

orat to find Thai Korats. It was fascinating reading and the photographs were fantastic! Ann and I, with Robbie Weihrauch, were working on resurrecting KCI and Chaiyo! Korats and here was fabulous, original material and photos for Chaiyo! *(Future issues of Chaiyo! Korats will contain Deb's installment stories and photos on her Journey to Korat!*

In addition to looking at the beautiful Thai Korats, courtesy of Deb's photos, we were able to celebrate the Korats being shown at this show. Ann was showing Kiriki Camas Lily, NM, (a/k/a Sparky) a 12 year old spayed female, and Dennis was showing a male Korat, Cherri Creek Mee Ying of Gentlegift, just under 9 months of age. Sparky, amazingly youthful at 12 years of age, and very calm, seemed to love the attention! Zu received a Best Cat from Allbreed Judge Lorna Malinen and finished in all 8 rings during both days of the show!

On Sunday, Deb Estep showed her almost-9 month old female Korat, Shoalwater's See Ngun! Jow!



Gentlegift's Xuwicha receiving Best Cat in Lorna Malinen's ring

Yeeng! (a/k/a Princess.) The show ended early on Sunday so all competitors could get an early start home while there was still daylight to make it home safely.



Laura Shimer

## Korats in Concord, North Carolina - February 9-10, 2008

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On February 9<sup>th</sup>, 2008, I had the pleasure of attending the Hearts A Fire cat show in Concord, NC. This was a very special occasion as not only was I going to be able to visit with Korat breeders Mary Ellen Treves and Laura Shimer, but also with Frederic Goedert who brought five of his cats with him all the way from France.

Frederic was absolutely charming and I am so sorry I was not able to visit with him longer. This was a two day show and I visited it on Saturday morning into early afternoon. At the time I left he was doing very well and I believe he was heading for at least one championship with his gorgeous Korats.



Mary Ellen Troup

Mary Ellen was a pleasure to visit with, I had met her very briefly several years ago at another show. This time she was showing a friend's Oriental Shorthair so I was disappointed not to see her Korats. The same can be said for Laura Shimer who I would have loved to have visited. Lara was outdoing herself and keeping very busy with her cats and assisting judges in the ring. Between the two, she was always in the ring and I barely had the opportunity to say hello to her.



Frederic Goedert (Editor's Note: Frederic brought several kittens from his breeding of his female Korat, CH Lovesumalee Lady Blueberry of Passaya x Aree's Numbun of CatCatCat, a Thai male Korat, and showed one of his female Korats

I have attended shows for 30 years and actually tried to show our Russian Blue when she was young. I have to say that I thought this was one of the best shows I've run across. It was large with a good variety of cats, very well lit and clean, well organized and many vendors around the perimeter of the show hall. I highly recommend visiting this show next year if you happen to be in the Concord, NC area.

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