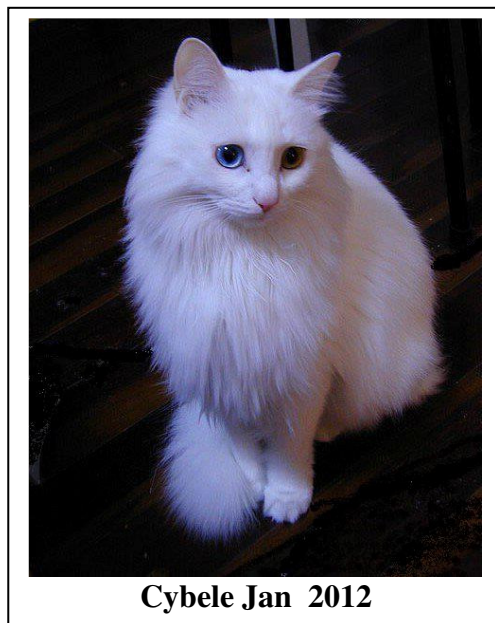


## GOOD NEWS FOR THE TRADITIONAL TURKISH ANGORA

Contributions and Photos from P. Aksoy, The Angora Cat Association (Ankara Kedisi Dernegi, Turkey.

In past TCA, INC. Newsletters and web site presentations the plight of the ORIGINAL and TRUE Traditional Turkish Angora has been presented. As a short review: The Traditional Turkish Angora is a naturally occurring cat found in Turkey (Anatolia), and is not a product of the cat fancy or selective breeding. As a Naturally occurring cat, the TRUE Traditional Turkish Angora can still be found today on the streets of cities and towns in Turkey as well as Cyprus and surrounding countries. Several examples were reportedly exported to the U.S. to found the breed there many years ago.

Ankara was named Angora in the past, hence the cat's breed name. The Ankara Zoo in Ankara, Turkey still preserves and breeds these beautiful cats after all these many years. They are recognized as the true source of the breed today. Yet it must be said that the Turkish Angora cat existed in the area of Turkey and surrounds long before the Ankara Zoo began. P. Aksoy adds, "The Turkish people often can't differ Persian from the Angora!" All in all the Turkish Angora is a very, very ancient breed and a National Treasure of the Country there.



**Cybele Jan 2012**

For more wonderful photos here are links for you to enjoy.

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<http://turkishangoracat.wordpress.com/2012/05/04/ankara-zoo-angora-pictures/>

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For the sake of clarity: The term "Turkish Angora" and "Traditional Turkish Angora" are hardly used because Ankara is in Turkey and those are western terms. I, Diana Fineran, named the breed "Traditional Turkish Angora" and wrote the corresponding Breed Standard for it in order to preserve and protect the breed. My Breed Standard is the ONLY Breed Standard in the world representing the REAL Turkish Angora from Turkey and Cyprus. This is an effort to clarify with source information to improve our understanding.

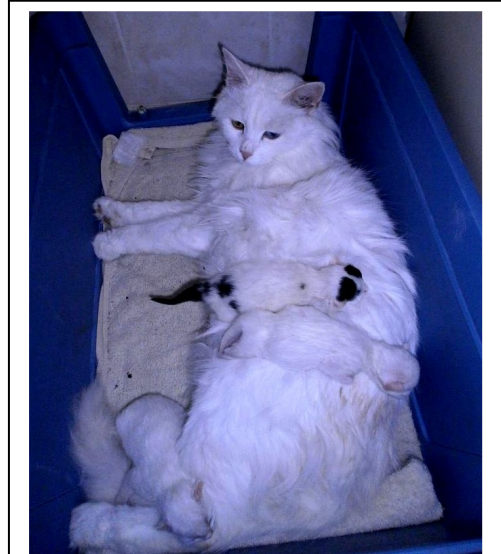


**Minos of Angorama**

The Turkish term used for the REAL Turkish Angora is "Ankara Kedisi", with another Turkish name of "Anatolian Cat". These are the same breed. There is also the Anatolian Cat, which is the Turkish Angora, with short hair. Also there is the Van cat in Van, Turkey, which is also a Turkish Angora.

Some years ago a small group of American and a few European breeders began presenting a totally different cat with bloodlines and a head and body type that was not even close to the Turkish Angora. Yet they began declaring this usurper as the one and only Turkish Angora! The look of their imposter was so far from the original type, it was very easy for even a beginner to see it wasn't a Turkish Angora. The war was on as they challenged the Original Turkish Angora with an attempt to push it out and replace it with their imposter.

A breed name, Mautun, was created because those "Angoras" are closely related to the Egyptian Mau and Tunisian street cats, (Egyptian (Mau) + (Tun) isian) It refers to the fake, mostly American "Turkish Angora". From P. Aksoy we learn, "The western fake Angora is a mix of various unidentified cat breeds including Oriental, Siamese, Persian, Egyptian Mau (a western cat), a little % of Anatolian blood, Tunisian cats, etc. This enormous mix has no relation to any geographical location. Various mixes match the fake Angora signature, which is nothing more than a pot of soup." The big close-set ears and anorexic body of the fake "Angora" cats show non-Turkish origins. Many Turkish Angora breeders in America have these Mautuns but they, of course, don't call them that. To the American breeders they are pure-blood Turkish Angoras!!!



**Fatima & Kittens 2011**



**Kemal Kebab**

From the Angora Cat Association, "An impostor breed bears almost no similarity to the REAL Angora. The mostly American version is not a good representative of the Angora cats morphologically and genetically. Due to out-crossing, some of these cats carry recessive Siamese colors. We have to face the fact that the fake "Angora" stole the name and history of the REAL Angora cat."

A person on Cyprus, sent Buccal swab samples of cats from the Turkish mainland, and from cats in the Ankara Zoo to Davis University in California for DNA analysis for identification as to breed. The duties of the research were charged to Leslie Lyons, a scientist there. The DNA analysis is done by Buccal Swabs not by blood samples or blood typing.

Considerable arguments ensued between the supporters of the TRUE Traditional Turkish Angora and those who were pushing forth the fake Mouton, "Angora", mostly in the U.S.A.

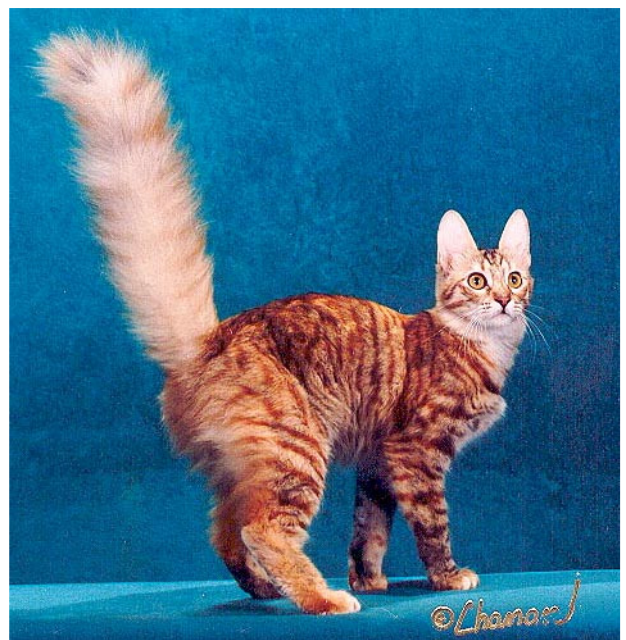


What occurred at U.C. Davis was considered a disgrace. The study attempted to authenticate the fake, mixed breed, Turkish Angora of TICA and CFA! In addition to samples from Turkey and Cyprus a breeder in New Zealand sent a sample of her Ankara Zoo Turkish Angora to be used in the study, but it was not used in the research.

This is unforgivable given that the Ankara Zoo Turkish Angoras are the basis for the breed and any scientific research must use them as the control. If you want to compare apples and oranges, you must be sure to have REAL apples and oranges and proof must be provided for that. This is the basis of credible scientific research, which was not respected in the study. There is clear evidence that data was suppressed that would contradict the study authentication of the fake Turkish Angora. The study favored TICA and CFA, fakes instead of doing the scientific research researchers were tasked to do with honesty and integrity. Does this put in question the Cat Genetics work being done by U.C. Davis? Also, does this put in question the integrity of TICA and CFA? Who knows how many other breeds have been negatively affected. It really makes me wonder!



**Isadora 2010**



**American Mixed Breed "Angora"**



A third "breed" popped

out of the study: "Based upon incorrect research a group claims the "new" type of Turkish Angora, they named the Aphrodite, is unique only to Cyprus. Some Aphrodites have been shown and recognized as Aphrodities by the World Cat Federation (WCF). The raw data in the 2012 Turkish Cat Genetics Study shows very clearly that the so-called Aphrodities are genetically Turkish Angoras. Perhaps this started due to this statement from the study, "A breed from Cyprus could be developed." It would appear they are Turkish Angoras, not a new breed.



The report is contradictory and muddled. A graph in the report shows CFA and TICA “Angoras” are unrelated to Ankara Zoo cats. In another graph the waters are muddied by combining the fake Angoras with Cyprus cats, Aphrodities, Turkish random cats and Ankara Zoo cats into just one group or “breed! This “report” has been widely distributed and sadly believed by some.

Leslie Lyons quoted the following in the Turkish Cat Genetics Study. “Overall Summary 7.) The Turkish Van is similar to the 4 cats submitted as Vankedisi,” There is one problem with this. No samples from the Van University were submitted or analyzed. The 4 cats referred to are cat fancy Vans, which are only called Vankedisi because

they are pure white. They are cats that emerged from the cat fancy.

A person stated, “One sample was a great grandmother from Van but extensively crossed with western Turkish Vans. Never-the-less a small percentage of Ankara Kedisi remains in its genome, which gives the clue that the Van Kedisi in its homeland is actually the Traditional Turkish Angora – Ankara Kedisi.”

The Turks have finally woken up to the piracy of their cats. After all the breed has the name of their country in its breed name!

There are many contributions on Turkish TV, magazines and web sites that are getting the picture out regarding the fake CFA and TICA “Angora” and the “new supposedly ancient” Aphrodite breed.

Tarkan Ozcetin, a Veterinarian, is the President and founder of the Angora Cat Association in Turkey. He is on the side of the Original Turkish Angora.

The long accepted view that the cat was first domesticated in Egypt is now seriously doubted as the evidence from Cyprus for domestication pre-dates the Egyptian's era by thousands of years and the archaeological evidence indicates the settlers and that cat were from Anatolia (Turkey).

They say the settlers either moved on or died out, but from what we know about a cat's survival capabilities; they would surely manage to keep going in Cyprus. This also means that domestication took place in



**Balkar**



Anatolia (Turkey). Cyprus is an extension of Anatolia, where most of the things there, including cats, are of Anatolian origin.

For the breed this is a big step forward. The Turkish people are animal lovers. They came out on the streets in the hundreds of thousands to protest against a government plan to round up all stray animals and confine them in remote areas, which would inevitably turn into death camps.

Here is an interesting link

<http://www.sabah.com.tr/Ankara/2013/02/16/ankara-kedisine-rum-oyunu>

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### Ankara cat Rum game

02/16/2013 Ugur Yildirim A+ A-

**Work started in 2006 as a result of the Greek Cypriot side Angora cat, presented to the world as a new thoroughbred race**

Baklava, coffee, saying they stole our cat now. Ankara cat, Cyprus initiated studies in 2006 and was introduced as the Greek national cat. Giant Aphrodite, called "Ankara Cat" in 2012, the World Cat Federation WCF (World Cat Federation) was considered by the new breed a thoroughbred. **"OUR CULTURAL HERITAGE"** Tarkan Ozcetin Ankara Cat Veterinary Association president, has been the policy tool by explaining, "For centuries, as a whole has naturally been in this land of the oldest breeds of cats cat Ankara, which is known to be the ancestor of all the other long-haired cats. cats, historical and cultural heritage for us. them as a natural part of Anatolia, with the oldest and get out," he said. **" Do not OPPORTUNITY "** Cat Association in Ankara Tarkan Ozcetin voicing of studies is insufficient, the government and asked for support from Metropolitan Municipality. Ozcetin, "square blank, leaving the material to others must not political. Introducing the audience would not be up to the world and our cat. Better to know our cats in their natural, not give the opportunity to others," he said.



**Turkmen St., Maija Candice (2010)**

The photo was taken by Harvey Harrison, who owns Copyrights to it. Mr. Harrison also owns Isadora, whose DNA analysis showed is a Turkish Angora of the Ankara Zoo type.

Presenting these truths is indeed a great accomplishment, which benefits the public at large as well as those who love the TRUE Traditional Turkish Angora.

Explanation: Here is how one might compare the results of the DNA study as if it were done to ourselves. DNA samples were completed on several people in the U.S.A., which showed they were of German, African, Mexican, Irish, Finish, Swedish, French, Spanish and other heritage. The cat fancy declared them to be English. DNA samples were completed on people living in England, which showed they were of pure English heritage. But the cat fancy decided to declare them Dippitydoos. Thus the cat fancy declared that the English originated in the U.S, and is pure English. This is why the results presented appear to be such a hilarious, ludicrous, hypocrisy one must question the intelligence of anyone who buys into it!

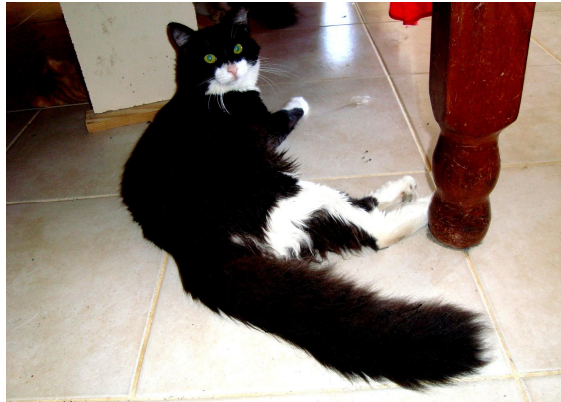
TCA,INC. is in full support of the TRUE, the REAL Traditional Turkish Angora, presented in photos here, through the TCA,INC. Registry, Shows and by presenting informative articles like this one to the public.

TCA, INC. is extremely proud to support those who are passionate about saving the ORIGINAL of their breed. This article is being presented to demonstrate how facts can be distorted for the benefit of the interpreter, which is inconsistent with how a normal person would interpret data. My experience has been similar. Some years ago there was an effort to push out the Old Style, Original, Traditional and Classic types of several breeds of cats by the cat fancy. Included was the Traditional Siamese, Traditional Longhair Siamese (aka Balinese), Traditional Persian, Traditional Burmese and on and on. The breed list is long. Each breed has suffered damage by the hands of unethical breeders involved with all of the other cat associations.



**Mayis, (2010)**





**Angorama Halim**

That attitude continued until I came along, stood up against it, and began the work of bringing back the Old Fashioned type of each breed to stop them. The immoral, greed based tactics of all of the other cat associations is very evident in yet again another breed being attacked, the Turkish Angora. As demonstrated, there are groups forming to defend and preserve their chosen breed, which is an effort I applaud. From our beginning our approach has always been to maintain the value of what we already know to be true. What continues to be demonstrated is how other organizations trade personal benefit

for the benefit of the cat, thus injuring all breeds. With the tools that have now become available through DNA analysis, a method now exists to debunk the politics and return the focus on the improvement of each breed as opposed to their destruction. Once again the so called “cat fancy” has disgraced itself.

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**More pictures of the real Traditional Turkish Angora  
(Photos courtesy of The Angora Cat Association, Turkey)**

