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part of their soul remains unawakened.'*

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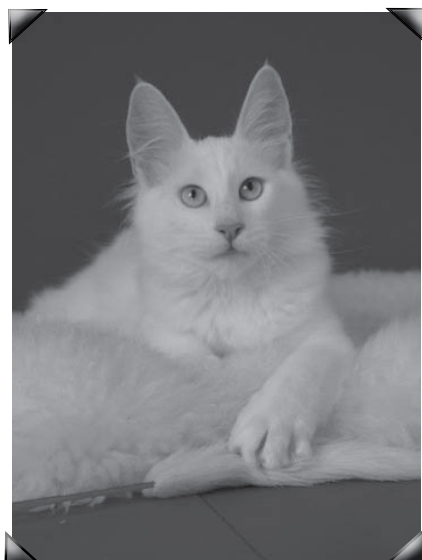
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## Chair Chat

Another year is drawing to a close - where has the time gone?? I am pleased to report that we are likely to end up with a moderate surplus at the end of the year - a much healthier position for the NZCF though not achieved without care, economy, and, yes, the 10% cut to honoraria which comes into effect for the last quarter of this year. We know that economic times are not easy for many of our members and so have decided to absorb the effects of inflation this year and hold all NZCF fees at the current level for 2014. We have also made no further change to honoraria for the coming year. We will have to continue to watch our expenditure carefully, to achieve at least a small surplus next year.

Don't forget - membership renewals are due by 31st January. Complete your renewal by then (why not do it right now?) and avoid a late payment fee. Remember, individual members can use the online form if they wish. Sadly Roy Griffiths, our Portfolio Holder for the BSAC has resigned from the Executive Council. Roy worked extremely hard throughout his time on the Executive Council, not only managing the BSAC very capably, but also providing significant contributions in other areas, including assisting extensively with the development of our Strategic Plan and Business Plan. We will miss him and are very grateful for his commitment, enthusiasm, and willingness to put his skills to work for the NZCF.

On a lighter note, Christmas is coming and I'd like to wish all of you a wonderful Christmas and a New Year in which your hopes and dreams are fulfilled. Please take the time to remember the people and cats that have been or are special for you, to enjoy and appreciate whatever is good in your life, and have a very merry Christmas!

*Zena Pigden*  
*NZCF Chair*

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September Issue - 15 July 2014  
December Issue - 15 October 2014  
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## PUBLICATIONS MESSAGE

With Christmas and a new year fast approaching, we take time to reflect on the past year, our successes and our disappointments, as well as our hopes, plans and commitments for the year ahead.

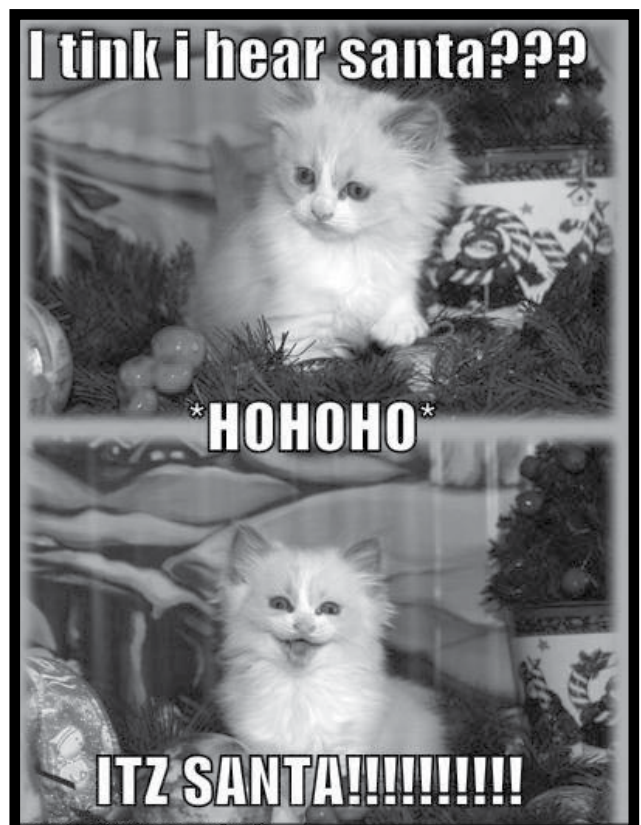
Many of you know that I 'wear several hats' in varying roles within the Cat Fancy. So I thought I'd pop on my 'Privacy Officer' hat for a moment, as club's will soon be sending club membership lists to our national secretary for membership confirmation, (as required under NZCF rules and regulations). Club secretaries need to know that they must protect the personal information they obtain from their members - notify them and gain their permission before passing any personal information on to the NZCF national secretary or anywhere else. It's not just a courteous thing to do - it is a requirement under New Zealand's privacy law.

This year, I'm looking forward to having my mother, sister, and her family join Val and I for Christmas.

I also wish to acknowledge the phenomenal work Gaynor puts into producing the Flash Cats magazine which grows from strength to strength issue by issue. She has a great supporting team - so thank you also to Marylyn, Grant and everyone that helps out in so many different ways.

Enjoy Christmas, stay safe and best wishes for 2014.

*Lyall Payne*  
*Publications Portfolio Manager*



# IT Portfolio Update

By Zena Pigden

Work on the show application has continued and Brendan has just sent me a test version of the improved programme. I have not had time to fully test it yet but so far it is looking good. As well as the improvements that have come from club feedback, an exciting new addition is the ability to print a Top Ten results sheet at the end of the day for judges and exhibitors to take home. This not only shows the cage numbers but also the names of the cats and this means that Top Ten results for shows using the show package can easily be put onto the NZCF website. In the 2014 show season clubs will be charged (per show) for the show package service, however it promises to

make life considerably easier for show secretaries and scribes and I encourage clubs to consider using it.

Our online registration forms do work - but feedback from users, and from the registrars, suggest that there are improvements to be made before they are really user friendly especially for breeders registering several litters at a time.

We will continue to work on this - in the meantime please send any issues or suggestions for improvement to me (zpigden@gmail.com).

We are currently investigating secure credit card payment options for the NZCF website. Realistically this will probably not be in place until sometime in 2014 (as 2013 rushes to a close) but it is our next priority.

## Show Report

It has been brought to the attention of the Executive Council that the veterinary requirements have not been met by some of the clubs at their shows this year.

Once a cat has been benched in a show, it has to be vetted. If the vet asks the exhibitor to withdrawn their cat the vets needs to complete a Veterinary Rejection Certificate. Once this requirement has been done the club secretary must notify the Executive Council Secretary within 48 hours who will then notify any clubs holding a show within the isolation period.

I would also like to remind everyone about kitten vaccinations. To show with any NZCF club your kitten must have had 1 vaccination 7 days before the show.

Could all clubs please make sure you give your vets a copy of the NZCF show rules on Veterinary Requirements at the show. It is upsetting for all when requirements are not understood and are not done correctly by the clubs and/or the vets.

Well done to those who have done well this year and a Merry Xmas and good luck to everyone for a great show season next year.

**Janice Davey**  
*Shows Portfolio Manager*

## From the Awards Desk

The show season flowed smoothly. I really appreciate the greatly improved standard of marked catalogues and show secretaries sending them to me promptly enabling my work to be done in a timely manner.

During 2013 the role of Prefix Registrar was disestablished ending my tenure which started when I was in my mid-20's. Much water passed under the bridge during those years but now that part of the NZCF is no longer my responsibility I must say I am enjoying the extra spare time it has brought me which is never a bad thing.

Take Care over the Holidays and have a happy Christmas & New Year.

**Joan Hill**  
*Honours Registrar NZCF*

2014 Meeting Dates  
EC Meeting 15-16th February 2014  
AGM 2014 26th April 2014  
Bay Plaza Hotel - Wellington  
EC Meeting 30-31st August 2014  
EC Meeting 22- 23rd November 2014

# CKD Treatment & Diet for the Elderly

## EDITOR'S FORWARD

*This has been a difficult article to put together, particularly as it is so very close to home.*

*Nada Siana, (pictured) at a younger and healthier time in her life, was my very first Siamese kid. It was her beautiful nature and lay-back disposition that encouraged me to take up breeding.*

*She was bred by the late Norma Robertson, probably one of the oldest living of Norma's breeding left and was recently diagnosed with Chronic Kidney Disease, a plague of the elderly, although young ones get it too. She also has high blood pressure which my vet tells me can go hand in hand with CKD.*

*I always said I would never prolong any animals life for selfish reasons so we are counting down day by day.*

*It has taken only a month or two to go from early stage kidney failure to that of chronic failure and she has shown a lot of the symptoms, but not all. Now on medications, Ipakitine powder, Amlodipine for blood pressure and sub cut fluids, (at home) a couple of times a week, and although she has lost a fair bit of weight, she is quite comfortable, relaxed, and happy and is still eating somewhat. 'Right now my concern for her is quality of life rather than quantity of life, so we have forgone special diets, (although when CKD is caught earlier enough, a renal diet can sometimes prolong a cats life considerably,) I have opted to allow her to eat anything she will accept and so far this is working.*



## WHAT IS CKD (Chronic Kidney Disease) and what signs should you look for?

“Chronic Kidney Disease is a leading cause of death in older dogs and cats.”

The kidneys play many roles in the body. They produce urine by filtering waste products and excess water out of the blood. They also help regulate hydration and electrolyte levels, control blood pressure, and produce a hormone that stimulates red blood cell production. Chronic kidney disease (CKD) develops over time as the kidneys gradually lose their ability to perform these functions.

Symptoms to look for:

- Dehydration
- Increased thirst and urination
- Urinary incontinence
- Poor appetite
- Lethargy and depression
- Behavioral changes
- Weight loss and muscle wasting
- Vomiting with or without blood
- Diarrhea or constipation (stool may be dark and tarry, indicating bleeding within gastrointestinal tract)
- Oral ulcers
- Bad breath
- Poor coat quality
- Unsteadiness when walking

Late in the course of the disease, pets may also develop decreased water intake and urination, inability to rise, difficulty breathing, blindness, seizures, and abnormal bruising or bleeding.

The most common forms of treatment for CKD have the goal of correcting the biochemical and physiological abnormalities that the disease causes. Hospitalization may be necessary at the onset to correct severe dehydration

and electrolyte abnormalities and to get patients feeling good enough to go home for maintenance therapy. Treatment often includes some combination of:

### **Fluid therapy (Sub-Cut or IV)**

Special diets that contain moderate amounts of high quality protein to ease the work of the kidneys while maintaining the pet's weight and muscle mass. Kidney diets are also low in phosphorous and sodium and high in potassium, B-vitamins, and omega 3 fatty acids. Canned formulations are typically recommended because of their increased water content and palatability.

**Nutritional supplements** that support kidney function (e.g., Azodyl and Epakitin,) Medications to treat or prevent gastrointestinal ulcers (e.g., cimetidine and sucralfate)

Blood pressure medications (e.g., amlodipine and enalapril)  
Supplements to increase blood potassium and lower blood phosphorous levels (Ipakitine)

**Medications** to reduce protein loss through the urine (e.g., enalapril)  
Supplements like Renal Advanced or medications (e.g., erythropoietin) to combat anemia

**New treatments** can be an option for owners who are willing and able to pursue advanced therapies. Hemodialysis is available at some referral hospitals but must be administered several times a week.

Kidney transplants may be an option for individuals that meet certain criteria. Stem cell therapy is currently under investigation and may prove to be a great leap forward in the treatment of CKD.

Always remember to work closely with your Vet to ensure that changes in your pet's condition are addressed before they have a significant adverse effect on its quality of life.

**Ipakitine Powder** Helps phosphate reduction in cats and dogs suffering from kidney failure. Numerous studies have shown the benefits of phosphate reduction in cats and dogs suffering from kidney failure and it is now widely accepted that there is a direct link between the length and quality of life of a cat with kidney failure and the amount of phosphates they get through their food.

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**For more information go to:**

<http://www.vetdepot.com/in-depth-look-at-chronic-kidney-disease-in-dogs-cats>

# DNA Testing

## New DNA Test Available...



### Hepatic Amyloidosis in Siamese & Oriental Cats

#### **What is it?**

Hepatic Amyloidosis affects Siamese and Oriental cats with devastating consequences. Many cats are mis-diagnosed as there are very few references to this particular form; most references to Amyloidosis are concerned with the Renal version in connection with the Abyssinian cat. This is not a "new" disease but has been documented at least colloquially by breeders, for around 30 years. It may well explain why some siamese or oriental cats simply "drop dead" at around 2-3 years old.

#### **How serious is it?**

Well, it kills and it is not curable so it's pretty serious!

Yes, it is frightening and it will make you re-evaluate your breeding programmes as I have done but we cannot live in denial of this and now we have a real chance to make something happen. No one is to blame - and this is not what this project is about. It IS about trying to help the breed that we know and love so deeply.

#### **What does it look like?**

Affected cats are frequently "a bit under the weather" rather than very poorly in the first instance. Pale gums and ears are a common sign, as is a slight jaundice. Often blood work will reveal a high white cell count and low red cell count - often at first thought to be signs of a cancer. Cats can also vomit a frothy fluid which shows signs of blood. The cat may "recover" thanks to the regenerative nature of the liver and there may be periods of peaks and troughs in the cats' short life. For those of us who have had to nurse such cats, IV Fluid therapy helps tremendously as this assists the liver in its partial recovery. I try never to expose the cat to stress (mental or physical) and never vaccinate a cat who I suspect to be a sufferer. In my own experience, the problem usually follows a short period of illness (not necessarily serious) or some other challenge to the immune system.

Cats usually succumb to haemorrhage from the liver, often literally "dropping dead" in front of their owners. This is extremely distressing and often leads to the owner stricken with grief not requesting a post mortem. If post mortem is performed, then the abdominal cavity is blood filled and on inspection the liver will have often almost completely disintegrated under the sheer number of amyloid cysts. I have actually heard of vets who though in the first instance that the cat had been involved in a traffic accident.

#### **What can I do?**

A research group has now been set up which includes Professor Leslie Lyons (University of Missouri), Professor Maria Longeri (University of Milan), Dr. Urs Giger (University of Pennsylvania) and Dr. Anne Thomas (Antagene, France).

The Project is collecting samples of cats with a report (best with a necropsy, but also isolated tissue analysis) of Amyloidosis and Congo Red Stain. The Congo Red Stain test is really important to request during a necropsy as it is the definitive test.

They are also collecting samples of healthy cats of the same breed older than 7-8 years old or from cats of the same breed

who have died with a necropsy negative for amyloidosis, or from healthy litter mates or half siblings, parents, grand-parents and/or offspring of cats or kittens who were positively identified as having had Amyloidosis.

The best samples are EDTA blood or 2-4 buccal swabs of the upper and lower gums of each cheek and FFPE which is the formaline-paraffin specimens used by the Diagnostic Lab to do the histological analysis. In the latter case, if the lab needs to keep the specimen, it might be requested to divide it and provide half of it.

The samples should arrive with a copy of the pedigree, or a link to an online pedigree database if no hard copy is available, a copy of the necropsy/histopathology and a few lines to identify that it is for the Amyloidosis Project and a brief description of the disease. It is important to include the date of death as well as the date of birth so that the age at death is identified.

Send the samples to:

**Prof. Leslie A. Lyons, PhD,  
Surgery College of Veterinary Medicine  
E109 Vet Med Building  
1600 E. Rollins St.  
University of Missouri  
Columbia Columbia, MO 65211  
Email: Lyonsla@Missouri.edu  
el: 01 573 882 9777 Lab: 01 573 884 2287  
Lab e-mail: felinegenome@missouri.edu**

If you have had affected cats that are no longer with you and you have their offspring/siblings/ancestors then please submit that DNA as well with a pedigree which identifies the affected cat.

Collecting DNA samples is very simple and to see a video of how to do this please go to: <http://www.vetmed.ucdavis.edu/PHR/LyonsDen/Protocolsframe.html> (p.s. although this mentions cytology brushes, you can also use of cotton buds (any brand is OK).

All samples are sent in absolute confidence; the only people who will know whose samples they are are the lab staff and they are professionally bound to confidentiality. However, the cats must be named individually (pedigree names and numbers) in order to possibly establish (or disprove) an hereditary link. Under no circumstances will this information, nor test results, be disclosed to anyone other than the cat's owner. The site author has no access to this information.

If you would like any further information on this project, please contact me at [sarah@landican.co.uk](mailto:sarah@landican.co.uk) All information which you supply to me personally I will guarantee to keep confidential.

**There is also a support and information group at [http://groups.yahoo.com/neo/groups/feline\\_amyloidosis](http://groups.yahoo.com/neo/groups/feline_amyloidosis)**

# It's a Girl Thing *Felines Prefer Females*



Does Fluffy enjoy your company over the man of the house? According to a study released by the University of Vienna's Konrad Lorenz Research Station and department of behavioral biology, cats tend to favor a woman's companionship to a man's. Find out why he would much rather get Mama's lovin' than Papa's!

Cats are easy to please: Feed, pet and groom them, and you've got yourself a happy feline. And while kitties can love a man just as easily as they can a woman, they tend to go for the lady of the house for five key reasons.

## *Softer voice*

Let's face it, females just sound more soothing than their male counterparts. And just children respond better to a softer tone of voice, so do kitties. They enjoy hearing a woman's humming, talking and voice in general, since, as women tend to vocalize more to their kitty kids. And, because a cat's meow is generally higher-pitched, it is also easier for them to replicate a female's voice over a male's and freely communicate with her when they want or need something.

## *Feminine touch*

In general, women have softer, more delicate hands than men. When petting a cat, they tend to have a lighter and more soothing pat than what they feel from a man's larger palm. If a woman pays more attention with her touch than a man does, it is likely the cat will form a special bond with her and hunt her down when he's in need of another rub-down.

## *Motherly instincts*

Born with a natural instinct to care for and nurture a baby human, women are likely to do the same with cats. The most important of any pet's needs is to be fed, which the woman of the house is most likely to do for the cat, according to Discovery News, so the person who feeds him is most likely the one who will win his affection.

## *Similar personality traits*

Just as a dog is a man's best friend due to his love of the outdoors, athletics and being a bit on the dirtier side, the feline is a female's companion. Because they like

cleanliness and like to groom, cats and females have a lot of the same personality traits. And like any good BFF, a cat will choose his or her human comrade based on parallels and ability to get along.

## *Higher interaction*

According to Discovery News' report on research on cat and human behavior, the No. 1 reason a cat likes female humans is because women tend to spend more time with cats. And the more attention they get from a person, the more likely they are to give the same amount of loving right back. Just like a human relationship, the more love and attention you give your cat, the stronger the bond and intensity of the connection.

*Article from: [www.sheknows.com](http://www.sheknows.com)*

# Treadmill *for Tubby Tabbies*



About Pettread - The story so far.

It all started with my cat Noonie. She's ten years old and a little overweight. About six months ago she started limping and her vet said she had hurt the ligaments in her knee and needed to lose some weight. I made changes to her diet, and set her on a varying calorie-restricted diet. She just slept more, and didn't seem to be making progress. More exercise seemed to be what was needed.

I'm an electrical engineer, and in a previous life I developed motor control systems for electronic power steering for some of the largest car manufacturers in Europe. I figured something interesting could be done to address this problem. A few prototypes later, I had a treadwheel-style powered treadmill that she would actually use.

First and foremost, it needed to be safe for Noonie. I added a feature where if she stops walking and her weight inches up the back of the wheel too far, I can detect it and automatically shut off the motor drive. This is like the "kill switch" on human treadmills, There is also a timer which limits the absolute maximum active session time to 15 minutes. Owners need to be actively monitoring their pet and its health, but a little error proofing never hurts. The current prototype is controlled via USB from my PC, but the production version will also have a rotary knob, as well as Bluetooth connectivity. I'm still trying to figure out how much configurability to give the user. Some

things will definitely be required to fine-tune the motor control response, for instance the ability to enter the pet's weight. Also, it may be nice to be able to decrease the max speed from the absolute max speed I set by default for safety.

It needs to be easy!

Cats aren't as trainable as dogs, so I wanted something that I knew I could get her to use. An enclosed tread-wheel form factor was ideal. The 36 inch wheel size would also work really well for small and medium-sized dogs. Unclasp one or both of the sides, and leave PetTread out for the day while you're at work. It will act as a pedometer and record all of your pets distance travelled. You could even log into your PetTread account and track the usage from away!

*For more information see website: <http://pet-tread.com>*



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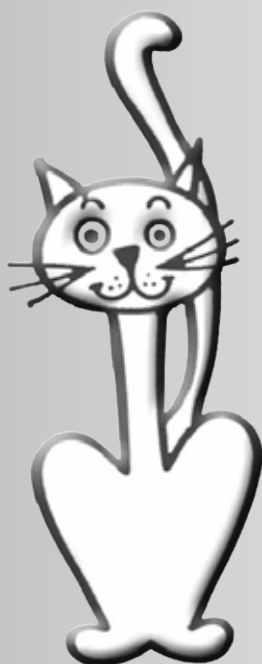
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- Palmerston North Motels**
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- United Motels**

# Cat Dander and the allergies it causes

**Question: What is cat dander and why is it a threat to humans with allergies?**

Cat dander remains a mystery to some people and poses a threat to those of us who suffer from allergies. Here are the details on what cat dander is, the mystery of Fel D1, and how and why it affects allergy victims.

For years, it was thought by many people that cat hair was the source of allergens. Later, it was recognized that cat *dander* was the cause, but many cat lovers confused the term with “dandruff,” which is visible to the eye.

Cat dander consists of cat skin which becomes airborne, landing on bedding, curtains, carpeting, and other surfaces, including humans’ skin and clothing. Cat dander particles are tiny, about 1/10th the size of dust mites. Dry skin particles wouldn’t be particularly allergenic except for this factor: *Fel D1*.

Interestingly, the production of Fel D1 appears to be more or less prolific in different types of cats:

Entire cats produce more Fel D1 than neutered cats and male cats, particularly unaltered, produce more allergens than female cats.

**What Causes the Allergic Reaction to Fel D1?**

When challenged by an allergen, the bodies of people with sensitized immune systems consider the allergen to be an invader, and produce an antibody called *immunoglobulin E* (AKA IgE).

Thereafter, when exposed again to Fel D1, the immune system is launched, which then releases an inflammatory chemical known as *histamine*. Most of us recognize that name, if only because of the huge number of antihistamines sold over the counter, which are commonly used to treat hay fever symptoms.

Fel D1 may affect allergy patients in a number of different ways:

## **Inhaled Through the Nose**

The allergic reaction may be violent sneezing, and or the chronic condition called *allergic rhinitis*, AKA “hay fever,” which manifests with sneezing, accompanied by a runny nose, itching inside the nose, nasal congestion, and sometimes sinus congestion.

## **Inhaled Through the Nose and Mouth**

Dander inhaled into the bronchial tubes and the lungs can trigger asthma attacks.



## **Skin Rash or Hives**

Although allergies cause only about five to ten percent of chronic hives cases, they are almost always associated with pet dander, and more often with cat dander.

**Minor skin rashes** may be associated with dander falling on the skin, saliva deposited by a cat’s licking the skin, or even through inhaling the dander. Atopic dermatitis (Eczema) may be exacerbated by exposure to cats.

Although cat dander is a real threat to allergy victims, some cat lovers are able to cope with their allergies well enough to live in relative comfort with their cats. Please let your own allergist be the judge of this and follow his/her advice.

## Useful Tips to Remove Pet Hair From your House



The condition of the skin and coat is an indicator of the general health of your pet. Other than specific skin conditions like cat dandruff, feline acne or serious immune mediated cat and dog skin problems, internal health issues also reflect on the skin and coat of your pet.

Most of these health conditions lead to feline and canine hair loss. The situation is more challenging if you have a dog since most breeds shed hair naturally to a large extent during certain times of the year. Natural hair loss combined with hair loss due to ailments can pose a major problem for pet owners. Cleaning floors, carpets and furniture can become a more arduous task than it already is. Vacuum cleaners are the obvious choice for house cleaning, but many times it has been noticed that the cat and dog hair do not

get completely removed by the machine. Some useful tips for removing pet hair can save you time and money.

### **With a vacuum cleaner.**

After a thorough cleaning with the vacuum, use a barely dampened mop on low pile carpets. Keep a separate mop for this purpose so that you do not transfer soap, water or dust to the carpet.

Sprinkle a light coat of baking soda over the carpet. This is sure to loosen pet hair which can then be vacuumed more easily. Use a horse shedding blade over the rug. This will not ruin your rug but loosen the hair for you to clean.

Spray a fine mist of fabric softener diluted in water over the carpet ensuring that you do not drench it. The mist will evaporate in a couple of minutes but this is guaranteed to loosen the hair for vacuuming. Make sure to run the vacuum cleaner over the carpet once it is totally dry.

### **Without a vacuum cleaner.**

You can use a clean kitchen sponge for removing hair from the furniture. It rolls up the hair so that it can be picked up easily. This option is much cheaper than solutions sold specifically for this purpose.

By Tess Thompson

Static electricity makes even small and hard-to-see hair stand up. Anything made of rubber will pick up hair easily. Inflate a balloon and rub on the furniture. Use one side once only to avoid transferring the hair back. You can also use rubber gloves to remove pet hair from furniture and clothes.

For floors, use a squeegee that is long enough to use as a push broom. Get freshly mowed grass clippings or

damp leaves and spread over the floor. Dust and pet hair will stick to the dampness. Sweep with a broom or cleaner.

A drop of olive oil added to pet’s diet might control hair shedding to some extent. If you allow your pet inside the house, the problem of removing pet hair from floors, furniture and carpets will continue to exist. Vets recommend “lint rollers” to collect hair before falling, which can be expensive. Using inexpensive home tips for removing pet hair can go a long way in saving hard earned money and minimize effort for cleaning the house.

# HOW TO BUILD A CATTERY

## *Step by Step*

To build a cat friendly cattery, an awareness of cat welfare is a basic requirement. This, combined with the necessary building and planning skills, is an integral part of cat welfare and cat management.

As John and I recently moved into town, this is an outline of how we built our new cattery.

It is designed to house our personal breeding cats only.

The cattery is designed to the NZCF Certificate of Accreditation for Prefix Owner's Guidelines which can be found on the NZCF website.

The materials we have used are chosen for the weather conditions in Hawke's Bay. Although this may not suit conditions in other areas.

The piles for the cattery were made from 125 sq mm house piles once cut into lengths they were dug into the ground. We constructed the floor and walls in sections in the garage and carried each section once completed to the piled area and screwed into place.

Firstly the floor went down. The framing for the floor was done in individual sections from 100 mm x 50 mm treated pine. The flooring is tanalised CD 12 mm ply nailed to the floor frame. We painted the floor ply sections with four coats of polyurethane then carried each section and placed them onto the house piles.

The frames went up next, each one made from 50 mm x 30 mm treated pine, in sections and carried out into place from the garage. The frames are 1700 mm high the back section and sides were constructed from tanalised CD 7.5 mm ply. The mesh part of the sides were stapled onto the frame. The mesh is 25 mm gauge and comes in rolls various sizes from timber supply yards.

The doors and front sections came next the framing was tanalised pine 50 mm x 30 mm and the mesh then stapled to the frames. The hinges and pad bolts are galvanised to prevent rusting.

All the tanalised pine framing has been sanded and painted with three coats of polyurethane.

Building paper was stapled across the roof area, this prevents condensation.

The framing was then built cross the roof area to support the roofing iron. we brought colour steel roofing iron and screwed it into place with roofing tech screws.

There is a 7.5 deg fall on the roof to the back where the gutter and down pipes are attached.

The shelves were added last and painted with polyurethane.

There is a hole in the top shelf large enough for cats to jump through. The bottom shelf is low enough for cats to jump onto from the floor. The ramp that runs across the side can be accessed from the top shelf where the sleeping boxes are, this enables the cats to look out over the garden.

Our stud runs are 1.200 metres wide and 2.7 metres deep.

Lots of thought has gone into the position of the cattery in our yard, as our space is not huge we made sure of the maximum use of sun and shade for all weathers.

Breeders need to pay particular attention to the amount of space provided for each cat as well as space for storage, grooming and isolation.

Our runs are designed to house one stud cat each. The two areas at the end are designed to house three or four girls together if necessary.

A high amount of stress is caused by cats being kept confined. Which is why we made lots of climbing ramps, shelves, scratching poles for exercise and toys for playing.

My cats are also allowed to roam around the small garden area with me.

**Article & Photos by Vicki Marie Thompson  
Lace Cattery**



# REGISTRATIONS CATCH-UP

Our registrations are ticking along quite nicely with our very competent ladies Avon, Sue and Kaye.

One thing we ask of the members is please please double check your forms before you send them off as the most common hold ups are due to incorrect or missing information or that the incorrect payment has been made (A list of registration charges follow). Also when you are queried on your registration please remember that the registrars are just doing their job and following the rules so try not to shoot the messenger on any issues. It is very important to have the correct information on our database which we believe currently has "integrity" and that is why the registrars will query anything that does not seem correct.

Also we have available now our online registrations which hopefully will make it much easier for you to do your registrations in the future. We have had a couple of teething issues with online forms but are ironing them out and it will only get better and better.

A useful link I was given for checking on your colours is the "Phenotype Predictor for Cats v2.03 - Complete" which can be downloaded at the following location: <http://www.tenset.co.uk/fk19/pp-cat-download-real.pl>

I would personally like to take this opportunity to wish you all very Merry Christmas and a very prosperous kitten season.

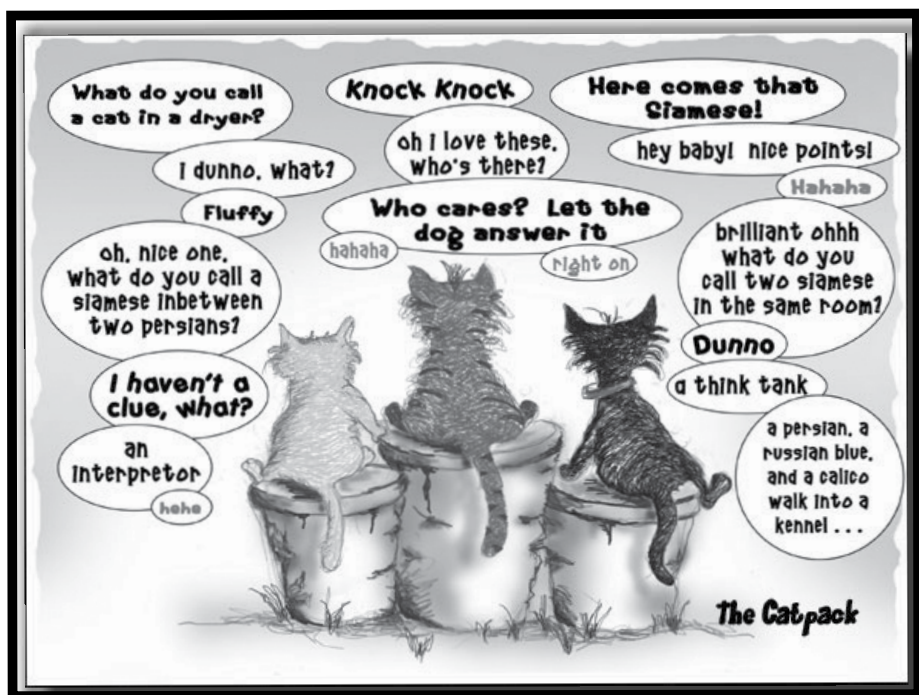
Cheers to you all  
*Diane Holtom*  
Registrations Portfolio Manager



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# Russet Burmese Update

*a world-wide first*

By Rod Hitchmough

New Zealand has recently produced something truly rare and special - a completely new colour in cats. Russets are not a result of colours from different breeds being combined to produce something new to the cat fancy - they are what used to be called a "sport". They are a totally new colour which has arisen out of the blue by chance among pedigree Burmese, with no breed crosses involved. They have never been seen anywhere else in the world, and all the other possible explanations for them (mismatings etc.) have been investigated and disproved by DNA tests. We can be thought of as having a real responsibility to establish this new variety.



*Enigma - aged 3 months*

Russet is a pattern rather than a colour - the base colour of the cat (seal in most of them so far, although the very first one was chocolate based) is still present, but it is reduced in its distribution on the body and is progressively replaced by a gold colour in Burmese and a rich tan in Mandalays. The pattern is very intriguing in several respects. Perhaps most notably, the cats completely change colour from kittenhood to maturity. Looking at a kitten, a junior adult and a mature adult (or the same cat at different ages), you would think you were looking at three totally different varieties. Young kittens have a very contrasting coat pattern which in the seal russet Burmese is ivory on the lower half of the body and the face and dark seal on the back. Barring on the elbows and kneecaps is also very pronounced at this age, and is part of the pattern. In the older kitten or junior adult, gold colour has appeared on the face and later progressively on the body, and there is a paler sheen over the seal colouring on the back. In the mature adult, the impression is of an all-over golden buff coloured cat, but a seal undercoat shows when the coat on the back is parted.



*Faline - Junior Seal Russett Burmese*

Despite the fact that most russets are of completely traditional Burmese breeding and are not tabbies (this has been confirmed by DNA testing), the pattern does show some similarity to the tabby pattern - any barring present is very pronounced in kittens, but fades with maturity. Russets have thumb prints on their ears, and a coat which appears shaded, although it doesn't have the crisp ticking

of a ticked tabby. Unlike tabbies, russets have pink nose leathers and paw pads, and they also lack the whisker pad spots, dark tail tip and dark fur around the pads expected in tabbies.



*Bernard - adult male Russet*



*Russet Mandalay adolescents*

A small number of russet Mandalays have been bred. The pattern is the same as in Burmese, but the gold is replaced by a lovely rich tan. Interestingly the russet

Mandalay litter contained some kittens that DNA tested as solid coloured and others that tested as tabbies, but in the russets this didn't make any appreciable difference to their appearance - the russet gene overrode the effect of the tabby gene.

Russet Burmese and Mandalays have just been given challenge status. Expect to see some on the show bench in the coming year, particularly around Wellington.


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# Breed Feature

# All about the Turkish Angora

*By Aleksandra Turjak*

The Turkish Angora is possibly the oldest longhair breed. It is a natural breed that originates in Turkey. The oldest written record about the Turkish Angora is from 16th century France. The Turkish Angora was present at the beginnings of cat fancy in Europe but the breed disappeared due to the fact that they were used in breeding Persians. Angora is an old name for Ankara, which is where the breed comes from. In Turkey they are known as Ankara Kedisi.

In their native Turkey the Turkish Angora is considered a national treasure and the government has set up a breeding programme in Ankara Zoo. In the 1950s and the 1960s the Turkish Angora was brought into the USA and around the same time they started to re-appear in Europe. In the early days only white Turkish Angora were shown, but now we see all natural colours on the show bench worldwide.

Even though there were individual cats that had been imported into New Zealand, there were no registered breeding cats in the country. I was enchanted with the breed and I started investigating importing them. Due to New Zealand's tough restrictions it was very hard to find breeders willing to send their cats on such a long journey and also put them through a 30 day quarantine. After a long search I found breeders willing to work with me, who had unrelated lines in Norway and Sweden (at that time we did not have quarantine for cats from those countries), and I imported my first five cats in early 2009. The NZCF accepted the breed and the first New Zealand registered Turkish Angora kittens were born at the end of 2009. I have since imported more lines, and I was very lucky to be allowed to buy a kitten from Ankara Zoo who is now part of my breeding programme.

I have been actively showing the breed since 2009 so that people have a chance to meet this extraordinary cat.

When you first look at the Turkish Angora you will see their incredible elegance and beauty. I might be biased, but I think it is fair to say that they are probably the most elegant of the breeds: with their long and delicate body, however very muscular and strong, and long fluffy tail which they use a lot when they talk (and they do talk a lot!), and their graceful movement. They have been compared to a dancing ballerina.

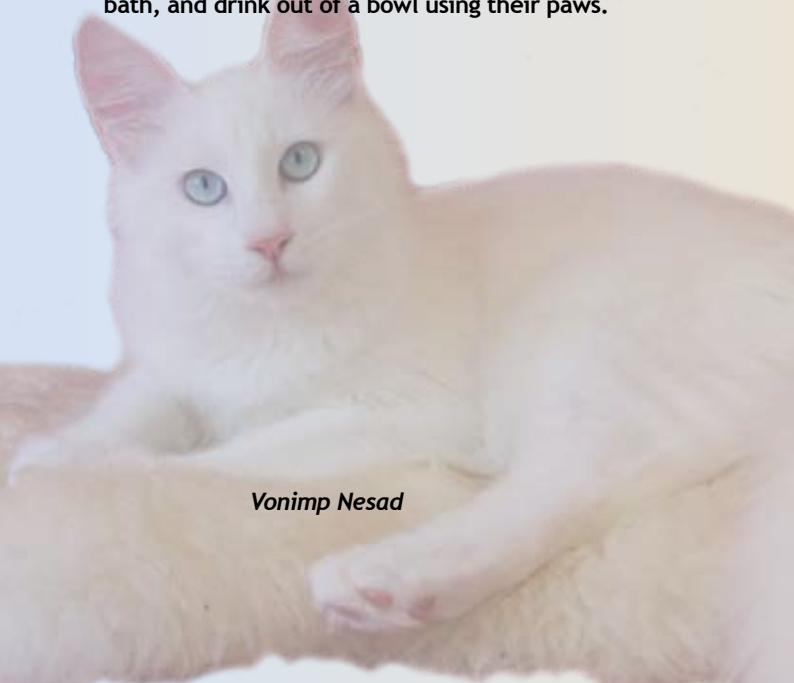
When you have a chance to meet the Turkish Angora, you will immediately notice their strong presence, their curiosity, their incredible intelligence and lust for life. They are very affectionate companions who love their human with a full heart; playful and ready to help you with everything you are doing, often offering advice on how to do it better! Like their cousin the Turkish Van, they love water and will often jump into your shower or bath, and drink out of a bowl using their paws.



*Vonimp Lemide*



Selena of Vonimp (import from the Ankara Zoo)



*Vonimp Nesad*



Vonimp's current kittens - from Vonimp Kader + Ch Vonimp Jaran, and from Ch Geraylar Dauria of Vonimp (import from Russia) + Vonimp Hasan-aga

# Club Show News - Mid Island

By Sue Ford



A show with a difference- Mid Island Shorthair Cat club held its last shorthair show in Te Awamutu in March this year, the last because in 2014 it is an All breeds show.

Our judges all praised it as a lovely show. Diana Arnold, Judy Lewis and Nick Tricarico from Australia and our own Janice Davey.

Mid Island prides itself on being a friendly show with plenty of prizes which our small committee worked hard to gather. There were plenty of special cats and special moments. Our president slaved in the heat of the kitchen to provide food throughout the day. John Wilson as show manager was on the microphone announcing spot prizes, Ruth was busy doing and checking results. Rob was entering and printing from the computer, Francie and Mike were on prizes sponsored by so many locals. The Plows welcomed folk at the door and looked after raffles and we had so much help for stewarding and handling which meant the day went smoothly.

I, as show secretary, seemed to run all day like a headless chook. I am sure all Show Secretaries know that feeling!

Our show opened for judging at 11am and all was completed by 5pm ready for our dinner which started with drinks and nibbles and ended with a special talk from each judge about one or two of their favourite cats. Not all cats and owners stayed for the dinner, but the judges found enough cats to talk about. After a few drinks it was a great atmosphere to sit with fellow exhibitors instead of racing away. It was amazing to see everyone pull together to clear the hall after the dinner so we could get home.

Another surprise that was different was our pet ring for the children. All cats whether domestic or pedigree were entered for a minimum fee and all the children got prizes and rosettes for their cats. The children could remove their cats at 3pm so it wasn't such a long day. This initiative was to try and get the youngsters involved and the parents were thrilled with the

attention and explanations that were given to their children. Debbie Munro judged this ring and it carried no points from NZCF.

We did also have a domestic ring and it was lovely to see the Bradleys not only get best domestic and best companion but they also won a voucher donated by Flight Centre for \$150 for travel plus \$50.00 worth of goodies. The voucher was drawn at the dinner and was free to all diners who were present.

The results were well spread. Cats or kittens that did well were Jan Allot's Siamese, Slique Fox On the Run, John Stringfellow's Bumilla, Cherjon Jasper, Debbie Chesterfield's, Oriental Neuter, Ridgeway Limited Edition which also gained three BAMs. Gay Silby took out supreme for the second year in succession with her sphinx. Lovely cats and owners so as one says, "no show without punch" and this small show certainly had "punch."

We look forward to our first All Breeds show at Te Awamutu on Sturday May 24. This show will also be a dinner show where we will celebrate our 21st Show. Our confirmed judges are Maureen Norberry, Chris Lowe, Paul Henry, Gaye Teague and Maree Roy. Look forward to seeing you and your loved animals.

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# SHOW Gallery

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Photos from Burmese NZ, Geyserland,  
Patches & Pointed & Mid Island Clubs





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## Another New Breed for the NZCF

# The Scottish

### "Taking the Mystery Out Of Scottish Shorthair and Scottish Longhair Cats"



The Scottish Shorthair/Longhair cats have had full show status over this 2013 show season, for the first time in New Zealand. They have previously been seen as Companions cats at many shows around New Zealand. The NZCF Show standards were accepted and finalized during the 2012 show season.

Since their beginnings in 1963 when the Scottish Fold was discovered and bred with British Shorthairs the Scottish Shorthair(or Longhair) approximately 50 % of the offspring of Scottish Folds had straight or stand up ears. These straight eared cats did not carry the mutation of the Fold Gene and when bred to each other or British Shorthairs produced only straight eared or stand up eared offspring. These offspring were originally called Scottish Variants a term some cat organizations still use today. Under the NZCF these Scottish Variants are registered and called Scottish Shorthairs or Scottish Longhairs.



The Scottish Shorthair or Longhair(straight eared) has evolved as a breed in its own right and today plays a very important role in the breeding of Scottish Folds. The allowable outcross under the NZCF for a both Scottish Shorthair/Longhair and Scottish Fold matings is any of the Scottish cats(including the Scottish Fold) plus the British Shorthair. A wise Scottish breeder will pick British Shorthair cats to breed with that do not conform to the British Standard but are less cobby, higher on leg, have larger ears, longer tails and possibly a softer coat. In the USA the American Shorthair/Longhair is a permissible outcross.

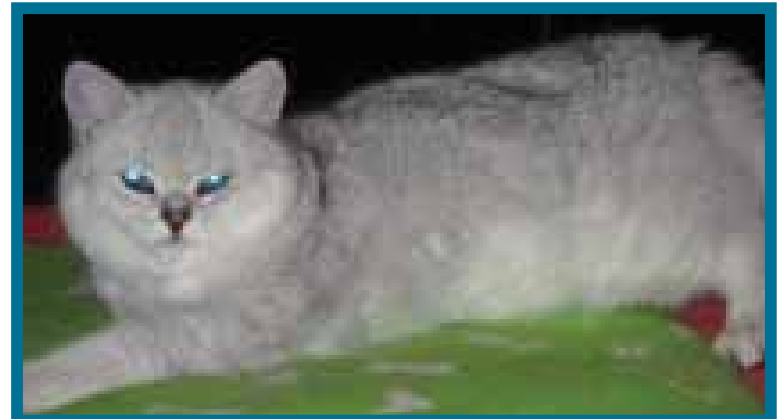
All offspring or progeny from Scottish breedings regardless of the straight eared parent or parents is registered with the NZCF as a Scottish Shorthair or Longhair. They cannot be registered as British even if one parent is a British Shorthair.



The accepted Standard for the Scottish Shorthair/Longhair in New Zealand by the NZCF is a basically a Scottish Fold with erect or stand up ears. The Scottish Longhair has a standard very much the same as a Highland Fold with erect or stand up ears. The eye colour and coat colours are the same as Scottish Folds or British Shorthairs.

I encourage all Scottish Fold Breeders to keep some of their straight eared progeny and start putting them on the show bench. I have shown a female kitten Foldabrit Rockin The Jazzmine with success in obtaining eighth best kitten in the 2013 Annual Awards.

*Keith Marsom  
Foldabrit Cattery*



# Patches & Pointed

By Chris Lowe

Who ever said that a rugby game would never affect a cat show!! Will Patches & pointed lost our wonderful spacious (albeit rather expensive) venue for our September 2013 annual championship show in Napier because of a game - having to quickly locate another venue in Napier was not an easy task. Thank goodness we had a member who was involved on the board at Napier Boys so we managed to secure the school hall. Although we could not spread out like we have been used to, all in all it was an o.k. venue one that we were grateful to get.

Once again there was a great line up of exhibits even though the shorthair section saw a decrease in numbers the quality was definitely still there and must commend those exhibitors who have continued to support Patches & Pointed.

Once again we enjoyed great sponsorship from Nutrience, Property Brokers and Pet Essentials, Breeders Select along with our normal line up of exhibitors and members making sure that all sections were covered.

Great line-up of judges including Theresa Kempton from Florida USA on her first visit to NZ said that she was most impressed with the presentation and overall standard of the breeds that she judged.

The highlight of the show undoubtedly was the supreme ring - we had Sue Ford judging the Supreme Patches & Pointed Exhibit which was won by John & Cheryl Stringfellow's gorgeous Burmilla Lad "Br Dbl. Gr Ch. Cherjon Jasper"



After presentations from all officiating judges of their supreme nominations, an exhibit from each ring was announced to go forward to compete against the Patches & Pointed Supreme winner "Jasper" for Supreme Pedigree Exhibit.

It was indeed a popular win for Sam Pratt with "Norbukate Pass The Pepper" a delightful exotic baby whose mum needed a trailer to take all the prizes home in.

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# NZ Burmese

By Margaret Bean

The End of Another Year in Christchurch



Well the 2013 Show season is over and we are making our plans for 2014 and beyond. Looking back over the last few years Canterbury All Breeds has certainly had its downs but we hope, with the ground remaining stable, for good things to come.

Three years ago our shows became non-existent, no halls and anyway who wanted their already nervous cat to be shaken off

the show bench, cage and all. We have for the last 2 years been having our shows at the Kaiapoi Club and it is booked again for the three shows next year. The Christchurch halls have either been pulled down or lost their parking and those that are available have put up their prices!

When we started again after reaching rock bottom we were lucky to get 60 -70 entries at a show but during 2013 the numbers have steadily risen and in September there were over 120 entries. Strangely enough there were more Longhairs than Shorthairs, which is unusual for this time of the year. While writing about these improvements I would also like to mention that we have some new committee members with lots of ability and new ideas and at least four of our club members have received their prefixes and are now setting up their breeding families. After the loss of a number of older breeders in this district, this is all very promising.

Now for the show itself. We welcomed Val Harney from Australia and five New Zealanders as our judges and we were delighted with their judging. Because the Kaiapoi club does not serve food before mid day, judging came to a halt at that

time and workers and judges were served a lunch in one of their side rooms. Others could go to the restaurant or the takeaway shops over the road. We had no problem getting workers, as like our other recent shows there have been more people available that places to put them.

There was a great display of super cats and kittens but as our Supreme cat awards are given at our June show these were not awarded at this time but had they been, the Longhair would have gone to visiting Sil Dbl Gr Ch Pepperbox Pop Dancer a beautiful black Persian owned and bred by I & J Gray from Wellington and the Shorthair to Tellaesee Blue Heathcliff a British blue having his first show as an adult, owned and bred by R Copland from Ashburton.

I think folk enjoyed sitting in the warm, cosy lounge, chatting and watching the judging. Most of the comments that have reached me have been of how much the show was enjoyed and how they appreciated the friendliness of the club members.

I also must thank again Royal Canin for their continuing support of our shows and for the wonderful cat sheeting they sent us for putting round our cages. We are so grateful to have this company working with us.

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# CLUB SHOW NEWS

## Geyserland by Diane Le Bas

The club has held a show in Tauranga for the last 11 years, when we took over the show date of the Tauranga Cat Club's date when it stopped holding shows. Some of our club members were quite sceptical of this step as our July show was approximately six weeks away. But with organisation and committed membership we overcome the sceptics and subsequently held our 11th show in Tauranga at the Greerton Hall. I think from memory there has been only one show where we have not held it at this venue. It was the Memorial Hall and although larger did not have the facilities the Greerton Hall has.

Anyway, this year our Judges were booked well ahead of schedule and travel arrangements made without a fuss. We hosted Wendy Hamilton and Fiona Cooper from Australia, as well as NZ Cat Fancy Judges, Rosemary Wilson, Gaye Teague, Margaret Harris, Sharon José and Colleen Frew.

As usual, club members met at the Greerton Hall at 9.00am on Saturday morning armed with lots of great food for a shared lunch after hall set up. The club is fortunate enough to have the help of the BoP Coast Rowing Team who do all the donkey work in setting up cages. So in a flurry of organised chaos the hall was set up by 12.30pm. All that needed to be done was the last minute jobs to ensure that Judges books, prizes, bookwork, etc., was all in hand and waiting for the early start on the Sunday morning.

This year we had 74 longhair entries; 34 shorthair entries; 8 companions and 6 domestics. A total of 125 entries.

A great pre-show dinner was enjoyed by all at the Chinatown Restaurant on the Saturday night where the judges were presented with their gifts for sparing their valuable time to provide their services on show day.

After a not so early night we all retired and some of us were up early, 5.30am, dressing in our finery, ready to open the hall to exhibitors at 6.30am. There were exhibitors waiting to get into the hall, all this taking place while our judges slept in and had a leisurely breakfast before wandering over to the hall for 8.00am checking of bookwork, exhibits sheets, etc., prior to judging at 8.30am.

With a closed show, all exhibitors who were not working left the hall and the day started. Judging commenced and exhibitors and public were able to enter the hall at 12.30pm. All exhibits and



exhibitors had a very stress-free day and comments received from Judges and some exhibitors that they enjoyed judging with very relaxed exhibits.

Catering was provided by Lynne's Kitchen, namely Lynne Cudby, who has supported our club over quite a few years and provided wonderful food for exhibitors,

public, and judges alike.

Judging was finished at approximately 2.30pm in the afternoon and the Supreme exhibits were announced by Margaret Harris. The supreme results are:

### Supreme Companion:

Amara owned by Tony and Lyn England  
(club members)

### Supreme Domestic:

Mittens owned by Leonie Rodgers

Supreme Shorthair: Gld.Dbl.Gr.Pr.

Robandi The Palmy

Panther owned by Emma Kimberley

Supreme Longhair: Gld.Dbl.Gr.Pr.

Whitestar Whiskey

owned by Lindsay and Alma Millard and  
Margaret Morgan

Overall Supreme: Gld.Dbl.Gr.Pr.

Robandi The Palmy Panther  
owned by Emma Kimberley

Cambridge, Sunday, 28 July 2013

Our club held its 46th Annual All Breeds show in Cambridge. This is the third time the club has held a show in the Waikato. The club would like to return its July show to Rotorua where our club is based, but the prohibitive cost of hiring halls that are able to host a cat show precludes the club returning to Rotorua at this stage. But we would like to return to the Bay of Plenty area to host our July Show.

I would like to say that holding a show in Cambridge is great for me purely from a selfish point of view as I do not have to travel away from home. The Cambridge Town Hall is only five minutes drive from home and is very reasonably priced to hire.

Both the local newspapers, the Cambridge Edition, and Your Cambridge News were great in providing reasonably priced costs to advertise the event. For convenience, the Judges accommodation, dinner venue and the Cambridge Town Hall are within two minutes walking distance from each venue so is great from the judges point of view.

As with Tauranga, lots of club members travelled to Cambridge on the Saturday morning to set up and this time we were ably helped by Cambridge High School rowing team members, and there were so many of them we ran out of jobs for them to do but the hall was set up ahead of schedule and we all retired to have a few refreshments

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### **Geyserland continues**

before dinner with the judges. Dinner was held at the K&Q Roast restaurant. I think the club hosted about 16 dinner guests in all. Dessert and refreshments were provided at the Secretary's house. The cheesecakes were an absolute delight.

Our Judges were again booked well ahead of schedule and travel arrangements made without a fuss. We hosted Valerie Cashman and Nick Tricarico from Australia and Judy Wereta, Lyall Payne, Fred Haslemore and Maree from New Zealand.

The Secretary hosted some of the judges and as usual when Fred travels up to our show he extends his time with us for a well earned break. Always a delight to host Fred.

Because of the size of the Town Hall we have to limit our numbers somewhat, but we hosted 60 longhair entries; 29 shorthair entries; 14 companions and 7 domestics. A total of 110 entries.

Judging was finished at approximately 2.30pm in the afternoon and the Supreme exhibits were announced by Valerie Cashman.

The supreme results are:  
**Supreme Companion:**  
Amara owned by Tony and Lyn England (club members)  
**Supreme Domestic:**  
Mittens owned by Leonie Rodgers  
**Supreme Shorthair:**  
Gld.Dbl.Gr.Pr. Robandi The Palmy Panther owned by Emma Kimberley

**Supreme Longhair:** Judging was finished at approximately 2.30pm in the afternoon and the Supreme exhibits were announced by Margaret Harris.

The supreme results are:  
**Supreme Companion:** Maltee owned by Lindsay and Alma Millard and Margaret Morgan  
**Supreme Domestic:**  
Picasso owned by Bridie McNeil and Haydon Middlebrook  
**Supreme Shorthair:**  
Dbl.Gr.Ch. Cheron Jasper owned by John and Cheryl Stringfellow (club members)  
**Supreme Longhair:**  
Gld.Dbl.Gr.Pr. and Dbl.Gr.Ch. Mainflame Night And Day owned by Kerry and Peter Holden  
**Overall Supreme:**  
Dbl.Gr.Ch. Cheron Jasper owned by John and Cheryl Stringfellow (club members)

Overall two very successful shows and they were enjoyed by all, or at least, that is what the feedback says. From a Club/Show Secretary point of view a great day, we had a few little issues to iron out but nothing that affected judging or exhibitors enjoyment of the day.

Apart from one incident: Our vet arrived late and very apologetic, having had a lovely sleep in, despite a reminder email. The judging finally got underway at about 9.00am but at the end of the day judging finished on time, the supreme results announced and the show was closed at 3.30pm.

As with both shows, the helpers arrive and the show is pulled down, packed away in the truck and delivered back to the container all in good time.

Our club will be continuing to hold closed shows, well for 2014 at this stage. Our shows for 2014 will again be held in Tauranga in June but for the July show we have decided to go further afield and this will be held in Taupo at the Great Lakes Centre near Lake Taupo. We certainly are looking forward to moving the show in 2014.

## **PICOT TO THE RESCUE**

Xanthe Purrano Picot Lace, who is a Chocolate Tortie Tonkinese, gave birth to her third litter 'right on target' at the end of October. Her five babies, two girls and three boys, all thriving. Then quite by chance, Picot's owner, Valda Anderson, happened to be talking to one of the staff at the local vets who had a tiny problem on her hands.

Della and her son Andrew had been looking after a week-old moggy kitten somebody had found abandoned or perhaps mislaid in Masterton and brought into the clinic. This little survivor was doing just that - surviving - but still facing an uphill battle after a really bad start and no 'cat mum' or brothers and sisters. Valda thought Picot might help; so little Jasmin, as she was now called, was duly delivered to Valda's home.

The idea was to wash and clean up the tiny tabby before introducing her to Picot and her kittens, but when she arrived, Jasmin was "making a huge racket", Valda said, causing serious consternation for the humans and Picot! Plan B was rapidly deployed. The new baby went straight into the box with the others; immediately calmed down and very soon latched onto a spare nipple. Picot seemed instantly delighted too, gave her new baby a really good wash, and is very proud of her extended family. And another happy ending: the now not-so-little Jasmin, when she is grown up and weaned, will go back to live with Della and Andrew, where she will be loved to bits.



*Picot cuddling baby Jasmin*

*Article and photo submitted by Maree Roy & Valda Anderson*



## BSAC FLASH CATS REPORT DECEMBER 2013

The BSAC held a meeting in Wellington on the 1st and 2nd of November. Two of the members used Skype to listen and add comment from Auckland.

The meeting covered the NZCF Constitution, Strategic Plan and BSAC Business Plan so all could appreciate the linking of these documents and ensure that the BSAC are following the directives portrayed in them.

Reviewing Colour Codes for the Schedule of Breed Codes  
There was discussion on the aligning of the SoBC and the Standard of Points. The Easy Mind System was looked at as it is being used to a greater degree by other cat fancies world-wide.

### Ragdoll Colours

The registration codes for mink and sepia expression were decided on.

### Hypokalemia testing

After the feedback from the last questionnaire to the Burmese breed group it was evident that the group were not entirely opposed to testing of imports. We will further consult with these breed groups on this.

### DNA Testing Protocols

The World Cat Congress resolution that all breeding cats within their member organisations be tested for any adverse hereditary condition if and when such genetic tests are available in their own country was discussed. An acknowledgement was made of how well the Ragdoll breeders have worked towards removing hypertrophic cardiomyopathy (HCM) from their breeding cats. It was suggested that the protocols that these breeders have developed, and as a group accepted, could be a model for NZCF protocols. This will be discussed further at EC level.

### Breeder Mentors

Now that NZCF have a group of Breeder Mentors we felt that some information relating to areas that they may need to cover should be available via the NZCF for their support. The BSAC have worked on the initial stages of this.

Intermateability of Burmese, Tiffany and Mandalay  
This was discussed at length.

Siamese, Oriental, Balinese and Javanese  
standardising of SOPs

From the questionnaire that was circulated last year it was evident that the Siamese breed group collectively would like to see the four standards

“standardised”. A sub group of the BSAC are now working on this and once completed will be circulated to the breeders in these groups.

### Caramel Challenge Status and Reclassification

A project to separate caramels into their base colours for showing has involved the completion of a full list which describes the caramel on each base colours (blue/lilac/fawn) and will be circulated to the breeders of applicable groups.

The BSAC would like to thank all those people who have communicated and helped the fancy move forward on the items we are working on and at this time would like to wish all members ( and cats) a very merry Christmas and a happy New Year

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# Health & Safety Report

By Sue MacKay

You arrived safely in Wellington on your Air New Zealand flight, after saying goodbye to your family an hour and a half ago. You are walking through the airport, when everything starts to shake. That's ok, you have been in earthquakes before, this is a good shake, but everything seems to be ok. You notice some tourists are particularly upset, and realise they not only don't speak English, but this must be the first time this has ever happened to them.

Or perhaps you are at a cat show when the fire alarm starts. You are stewarding in the Shorthair Neuter/Spey Section, so you start to put cats in cages, and leave the show with 4 cats in cages. You hope someone has put your Companion Shorthair Spey in a cage and taken her out for you, you saw a friend put your 2 Entires in cages as they were standing right by them when the alarm started.

Maybe you are a Judge, and a cat turned fractious and scratched you before jumping back into its cage, or a member of the public has sat down quickly complaining of chest pain. Who is your first aider, and how can you find them quickly?

What expectations would you have while you are in the care of someone else? A business, or club officials? Would you expect them to know what to do in an emergency? Could you take care of yourself in a strange city or country? If something went wrong at a cat show, would you expect club officials to know what to do straight away, or would you be content while they try to figure out who is in charge, and what they should do in an emergency?

During an emergency is not the time to realise that your club is not prepared for it. The NZCF has complied with current legislation, and prepared Policies and Procedures for your club to follow. The above-mentioned incidents all happened! It is no longer acceptable to think "she'll be right mate", or worse, "it'll never happen to me". All your club has to do is appoint an officer, and complete the worksheet. The Brown Ink sections of the file needs to be completed well before your show - you don't have to do it right when you are trying to complete everything to do with the show, you can complete it 3-6 months out so it is ready. This means you may only need to make some changes if a person is not going to be available.

The exhibitors and public that come to your show EXPECT your club to take care of them if something goes wrong. The only way you will know what to do without looking like an idiot, is if you are prepared. Some clubs still haven't

complied with the requirements, and we are aware of at least 1 club who has refused. Your club must be signed off before holding a show next year. This is to protect your club as well as everyone who will be involved in the NZCF sanctioned activity.

In this day and age, we have become more aware of being held liable for mistakes. This is why we record incidents and any actions taken as a result of them. Someone has a near-miss (slips / trips etc, but doesn't get hurt). That person has a responsibility to make sure the cause is removed, minimised or isolated so no one else can get hurt. I know there is a lot of joking around about reporting accidents and injuries, I have been guilty of it myself, but I have still always taken my own health and safety, and that of those around me, seriously. Take for instance the farmer who has a faulty gate. He knows that every time he puts stock in a particular paddock, 1 or 2 of the cattle get out, particularly if it rains, and the cattle push hard up against each other, and the gate. This has been going on for months, but the cattle are in that paddock for a week every 2-3 months, so it doesn't seem such a bad thing. Your family are driving through the area at night on your way to a 5 day weekend at the beach. The weather is terrible, but you know that by the next morning, most of the rain will have passed. You come around the corner, and on the bridge ahead of you, you don't see the 2 black cattle standing in your lane. Once you spot them, it's too late to do anything more than slam on your brakes, and hope for the best.

From this point, many different scenarios can occur.

- You stop in time, no one and nothing is hurt.

- You hit the cattle, badly damaging your car and the cattle, but you and your family are ok.

- You hit the cattle, write off your car, your partner and daughter are taken to hospital in a helicopter, and you and your son aren't so badly hurt, and are taken to a different hospital by ambulance.

No matter what the outcome, you are starting to ask yourself some questions. The first one - Why were the cattle on the road?

You may be annoyed if this is the first time the cattle are out - after all it was an accident. But what if you found out these cattle are often out on the road?

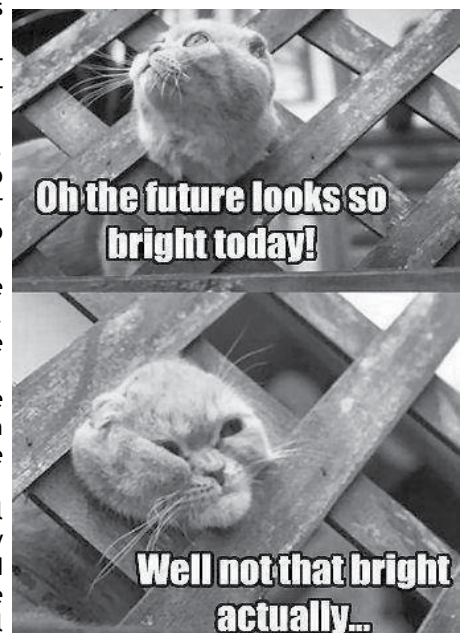
What if you found out animal control had been rung 3 hours ago by a passerby who reported seeing the cattle out, and concerned that it was sunset soon, the cattle may not be seen. Animal control

hadn't been out yet, or they have, but the farmer wanted to finish dinner before going back out.

Ok, I can hear you say, but showing cats isn't anywhere near as dangerous as cows on a road. We are trying to create an environment which is safe and enjoyable for everyone, and where we can all deal with emergencies and injuries, quickly and effectively, should they arise. Some of the plans may never be needed, but you still need to be able to find them in a hurry, if the need arises. Health & Safety Officers need to be familiar with all the Policies and Procedures.

Accidents and near-misses need to be reported, and a copy of the incident sent to the NZCF Health & Safety Officer, who can then start to check for any trends (i.e. recurrent injuries - do we need to change handlers skills?). To date, no incidents have been received by me, which I find a little surprising! I spoke with a club member about an incident which may have resulted in serious injury, but no paperwork has arrived. I am unable to do any follow-up (as discussed) until I have it.

So, please, to the clubs out there who are not compliant, please read the information, and send in the completed worksheet, by email or snail mail. Keep a copy, so if it is not received, you don't have to do it again. I will email you once the worksheet is received, and let you know you have passed, or go over what needs to be done. If you haven't heard from me by now, and you sent in your worksheet, I haven't received it. I am very happy to be contacted if you are having trouble, or if you have an incident you need to chat about.





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# MEETING NOTES

Meeting Notes EXECUTIVE COUNCIL 22-24th November 2013

Breeders Code of Conduct, Members Code & Judges Code will be circulated for approval

Review of the (DDP) Disputes & Disciplinary Procedure - has been set as priority to complete

Governance Documents: Jane Webster working towards a completion date prior to the AGM 2014. The Show Bylaws will be completed by the end of January - each Portfolio Manager will be responsible for updates.

Health & Safety Policy: Affiliate Clubs are to endorse the NZCF Policy, and appoint Health & Safety Officers that have completed the work sheet, failure to do so will affect approval of their show dates.

Strategic Plan/ Business Plan: Roy Griffiths was acknowledged for all the work he has done in setting out the business plan into Portfolio Management areas. The document is to be made available on the website. It is the intention of the EC to target the strategic plan at the beginning of the year and the business plan will show what has been finished at the end of the year - the plan will be updated to show measures or success etc...

Resource Consents: NZCF are to look at sending a generic letter to all councils requesting that NZCF are registered as a stakeholder in the process of consultation when they are reviewing their district plan in respect of breeder's catteries.

Gareth Morgan Foundation: Gareth Morgan & Nick Tansley met with the EC to establish if there are any common grounds around the policy of the Foundation. The following areas of common interest were identified:

- Every cat is an owned cat
- Microchipping NZCF do not currently have a policy on it
- Confinement is more controversial
- The meeting was positive
- Foundation wants on going relationship with NZCF

Registration Rule Change: 9.2 (b)

"All applications for registration shall be in the Registrar's hands at least fourteen clear days before the first show for which the registration is required."

Registration Rule 9.4.1 (g) which reads:

"When queens are mated overseas and application made for the progeny subsequently born in New Zealand to be registered by the NZCF, a certified pedigree and registration certificate of the stud cat, issued by the country or state in which the stud cat was registered at the time of mating, shall be forwarded, together with the application for registration of the progeny, to the appropriate Registrar. Photocopies of certified pedigree and registration certificate will be acceptable and other requirements as for Rule 9.2(c) shall be satisfied. Progeny of matings using cats in NZ that are registered with another recognised registry can also be registered in the same way.

Appointed Members & speaking rights - Refer remit past at the 2013 AGM the EC confirmed all rights of attendance around meetings implied being involved in all EC discussions via emails also the right to talk on matters that are not always part of their own areas of responsibility.

**Show Package** - final testing has been done the only remaining matters are the provision of a top ten for the exhibitors and the honours registrars marked catalogue.

On line forms - registrations & membership applications, there have been a number of issues highlighted particularly with the registration forms.

**Judges School: Lead Tutors**

On the resignation of Jo Millar the EC confirmed appointments of Lead Tutor 2013 /14 Cheryle St Clair-Newman Longhair Chris M Lowe - Shorthair

Judges Code of Conduct: an updated code has been adopted which will be circulated with the annual returns.

**Annual Awards Scoring:** The number of rings for 2014 will be the highest scoring 7 rings - (this has been reduced due to member's submission)

**Show Dates 2015:** Must be applied and paid for in full by 31st March 2014 - Clubs must appoint a Health & Safety Officer to support their show date application.

**WCC 2015:** A subcommittee is to be setup (lead by Janice Davey) to seek funding for the World Cat Congress which is to be held in NZ in 2015.

Welcome to our new NZCF  
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<i>Pro-rata fees apply for new Full/Family members only at 9, 6, &amp; 3 mths</i>				
Affiliate (Clubs) - incl. \$50 contrib. for Clubs Pub. Liab. Ins	\$ 100.00	Flash Cats Advertising - Refer to rates listed separately in Flash Cats		
Full	\$ 55.00	Flash Cats Breeders Directory - 4 Issues (invoiced)	\$ 24.00	
Family - 2 members	\$ 70.00			
Family - 3 members	\$ 85.00	<b>Payable to Executive Secretary</b>		
Junior	\$ 15.50	Flash Cats Folders - incl postage	\$ 20.00	
Associate (in NZ)	\$ 30.00			
Associate (in NZ) - Family - 2 members	\$ 40.00	<b>REGISTRATION FEES</b>		
Associate (in NZ) - Family - 3 members	\$ 50.00	<b>Payable to LH, SH &amp; PR Registrars</b>		
Associate (in NZ) - Junior	\$ 10.00	Registrations: per Litter		
Associate (Overseas)	\$ 40.00	Per Litter - up to 4 months of age	\$ 26.00	
Late Payment Fee from 01/02/14 (Existing Members)	\$ 20.00	Per Litter - over 4 months of age	\$ 52.00	
<i>Each membership type includes 4 issues of Flash Cats per year</i>		Imported Cat/Kitten Registration	\$ 41.00	
		Penalty Fine for Non-Registration of Litter	\$ 50.00	
<b>OTHER FEES</b>		Transfers: per Cat/Kitten	\$ 6.50	
Agendas & Minutes - Posted - (est. 7 Meetings)	\$ 36.00	Breeding Cats & Kittens (incl certified 4-Generation Pedigree)	\$ 32.50	
Cattery Accreditation (Bi-Annual)	\$ 50.00	Non-Breeding Cats & Kittens	\$ 6.50	
Complaints - NZCF Members only	\$ 51.00	Penalty Fine for Non-Transfer - per cat/kitten	\$ 10.00	
<u>Governance Documents (downloads available fm NZCF Website)</u>		Certified Pedigrees:		
Constitution	\$ 10.00	3 Generation	\$ 21.00	
Registration Rules	\$ 10.00	4 Generation	\$ 26.00	
Schedule of Breed Codes	\$ 10.00	5 Generation	\$ 41.00	
Show Bylaws	\$ 10.00	6 Generation	\$ 77.00	
		7 Generation	\$ 100.00	
<b>BREED SECTION FEES</b>		8 Generation	\$ 150.00	
<b>Payable to Executive Secretary</b>		Colour, Name or Sex Change	\$ 6.50	
All members - 1st section	Free	Export Documentation	\$ 5.50	
Breeders - All breeds bred	Free	Leasing Fee: New for 1st year (incl certified 4-Gen.Pedigree)	\$ 38.50	
Non-breeders - 2nd & subsequent sections	\$ 12.00	Leasing Fee: Renewal for 2nd & final year	\$ 12.50	
Standard of Points - LH with cover	poa	<b>SHOW FEES</b>		
Standard of Points - SH with cover	poa	<b>Payable to Treasurer (by Clubs)</b>		
Standard of Points - LH without cover	poa	Benching Fees:		
Standard of Points - SH without cover	poa	Pedigree - per exhibitor per ring (1st exhibit)	\$ 4.00	
		Domestic/Companion - per exhibitor per ring (1st exhibit)	\$ 4.00 per day	
<b>HONOURS</b>		Penalty Levy for late receipt of marked catalogue to Honours Registrar	\$ 5.00 per day	
<b>Payable to Honours Registrar</b>		Penalty Levy for late receipt of Benchng Fees to Treasurer	\$ 5.00	
Honours Certificates:		<b>Payable to Executive Secretary</b>		
Champion & Premier (no free copy issued)	\$ 6.50	<i>Applies to 2015 Show Year - fees payable in full by 31 March 2014</i>		
Grand to Gold (for additional copies as 1st copy free)	\$ 6.50	Clubs - Show Application Fees - per Ring	\$ 50.00	
Medallions - Silver & Gold	\$ 18.50	Clubs - Show Late Application Fee - for fees received after 31/03/14	\$ 25.00	
		<i>Note: Co-operatively held shows attract separate show booking fees</i>		
<b>JUDGING FEES</b>		<b>STATIONERY</b>		
<b>HANDLERS &amp; STEWARDS COURSE FEES</b>		<b>Payable to Executive Secretary or Treasurer</b>		
<b>Payable to Treasurer</b>		Desexing Contracts (per 50) - incl \$2.10 for postage	\$ 14.00	
Admission to Judges School	\$ 125.00	NZCF Badges (Gold on Blue) - incl .70 cents for postage	\$ 6.70	
Admission to Transfer Panel	\$ 80.00	<i>All other NZCF forms are available as downloads from the NZCF website</i>		
Handlers Course Fees (must be NZCF Members)	\$ 20.00			
Stewards Course Fees (must be NZCF Members)	\$ 20.00			
<b>PREFIX FEES</b>				
<b>Payable to Executive Secretary</b>				
New Prefix - incl 2 x Governance Books	\$ 85.00			
Additional Owner Joining an Existing Prefix	\$ 35.00			
Changes to Spelling of Prefix - Applicant Error	\$ 16.00			

# 2014 NZCF Show Calendar

Sun 2nd Mar 2014	Shorthair Cat Breeders (Pedigree SH Domestic & Companions)	3	Canterbury TBA
Sat 15th Mar 2014	Burmese NZ Central (All SH) (1 specialist & 4 All Shorthair Breeds)	5	Palmerston Nth
Sun 16th Mar 2014	Canterbury All Breeds	4	Canterbury
Sat 22nd Mar 2014	Metropolitan SHCC(All Pedigree SH)	3	Auckland
Sat 5th Apr 2014	Dominion Shorthair (All Breeds)	4	Wellington
Sat 5th Apr 2014	Southern Cross LHCC & Otago Siamese & SH Pedigree (All Breeds)	4	Dunedin
Sat 12th Apr 2014	Central Districts Cat Fanciers (All Pedigree Breeds + 3 rings Domestic/Companions	4	Masterton
Sun 13th Apr 2014	Auckland Cat Club (All Breeds)	3	Auckland
Sat 19th Apr 2014	NZ Siamese - All Shorthair (3 rings) Domestic & Companions Siamese specialist - (1) ring	4	Christchurch
Sat 26th Apr 2014	NZ Cat Fancy AGM	0	Wellington
Sat 3rd & Sun 4th May 2014	Palmerston North (All Breeds)	6	Palmerston North
Sun 11th May 2014	Longhair Cat Breeders (LH Pedigree / Domestic & Companions)	5	Christchurch
Sat 17th May 2014	TOSCA (Specialist & SH Guest breeds)	3	Auckland
Sat 24th May 2014	NZ Burmese (SOUTHERN) All SH	5	Christchurch
Sat 24th May 2014	Mid Island Cat Club (All Breeds Domestic & Companion Dinner Show)	4	Te Awamutu
Sun 1st Jun 2014	Birman Cat Club & Companions	4	Hamilton
Sun 8th Jun 2014	Geyserland Cat Club (All Breeds)	4	Tauranga
Sun 15th Jun 2014	Canterbury All Breeds	4	Canterbury
Sun 15th Jun 2014	Wellington Cat Club (All Breeds)	4	Wellington
Sun 22nd Jun 2014	Auckland Cat Club	4	Auckland
Sun 29th June 2014	NATIONAL - NELSON 1 Ring National/3 Rings All Breeds	4	Nelson
Sat 5th & Sun 6th Jul 2014	Alpine SH Cat Club - 5 rings Saturday & 3 rings Sunday (All Breeds)	8	Christchurch
Sat 5th Jul 2014	Taranaki & Sacred Temple (combined show) Taranaki (All breeds 3 rings) Sacred Temple (Birman 3 rings) + domestics & Companions	6	New Plymouth
Sun 13th Jul 2014	Hamilton Cat Club (all breeds)	4	Hamilton
Sat 19th Jul 2014	Pedigree Persian Cat Fanciers (All Longhair Pedigree & Companions)	6	Wellington
Sun 27 Jul 2014	Geyserland Cat Club (All Breeds)	4	TBA
Sun 10th Aug 2014	Patches & Pointed Inc. (3 rings All Breeds) 1 ring specialist	4	TBA
Sun 10th Aug 2014	Shorthair Cat Breeders (Pedigree SH Domestic & Companions)	3	Canterbury TBA
Sat 16th Aug 2014	Hutt Feline (All Breeds)	4	Lower Hutt
Sat 23rd Aug 2014	Abyssinian & Somali Cat Club (All SH)	3	Auckland
Sat 23rd Aug 2014	Southland Cat Fanciers All breeds Domestic & companions	4	Invercargill
Sun 7th Sep 2014	Kapiti-Horowhenua	1	Kapiti
Sun 14th Sep 2014	Canterbury All Breeds	4	Canterbury
Sat 20th Sep 2014	Wellington & Pedigree Persian Supreme (All Breeds)	4	TBA
Sun 28th Sep 2014	Burmese NZ - Northern All SH	4	Auckland

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