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COVER PIC

'Sunset Touch A Rainbow'
2014 Top Entire Kitten
NZCF National Awards.

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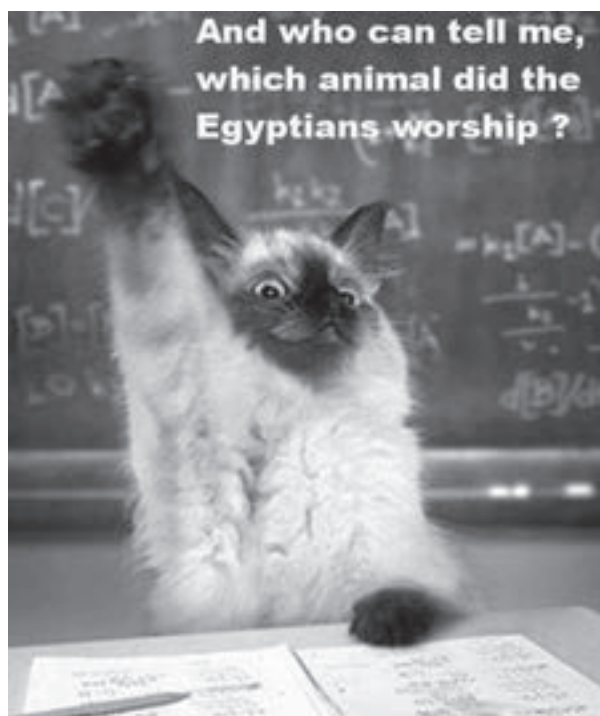
Chair Chat

Another AGM has passed and two new members have joined our Executive Council. While it was very disappointing to lose Janice Davey, who has worked very hard to get the Shows Portfolio working well (not to mention organising an excellent Seminar and related activities this year), I would like to warmly welcome Jane Webster and Deb Armishaw who bring an extensive range of skills and experience between them to our Executive Council. This has led to some portfolio changes. I must say I am rather looking forward to working in the Marketing role, an area that the NZCF needs to develop further. When I graduated from university (a very long time ago), I worked in marketing for a while and I've always had an interest in it.

Some interesting issues were raised at our AGM and will no doubt lead to the development of new systems and processes. It is always good to have input from our membership and I'd like to remind you that it is also possible to put in submissions to be considered by email at any time (via the NZCF Secretary please). Next year we will look at a system to allow electronic voting as it has become clear that the postal system is no longer reliable enough to meet our needs. Moreover we are aware that most of our members have computers and many prefer to deal with things online. Members wishing to vote postally will still be able to but we hope to provide an electronic alternative for those who would prefer it.

As I write, the country has been subject to some very extreme weather from gale force winds to torrential rain and flooding, to sub zero temperatures, ice and snow. I very much hope you all, your families, and your animals have been able to stay safe, warm, and well during these times and that things are now restored to normality in your area.

Zena Pigden
NZCF Chair



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Editor's Note

With My EC hat on, it has been an interesting and challenging year on the EC. We have all worked very hard this year to keep things balanced and this AGM was interesting with good support from those regular members and some new who attended. Landslides, collapsed bridges and floods kept some of our members away, but all in all it was good to get the feedback we did.

One of my most concerning and, also judging by the feedback from the membership in attendance a common concern to all, is the serious amount of complaints arriving on the NZCF Secretary's desk these days. Sick kittens being sold to the public and to new breeders are my priority, and far too many complaints of this nature are happening, however there are also those stemming from inappropriate member to member abuse, verbally, written and over public forums that are also totally unacceptable. We have codes of conducts and codes of ethics that we have all agreed to abide by when becoming members, breeders and judges of the NZCF, and we are all expected to abide by these.

We have a new re-write of our Disputes and Discipline process to be tabled for acceptance at the next Executive Council meeting which will allow for better, early mediation before we have to send these complaints on to the costly disputes process. Thousands of dollars have been spent on complaints in the last few years. Dollars that would have been better spent on our more urgent projects.

FLASHCATS: On a happier note, I welcome the input to the Marketing Portfolio of Zena, as Portfolio Manager, and looking forward to working with her in my position as Flashcats Editor. My thanks also to Janice Davey who has been a real little trooper for the NZCF and thanks to her this year, we have many new advertisers to add to our financial position.

Have a successful remaining show year, and I look forward to receiving lots of show photos for the coming issue of Flashcats. If you have amazing photos in High resolution of your babies that you think might be great on our cover, send them to me, I'm always on the look out for 'COVER CATS'...

Gaynor Saxon
Vice Chair, Admin & Finance PFM
Flashcats Editor

NZCF MEETING DATES

29-30	AUGUST 2015
13-15	NOVEMBER 2015
13-14	FEBRUARY 2016
9	APRIL AGM 2016
6-7	AUGUST 2016
18-20	NOVEMBER 2016

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COVER SHOT

'SUNSET TOUCH A RAINBOW'

(Imp in Dam) born 14.11.2013

Her mother is "Anglarna's One In A Million" (imp SWE)

and Father is "Anglarna's Calling Dr. Love"(SWE)

Her mother was mated Just before she left Sweden so she was born in NZ.

She is very petite and the gentlest cat you can imagine.

She enjoys being shown which is a bonus with a

tortie(!) and is never upset at shows.

I don't go to many because of distance so was thrilled that she was top s/hair kitten.

JOANNA NEWMAN

SUNSET CORNISH REX



WHAT IS THE SHOW PACKAGE?

Some clubs are using it. Some barely know what it is. (And some have their own equivalent programme that they use). Those that have tried it, generally keep on using it - so it must be of some use. But what exactly is it? You could be forgiven for thinking it is some kind of parcel....

The NZCF developed its own show programme with the aim of easing the workload for hardworking show secretaries and scribes. Another purpose was to ensure that - for those clubs using it - the information that went onto judges' sheets and catalogues was accurate and in line with the NZCF pedigree database as owners do not always fill out entry forms correctly.

Here's how it works: as the entries come in, the show secretary or entry clerk completes a spreadsheet, which is supplied by Joan Hill. For the pedigree cats we just need the cat's name, sex and registration number. For companion and domestic cats, all the details go in (including all the owner details).

Imported cats being shown under dispensation cannot be included (as they will not be found in our database yet) and likewise kittens need to have been registered.

Joan processes the spreadsheet, getting it to extract all the extra information that is in our database (dam, sire, date of birth, owner's name and address etc) and if anything doesn't match up she will contact the show secretary to get it sorted. Then she imports the information into an Access database (which is like a mini programme that will be later sent to the show secretary for use on the day of the show, to enter results and print results cards for the pedigree entries).

The Access programme is used to create judges sheets, a basic catalogue to which results pages, advertisements etc can be added by the club, cage numbers, a breeds and colours sheet for judges and age of exhibits lists. This is all done by Joan Hill.

These files, which are all in .pdf format (judges sheets, stewards summaries), or in Word (all the others), are sent to the show secretary to be printed out (you do need to print two copies of judges sheets and use carbons, as printers that work on self carbonating paper are not common). So putting together judges books just means printing out the judges sheets and putting them into folders, along with the stewards summaries and age lists, also a list of any exhibits not entered in a particular ring. Sweet!

The catalogue comes as a Word file with all the exhibits details included, as well as the exhibitor list. It will need a cover, the addition of any welcome messages or acknowledgements, advertisements from sponsors, and pages, to record results and can then be printed whichever way your

club normally does (ie by yourselves, or by a print shop).

Cage numbers can be printed out on A3 paper or card two to a sheet.

Also included is the actual Access database. It is this, that will be used at your show, to enter results from the judges sheets, and will then print out results cards for you for each pedigree exhibit. It is also possible to fix errors (as our NZCF database doesn't know if a cat has been neutered or not, it can happen that an exhibit is put into the wrong section). We hope soon to also have the capacity to add a cat (such as an imported cat).

Instructions are provided for every part of the process and, the IT portfolio holder is also very willing to provide support and guidance when needed.

You do need Microsoft Access (if necessary it is possible to download a cut down version of this programme for free, called an Access 2007 runtime). And for printing the results cards on the day it needs to be Access 2007 (not a later version, as this function does not work reliably with later versions).

Interested? It only costs \$115 to use this service. Contact Joan Hill to request it. You will receive the initial spreadsheet and instructions from her, and in due course an invoice from the NZCF. This must be paid prior to receiving the files with the judges sheets etc.

Zena Pigden
IT Portfolio Manager

A Fond Farewell To MARGARET BEAN

EDITORIAL APRIL 201 THE BURMESE BULLETIN

The phone went the first week of January and when I answered Margaret spoke. She told me very calmly that she had been a little unwell over the New Year and had been discharged from hospital that morning. The first thing on her to do list was to ring me and let me know that the news wasn't terribly good and would I be able to do the January bulletin. She was very calm almost matter of fact about her situation, partly because as we all know that was just what Margaret was like and mainly because of her great faith in God.

I first met Margaret when I went looking for a second Burmese, she and John were very welcoming and after persuading Lew and I we should consider breeding Burmese we got our foundation Queen, Rajini Madonna, from her. This was the beginning of a thirteen year friendship, Margaret has been there to guide me through my first litter, handling, stewarding, show secretary etc at various shows, we have served on several committees together over a large number of years and many the bowl of pumpkin soup has been consumed at her dining room table as we organised the Southern Region Shows.

She taught Maths and Science at Villa Maria College for many years and was a deeply respected member of staff she also loved

embroidery and has done some beautiful cat tapestries for the clubs over the years

One of the last things Margaret sorted out from her sick bed was the knitted balls for our upcoming show in May, she had them all knitted and was worrying about getting them finished so her craft group took them and stuffed them all for her, that really sums Margaret up, she honoured her commitments and was a very generous, giving, highly intelligent woman who helped many of the cat clubs and their members to the best of her ability.

She was ahead of her time going to the university of Canterbury in an era when women were not encouraged to get degrees. Her father was a great advocate for education and pushed for her to have a good education in a time when most women became housewives, she achieved her Bsc and genetics was a favoured topic of hers which helped greatly with her work on the Breeds Standards Council and as a breeder of Burmese.

She and John were stalwart members of both Canterbury Cat Club and the Burmese Cat Club they held various posts in both clubs and always gave 110% of their time. They were committed Christians both



being lay ministers at St Aidans Anglican church which is close to the home they built many years ago in Wairakei Road, they had four children they adopted and they are all a very close and loving family which was there for us all to witness when they lovingly nursed Margaret at home up to her death.

She leaves a huge void in the cat world although Burmese were her passion she loved all the cats and many of us will miss her. It was a privilege to know her and be able to call her my friend. I will miss her.

Lyn Clarke
The Burmese Bulletin

CANTERBURY ALL BREEDS CAT CLUB- ALBIE JOHNSON

It is with great sadness that I learnt of the passing away of Margaret Bean. It was only a couple of weeks ago that she phoned me to tell me she had not been well over Christmas and that she would like to withdraw from the judging assignment the club had offered her. A few days later she called again to give us the news that her illness was worse than first realised. Faye and I visited Margaret soon after that. When we phoned to say we were on our way she asked the visit be for just 5 minutes. We ended up there for at least 45 minutes. Margaret liked to talk to people and listen too. At the time she seemed bright and reasonably cheerful, but despite leaving with the intent of calling to see her again, we left knowing that might not have been possible.

Margaret and her late husband John first became involved with Canterbury All Breeds Cat Club through the late Margaret Wiseman. Not long after Margaret was persuaded by Margaret W to put her name forward for the role of President and from what I recall she was elected unopposed. After a year she decided she did not care for that role but she remained on the committee, and eventually became Club Secretary. I was the President at that time, and as most folk will know, it's the secretary that runs a Club. I would have been lost without her guidance. She was a person that could be relied upon and it was reassuring to know Margaret was in control. If anything needed to be done, Margaret would have it in hand.

During the many years serving the Canterbury Club Margaret took on many other roles, including Club Delegate which was a role she very much enjoyed, particularly when it came to representing the Club at NZCF AGM's and meetings. If the Club was short of workers Margaret would always be the first to put up her hand with an offer to help. Margaret's contribution to CABCC was recognised and she was deservedly made a life member of CABCC a number of years ago.

As if her work for CABCC was not enough, Margaret was also heavily involved with the Church and NZ Burmese Cat Club, and she represented the NZCF as the NZCF liaison officer with the Animals in Schools education program where her many years of teaching experience was put to good use.

At our Canterbury AGM in October last year Margaret declined nomination for another term on the committee, although again in typical fashion she told us all if there was anything she could help with she would do her best. That was the spirit of that lady. Thoughtful to the hilt, and still thinking and working for CABCC one of the items Margaret gave us when we last visited was a enough hand knitted cat nip balls in Canterbury colours for every exhibit at our March show. It has been a pleasure knowing Margaret, and I'm absolutely sure Margaret will be very much missed. Our sympathy and condolences go to her children Tim, Ruth, Deb and Phil, and the wider family.

Albie Jobson

President Canterbury All Breeds Cat Club.

Our thanks to Lyn Clarke (Burmese Bulletin) and Faye and Albie Jobson (Canterbury All Breeds Cat Club) for allowing us to share their wonderful memories of Margaret.



JILLIAN (Jill) McDONALD DAWSON

6 November 2014

Canterbury Kennel Association lost its longest serving, hardworking Secretary/Treasurer recently when Jill Dawson died after a long illness. In fact the dog community wider than Canterbury has lost an enthusiastic contributor as her experience and knowledge was always offered to anyone from a novice exhibitor to a new club secretary. In her position as secretary of the largest all-breed club in the South Island she was known widely by many exhibitors and judges both local and worldwide.

Prior to her involvement in the dog world she bred pedigree cats, especially Siamese and Havana Browns, so she established Braemar Cattery. She was the foundation secretary of the Short Hair Cat Breeders Association, and held office as Genetics Advisor to the NZ Cat Fancy and Registrar of the Provisional Breeds Cat Register. Through the Cat Fancy she met Yvonne Smith, another cat breeder who also had Bedlington Terriers and Poodles. It was Yvonne who encouraged Jill's interest in pedigree dogs which led to the establishment of Ramearb Kennel – the reverse of her cat prefix,

Her association with the Canterbury KA began when she joined as a member in 1978 after acquiring her first show dogs – an English Toy Terrier (Trixie of Tribal Lodge) and a Saluki (Kiabe Minsayf Simrah). Little did she realise that 10 years later, in 1988, she would be elected secretary and treasurer of the club and occupy that position until her eventual demise. She was honoured with Life Membership of

Canterbury KA in 2003 and around that time she also received a NZKC Certificate of Appreciation, which was presented by the then President Ray Greer.

Jill was described as a "workaholic" by many who knew her as she not only served as secretary/treasurer for Canterbury KA but was also simultaneously secretary for South Island Hound Club, secretary of the Saluki Club (South Island Branch) and secretary of the Dominion English Toy Terrier Club. In addition she became inaugural secretary for the Supreme Show Dog Contest in 1985 and continued in that capacity for almost 30 years until her health failed last year.

Over the years she imported many dogs and derived great pleasure both showing them to their titles and occasionally breeding from them. It was especially her Salukis that gained most kudos and she was particularly proud of her home-bred stunning gold dog NZCH Ramearb El Rashan Kishta who took command as he circled the ring with his stylish gait.

She never did anything by halves and preferred to work on her own often late into the night, describing herself as an "owl" rather than a "fowl"! She never had a passport as her dislike of flying meant she would never leave New Zealand. It was a mission for her to fly to the North Island but she was forced to do that occasionally for Cat Breeders Executive meetings.

For many years she had admired Italian Greyhounds and it was a great delight



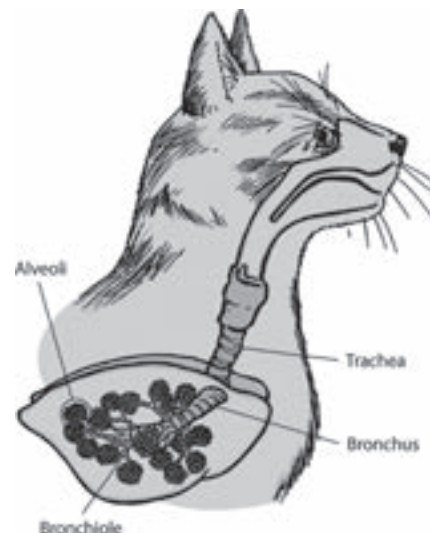
Jill Dawson and her daughter Claire with their Beloved Salukis

for her when Gary and Elizabeth Doyle had a litter in 2012 and Rothkeak Rafael to Ramearb became her final canine acquisition.

Not many people knew Jill was nominated in 2012 for the Kiwibank New Zealander of the Year Awards when she received Certificates of Achievement in both "Local Heroes" and "Senior of the Year" categories.

The climax of her long devotion to the dog world came in 2014 when she was awarded Life Membership of the New Zealand Kennel Club. It was eventually presented to her in July by Bernard Fears in Christchurch Hospital. She insisted that she wear it for doctors and nurses to see, although she shunned publicity and was unpretentious, it was clear she was proud that her dedication to NZKC had been recognised.

LUNG & AIRWAY DISORDERS



The most important function of the respiratory system is to deliver oxygen into the blood, which distributes it throughout the body, and to remove carbon dioxide from the blood. The exchange of oxygen and carbon dioxide occurs in the alveoli. When this exchange fails or becomes inefficient because of disease, the animal can become seriously ill. The respiratory system protects its own delicate airways by warming and humidifying inhaled air and by filtering out particles. Large airborne particles usually land on the mucous lining of the nasal passages, after which they are carried to the throat to be either swallowed or coughed up. Small particles and microorganisms are destroyed by the body's immune system.

THE ALVEOLI AND CAPILLARIES IN THE LUNG.

Red blood cells take on oxygen and release carbon dioxide at the alveolus.

When the level of oxygen in the blood is too low (called hypoxia or anoxia), the animal will show signs of respiratory distress. Low oxygen levels can be caused by reduced oxygen-carrying capacity of the blood cells, insufficient movement of gases in and out of the lungs, or inability of tissues to use available oxygen (a condition caused by some poisons). The animal's body attempts to compensate for low oxygen in the blood by increasing the depth and rate of breathing, increasing contraction of the spleen (to force more red blood cells into circulation), and increasing blood flow and heart rate. If the brain suffers from lack of oxygen, respiratory function may be reduced even further due to depression of nervous system activity. In addition, heart, kidney, and liver functions may be reduced, as may the normal movement and secretions of the intestine. If the body is not able to compensate for the reduced oxygen level, a vicious cycle may begin in which all body tissues function less efficiently.

Respiratory diseases are common in cats. Although signs such as coughing and labored breathing are most commonly caused by problems of the respiratory tract, they may also occur because of disorders of other organ systems, such as congestive heart failure.

Both very young and older animals are at increased risk of developing respiratory disease compared to healthy adult animals. At birth, the respiratory and immune systems are not fully developed; this makes it easier for disease organisms to enter and spread within the lungs. In aged animals, a decrease in the animal's ability to filter out particles and fight off infection may render the lungs more vulnerable to airborne disease organisms and toxic particles.

CAUSES OF LUNG AND AIRWAY DISORDERS

- direct infection with viruses, bacteria, fungi, or parasites,
- immune-mediated reactions or inhalation of irritants or toxic substances.
- Trauma (such as being hit by a car) may lead to the collapse of a lung or airway.

A variety of bacteria normally live in the feline nasal passages, throat, and sometimes lungs, without causing signs of illness. Infections by these usually harmless bacteria may occur when respiratory defense mechanisms are weakened by:

- another infection (such as rhinotracheitis virus or calici-virus),
- irritant (such as smoke or noxious gases)
- disease (such as congestive heart failure or lung tumors).

Disease organisms may continue to live in the respiratory tract of recovering animals. When stressed, these animals may relapse; they can also act as a source of infection for other animals.

Abnormalities that are present at birth, such as narrowed nostrils, elongation of the soft palate, cleft palate, and narrowing of the trachea, can cause respiratory dysfunction. Tumors, nasopharyngeal polyps, chronic nasal disease, damage to the airways, and collapse of the trachea can result in difficult breathing and other signs of respiratory disease.

SIGNS OF RESPIRATORY DISORDERS

- Discharge from the nose (mucus, pus, or blood, depending on the cause)
- Coughing that may be dry or may include mucus or blood
- Rapid breathing (not always a sign of disease, such as in healthy animals after exercise)
- Labored or difficult breathing; shortness of breath
- Shallow breathing
- Signs of pain associated with breathing in or out
- Noise (such as grunting) associated with breathing

CONTROL OF RESPIRATORY CONDITIONS

Sudden dietary changes, weaning, cold, drafts, dampness, dust, poor ventilation, and the mixing of different age groups all play a role in respiratory disease in groups of animals. Stress and mixing of animals from several sources should be avoided or minimized if possible. Immunization can help control some types of respiratory infection; however, it is not a substitute

for proper environmental conditions and animal care.

GENERAL TREATMENT OF LUNG AND AIRWAY DISORDERS

Animals with respiratory disorders should normally receive plenty of water unless otherwise directed by the veterinarian. Adding humidity to the air may make removal of airway secretions easier. Cough medicines (expectorants) are sometimes used to thin secretions and make them easier for the animal to cough up; however, they are rarely helpful. If airway obstruction is severe, large amounts of secretions may need to be gently suctioned away by the veterinarian.

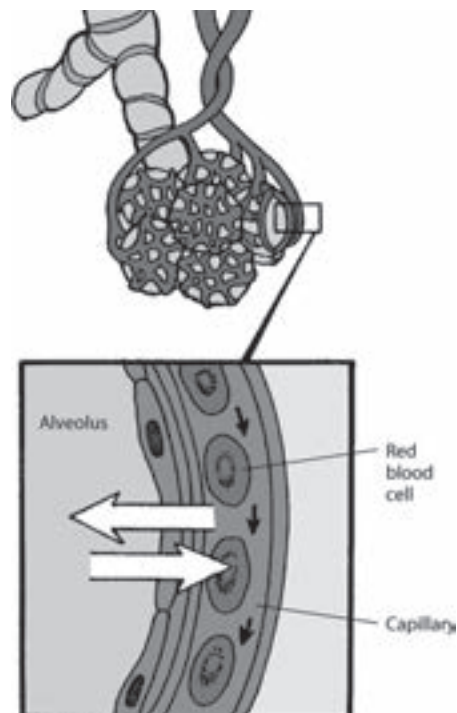
When coughing is not helping to remove mucus (a nonproductive cough), medicines can be used to suppress the coughing. Increased airway resistance caused by contraction of the bronchial airway muscles is sometimes treated with bronchodilators,

which expand the airways and may be prescribed for animals with asthma-like conditions and chronic respiratory disease.

Antihistamines can be used to alleviate constriction triggered by allergies. Constriction of the bronchial tubes in the lungs can also be reduced significantly by removing irritating factors, using mild sedatives, or reducing periods of excitement. If a bacterial infection is present, antibiotics are often given by the Vet.

This article is for information only and at all times, you should not administer drugs to your cat without the recommendation of your Vet.

Information sourced from various websites.



COLOUR + PERSONALITY

I recently found an article by Ingrid King, The Conscious Cat, which investigated whether there's a link between other cats' coloring and their temperaments.

After all, both color and temperament can be inherited and genetically controlled, so it doesn't seem to be too much of a leap to think that a cat's coloring may be an indication of his or her personality. It seems that there are, indeed, some commonalities between cat color and personality. This is what was found:

TABBY CATS

Tabbies have a reputation for being laid back, calm and more sociable. They're also said to be very affectionate, and relaxed to the point of being lazy.

BLACK CATS

The spiritual cat, black cats can be stubborn and friendly at the same time. They are said to be good hunters, but they can have a tendency to roam. They're good natured and sociable determined and demanding.

FOREIGN WHITES

What can I say, after owning several, the Eveready Bunny is the best way to describe a Foreign White kitten. When all the other kittens are exhausted and fast asleep the Foreign baby is still on the go. A sweet nature but oh! so active.

GINGER, ORANGE AND RED CATS

Orange cats are usually males (only one out of five orange cats is female). Cats with this coloring can be laid back and affectionate, but can also have a bit of a temper, feisty, and mischievous. Females tend to be more laid back than males.

BLACK AND WHITE CATS

Black and white cats (some are known as tuxedo cats when their coat pattern resembles a tuxedo jacket) are said to be even tempered and placid, but they can also be wanderers. They can be very loyal to their family, often to one person in particular, and can be real lap cats.

BLUE, CREAM, GRAY AND LILAC CATS

Cats that have lighter coat colors all carry the same gene, called the dilution gene. I found conflicting information on this particular coloring – some say cats with this coloring can be mischievous and a bit frantic, while others say they are laid back and mellow.

I believe that each cat has a unique and special personality, and color is only one aspect of what may play into making kitty who they are. Other factors, such as breed and environment also come into play. And of course, our cats are also spiritual beings, and perhaps spirit plays the biggest part in determining personality.



Information sourced from various websites.

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PAWS...

& WHAT THEY CAN TELL YOU



The paws of our four-legged pals are hardy, yet incredibly vulnerable. Whether your pets are indoor or outdoor rompers, they're regularly exposed to all manner of threats, be it stepping into deadly toxins or humans stepping on their tootsies.

At times, behaviour and symptoms based in the animal's foot area, such as limping, licking, chewing, lesions, and bleeding, indicate relatively minor problems. It may simply be that your pet is bored and therefore licks and chews on his paws to pass the time. This usually can be remedied with more play and affection.

Or the paw may have been slightly injured in an accident. For these problems, a natural first-aid kit may do the trick, which should include tweezers to remove an embedded foreign object, hydrogen peroxide for cleaning (and as a blood-stopper), an antibacterial / antiviral remedy to help the healing, bandages, and Bach's Rescue remedy.

Sometimes, however, these same symptoms and behaviours – particularly if they are in tandem with others – can indicate a more serious underlying problem.

Here are a few known and lesser-known illnesses and their symptoms, which can be detected by observing your pet's paws, among other signs.

ALWAYS Check with your Vet if you have any concerns.

PILLOW FOOT:

This layman's term makes the problem sound positively cozy. Otherwise known as Plasma Cell Pododermatitis, pillow foot has been linked to feline immunodeficiency virus (FIV). While standard vets are not certain of the root cause, a virus is believed to be the culprit.

SYMPTOMS of pillow foot include licking both paws, swelling of pads, and bleeding; upon diagnosis, periodontal disease is frequently uncovered as well.

Although there is speculation that this illness is viral-based, a quick trip to your Vet will assess the seriousness of the problem and get relief and medication for your cat.

Information sourced from <http://vitalitymagazine.com>

LICK GRANULOMA:

The symptoms of this illness mimic those of pillow foot, except that allergies to food and/or the environment are often the cause.

SYMPTOMS Unlike pillow foot, the animal favours one paw when licking. Hair loss is apparent, as well as lesions.

The best suggestion for this condition is to remove the source of the allergy, if possible. So, change of diet is critical. Buy pet food free of allergens found in commercial products. Better yet, start your pet on an organic raw-food diet (this is a wise choice, regardless, for maintaining good health and avoiding future illness). Add a good-quality Omega supplement for the animal's skin and fur, as it will help with joint problems, since allergies can affect an animal's ability to move with ease. Examine your home for mould and dust, and consider getting an air purifier, as the air quality is usually worse indoors than outdoors.

Simultaneously, you'll need to treat the lesions, redness, and swelling with a soothing, non-toxic remedy. Check with your vet for a solution. There are also some homeopathic suggestions for this also.

PEMPHIGUS FOLIACEUS:

A skin disease often confused with feline lupus, this illness can be fatal if not treated. It is auto-immune based, hence the animal's body is tricked into believing its skin is an enemy to be attacked, and develops antibodies to destroy it.

Symptoms: Pustules and blisters form on the animal's feet, as well as on its face and ears. Eventually, the entire body will be affected if the illness is not halted. Other symptoms include fever and loss of appetite.

Treatment: Again, standard treatment includes antibiotics and corticosteroids. Recognizing symptoms early is essential, as is getting a proper diagnosis.

DIABETES

A disease of the pancreas (see reference to article on diabetes in animals for alternative solutions).

SYMPTOMS Limping and sores on paws, both in cats and dogs, are among the symptoms of diabetes, along with the telltale signs of excess thirst, excess visits to the litter box, and weight gain.



CANCER:

SYMPTOMS Excess licking of body parts (some animals may focus on the feet) and / or limping that goes on for more than a few days, when not the result of an obvious superficial injury, needs to be checked out by a professional. Lumps, lethargy, and other symptoms may be present.

ALTERNATIVE MEDICINE

It is thought, through alternative medicine that the treatment for one problem will very often clear up other problems and prevent future ones. Organic food, exercise, superior supplements, and good relations with your animal friends are always going to be central to the solution, just as with humans. Determining what approach to take and which foods and supplements to use, as well as the precise amounts when treating a serious disease or myriad symptoms, requires the assistance of a holistic veterinarian.

Regular examination of your pet's paws, along with massage (to check for lumps, as well as a treatment for stress and other conditions) is one of numerous excellent preventive tools. So make a weekly date to pause on those paws and look closely for anything that seems amiss. With this simple technique, you can save yourself and your little buddies a great deal of trouble in the long run.



SHOW REPORT - NATIONAL SHOW 2015 NZCF SEMINAR 2015

Wow what a great and busy weekend of the NZCF National Show hosted by the Auckland Cat Club, it was a great show, lovely cats and of course, great judges.

The awards dinner was also well received, wonderful to see new faces receiving awards.

The seminar was a full on day starting at 8.30am and finishing at 5.30pm with very good attendance. This was sponsored by Royal Canin, and CAC animal trust. A very big thank you from the NZCF.



We are halfway through our show season, and inappropriate behaviour at shows with members helping themselves to other members property, has been of concern this year. Please do not use anything that does not belong to you.

VETTING AT SHOWS

If a vet has made the decision to vet out your cat or kitten from a show due to suspected ill health, you cannot withdraw it from the show voluntarily, the paperwork must be completed by the show secretary. Withdrawing your cat from show before the paperwork has been completed is a breach of the NZCF show rules.

There has also been much concern where owners of cats are questioning and in some cases abusing the vets on their decision regarding their cats. It is not as easy task getting the vets to take on this job, and when they are faced with angry cat owners, it will be an even harder job to get willing vets to help us. Please everyone, have respect for our vets decisions, they donate their time and expertise to our shows. Remember vetting is for the health of all our cats and kittens. Final vetting is up to the clubs, They can clear the hall totally if they so chose.

I am very pleased with the shows I have attended to see that they all now have H & S Officers and they talk to the membership in the morning of each show..

Thank you to all those clubs who have H & S Officer well done. Don't forget, any incidences that may occur at your show must be followed up with the correct paperwork filled out and sent to Sue MacKay her email address is below.

Sue MacKay
1783 State Highway 38, R D 5, Wairoa 4195
taralmador@gmail.com

Janice Davey
(Former) Shows Portfolio Manager.

EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST IT PROFESSIONAL

The NZCF is looking for an IT person with programming skills (and ideally some knowledge of the cat world, but this is not essential) who will be willing to help us move our systems forward into the 21st century. We are keen to progress secure online payments, more effective and user friendly online forms, and if feasible with our current system, ways for our members to access information about their own cats or cats they have bred,, on a read-only basis. This is a contract position - paid on the basis of hours worked. As we are a non profit society with limited income we need to work within our budgetary restrictions.

We hope to negotiate an hourly rate that is affordable for us as well as fair to our IT person .

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CENTRAL DISTRICTS CLUB SHOW

2015 Show focussed on an autumn theme with a special display of 'cat' scarecrows, haybales and harvest produce making a central feature in the hall. Fantastic sponsorship from NUTRIENCE' meant that everybody received a gift and/or an award..

Theresa Imboden-Johnson and Kerry Fowler, both from Australia, and our own Jo Millar judged all the exhibits at the show and delighted the audience with their reporting on the range of breeds and colours – including an unusual Chocolate Silver Tabby British kitten and several Russet Burmese.

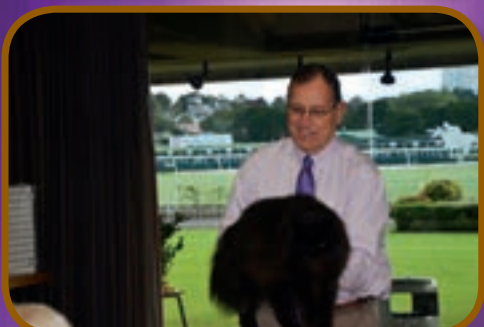
Supreme Exhibits were awarded on points taken over all three rings. A close contest in the LH division, with the winner 'PR Dixykatz Laureen Muffin' – a Blue Harlequin Persian, owned by Lesley Parker – winning by just two points. Owner Diane Gaskin was thrilled with her Australian import Sphynx boy 'BRZGRCH Skintastic Naked Dream' taking out the top SH prize.

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PALMERSTON NORTH CLUB SHOW

2015, another successful show is over for Palmerston North Cat Club for the year, having held our show on 3 May 2015. We would like to sincerely thank our wonderful Judges, Donna Fuller, USA, Anne Harvey, Australia, John Smithson, Catz Inc, Lyall Payne and Janice Davey, NZCF. We would also like to thank our exhibitors, without you there is no show, so thank you for bringing your beautiful cats and kittens along and showing us your support.

As a club we pride ourselves on putting on a great show, and we certainly hope that all who attended had a fantastic day out!

This year we wanted to acknowledge the passing and the contribution of our Patron, Mr Bryan Surgenor, not only to our club in several different roles over the years, but to the New Zealand Cat Fancy as a whole, and to his beloved breed, the British. To this end we had special awards for our British exhibits with the Oldest British Exhibit in Show going to Silver Double Grand Premier Legionnaire Blue Label (aged 7) owners K & P Holden. Our awards for Best Up and Coming British, Overall Best Presented and Best British Shorthair Exhibit went to Grand Champion Tellasse Blu Bronson, congratulations are extended to his owner/breeder R Copland.

Our Longhair Supreme Award was awarded to Gold Double Grand Premier Maine Flame Gold Rush (Maine Coon) owners K & P Holden. Our Shorthair Supreme Award was awarded to Premier & Champion Petals Gentian True Blue (British Shorthair) owner M Petley. Our Domestic Supreme Award was awarded to Seth owner R Heckler and our Companion Supreme Award was awarded to Bronze Double Grand Premier Companion Cat Maltee owners L & A Millard and M Morgan. Congratulations to you all!

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The feline genetics laboratory of Professor Leslie Lyons is located in the University of Missouri – College of Veterinary Medicine. Research focuses on the genetics of the domestic cat and the development of genetic tools and resources that assist gene mapping in the cat and other companion animals.

Feline research is focused on the discovery of mutations that cause inherited diseases and phenotypic traits and in the population dynamics of breed development and domestic cat evolution.

The feline research of the Lyons' laboratory has been funded by a grant from the National Institutes of Health (NIH) – National Center for Research resources (NCRR) R24RR0016094, and is currently supported by the Office of Research Infrastructure Programs/OD R24OD010928. The laboratory actively seeks competitive and non-competitive funding from a variety of agencies, groups and donors to support genetic studies in feline health and non-health related areas.

The Winn Feline Foundation, WALTHAM, the Cat Health Network and private donors have been strong and consistent supporters for various cat research projects.

Royal Canin cat food proudly feeds our colony of cats with genetic traits. Dr. Lyons' endowment at the University of Missouri – Columbia provides internal competitive funding and matching funding for external awards.

Important relationships are fostered with all cat registries and associations, such as the CFA, TICA, the GCCF, FiFe, and other organizations worldwide.

A NOTE FROM DR LESLIE LYONS

I really enjoyed presenting to the WCC and of course great to visit NZ! Thank you again for this opportunity!

State of the art health care now includes genome sequencing of the DNA from all the chromosomes in the body. Cats should have the same health care opportunities as any other species! DNA sequencing allows the identification of all the variation that makes a cat different from any other species and each cat unique in the world. For many individual birth defects or inherited conditions that affect health later in life, responsible DNA variations can now be identified in any individual cat! Tens of thousands of humans have had full genome sequencing for their health care, hundreds of dogs, but only one cat – Cinnamon, an Abyssinian from the University of Missouri! Help make genome sequencing the standard of health care for cats!

The Lyons Feline Genetics Laboratory has been leading a project called the "99 Lives Cat Genome Sequencing Initiative". This project has already helped to find the causative DNA variants for Scottish Fold, Devon Rex Spasticity, blindness in Persians and blindness in Bengals. We are currently working towards LaPerm, bobtail, dwarfism and yes – SILVER! 50 cats have been completed, help us to raise the money for more!

Since funding has become so very difficult, especially for just helping cats, we are promoting the 99 Lives project via crowdfunding to continue our efforts! Any contribution is appreciated and we even want to know about interesting cats that we may want to find their DNA variants that cause their condition. Share with your veterinarian! There are many conditions to tackle, such as heart disease in many breeds, amyloidosis, renal stones, neurological conditions and fun things like coat colors and hair types!

We have many gift incentives – please support our cause and spread our information to others.

To donate – please see our site at: felinegenetics.missouri.edu

*Best regards,
Leslie*



TRADEME CODE OF WELFARE

INTRODUCTION

BY ZENA PIGDEN

Kitten mills ... bad breeders...Trademe is taking steps to do something about these (and the dog equivalents). Below you can see the Code of Compliance for Animal Welfare that they have developed (with the dog bits removed). The first version of this that was released had some clauses that were not at all appropriate for cats (namely that cats must not have been bred from till they were a year old and must have had no more than 3 litters in a lifetime). We also felt that their stand on relatedness was too conservative.

The NZCF immediately put in a detailed submission to address these issues, supported by a link to a veterinary article about the risks of unmated heats. To their credit, Trademe referred our input to their veterinary advisors - the NZ Veterinary Association, and considered our input seriously. While their stand remains quite conservative, they have amended the code so that for most of our members, most of their advertisements will be able to be 'code compliant'. The code now specifies 9 months as the age of first mating (and not on the first heat), and 6 litters as the maximum for a female to have in a lifetime.

We didn't get a change in the relatedness clause Most other aspects of the code relate to proper care and socialisation and is a more detailed version of what is required by our own Breeder Code of Conduct. However we will also be addressing the maximum number of litters that can be advertised in a year.

The Trademe Compliance Code is voluntary. However you can be sure that many, probably most buyers will be looking for 'code compliant' advertisements. Beside which - it's not a good look if registered breeders are not signing up for the code. We need the public to know that if they want a pedigree cat, their best option is to buy from one of our registered breeders. We need them to see us as better than backyard breeders, and being 'code compliant' supports that. So what does the code mean for us?

- *By ticking the code compliant box when you list your kitten(s), you are stating that you are providing all the appropriate care for the mother and kittens (we should have no issue with that)*
- *you are also stating that the mother was no younger than 9 months or older than 7 years, and has not had more than 6 litters in her lifetime and no more than 2 C-sections.*

- *If the kittens are from parents related within two generations you must state this on the ad.*

- *You can't advertise kittens younger than 8 weeks. And you need to include a proof (copy of your vaccination book) showing they have been vaccinated. Most vaccination books also show that other things have been checked and so this should meet the requirement of a vet report on the health of the kitten(s) (however we will follow this up with Trademe and confirm that this will meet the need*

- *You need to disclose any known heritable issues in your breed and any testing the parents have had done with results.*

- *You need to disclose any surgical correction of features the parents had, that may be heritable.*

- *You can't list more than five litters in a year*

The new system allowing advertisers to tick the code compliant box isn't in place yet, but will be in a few weeks. We encourage our members to be 'code compliant' in their listings (and of course this must be genuine - what is worse than not being code compliant? being found to have lied about it).



CATS & KITTENS

I confirm I have read the full Trade Me Code of Animal Welfare and the animal I am listing meets the Code's requirements.

I understand that any misrepresentation made in respect of compliance with the Code could amount to an offence under the Fair Trading Act 1986 and result in my membership being restricted or terminated by Trade Me.

I confirm that the animal(s) I am listing:

Are in good health
Have been raised in accordance with the Animal Welfare (Cats) Code of Welfare 2010.
Have had the required vaccinations for their age
Are current with treatments for parasites (worms and fleas).

IF I AM LISTING A KITTEN I CONFIRM:

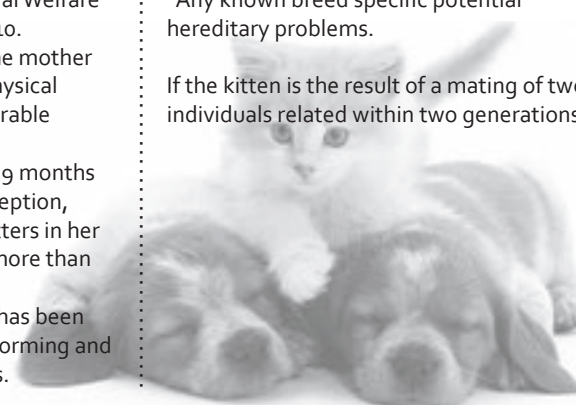
- The kitten has been weaned and has been assessed by a registered veterinarian and has veterinary record to show this (for litters a separate veterinary record will be uploaded for each kitten). I will display this record as a photo in the listing.
- The mother has been cared for in accordance with the Animal Welfare (Cats) Code of Welfare 2010.
- At the time of breeding the mother was in good health and physical condition and had a favourable temperament.
- The mother was between 9 months and 7 years at age of conception, has had no more than 6 litters in her lifetime and has not had more than two caesarean sections.
- Post-delivery the mother has been kept up to date with de-worming and other parasitic treatments.

- The kitten has interacted with humans and been socialised from three weeks of age.
- Are a minimum of 8 weeks old.

I confirm that in the listing body I will disclose:

If the kitten or its parents have had any surgery to correct inheritable problems. Any known breed specific potential hereditary problems.

If the kitten is the result of a mating of two individuals related within two generations.



THE CODE OF ANIMAL WELFARE

The focus of Trade Me's Code of Animal Welfare (the Trade Me Code) is to promote a high standard of welfare for cats sold on the site.

This code has been prepared in consultation with the New Zealand Veterinary Association (NZVA) and the RNZSPCA.

Animal is in good health and are fully independent.

The Animal Welfare Codes for Cats show that good health is closely associated with welfare.

To meet the Trade Me Code we require the seller to upload an image of a written veterinary report for each animal or litter listed.

A veterinary record is an assessment and confirmation by an independent professional that the animal is in good health and fit to be sold.

By fully independent we mean that the animal is properly weaned from its mother.

Animal has been raised in accordance with the Animal Welfare Act 1999 and the Animal Welfare (Cats 2007) Codes of Welfare.

The Animal Welfare Act 1999 (the Act) imposes obligations on every person who owns or is in charge of a companion cat. The Animal Welfare Codes of Welfare (the Animal Welfare Codes) have been issued under section 75 of the Act and provide minimum standards which state how to comply with the Act and provide for the physical, health and behavioural needs of the animals.

Animal is a minimum of 8 weeks old.

This is a minimum standard specified in the Animal Welfare Codes for cats that require that the animal needs to be properly weaned and be able to survive independently from the mother prior to rehoming.

This is also a mandatory requirement for anyone listing a cat on Trade Me and forms part of our site listing policies as well as this Code.

Animal has received the required vaccinations for their age.

Vaccinations are important to protect against feline enteritis and upper respiratory viruses in kittens. We require all code compliant sellers to maintain records of vaccinations for the new owner along with the due date for any repeat vaccinations.

Animal is up to date with treatments for parasites (worms and fleas). Regular flea treatment and de-worming is important for all companion animals to ensure that they are in good health. [5] We require all code compliant sellers to maintain records of flea and parasite control for the new owner. The animal is well socialised.

The Animal Welfare Act 1999 places strict requirements that the behavioural needs of an animal are met in a manner that is in accordance with both good practice and scientific knowledge. It is therefore imperative that the animal being sold is well socialised. This includes any ex-breeding mothers. Animals that have had lots of positive experiences with different types of people are less likely to be wary when approached or handled.

The NZVA recommends that kittens should interact with humans and be socialised from three weeks of age.

Animals that are aggressive, antisocial or pregnant, and animals with known vices should not be made available for sale or rehoming.

If the animal is a kitten we require a few more things to be confirmed

The mother has been cared for in accordance with the Animal Welfare Act and Animal Welfare (Cats 2007) Codes of Welfare

The Act imposes obligations on every person who owns or is in charge of a companion cat. The Animal Welfare Codes have been issued under section 75 of the Act and provide guidance on how to comply with the Act.

The Codes provide a number of minimum standards and recommended best practices on the health of the mother whilst breeding. This includes, amongst other things, ensuring that the good health of the mother is paramount.

At the time of breeding the mother was in good health and physical condition and had a favourable temperament.

Only queens that are in good health and physical condition and have a favourable temperament should be used for breeding. At all times the health and welfare of the mother should be paramount.

The mother must be in good body condition and have any required health care provided to her. The seller's veterinary

record must confirm this. However, to avoid any extra visits to the seller it is

satisfactory for this to be confirmed by a veterinary record at the time the offspring are given their veterinary health check.

The mother (cats) was between 9 months and 7 years at age of conception, has had no more than 6 litters in her lifetime and has not had more than two caesarean sections.

Only mothers with good body condition scores should be bred. Mothers that have had numerous litters may not be in ideal health which may have a direct result on the health of her offspring and should not be bred.

The ideal age for a breeding queen to begin mating is 12 months. However, if a queen begins cycling before the age of 12 months and there is a risk of uterine disease developing due to repeated unmated heats, she may be mated from the age of 9 months with the proviso that it is not her first cycle and that she is in excellent physical health and body condition.

Trade Me has set a cap limit on litters at six per breeding queen. We accept that breeding cats are capable of having more than six litters in their lifetime, however we believe that allowing cats to breed to their full reproductive capacity makes them vulnerable to exploitation from those who do not hold the breeding animal's welfare as their primary concern, but instead use them as a biological factory to make products to sell.

Please note that for optimum welfare, breeding queens should be in good physical health and body condition before breeding. Overbreeding can have severe health consequences and the welfare of the breeding cat must be the primary concern.

A caesarean section may be required in situations where a mother is unable to give birth to her offspring naturally. It is a major operation for the mother and her offspring. The NZVA therefore recommends that in order to maintain optimum health, the mother is not subjected to any more than two caesarean sections in her breeding lifetime.



TRADEME CODE OF WELFARE

(CONTINUED)

The mother has been kept up to date with de-worming and other parasitic treatments during pregnancy.

It is important that the mother is at full health and up to date with de-worming and other parasitic treatments in order for her offspring to not be infected with worms.

Genetic disorders and general responsible selling practices.

Any breed specific inherited disorders are disclosed.

It is important that any breed specific potential hereditary problems are disclosed to new owners, along with any results from any tests that may have been undertaken on the mother and father to screen for inherited disorders prior to breeding.

Disclosure of any relationship between the offspring's parents.

Sometimes in breeding situations can occur which are a result of a mating of two individuals related within two generations. It is important to disclose this information prior to any purchase as there are increased risks of health issues in inbred offspring.

New owners are provided with information on the care of the animal.

For example; diet, desexing, parasite control, health, housing and information on the animal's familiar environment including toileting substrate for kittens should be provided to the new owner at the point of sale.

Confidence that new owner is suitable.

Animals should not be released for sale or rehoming if there is any doubt about the ability of the potential owner to care for them appropriately. Concerns of this nature should be reported to Trade Me in the first instance.

REFERENCES.

Good health as described in the Animal Welfare Codes for Cats and Dogs includes up to date flea treatment and worming, treatment for any parasitic disease, eating and drinking regularly, urinating, defecating and behaving normally. Animal Codes: Cats & Dogs pp. 22 & 23.

[2] Animal Welfare Codes for Cats and Dogs p. 21.

[3] RSPCA Puppy Information Pack, Guidance Notes p. 2.

[4] RSPCA Guidelines p. 2

[5] RSPCA Guidelines p. 3

[6] Codes p. 20 Cats, p. 18 Dogs.

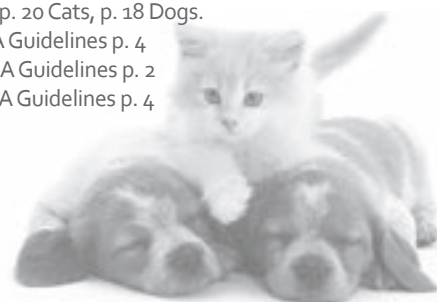
[7] <http://www.dogsafety.govt.nz>

[8] Codes p. 20 Cats, p. 18 Dogs.

[9] RSPCA Guidelines p. 4

[10] RSPCA Guidelines p. 2

[11] RSPCA Guidelines p. 4



BREED STANDARDS

Following the recent AGM, I would like to welcome Jane Webster as the new Portfolio Manager for the Breed Standards Advisory Council. Jane has served on the BSAC as a member and her organised mind, research skills and interest in genetic issues will enable her to fulfil this role extremely effectively. I have been either a member or the Portfolio Manager for the BSAC (formerly the BSC) for most of the last 11 years. It's very satisfying to know that it will continue in good hands. I would also like to say that we have an excellent team on board at present, with a good variety of experience, knowledge and skills.

This is a busy portfolio with a mixture of day to day work that comes in (evaluating and if appropriate approving experimental breeding programmes, dealing with applications for new breeds or colours, considering proposed standards amendments and running consultations on them), and reviewing our own systems and processes and making sure they are appropriate and effective,

as well as bigger projects. The bigger projects underway at present are developing breeding policies (guidelines) for each breed in relation to harmful inherited conditions, formatting the SOPs so that they are all consistent in layout, font, etc and along the way dealing with any anomalies or errors, and investigating (in conjunction with IT) the feasibility of a change to the FIFe EMS system of breed and colour codes and reporting on this to the EC.

The BSAC will also be looking at appointing breed reps to those positions that have not been filled and in this and the next year or two, breed reps are likely to be busier as the BSAC works on getting those draft breeding policies developed ready for circulation to the breed sections, initially for comment and if appropriate amendment, and then when finalised, for a vote on whether to make them mandatory after a transition period or leave them as voluntary guidelines.

Zena Pigden
(former) BSAC Portfolio Manager

2015 NZCF SEMINAR

BY ZENA PIGDEN

This year we were fortunate to have a full day Seminar available for our members to attend over the National Show weekend. I was asked to chair this which meant introducing each speaker and thanking them. This of course meant that I had to listen to each presentation properly - but it was no hardship.

After the WCC delegates were introduced by Eric Reijers (WCC President) we moved on to an excellent presentation by veterinarian Elsa Flint who is also behavioural specialist. The presentation dealt with inappropriate peeing - and gave a clear outline of how to figure out what type of inappropriate peeing is going on (is it because of a medical problem causing pain or discomfort so the cat is avoiding the litterbox, or is it a marking issue?) and then depending on the issue, what some possible solutions may be. Along with suggestions about managing the environment, Elsa spoke about the benefits of Feliway in reducing anxiety in many contexts. Much of this advice would be familiar to breeders but it was an excellent and comprehensive review. Unfortunately some members missed this presentation due to confusion about the start time, however Elsa has kindly agreed to provide a .pdf of the presentation to people who were registered for the seminar who would like to have it. We will let you know when it is available.

The next speaker was Steve Crow who is the Chairman of the GCCF in the UK. The GCCF faces many of the same challenges that the NZCF does. Steve's presentation (which is also available to those registered to attend the seminar) covered the ways in which they are striving to meet those challenges. These included organisational changes (interestingly, the GCCF only became the UK equivalent of an Incorporated Society four years ago!). They are managing their money more carefully (just like us) and updating their IT systems (as we would like to). They've also made commercial partnerships with cat related businesses to the benefit of members but also increasing cash flow to the GCCF.

A large part of the talk dealt with what the GCCF is doing to improve the health and genetic diversity of breeds through developing breeding policies around DNA testing for harmful conditions and also developing outcrossing policies for each

breed. This is in response to the adverse publicity that pedigree dog breeds have received and resultant negative attitudes among the public and intended to prevent the same thing happening with cats.

The GCCF is working (as we are) to promote themselves and their breeders as the first stop for anyone looking to buy a pedigree cat. Steve concluded by suggesting that cat associations look at adopting a world pedigree cat/cat fancy day as a means of raising the profile of pedigree cats our organisations.

Royal Canin gave a very interesting presentation about the research that has gone into formulating some of their foods, particularly their baby cat milk replacer and baby cat biscuits and wet food. They continue to have a strong commitment to research to improve their breed, veterinary, and age stage products.

This was followed by a very entertaining talk by George Sofronidis in which he revealed to us the results of his own DNA profiling and also related this to dog and cat genetic research and testing. He also acknowledged the recent issues his company Orivet have had with their chocolate test, and how this came about (some incorrect information was published which they based their test on).

Leslie Lyons' talk gave us a catch up on current genetic testing research and outcomes - there is now a test for white spotting, and also for the W gene (solid white), and some associated research showing no obvious link with the deafness that occurs in white cats, two polydactyl genes have been identified, there is a test available for the Scottish Fold gene, there are tests for two forms of PRA (progressive retinal atrophy causing blindness), and great news for Devon and Sphynx breeders, there is a test for the gene that causes spasticity. Leslie is currently involved with the 99 Lives project which is raising money to enable further genome sequencing and give more insight into genetic diseases that affect cats. Visit this website https://donatetomu.missouri.edu/givedirect/Item.aspx?item_id=251 to find out more or make a donation. This type of fundraising relies on many small donations - so even a donation of \$5 or \$10 helps.



Finally John Smithson gave a fascinating account of the early history of the Cat Fancy complete with photographs. This was followed by a lively panel discussion as the audience brought questions for the speakers.

This was an extremely successful and enjoyable seminar day - which I am advised WILL count as a refresher for those judges who were in attendance. Congratulations are due to all involved in the organisation, with special mention for Janice Davey, Robyn Morrison, Chris Lowe, and Gaynor Saxon. Thanks to Janice's work selling advertisements and Gaynor donating many free hours designing advertisements for many of the advertisers, along with grants and sponsorship from the NZ Companion Animal Trust and Royal Canin, all costs were covered.

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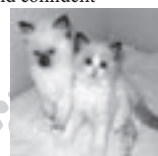
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The 44th Annual General Meeting of the NZ Cat Fancy Incorporated was held in Wellington Saturday June 20, 2015 unfortunately there were a number of delegates holding proxy votes which were unable to attend due to road closures and dangerous driving conditions brought about by what can only be described as a "weather bomb".

Those who attended participated in lively debate – two of the Constitutional remits were passed. The clause regarding 'Pecuniary gain' has been reinstated into the Constitution. Life membership nomination process has changed five (5) members with the support of (1) Affiliate Club nominate and the Executive Council recommend that the nomination is placed on a ballot paper for the AGM – when a majority of 51% or more is gained Life Membership is attained. Although there were a number of delegates who suggested that the 75% majority should remain this remit was passed by 128/4/2.

The remit regarding the ability for the Executive Council to remove a fellow EC member was withdrawn however the meeting directed that the EC are to come up with an appropriate process or amendments to the Constitutional Clause to bring back to the 2016 AGM.

The meeting also voted to change the order of business at the AGM with the election results being announced at the beginning of the meeting. (Clause 21.0).

NZCF Titles: the meeting directed that the EC investigate the implementation of another level in our titles. Although some delegates expressed concerns regarding older cats been subjected to more showing when there may be temperament issues this remit was positively debated.

PORTFOLIO REPORTS:

- Registrations and transfer numbers are being maintained however, there are still breeders who believe that the cost of registering a litter particularly with one kitten in it is high. There are still an unacceptable number of complaints coming through about breeders not supplying pedigree papers and/or transfers, and often on investigation it is found that the kitten or cat has not been registered. NZCF do have a process in place for follow-up of those breeders who are found to be breaking the registration rules.
- The late registration fee was considered by some delegates as rather high especially for those breeders who are working with tabbies & silvers in that there is often some delay as to when the correct colour and or pattern is evident. The meeting suggested that perhaps the change of colour fee could be waived up to the age of 9 mths.
- Award of Service – Avon Aspdon was recently recognized for her service to NZCF.
- All Affiliate Clubs have all complied with the appointment of a certified Health & Safety Officer.
- Very successful World Cat Congress weekend was held in Auckland in April, the highlight for many being the seminar. Janice Davey was commended for the contribution that she made to the fund raising for this event.

FUTURE DIRECTIONS:

- Promotion of membership ideas through social media to help our own membership to feel more engaged.
- What does NZCF offer our pet owners.
- Show Day Representatives (could be part of the initiative to promote clubs & shows).
- Long term vision for the website.
- Updated training programmes for judges, stewards & handlers – with ongoing support .
- Liaison with overseas bodies for promotion of our judges.
- NZCF Contacts booklets to be provided to Affiliate Clubs, Officers & Officials.
- Disputes & Discipline Procedure has been updated (will be circulated with August agenda).
- Review of the NZCF Cattery Accreditation (to include re-inspection policy review).
- On-line newsletters.
- Marketing goals.
- Closer relationship with cat welfare organisations and the SPCA.
- Breed policy development – develop protocols for testing Standard of Points standardisation (include colour standardisation).
- Trade Me policy (animal welfare) consultation with NZCF
- Members having the ability to access their own information on their cats and self (feasibility study with our current system).
- Microchipping feasibility study – NZCF supported trained operators.
- User friendly on-line registrations – with possibility of breeding restrictions, contracts could be included on the pedigrees.
- Inclusion of tabby pattern details on our pedigrees (required by overseas registries).
- Succession planning.
- Health & Safety Officer – training is transferable (on going refresher training).
- Membership on line capability were individuals can log in and update their own profiles.
- Prioritise 'what you want' & focus on that not losing sight that NZCF is a cat registry.

POST AGM EXECUTIVE MEETING NOTES:

Election of Chair: Zena Pigden

Vice Chair: Gaynor Saxon

ALLOCATION OF PORTFOLIO'S

- **Business/Administration & Finance – Gaynor Saxon**
- **Information Technology & Marketing – Zena Pigden**
- **Shows - Annette Dunn**
- **Registrations - Diane Holtom**
- **Breed Standards Advisory Council – Jane Webster**
- **Judges – Deb Armishaw**

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2015 NZCF SHOW CALENDAR

SHOW DATES	AFFILIATE CLUB NAME	RING	LOCATION	H & S OFFICER
Saturday 18 July	Pedigree Persian Cat Fanciers (N/S Cats & Kitten Domestic & Companions)	2	Wellington	Yes
Sunday 26 July	Geyserland Cat Club (All Breeds)	4	Whakatane	Yes
Sunday 26 July	Nelson Cat Club	4	Nelson	Yes
Sunday 9 August	Shorthair Cat Breeders (Pedigree SH Domestic & Companions)	4	Canterbury TBA	Yes
Saturday 15 August	Hutt Feline & Pedigree Persian All breeds Domestic & Companions	6	Wellington	Yes
Saturday 22 August	Southland Cat Fanciers All Breeds Domestic and Companion	4	Invercargill	Yes
Saturday 22 August	Abyssinian & Somali Cat Club (All SH)	3	Auckland	Yes
Sunday 7 Sept	Kapiti-Horowheuna	4	TBA	
Sunday 13 Sept	Canterbury All Breeds	4	Canterbury	Yes
Saturday 19 Sept	Pedigree Persian Supreme (All Breeds) Companions & Domestics	4	Wellington	Yes
Saturday 27 Sept	Burmese Cat Club NZ Inc (Northern)	5	Auckland	Yes
Saturday 3 Oct	NZ Siamese-All Shorthair (3 rings) Siamese specialist (1 ring)	4	Christchurch	Yes

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Saturday 5 March	Tosca (All Shorthair)	3	Auckland	Yes
Sunday 6 March	Shorthair Cat Breeders (Pedigree SH, Domestic & Companions)	4	Canterbury	Yes
Saturday 12 March	Burmese Cat Club NZ Inc (Central)	5	Palmerston Nth	Yes
Sunday 13 March	Canterbury All Breeds	4	Canterbury	Yes
Saturday 19 March	Metropolitan SHCC (All Pedigree SH)	3	Auckland	Yes
Sunday 27 March	Southern Cross All Breeds Cat Club	4	Dunedin	Yes
Saturday 2 April	Dominion Shorthair (All Breeds)	4	Wellington	Yes
Saturday 9 April	NZCF AGM	--	TBA	--
Saturday 16 April	Central Districts Cat Club	3	Masterton	Yes
Saturday 16 April	NZ Siamese - All Shorthair (3 rings) Siamese specialist - (1) ring	4	Christchurch	Yes
Sunday 24 April	Auckland Cat Club	4	Auckland	Yes
Saturday 30 April	Annual Awards Dinner		Palmerston Nth	
Sunday 1 May	Palmerston North Cat Club Inc- National Show	4	Palmerston Nth	Yes
Saturday 7 May	Birman Cat Club & Companion	4	TBA	Yes
Sunday 15 May	LH Cat Breeders Assoc (SI)	4	TBA	Yes
Saturday 21 May	Taranaki Cat Club (All Breeds)	4	New Plymouth	Yes
Saturday 21 May	Burmese Cat Club NZ Inc (SI)	5	Christchurch	Yes
Saturday 28 May	Mid Island Cat Club Inc (All Breeds, Domestic & Companion)	4	TBA	Yes
Sunday 5 June	Geyserland Cat Club (All Breeds)	4	TBA	Yes
Sunday 12 June	Canterbury All Breeds	4	Canterbury	Yes
Sunday 19 June	Wellington Cat Club	4	Wellington	Yes
Sunday 26 June	Auckland Cat Club (All Breeds)	4	Auckland	Yes
Sunday 3 July	Hamilton Cat Club (All Breeds)	4	Hamilton	Yes
Saturday 9 July	Sacred Temple - Birman & Companions	5	Wellington	Yes
Saturday 16 July	Pedigree Persian Cat Fanciers- (N/S Cats & Kittens, Doms & Coms)	4	Wellington	Yes
Sunday 24 July	Geyserland Cat Club (All Breeds)	4	TBA	Yes
Saturday 30 July	Nelson Cat Club	4	Nelson	Yes
Saturday 13 August	Hutt Feline & Pedigree Persian (All Breeds) Domestic & Companions	6	Wellington	Yes
Sunday 14 August	Shorthair Cat Breeders (Pedigree SH, Domestic & Companions)	4	Christchurch	Yes
Sunday 21 August	LH Cat Breeders Assoc (SI) Inc	4	Christchurch	Yes
Sunday 4 September	Kapiti Horowhenua	3	Kapiti	Yes
Sat3 & Sun 4 September	Patches & Pointed (All Breeds)	6	TBA	Yes
Sunday 11 September	Canterbury All Breeds	4	Canterbury	Yes
Saturday 1 October	NZ Siamese - All Shorthair (3 rings) Siamese specialist - (1) ring	4	Christchurch	Yes

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