

Gr Ch RIFIFI OF WONDERLOVE (Imp GER)

What can I say about Rififi? I think he changed Osiris(V) into a top cattery; he has made such an impact on my Abyssinians of today and has given them a look that I truly love.

I remember first asking my good friend Doris Angermund of Wonderlove Cattery in Germany if she would consider me for one of her beautiful babies. I wanted to add that something special to my breeding lines to make the look more complete as well as introducing the stunning black ticking and superb coat colour that Doris has in her lines.

However, Australia being on the other side of the world, made Doris extremely nervous. I was prepared to wait as long as she needed. Doris had been through the hardest of times with PK deficiency; she was left with many carriers. I kept in constant contact with her; she said she was waiting for the right cat to come through for me that would be PK deficiency normal and PRA normal. After many years of communicating with me, she did agree, a little Cinnamon boy, Rififi of Wonderlove was waiting to meet me.

In October of 2007, I travelled to Germany to meet Doris and Rififi for the first time. It was not long after my marriage had broken down and doing everything on my own was a whole new world for me but I so wanted to make it happen. I had so much trouble with the time difference; by the afternoon I could hardly stay awake and always needed to go to bed early. I was not much fun on that score but it gave me a break from-to-day to day living; one needs to get away at certain times in one's life. I stayed with Doris for two weeks and I made one of the best friends one could have. Doris shared with me many moments of her showing days with pictures and memorabilia; it was a beautiful holiday, and one I am pleased I did not miss. It was a relaxing time and I really needed that time.

During my stay in Germany, Rififi had qualified for the FIFe World Show to be held in The Netherlands. It was so exciting for me to be part of showing him there, and seeing what a big FIFe show was like; it truly opened my eyes — so many cats, and such a difference from the way Australian shows are run. It comprised two whole days of showing. The first day involved the showing of the exhibits to see who would be the contenders for the



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finals and the second day was the judging of the finals. It was so exciting. Rififi managed to be Best Cinnamon Kitten in show and was nominated, but beaten for Best Aby Kitten. He was subsequently Best Aby Kitten (out of 4) at the FIFe World Winners' show in Maastricht, but he lost the nomination for shorthair kittens against a Manx kitten, which the judge, Marianne Roth preferred to Rififi.

The time came for me to depart for Australia. It was hard parting with Rififi but I knew that the few months' wait until he arrived would go quickly, and they did. Rififi arrived in Australia in February 2008; he had the most over-the-top personality and loved all humans who talked to him. Rififi very quickly became the love of my life, and I was so thrilled with the opportunity that Doris had given me.

In Australia, Rififi was shown with the FCCV for 12 months; he made it to Grand Champion. He had a very different look from what Australian cat breeders and judges were used to; he had a beautiful profile and lovely rounding to the top of his head, something I felt that the Abyssinians in Australia lacked. It was a difficult task for him to win over the FCCV judges because he was more a European style Abyssinian, yet he managed to achieve it on quite a few occasions.

In May of 2007, I took Rififi to Canberra to the Abyssinian Breeder Show for all to see. He managed to get into the Top 10 exhibits; I was so thrilled. It made me realise that his unique look could make it in Australia and I was not wrong.

Rififi soon mated quite a few of my girls, and produced some very stunning kittens of which many have made great names for themselves over the past couple of years including National Show Champion and Gold Gr Ch Osiris(V) Influenced Buyou and my two stud boys: Gold Gr Ch Osiris(V) Cool Running and Dbl Gr Ch Osiris(V) Heart N Soul.

In turn, these beautiful cats have produced some striking offspring. Influenced Buyou produced Osiris(V) Influencedtothrill, Osiris(V) Queen of Hearts and Osiris(V) Ace of Spades, who is doing extremely well in New Zealand. Cool Running and Heart N Soul have both sired outstanding Abyssinians of wonderful type and colour including Osiris(V) Redhot, Osiris(V) Prada, Osiris(V) Diamonds N Gold and Osiris(V) One Cool Babe.



Rififi's breeder, Doris Angermund, with his half-brother, Uluru of Wonderlove

Pedigree of: **Gr Ch Wonderlove, Rififi of (Aby)**
 {M} {GER-AUS} {DEKZV 318888} {CIN} {21 May 2006}
 Sire: Gr Int Ch Berenetto Banderas of Wonderlove
 Dam: Wonderlove, Enid-Safari of
 Notes: Tested for PK deficiency - normal; d. 7-Apr-08

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    ,----WW/A02 & Gr Int Ch Clarion's Falcon of Riverfern (Aby)
    |   (USA-HOL-UK) {CFA 0360-1381132} {TWN} {23 Aug 2001}
    ,----Gr Int Ch, JW Wonderlove, Kid Creole of (Aby)
    |   (GER) {DEKZV 299110} {TWN} {31 Dec 2003}
    |   `----Wonderlove, Enid-Safari of (Aby)
    |           (GER) {DZB 290086} {CIN} {9 Oct 2002}
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    | Gr Int Ch Berenetto Banderas of Wonderlove (Aby)
    | (CZE-GER) {CSCH LO31/5/ABY} {TWN} {12 Apr 2005}
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    |   ,----Sansiaby's Saku of Abyshaw (Aby)
    |   |   (USA) {CFA 0380-1393603} {TWN} {9 Dec 2001}
    |   ,----Cedarwood Greta (Aby)
    |   |   (CAN-CZE) {TICA SBT 0010704 018} {TWN} {7 Jan 2004}
    |   |   `----Hillstblues Tamar of Cedarwood (Aby)
    |   |           (USA-CAN) {TICA SBT 050600 0010} {FWN} {6 May 2000}
    |   |
    |   |   ,----Gr Int Ch, WW96 Allmykittens Mitchel (Aby)
    |   |   |   (USA-HOL) {CFA 0380-1007989} {TWN} {17 Jun 1995}
    |   |   ,----WW'01 & Eur Ch Wonderlove, Handsome of (Aby)
    |   |   |   (GER) {DZB 241493} {TWN} {9 Jul 1997}
    |   |   |   `----(CFA) Ch & Eur Ch Aruby's Safari, DM (Aby)
    |   |   |           (USA-GER) {CFA 0383-0771793} {CIN} {2 Sep 1991}
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    |   |   Wonderlove, Enid-Safari of (Aby)
    |   |   (GER) {DZB 290086} {CIN} {9 Oct 2002}
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    |   |   ,----Eur Ch Aruby's Wonderlove, DM (Aby)
    |   |   |   (USA-GER) {CFA 0382-0874398} {CIN} {22 May 1993}
    |   |   ,----Eur Ch Wonderlove, Fanella of, DM (Aby)
    |   |   |   (GER) {DZB 231486} {TWN} {28 Jul 1996}
    |   |   |   `----Eur Ch Wonderlove, Tintarella of (Aby)
    |   |   |           (GER) {DZB 201963} {TWN} {16 Jun 1994}
  
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I have had many comments over the past few years, from breeders and judges, about the quality of colour, profile, and lovely black ticking that I am producing; I do think all these attributes come down the lines from the beautiful Rififi. Rififi was and still is the most well coloured cinnamon Abyssinian I have ever seen, and I don't think anyone that saw him would dispute that.

I think Rififi has made a huge contribution to the Abyssinian lines in Australia. Recently, I sent a boy, Osiris(V) Heart of Gold, to Russia. Doris had put restrictions on Rififi's lines and asked that nothing go back to Europe; however, she allowed me to send Heart of Gold (Goldie) to Russia under the condition that his new owner was aware that none of his lines were to be allowed back within Europe. In June 2010, Goldie went to his first show in Belgium and managed to final in four of the six rings. He was awarded three firsts; his

new owner in Russia was thrilled as was I. The judges were blown away by his super personality and that quality has come down from Rififi.

I was truly heartbroken the day I had to put Rififi down; he had been battling huge problems with his bowel. It was just after I lost him I discovered information on the parasite, *Tritrichomonas foetus*; I definitely think Rififi was affected by it and therefore I feel it played a large part in his demise. A huge piece of me died with him, my hopes and dreams were shattered. Today, I am so proud of what he has done for my cattery and the Abyssinian breed. My hopes and dreams live on through his children, and indeed Rififi was (posthumously) The Abyssinian Breeder Stud Cat of the Year in 2008.

Rififi, you are a superstar in my eyes and I will never forget you! My heartfelt thanks go out to Doris for entrusting me with such a beautiful boy.

Epilogue

In 2011, I am adding another stunning Wonderlove Abyssinian to my cattery, Cannonball of Wonderlove, who will arrive in April. Wonderlove Abyssinians are infectious, once one has owned you, you can't live without one.

Sue Jentsch

Osiris(V) Abyssinians