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*Wishing all our feline babies
a contented, lazy and a full
fun loving Christmas.*

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*'Cats are intended to teach us that not everything
in nature has a function'. – Garrison Keillor*

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Chair Chat

Christmas here already! It's hard to believe. Once again I'm delighted to tell you that we are on track to achieve a small surplus. The EC have decided to hold the majority of our fees for another year, absorbing the effects of inflation as a way of supporting our membership. (However we may well have to look at some increases in 2016). One exception is the Associate Membership fee which has had a significant increase to a more realistic figure for covering our member related costs.

We do need you to pay your membership on time though! So the late fee has been increased to \$55 for full memberships (including family memberships). Memberships are due now – so why not get it done and avoid the extra charges. Remember you can renew online, you can complete the paper form that came with Flash Cats, or you can fill out the form that has been emailed to you via the no reply forum.

You will see on the membership form an option for a \$10 kitten board subscription – see the IT update later in this issue for more about this.

This has been a busy year for many of us (myself included). As we have just been ratifying our appointed positions, it has made me realise just how lucky we are to have such a fantastic pool of talented people willing to contribute to the Cat Fancy. So I'd like to especially acknowledge our hardworking officers and officials, BSAC members, and elected and appointed breed reps, without you the Cat Fancy could not function. Those of you who are paid do your work for a token hourly rate – and many of you are not paid at all, but you all willingly give your time, skill and experience to keep things working as they should be.

As Chair I rely also on the elected EC members to carry out their portfolio responsibilities and contribute positively to meetings, as well as finding time to take on additional jobs that don't quite fall under a specific portfolio. It can amount to many hours on top of our working and family lives. I appreciate the work each of you has done, and I know I can look forward to a productive 2015 where each of you will give of your best. This is an appropriate time too to acknowledge the loss of Cat Fancy members who have contributed hugely to the Fancy, to the education and mentoring of breeders, and to the development of their own breeds in past years. This year has seen the passing of Jill Dawson, Brian Surgenor, Sheila Lemm and Joyce Cox. The feline world is the poorer for the loss of these individuals.

Finally I want to wish you all a very merry Christmas. A Cat Fancy without members is nothing at all, and whether we are owners, exhibitors or breeders we are all here because of our love of cats and appreciation of their special character in all its variety. At this time of year it is easy to get caught up in the busyness of it all, so don't forget to enjoy some lap time, head bumps or quiet companionship from your feline family as well as the special humans in your world. And may the coming year bring you joy, hope and the fulfilment of your dreams.

Zena Pigden
NZCF Chair

Editor's Note

Flash Cats has motored along this year, with great feedback on our publication. Thanks to the members who have submitted articles and wonderful photos of cats and kittens.

Please do feel free to let me know if you have any interesting articles or have a health subject you would like us to write about... Its a big help to me when I am trying to fill pages.

I often try to find new products and short, interesting stories for your enjoyment... Unfortunately sometimes it a little difficult to tell which could be bogus regardless of the rigorous investigating we do to ensure that products and stories we write about are real... Still it's all there for your entertainment at the end of the day, and we leave it to you decide for yourself.

Finally a huge thank you to my team, Lyall, Marylyn, and Linda who keep me focused and assist me with information gathering, proofing and offer excellent opinions of my work, whether I want them or not. We are a happy team and have a lot of fun.

From all of us to all of you Have a great Christmas Break!

Remember also !!! Masterpet is offering a 4kg bag of Eukanuba bickies for the winner of their photo pick competition, so send in your cutest pics of your babies to me gaynorsaxon@gmail.com for a chance to win.....

From the Admin Desk

With my **Administration & Finance Portfolio** hat on, a big thank you and the very best of wishes to our members on behalf of myself, and my Administration Team, Chris, Marion, Jane and Linda, thank you for all the support you have given the NZCF this past years and all the years before.

Thank you also to our other EC members who have been great in helping me to get back into the swing of things this year.

We wish you all a peaceful, safe and wonderful Christmas break.

Best Wishes to you all.

Gaynor Saxon
Flashcats Editor
NZCF Administration & Finance Portfolio Manager.

Editor's Pic



Show Report

On behalf of Joan Hill, Sue MacKay and myself, I would like to wish everyone a happy and safe Christmas.

Our team has worked extremely hard this year and their efforts are very much appreciated. This year has sped by again, and we all feel the loss of some very well known cat fanciers.

Well done to the 2014 Annual award winner, and hope to see you all in Auckland for the awards dinner in April.

2015 has a busy show calendar, with only a few spots left for any club's who might want to hold a second show.

The national show, which is being held in Auckland in April on Saturday 25th, and the seminar on Sunday 26th, is coming along very nicely.

I am, with the Help of Gaynor, putting together a mini year book to come out with the National Show, so if you would like to place an ad, get in touch with me at leegrigo@hotmail.com. This booklet will be for sale at the National.

In my reports this year, I have talked about the NZCF Health and Safety, and stressed that each club must have a Health & Safety Officer. They must have filled out the appropriate NZCF paper work, or your club is not covered by insurance if you have any incidents at a show.

This Must be implemented. *NZCF did not make this rule up, it*

is law. So to those clubs who have not yet complied, remember you must name your NZCF H & S Officer on the 2016 show date application form, Show dates will not be allocated without H & S offices being named.

Our NZCF Health & Safety Officer, Sue Mackay: taralmador@gmail.com is more than happy to help any club.



*Best Wishes to all
Janice Davey
Shows Portfolio Manager*

Congratulations & best wishes

Congratulations to Roy Griffiths, Diane Holtom, Christine Yeung and Lyall Payne, for successfully completing the recent Judges' Training School.

Thank you to Chris Lowe and Cheryle St Clair-Newman and to all the Tutor Judges who have given their time and skill willingly to help.

Thank you also to all the Clubs and Judges who have assisted in any way for this school.

You all deserve a relaxing holiday season.
Warmest wishes,

*Annette Dunn
Judges' Portfolio Manager*

PS Keep an eye out for the new draft curriculum document along with a short questionnaire that will be sent to Judges with your Annual Return. I would appreciate feedback before the end of January.

Flash Cats Close-off Dates for Contributions

June Issue - 15 April 2015
September Issue - 15 July 2015
December Issue - 15 October 2015
March Issue - 15 January 2016
Contact Gaynor Saxon (Editor)



With warmest wishes to all our Judges and Clubs. May your Christmas be filled with laughter, great weather and the love of family and friends.

*Thank you for all your amazing efforts this year.
God Bless, Annette*

HARMFUL GENETIC CONDITIONS

What the NZCF is doing about them

By Zena Pigden



First things first – the pictures in this article are of breeds that do have harmful conditions in the gene pool – but they are NOT pictures of affected cats.

The problem

It's no secret that MANY, if not most, cat breeds have some associated harmful genetic conditions. Well known examples are PKD in Persians, Hip Dysplasia in Maine Coons, PK deficiency in Abyssinians, Myopathy in Devon Rex, HCM in many breeds (Maine Coon, Sphynx, Bengal, Siamese group, and even Birmans) and the list goes on. Of course these will be present in the non pedigree population as well but the difference is that for each pedigree breed the gene pool is restricted. Breeds tend to be founded on a relatively small number of ancestors, and most breeds have closed gene pools (out crossing to other breeds is not permitted), or at best out crossing to other closed gene pools (another pedigree breed).

The effect of a closed gene pool and selective breeding within that gene pool (leading to greater use of some outstanding cats or combinations vs others) leads to the spread of harmful conditions through the breed. This often occurs invisibly – harmful conditions that are dominant and show themselves at an early age will be naturally self limiting (those cats will not be used for breeding or will be retired younger from breeding when their condition becomes apparent). But the majority of these conditions are either recessive, polygenetic (take several genes acting together to show themselves), or cause varying effects (some PKD affected cats become unwell young, some live a long life and die of some other cause).

Are these conditions really that common?

When a test becomes available and widely used it can be a real surprise to discover what percentage of cats are carriers or affected. 40% of Persians tested positive for the PKD gene when DNA testing became

available. Around 38% of Maine Coons tested positive for the myBPC mutation which appears to be one cause of HCM (there is at least one other gene that can cause it).

The presence of harmful genes, often widespread, in a breed is damaging for breeders, distressing to owners, not to mention the suffering or shortened life for the cats affected. The general public are increasingly aware of these issues in both dogs and cats and want to be sure that breeders are doing their best to avoid or breed away from them. Court action is a real possibility if a buyer's cat develops one of these conditions and the breeder cannot show that they were taking all steps to lower the chances of producing it. (It's happened already in the dog world).

What is the NZCF doing about this?

Now that there are DNA tests for many of these conditions, and other means (cardiac ultrasound, hip X-rays) to assess for others, we cannot ignore these problems. Breeders need to know what harmful conditions may occur in their breed and what testing is recommended to breed away from them. The NZCF needs to show that it is taking a proactive stance and working to reduce the incidence of harmful conditions in breeds. By doing this, we give people a reason to buy from a registered breeder, not a backyard breeder, not to mention reducing the chances of the government taking regulating breeding into their own hands (as has happened in some other countries).

Consequently we are starting work on developing a breed policy for every breed that clearly states what conditions may occur in that breed, what testing is available and recommended, and what is recommended in terms of breeding with affected cats or carriers. This policy will be voluntary – unless the breed section

supports making it compulsory. Breed sections will be consulted about the guidelines that are developed for each breed and about whether they would prefer these to be compulsory or voluntary. Voluntary or Compulsory?

The Ragdoll breed section led the way by requesting that the NZCF put in place rules about breeding with Ragdolls carrying the HCM mutation. It was the breed section who asked that we regulate this rather than leaving it up to breeders to decide whether or not they would test for the HCM gene and what they would do about it. The benefits of a compulsory system is that breeders can have confidence that over time a harmful condition will be eliminated or greatly reduced in their breed in New Zealand. As well as providing security for breeders when they purchase new breeding stock, it is a selling point with pet owners and overseas breeders.

The downside of a compulsory system is that it is... well... compulsory. Everyone has to comply with the rules and some breeders do not feel happy that the NZCF is imposing rules about breeding on them. (Although we do accept that the NZCF can make rules about some things, such as Fold to Fold matings, age at which kittens can be sold or shown, etc).

The NZCF's position at this point is that we will not impose compulsory rules about testing on any breed without the support of the relevant breed section. However we are committed to ensuring that there are guidelines for each breed which we encourage responsible breeders to follow. And we will be delighted if some breed sections do opt for compulsory testing as we know this will be a faster route to reducing or eliminating that condition.

Protecting the gene pool

That's all very well, but if a harmful condition is widespread in a breed, immediately removing all carriers will drastically reduce the gene pool – which is

not good for any breed. Any breeding policy needs to take this into account. Fortunately this is usually possible. The goal is to breed clear offspring from carrier cats. This does mean that any cat that is homozygous for a recessive gene (has two copies of it) shouldn't be bred from. But heterozygous cats can be put to clear cats, offspring that look promising for breeding tested, and clear offspring chosen to carry on the line. This is no different from the selective breeding that we all practise, choosing those kittens to breed on with who have the things we are looking for in the breed. It is simply adding in another factor to consider in making this choice.

But surely it's OK to breed with carriers as long as you always put them to a clear cat? While certainly this ensures that YOU will not produce affected cats, it does nothing to help the breed as a

whole and as long as there are carriers around there is the risk that affected cats will be produced (accidental matings, less responsible breeders). Using carriers with clear cats is a good transitional plan while working to produce clear progeny to carry on with, but the ultimate goal should be to move to having breeding cats who are all clear of the condition.

What if there is no test?

Some conditions don't have an easy DNA test or any test at all. In that case the NZCF will develop guidelines for best practice using what information is to hand. Recommendations may include the use of X-rays or cardiac ultrasound to determine if breeding cats have conditions such as Hip Dysplasia or HCM.



NZCF MESSAGE

HANDLERS COURSE

A handlers' course is to be run in Hamilton
on **January 17th 2015**
Anyone interested
please contact
SUE FORD
by the end of December
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IMPORTANT DATES

2014 Meeting Dates

- EC Meeting 22-23rd November 2014

2015 Meeting Dates

- 14-15th February 2015
- 24-28th April World Cat Congress -
In Auckland (National show 25th April)
- AGM 20-21 June 2015
- 29-30 August 2015
- 14-15 November 2015

2016 Meeting Dates

AGM 2 April 2016



The Registrations team would like to wish everyone a very Merry Xmas and a Happy New Year and hope you and you furbabies stay happy, healthy and safe over the Xmas period and throughout the coming year. Thanks for all your ongoing support.

*Kindest Regards from: Diane, Avon,
Sue and Kaye.*

FELINE DIABETES: SAMMY'S STORY

Living with Diabetes

Sammy Rasell 1997-Jan 2014

The day after Sammy died a neighbour's card had the line "why did Sammy have to go" Well Sammy's life was a lot more than a sad ending. He gave & received so much love. He travelled extensively throughout NZ in our motorhome He managed to get lost for three days in both Kaikoura and Gisborne. He was lost in both Remuera and Dunedin and he survived falling in the Waikato River just above the Control gates but most of all he lived with and survived having Diabetes.

His story began Seventeen years ago at the Nelson SPCA pound June 1997. We were dropping off a few cans of cat food for the strays and unwanted cats when we spotted Sammy at the back of a cage filled with many cats of various lineage and age. We just could not leave without him.

Sammy soon settled in and became quite famous for his exploits in the neighbourhood. Sammy's nocturnal jaunts would always end in the wee small hours with a great fanfare of banging cat door and much meowing as he presented us with various gifts stolen from the neighbourhood. These included passion fruit (always two for us both) live tree frogs, live goldfish from the pool down the road and many many mice.

Sammy went missing that first Easter Good Friday. On the evening of Easter Monday he came home dragging his body by his front paws pulling his lifeless rear legs. We rushed him to the Richmond vets and Sally took care of his pain and diagnosed a broken leg and broken ball joint in his hip plus a broken large canine tooth. The Injuries meant Sammy could no longer climb, jump and run and he started putting on weight until he tipped the scales at around 10kg. This weight gain was to have a bad outcome. Eventually we began to notice a strange weight loss. His backbone was becoming prominent and his weight dropped to around 8kg. He was always at the water trough and would drink copious amounts.

He was diagnosed with Diabetes at Napier CareVets in 2008. We were advised that it was not necessarily the end of Sammy if we were prepared to put in the effort, time and expense. Sammy was trialed unsuccessfully on Minidiab (Glipizide) tablets. His blood sugar levels were seriously high and Doug the Vet suggested 12 hourly injections of Insulin. The thought of injecting Sammy twice daily was daunting. Would he take it? Could we do it? One look into those wonderful golden eyes was all it took.

Those first few days were harrowing but soon we were into a routine. Sammy knew that the injections were making him feel better and eventually he would come and kneel to receive them. Keeping a check on his blood sugar levels was another story. There was no way we were going to get blood from him so we opted for a routine of testing his urine with dip sticks. This began another hilarious chapter in Sammy's life. Getting him to pee on command was difficult. So at night we would take him to a power transformer down the street where after a bit of prompting he would spray the transformer...needless to say many times catching the spray resulted in a warm hand for me. Don't know what the neighbours thought but it worked.



Many times he would become hyperglycemic (high blood sugar level) which was easily fixed by increasing the amount of Insulin. Very rarely he became hypoglycemic (low blood sugar).

Using the dip sticks to measure urine glucose is not strictly correct as we were measuring where his blood level was maybe 6 hours earlier however it did work & we tried to keep a showing of +1 above normal.

From mid 2008 to last Christmas Sammy led a happy and I believe a healthy life. During the holiday break his diabetes disappeared. There was no excess blood sugar levels. We were perplexed and took Sammy to the Vets where they diagnosed renal failure. We sat outside the building and agonised over what was the inevitable. We went back in and stayed with him and thanked him for everything he had given us as he slipped away.

By Kevan & Colleen Rasell

Symptoms, Treatments, Prevention, Diet Tips and Frequently Asked Questions

An alarming number of cats are developing diabetes mellitus, which is the inability to produce enough insulin to balance blood sugar, or glucose, levels. Left untreated, it can lead to weight loss, loss of appetite, vomiting, dehydration, severe depression, problems with motor function, coma, and even death. To find out why so many cats are being diagnosed with diabetes, and what owners can do, WebMD talked to Thomas Graves, a former feline practitioner who is associate professor and section head of small animal medicine at the University of Illinois College of Veterinary Medicine. Graves' research focus is on diabetes and geriatric medicine.

Q: How common is feline diabetes?

A: The true incidence isn't known, but it's estimated at 0.5% to 2% of the feline population. But it's also probably under diagnosed.

Q: What are the signs of diabetes in cats?

A: The main symptoms are increased thirst and increased urination. And while we do see it in cats with appropriate body weight, it's more common in obese cats. Some cats with diabetes have a ravenous appetite because their bodies cannot use the fuel supplied in their diet.

Continued

Q: What's the treatment for a cat with feline diabetes?

A: Diet is certainly a component. It's felt that a low-carbohydrate diet is probably best for cats with diabetes. Treatment is insulin therapy. There are some oral medications, but they have more side effects and are mainly used when insulin can't be used for some reason. There are blood and urine tests, physical examinations, and behavioural signals, which are used to establish insulin therapy. This is done in conjunction with your veterinarian. We don't recommend owners adjust insulin therapy on their own because it can be sort of complicated in cats. Most patients come in every three or four months. It's a good thing to make sure nothing else is going on.

Q: Will I have to test my cat's blood every day and give her shots?

A: Usually the blood tests are done during the regular visits with your veterinarian, although people can do them if they'd like. But the owners will have to give their cat shots. People are often afraid of that whole thing. But once you teach an owner how to do it properly, it's something people find quite easy. Many people even find it a bit empowering, that they can do something like that to help their pet.

Q: If caught early enough, can my cat be cured of diabetes?

A: It's usually not cured. Some cats, when you start treating their diabetes and you get their blood sugar under control and get them on a reasonable diet and get them in a better body condition, their diabetes actually goes into remission or partial remission. There are cats that stay that way for many months. Some might even stay that way for years. It can happen. But for the most part diabetes is a disease that we control and don't really cure.

Information gathered from several sources

Christmas Greetings to everyone from the Publishing and Marketing Team.

I'm particularly pleased to acknowledge the work Gaynor Saxon puts into making every issue of Flash Cats a delight to receive and every issue just grows and improves on the previous. I field many comments about the online version and how informative, bright and pleasing it is to read. Thank you Gaynor.

Thanks also to everyone who supports the magazine through advertising. The high quality advertising Flash Cats receive is heartening and mutually beneficial, judging from feedback I have received.

This will be my final Christmas message as I will not be putting myself forward for election next year. I believe my leaving opens the way for new blood, new skills and renewed enthusiasm and I wish my replacement well. I look forward to helping NZCF in any way I can from an ex-EC position, for a while at least.

Have a safe & happy Christmas, good health, and great success in 2015.

*Best Wishes
Lyll*



INSTANT EAR THERMOMETER

While I'm sure these thermometers can be purchased locally around New Zealand, I found this ad interesting enough to pass on. Certainly beats the drama I go through trying to take the temps of my cats.

INSTANT EAR THERMOMETER:

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The unique design of the sensor arm and probe tip allows for measurement of the animal's deep (horizontal) ear canal. This ergonomic design is safe to use in the ears of many companion animals.

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*Product found on www.drsfostersmith.com/product/prod_display_cfm?pcatid=2167
For more information, product instructions and price.*



CAT TEMPERATURES

Normal Range, Fever & More

Normal body temperatures in cats range between 100 - 102.5°F (37.7 - 39.1°C). The body regulates its temperature (known as thermoregulation) by a number of measures and for a number of reasons.

When an infection occurs, the body will often increase the internal temperature as a way to fight off and kill the infectious organism, this is known as pyrexia.

Thermoregulation refers to the control of the body temperature as a result of external factors such as an increase or decrease in temperature. This occurs by:

- Change in location - Moving to a shady spot if it's hot, moving to a sheltered spot, or into the sun if it's cold.
- Vasoconstriction or vasodilation - Narrowing or widening of the blood vessels to restrict or increase blood flow. Blood carries heat, which is then when it reaches the surface of the skin. So on hot days, the blood vessels dilate to increase blood flow to the skin, on cold days they constrict to reduce heat loss.
- Hairs - Hairs stand on end when the temperature falls, this improves the insulating properties of the skin and coat.
- Shivering - When the temperature drops and the above methods are no longer effective, your cat will shiver. This occurs when muscles begin to shiver slightly in order to produce warmth by expending energy. Shivering can also occur in response to fever.
- Sweating - This isn't as important in cats as it is in humans. Cats do sweat a little through their paws.

Cat has high temperature:

There are two causes of a high temperature in cats. Fever (pyrexia) or hyperthermia.

- Fever (pyrexia) is usually the result of an infection. The body increases the internal temperature in order to fight off the infection.
- Hyperthermia occurs when the external temperature is higher than your cat's body temperature and he is unable to bring the temperature down by thermoregulation. For example a cat locked in a car on a warm day is at great risk of developing hyperthermia. This is a life threatening condition and requires urgent veterinary attention.

Cat has low temperature:

This is known as hypothermia and may be caused by the external temperature being too low and once again, thermoregulation being unable to maintain the body temperature at safe levels. It can occur if your cat is in the cold for a period of time.

Kittens:

Young kittens are very poor at maintaining body temperature therefore it is important for the pet owner to be aware of this and maintain a steady temperature for them.



How to take your cat's temperature:

To take the temperature with a mercury thermometer you will need:

Mercury thermometer
Petroleum jelly

Have your cat on a firm surface such as a dining table and have your helper hold him by the scruff of the neck so that he can't run away.

Shake the thermometer firmly until it drops to 96°F (35.5°C).

Lubricate the bulb tip with a little petroleum jelly, lift the base of the tail and gently slide it into your cat's rectum until half of it is inside. Keep it in for three minutes, withdraw and check the reading.

You should seek veterinary attention if your cat's temperature is under 99°F (37.2°C) or over 104°F (40°C).

Ear Thermometer

The normal ear temperature in cats is between 100.0 degrees and 103.0 degrees Fahrenheit (37.8 degrees and 39.4 degrees Celsius). The ear thermometer works by measuring infrared heat waves that come from the ear drum area. The ear drum is considered to be a good indicator of body temperature as it measures brain blood temperature. It is important to place the thermometer deep into the horizontal ear canal to obtain an accurate reading.

How to reduce a fever:

If your cat only has a moderate temperature and seems otherwise well, you can try to reduce it by using fans to cool him off and/or offering him cool water.

Don't give your cat a bath, this will make the situation worse by trapping the water in the coat, which acts as insulation.

How to treat hyperthermia (heat stroke):

If you suspect your cat has hyperthermia, seek veterinary attention immediately. Do not attempt to treat at home.

Information sourced from various Veterinary websites.

NZCF HISTORY PROJECT

The NZCF is calling for interest from members to join a soon to be formed History Project Sub-Committee. The Sub-committee will be headed by the newly appointed NZCF Historian: Jane Webster.

Please see below the duties and responsibilities for this Sub-committee.

All interested parties please contact: NZCF Secretary, Chris Lowe, email: secretary@nzcf.com

SUBCOMMITTEE

Form a sub-committee under the NZCF Historian (if she is willing) or a separate subcommittee under its own chair. Expressions of interest could be requested to find members for the subcommittee. They should have computer access and an interest in preserving the cat fancy's history (not necessarily a long personal history in the cat fancy history).

INVENTORY

Develop a detailed inventory of current NZCF history holdings including their location.

SECURITY

As far as practicable ensure that the items on the inventory are in an appropriately secure location (not garages prone to flooding or dampness, etc) and are stored suitably (not disintegrating cardboard boxes in pest-prone locations, etc). The level of 'security' does not need to be particularly high (at this stage), it should just ensure a reasonable expectation that if the inventory items are checked in a year's time they would not have deteriorated.

SCOPE

Develop the scope and limits of the NZCF history collection. For example should the holdings include the following:

- NZGCCF items.
- Items from all affiliate clubs (show catalogues, newsletters, etc) or items from only those affiliate clubs which no longer exist.

- Physical items like cups, ribbons, prize cards, etc; only significant examples of these; or only photographs of these.

ACQUISITION & DISPOSAL

Establish guidelines and processes for acquisitions for the holdings (donations only?), and disposal of surplus / duplicate material (sell to defray any costs incurred by the collection, sell only if original donors indicated this was acceptable?).

ACCESS

Establish guidelines on who may access the holdings, for what reasons, on whose authority, and under what circumstances. Will items be sent to researchers or will they be required to visit in person.

DIGITISATION & PUBLICATION

Develop a policy on digitising historic documents and whether digital copies should be published online (widening their availability) or made available on request.

REPORTING & AWARENESS

Reports from the subcommittee should be made in time for each EC meeting and regular articles should be supplied to Flash Cats to keep the NZCF membership informed of the project and raise the awareness of the historic value of their personal collections.

PUSSY NO! NO'S!!! AT CHRISTMAS

The festive season can be a strange time for our cats. Their usual home environment is filled with trees, flowers and other decorations and there are odd noises such as crackers and fireworks. Your routine is likely to change and there may be unfamiliar visitors coming to the house. Here is a list of specific hazards you should watch out for.

FOOD HAZARDS

Chocolate, onions, nuts, blue cheese, fruit cakes, puddings and mince pies can all be toxic to cats. Watch out for turkey bones as these can cause choking, constipation or cause damage to your cat's intestines.

CHRISTMAS TREES AND PLANTS

Most species are low toxicity but may cause a mild gastrointestinal upset (vomiting and/or diarrhoea) if chewed. Tinsel and decorations can cause intestinal blockages if eaten and your pet may get a nasty shock if they chew through the electrical cable for your Christmas lights. Lilies, holly, mistletoe and poinsettia are all toxic to cats so keep them out of their reach. Artificial snow is toxic so best avoided.

BATTERIES

Ingestion of batteries is more common at this time of year (more common in dogs than cats). If the battery is chewed and pierced it can cause chemical burns and heavy metal poisoning. If they are swallowed whole it is possible they will cause an obstruction. All batteries are potentially toxic so if you suspect your cat has chewed or swallowed a battery speak to your local vet.



Information sourced from <http://www.vets-now.com/pet-owners/cat-care-advice/christmas-dangers-cats>

MEMBERS CODE OF CONDUCT

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NZCF MEMBERS CODE OF CONDUCT

Behaviour towards other NZCF members (including officers & officials) and members of the public:

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 - b. I will not knowingly spread false information about another member.
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2. I will ensure that my cats and kittens receive prompt veterinary attention if they show signs of being unwell or injured.

3. I will ensure that the numbers of cats and kittens in my care do not exceed my ability to provide adequate care.
4. In the event that I have a concern about a cat or kitten bought from an NZCF breeder, I will discuss this with them, and endeavour to reach an amicable resolution. If an amicable solution cannot be reached, I will refer to the NZCF Disputes and Discipline Policy.
5. In the event that I am unable to keep a cat or kitten, I will contact the breeder prior to re-homing (if required) and ensure that I find a good home for it.
6. I will ensure that all cats or kittens in my care, not intended for breeding, are desexed.
7. When I purchase a pedigree cat or kitten, I will abide by any conditions or requirements agreed with the breeder, unless they give written permission to depart from them.

Showing of cats or kittens

1. I will adhere to NZCF rules and regulations pertaining to the showing of cats or kittens.
2. I will ensure that any cat or kitten I exhibit is clean, healthy, and free of parasites.
3. I will accept the judges' decision as final unless I believe they have made a genuine mistake, in which case I will approach the Show Secretary with my concern.
4. I will treat other exhibitors and members of the public with respect and politeness.
5. I will be pleasant and welcoming to new exhibitors and be willing to assist them to understand the show system.
6. At shows, I will avoid any action or comment that might influence the judge's decision about an exhibit.

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- That all cats and kittens owned by members are microchipped and registered with the NZ Companion Animal Registry.
- That members provide cat safe enclosures for their cats and kittens, thereby protecting them from danger and protecting native wildlife.
- All members are familiar with the Animal Welfare Code (2007) relating to Companion Cats.

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BLOOD GROUP INCOMPATIBILITY REVISITED

By Judy Dickie
Wisecracks Devon Rex Cattery

I have bred Devon Rex cats since 1999 and throughout this time dealt with a large number of type b queens. I am not about to write an article on Blood types in cats this has been done and done well by so many others far better qualified to do so. There is a good site explaining blood type and compatibility in cats including the incidence, of b blood type in various breeds.

I read with some concern an article in the last Flash Cats magazine regarding blood incompatibility in cats. While in the main the information was excellent it was the management documentation I did not agree with. Separating a queen from her kittens for three days is excessive and very hard on the queen and her kittens not to mention the poor breeder!

Sadly I have dealt with the results of blood type incompatibility on a very personal level.

January 21st 1999- September 1999

In excited anticipation of my first litter of kittens, I dutifully blood tested both parents, the sire a Devon Rex and the queen a Devon Rex Variant (Abyssinian out cross) The parents both came back as having blood type A.

Dealing with Neonatal Isoerythrolysis

The litter was born and on day 2 little Lucky stopped gaining weight and started to pass very dark urine. I called my vet and said the kitten was behaving like what I had read about Neonatal Isoerythrolysis, but that this was not possible as both parents were type A. He called me back saying he had bad news, Gribbles had somehow recorded the queen's blood type incorrectly and she was indeed a type b queen! The damage was done, after 16-24 hours the antibodies the kitten ingests via the colostrum are no longer a threat, so there was no point in taking him from his mother, and adding to his stress.

At this stage in my cat breeding I had not learned to tube feed, but I syringe fed Lucky 2 hourly, with formula, and Collovet tonic. I also put him regularly in the sun as they do jaundice babies. Lucky was left with his litter mates between feeds. By day 7 he was very unwell, his yellow colouring was now just pallid. I continued to feed

him 2 hourly and support him, by day 11 he began to suckle again. Lucky overtook his healthy sister in weight at 8 weeks and recovered with no ongoing health issues at all. The lab offered to test all of the kittens and oddly the other male kitten was also a type A but did not suffer any ill effects from suckling from his type b mother.

My Management of Blood Type Incompatibility

I have had many blood type b queens deliver since this first experience and have read extensively about this issue. I manage queens and kittens each differently.

- Obviously if a queen has been mated by a type b stud they can curl up and nurse their newborn kittens, regardless of their blood type.

- If the queen is happy not being with her kittens, I keep her company and sleep with her, while keeping the kittens in a suitable bed on an electric blanket where she cannot hear their little kitten noises. I tube feed the litter 2 hourly for 20 hours, also wiping their bottoms to make them void as they are not with their mothers who would normally do this for them. I feed them just before the joyful reunion so that they are not overly hungry and have the time and energy to get on to suckling for the first time.

- If the mother is stressed by the separation I put her in a body suit, so she can snuggle and clean the kittens but they cannot suckle, some queens are awkward and distressed by a suit (some cats take to being dressed up better than others). These queens are better kept comfortable away from the litter until they can get in and do what they do best.

Hints

- I never feed the kittens where mum can hear them as it distresses her.
- I weigh kittens twice a day from birth to a week old and daily from then on.
- Even with the suit on I keep an eagle eye on mum and kittens in case she cannot reposition comfortably and lays on a kitten or one particularly determined kitten finds a way into the suit!

- I made my body suit from a toy animal pattern as cat legs come out the bottom not out the sides like human clothes.

- Tube feeding is so much safer than trying to bottle or syringe feed tiny or sick kittens and a wonderful skill for any animal breeder. I am happy to teach anyone who would like help learning how to tube feed.

- After reuniting the mother and kittens I observe the litter regularly until I have seen all kittens latch on, sometimes the queen is quite engorged and the smaller kittens can have trouble getting latched on.

- The labs in NZ only do blood typing from a blood sample and do not tell you what blood type the cat carries. I have used UC Davis Veterinary Genetics Laboratory as they accept buccal swabs and report the blood type and what type the cat carries. They have been efficient and excellent.



Sadly, our unlucky **Lucky(Wisecracks Against The Odds)** was killed by a car at 10 months.



Queens body suit to prevent kittens from suckling.



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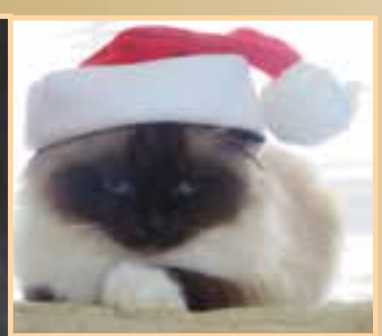
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Suzy (Cornerstone Quiet Devotion)

4 year old, lilacpoint Birman
Photo sent in by Susan Edwards

Winners chosen at the discretion of Flashcats.
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DID YOU KNOW -

Pets can wear Contact Lenses?

No, we are not making this up. You can get contact lenses for animals too. In fact, why should we think of it as being so unusual? Cats and dogs can develop many human ailments such as diabetes, anxiety, depression and deafness and they already receive treatment for those, so why not eye problems too? It may seem strange to imagine your cat or dog wearing contact lenses, but it's not uncommon for vets to use therapeutic soft contact lenses on animals including, cats, dogs and horses

Unlike humans, contact lenses for pets are often used to for a different purpose; instead vets apply them to pets that have damaged their corneas, this serves two functions – it allows the eye to heal by protecting it like a bandage against discomfort caused by the movement of the eyelids and avoids the owner having to pay out for a complex surgery.

Similar to colour contact lenses for humans, pet owners can also use cosmetic tinted lenses on their dogs to hide eye damage.

In 2008 the Daily Mail reported about Ernest, a 15 year old cat that was fitted with contact lenses to correct vision. Ernest was finding life difficult living with an entropion, a medical condition caused when the eyelid folds in toward the eye, impairing sight and causing discomfort. Due to his age it would have been a risk to allow him to undergo a procedure to fix the entropion, instead vets opted to fit him with contact lenses.

His owners at the Godshill RSPCA rescue centre in the Isle of Wight were pleased with the results. Paula Sadler, Centre Manager said: "Before Earnest was given the contact lenses he was quite squinty and had trouble seeing where he was going. Now his eyes have opened up and he has a new lease of life."

Reasons for use

Soft contact lenses act as a protective shield on the cornea They permit corneal repair and improve patient comfort by preventing contact between damaged cornea and eyelids.

Uses

- Corneal ulceration : to reduce pain and to retain tear film over ulcerated area to aid healing.
- Corneal edema : may prevent rupture of epithelial bullae and reduce discomfort caused by abrasion of ulcers.
- Adnexal problems, eg distichiasis, entropion, ectopic cilia: to reduce corneal abrasion until surgery can be performed.
- Traumatic injury, eg laceration or perforation.

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Ernest - A cat who wears lenses for better sight

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REPORT ON DE-SEXING SURVEY: PERCEIVED MOTIVATIONS AND BARRIERS EXPERIENCED BY CAT OWNERS WHEN DE-SEXING THEIR PET CATS.

By Penny Goodman: Penny.Goodman@vuw.ac.nz

Thank you for your participation in this research and for your assistance with circulating the survey. Your help has been invaluable in making this project possible. You indicated you were interested in hearing the results of this research. This document provides a summary of the key findings of a research project which investigated why cat owners do de-sex their cats.

The Researchers

Penny Goodman is an Honours student in the School of Psychology of Victoria University of Wellington. Dr Taciano Milfont is responsible for supervising this project. This research was approved by the School of Psychology Human Ethics Committee under delegated authority of the VUW Human Ethics Committee.

Purpose

This research aimed to find out why cat owners de-sex their cats. We followed a community based social marketing strategy. In community based social marketing, it is important to first investigate the reasons why people perform certain actions, as well as the barriers for them in performing this action (in this case de-sexing cats). This knowledge offers important information about how to encourage others to also engage in the behaviour, by targeting these specific motivators and barriers. The reasons that these cat owners identify as most important to de-sex their cats can be promoted, along with targeting any barriers they perceived and overcame. This is a useful strategy when trying to engage with populations that are more difficult to reach directly, who are unknown, or who do not want to participate in research.

Method of Study

Respondents filled out an online survey which examined why they de-sexed their cat. Three versions of the survey were used. One was for cat owners who have experience of de-sexing, one for cat owners who have not de-sexed, and one for non-cat owners. Very few respondents who had not de-sexed their cat answered the survey and so we were not able to analyse these results, which was not unexpected. Therefore, this summary of results will specifically highlight the key findings gained from cat owners with de-sex experience. Survey items were analysed using a statistical software package (SPSS). Written responses referring to why respondents de-sexed their cat were examined using Thematic Content Analysis (Braun & Clarke, 2006), an established technique for analysing qualitative information.

Main Findings

- How respondents think others will perceive them for de-sexing their cat is an important motivator. Cat owners reported knowing family, friends and important community members supported de-sexing, influenced their decision. This means even if individuals' family members, friends or members of the community do not own a cat themselves, their opinions about de-sexing influence whether owners have their cat de-sexed. Family and community members are already well positioned to be effective de-sexing advocates. Their promotion that de-sexing is good and valuable will encourage others to do so.
- Cat owners hold strong perceptions that de-sexing was achievable and within the owner's control. For these cat owners, the means, time and ability to have their cats de-sexed was achievable. They did not perceive de-sexing as difficult, which means either having it done was not seen as a

problem, or that a solution was relatively achievable. They also held strong positive views about de-sexing, and that their action had been the right thing to do.

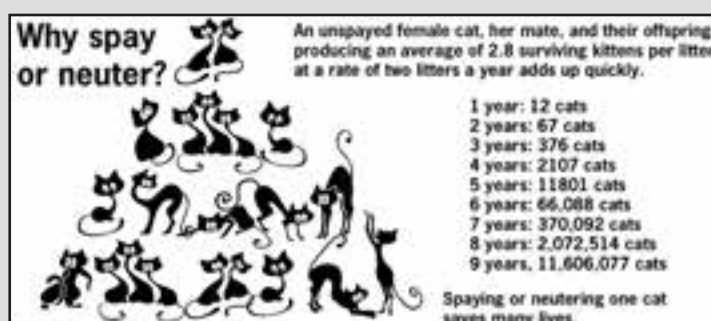
- De-sexing was seen as the responsibility of the owner. These owners expressed that this action was their responsibility to do. Responsibility statements included looking after the cat and the welfare of other cats, being fair to other people and protecting the environment by not producing unwanted cats.
- De-sexing now avoids financial cost and effort later. Cat owners were aware that caring for pregnant cats and kittens was more expensive and less affordable than de-sexing. They stated they wished to avoid the time, effort and money required for kittens. Making people aware of the costs involved in raising kittens may be a useful strategy. It could be effective in making those who believe having "just one litter" is either fine or necessary, re-consider their positions on de-sexing.
- Cat owners desired to avoid future negative impacts on the environment and the creation of homeless cats. These owners were also aware of the impact that greater numbers of kittens would have on the environment, and that more cats in general leads to more cats becoming homeless. They expressed that concerns for the environment and cat welfare were important in their decision to de-sex. This suggests that cat owners who de-sex cats are considering the future consequences of not de-sexing as more important to them, than the immediate personal associated costs.

Cat owners see de-sexing as a positive and supported action. Having community leaders on board, engaging with people who do not own cats, as well as those who do de-sex could provide an effective avenue for extending this influence. Cat owners who de-sex support the idea that de-sexing prevents cats from being neglected or abused, and de-sexing is seen as caring and responsible. What this effect reflects is that if close others do not support de-sexing, then a lack of perceived support may hinder some in getting their cat de-sexed.

Cat owners in this study did not express that de-sexing itself was expensive or time consuming, meaning these were either not experienced, or they were able to overcome this barrier. This may suggest that for cat owners who do not de-sex, expense and time could have a large impact on their ability to do it.

If you have any further questions about this research study and the findings presented here, please do not hesitate to contact us. We thank you again for your assistance with this study.

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BREED STANDARDS

The BSAC current membership includes several new members appointed at the April post AGM meeting. Together with our experienced members we have a great team on board who will be continuing through on the BSAC during 2015. Numerous proposals have recently been consulted on with breed sections and here are the outcomes.

Siamese Group:

Standards alignment and ear set wording

Proposed standards which were circulated prior to the EC meeting were approved. These bring all four breeds (Siamese, Oriental, Balinese and Javanese) into alignment, and also include additional wording about ear set.

Caramel classes proposal:

This is a proposal to separate the combined colour class for blue caramel, lilac caramel, and fawn caramel into separate colour classes for show purposes. This issue is currently under discussion within the BSAC and no recommendation has yet been made. Any change that is recommended and accepted, will therefore not take effect until the 2016 show season.

Burmese and associated breeds:

Full register Tiffany variants:

The BSAC decided not to pursue the issue of placing generation four Tiffany Shorthair Variants on the full register as Burmese, as there are currently no Tiffany breed section members and this would be a major change for the Burmese breed (while benefitting very few, or no Tiffany breeders).

Compulsory Hypokalaemia testing:

All breeds that are associated with Burmese were consulted – Burmese, Tonkinese, Burmilla, and Australian Bombay. Although one section (Mandalay) supported compulsory testing, generally results were mixed and there was no clear majority support to introduce compulsory testing for this condition. Testing for hypokalaemia will remain optional.

It was clear from some responses that

- Some breeders were unaware that compulsory testing for a genetic condition was already required for another breed (Ragdolls) – feeling that Burmese were being singled out in some way.
- Some breeders did not understand (or perhaps accept) the concept of a transition period where carriers can be bred from with the aim of keeping clear progeny, and believed that the gene pool would be narrowed too much by imposing compulsory testing and rules about breeding with carriers.

British Consultation:

British Longhair proposal:

This was a proposal (requested by a British breed section member) that British Longhair be accepted for registration purposes (which would also open the way for acceptance for show purposes via the new breeds process).

The response rate from the British breed section was excellent (71%) and a majority were opposed to this. Accordingly the BSAC is not recommending acceptance of this breed. BSAC members felt that if the applicant was still keen to develop this breed, the perhaps there could be a proposal for a separate breed name with one way intermateability (shorthair variants would not go back into the British gene pool). This would still need to be approved by the EC but will be discussed with the applicant.

There was strong support for automatic flagging of longhair carriers. Known longhair carriers are already flagged in this way but currently the system does not provide for descendants to be automatically flagged as LH carriers (unless DNA tested otherwise). We will be looking into the practicality of setting this up.

Burmillas:

Golden Burmillas have now been accepted and will have challenge status starting from the 2015 show season.

Seal and Black Burmillas will be judged in separate colour classes from the start of the 2015 show season.

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NZCF Meeting Notes

Executive Council Meeting - 21-23 November 2014

2015 Schedule of Fees: Most of the fees for 2015 are to remain the same, apart from some small increases to Associate Membership, Steward/Handlers course fees and Flash cats folders. It is however likely that there will be increases across all fees in 2016.

Late Payment of Membership Fees: Because there is a desire to ensure that our memberships remain current an incentive is needed to get members to pay on time, and not just when they suddenly have a litter to register, or an annual award opportunity. The penalty fee of \$55 is in place for 2015 full members failing to pay by 31st January 2015.

Kitten/Cat Notice Board – a new provider has been found which allows members to have the ability to post photographs with their advertisements – there will be an annual fee of \$10 for this service.

History Project: (Jane Webster) Submission re possible process to manage, store and digitise NZCF Historical documents. This was raised at the AGM (and EC was directed to look at options to progress this project in 2015). With this in mind the NZCF appointed Jane Webster to the role of Historian.

Standard of Points: Jane Webster is to assist Maree Roy with the proposed review/realignment of the standards.

Members Code: Was formerly adopted (the amended code is to be published in Flash Cats).

Breed Standards Updates: (to take effect from the start of the 2015 show season)

- **Siamese/Oriental/Balinese/Javanese: alignment of the standards was accepted.**
- **Golden Burmilla colour series accepted.**
- **Seal & Black Burmilla are to be allocated separate colour classes for judging purposes.**
- **Toygers are granted full challenge status**
- **Cashmeres are granted full challenge status**

Registration Rule Changes: Ragdoll HCM amended Registration Rule 15.31:

Registration rules: delete clause c in total-

All breeding Ragdolls must be DNA tested for the HCM gene and results submitted to the NZCF LH Registrar. The following requirements apply:

- Only Ragdolls clear of the HCM gene may be bred from. All homozygous and heterozygous Ragdolls must be desexed.
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HCM Declarations: At the moment the Registration rules provide for HCM clear status of breeding Ragdolls is only able to be released to the breeder – this is how the original was set up by the breed group when they were in the transition period. Registration Rule 15.31 (e) was amended by adding "unless the cat concerned is owned by the person making the enquiry".

Australian Bombay (permitted outcross) the current permitted outcross breeds listed for Australian Bombay in Appendix A (A.27) be replaced with seal Burmese and black British Shorthair.

Red Self's Registration Rules was amended as the current rules about registering cats with red tabby phenotype are outdated as they predate the existence of a DNA test for agouti and rely on test matings to confirm genotype. This is no longer appropriate.

Health & Safety: All Affiliate Clubs are to ensure that their appointed Health & Safety Officer is listed on their show date application form (which will be a prerequisite for show date approvals). A new Show Rule is to be tabled for approval at the February EC meeting to ensure that the appointed Health & Safety Officer is present on show day.

Animal Bylaws: a generic letter has been sent to all local bodies/councils requesting that NZCF is notified of any proposed changes to animal bylaws relating to cats.

Supreme Awards: further discussion is to take place at the February EC meeting regarding NZCF supreme awards.

Legal Opinion: is to be sort regarding the possible issues identified around pecuniary gain and elected officers holding paid positions.

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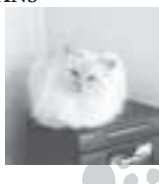
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2015 NZCF Show Calendar

SHOW DATES	AFFILIATE CLUB NAME	RING	LOCATION	H & S OFFICER
Sunday 1st March 2015	Shorthair Cat Breeders (Pedigree SH Domestic & Companions)	4	Canterbury TBA	Yes
Saturday 7th March	TOSCA (All SH)	3	Auckland	Yes
Saturday, 14th March	Burmese Cat Club NZ Inc (Central)	4	TBA	Yes
Sunday, 15th March	Canterbury All Breeds	4	Canterbury	Yes
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	
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	TBA	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	Ngaruawahia	Yes
Saturday 23rd May	Burmese Cat Club NZ Inc (Southern)	5	Christchurch	Yes
Sunday, 7th June	Geyserland Cat Club (All Breeds)	4	TBA	Yes
Sunday 14th June	Canterbury All Breeds	4	Canterbury	Yes
Sunday, 14th June	Wellington Cat Club	4	Wellington	Yes
Sunday, 20th June	NZCF AGM		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	TBA	Yes
Sunday 26th July	Nelson Cat Club	4	Nelson	Yes
Sunday 9th August	Patches and Pointed	3	TBA	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	TBA	
Sunday 13th Sept	Canterbury All Breeds	4	Canterbury	Yes
Saturday 19th Sept	Pedigree Persian Supreme (All Breeds) Companions & Domestic	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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