

Larry Adkison, All Breed Judge
Cat Fanciers Association, Inc.

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I was born in Louisiana, MO, and spend most of my childhood there except for a few years when my family moved to Northern Kentucky for my father's job.

I attended the University of Missouri in Columbia getting a degree in communications, and following graduation, at the urging of some friends that were in the cat fancy at the time, moved to Springfield, MO where I have lived since.

I also attended what is now Missouri State University where I received my graduate degree in guidance and counseling. I worked for several years as a counselor with high-risk youth and also managed a small business for several years as well.

I got my first purebred cat before I was old enough to drive and exhibited in my first cat show while in high school. During college I could only breed and show on a very limited basis but after moving to Springfield I bred and showed my first regional winning Siamese. I continued to breed Siamese for many years dabbling with Orientals, Persians and Maine Coons along the way. Entering into the Judging Program just seemed like the next natural step for me.

David Mare, All Breed Judge
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Born, raised and married in New York, my kids and wife and I moved to California in 1967.

I've worked in various computer sales and management positions until I found my life's love in Period Antiques, where I specialized in Continental, American and English furniture and important Chinese antiques. I operated a prestigious gallery in San Francisco until the mid 90's when I sold the business and moved to Las Vegas.

I have been judging cats since 1968 and have served on the CFA Board for a total of 12 years.

I am currently President of The CFA Foundation which has recently opened a prestigious museum dedicated to the preservation of the historical development of the cat fancy around the world.

Gary Powell, Allbreed Judge Cat Fancier's Association



My story begins with winning a kitten in a raffle at my sister's grade school carnival. I was always fond of cats but was not allowed to have one until I was out on my own. In my early 20's I started attending cat shows and began studying the different breeds. I purchased my first "show" cat in 1974. She was a beautiful tortoiseshell Persian and became a Grand Champion in the Cat Fancier's Association very quickly. Needless to say, I was hooked.

I joined the Twin City Cat Fanciers club around 1975 and am still a member to this day. I've held almost all of the positions within the club and also in producing our local shows. I applied to the CFA Judging Program in 1985. I was accepted and worked my way up the ladder to Allbreed status. I judged in many areas of the world before retiring from judging, (so I thought) in 2000. In the years following, I exhibited several cats and kittens to National Awards in CFA.

In 2008, I retired from my flight attendant career after 34 years of flying. I found I needed something to do with my free time and decided to ask CFA if I could return to judging. Permission was granted and after several refresher training sessions I was once again behind the judging table instead of in front of it.

My cattery name is Red Sky. I guess I am best known for producing, "Grand Champion Red Sky Wooden Ships, DM."

Woody seemed to work well with many different cats and bloodlines so I let all of my friends who wanted to use him, breed their girls to him. To this day, he still holds the record as the top producing CFA tabby Persian having sired almost 40 Grand Champion offspring.

Today I share my house with many caged birds including Australia's Lady Gouldian Finches. I am also an aquarium hobbyist. During our springs and summers, I hybridize daylilies. I live in Burnsville which is just south of Minneapolis, Minnesota.



I judged in Australia twice in the 1990's and look forward to returning.

