

Living Legend Pixie-Bobs

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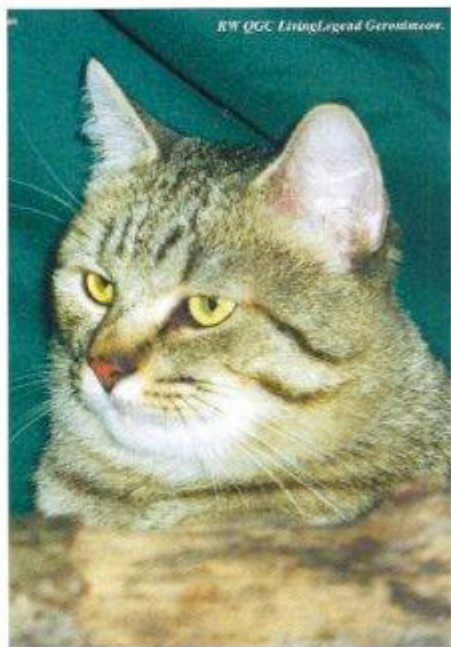
Hundreds of years ago, there was a vast, untamed wilderness, in what is now the United States of America. Settlers began arriving with their families in hopes of a new life. Many brought nothing but the clothes on their back and a few cherished treasures. Some even brought their cats.

The push westward began and folks again took their precious belongings and beloved mousers. Since spaying and neutering of pets did not exist back then, these cats reproduced, sometimes finding another domestic cat to mate with, and, as legend has it, sometimes a bobcat finding THEM...

The legend of mating between a domestic barncat and a bobcat has been the subject of various country folks' tales when talking about some of their cats which "just wandered out of the woods". Stories such as that from the logging camp's cook, who travelled deep into the forest on a newly blazed trail to set up camp with his cat when as nature would have it, she went into heat and disappeared. Five days later she reappeared with a huge gash on her shoulder. Nine weeks later, she gave birth to some brown spotted bobtailed babies...

The legend of barncats and bobcats mating is part of what has intrigued me about the Pixie-Bob, which is a domestic cat bred to resemble the Coastal Red Bobcat. But since there is no DNA proof that these matings actually occurred, it remains just a "Legend". Yet, I marvel at their "bobcatiness"—random spotting, plush coat, lynx tipping on their ears, which are wide at the base and rounded, full chins, short tails, large boning, and a half-closed gaze reminiscent of a hunter. I believe there is truth in The Legend...

However, the growing popularity of the Pixie-Bob is attributed largely to its domestic dog-like behavior! Many homes attest



RW QGC Living Legend Gerontoscor.

to their companion's love of riding in the car, walking on a leash, playing 'fetch', and hide 'n' seek. They are confident, affectionate and 'benevolent rulers' of dogs. They are a mom's dream-come-true of even being obedient! Being basically quiet, they exchange kittenhood 'meows' for chirps, chitters, and even occasional soft barks and whistles. One man even likened a sound made by his Pixie-Bob to that of 'water dripping in a cave'...

When I decided to raise Pixie Bobs, it made the most sense to me to call the Founder of the Breed directly. Carol Ann Brewer screened me thoroughly before entrusting me with some of her cherished stock. Since our initial meeting, we have become close friends and I have acquired a number of what are referred to as Pacific Northwest Original Foundation Bloodlines.

My red-headed children, Zachary, 8, and Jenae, 5, are on the socialization committee here at Living Legend Pixie-Bobs, as well as being featured on my website (<http://www.livinglegendpixiebobs.com/>) and Cat Fancy, Cats USA and Kittens USA magazines. They love having a litter of kittens in their bedrooms. My beloved husband Will, supports me following my dream by funding my initial investment in breeding stock, building spacious runs for my boys, a playground for my kittens and sightseeing with the kids during catshows. He also understands the time it takes me to keep my cats clean and healthy.



SGC KaperKats Almond Roca.

Carol's own stock of Stone Island Cattery. These lines trace back to "Pixie" herself, the breed's namesake.

I show as often as I can. Unfortunately, there are only 2 shows in Florida a year. So, for me to have some of the best Pixie-Bobs in the Southeast, I have had to drive to Louisiana, Alabama, Georgia and South Carolina. My cats have provided plenty of travel experiences and a number of camping memories for me and my family. Have you ever heard of "pup tents"? We-e-e-ll, we use "cat tents" so the cats have a good time, too! Some notable cats from my cattery include:

RW QGC Living Legend Geronimeow – Best PB in the Southeast - 2002, 2003 as well as 19th Best Shorthair in the Southeast 2003

SGC KaperKats Almond Roca – Best PB Longhair SE 1999, 2000, 2003

Living Legend Furrh Pawsett – Best PB Longhair Kitten SE 2003

CH Living Legend Danielle St Pur – Best Pixie-Bob Kitten 2003 and Third Best PB of the SE 2004

Cats here at Living Legend are named after famous people: Opurrah Winfurry, Catamity Jane, Mewhelle Pfeiffer, Kathleen Turner, Jennifer Lopaws, Pawdy Heppurring, Furrh Pawsett, Morgan Furchild, Mewriah Carey, Parrincess Diana, Duchess Furgie, Parrince Hairy, Ben Catwright, Geronimeow, Butch Cassidy, Brad Kitt, Catrick Swayze, Don Catroyd, Catsanova, and The Cisco Kitty are a few.

I am a member of TICA's (The International Cat Association) Voluntary Responsible Breeder Program, a member of CFA and ACFA and am on the Pixie-Bob Advancement Board. Right now, Pixie-Bobs are accepted into Championship status in TICA. We are, at this time, seeking recognition in CFA and ACFA. I also have been vet inspected and meet the qualifications to have a TICA Cattery of Excellence.

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Most of my kittens have been placed domestically but I have also shipped to Hong Kong and France, so far. Living Legend Meow Gibson fell in love with a French girl ... I'm only 30 minutes away from Orlando International Airport in Florida, so shipping is very easy for me.

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