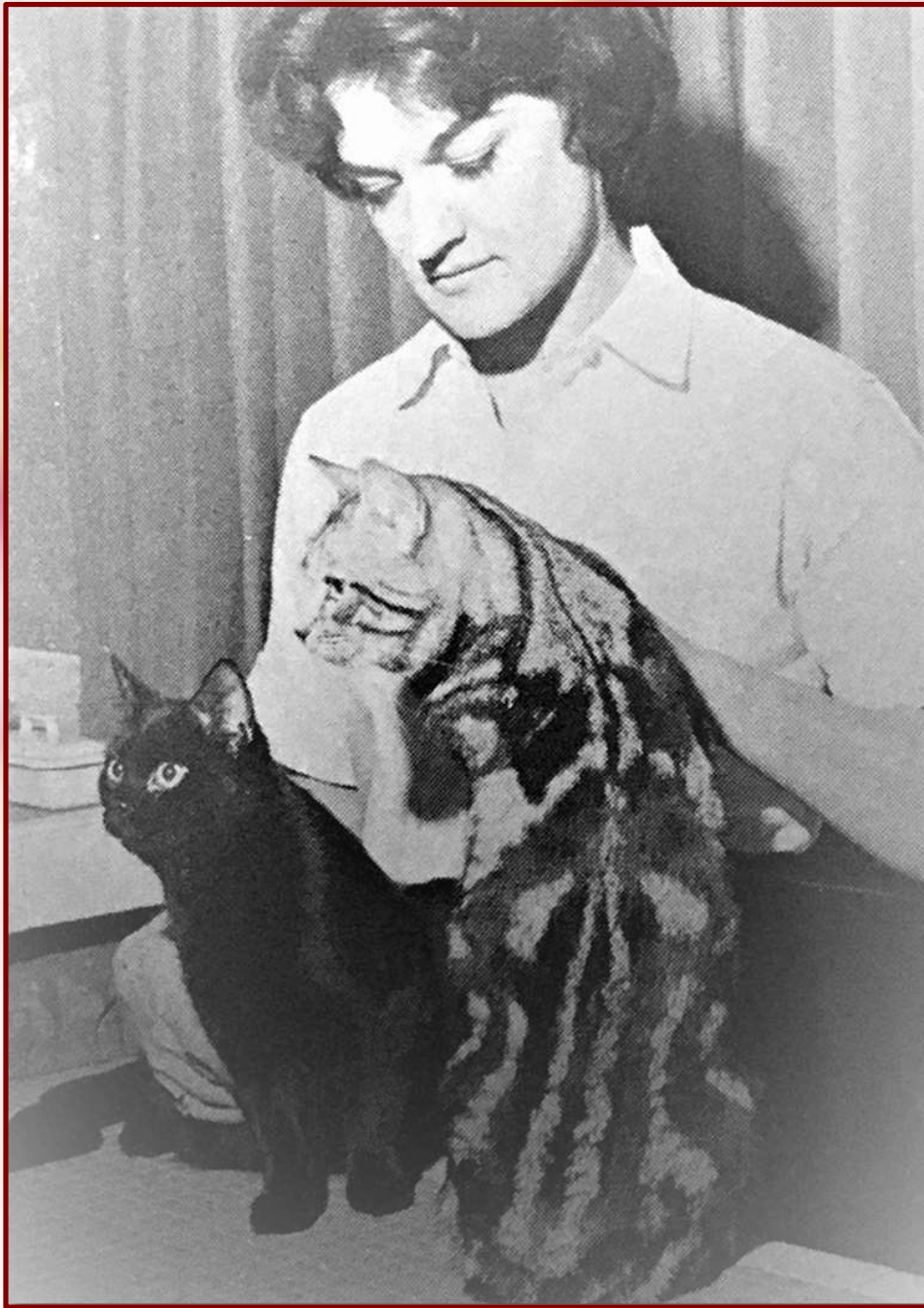
In 1964, Nikki had All-American Kitten of the Year with Shawnee Sixth Son, who was "six generations of Shawnee silver tabby out-breeding."

Sixth Son accumulated every one of his All-American points at shows organized by ACFA, CFA and CFF clubs. Nikki had a habit of listing a cat's "wins and losses" in her advertisements in Cats Magazine – that is, she basically considered anything other than Best Cat to be a loss. She often had an expression in her advertisements – "If a cat is shown by SHAWNEE – It is a Best-in-Show All-American Quality Cat!"

When Marksman was bred to Wolfgang La Rosa, a female that traced back to important Domestic Shorthair cats such as Aztec, the breeding clicked. A magnificent kitten, with an almost perfect classic tabby pattern, was born and named Shawnee Trademark.

For his owners, Nikki & Bill Shuttleworth, Shawnee Trademark was a dream come true. He had an illustrious show career over the four years that he was shown and was a consistent winner no matter in which association he was shown.

Today, GC Shawnee Trademark is recognized as one of the greatest Domestic (American) Shorthairs of all time. For four years, Trademark dominated the silver tabby Domestic Shorthair awards, especially in the Cats Magazine All-American Awards. The highlight was being named Best Cat both in the All-American Awards as well as in CFA's Hydon-Goodwin All-Star Awards in 1965.



**Mrs. Nikki Shuttleworth with her silver tabby GC Shawnee Trademark, named Best Cat in CFA's Hydon-Goodwin All-Star Awards in 1965, as well as Best All-American Cat in the *Cats Magazine* All-American Awards. Also pictured is the black male, GC Shawnee Anthracite, ACFA Southern Region's Best Kitten in 1963.**

Photo: '*Cats Magazine*', September, 1963.

Over the years, Shawnee Trademark's awards include:

- 1963 - All-Southern, All Honorable Mention Domestic Shorthair male, ACFA
- 1964 - All-Southern, Best Domestic Shorthair, 10th Best All-American Awards
- 1965 - Best Domestic Shorthair, Best Cat All-American Awards; Best Cat, CFA Hydon-Goodwin All-Star Awards
- 1966 - All-Southern, All American Silver Tabby; CFA's 4th Best Shorthair Male

Along with working with her silver tabbies, Nikki also concentrated on solid black Domestic Shorthairs. When a gorgeous solid black female appeared in a 1960 litter by GC Shawnee Marksman out of Shawnee Matilda, Nikki recognized that she had bred the beginnings of her "line". She named the kitten Shawnee Black Bon Bon and mated her with the top winning black American of that year, GC Karabee Dark Nite, producing GC Shawnee Anthracite who was born in 1963.

From there, the blacks were mated full-sister to full-brother for several generations, until Kenneth David of Lexington, Kentucky requested stud service to Anthracite for his black and white bicolor, Pampas After Six, who was a total outcross for Nikki's lines.

One of Six's qualities was an exceptionally hard coat texture that was ideal for the breed – and for her newly developing Bombay breed. Nikki recognized this and chose to take GC David Copperfield of Shawnee (born August 19, 1966 from the mating of Six's daughter, CH David's Black Onyx to GC Shawnee Shot in the Dark) instead of her normal cash stud fee. She also obtained GC Esquire Escapade of Shawnee (born May 26, 1967 from the mating of CH David's Black Onyx to Shotsie's son, GC Shawnee Dancing in the Dark) as a kitten back. The last litter of the Shawnee American Shorthairs was registered in 1975.

### **BURMESE**

Not much is known about the background of Nikki's Burmese breeding program, other than it was extensive, and the fact that she bred forty-one Burmese Grand Champions, two of which were National Winners -- and that she crossed her Burmese to black Domestic Shorthairs as early as the mid-1950s.

As was to be expected, several of her Burmese were season-end winners, including:

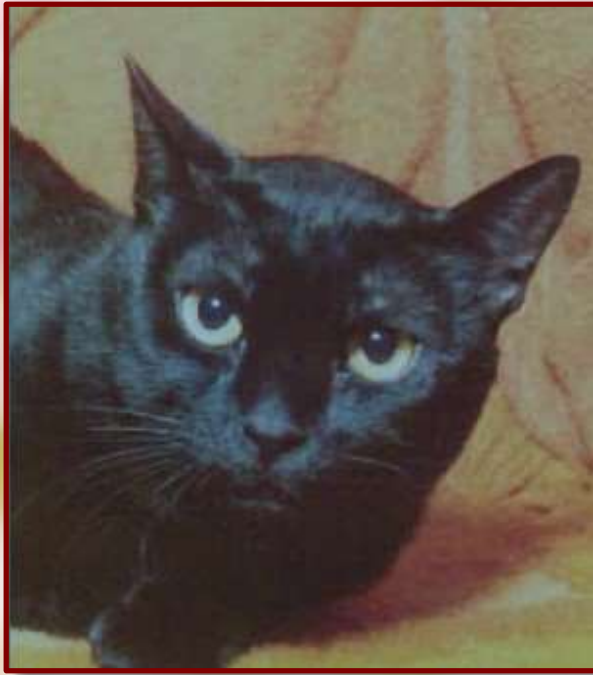
- GC Hill House Daniella of Shawnee, All-American Burmese female, 1965
- GC Shawnee Cassius Clay, All-Southern Honorable Mention Burmese Male, 1965
- GC, NW Shawnee Sweet Georgia Brown, CFA 9th Best Cat, 1971-1972
- GC, NW Shawnee On The Road Again, CFA 10th Best Cat, 1988-1989
- GC, RW Shawnee Hannah Mae, CFA Gulf Shore Region, 11th Best Cat in Premiership, 1994-1995



**GC Shawnee Cassius Clay – Burmese, born Oct 6, 1962.**  
Photo: *'Cats Magazine'*, August 1965.



**GC Hill House Daniella of Shawnee – Burmese**  
Photo: *'Cats Magazine'*, September 1965.



**SHAWNEE MOZAMBIQUE OF KEJO,**  
**male Bombay born 1973.**  
 Photo: CFA Yearbook, 1991.

## BOMBAY

While it was in 1958 that the first Bombay cat made its appearance at Nikki's cattery, she had continued her development of this new breed over the years. As part of her continued outcross program, Nikki eventually used two amazing 'kitten back' black American Shorthairs bred to Burmese to help her improve her new breed - the Bombay, "the patent leather kids with new penny eyes", for which she will always be remembered.

Suzanne Zwecker wrote in the March 1999 Cat Fanciers' Almanac, "Nikki's first attempts to create this "mini-panther" took place in the late 1950s. She experimented with crossing her Burmese with some black Domestic Shorthairs, but the results were mostly unsatisfactory so the effort was abandoned after just a few litters."

In the mid-1960s, Nikki decided to take another stab at creating her "mini panther", using five black American Shorthairs bred to her sable Burmese. Nikki herself wrote, "Tracing the development of the breed reads much like a list of biblical 'begats,' but it all started with carefully selected animals. One of the Burmese used was a magnificent sable male, GC Shawnee Cassius Clay. GC Shawnee Little Brown Jug and his son, GC Shawnee Colonel Casey were two other Burmese used extensively in the early breeding of Bombays. The black Americans used to supply coat texture and eye color were males GC David Copperfield of Shawnee and GC Shawnee Shot in the Dark. American females used include GC Esquire Escapade of Shawnee, CH David's Black Onyx and Shawnee Obsidian."

Shawnee Mozambique, born September 28, 1973, traces back to American Shorthair and Burmese ancestors, as well as the first CFA registered male and female Bombays.

Shawnee Darktown Strutter Black Bombay CFA 0410-0006	Shawnee Medios Black Bombay CFA 0410-0003	Shawnee Ominous Black Bombay - CFA 0410-0001
	Shawnee Pandora Black Bombay CFA 0411-0009	Shawnee Media Black Bombay - CFA 0411-0001
Shawnee Zamtu Black Bombay CFA 0411-0005	GC David Copperfield of Shawnee Black American Shorthair CFA 0708-0153	Shawnee Ominous Black Bombay - CFA 0410-0001
	CH Shawnee Zambia This One's For You Sable Burmese CFA 0401-597551	Shawnee Media Black Bombay - CFA 0411-0001
		GC Shawnee Shot in the Dark Black American Shorthair - CFA 0709-0097
		CH David's Black Onyx Black American Shorthair - CFA 0411-0001
		CH Shawnee One For The Road of Caddoe Sable Burmese - CFA 0400-405504
		GC Road to Fame's Precious of Shawnee Sable Burmese - CFA 0401-341994



**GC SHAWNEE AI AI OF SANKACHI – Bombay**

Photo: CFA Yearbook, 1991.

Nikki noted in a 1965 Cats Magazine advertisement that “We are applying to CFA to name our new breed Bombay Shorthairs. The breed originates from black American Shorthairs bred to Burmese.” She also said, “In the pre-championship days. I resorted to giving Bombays to people who promised to exhibit them and promote their popularity.”

But it would be 1970 before CFA was ready to accept Nikki’s new breed for registration and would take another six years for the Bombay to be advanced to Championship status in 1976.

In her 1999 article about the Bombay, Suzanne Zwecker wrote, “Within a month of this accomplishment, Nikki retired from breeding and showing, and sold out her cattery,” Phil Maggitti, in his 1990-1991 CFA Yearbook article on the Bombay had said the same thing, that “For Nikki Horner, however, it was the end.”

“She stopped going to shows, and eventually phased out her several breeding programs. Horner attended her last cat show – Roses for Felines, Louisville, Kentucky – in 1976.”

While she may have taken a break from breeding, Nikki certainly didn’t stop completely.

Nikki resumed showing at the point where the Bombay breed was just beginning to show signs of growing popularity. In 1988 Nikki showed the Best of Breed Bombay, GC, BW Road to Fame Return to Shawnee bred by Herb & Suzanne Zwecker, who was also Second Best of Breed in 1989. She also had CFA’s 10th Best Cat in 1988-1989 with a Burmese, GC, NW Shawnee On The Road Again.

GC Shawnee Ai Ai of Sankachi, born September 8, 1976, was out of two generations of Bombay, but still with Burmese and American Shorthair on the pedigree.

Shawnee Black Market Black Bombay CFA 0410-0005	Shawnee Medios Black Bombay CFA 0410-0003	Shawnee Ominous Black Bombay - CFA 0410-0001
	Shawnee Shiva Black Bombay CFA 0411-0008	Shawnee Media Black Bombay - CFA 0411-0001
Shawnee Medina Black Bombay CFA 0411-000010	Shawnee Ominous Black Bombay CFA 0410-0001	GC David Copperfield of Shawnee American Shorthair - CFA 0708-0153
	Shawnee Media Black Bombay CFA 0411-0001	Ch Shawnee Zambia This One's For You Sable Burmese - CFA 0401-597551
		GC Shawnee Cassius Clay Sable Burmese - CFA 0400-0566
		Shawnee Obsidian American Shorthair - CFA 0709-000053
		GC Shawnee Dancing In The Dark American Shorthair - CFA 0708-000137
		Ch Shawnee Latakia Sable Burmese - CFA 0401-1311



CFA's registration records show that Nikki had added Judy Scruggs' name as a Shawnee cattery co-owner. Judy was officially Nikki's cattery manager. With the addition of another person to the cattery name, it looks like Nikki continued to breed Burmese right up until the year she died but it may have been Judy Scruggs doing the breeding and registering litters as Nikki was quite ill in her later years.

Nikki died in Jefferson County, Kentucky on April 11, 1995. The legacy she left behind is amazing, considering it spans fantastic achievements across numerous breeds over several decades, plus the creation of an entirely new breed that has turned out to be extremely popular at CFA shows.

Several Shawnee Burmese and Bombay litters were registered for a few years following Nikki's death, presumably bred and registered by Judy Scruggs, her cattery manager.

NOTE: Some of the information contained in this article will become part of a new, as yet unnamed book being put together about the American Shorthair breed history. The overall basis for the book is multiple articles and a great deal of research, over decades, by Valerie Edwards. Her material is being edited, reviewed, and enhanced by Karen Lawrence who also has plans to add a multitude of early Shorthair photos to the finished book. Publication date is not yet known, but we will be pleased to start a listing of people interested in a copy when it is published.

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