

Pedigree cats charm crowd

Cat lovers flocked Viva Home Shopping Mall in Cheras after the mall teamed-up with the Malaysian Cats Fancier Association (MCFA) and organised a cat show recently.



MCFA president Ismail Mohammad Ali with Isaac, his 8-month-old British Short Hair.

Themed "Love Inspiration for Hope and Happiness", the six-day MCFA Cat Exhibition 2012, showcased more than 20 famous cat breeds.

Among them were Savannah, Bengal, American Short Hair, American Curl, British Short Hair, Scottish Fold, Persian, Exotic Short Hair, Russian Blue, Maine Coon, Burmese, Siamese and many more.

The show ended yesterday,

MCFA president Ismail Mohammad Ali said the event was held to introduce various breeds of cats to the public.

"Some of the cats are rare, so this show gave the opportunity for the public to get to know how the Bengal, Savannah and Asian Leopard cat looks like."

He added the show also was held to help educate the public about responsible pet ownership.

"The cat breeders here have not only been showing their cats but have also been interacting with the public.

"They shared tips on how to take care of their cats regardless of its breed," he added.

Cat breeder Raja Izam Mansur had to apply for a licence to own his Asian Leopard cat.

"Raising the cat is not really hard but can be a little complicated," said Raja Izam.

He said an Asian Leopard kitten can cost more than RM6,000.

Mohd Radhi Cheah Abdullah's Bengal cats were a popular attraction among cat lovers.

"The crowd was really keen to know more about Bengal cats and asked a lot of questions when they stopped by," the breeder said.

Radhi added a quality Bengal must have spots on its belly and raising them was not a hard task.

The mall's general manager, Kenny Chin, said the cat show was an amazing opportunity for the public to learn more about cats.

"Cat always been associated with home, so we are pleased to have the show at Viva Home Mall, a mall that is dedicated to the retail of home related products and services," he said.

There were many other activities as well to complement the cat show.

The crowd was kept busy with cat drawing and colouring contest, cat batik colouring contest, talks on cat breeding, cat grooming sessions and a quiz.

Nor Ikmal Mohd Nor, 32, is a big fan of cats and was not about to miss miss the exhibition.

Ikmal, who owns a year-old Persian, said she was planning to get another cat in the near future. "I fell in love with the Bengal after seeing them here and I am now considering getting one."