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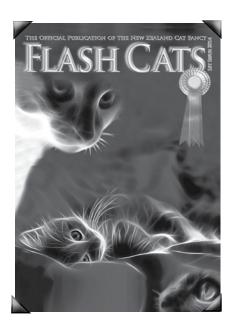
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"Anyone who considers protocol unimportant has never death with a cat." — Robert Heinlein

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Chair Chat

By the time you receive this, our AGM will be only about 6 weeks or so away. It seems incredible that another year has passed so quickly. Barring accidents, this should reach you all before nominations for the EC and breed rep elections close. Can I strongly encourage those of you with time, energy and skills to offer to consider standing for either the EC or a breed rep position? It would be especially good if people who feel they may have the interest and enthusiasm to give to the BSAC portfolio, would consider standing. This portfolio is currently vacant. It is a demanding portfolio, requiring people management and communication skills (because the portfolio manager chairs the BSAC) as well as an interest in, and some knowledge of, genetic issues (colour and hereditary conditions) and a willingness to take an interest in the whole range of breeds accepted by the NZCF. This is no small role - but when the job is done well it contributes importantly to the activities of the NZCF. Breed rep roles are much less demanding but the breed rep is an important link between the breed section members and the BSAC. So think about it.... Do you have something to offer? Elections aside, I look forward to seeing some of you at the AGM and hope that 2014 will be a fantastic year for all our members.

Zena Pigden NZCF Chair

10 signs your cat actually loves you: 1. Head bonking 2. Powerful purrs 3. Love bites 4. Tail twitching at the tip 5. Tummy up 6. Licking your hair or ears 7. Kneading 8. Slow blinking 9. Napson or near you 10. Gifting, like giving you a mouse

Editor's Note

Hello All,

My goodness how time flies. I have just looked back over my old Flashcats and my first edition was this issue in 2007. I'm in my 7th year as Editor... There's been many changes since those days and many more to come.

In my last Issue I included an article on CKD, It was close to home for me as my very first Siamese 'Nada Siane' was diagnosed with Chronic Kidney Disease.

She was pretty sick at the time of her diagnosis and had lost a kilo of weight. That was in the beginning of November last year. I couldn't bear losing her before Christmas so with lots of fluids and medication, she gained a kilo over the next two months and was back to her old 'in your face' self.

However, we lost the fight last week when she started to go down hill, her creatinine and urea counts were sky high and she had lost her apetite, and lost all that weight she had put on. Our vet called her our 'Miracle Cat' to have improved like she did. But nothing lasts forever and regardless of the cost, I was glad that I could have another two months with her.

My Vet, Clive Hambly at Taradale Vet Clinic and his great staff sent me a card yesterday with a lovely message that I thought I would share it with you.

Today I'm often thinking of you,
And the loss of your special friend.
Those who have never owned a pet,
Cannot possibly comprehend,
A pet gives unconditional love,
Nothing else can quite replace.
Asweet presence with it's furry warmth,
That lovable, one-of-a-kind face.
You gave your pet a happy life,
with affection true and real,
I'm hoping you'll recover soon,
So your heart will mend and heal.



On a happier note, for those who are taking part in the show scene this year the Flashcats team wish you all a very successful show season.

Gaynor Saxon Flashcats Editor

NZCF NOTICE

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Where: New Plymouth When: 4th October 2014 \$20.00 per course

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Flash Cats Close-off Dates for Contributions

June Issue - 15 April 2014 September Issue - 15 July 2014 December Issue - 15 October 2014 March Issue -15 January 2015 Contact Gaynor Saxon (Editor)

TERRI SIMPSON 1932-2014

Terri fell in love with Burmese Cats in the late 1960's at the Wellington Cat Club show when her daughter was showing her Domestic Cat. Later she got a lovely little Burmese spay girl. Like many other Burmese owners one Burmese leads to another and after a few years she decided to buy a Burmese breeding queen. She got her Prefix, Tertama, in 1974 and from there she progressed onwards and produced some really super cats.

After some years on the Wellington Cat Club committee she joined the Burmese Cat Club committee in 1977, from that time until 2005 she was a member of the Management committee, serving as Secretary when it was based in Wellington. She remained on the Central Region Show committee until the time of her death.

Terri suffered from increasing hearing loss which made communication difficult and was very frustrating. This loss was due to severe injuries she received as a child during the London blitz. However she was a good organiser particularly of raffles and stalls and her Shows were always very well run.



We thank you Terri for your conscientious breeding of beautiful cats and for your 36 years of commitment to the Burmese Cat Club. Terri was made a Life Member of the Burmese Club in 2000. The NZCF expresses its condolences to Derek and the family.

ITPortfolio Update

The good news is... our show package service has been considerably improved and is ready and waiting for clubs to use it. This year, there is a small charge of \$115 per show. For this, you get most of your show paperwork provided ready to print out (judges sheets, breeds and colours for judges, age list for judges, catalogue - requires some editing, results cards on the day), thereby greatly lessening the burden on the show secretary and hardworking club members. You will need access to a laptop with Access 2007 or later to use the show package.

If you are interested, contact Joan Hill joanhill@ihug.co.nz. She will send you the spreadsheet to complete (very easy - no need to put classes in any more) and will notify our Treasurer to send you an invoice. An exciting innovation is that you can print out Top Ten results at the end of the day showing the cats' and kittens' names as well as cage numbers. As yet, the show package does not generate domestic and companion judges sheets and results cards - we hope to have this in place for 2016.

Work continues on online forms and a payment gateway that will allow members to pay via the NZCF website when registering or transferring kittens or applying for or renewing membership. These will be in place within the next three months.

Zena Pigden



PILLOW PAW disease and other paw problems

Cats use their paw pads to experience the world, test the temperature of objects and sense whether predators are near. While they have several possible causes, paw pad problems are generally minor and treatable at home or with the help of your veterinarian.

Whether your pets are indoor or outdoor rompers, they're regularly exposed to all manner of threats, be it stepping into deadly toxins or humans stepping on their tootsies. These are some of the more minor causes of sore paws

Symptoms

When one or more pads are swollen, red in color, rough to the touch, cracked or crusty, she has a foot pad problem. If there's a bacterial infection accompanying the problem, her feet may smell bad. It can be difficult to examine her foot pads since many cats do not like their feet touched. If your cat is limping, there's a good chance something's going on with her pads.

Paw Pad Cuts

Kitty's paws are made for walking and exploring the world, but sometimes kitty encounters objects that are too sharp. Broken glass and rocks, for example, can damage kitty's foot pads. Damaged paw pads could trap foreign matter as kitty walks around, worsening the injury. Treat minor cracks at home by cleansing the foot pad with soap and water, drying it and applying a couple drops of instant glue or other adhesive, which seals the cut from foreign matter. Keep kitty from licking the paw pad until the glue dries.

Diet Deficiency

Cat paw pads can become cracked and swollen from diets deficient in minerals zinc and selenium. Zinc boosts skin strength and healing; selenium ups kitty's immunity. Supplement your cat's diet by giving her 2.5 to 5 milligrams zinc and 50 micrograms of selenium every day for two weeks. Moisturize the swollen paw pads using a natural oil, such as olive oil.

Allergy

Cats can experience food allergies too. Some cases of paw pad swelling indicate a food allergy or an allergic reaction to something with which kitty has recently come into contact. Redness and swelling together may indicate an allergic reaction. Your vet can help you determine the source of the allergen, so you can eliminate it from her environment.

Sore paws can be caused by any of the above, however your vet will be the best judge and you should always have this condition checked as there are several more serious causes to consider, Pillow Paw is just one of them.

PILLOW PAW

Pillow paw might sound funny -- but it's no laughing matter for the suffering feline. The correct term is feline plasma cell pododermatitis, and you should seek immediate veterinary help if you suspect your cat has it.

Feline Plasma Cell Pododermatitis
"Pillow paw" is a somewhat rare, mysterious ailment.
Research has yet to discover its exact cause. What is known is



that it's related to the immune system. Excess plasma cells -cells produced by the body in response to an antibody or
infection -- flood the padding on the bottom of the paw, causing
it to soften, swell and become inflamed. What causes the excess
plasma cells? No one is sure yet.

Symptoms

The first sign of pillow paw disease is swelling. Your cat's paw pad may seem just a little tender and puffy -- nothing serious, you might think. But the pads will eventually develop a purplish cast, as if they're bruised. They'll begin to feel mushy. The poor kitty will start to favor the affected paw. A quick aside: In many if not most cases, pododermatitis affects multiple paws, making walking extra-



Healthy Paw

painful for your cat. Sores break out on the paw padding and may burst. In severe cases, the pad itself can split open.

Diagnosis and Treatment

You must consult a veterinarian if your cat develops pillow paw

symptoms. He may be able to diagnose the condition just by examining the paws of the feet. To be sure of his visual diagnosis, he may decide to do a biopsy of the infected pad. Once it's clear that plasma cell pododermatitis is the problem, the vet may administer antibiotics to fight infections and steroids, such as glucocorticoids, to fight inflammation. In some cases, if the pillow paw is bad enough, your veterinarian may suggest surgery. Discuss the options with your vet, and be sure to ask about any possible side effects.



Pillow Paw - Tender, red, swollen and cracked.

Complications

Failure to treat pillow paw disease can lead to secondary infections and lameness. The cat's foot pads may even need to be completely removed. Further complicating the matter is the issue of related illnesses. Cats with plasma cell pododermatitis also tend to have plasma cell stomatitis, which affects the mouth, and sometimes renal amyloidosis, which affects the kidneys.

If your cat is diagnosed with pillow paw disease, ask for a full blood panel specifically to check for feline immunodeficiency virus and feline leukemia virus. While the link between the illnesses is fuzzy, some cats with pillow paw test positive for FIV or FeLV.

Article sourced from:

http://pets.thenest.com/pillow-paw-disease-cats-7151.html

Diamond Jubilee

for Palmerston North Cat Club

As you will no doubt have seen in the previous issue of Flash Cats, Palmerston North Cat Club is to hold its Diamond Jubilee Show on May 3rd and 4th.

The club is one of the oldest clubs in N.Z., having been formed in 1951 and is fortunate enough to have three long standing Life Members. They are:- Lorraine Smith, Bryan Surgenor and Bey Thomson.

Presidents since around 1983 were:- Aileen Mill, Bryan Surgenor, Yvonne Murphy, Lorraine Smith, Debbie Chesterfield, Denise Grace and Christine Yeung.

We have always had high entries at our shows possibly due to our geographical location, or possibly because of our reputation for always running one of the largest and best organised shows in New Zealand.

Around 1981 we were asked unexpectedly to run a National Show. Deciding that the notice was too short to run such a show well, we decided to opt for a seminar at the P.N. Convention Centre instead. It turned out to be a most successful and well attended event.

We had top speakers, including Bob Kerridge (Auckland S.P.C.A.) as well as several Massey and local vets.

Pat Hogan (N.Z.C.F. chairman at the time) from Christchurch, commended our club on its efforts. Over the years Pat has continued to remember the gathering as:- "one of the best events she had been to without cats". Since then we have held two Nationals - 2000 and 2006.

Thanks to our hard-working committee, the Diamond Jubilee Show promises to also be an outstanding event. Our secretary, Margaret Morgan, has been busy gaining sponsorship from motels and businesses in the area. Businesses willing to donate so far, are:- Vita Power, Bayer, Virbac, Mitre 10, Mad Butcher and Puss n Pooch. Judy James, a newer club member, has made several sleep sacks for sale and has donated many of these as prizes.

Keep an eye on our website - www.pncatclub.co.nz, which is very capably managed by Jane Webster.

Margaret has also arranged several fundraising barbecues at

the Warehouse, Mitre 10 and Mad Butchers.

Jane also provides our most worthwhile, monthly newsletter. Let's hope she stays around for a long time.

And, of course, most important are our judges. All are from overseas, with the exception of David Scadden, who is doing the Top 10 Supremes

Janis Christison (Aus) Allan Raymond (Aus) Theresa Imboden-Johnson (Aus) Isobel Johnston (Aus) Tomoko Vlach (Europe) Phillipa Holmes (UK)

The schedule, due out soon, will give full details of the judging and all other details.

This promises to be a special two-day show with something for everyone on both days, so make the most of it and come along. Door charges are:- Family \$8.00, Adult \$4.00, Child/Senior \$2.00.

Bryan W Surgenor Palmerston North Cat Club (Inc.)

Palmerston North Cat Club Inc.

are pleased to announce their

60th Jubilee All Breeds Show to be held on 3rd & 4th May 2014

Waldegrave Street, Palmerston North

Judges: Janis Christison (AUS)

Allan Raymond (AUS)

Theresa Imboden-Johnson (AUS)

Isobel Johnstone (AUS) Tomoko Vlach (Europe)

Phillipa Holmes (UK)

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Stress



We often think of stress as a human condition but cats can be affected by stress too. Just like us, there are many factors that can lead to stress in the cat, common causes include:

- Moving house.
- Change in household dynamics. New baby, pet, new partner, partner leaving etc.
- Change in family schedule. Increased work hours.
- New cat in the neighbourhood.
- Trip to the vet or boarding cattery.
- Death of a family member (human, feline, canine).
- New furniture.
- Household renovations.

Cats are creatures of habit, they don't adapt well to change and can quickly become stressed. It may be a long term stress or short lived (such as a trip to the vet). Long term stress takes its toll on the immune system. When we are stressed, levels of blood cortisol increase, this is good for short term stress, generating energy and assisting in our fight or flight mode. However, long term exposure to cortisol has a negative effect on the

body, it suppresses the immune system, making us (and our stressed out cats) susceptible to disease and illness.

Cats handle stress in a number of ways. They may become destructive, scratching or chewing at objects and furniture.

- Spraying and other types of house
- Soiling
- Hiding
- Withdrawing
- Clinginess
- Aggression
- Not eating
- Over grooming Excessive vocalisation

The first thing you should do is take your cat to the veterinarian and have him checked over to make sure there aren't any underlying conditions. Some of the symptoms of stress can also be linked to medical conditions (ie; not eating could be due to sickness, inappropriate urination may be FLUTD etc).

Identifying and eliminating the cause of stress is the logical answer, but in most cases this just isn't possible. I do think that prevention is better than cure and we pet owners need to factor in our cat's temperament when we make decisions that may affect them. If you have a highly strung, one person cat, then the introduction of a second cat is likely going to stress him out. As is a change in routine. Obviously there are some situations that can not be avoided. All cats need to go to the vet, but you can use methods to make the trip less stressful to him.

Play therapy - Play therapy has the benefit of making your cat happy, giving him exercise, interaction and quality time spent together. It can not be emphasised enough just how important play therapy can be. All cats react to different types of toys. Some like the feather on a stick variety, others a laser pointer, cardboard box, chasing scrunched up paper. Spend a minimum of 15 minutes a day playing with your cat, it will go a long way to reducing stress.

Routine - Cats thrive on routine. They like to be fed at the same time every day, they don't want their litter box, bed moved around randomly. Find a routine and then stick with it.

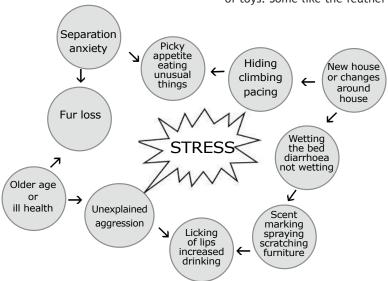
Feliway - Have you ever noticed a cat rubbing it's lips and cheek on your leg, the furniture etc? It is marking you/the object with facial pheromones. These "feel good" pheromones, are mimicked in a product known as Feliway. Some pet owners have had great success soothing and calming a cat using Feliway. It can be used either in a spray form or there is a plug in variety available.

Herbal - Such as Rescue Remedy, put a couple of drops in your cat's water.

Medication - This really should only be used as a last resort and when other methods have failed to reduce stress. The two most commonly prescribed drugs are Clomicalm and Valium.

In some cases, it may be kinder to rehome your cat. We had a Siamese who was very devoted to me and hated being a part of a multi cat household. He was aggressive to the other cats, sprayed, was very possessive towards me. He finally had enough when we had our first baby. He was utterly miserable with cats and now a new person in the house. We made the sad decision to find him a new home. A lovely semi-retired couple adopted him, they had just recently lost a Siamese to old age and were delighted to be able to give our boy a new home. He was far better suited to being an only cat in a quiet home and be king of his realm. It wasn't an easy decision to make, but what made it easier was when we realised we had to do what was best for him, and not feeling like a failure for giving up on him. He is much more settled in his new home and well loved.

Article sourced from severak websites.





De-stress with MUSIC THERAPY

Cats' training with music can help solve cat behavior problems. Our pet cats are attuned to sound and are incredibly sensitive to noises, including music. But what sort of tune gets Kitty's motor running?



How Music Solves Cat Behavior Problems

Pleasant music can mask scary noises like thunder, or upsetting sounds like a trespassing cat's meows, hisses and snarls that put your pet's tail in a twist. But more than that, the cadence of certain sounds influences the body's natural rhythms and can speed them up and energize the listener, or slow them down to calm him.

For instance, a hyperactive or fearful pet can be soothed with music or distracted with the music of nature like water running from a fountain. Lethargic pets that need to exercise can be energized with chirping bird sounds or fast music to get up and boogie to the beat.

Changing Brain Waves

Sound causes physical changes in the body. Brain waves change with different kinds of sounds—music with a pulse of about 60 beats per minute slows the brain waves so the listener feels more relaxed and peaceful and shifts the consciousness into a more alert state. This rhythm also slows breathing, which calms the mind and improves the metabolism. It works for humans, and also for our pets.

Even the heart wants to follow the pulse of the music—faster rhythms energize the listener as his heartbeat increases and blood pressure rises, while slower tempos calm. Listening to music releases endorphins—natural painkillers that are produced by the brain—and reduces the levels of "stress hormones" in the blood.



Sound Therapy

Sound therapy is still considered pretty new. One of the best known applications is ultrasound that uses the "echo" of high frequency sound waves to take diagnostic pictures inside the body—doctors even use it to break up kidney stones with vibration instead of surgery. Over the last 20 years, music therapy has become a staple of the human mental health profession, and is often used with troubled children and brain-disordered patients.

Therapeutic harp music helps relieve pain that drugs don't help, soothes emotional upset, and has become of particular help in hospice situations for human patients. One of the pioneers, Susan Raimond, also promotes the therapeutic effect of harp music in animals. The sound of harp music calms fractious dogs and cats and offers almost a natural sedative effect so that the upset animals become quiet, lay down and go to sleep.



Musical Intervention

The simplest way to treat cats with music is to put on a CD or turn on the radio. Choose music you like—pets seem to respond best to music their owners enjoy because of the bond you share. If you have favorite music you often play, your pet will associate the sound with your presence—so playing that same music when he's alone will remind him of you and help ease problems like separation anxiety.

Soft music with a slow, steady rhythm helps calm agitated pets. It can help arthritic cats relax their muscles and increase their range of motion. It takes about 10 or 15 minutes for the music to take effect. Many pets enjoy Mozart or other classical music. New Age, soft jazz, southwest music with flutes and nature sounds, or even ballad-type Country can be soothing. The music should be melodic (not dissonant) and the tempo even and slow. You can play calming music anytime your pet feels stressed—even all day long as a background to help keep him calm.

Turn up the volume to energize your pet. Moderate to loud music with a more driving beat energizes the emotions and can encourage lethargic pets to exercise and lift depression or grief. Rock music, even the driving energy of Rap may get a pet's tail moving, but any up-tempo music from classical to contemporary has the power to energize. Again, play the music for at least 10 to 15 minutes at a time to get your pet in the right mood.

Believe it or not, there are several links to specific musice recorded just for calming cats. Who knows it might just work for queens kittening too. Certainly worth a try.

Check out CD - Mood Music for Cats (and cat lovers)

Catnip (Nepeta Cataria) and its uses

What is catnip?

Catnip is a perennial herb from the mint family. It is best known for its ability to get cats high. There are approximately 250 species of flowering plants in the family Labiatae.

Catnip effects on cats:

The active ingredient that causes a high in cats is an essential oil called nepetalactone, which can be found in the leaves and stems of the plant. Other constituents include acetic acid, alpha and beta-nepetalactone, citral, nepetalactone, geraniol, dipentene, citronellol, nerol, butyric acid, valeric acid and tannins.

Nepetalactone causes a hallucinogenic effect. Some say the effects are similar to marijuana or even LSD and some even claim that smoking catnip induces a high like that of marijuana. It has been suggested that the plant acts as an aphrodisiac but what is probable is the cat is reacting to similar feel-good pheromones released during sexual courtship/activity. However, non-sexual behaviour—including playing, chasing, and hunting—can also be observed.

Around 50-66% of cats are affected by catnip, and to differing degrees. Kittens younger than eight weeks old aren't able to enjoy its effect; in fact, they show an aversion to it. The response to catnip is inherited as an autosomal dominant gene, which means the gene only needs to be passed on from one parent.

It's not just domesticated cats who enjoy the effects of catnip; many other wild species of cats also enjoy it. Cats can smell 1 part per billion in the air. Males and females, fertile or desexed—there appears to be no one group more readily affected by catnip than another.

A typical response includes sniffing, chewing, licking, head shaking, and chin, cheek, and body rubbing (in that order). Additional responses may include stretching, drooling, jumping, licking, aggression, and hyperactivity. Sniffing that produces the high; it is believed that cats eat catnip to bruise the catnip, thereby releasing more of thproduced will usually last between five and ten minutes, followed by a one hour refractory period.

Interestingly, researchers say that nepetalactone is about ten times more effective at repelling mosquitoes than DEET, which is the active ingredient in most insect

repellents. It was also discovered that catnip repels cockroaches!* Plants aren't alone in containing nepetalactone; some insects and ants also contain it. It's been speculated that this protects them from other insects.

Rats and mice are also believed to have a strong dislike of catnip and will avoid places where it grows.

How to give catnip to a cat:

There are a number of ways to give catnip to your cat.

- You can grow it in a pot and keep it near a window or in their cat enclosure. They can have a nibble as they see fit.
- You can dry it out and sprinkle some on the floor for them.
- You can buy toys with catnip in them. Most pet shops sell toy mice filled with catnip.

Does catnip work on humans?

Catnip doesn't induce a high in humans like it can in cats - It tends to have a sedative effect, instead although some claim it induces a high similar to marijuana when smoked.

Culinary uses for catnip:

Catnip is most often drunk as a tea to calm an upset stomach or help with sleep.



Catnip tea recipe:

- Place 1-2 teaspoons of dried catnip into a cup and add hot (not boiling) water.
- Let it sit for 10 minutes.
- Flavour with honey or lemon (optional).

It can also be used as an aromatic herb in cooking and salads.

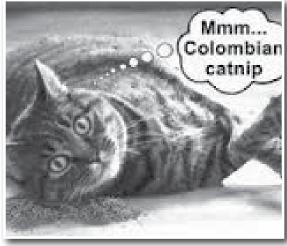
Medicinal uses for catnip:

Catnip is useful for settling an upset stomach. It has been used to treat headaches, scarlet fever, coughing, insomnia, and smallpox. It can also be used for cuts, studies show it has a natural healing quality. Crush fresh catnip leaves, damp them, and apply to your cut.

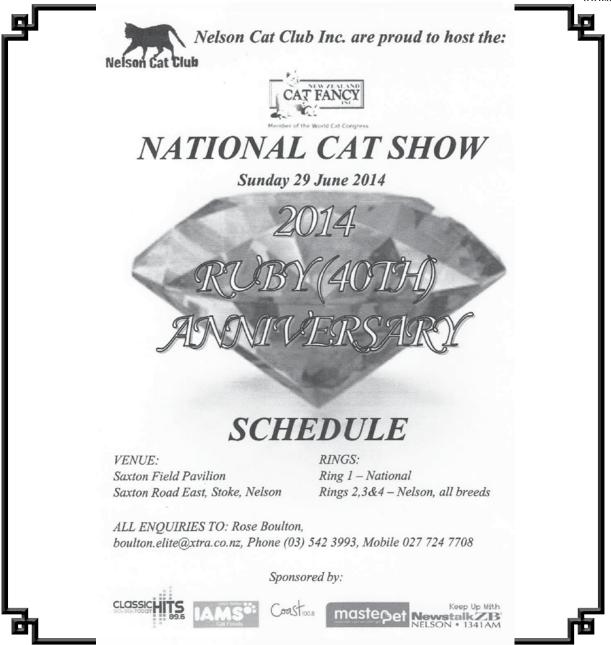
Some other medicinal uses for catnip include anaesthetic, antibiotic, antirheumatic, antispasmodic, astringent, calmative, diuretic, muscular aches and pains, rheumatism, chills, cold in the joints, hemorrhoids, toothache.

According to The Herb Garden, "The root when chewed is said to make the most gentle person fierce and quarrelsome."

Pregnant women should avoid catnip, as it can induce uterine contractions.







Show Report 2014

One month out from our first show for 2014, where has time gone. Going out to all Club Secretary is a NZCF show guide, which will be a help for Show manager, and show secretary. This will be sent out by email

The Health and Safety is working well within Clubs, Please remember, Sue Mackay is our Health & Safety officer and always happy to help any club with questions.

All show schedules, any changes to show dates or enquiries to do with shows, please contact me:- Janice Davey at leegrgo@hotmail.com or phone cell 027388377 or 06 7546982.

Show date forms for 2015 must to be sent to Chris Lowe.

Janice Davey Shows Portfolio Manager

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A return ticket for 2 adults, up to 3 children and car on the interislander

Conditions:

- All offers to be submitted in writing or email to contact Pam Halliday 063681035 Closing date for bids - 30th April 2014
- 2. Travel must take place prior to the 31st March 2015
 - 3. Excludes peak periods which consist of Christmas 15th December 2014 to 25 January 2015, Easter 2014 Labour Weekend 2014
- 4. Offers over \$300.00 will be considered.



As the name would suggest, hairballs are the result of hair that has been swallowed by your cat during grooming.

Usually the hair will pass through the cat's digestive system and out of the body via the faeces, however, if enough hair is swallowed, it will build up in the stomach, causing a ball.

Eventually, this causes irritation to the stomach, causing the cat to vomit the hairball back up. Quite often, all you will see is a long, wet tube of vomited fur on the floor. Once the hairball has been passed, your cat will be fine.

Long haired cats are more prone to developing hairballs and they also may occur during times of heavy shedding as the weather warms up.

The goal in relieving hairballs is to assist the passage of the hairball via the use of lubricants.

Treating hairballs:

- Add a teaspoon of canned of boiled pumpkin to your cat's food once or twice a week. This adds fibre to the diet and assists with the passage of faeces.
- Once a week, smear 1/2-1 teaspoon petroleum jelly onto your cat's paw, this acts as a lubricant, helping the faeces pass more easily.
- Alternatively, add a teaspoon of butter or olive oil to your cat's food once or twice a week.
- 1/4 teaspoon of Metamucil can be added to your cat's food daily to help the hairball to pass out of your cat more easily.



- Cats with ongoing problems with hairballs may benefit from a hairball-controlled diet or treats.
- Daily grooming to remove loose hairs is also important, especially in long haired or older cats.

Never attempt to force oil (olive oil, mineral oil) into your cat's mouth as this can easily end up in the lungs and cause aspiration pneumonia. It is much safer to add oils to your cat's food, and if this doesn't work, try another method listed above.

Hairballs are usually more of an annoyance than anything else, but if they are not passed out of the stomach, they can cause a blockage.

Watch out for:

- Swollen, hardened belly
- Gagging, without producing anything
- Constipation or diarrhoea
- Coughing

If you notice any of the above symptoms, seek veterinary attention immediately. An intestinal blockage is a medical emergency.

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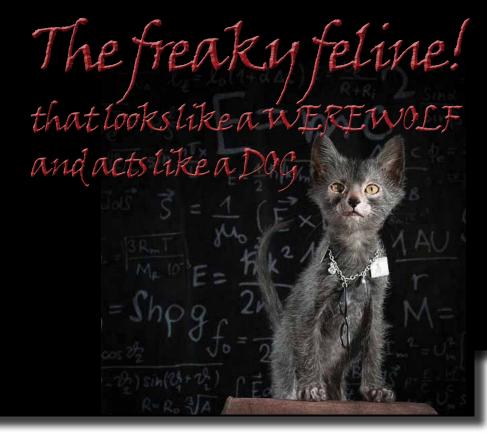


KOALA PATTING LEADS TO ALTERCATION

A Wildlife park visitor has been accused of assaulting another man after complaining that it was his turn to pat the koalas. Police said a 34 year old man has been charged with two counts of assault at the Adelaide Hills Park on Saturday.



"NOT IN YOUR WILDEST DREAMS"



Exotic animals can make popular pets but a cat with a touch of the supernatural will stand out in among the neighbours' moggies.

A new breed of cat that looks like a werewolf and behaves like a dog has been developed by U.S. breeders and has recently been accepted by TICA for registration purposes.



The Lykoi gets its spooky looks because of a genetic mutation in a domestic shorthair cat, which prevents the curious creature from growing a full coat of fur, making it looks like a werewolf. Just like supernatural werewolf characters, the cats have a 'strong prey drive' that 'causes them to stalk and pounce on everything they consider to be prey'. However, unlike a werewolf, whose personality chances at full moon, Lykois are said to be friendly and playful as well as loyal to their owners.

Its name comes from the Greek for 'wolf' and translates as 'wolf cat' as the animal has no hair around its eyes, nose, ears and muzzle as well as a consistently patchy coat on the rest of its body. Consequently

the cats moult and can go completely bald some of the time - not just on a full moon.

It behaves like a dog as it hunts for prey and toys and is also friendly and loyal to owners. 'They show caution to strangers, but warm up quickly and become very friendly,'

according to the breed's .Curiously Lykois are said to have a 'hound dog personality'.

'The gene is a natural mutation that appeared in the domestic cat population,' said Breeder Johnny Gobble.

'There was no human intervention to create the cat. We are simply using the genetics of natural processes,' he added.

There were three 'foundation breeders' - Mr Gobble, his wife Brittney Gobble and Patti Thomas, who located the first two kittens, while it was Mr Gobble used cats from two groups of kittens to breed the first Lykoi kittens.

They found that the cats were not a Sphynx (a breed of hairless cat) that had retained some of its fur and this was confirmed by DNA testing that did not find the Sphynx gene.

In fact, researchers found that a new breed had been created, but they wanted to make sure the kittens were completely healthy before breeding them.

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Tests were run to rule out genetic illnesses and dermatologists at the University of

- TENNESSEE-BASED BREEDERS
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Tennessee examined the animals for skin abnormalities. While none were found, the scientists were stumped at first as to what had caused the strange coat.

They then found that some of the animals' hair follicles lacked all the components needed to create hair and that follicles that did have an undercoat were imbalanced so the hair could not be maintained.

A total of 14 litters of kittens not from the original litter have been reported and there are just seven Lykoi breeders registered in the world, making the kittens hot property.

Mr Gobble said that breeders get requests for the unusual kittens daily and he gets asked about the breed at least ten times a day.

'We are doing our very best to monitor breeding cats to ensure that the Lykoi cat will be a new breed that has wonderful health, great personality, and the Lykoi (werecat) look,' he said.



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NZ Cat Fancy Inc. 2013 Annual Awards Longhair Entire Cats Longhair Entire Kittens



Silver Double Grand Champion PEPPERBOX POP DANCER PER D Ian Gray, Jan Gray



Silver Double Grand Champion ROSIMORN XPERT-TEASE EXO F/B Robyn J Morrison



VONIMP RUMPELSTILZCHEN RAG A/W Aleksandra Turjak



FLURMONZ BEAUNKKA MCO s/FD Judy Formby



Gold Double Grand Champion WINDEACRES SANDSTORM EXO s/FG Samantha Pratt



Silver Double Grand Champion ISPISAKAT WHITE PEARL PER W/1 Barbara R Beatson, V Beatson



VONIMP NESAD TUA W/4 Aleksandra Turjak



WHITESTAR SHADOWS TIGER
PER F/D
Lindsay Millard, Alma Millard,
Margaret Morgan



Silver Double Grand Champion DIXYKATZ TAFEL SCHOKOLADE PER W/F Noeline Cullum



Silver Double Grand Champion ADORADOLLS WILL BE THE DUKE RAG A/W Keryn McOmish, Sarah McOmish



WILDFIRE WHISPERY WILLOW EXO sE/W Rosalie Rainbow



SOCIALITE HARLEYS WHAT ICOULDBE PER W/FA Shirley Hammond, Brian Hammond



Silver Double Grand Champion JAYMLYNKATZ JAROMIR NFO sFG/W Denise Grace



Silver Double Grand Champion KIWIMAGIC SHE'S GOT THE LOOK RAG A/W Margaret M Downes



WINDEACRES WALK ON BY EXO FA/W Barbara R Beatson, V Beatson



WINDEACRES IN FASHION EXO F/D Barbara R Beatson, V Beatson



Bronze Double Grand Champion BELLEVISTA BISCOTTI EXO F/G Robyn J Morrison



Gold Double Grand Champion FLURMONZ LEPRECHAUN MCO F Judy Formby



SOCIALITE SEARCHING FOR SUGAMAN PER A/W Shirley Hammond, Brian Hammond



JAYMLYNKATZ LORALEI NFO F/W Denise Grace

NZ Cat Fancy Inc. 2013 Annual Awards Longhair Neuter/Spay Cats Longhair Neuter/Spay Kittens



Gold Double Grand Premier EDELBROCK DENVER PER F/WW Joanne L Millar, Lindsay Millar



Silver Double Grand Premier VLADIMIR TUMBLEWEED MCO F Vicki Walls



WINDEACRES RAINCHASER EXO sF/W Catherine Arcus



NORBUKATE OLLIEWOOD PER F/A Maria Delaney



Gold Double Grand Premier MAINEFLAME GOLD RUSH MCO F/D Paul Holden, Kerry Holden



Gold Double Grand Premier WHITESTAR WHISKY PER Lindsay Millard, Ima Millard, Margaret Morgan



JAYMLYNKATZ MELISSANDE NFO sF/W Kerry Simmons



BIRPUR IZA STUNNING CHOCKIE SBI F/B Pam Halliday, Phillip Halliday,



Silver Double Grand Premier and Double Grand Champion VONIMP FARHAT *TUA W Aleksandra Turiak



Gold Double Grand Premier BELZICATZ LORD BARNABY SBI Janet Bainbridge

Bronze Double Grand Premier ADORADOLLS WORTH A LOOK RAG A/W - Jane Marshall, Stephan Hodgson





FLURMONZ ZIGATO MCO s/F Christine Collett, Lee Collett



Gold Double Grand Premier and Double Grand Champion MAINEFLAME NIGHT AND DAY MCO E/W Paul Holden, Kerry Holden



Silver Double Grand Premier JAYMLYNKATZ E'AENGUS NFO F Karen Grantley



CORNERSTONE BEYOND THE BLU SBI A Ken Jackson, Alison Jackson



PADDINGTON CHEATIN ON ME PER F/W Colleen McCready



Gold Double Grand Premier YADILLAH ROYAL RASCAL SBI - Pam Halliday, Phillip Halliday, Raewyn Smith



VONIMP LUT TUA W/1 Ciel Sanson



WILDFIRE MONKEY PUZZLE EXO sFD/W Sue Lane, Gary Lane

NZ Cat Fancy Inc. 2013 Annual Awards Shorthair Entire Cats Shorthair Entire Killens



Bronze Double Grand Champion GLITTERATTI EXTRAVAGANT ECHO BEN F Kim Mattler



Silver Double Grand Champion CHERJON JASPER BML s/P John Stringfellow, Cheryl Stringfellow



FOLDABRIT SUZIE OF COWCOP **BRI A** Joanne L Millar, Lindsay Millar



NICEONE PATENT APPLIED FOR Sharan M Byrne



Gold Double Grand Champion CAIRISTONA BELLA BUR Christine Yeung, Mushfik Yeung



Grand Champion FOLDABRIT PIPITIWAI BLUE BRI A Keith Marsom



PETALS GENTIAN TRUE BLUE **BRI A** Marion D Petley



LEONIX KING SYLVESTER (IMP AUS) BRI A Emma Hareb



Gold Double Grand Champion JUNGLEDOTS WARRIOR CHIEF BEN F Helen A Lewis



Silver Double Grand Champion ROBANDI ROSA AMORE SIA F Noel Davis, Sue Davis



ALLBLAKZ NYA BINGHI (GEN.2) *AUB Helen A Lewis



TELLASSEE BLU HEATHCLIFF **BRI A** Raewyn M Copland



Grand Champion LUPIDRACONIS NINNJA OSH E R O Bokhove



Bronze Double Grand Champion RECHERCHE KASPA JACK **BUR C** Llewellyn John Clarke, Lyn Clarke



AZRAK KAHURANGI AYLA OSH A Kama Taylor



FOLDABRIT ROCKIN THE JAZZMINE SCS P Keith Marsom



Silver Double Grand Champion PETALS TRI ZINNIA BRI EA/W Marion D Petley



Silver Double Grand Champion LISSARA THAT'S TRULY AMAZING SIA K/G Noel Davis, Sue Davis



AZRAK KIKARANGI NGERU SIA A Lynn Love, Dave Love



BHALIHI HI HO SILVER JAV F M Yvonne Pender, Warren Pender

NZ Cat Fancy Inc. 2013 Annual Awards Shorthair Neuter/Spay Cats Shorthair Neuter/Spay Kittens



Gold Double Grand Premier ROBANDI THE PALMY PANTHER OSH **Emma Kimberley**



Gold Double Grand Premier KICHOO ITSUKO YOKO JBL E/W Christine Collett, Lee Collett



PAPCATS RYA'C OSH F Pauline Pullan, Nicola Pullan



BRACKENBURN MIDNIGHT LASSIE Emma Karst, Marion Karst



Gold Double Grand Champion Silver Double Grand Premier RIDGEVIEW SIR LINKSALOT OSH F - Lynda Poissonnier



Gold Double Grand Premier LUCKY IM CRUZINALONG BARE (GEN.2) SPH A Diane Gaskin





STENAGYS PRINCE JASPER **Rosie Grantley**



Gold Double Grand Premier RIDGEVIEW BRONZED TO PERFECTION OSH B/W - Lynda Poissonnier



Bronze Double Grand Premier ROBANDI I'LL BE STRIPED *SIA k/FC - Colleen White, Rob White, Keryn Ronald



SABOKAH TASMAN MARKO **BUR D** Jayne Powell

ROBANDI SUCH A DUDE *OSH k/FC - Colleen White, Rob White, Keryn Ronald



Bronze Double Grand Premier ILLUSION CZAR LEOPOLD THE LUCKY RUS A - Margaret A Harris, David C Harris



Silver Double Grand Premier BHALIHI MR SPOCK BAL /W Michael Phelan



KUROCHAN I AM SPOCK

SIA

Richard Van De Ruyt,

Sonya Wilkins

LUCKY LITTLE JOHN (GEN.2) SPH W/1 Gay Silby



Double Grand Premier ILLUSION EARS LADY MCQUEEN - Margaret A Harris, David C Harris



Double Grand Premier and Silver Double Grand Champion LORIENDALE ARCHIBALD DE RUSKIN DRX W/1 - Roy Griffiths Roy Griffiths



BHALIHI TWELF NINGA JAV F/D Michael Phelan, Eilen (Nell) Phelan



BLACKOUT TWILIGHT ECLIPSE SES Emma Karst, Marion Karst

NZ Cat Fancy Inc. 2013 Annual Awards Longhair Companion Cats/Kittens Longhair Domestic cats/Kittens

Longhair Domestic cats/K ittens



Gold Double Grand Premier CC THOR Juliet Scott



Premier CC **ROCKY Carol Philp**



Double Grand Premier Dom GEORGE Helen F Holgate



Grand Premier Dom MY GIRL TOPSY TURVEY Jasmine Bradley



Gold Double Grand Premier CC H.R. PUFFINSNUF Amber Philpott, Deirdre Philpott



Gold Double Grand Premier CC POPSICLE TOES Barbie Muller



Premier Dom MY BOY GINGEE Jasmine Bradley



Premier Dom POSSUM Sarah Nesbitt



Bronze Double Grand Premier CC LYFE OF RILEY Joanne Price, Gerard Price



BUNNYBUM Michael Robinson, Pauline Spink



Premier Dom STEVE TYLER Wendy McIntosh

Premier Dom DELTA DAWN Julia Bryce, M Kay McArthur



Premier Dom MY GIRL REBEL Jasmine Bradley



Gold Double Grand Premier CC **Barbie Muller**



Gold Double Grand Premier CC LITA Rachel Henderson



Jean Hutchison



Premier Dom MY BOY SMOKEY Jasmine Bradley



MALTEE Lindsay Millard, Alma Millard, Margaret Morgan



MATILDA

Ken Jackson, Alison Jackson

Premier Dom TIPSEY



NO AWARD

NZ Cat Fancy Inc. 2013 Annual Awards Shorthair Domestic Cats/Kittens

Shorthair Companion Cats/Kittens



DOT COM Maxine Jorgensen



Premier CC AMY Sue Lane, Gary Lane



Silver Double Grand Premier Dom ALPINE Fiona Lucas



Silver Double Grand Premier Dom **SCRATCH** Amber Philpott, Deirdre Philpott



Gold Double Grand Premier CC **JACK Christine Ryan**



Silver Double Grand Premier CC **POPCORN** Jasmine Bradley



Bronze Double Grand Premier Dom STORM Fiona Lucas



Grand Premier Dom AXEL Emma Karst



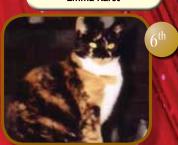
Premier CC HARLE Judith A Wereta



Gold Double Grand Premier CC MOLLY TOO Robert MacKenzie, Nicki MacKenzie



Double Grand Premier Dom COAL Emma Karst



Bronze Double Grand Premier Dom KATIE Barbara Chisnall



Grand Premier CC NEVER Louise Fenn



Premier CC **KIWI** Pauline E Frasern



Premier Dom **FIZZY WHIP** Suzanne Thomas



Premier Dom SIMBA Dan Cullinane



Premier CC DRUMMER BOY Gail Jeffcoat



Silver Double Grand Premier CC **MIKA ALLSORTS** Pauline E Fraser



Premier Dom JIMMY Dan Cullinane



Premier Dom MAMA Samantha Thomas-Warnock

It's all about US our Annual Winners' Stories

Bronze Double Grand Champion Glitteratti Extravagant Echo

> 1st Shorthair Entire Cat Owner: Kim Mattler

My beautiful boy, I love him heart and soul. Born in January 2012, Echo arrived as the only surviving kitten, as his mother had a closed pyometra. At the time, I was undergoing radiotherapy and Herceptin treatments for breast cancer, and was often bedridden. At the age of 3 1/2 weeks, his Mum, Molly (Tigerland Mystic Charm) deposited him on my bed and left him with me for a few hours, before returning him to his nest. This continued daily, until Echo was old enough to come and find me



himself. He would climb on the bed, and pop himself under the covers, snuggling into my neck and right shoulder. His constant purring was a welcome comfort.

With a show career highlighted with many Best In Shows and Breeder's Award of Merits, Echo has brought me great joy. He was Best Entire Shorthair Kitten in 2012, and Best Entire Shorthair Cat in 2013. The National Show brought an amazing honour, with a Best In Show under Carla Bizzell, and Runner-Up Supreme Shorthair Cat.

Echo has a purrsonality that endears him to everyone who meets him. He has a number of "show aunties", who I have to give many thanks to. On days when I haven't been well enough to show Echo myself, his aunties have taken him to shows and/or looked after him on the days when I needed to crash in the car due to feeling unwell. Being harness trained, Echo loves meeting the public after judging, and is often found on a judges table being patted and spoiled by members of the public.

Glitteratti Extravagant Echo Echo, you are my heart cat, and a gift that arrived at the time in my life that I needed you most. Thank you to Annette Norris for my wonderful Molly, and to Maxine Jorgensen who allowed me to use Imprints Matahenri, Echo's Dad.



Papcats Rya'c 1st Shorthair Neuter Spay Kitten Owners: Pauline & Nikki Pullan

I was delighted to find that my Oriental Neuter kitten, Papcats Rya'c, a Seal spotted Lynx came first in the shorthair section.

He enjoyed going to the shows last year and he would stand well on the table as he was being judged. He is a real pleasure to take to the shows.

He main past time is to run around the small farm we own and just be a cat.

His half-brother Papcats Jen Sar a Seal spotted Lynx Oriental was first in 2012 also in the shorthair Neuter/Spay section. I would like to thank Gaynor Saxon for letting me have their dad Pasdezhat Godric De Contwaraburg a Seal Spotted Lynx Oriental who also sired Papcat's Jen Sar.

Both boys look just like their dad, althought he wasn't keen on being shown. Rya'cs mother is Papcats Delenn Minbar a chocolate point Siamese.

It's all about US

Silver Double Grand Premier Dom ALPINE

1st Shorthair Domestic Owner: Fiona Lucas

Alpine was found as a very young cat , approx 4 months old . She was living under a bush at Alpine View Retirement home in Christchurch.

Whilst we were there visiting one day she appeared. We found out that the night staff would feed her at night and in the day time she would sneak into the hallways in search of the food trolleys and find herself a snack. We spoke to the manager who did not want her hanging around so we took her. Off to the vet was our first stop to see if she was all good and healthy to go home with us.

The vet was booked up so we took her back to the retirement village and put her back under the bush for another night. Next day thank heaven she was still there so off to the vet who gave her clean bill of health and then off to our forever home for her. Our neuter boy Olly fell in love with her and he watched over her and was a constant companion to her.

Our black smoke Storm looks after her like she is her kitten. They cuddle together and every night before they go to sleep Storm washes her and Alpine just thinks she is her Mum.

Olly passed away which broke our hearts and Alpine used to walk around the house at night and cat cry for him. But now Alpine has a new ex stray boy. His name is Ben and he too is absolutely besotted by her. The two of them together are little rascals.

Our Annual Winners' Stories



We named her Alpine after the rest home where we found her and what an apt name thet turned out to be. She just loves to climb.

We have a two storeyd house and she climbs right up on to the second storey. Now in earthquake city as we are here there have been many times when my heart was in my mouth that a shake would send her flying down two levels to the ground.

If there is a tree in sight Alpine will always find the top. We have a ladder handy and have frequently used it to get her out of high places So Alpine has won all our hearts. She has been just a delight to take to the shows. She has a very placid nature and is basically just a happy little cat.

We are just so very glad she came into our lives and she gives us back every pleasure we give to her.



Silver Double Grand Champion Pepperbox Pop Dancer

1st Longhair Entire Cat Owners: Ian & Jan Gray

Hi I'm Silver Double Grand Champion Pepperbox Pop Dancer My dad is Gold Double Grand Champion Pop Black and my mum Gold Double Grand Champion Magic Shadows Dancing; they are pretty special parents and I am the 3rd generation of the Pepperbox line providing a quality base for breeding solid colour Persians.

I am pretty proud of what I have achieved this year, which started off with Supreme Long Hair at Palmerston North show. I continued throughout the year gaining top placings, supremes and Breeders Awards for my Mum. But what a thrill it was to be made Cat of The Year at the Pedigree Persian Cat Fancy show and I didn't even mind being crowned. I finished off at the Canterbury show winning three best in Shows.

Besides this My Mum thinks I am a real honey, a joy to show so easy to handle for grooming which means being on the show bench is fun for me too.

I'm spoilt rotten and enjoy nothing more than to wake her up in the morning. I sneak up onto the bed at 0500 hours to cuddle my Mum and make sure I give her a facial, whiskers and all, so she will get up and feed me. I'm looking forward to talking to the girls soon.....well that's what big boys do, isn't it?.

My mum says thank you to all the judges for their considered decisions and wonderful comments. Congratulations to the other well deserved winners and place getters and everyone who helped make the competition what it is, a real challenge.

Thank you to Joan for her hard work to get the awards done so quickly.

The Ringworm Nightmare and how to deal with it By Zena Pigden

If you've been breeding for any length of time you probably know exactly what I mean when I talk about the way your heart plummets into your boots when you, or your vet, spot a suspicious looking lesion on one of your cats or kittens. Imagine how I felt with over 20 kittens at home as well as 10 adults and two dogs... but we got through it. Here's how:

How can I be sure this is ringworm?

Ringworm shows up most often as patches of hair loss, often circular, with broken hairs around the edge and a red scaly or crusty appearance. If it shows up in more than one animal in your household that is a very strong indication in itself. Some strains of ringworm will fluoresce under a Woods lamp, however not all strains do. Best confirmation can be obtained by sending a sample away to a lab

Is it possible to really get rid of ringworm?

Yes, but you will have best success with a three pronged approach and keep up all three approaches until testing confirms that your cats are clear of ringworm. The three vital elements are:

- Topical treatment (shampoos, washes, ointments)not enough by itself but used with oral medications
 the time to complete elimination of the infection is
 shortened, and it reduces the environmental
 contamination and the risk of reinfection.
- Systemic treatment (oral medication) without this, it is very difficult to eliminate ringworm in a multicat situation.
- Environmental cleanup to reduce the risk of reinfection this is vital because ringworm infected hair can remain viable for over a year.

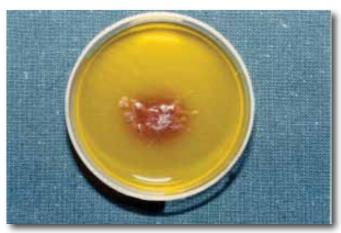
Topical treatment

Topical treatment is best applied to the whole body as the infection is rarely limited to the visible lesions. Spot treatment is not recommended as it won't get all of the ringworm.

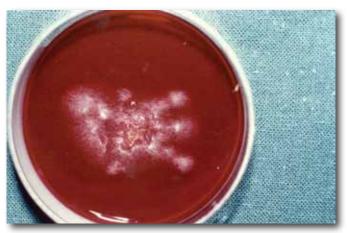
Overseas sites often talk about lime sulphur dip. This is proven to be effective but is not available as a pet product here (although anecdotally, the same product from garden centres can be used). Here, the best option is Malaseb shampoo which has also been research tested and proven effective in combination with an oral medication. Malaseb shampoo is recommended to be applied twice a week and must be left on for 10 minutes to take effect.

Do my cats need to be clipped?

Clipping can actually increase the risk of infection spreading if there are any nicks or cuts to the skin. However for Persian cats or other cats with a very full coat, clipping not too close to the skin may be beneficial in allowing your topical shampoo to work more effectively and remove fragile infected hairs that would otherwise be shed into the environment.



Ringworm culture where the ringworm has just started



Ringworm culture after two weeks growth

Systemic (oral) medication

Griseofulvin (Griseovet) used to be the treatment of choice, however there are now newer antifungal medications that are safer (griseofulvin can cause side effects such as vomiting and diarrhoea, and rarely very severe adverse effects such as bone marrow suppression causing anaemia) and have the great advantage of remaining at effective levels in the cat's tissues even after dosing has stopped.



Severe Ringworm

Itroconazole, and terbinafine are considered to be safe and effective. Itraconazole is available as tablets (quite cheap) and syrup (very expensive - about \$160 for a bottle at cost from a hospital pharmacy). However terbinafine is an even better option (except when dosing kittens who weigh less than 2kg, when it is too hard to get the dose accurate). It is very cheap (your vet will need to write a prescription to get it from a human pharmacy). In addition, a well constructed study shows that after one week of dosing, the drug remains at effective concentrations for three more weeks, meaning that you get four weeks treatment for one week of actual pilling. This makes life easier in a multicat situation. Moreover, combined with topical treatment that four week course of treatment may well be enough to eliminate the ringworm completely. (Persians may need longer treatment). The prolonged effectiveness can also mean that if you have kittens to go to new homes, they have no symptoms, but you want to be sure that they will not break with ringworm in their new environment, you can ensure they have been treated before they go and know that the treatment you have given will go on working for another three weeks.

Who should I treat?

Assume that all your cats have all been exposed and treat everyone. If your facilities will allow, ideally separate cats with symptoms from cats with no symptoms (including no fluorescence if it is a fluorescing strain of ringworm). You may even have three groups:

- Cats with symptoms or that have tested positive
- Cats that have been in contact with symptomatic cats but don't have symptoms
- Cats that you believe have not been exposed at all, and don't have symptoms (you should treat these too)

When caring for your cats, move from least risk (the last group) to most risk (the first group). Consider wearing protective clothing (disposable paper coveralls, available on trademe, are good) when dealing with the symptomatic cats and removing it before having contact with your asymptomatic cats. If it is not feasible to bath all your cats with Malaseb, ensure that the symptomatic or positive tested cats, do get bathed to minimise the potential for transfer of infected hairs from them back to your remaining population.

- Itraconazole is safe for kittens from three weeks of age (weigh to get dose right and adjust as they grow).
- Pregnant cats should not be treated with systemic medications but you can use Malaseb shampoo on them

If your facilities do not allow separate groups, try, if you can, to house all of your cats in a hard floor environment as you can clean these areas much more effectively.

Environmental clean up

It is VERY important to clean up the environment to prevent reinfection from infected hairs. This means vacuuming

thoroughly, steam cleaning carpets, and mopping hard floors, followed by spraying with diluted bleach (for hard floors). Get rid of cat trees - it will be too hard to completely remove all hair. Wipe down walls. Seek out all visible hair and remove it. Wash all bedding, preferably in hot water. Wash litter trays and then spray with diluted bleach. Your first clean needs to be super thorough. The physical cleaning (vacuuming, mopping, wiping down walls) is actually what removes most of the infected hairs. The diluted bleach is the extra that will kill any remaining ringworm spores. Vacuum every day or every other day if possible. Do a full clean at least once weekly and use diluted bleach (diluted 1:32) on hard floors.

When can I stop treating my cats?

All the literature on ringworm in multicat situations says you need to test (using ringworm culture plates). Relying on looking for lesions, or lamping, is not enough. But testing via the lab is very expensive (about \$80 per test). Don't be disheartened - you can do your own testing. It is not hard. You need fungal culture plates (your vet can get these for you), lots of clean packaged toothbrushes, labels, and a place that you can keep your culture dishes undisturbed, a warm cupboard is perfect. Use a new toothbrush for each cat. Brush the cat all over with the toothbrush, with especial focus on the head, nose, ears, and paws. Press it gently into the culture dish all over the surface. Label the lid with the cat's name and date. You can find guides on the internet showing you this step by step. The perfect temperature for incubating ringworm is 28 degrees, but room temperature will do. If ringworm is present you will see a white fluffy growth on the surface AND a change of colour to red in the gel usually after a few days but may take up to three weeks. If it is not present you will probably get a variety of interesting moulds growing on the surface but no colour change. Or a colour change with no fluffy growth. Start new tests every two weeks. Keep treating until you have had at least two clear tests with no sign of ringworm a fortnight after starting the test.

Don't forget to also notice if you have any itchy circular lesions, especially on your hands, arms, or face - treat with Lamisil cream if you do.



Special Needs Cats: Tripod Cat-Sierra

Amputee cats are not as rare as one might think; in fact, they have acquired a common name: Tripod Cats. Cats' limbs are amputated for two main reasons:

Vaccine-Related Sarcoma (VAS) Injury, Intentional or Accidental

Although its incidence is rare, VAS has been particularly controversial ever since the development of the Feline Leukemia (feLV) and Rabies vaccines. Prior to that, cats with feLV and rabies not only died from the disease, but, particularly in the case of feLV, spread the virulent diseases to other healthy cats. Unfortunately the vaccines also could cause death, as a result of vaccine-related sarcoma. When the vaccines were originally developed, they were commonly given in the "scruff" of the neck, as was common then. Thus, if a cat developed VAS in the vaccine site, death was inevitable. With the development of vaccination protocols by the Vaccine-Associated Feline Sarcoma Task Force, established in 1996, we first began to see tripod cats. The reason: the protocols called for the feLV and Rabies vaccines to be given in the rear legs, (Rabies: Right; feLV: Left), as distally (distant) as possible. The reasoning behind this, unpleasant as it may sound, is that a VAS tumor on the leg

Amputee Cats Resulting From Injury As noted above, injury requiring amputation of a cat's limb can either be caused by accident, or cruelty. Tens of thousands of cats are killed or severely injured every year by vehicular accidents, a good reason to keep cats safely indoors.

can be treated by amputation, allowing

affected cats to survive.

Sierra, the beautiful tripod girl pictured here, lost her leg as the result of being thrown out of a car window as a kitten. Sierra's adoptive mom wrote: "Sierra was a 6 month old Siamese who would soon become a tripod because some horrible person had tossed her from a vehicle and her leg was broken beyond repair. A few days after I signed the adoption papers, Sierra had her right rear leg amputated. She was up and purring within a few hours after surgery. The next day she was trekking around the shelter. She came home a few days after her amputation. Sierra, was a winner in the "Most Unforgettable Adopted Cat Contest."

Read about other Tripod Cat;s stories at: http://cats.about.com/od/healthconcerns/ss/profiles-of-special-needs-cats

Aquatherapy Cat Cornelius

In November 2012, Cornelius, a stray kitten of only two-and-ahalf months, was found at the side of the road, skinny and seriously injured, having been hit by a car. He was rushed to the Abbotsford, BC SPCA and seen by a vet, but the prognosis wasn't good—a rear leg would need to be amputated. He was too small and weak to immediately undergo surgery, so he was placed with a foster family, where he recovered amazingly.

Taken back to the vet for reassessment, it was discovered he wouldn't need an amputation after all, but would need surgery on both his hips. Wonderful news, but still, rehabilitation would be necessary.

Enter Kendall De Menech of Abbotsford, BC's K9 H20. An experienced animal aquatherapist, De Menech has twelve years of experience treating injured and overweight dogs and, yes, cats. She donated aquatherapy services to Cornelius to rebuild his muscles and tendons in a low-impact environment.

De Menech creates a calm environment and floats her feline clients gently on a mat in a shallow area of the aquatherapy pool. After lots of love, the cat will eventually swim to shore. De Menech says that the cats always make the choice to be involved in their own recovery, and many cats come to love to swim.



Though now recovered, Cornelius continues to swim (he has worked up to a pool-length!), as do his siblings, the cats of his foster family (who, by the way, ended up adopting him). Cornelius has even swum with a dog and a guinea pig, as K9H2O doesn't discriminate against species. Among hundreds of rehabilitated dogs, they have also offered aqua therapy to a miniature horse, a fawn, a skunk, a swan, ferrets, hedgehogs, guinea pigs, a lamb, and, yes, cats. Find out more at k9h2o.net.

Check out Cornelius' video at: http://moderncat.com/ articles/aquatherapy-cats/65608#sthash.HTLeu7BS.dpuf

OF THE WORLD FOR THE TRAVELLING CAT

KUCHING MALAYSIA - Tracing the history of cats back 5,000 years, the Kuching Cat Museum houses 2,000 different artifacts, ranging from a mummified Egyptian cat to strange cat headstones. Although the Cat Museum is a mix of serious historical exhibits along with kitsch you might find in a cheap Chinatown bodega, it takes its work analyzing the history of cats very seriously.

For centuries, Southeast Asia has had a history with cats, documented in great detail at the Cat Museum. Interestingly enough, Kuching actually means cat, making the location of the museum all the more apt. Besides stuffed cats, porcelain cats and gigantic fang doorways, the museum also recounts bizarre superstitions around the animal, like nearly drowning a cat in order to bring rain.

Outside of superstitious near-cat abuse, cat lovers should take solace in some of the more approachable exhibits, like Felis Badia, the rarest cat in the world, of which the museum is in possession of the only stuffed specimen.

Visit at: http://www.atlasobscura.com/places/kuching-cat-museum







DE KATTENKABINET - THE CAT CABINET AMSTERDAM

This small museum located in the old patrician house at the Herengracht in Amsterdam, in an area of town where today the banks and top attorneys have their offices, is entirely devoted to cats. Founded in 1990 by William Meijer, a wealthy Dutchman who in this way wanted to preserve the memory of his cat Tom also called after the American financier of the past - John Pierpont Morgan.

The Cat Cabinet specializes in art representing cats. There is an aura of specific sense humor not only in the theme of this museum, but also in a way this museum has been presented to the visitor. Sculptures, paintings, posters and books about the felines are exhibited in a serious, professional way - almost too serious not to provoke a smile on a visitors face. The museum often collaborates with the institutions of reputations as Rijksmuseum, Museum Van Gogh, Kunsthal. If we add that The Cat Cabinet published some years ago a wonderful Kat-alogus (Cat-a-logue), which is today a collector's item, you should feel the mood of this presentation. Visit at: http://www.amsterdam.info/museums/cat-cabinet/

Cat Museum



San Francisco

A lot can happen in 5,000 years and the Cat Museum of San Francisco is dedicated to examining this history.

As if to prove that the more things change the more they remain the same the BBC reports British Prime Minister David Cameron in Februrary of 2011 welcomed into his home at 10 Downing Street a four year old cat, Larry, to deal with the houses "rat problem". A Downing Street spokesman said the former stray was a "good ratter" and added the animal has "a high chase-drive and hunting instinct" developed during his time on the streets. He is the latest in a long line of Downing Street cats, known unofficially as Chief Mouser to the Cabinet Office.

While it's apparent from the above story that the cat is still treasured for it's original function it wasn't long before the cat began to be recognized for it's other attributes.

egyptian cat



The Egyptians eventually associated the cat with the Goddess Bastet with the image of the Goddess taking the form of a cat or a woman with the head of a cat. The cat itself became the living representative of the "Cat Goddess" within the Egyptian home, so much so that killing a cat was punishable by death. The cats nocturnal habits, reproductive abilities, protective/nuturing instincts and hunting skills all attached themselves to the Egyptian and later Greek and Roman Goddesses.

The Norse Goddess Freya was thought to have found cats useful for pulling her chariot, much the way Santa is believed to use reindeer to guide his sleigh.

Jellico cat

T.S. Elliot explored the poetic side of felines in his book "Old Possum's Book of Practical Cats". In one of the books poems "Song of the Jellicles" Elliot depicts cats resting by day engaged in an active nightlife at a "Jellicle Ball".

Andrew Lloyd Webber later turned the Elliot poems into the long running Broadway Musical Theater hit "Cats".

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NZCF SCHEDULE OF FEES FOR 2014

Effective from 1 January 2014

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Note: * denotes Fee \$ changes from 2013

MEMBERSHIP FEES Payable to Executive Secretary	(incl GST)	PUBLICATIONS Payable to Treasurer (on receipt of debtors invoice)	(in	cl GST)
Pro-rata fees apply for new Full/Family members only at 9, 6, & 3 mths Affiliate (Clubs) - incl. \$50 contrib. for Clubs Pub. Liab. Ins Full	\$ 100.00 \$ 55.00	Flash Cats Advertising - Refer to rates listed separately in Flash Cats Flash Cats Breeders Directory - 4 Issues (invoiced)	\$	24.00
Family - 2 members	\$ 70.00	Payable to Executive Secretary		
Family - 3 members	\$ 85.00	Flash Cats Folders - incl postage	\$	20.00
Junior	\$ 15.50			
Associate (in NZ)	\$ 30.00		_	
Associate (in NZ) - Family - 2 members	\$ 40.00	REGISTRATION FEES		
Associate (in NZ) - Family - 3 members	\$ 50.00	Payable to LH, SH & PR Registrars		
Associate (in NZ) - Junior	\$ 10.00	Parker de la constant		
Associate (Overseas)	\$ 40.00 \$ 20.00	Registrations: per Litter	6	26.00
Late Payment Fee from 01/02/14 (Existing Members)	\$ 20.00	Per Litter - up to 4 months of age Per Litter - over 4 months of age	\$ \$	26.00 52.00
Each membership type includes 4 issues of Flash Cats per year		Imported Cat/Kitten Registration	\$	41.00
OTHER FEES		Penalty Fine for Non-Registration of Litter	\$	50.00
Agendas & Minutes - Posted - (est. 7 Meetings)	\$ 36.00	Transfers: per Cat/Kitten	\$	6.50
Cattery Accreditation (Bi-Annual)	\$ 50.00	Breeding Cats & Kittens (incl certified 4-Generation Pedigree)	\$	32.50
Complaints - NZCF Members only	\$ 51.00			
		Non-Breeding Cats & Kittens	\$	6.50
Governance Documents (downloads available fm NZCF Website)		Penalty Fine for Non-Transfer - per cat/kitten	\$	10.00
Constitution	\$ 10.00			
Registration Rules	\$ 10.00	Certified Pedigrees:		
Schedule of Breed Codes	\$ 10.00	3 Generation	\$	21.00
Show Bylaws	\$ 10.00	4 Generation	\$	26.00
BREED SECTION FEES		5 Generation 6 Generation	\$ \$	41.00 77.00
Payable to Executive Secretary		7 Generation	\$	100.00
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All members - 1st section	Free	Colour, Name or Sex Change	\$	6.50
Breeders - All breeds bred	Free	Export Documentation	\$	5.50
Non-breeders - 2nd & subsequent sections	\$ 12.00	Leasing Fee: New for 1st year (incl certified 4-Gen.Pedigree)	\$	38.50
		Leasing Fee: Renewal for 2nd & final year	\$	12.50
Standard of Points - LH with cover	poa			
Standard of Points - SH with cover	poa		_	
Standard of Points - LH without cover	poa	SHOW FEES		
Standard of Points - SH without cover	poa	Payable to Treasurer (by Clubs)		
HONOURS		Benching Fees:	6	4.00
Payable to Honours Registrar		Pedigree - per exhibitor per ring (1st exhibit)	\$ \$	4.00
Honours Certificates:		Domestic/Companion - per exhibitor per ring (1st exhibit) Penalty Levy for late receipt of marked catalogue to Honours Registrar	\$	4.00 per day 5.00 per day
Champion & Premier (no free copy issued)	\$ 6.50	Penalty Levy for late receipt of Benching Fees to Treasurer	\$	5.00 per day
Grand to Gold (for additional copies as 1st copy free)	\$ 6.50	t time, at the first production of the first productio	*	2.00
Medallions - Silver & Gold	\$ 18.50	Payable to Executive Secretary		
JUDGING FEES		Applies to 2015 Show Year - fees payable in full by 31 March 2014		
HANDLERS & STEWARDS COURSE FEES		Clubs - Show Application Fees - per Ring	\$	50.00
Payable to Treasurer		Clubs - Show Late Application Fee - for fees received after 31/03/14	\$	25.00
Admission to Judges School	\$ 125.00	Note: Co-operatively held shows attract separate show booking fees		
Admission to Transfer Panel	\$ 80.00	110te: 60-operatively field shows diffact separate show booking jets		
Handlers Course Fees (must be NZCF Members)	\$ 20.00			
Stewards Course Fees (must be NZCF Members)	\$ 20.00	STATIONERY		
		Payable to Executive Secretary or Treasurer		
PREFIX FEES Payable to Executive Security		Passwing Contracts (nor 50), incl \$2.10 for a start	ds	14.00
Payable to Executive Secretary		Desexing Contracts (per 50) - incl \$2.10 for postage	\$ \$	14.00 6.70
New Prefix - incl 2 x Governance Books	\$ 85.00	NZCF Badges (Gold on Blue) - incl .70 cents for postage	Þ	0.70
Additional Owner Joining an Existing Prefix	\$ 35.00			
Changes to Spelling of Prefix - Applicant Error	\$ 16.00	All other NZCF forms are available as downloads from the NZCF website		
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Show Calendar

SHOW DATES	AFFILIATE CLUB NAME	RING	LOCATION
Sunday 2nd March 2014	Shorthair Cat Breeders (Pedigree SH Domestic & Companions)	3	
Saturday, 15th March 2014	Burmese NZ Central (All SH) (1 specialist & 4 All Shorthair Breeds)	5	Canterbury TBA Palmerston Nth
Sunday, 16th March, 2014	Canterbury All Breeds	4	Canterbury
Saturday 22nd March, 2014	Metropolitan SHCC(All Pedigree SH)	3	Auckland
Saturday, 5th April 2014	Dominion Shorthair (All Breeds)	4	Wellington
Saturday, 5th April 2014	Otago Siamese & SH Pedigree CC (All SH) Southern Cross LHCC (All Breeders	4	Dunedin
Sunday 13TH April 2014	Auckland Cat Club (All Breeds)	3	Auckland
Saturday 19th April 2014	NZ Siamese - All Shorthair (3 rings) Domestics & Companions Siamese specialist - (1) ring	4	Christchurch
26th April 2014	NZ Cat Fancy AGM		Wellington
Sat & Sunday 3rd & 4th May 2014	Palmerston North (All Breeds)	6	Palmerston Nth
unday 11th May 2014	Longhair Cat Breeders (LH Pedigree/Domestic &Companions)	5	СНСН
aturday 17th May 2014	TOSCA (Specialist & SH Guest breeds)	3	Auckland
at 24th May 2014	NZ Burmese (SOUTHERN) All SH	5	Christchurch
at 24th May 2014	Mid Island Cat Club (All Breeds Domestic & Companion & Club ring for children this is a Dinner Show)	4	Te Awamutu
unday 1st June 2014	Birman Cat Club & Companions	4	Hamilton
unday, 8h , June 2014	Geyserland Cat Club (All Breeds)	4	Tauranga
unday, 15th June 2014	Canterbury All Breeds	4	Canterbury
unday,15th June,2014	Wellington Cat Club (All Breeds)	4	Wellington
unday, 29th June 2014	NATIONAL - NELSON 1 Ring National/3 Rings All Breeds	4	Nelson
aturday 5th July 2014	Taranaki & Sacred Temple (combined show) Taranaki (All breeds 3 rings) + domestics & Companions - Sacred Temple (Birman 3 rings) & Companions	6	New Plymouth
unday,13th July, 2014	Hamilton Cat Club (all breeds)	4	Hamilton
aturday 19th July, 2014	Pedigree Persian Cat Fanciers (All Longhair Pedigree & Companions)	6	Wellington
unday 27th July 2014	Geyserland Cat Club (All Breeds)	4	TBA
unday 10th August 2014	Patches and Pointed (3 rings All breeds) 1 ring specialist	4	Katikati Memorial Hal
unday, 10th August 2013	Shorthair Cat Breeders (Pedigree SH Domestic & Companions)	3	Canterbury TBA
aturday, 16th August 2013	Hutt Feline (All Breeds)	4	Lower Hutt
aturday 16th August 2013	Longhair Cat Breeders (Domestic & Companion)	4	Christchurch
aturday 23rd August 2014	Abyssinian & Somali Cat Club (All SH)	3	Auckland
aturday 23rd August 2014	Southland Cat Fanciers All Breeds Domestics & Companions	4	Invercargill
unday 7th Sept 2014	Kapiti-Horowhenua	4	Kapiti
un 14th September, 2014	Canterbury All Breeds	4	Canterbury
aturday,20th Sept 2014	Wellington & Pedigree Persian Supreme (All Breeds)	4	TBA
un 28th September 2014	Burmese NZ - Northern All SH	4	Auckland
Saturday 1st& Sunday 2nd November2014	Pedigree Persian Supreme (All Breeds) Pet Expo	6	Wellington

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- There is no need to wash away with water after application and can be immediately brought into direct contact with animals and humans whilst still wet.
- Safe4 is kind to the environment being water based and biodegradable.







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