Royal House of Kanaani Issues Open Invitation to International Representatives for Historic Athens WCF World Show

Public invitation welcomes diplomats from five countries and representatives of Somaliland, Liberland and Sealand to celebrate the rare Israeli Kanaani breed and explore cultural cooperation.



Athens, Attica Nov 26, 2026 (Issuewire.com) - The Royal House of Kanaani publicly invites ambassadors, consuls, diplomatic representatives and cultural institutions to attend CAT EXPO Greece 2026, the WCF World Show taking place in Athens on November 28–29. The event marks the first World Show appearance of the rare Israeli Kanaani breed, following its historic exhibition debut in Finland in August 2026.

Two representatives of the Royal House of Kanaani, Her Highness Princess Haya and Her Highness Princess Neshama, daughters of His Majesty King Arbuz and Her Majesty Queen Haifa, will represent this extraordinary Israeli feline heritage at CAT EXPO Greece 2026.

An Open Invitation: Kanaani Diplomacy Doctrine

Animal Chaplain and Rabbi Mikhail Salita, founder of the Royal House of Kanaani and president of the U.S.-based nonprofit Salita Foundation, is advancing an international initiative known as the Kanaani Diplomacy Doctrine.

The initiative explores the role of cultural institutions, nonprofit organizations and other non-state actors in strengthening international relations through heritage preservation, compassion for animals and people-to-people diplomacy.

As a cultural and living heritage institution, the Royal House of Kanaani seeks international institutional recognition, cultural partnerships and opportunities to strengthen friendship among nations.

This press release serves as an open invitation, particularly welcoming representatives of five countries with important connections to the history and revival of the Kanaani breed:

United States of America: Home of the Salita Foundation, the Royal House of Kanaani and the international Kanaani revival initiative.

Israel: Birthplace of the Kanaani breed, developed in Jerusalem by Holocaust survivor Doris Pollatschek.

Germany: Birthplace and final resting place of Doris Pollatschek and home to the headquarters of the World Cat Federation, which officially recognized the Kanaani breed in 2000, granting it championship status and opening the doors to international WCF competitions.

Ukraine: Birthplace of Rabbi Salita and home of the Feline Alliance of Ukraine (FAU), which he represents at the Athens World Show.

Finland: The country where the Kanaani breed celebrated its historic exhibition debut in August 2026.

The Royal House of Kanaani especially welcomes the United States Ambassador to Greece and representatives of the U.S. Embassy in Athens to join the celebration of an American nonprofit initiative dedicated to preserving rare Israeli living heritage.

The public invitation also welcomes representatives of Somaliland, the Free Republic of Liberland and the Principality of Sealand to attend the exhibition and explore opportunities for cultural dialogue and institutional cooperation.

The Royal House of Kanaani hopes these encounters may encourage cultural exchange, friendly

institutional relationships and ceremonial recognition of its preservation mission. This cultural outreach is separate from questions of international state recognition.

The Royal House of Kanaani would also welcome discussions with the Principality of Sealand about possible cultural cooperation and ceremonial recognition of the Royal House as a cultural and living heritage institution.

“Diplomacy does not belong exclusively to governments. Cultural institutions, nonprofit organizations and individuals can also build meaningful relationships between nations. Through the Kanaani Diplomacy Doctrine, we hope to demonstrate how the preservation of a rare living heritage can contribute to international friendship,” said Rabbi Salita.

America Revives the Royal Feline Heritage of Israel

The preservation efforts of Rabbi Salita and the Royal House of Kanaani have already received national and international recognition.

On October 29, 2026, in celebration of National Cat Day in the United States, Rabbi Salita received an official Brooklyn Borough President Citation from Brooklyn Borough President Antonio Reynoso in recognition of his contributions to the community.

His work has also received recognition from international record-keeping organizations, including the World Book of Records and the London Book of World Records, which honored his efforts with a Social Impact Award and Hall of Fame recognition.

There is particular symbolic significance in the fact that America, a nation whose national motto is “In God We Trust,” has become the center of an international revival initiative for a rare Israeli breed whose cultural symbolism reaches back to the biblical heritage of King Solomon.

According to the ancient Jewish narrative preserved in the Targum Sheni to the Book of Esther, a golden cat occupied a place of honor on the fifth step of King Solomon’s magnificent throne.

Inspired by this tradition, the Royal House of Kanaani regards modern Kanaani cats as symbolic heirs to King Solomon’s golden cat and ambassadors of Israel’s royal feline heritage.

Each cat within the Royal House of Kanaani carries a symbolic royal title. King Arbuz and Queen Haifa stand at the head of the royal family, while their daughters, Princess Haya and Princess Neshama, will carry this heritage to Athens.

“My mission is not simply to preserve a rare breed. It is to revive a royal tradition and restore the cat’s distinguished place in Jewish cultural and spiritual heritage. The Kanaani was born in Jerusalem, and America has become the home of its revival,” said Rabbi Salita.

Greece and Israel: A Historic Cultural Connection

The appearance of the Kanaani breed in Athens carries particular significance in light of the centuries-old relationship between Greek and Jewish civilizations.

Greece is home to the ancient Romaniote Jewish community, one of Europe’s oldest Jewish communities, with a distinctive religious and cultural tradition separate from those of Ashkenazi and

Sephardic Jews.

The Greek language also occupies an important place in Jewish intellectual and religious history. The ancient Greek translation of the Torah, known as the Septuagint and traditionally associated with seventy translators, remains one of the most enduring monuments of Jewish and Hellenistic cultural interaction.

More than two thousand years later, the arrival of the Kanaani breed in Athens offers another opportunity to celebrate this shared cultural heritage.

“Athens is more than the location of an international cat show. It is a historic meeting place of civilizations. Bringing the rare feline heritage of Jerusalem to Greece is a meaningful opportunity to celebrate the enduring relationship between Jewish and Greek cultures,” Rabbi Salita stated.

A Truly Royal Welcome in Greece

Rabbi Salita expressed his sincere appreciation to Katerina Anyfandi, President of Felina Greece, and the entire organizing team of CAT EXPO Greece 2026 for their hospitality, professional support and warm welcome.

“Greece has extended to us a truly royal welcome. I am deeply grateful to Katerina Anyfandi and the entire Felina Greece team for giving the Kanaani breed this historic opportunity. We are coming to Athens not simply with two extraordinary cats, but with a story that began in Jerusalem and continues through cultural preservation, compassion and international friendship.”

The Athens World Show represents an important chapter in the international revival of the Kanaani breed. Through this open invitation, the Royal House of Kanaani hopes to welcome interested international guests and encourage new cultural partnerships.

About the Royal House of Kanaani

The Royal House of Kanaani is a cultural and living heritage initiative operating within the framework of the Salita Foundation and The World Kanaani Organization (TWKO). It is dedicated to the preservation, revival, documentation and international recognition of the exceptionally rare Israeli Kanaani cat breed.





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