

THE BRIT BOYS AT PLYMOUTH ROCK



IW BW SGCA
CFA GP
Devine Design
Lord Chesterfield



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LA BWx3 SGC
Silver Charm
Dexter



IW BW SGC
D*Garibaldi's *Blue Thunder*

I am Priscilla Kohutek. I want to serve on the British Breed Committee and this is my story.

Once upon a time, there was an "older" couple who lived happily in their old house—until some uninvited guests moved in and refused to leave. Mice! For one year, the experts were unsuccessful in ridding the old house of them. The greedy mice munched their way through even the unimaginable, including antique Oriental rugs.

Then, one day after a particularly destructive episode, the master of the house said, "Maybe we need a cat." Magic words that seemed a sensible solution to the problem.

As you have probably guessed, my husband Ed and I are this "older" couple. I took his suggestion seriously and immediately began the search for this remarkable pussy that was going to solve the "mouse problem." Just one little thing: neither Ed nor I had ever had a cat, so I had a lot of work to do to find the right kitty for us. Since I was raised in the world of pedigreed dogs, I understood breed standards, and that's where I began the search.

I read everything I could find about the various breeds. It became abundantly clear that the British Shorthair was the perfect breed for us and would easily fit into our home and our lives. And I was right!

For nearly 10 years, our wonderful Brit boys have given us their love and companionship and filled our lives with new adventures. They have been, and continue to be, incredibly successful show cats and are exceptional examples of their breed. They have been multiple International and Regional Breed Winners in Alters, Kittens and Cats every year since 2019.

I want people to know that British Shorthairs are an especially admirable breed for their ancient history as "working cats," and they are structured accordingly. I am particularly eager for breeders to maintain the standard confirmation and head type that defines the British Shorthair. Why experiment with perfection? I abhor indiscriminate and careless, haphazard breeding practices.

I want to help pet owners and fanciers who are newly interested in the breed to understand what a British Shorthair is—its confirmation and its temperament—and what it's like to live with Brits. I want to stress the importance of educational seminars with up-to-date breed information for the public, exhibitors, and judges.

While my devotion to the British Shorthair came much later in life than most breed experts, I can assure you that I am among the most passionate of those dedicated to their excellence, good health, and stable temperament.

I sincerely want to serve on the British Breed Committee and ask you to cast your vote for me, Priscilla Kohutek.

FYI The boys did their job, and indeed, the "mouse problem" was just another chapter in the history of this old house. Nary a mouse has been seen since the boys took up residence nearly 10 years ago. True story.