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Cats USA is a clear, informative pedigreed kitten and cat buyer's guide and owner's manual. This annual is a reference guide for prospective and current pedigreed cat owners and focuses on how to care for pedigreed cats acquired from reputable breeders. Article topics might include how to decipher a kitten's pedigree, an overview of the Cat Fanciers' Association and The International Cat Association's recognized breeds, understanding felines' natural instincts and grooming and caring for a new kitten.

Article manuscripts range from 1,800 to 2,400 words, depending on the complexity of the subject matter and amount of material available, and should be written according to Associated Press (AP) style, in the established Cats USA voice and tone. The editors expect well-researched manuscripts that include substantiated quotes from recognized owners, competitors, breeders, catteries, breed fanciers, breed experts, groomers, or veterinary experts. Writers must provide qualifications and contact information—city, state, telephone and e-mail address—for individuals quoted.

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The Cats USA editors do not accept unsolicited manuscripts; they work on a query-only basis. Articles are assigned only to writers with whom they work on a regular basis; therefore, all other writers are asked to write on speculation once their query has been approved.

You may send a query letter detailing your article idea to the Cats USA editors. The Cats USA editors are not responsible for unsolicited materials. Send queries to catsusa@bowtieinc.com. Queries are not accepted by telephone, fax or mail. We highly recommend that you read a previous issue of Cats USA to gain a better understanding of the content, tone and style of the annual. Cats USA is available at pet-supply stores and bookstores.

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