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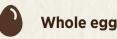


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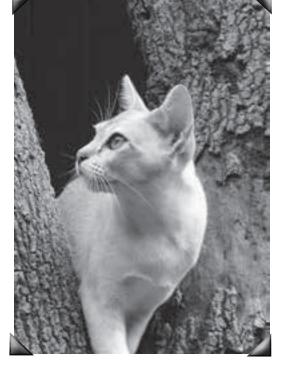
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Walter Lionel George (author, P. Bed of Roses)

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Chair Chat

I'd like to begin by acknowledging that sad loss of Margaret Bean, Burmese breeder, judge and valued member of the NZCF. I will always remember Margaret's lively intelligence and interest in all things feline and her willingness to contribute whenever asked.

This year we are hosting the World Cat Congress AGM and consequently have developed a great seminar progamme taking place the day before the National Show. This is a rare opportunity for NZ Cat Fanciers to hear interesting speakers both homegrown and from overseas. In addition our National Show (and club rings) benefit as we have access to the overseas delegates, available to judge for us at far lesser cost than would usually be involved.

It's always interesting to know what judges around the world think about our cats, and it is a great opportunity to showcase the best we have. If you are interested raising the profile of NZ bred cats (maybe yours in particular) overseas, this is one National not to be missed!

I look forward to seeing you all there.

In the meantime I wish you all the best with your kittens, cats, and breeding programmes.

Zena Pigden NZCF Chair

Editor's Note

It was very sad to hear of Margaret's passing, she will be a great loss to the Cat Fancy. I would like to dedicate a memorial page to Margaret in the next Issue and would ask any of you who knew and worked with Margaret to send me in some words, anecdotes or fun stories and photos of Margaret during her hard working association with the Cat Fancy.

The breeding season will soon be keeping our breeders busy with calling queens and mewling babies. We have dedicated several pages to some of the issues that can present themselves during the breeding process, so if you are a new breeder or a more experienced one who might like to have a refresher. We hope our articles are helpful. There is a particular article on H2O delivery, probably new to most of us, but interesting indeed.

Congratulations to all our 2014 Award Winners, it's great to see some of the same cats popping up each year. I feel like I know many of them well.

Gook luck with all your show babies this year, Particularly those going to the National, Janice and the team have put together an impressive programme for the weekend. The Seminar offers some expert and insightful speakers that will no doubt deliver excellent presentations. To those who are planning to take advantage of this exciting weekend, take care, travel safe and have a great one....

Gaynor Saxon Flash Cat's Editor

CATS WITH GREAT TASTE IN LITERATURE!



Vixen (Samhain Diamond In The Ruff) and Saracen (Vladimir Lone Ranger) take a much deserved nap after a long interesting read.

Photo sent in by their owner, Anita Andrew.

Are You Holding HISTORICAL Assets for the NZCF?

It is possible that some people are holding magazines, documents, and other items on behalf of the NZCF. We don't actually need them shipped to a central point, but we would like to know about all NZCF historical items you may have, so that we can make an inventory.

Contact the NZCF Historian Jane Webster talmijane@gmail.com



SHOW NEWS

Hello to all cat lovers...

I started my judging year at the first show of the season and what a great line up of cats. After seeing the excellent quality of cats on the show bench so far, I can see it's going to be a great year.

Coming up for the 2015 National Show, the Auckland Cat Club is hosting this exciting event which offers:

- Great Venue
- Good transport in out of Auckland
- Great line of overseas Judges
- A class just for Veterans Cats
- Food Sponsorship for all rings
- Lots more prizes

So get your show entries in now!

The NZCF Annual awards Dinner, at the Novatel Hotel, is on the Saturday evening, This is always a wonderful evening and a chance to show off all our Award Winners from 2014.

And, then of course, Sunday will be a full-on day with our Seminar introducing and a fantastic line-up of speakers

- Elsa Flint
- Steve Crow
- Dr Noriel Williams Royal Canin
- George Sofronidis
- Leslie Lyons
- John Smithson

There are some tickets still available so get in quick...

CLUBS...There are some new show rule's that must be included in your show schedules this year, so please be aware of this.

Janice Davey PFM Shows

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Fever in Cats

How can you tell if your cat has a fever? In humans, a kiss of a warm forehead may give you a clue. But you can't tell if your cat has a fever by feeling for a warm, dry nose, as many people believe. The only way to know for sure -- with either a human or a cat -- is to take its temperature.

A normal temperature in cats ranges from 100.4° to 102.5° Fahrenheit. A fever in cats occurs when temperatures rise above 102.5° F. Although fevers may be helpful in fighting disease, a fever higher than 106° F can damage organs. Contact the vet right away if your cat has a high fever.

Learn about the causes, signs, and symptoms of fevers in cats and what you need to know about taking your cat's temperature and caring for a cat with a fever.

Causes of a Fever in Cats

An increase in body temperature above normal is called hyperthermia. Abnormal or unregulated hyperthermia in cats may result from being in a very warm environment or having increased muscle activity, for example. However, a fever is a specific, regulated type of hyperthermia. It develops when the set point is increased in the hypothalamus, a part of the brain that acts as the body's thermostat.



A fever usually results when the immune system is activated by conditions, such as: A bacterial, viral, or fungal infection A tumor Injury from trauma Certain medications Diseases such as lupus A fever for more than two weeks with no apparent reason is called a fever of unknown origin (FUO).

Signs of a Fever in Cats

Diseases that cause a fever in cats can also cause certain telltale behaviours. These behaviours, which evolved in wild animals to help them survive illness, allow cats to conserve the necessary energy to produce a fever. Fevers fight disease by stimulating the immune system and slowing growth of bacteria and viruses.

Watch for these signs of a fever: Loss of appetite Depression Lack of energy or activity Decreased drinking

Ear temperature probe (Pet Temp) How it works...



Infrared energy (heat) is emitted by the ear drum and the surrounding tissue

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NATIONAL SHOW UPDATE....

Unfortunately both Annette Sjoden and Jane Slabbert (two of the judges for the upcoming National Show) are unable to come, so we have had to cancel their judging appointments. We have contracted Lesley Morgan and Penny Bydlinski, two of the other WCC delegates, to fill their places. So the new judging lineup is as below.

	R1 National	R2	R3	R4
Longhair Entire Cats	Eric Reijers (Czech Republic)	Andreas Möbius (Germany)	Lesley Morgan (Australia)	Cheryl Uren (Australia)
Longhair Entire Kits	Eric Reijers	Andreas Möbius	Lesley Morgan	Cheryl Uren
Longhair Desexed Cats & Kittens	Eric Reijers	Andreas Möbius	Lesley Morgan	Fate Mays (USA)
Shorthair Entire Cats	Rachel Anger (USA)	Anneliese Hackmann (Norway)	Penny Bydlinski (Australia)	Fate Mays
Shorthair Entire Kits	Rachel Anger	Anneliese Hackmann	Penny Bydlinski	
Shorthair Desexed Cats & Kittens	Rachel Anger	Anneliese Hackmann	Penny Bydlinski	Cheryl Uren
Domestic & Companion Cats & Kits	Rachel Anger	Anneliese Hackmann	Lesley Morgan	Fate Mays

PENNY BYDLINSKI (FIFE AUSTRALIA) SECRETARY WCC

Penny was brought up in the UK with cats of one sort or another but bought her first Burmese in Canada in the 1960s. She bred Burmese under her prefix of Penric from 1969 to 2007. She has also bred Persians and, together with her partner Roger, Abyssinians under the prefix Ryedene. Although Burmese will always be her first love, Abys run a close second and are a breed which she feels very strongly about.

She qualified as a FIFe judge for shorthairs in 1981 and later for both the Longhaired and Semi-longhaired categories. She was on the FIFe board from 1993 until her retirement in 2005, having been General Secretary for 10 years. Penny has judged extensively all over Europe, South America, Indonesia and Malaysia as well as in Australia and New Zealand.

She was Chairman of the first FIFe member in the UK and actively involved in its successor, serving on both the Show and the Judges Commission as well as being Chairman, until her retirement in 1975, of the Garden of England Cat Club which she founded in 1991. Penny is now semi-retired and living in the hinterland behind the Gold Coast in Queensland. She is still secretary of the World Cat Congress, a post she has occupied since 1995 and which she enjoys very much as it gives an opportunity of meeting and exchanging ideas with people from other organisations round the world.

She now has more time to enjoy her hobbies of books, embroidery, theatre and gardening in the very beautiful surroundings where she lives with the company of her two cats, a brown Burmese and, of course, an Aby, both neuters.

LESLEY MORGAN (ACF-AUSTRALIA)

My introduction to the cat fancy was in 1964, with Chinchillas and shaded silver Persians, my first breed. My mother acquired a Burmese in 1965, so that became another interest. In 1968 my parents (Tops and Trevor Jowett) imported the first British Shorthair breeding pair into Australia, and thus the "Redwyton" British (top winners in several continents) began.

Diversifying, I bred the first lilac tabby point Siamese on the bench in Aust, in 1969. Since 1985, I pioneered exotics in Australia ("Comyn" prefix), breeding quite a number of Group 1 (in Australia, Persian/Exotic and all Semi LH) Cats, Kittens and Neuters of the Year from 1987 through to 2010. In complete contrast, from April '97 I became owner of a castrated tawny Aby housepet/show neuter, who was 1997 Group 3 Kitten of the Year, and 1998, 1999, 2000 and 2001 Group 3 Neuter of the Year, as well as National Desexed Abyssinian, 1998. In mid 2010 I was given foster care of the plainest and most unpedigreed black tortie SH kitten in the world, whose enormous character and joie de vivre have guaranteed she stays with me forever! It's fair to say that my taste in cats is diverse!

I qualified as a judge of all shorthair in 1968 in the days when there was a very limited number of breeds in that category, and in 1971, added Longhair, British and Manx (as the licence then was) to become All Breeds. (Scandalously young to be an AB judge – it could never happen now with so many more breeds and more sophisticated training!) In 1979, I became a FIFe International All Breeds judge, during the period ACF was a FIFe member body.

Since then, I have been fortunate enough to judge many times in all states and territories of Australia, as well as NZ, and have on many occasions judged in (two states of) Malaysia, Singapore, Indonesia, Japan, UK, Sweden, Holland, Finland, Norway, Germany, Denmark, Italy, France, South Africa, Slovakia, Czech Republic, Latvia, Poland and Austria, for all member bodies of the World Cat Congress (WCC). I was the Australian Cat Federation Inc delegate to WCC from 1995 to 2003, from 2006 to 2012 and have since 2013 again been delegate.



PENNY BYDLINSKI



LESLEY MORGAN

For some years, I have been involved in various administrative positions within the Tasmanian (and national) cat fancy, and was Acting ACF President '97 - '98, ACF International Liaison Officer 1989 - 2003 (and from June 2006 to present day), as well as editor of the ACF Judges' Guild journal, "Felijudge" and the ACF Yearbook. I am Secretary of the committee of the Cat Association of Tasmania, and have been head judge tutor (All Breeds) in Tasmania since the 1970's. An umbilical hernia is a condition in which abdominal contents protrude through the abdominal wall in the area of the umbilicus. Small hernias are generally not a problem. It is recommended to electively repair a larger hernia due to the risk of intestinal loop strangulation.

The exact cause of an umbilical hernia is unknown, although most are thought to be inherited. It is most commonly a congenital malformation caused by flawed embryogenesis. The umbilical opening is normal until birth as it contains blood vessels that pass through from the mother to the fetus. This opening closes at birth in the normal pet and a hernia results if the opening fails to close.

Umbilical hernias occur in the midline of the abdominal wall through the umbilical ring and can be a variety of sizes from very small to very big. The hernia appears as a soft abdominal mass in the area of the umbilicus. Whether or not it can become a problem depends on the size of the opening. However, if the opening is large enough, an intestinal loop can become trapped which can become a life-threatening problem. For this reason, it is recommended that larger hernias be closed after diagnosis. This is most often done concurrently with the spay or castration surgery.

What to Watch For

• Soft abdominal mass at area of umbilicus

Signs of intestinal strangulation:

- Larger painful hernia sac that may be warm to the touch
- Vomiting
- Abdominal discomfort or pain
- Anorexia
- Depression

• Abdominal ultrasound may be used to determine the size and contents of the hernia in some cases.

Treatment

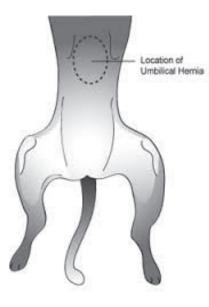
- Small umbilical hernias may close spontaneously in young animals. Spontaneous closure may occur up to 6 months of age.
- Some small umbilical hernias may not be repaired and pets may live their entire lives with them without any problem.
- Larger hernias should be repaired. This repair is commonly performed at the time of the spay or neuter surgery since the pet will be already anaesthetised. The surgery consists of manually reducing the contents of the hernia into the abdomen followed by the surgeon making an incision over the hernial sac. The border tissue of the hernia is removed and the abdominal wall is closed. This surgery is fairly routine. The location of the surgery for an umbilical hernia is very close to the location in which an incision is made in the body wall for a "spay" procedure in a female. For this reason, most all umbilical hernias, regardless of size, may be repaired at the same time as the spay in female pets.

Home Care and Prevention

Take your kitten to the veterinarian if he has a history of a hernia and if the hernia appears larger, the abdomen is painful or your pet is vomiting, depressed or not eating. These signs can be a medical emergency.

UMBILICAL HERNIA





Article sourced and reconstructed from various websites.



BREED STANDARDS update

At the November EC meeting the Bengal request for a change to the current TICA standard was referred back to the BSAC. Currently our SOP officer is creating a NZCF standard for consideration by the breed section. This will be closely based on the TICA standard but set out in similar format to other NZCF standards and with references that do not apply here omitted. This standard will be circulated to the breed section for feedback. Two alternate wording options for 'glitter' will be included and the breed section asked to tell us which they prefer.

Our SOP officer Maree Roy has been hard at work completing the updates to the standards that have been changed or added for 2015, these have now been uploaded to the NZCF website and will shortly be circulated to judges.

Zena Pigden Breed Standards Advisory Council Portfolio Manager





The NZCF no reply forum has been working well as a means to easily distribute information to the membership. Prior to the set up of the forum, our Secretary had to send out memos, minutes, etc via 13 mail groups in order to avoid our messages being identified as spam.

If you haven't been receiving EC minutes and expected to, check your spam folder and mark these messages as 'not spam' and remember if you use gmail, these messages may be automatically being filtered to the 'forums' tab.

Our other initiative, the new kitten message board has been very successful. Since the first of January this year, there have been over 3,700

views, meaning that this is an excellent way for breeders to reach the general public. Most people are posting a photograph with their message. At \$10 per year for unlimited kitten or cat notices it is good value.

Normally this \$10 fee should be paid at the time you renew your membership, but members who didn't do so but now would like to use the board just need to make the \$10 payment to the NZCF and advise Chris that they have done so.

Online payments are still a work in progress, but will be prioritised in the next couple of months.

Zena Pigden IT Portfolio Manager

Many a KITTEN SAVED with SUB-Q FLUIDS

Subcutaneous fluids (also known as sub-Q fluids) are an essential part of managing your cat's CRF. Although the idea of sticking a needle into your pet may sound daunting, administering fluids at home is fairly simple and painless,

A subcutaneous fluid setup consists of the following:

- 1. 1000-ml bag of Lactate (Saline Solution)
- 2. IV set

3. Needles

• Before administering fluid for the first time, always check for leaks and holes by gently squeezing the bag. If you do find a leak or a hole, don't use the bag - It's no longer sterile.

• Pull off the rubber cap from the administration port. Find the white spiked end of the IV set (it sits on top of a plastic drip chamber) and take off the plastic cap. Insert the spike into the inner tube of the IV port. You'll probably have to work it back and forth a little as you push it in. Be careful not to tear the plastic.

• Take the plastic cap off the other end of the IV set and attach the needle by gently twisting it clockwise. The size of the needle will depend on what your cat will tolerate. Smallest size is the best for the kittens (Ask your vet which to use).

• Once the needle is attached, flush the line by rolling up the clamp wheel and allowing fluid to flow down the line. This gets rid of air bubbles. When the fluid reaches the needle, close off the clamp wheel again.

• Hang the bag from the highest location you can find. This will speed up the flow. I tend to hang mine from a window catch or even a picture hook in the wall you can wrap your kitten in a blanket for his security and warmth, keeping his should area exposed.

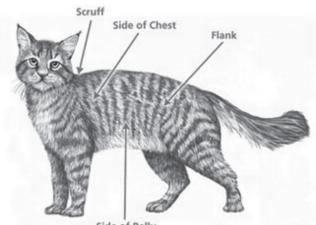
• If you imagine putting a saddle onto the back of a cat, the best spot to insert the needle is anywhere that the saddle would touch. This is where your cat's skin is loosest. Pick a spot, pinch the skin lightly between your thumb and middle finger, and pull it up to form a little tent. The needle will go into the end, or "doorflap", of the tent. Poke lightly with your index finger to make a nice flat triangular space. Can be a little more difficult if your kitten is very small or dehydrated.

• Gently insert the needle, parallel to the cat's spine. Don't poke too hard, or the needle will come out the other side of the tent.

• Once the needle is in, roll the clamp wheel all the way up with your thumb (slowly) and check the drip chamber to see if fluid is coming out. You can regulate the speed of the drip by rolling the clamp up or down. Start your cat off slowly at first, and then gradually increase the drip rate.

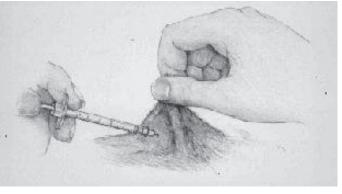
• Make sure that fluid isn't leaking out. If fluid is dribbling down the outside of your cat, it means the needle either didn't go in all the way, or it pulled out. If that happens, clamp the IV tubing shut again and change to a fresh needle. Never reuse needles.

• Many owners like to warm up the fluid before administering it. Don't put the bag in the microwave, A safer



Side of Belly

Any of these areas can be used for Sub-Q fluids. Start with the either or both sides of the shoulder and if your cat or kitten needs several doses then use the other areas to eliminate any discomfort to the cat.



This demonstrates with a syringe, it is also appropriate for a needle and tubing.



method is to warm the bag inside a bowl of hot water (or even run the tubing through a bowl of hot water set on the floor).

•Stay calm and relaxed. Continue stroking and reassuring your kitten. Most cats will tolerate fluids pretty well. In fact, babies will not squirm as much with this drip method like they do, using just a needle and a syringe.

My way of gauging the amount to give kittens of any age is stop when you see a small egg shape forming under the skin. Some kits have a measuring dial. If so, check with your Vet on the correct amount of fluid to administer.

•Once the dose has been administered, clamp off the tubing, slip the needle out, and dispose of it.

•Subcutaneous fluids have a fairly long shelf life, and it doesn't take long to go through a bag, but if your cat is only getting them occasionally, consider storing the bag in the refrigerator.

Remember to take the bag out and let it warm to room temperature before administering the fluids.

'How to'... **Tube Feeding** Guide

By Zena Pigden

Tube feeding is easier than you think and is an invaluable tool for the breeder. Newborn kittens are very vulnerable and if a newborn or very young kitten is not feeding for some reason they rapidly develop low blood sugar, become chilled, and get dehydrated. These kittens can be supplemented using a bottle and teat or syringe and teat but it is a slow business, often they are reluctant to suck, and they are at risk of aspirating milk into their lungs – cold, dehydrated, and weak kittens have a reduced suckle reflex. Tube feeding is quick, easy and safe, provided you know the basics. There is less risk of aspiration than with bottle feeding for these newborns and they won't get more tired trying to suckle from a bottle.

You will need a feeding tube (you can get these from your vet. They are very cheap, but may need to be ordered in – not all vets keep them in stock). They are also available from ebay. Feeding tubes normally have a rounded tip that allows for gentle insertion and are soft and flexible. They fit on any syringe – you'll need a 5ml or 1oml syringe to supplement one or two newborn kittens, 20 ml for more or older kittens.

- Find out how much tube you need to insert into the kitten by locating the kitten's bottom rib at the side, and lining up the end of the tube with the bottom rib.
- Now measure the length to the end of the kitten's muzzle. Use a ball point pen or a Sharpie permanent marker to mark this spot on the tube.
- Mix up your kitten milk you can use goats milk, a commercial milk replacer (I like Royal Canin's Babycat milk powder) or a homemade 'kitten glop' recipe.
- Draw up about 5ml (for one newborn kitten you'll give 2-4ml initially).
- If the mixture is not warm attach the tube and place syringe in a mug of hot water for a few minutes
- Test temperature on your inner wrist it should feel neither hotter nor colder than you. A little cooler than blood temperature is OK but because newborn kittens get chilled so easily and cannot warm themselves up it's important that it isn't cold.
- Squeeze syringe to bring milk down towards the end.
- Hold the kitten fairly upright in one hand. Gentle pressure on either side of its jaw will often persuade it to open its mouth, or using one finger to pull down its chin a bit.
- Gently push the tube into the kitten's mouth and down its throat. It should go down easily. It needs to go in until the mark you made is just outside the kitten's mouth
- If the tube is down that far, you can be sure it is in the stomach and not the lungs. If the kitten is still able to cry (some do, some don't) it's also a sign the tube is in the right place
- If it's not going down right, gently withdraw the tube and try again.
- Gently push the plunger on the syringe. Give 2-4 ml to a new born kitten. Don't force milk in if it isn't going in easily. Watch that the tube does not pull out much while feeding or it could end up getting displaced.
- Once the milk is going in the kitten will often relax and stop resisting.
- When you pull out the tube, put the syringe down first so that there is no danger of squeezing it while removing the tube and causing milk to go down the wrong way.



If you search tube feeding kittens on Youtube there are several 'how to' videos that are also helpful.

If your kitten is obviously dehydrated (wrinkled skin or skin when pinched does not go back quickly), consider sub q fluids or if these are not available when you realise the kitten is dehydrated, make up a home made rehydration solution (600ml water, 1 tablespoon of glucose, 1 teaspoon of salt) or use a commercial one intended for human/child rehydration after diarrhoea, and give this in place of milk (don't forget to warm it), at the next feed dilute milk half and half with the rehydration solution, continue to alternate rehydration solution and dilute feeds until kitten appears better hydrated.

It is always advisable if your are not totally confident to get your vet to give you some initial instruction to get you started.

H₂O Delivery! as easy as one, two, three By Jules Gwyn

Have you ever struggled with a delivery of the first kitten while your precious queen has laboured for an unusually long time, yet nothing eventful has progressed? Well I've got a secret that you can tuck into your birthing kit strictly for my fellow feline midwives – I call it "H₂O Delivery" & this simple technique will save money & assist with delivery of live kittens that otherwise could or would die during the birthing process.

H₂O Delivery is to be used in conjunction with assisting & strengthening contractions for difficult labours, breech or births that appear as if they may need veterinary intervention or worse – the dreaded © (caesarean ©)

Avoiding the ©...

Some years ago, when I was a younger breeder of Scottish Terriers, I had a slightly smaller than average bitch who constantly maintained difficult labours, ending in either a visit to the vet for Oxytocin or worse – a costly caesarean. Crashing my dreams of providing the funds to cover my favourite hobby's food, expenses & the occasional toy... One day while chatting to my vet about this problem, he suggested I might wish to try a water delivery. We discussed this technique & I agreed I would attempt this at my next opportunity.

A simple bucket of H₂O - Water

Time passed & Mother Nature presented the classic event of what I suspect may present as a hormone deficiency – yet commonly referred to as "slow delivery." This presents itself in many different forms, it may be a breech birth, & contractions may not progress to a stage of your beloved four-legged friend not bearing down, the birth canal may not have fully dilated. The birthing canal may be slightly too small for an unusually large kitten. None the less – your queen will require assistance.

In my case of late, I had a first time mom (Maine Coon) who hadn't progressed after the birthing bag had presented & subsequently popped, 1.5hrs into contractions. By two & half hours she was tiring so I administered a half dose of Oxytocin. Though both this & a small bowl of Glucose aided in assisting this queen's energy to begin with slightly stronger contractions, she still didn't show signs of delivering her kitten.

I decided to administer an internal exam with my index finger to check & see if her vaginal canal was A. fully dilated, B. large enough to push her kittens through & C. to check if the kitten had presented itself within the birth cannel. To do this I placed a thin rubber glove to assist in keeping a control on not passing any unwanted bacteria to my queen's birth canal. I applied some lubrication & slowly inserted my finger into her vagina, up & into the birth canal, she was fully dilated & there was ample room for her to pass a healthy kitten, even if he or she may be large. I was able to feel her kitten breech at the entrance to the canal.

I waited another 2hrs until a total of five hours had passed since her first contraction. At this time, I knew she needed my help or the help of our vet. I asked my partner to half fill two of our standard cattery water buckets; they are around 350mm in circumference & 280mm deep. I then took the Queen & placed her back end into the water, forcing her to sit in the water. Immediately, she pushed off the bottom of the bucket to jump out of the H₂O - a natural trait of our four legged friends – believing it was a strange moment for bath time \mathbb{D} – but this simple task triggered a full contraction & she began to bear down in the bucket through her pushing to get jump out of the H₂O. She pushed hard & I held her firm – within seconds the first leg appeared, she pushed like nothing

she had previously, a total transformation to what her previous efforts produced – she was determined to get out & I was determined she would birth without heading to the vet for an emergency ©.

A Miracle in the making!

We changed the water after 60 seconds as she soiled this, which is very common when real effort is applied & it's obviously important to keep things as clean as possible during the birthing process. By 90 seconds she had delivered the two hind legs & tail of her soon to be new born, by her third major contraction in the H_2O & with very light assistance from me in gently holding on to the kitten & pulling lightly down, the kitten popped out & was born alive, kicking, squeaking an&d ready to begin life after an exhausting effort, he weighted in at 142grms. Healthy, large, & desperate for milk.

This simple technique is exactly that – don't underestimate what resources we have in & around our homes. It's taught me to think outside of the box, try & be adaptable to doing what you can when you need to. I hope you find this useful & look forward to hearing your success stories.

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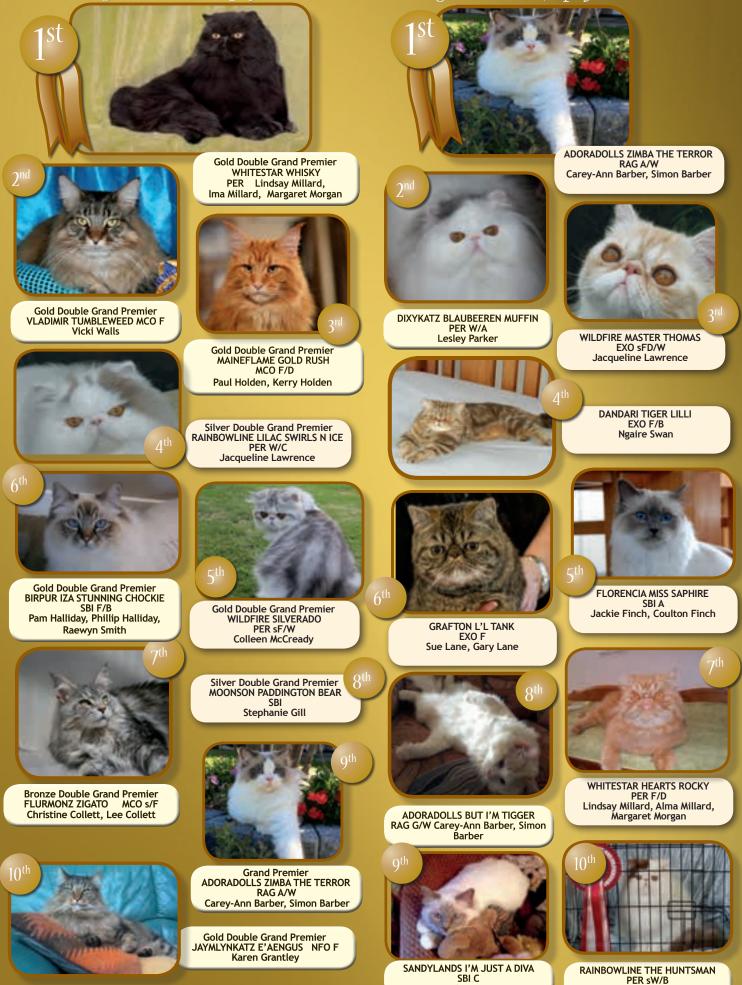


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Being a surrogate cat mother or father can be loads of joy. Proper nutrition for a newborn kitten is extremely crucial for their survival. Bottle-feeding is not too difficult if you follow the right steps. The whole procedure usually takes about 10 -20 minutes several times a day.

PREPARE YOUR SUPPLIES:

A kitten-sized baby bottle and a nipple are needed and should be sterilized thoroughly before use. Boil a pot of water and wash them in the boiling water for about 5 minutes. Place them on a sterilized plate to cool down. You will need to prepare a few clean towels, washcloths and some warm water as well.

MIX THE FORMULA:

Choose a kitten milk replacement, you can buy this from your Vets or you can make up a glop misture. Fill the bottle with the formula and warm it in a pot of hot water. Control the temperature to between 95° and 100° Fahrenheit (35° to 37.8° Celsius) and make sure the milk can get through the nipple.

FEED YOUR KITTEN:

Find yourself a comfortable chair to sit down. Lay a folded towel over your lap, place the kitten on your lap with his face down. Keep the kitten warm before feeding in order to prevent digestive problems. Check the nipple and make sure it's not dripping milk by holding it upside down without applying any pressure. The milk should come out if you gently squeeze the bottle. Insert the nipple in his mouth and nursing should start very quickly. Your kitten may need about 32 cc (1.1 oz) of formula per day, but it should be divided into 9 - 12 around the clock feeding sessions. That's approximately an every two hours job.

AFTER FEEDING:

Kittens are like human babies that need help with burping after nursing. You can hold the kitten with one hand under the abdomen and use the other hand to VERY gently pat his upper back.

TOILETING BY STIMLATION:

Like a cat mother would do by licking the kitten's anus to stimulate elimination, you can use the facecloth, prepare and dampen it with warm water, as this is very similar to the roughness of a mothers tongue "It may take a couple of feedings to see results."

OPEN WIDE! TONSILLITIS REALLY??

TONSILLITIS. Rare, but still cats can suffer from inflamed enlarged tonsils. This is usually caused either by a severe mycoplasma or bordatella infection, or in some cases, an atypical throat infection such as streptococcus or enterococcus. The will need an antibiotic of some kind when tonsillitis is diagnosed, and usually need a swab taken of the tonsils for a culture to find an effective antibiotic.

SYMPTOMS.

If your cat is suddenly off it's food and only seems to lick the juice without attempting to chew anything.

Develops a choking, retching type cough, and even has a problem drinking water. Is listless, salivates and looks to be struggling to swallow, chances are you could be looking at Tonsillitis.

It is often possible to end up taking your cat to the Vet several times as it is quite difficult to diagnose.

Only when antibiotics don't seem to be helping that Tonsillitis is often picked up.

I know of one little cat who spent a few years on antibiotics in regular intervals for relapses of ill health. He even lost his voice and could only whisper a meow.

Eventually it was put down to infection developing through dental problems and he end up with a total teeth extraction. Only from this, did the Vet find his badly infected tonsils. Well, sure enough, out they came.

Not only did his health improve dramatically, but he found his voice and became very vocal once again. It was wonderful to see him back to being a health normal cat again.

TREATMENT

The treatment of tonsillitis is generally aimed at treating any underlying disease, and once this is resolved, the tonsils usually return to normal. If no underlying disease is detected, antibiotics may be necessary. In few patients, reoccurring episodes of tonsillitis may require surgical removal of the tonsils. This is not a common procedure in cats and is only done after medical treatment has not been effective.

HOME CARE AND PREVENTION

There is no home care for tonsillitis. If you suspect that your pet is suffering from inflamed tonsils, a veterinary examination is recommended.

Since tonsillitis is usually associated with other illness or disease, it is very difficult to prevent tonsillitis.

Once it is diagnosed, appropriate treatment usually resolves the condition.





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NZCF Meeting Notes



Executive Council Meeting - 14-15th February 2015

Council District Plans For Cats	A very good response has been received from the Local Councils regarding NZCF being flagged as a stake holder in District Plans for cat legislation. EC are really happy about the fact that NZCF requested to be flagged as stakeholders. This has been an effective initiative to raise the council awareness that we exist.
Confidentiality Agreement	The Executive Council Confidentiality Agreement & Conflict of Interest document has
Disputes & Discipline (DDP)	been adopted and will be trialled for a year with a right to revisit The amended Disputes & Discipline document will be circulated to the membership prior to acceptance. Comments will be invited in time for it to be tabled and ratified at the Post AGM EC Meeting.
Standard of Points	Reviews have been done by Maree Roy & Jane Webster, updates have been re leased to the Judges and copies are also available on the website.
Health & Safety	Sue Mackay (NZCF Health & Safety Officer) was thanked for all the follow up work that she has recently done to produce an updated manual which was adopted by the meeting.
Show Bylaw 2.1 (e)	The Health and Safety Officer's name must be printed in the show schedule and in the catalogue and they must be present on the day of the show.
Supreme Awards	The method to be used by clubs to determine which exhibit/s win supreme awards must
NZCF Handlers	be described in their show schedule which will give exhibitors prior information. Following a course run by Sue Ford we have another seven (7) certified NZCF handlers
Training Questionnaire	which is a great result. Has been sent to the Judges, a good and variable feedback has been
NZCF No Reply Forum	received a report will be presented to the next meeting. Clubs have the ability to use this forum for their show notices (this is a good way to get information out to the membership).
Kitten Message Board	There has been a good response to the Kitten Message Board. The ability to post a photograp
Breeders Code Of Conduct	with the advert is a popular option. Refer: Sale of Cats & Kittens (Item 6) has been amended to read. I will not knowingly misrepresent the characteristics of the breed, nor falsely advertise or mislead any person regarding the pedigree or performance on the show bench of any cat or kitten.

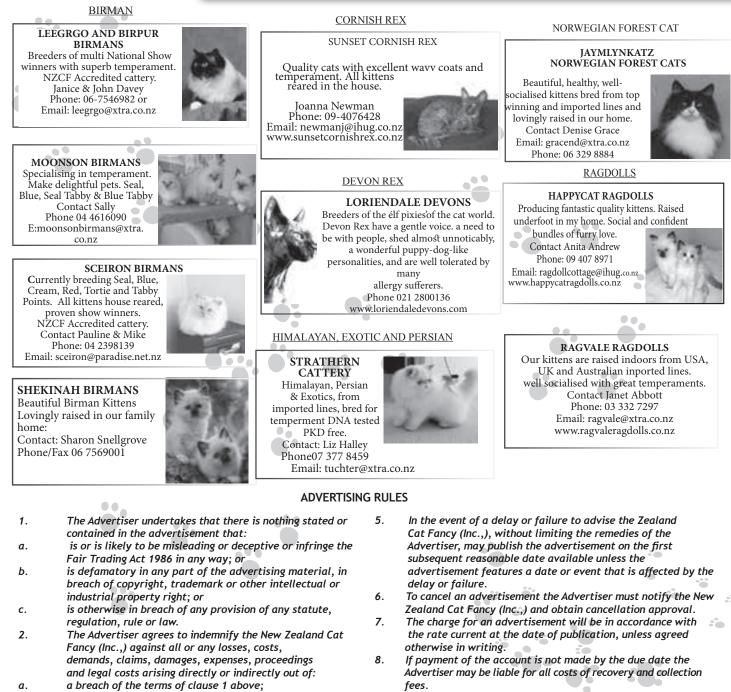
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SHOW DATES	AFFILIATE CLUB NAME	RING	LOCATION	H & S OFFICER
Saturday 21st March	Metropolitan SHCC(All Pedigree SH)	3	Auckland	Yes
Saturday 28th March	Dominion Shorthair (All Breeds)	4	Wellington	Yes
Sunday 29th March	Southern Cross All breeds Longhaired cat Club	4	Dunedin	Yes
Sunday 11th April	Central Districts Cat Club	3	Masterton	
Saturday 18th April	NZ Siamese — All Shorthair (3 rings) Siamese specialist — (1) ring	4	Christchurch	Yes
Saturday 25th April	National Show & Auckland Cat Club			
	World Cat Congress Seminar & AGM	4	Auckland	Yes
Sunday 3rd May	Palmerston North Cat Club Inc	4	Palmerston North	Yes
Saturday 9th May	Birman Cat Club & Companion	4	ТВА	Yes
Saturday 16th May	Taranaki Cat Club (All Breeds)	4	New Plymouth	Yes
Saturday 23rd May	Mid Island Cat Club In (All Breeds Domestic & Companion)	4	Ngaruawhaia	Yes
Saturday 23rd May	Burmese Cat Club NZ Inc (Southern)	5	Christchurch	Yes
Sunday, 7th June	Geyserland Cat Club (All Breeds)	4	ТВА	Yes
Sunday 14th June	Canterbury All Breeds	4	Canterbury	Yes
Sunday,14th June	Wellington Cat Club	4	Wellington	Yes
Sunday, 20th June	NZCFAGM		Wellington	
Sunday 5th July	Sacred Temple-Birman & Companions	5	Wellington	Yes
Saturday 12th July	Longhair Cat Breeders Ass	5	Christchurch	Yes
Sunday,12th July	Hamilton Cat Club (all breeds)	4	Hamilton	Yes
Saturday 18th July	Pedigree Persian Cat Fanciers (N/S Cats & Kitten Domestic & Companions)	2	Wellington	Yes
Sunday 26th July	Geyserland Cat Club (All Breeds)	4	ТВА	Yes
Sunday 26th July	Nelson Cat Club	4	Nelson	Yes
Sunday 9th August	Patches and Pointed	3	ТВА	Yes
Sunday 9th August	Shorthair Cat Breeders (Pedigree SH Domestic & Companions)	4	Canterbury TBA	Yes
Saturday 15th August	Hutt Feline & Pedigree Persian All breeds Domestic & Companions	6	Wellington	Yes
Saturday 22nd August	Southland Cat Fanciers All Breeds Domestic and Companion	4	Invercargill	Yes
Saturday 22nd August	Abyssinian & Somali Cat Club (All SH)	3	Auckland	Yes
Sunday 7th Sept	Kapiti-Horowheuna	4	ТВА	
Sunday 13th Sept	Canterbury All Breeds	4	Canterbury	Yes
Saturday 19th Sept	Pedigree Persian Supreme (All Breeds) Companions & Domestics	4	Wellington	Yes
Saturday 27th Sept	Burmese Cat Club NZ Inc (Northern)	5	Auckland	Yes
Saturday 3rd Oct	NZ Siamese-All Shorthair (3 rings) Siamese specialist (1 ring)	4	Christchurch	Yes



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