



## Breed Advisory Committee



A Brizlino litter of Somali Variants – Hopefully to be Somali Shorthairs – 63S

The Somali Breed Advisory Committee is holding a seminar to introduce the concept of “The Shorthaired Somali” with a breed number 63S at the Central Longhaired Cat Club Show, Perdiswell Leisure Centre, Bilford Road, Worcester, WR3 8DX on Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> January 2010. It will be held whilst open class judging is taking place during the morning.

Shorthaired Somalis (presently known as Somali Variants) cannot be shown in competition; the Somali Breed Advisory Committee wishes to address this situation and is working towards their full recognition and progression to Championship status. The shorthaired Somali has, since the beginning of the breed, played a major part in strengthening the gene pool and thus helping the breed progress.

These beautiful shorthairs differ from their Abyssinian cousins in several important ways including head type, coat texture, coat length and coat quality. The SOMBAC wishes to retain in the shorthairs important features found in the semi-longhaired Somalis such as the more generously curving muzzle to retain the “Somali Smile” and heels extending to the hock. Breeders and owners of short haired Somalis have already shown them on exhibition at the Abyssinian Cat Club Show and the Judges’ Guild Seminar where the differences between the 63S and the Abyssinian were apparent to all. An important aim of the Somali Breed Advisory Committee is to protect the integrity and unique features of both breeds.

The Somali Breed Advisory Committee extends a warm welcome to anyone who wishes to come to the Seminar to find out more about these beautiful cats.

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