

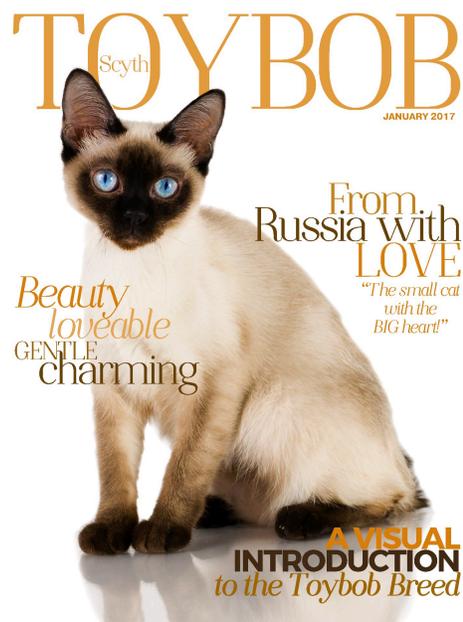
THE TOYBOB TIMES

TICA Registration Only!

2017 looks like it's going to be a great year for Toybobs! The International Toybob Cat Club (ITCC) published its first illustrative breed magazine in order to help bring the breed closer to the experts and cat lovers. The ITCC also launched its official website. We are all very ecstatic that our breed has advanced from "Experimental" to "Registration Only" status in The International Cat Association (TICA), with the official breed standard going under final tunings. Although we have the Toybob breed already advanced to Championship status in other associations in Russia, combined effort has been taken to unify the breed standards and bring more international transparency for our unique cats. All exciting events for the promotion and development of our loving and extraordinary breed of small cats.

It's All In The Name

After our success at the 2017 TICA Annual winter meeting, the consensus amongst the Ural Toybob breeders was it would be best to drop the prefix from the name "Scyth Toybob". The breed has been known under several names and is a major component of its history, starting as "Skif-Thai-Don", then splitting into the two distinct groups "Skif Toybob" and "Scyth Toybob", and coming together once again as simply Toybob; as the breed has been known in United States since 2008. In its simpler form, Toybob is not only easy to recognize, but also makes it easier to unify the breed's standards across all associations. In the past 30 years of the breed's development, the Toybob has gone over and through many hoops, loops and rope untangling, in order to finally be available for those who longed to see them in other continents and/or countries. As the breed expands internationally, so does the gene pool. Adding to it other colors besides the common seal-point color we see in many photos.



January 2017, ITCC published its first Toybob breed magazine!

WTH WCF?!

In Europe, the World Cat Federation (WCF) accepted and advanced the Toybob to Championship status in January after its conference. However, we are perplexed by WCF's decision to advance the breed with the lineage mostly from breeder Elena Krasnichenko's "KUTC" cattery from the Rostov region of Russia. In general most cat fancies would require a breed to provide a relatively diversified gene pool in order to accept a new breed. But the fact is we don't see any proof WCF considered diversity and good health in making their

decision. As the cats presented were from the KUTC cattery with pedigrees that to this day leave many breeders and experts unsettled. The pedigrees show the KUTC cats have an astonishing inbreeding coefficient of 122%.

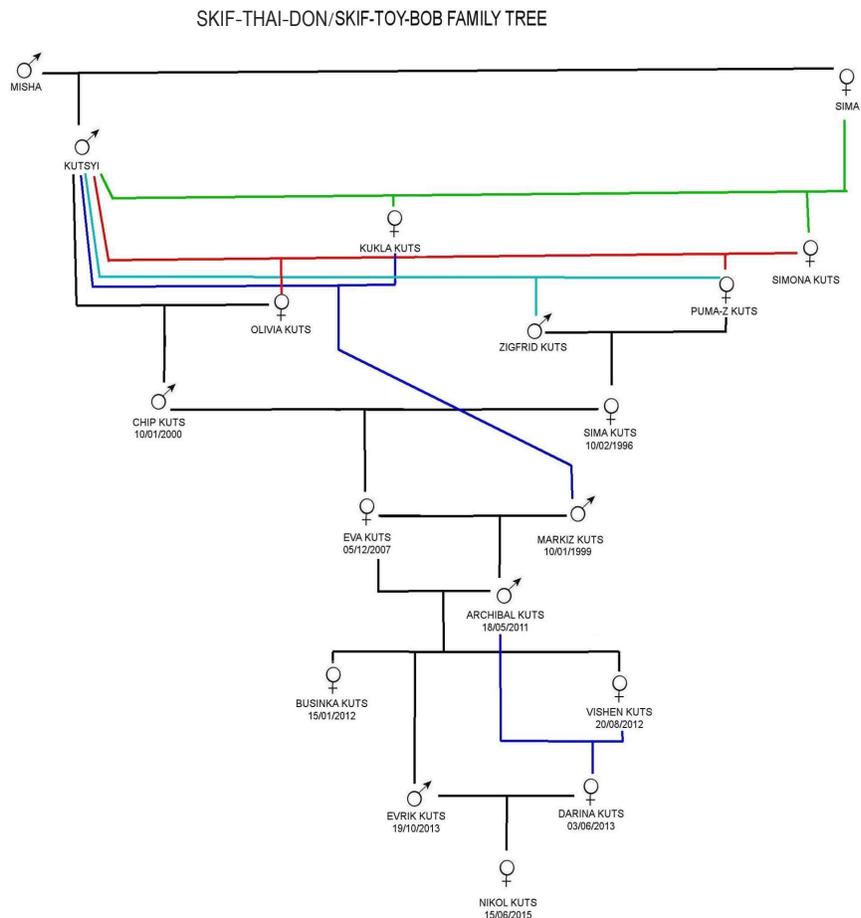
The approved WCF Toybob standard calls for no permissible outcrosses and the registry did not ask to see more pedigrees providing a history of less related cats having been used for the breed's development. WCF also disregarded the fact their top Toybob for 2016 was a Ural bred cat from Irina Syrchina's "SMALL-CATS" cattery. Which would have represented breeders continuously reaching out to the origin of the Toybob cat (stray Russian domestic cats); expanding the gene pool via adding Russian Domestic cats with similar phenotype. Top feline geneticists agree, outcrossing helps ensure a breed's future and sound genetic health. Krasnichenko's KUTC cattery can not possibly continue breeding such highly inbred stock based on those pedigrees and expect longevity. ITCC members have reached out on several occasions to Elena Krasnichenko and her associates in an effort to unify the breed on all fronts, but Rostov breeders are still focused on high inbreeding (according to pedigrees) and promoting their extreme look seal-point only cats instead.



Two cats spotted in a barn in the Yekaterinburg suburbs area, appearing to be of similar to Toybob phenotype - relatively small size with bobbed tails (2016)

While the actual diversity can not be confined due to their refusal to participate in our genetics study with Dr. Lyons. ITCC members will continue to move forward and work on consolidating the Toybob standard across all associations.

Below is a chart drafted by feline expert Sarah Hartwell of messybeast.com showing the chronic inbreeding found in the Rostov KUTC lines.



MFA CONFERENCE

2017

On April 22-23, Russian Registry MFA held their annual conference. Much to the excitement of the attendees and judges, Anastasia Nikolaev of NIKOLAEV'S PRIDE cattery presented Toybobs in solid colors not yet seen by most. Toybobs in solid black and black mink!

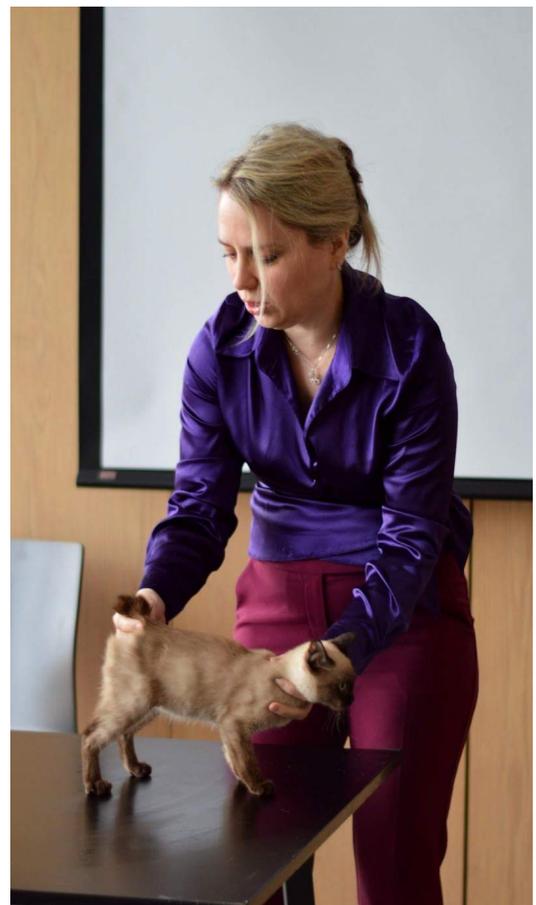
The most important development to come out of the conference, the MFA committee approved the breeders' petition to simplify the breed name in their registry by changing it from Scyth Toybob to Toybob, as part of the breed unification process. Making it the first Russian association to begin integrating its own standard to the current proposed American standard. Major!



Top & Bottom: MFA Judges examine black mink and solid black



MFA Judge looks over a black mink male



SHOW WORTHY

A new star on the WCF show circuit. BEL-MOOR'S A-QI-WUONA held by WCF President Anneliese Hackman



Adorable little lynx-point show alter BEL-MOOR'S O' SLIGO



Club President Irina Bliznova Matyushina awards the 2016 Best Opposite Sex, "SMALL-CATS DAFNA"



2016 Best of Breed, Irina Syrchina's "SMALL-CATS BENEDICT BEL-MOOR'S" (male) and "SMALL-CATS DAFNA" (female)



Pretty seal-point and white Toybob looks on as the judge scores its beauty.



BEL-MOOR'S X-MAN NIKOLAEV'S PRIDE enjoying a good stroke