

Cat Care 101

Presented Sunday by TICA Allbreed Judge Sharon Kalani

Cat Care 101 is a 'hands-on' program designed to teach children about their pet's environment, and warm their hearts through the rewards of pet care.

The first building block of the Cat Care 101 is **EDUCATION**. The children are challenged in the proper handling of their cat, proper nutrition, and maintenance through grooming and vet care. Upon completion of the class and participation, they will receive a Cat Care 101 Certificate of Achievement.

When the children arrive at TICA's World of Cats Championship Cat & Household Pet Cat Show, held at AFPE Pet Expo, we ignite the second element within this learning program – **KNOWLEDGE**. The TICA team members assist the children as they prepare a personalized home for their cat(s). Our Allbreed Judge (Cat Care 101 & TICA's Jr. Exhibitor educator & promoter) will demonstrate & explain the basic care guidelines and enabling each child to become a knowledgeable pet owner.

Cat Care 101 not only enhances their understanding of feline care, it also teaches them the importance of understanding what factors are essential for a healthy cat homelife. **ENVIRONMENT** is another benefit of this program offering 'play time' and 'together time' with both the child and cat benefiting.

Children from the ages 5 to 16 are encouraged to join the competition. This learning opportunity is a healthy way to develop their **SELF ESTEEM**.

Every attending child will be rewarded in many ways –Certificates of completion and badges (on availability) are given to all the children. Each child will walk away with the knowledge that will reward them for a lifetime.