

"RagaMuffins come from the original [IRCA] lines, which have been bred outside the cat fancy for more than thirty years," writes breeder Kim Clark. In February 1994, says Clark, a "group of breeders left the originator [Ann Baker] and petitioned for registry as RagaMuffins" in several cat associations. This band, which calls itself the *RagaMuffin Associated Group*, changed the breed's name from ragdoll to ragamuffin because "there is a valid trademark on the name Ragdoll held by the originator of IRCA. No one can legally use the name without the permission of the owner."

With the passing of Ann Baker and the acceptance of the ragamuffin for championship competition in the UFO (United Feline Organization) and ICE (International Cat Exhibitors), the journey that began in Riverside, California, more than 30 years ago appears to be complete. Josephine has given birth to two breeds of cats and, by extension, a wonderful collection of stories. There is, at last, no more to be said -- unless a ragdoll slips out of the house one day, gets hit by a car and produces nothing but white kittens that look exactly like Josephine.