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COVER PIC
*Mother and baby,
That absolute expression
of wonder at what the future
will bring.*

*'The clever cat eats cheese and then breaths
down rat holes with baited breath'*
W. C. Fields

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Chair Chat

It's astonishing to think that the end of the year is only three months away. Where did the year go? Another show season is drawing to a close and I hope that those of you that enjoy showing had some wonderful successes with your cats and good times catching up with friends in the cat world. Despite lower entries, the quality of our top exhibits continues to be outstanding. As in other fields (such as sport) we do very well for a small country with limited resources.

However there is more to being a really good breeder than just breeding the best looking cats... or even the most delightful and sweet natured pets. And if we are to be considered different (and better than) backyard breeders, all of us need to make sure that our behaviour, our breeding practices, and the way we manage issues and concerns (like unhappy buyers) meet the highest standards.

You will see in this edition of Flashcats the Breeders Code of Conduct which was adopted at the recent EC meeting, and a Members Code of Conduct for your consideration and feedback. These, along with the already released Judges Code of Conduct will be the supporting documents as well as our specific rules and regulations for a revised Disputes and Disciplinary Procedure.

Of course the hope and intention is that if we all know what is expected of us, we will live up to it and disciplinary procedures will rarely need to be used. Disappointingly, however, at the moment, there are far too many complaints coming in, most relating to unregistered kittens, or sick kittens. This reflects not only on the individual breeder (buyer thinks 'I'm never going to buy from them again!') but also on all of us ("Why bother buying from a registered breeder when what you end up with is a sick/unregistered kitten?). Contrast this with the person who has a good experience when they attend a show or buy a kitten, talks to their friends about why they are glad they bought from registered breeder, and will get another pedigree cat (and not from a pet shop) when it's time to add to their feline family.

So here's a challenge for all of you.

- Are you being the best breeder, owner, or exhibitor that you can be?
- Do you do the best for your cats... and deal fairly and amicably with owners, other exhibitors, officials?

Let's make NZCF breeders and members the best in the world... in every way.

Zena Pigden
NZCF Chair

Flash Cats Close-off Dates for Contributions

June Issue - 15 April 2014
September Issue - 15 July 2014
December Issue - 15 October 2014
March Issue - 15 January 2015
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Editor's Note

With the Show season almost over, we send our congratulations to all the winners this year.

The breeding season is now about to start for some of our breeders, however, some of our little girls have been calling regularly all year round, and for those who are just getting into it, good luck for a easy and healthy breeding season.

I decided to take a sabbatical from breeding a couple of years ago, and while I don't miss the occasional all night feeds and the vet bills that were necessary, I definitely miss those cute, cuddly, fat little babies waddling flat out to me when I opened the nursery door each morning.

It is with sadness that I add two obituaries to this issue. I didn't know Joyce well, but I did encounter her at some of the shows I entered and found her to be a lovely person.

Brian was a trooper... When Pat & I would walk into various shows there was always this distinctive voice calling out from the crowd... "Here are the girls" Brian would call and encircle us with a big welcoming hug. They will both be greatly missed.

We have lots of news on the **2015 National Show, Weekend Seminar** and the **World Cat Congress AGM** in Auckland in this issue and we will be updating the weekend's activities in the coming Flashcats, so **WATCH THIS SPACE**.

Big news!!! 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.....

Regards to you all.

Gaynor Saxon

Editor's Pic



In Memory of Joyce Cox

By Hilary Tait

I first met Joyce in 1999 when I needed to join a cat club to have a registered prefix. Immediately I could tell Joyce loved cats and was a hard worker with a wicked sense of humour. At that time she lived in Castlecliff, Wanganui, right opposite the Lucky Petfood Factory now known as "Whiskas".

Joyce had moved to Castlecliff after her husband Bert had died. Bert and Joyce used to show and breed Siamese cats, but after Bert's death, Joyce wanted to breed British Shorthair and of all colours to choose to breed, it was silver tabbies. Joyce started with a chinchilla she bought from two local ladies who were breeding them, and with the help and friendship of Bryan Surgenor and the late Jan Surtees, she developed some gorgeous high grade silvers, gaining all the fine attributes of good British Shorthair from these two knowledgeable breeders.

Joyce was the show secretary and "chief" of the Wanganui Cat Club, whilst also doing her stint on the Executive Committee for NZCF Inc. I quickly got thrown into designing floor plans and putting up the shows for her. It gave me absolute nightmares but the shows were spectacular I thought, and so did everyone who attended them. Her strategic move in buying property right opposite "Whiskas", saw them sponsor the shows. Here I saw Joyce manipulate that fact to her advantage. Was it hush money to keep her quiet from complaining about the factory noise? I think it was a winning partnership actually, but the sponsorship for her show was sensational.

Sadly when Joyce was 84, I convinced her to call it a day from organising the Wanganui Cat Show. I could see the local club had dwindled to no viable members to help with the show and I couldn't watch Joyce sweeping floors and trying to clean up after a show whilst having angina attacks. She had worked so hard over the years to make this show a success and it was a very difficult closure for her to accept.

We got a joint prefix together to take care of her cats in 2007 if necessary, with the late June Mayor recommending to do so when Joyce bought Silver Double Grand Nimloth Silver Sorcha from her

as a kitten. Joyce now would attend shows when someone offered her transport to a show, or, I was passing through Wanganui to attend one. Sorcha was a beautiful cat and enjoyed showing off to the judges which absolutely delighted Joyce.

Joyce had two falls at home and the last fall both Bryan and I were trying to contact her at home simultaneously. It came to pass that a caregiver- nurse called to her at lunchtime and found her on the floor, Joyce had broken her femur. She insisted with the nurse that she had to phone me, with herself still lying on the floor before the ambulance came, to come and get her lovely breeding cats. Joyce never lived in her home again but took up residence in a local resthome. When I went to visit I would take her darling "Lexie" too, which would light up Joyce's face.

That is what I know of my determined friend Joyce, unimaginably tough and worth all my admiration which she got wholeheartedly. There will be many judges and fellow breeders, cat owners and all, who will remember this remarkable positive lady who bred this gorgeous silver tabby British Shorthair.



NZCF MESSAGE

HANDLERS COURSE

A handlers course is to be run in Hamilton weekend of January 17th or 18th 2015 (depending on numbers interested.)

Anyone interested please contact SUE FORD by the end of October email to sue.ford@clear.net.nz or phone 07 8719157

Details of time and venue will be in the December issue.

IMPORTANT DATES

2014 Meeting Dates

- EC Meeting 22-23rd November 2014

2015 Meeting Dates

- 14-15th February 2015
- 24-28 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

Bryan Surgenor 1936 - 2014

By fellow British Shorthair Breeder,
Marion Petley ('Petals')

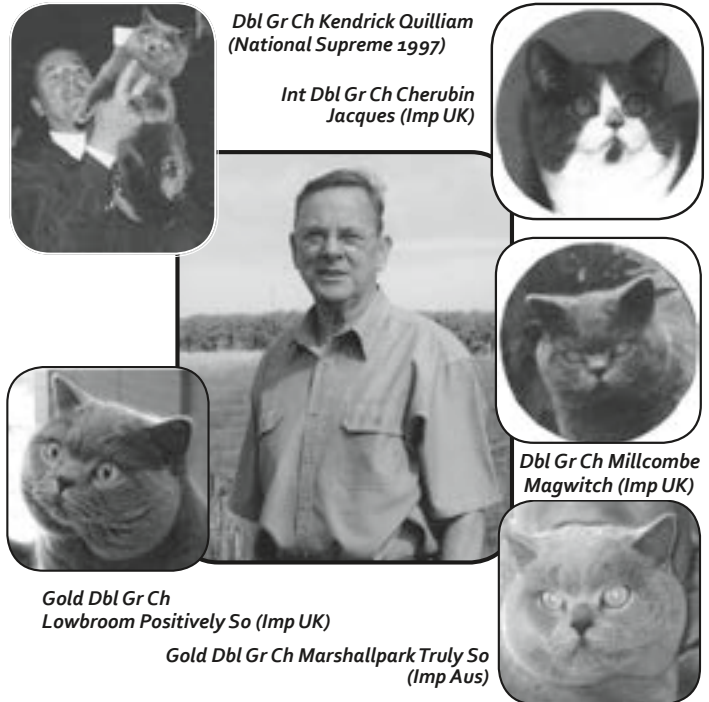
Bryan Surgenor began breeding British Shorthair Cats in 1983 and over the next thirty-one years he became the most influential and respected British Breeder in New Zealand and Australia, and was well known internationally. His aim was always to improve the breed and he certainly did that. His vision and perseverance over many years with his stud cat importing programme, and his pursuit of excellence by using queens with excellent type were the reasons the British Shorthair breed in New Zealand made such great advances. Breeders keenly sought to have Kendrick lines in their pedigrees, and while Bryan was careful to whom he sold his breeding cats, he was most generous by allowing these breeders the use of his outstanding stud cats. Current breeders, Raewyn Copland and I, along with many others who are no longer breeding, certainly benefitted from his generosity and support. Bryan was a true professional as a breeder and this was most evidenced by the manner with which he dealt with the PKD issue that arose in 2004.

At cat shows Bryan was the ultimate showman. He was always an enthusiastic, very competitive and usually successful exhibitor. He just loved winning! He always took his best cats to the show and they were consistently the best on the day. On show day he exuded an air of confidence and his expectation was that his cats were going to 'clean up' again! He had a keen group of neuter/spay owners who were also his good friends. They also showed their cats with great success and that gave both the owners and Bryan great pleasure. Bryan was always excellent company, with an engaging personality and an impish sense of humour. He will certainly be missed at NZCF Shows, particularly in the Central Districts.

Bryan registered his NZ Cat Fancy prefix, Kendrick, in 1958, using the same prefix he had used in 1955 when he started breeding Pembroke Welsh Corgis. That year he purchased his first pedigree cats, two female Persians, a Cream and a Shaded Silver, followed a few years later by a female Bluepoint Siamese, but decided neither breed was for him, and continued breeding his Corgis. In 1973 Bryan acquired his first British female cat, Suvette Phebe, (Suvette prefix was held by Sue Gordon with her vet friend Denis Roberts). Bryan has written that his love affair with British started with the lovely Phebe. Her only litter did not survive and in 1983 he finally sourced and purchased his foundation British breeding queen, Chilton Lady Penelope ('Lara'), daughter of two UK Bonaventura imports bred by Leona Rains of Christchurch. Bryan did not own a British stud cat and so twice mated Lara to a Blue Persian, Chamossaire Romano. He kept progeny from the second litter because of their good type and many of his best cats can be traced back to these lines, Kendrick Quilliam being a good example.

Due to a shortage of suitable NZ stud cats, from 1990 Bryan began importing studs from overseas. Int Dbl Gr Ch Cherubin Jacques (Imp UK), a Blue Bi-Colour was the first. Jacques had a very successful stud career, siring over 130 kittens in NZ alone. He spent some time in Australia and soon became Int Dbl Gr Ch, the only British Shorthair cat in NZ and Australia to achieve this title. Bryan then imported an even more prepotent stud, Dbl Gr Ch Millcombe Magwitch (Imp UK) ('Titch'), whose progeny were consistent show winners, culminating in his son, Dbl Gr Ch Kendrick Quilliam, being awarded Supreme Exhibit at the 1997 National Show. Quilliam's very successful show and stud career was sadly cut short when he passed away in early 1998 aged under

& the Kendrick Legacy



Dbl Gr Ch Kendrick Quilliam
(National Supreme 1997)

Int Dbl Gr Ch Cherubin
Jacques (Imp UK)



Dbl Gr Ch Millcombe
Magwitch (Imp UK)



Gold Dbl Gr Ch
Lowbroom Positively So (Imp UK)

Gold Dbl Gr Ch Marshallpark Truly So
(Imp Aus)



two years. Bryan had previously written, and reiterated to me very recently that he considered Quilliam to be the best cat he had ever bred. Quilliam's younger full brother, Dbl Gr Ch Kendrick Courtier, born 1997, also produced kittens of consistently high standard.

In 1998 Bryan travelled to the UK and selected a Blue five week old male kitten who become Gold Dbl Gr Ch Lowbroom Positively So (Imp UK) ('Stomper'). While Stomper did not have a prolific stud record, siring only two single kittens in NZ from two separate matings, he had an impressive and very successful Show career gaining his Gold title within a very short time, and being awarded many Supremes and innumerable Best-in-Shows. Bryan moved Stomper to his friends, Tom and Margaret Marshall, in Australia, where he produced seven more kittens, including Bryan's new Show and stud cat, Gold Dbl Gr Ch Marshallpark Truly So (Imp Aus) ('Truly'), born in 2001. Truly wasted no time in following in his father's footsteps and at his first NZ show, the last for the season, he was awarded three BISs' and was Supreme Exhibit. The next year he won ten BISs' from eleven shows, with five Supremes and several BAMS'.

My association with Bryan started with the 1997 National Show in Wellington when I fell in love with the British Shorthair breed, aka Supreme Exhibit Kendrick Quilliam. Some months later Bryan assisted me in purchasing a spay show cat sired by Quilliam, and in 2002 he sold me my foundation breeding queen. Bryan became part of my life, and was my mentor, breeding associate, and my dear friend. I will miss him.

In 2012 Bryan bred and kept one final stud boy, Kendrick Johnnie East ('JJ'), grandson of Marshallpark Truly So, who he passed onto me at the end of last year. JJ has successfully serviced two girls recently and so the Kendrick lines will continue to live on. Rest in peace Bryan.

(The majority of the material shown above has been sourced from previous Flash Cats articles written by Bryan Surgenor)

HEAD PRESSING



Recently, there was an article sweeping the internet about “head pressing.” Although rare, it is something to watch for, especially if your cat or dog suffers from one of the conditions that can cause head pressing.

WHAT EXACTLY IS “HEAD-PRESSING”?

The term “head pressing” is actually pretty descriptive—the affected pet stands close to a wall or other hard surface (furniture, the corner, etc) and literally presses the top of her head against it. It almost always signifies significant illness.

What are the illness/diseases that can cause this behaviour?

Many diseases can have head pressing as a clinical sign, but most often we associate it with hepatic encephalopathy, a condition that occurs in pets with liver disease. The liver is meant to remove toxins from the blood stream. When it doesn’t function properly, ammonia and other toxins build up and create this neurologic syndrome of head pressing.

Many breeds are predisposed to liver shunts, a condition in which blood bypasses the liver. Head pressing is a common clinical sign in these pups because of the hepatic encephalopathy that occurs secondary to the liver shunt.

OTHER CONDITIONS THAT CAN CAUSE HEAD PRESSING ARE:

- Hydrocephalus (water on the brain)
- Tumours in the brain
- Strokes or vascular accidents in the brain
- Head trauma.
- Inflammatory and infectious types of meningitis and encephalitis

IS THIS DISEASE AND ILLNESS HEREDITARY?

Some diseases, like liver shunts and hydrocephalus ARE hereditary. Pets with these conditions should not be bred. The other causes mentioned are not hereditary.

ANY OTHER SYMPTOMS PEOPLE SHOULD LOOK FOR?

Depending on the underlying cause for head pressing, other symptoms will likely be apparent. In the case of the most common presentation (hepatic encephalopathy), owners will likely see signs

of liver disease including:

- Jaundice (yellowing of the whites of the eyes and gums)
- Weight loss
- Increased urination
- Increased water intake
- Lethargy
- Mental dullness (particularly after a meal)

ARE THERE ANY PREVENTIONS?

Not specifically. Many of the conditions that lead to head pressing are just luck of the draw. By keeping your pet healthy, up to date on vaccines, and on appropriate external and internal parasite control, you can avoid some of the infectious causes of encephalitis, however.

If your Dog or Cat
ever does this, get
them to the Vet
IMMEDIATELY!



WHAT IS THE PROGNOSIS OF AN ANIMAL THAT DISPLAYS THIS BEHAVIOUR?

DOES WAITING TO SEEK TREATMENT MAKE A DIFFERENCE?

Prognosis largely depends on the underlying cause. There are treatments for many of the conditions that lead to head pressing, and often pets can make a full recovery.

For most veterinary illnesses, the sooner treatment is sought, the better. When pets come to us already weak and dehydrated from several days or weeks of illness, we are behind the 8 ball before we even begin.

HOW QUICKLY COULD THIS TURN DEADLY?

Again, this is highly variable depending on the underlying cause. If you see your pet displaying head pressing, he or she should be seen by a veterinarian the same day.

*Information sourced from Dr. Kim Smyth,
veterinarian at Petplan Pet Insurance*

PAWS & RELAX

British Airways
to screen in-flight
footage of cats
and dogs to help
passengers feel
comforted on flights



Adored by many of us as nature's furry friends, it was perhaps only a matter of time before an airline introduced an in-flight entertainment dedicated to cats and dogs. British Airways has done just that with its new channel, Paws and Relax, dedicated to showing cute footage of cats, kittens, dogs and puppies. To be launched in September, the carrier is hopeful the channel will not only be a hit with families, but will also benefit travellers' overall wellbeing and relaxation.

British Airways' in-flight entertainment manager, Richard D'Cruze, said: 'It might sound barking, but there's lots of research to suggest that watching pets can enhance overall wellbeing. We have sniffed out some fantastic content that is cute, comforting and sure to appeal to travellers of all ages.'

Paws & Relax features a number of popular programmes, such as current internet sensation Simon's Cat – a series of animated funny stories about a man and his cat.

Paws and Relax on board with British Airways with new channel
Other shows include The Secret Life of Cats - the popular BBC documentary where cats are fitted with cat-cams and GPS collars to track their daily movements - and America's Cutest Dog.

British Airways has also teamed up with experts at Battersea Dogs & Cats Home for insight into the benefits of pet ownership.

The airline featured some of its pets looking for rehoming to launch the channel, including: Alfie the Pug, Sky the Siberian Husky, Angelica the Staffordshire Bull Terrier cross and kittens Karma, Knight and Karis.

Laura Lamber, responsible for Re-homing & Welfare at Battersea Dogs & Cats Home, said: "We know that people love watching dogs and cats. They can make you laugh, smile, and cry."

'They are wonderful companions when you're feeling anxious or just need a lift, and we believe that British Airways' Paws & Relax channel will be the perfect way for passengers to sit back and relax.'

According to a recent One Poll survey of 2,000 people, one in 50 travellers would prefer to be greeted by their pet at the airport, rather than a family member.

Story found on www.britishairways.com



AIRLINES RESPONSIBILITY

When Transporting your Cats

Story: This recently made headlines...

PRECIOUS CARGO: Air New Zealand will refund the \$200 flight Lucy Johnston paid to have her dog Immy flown to Wellington. Immy ended up with strangers at a student party in Palmerston North instead, after the flight was diverted.

Lucy Johnston paid \$200 for her poodle-bichon frise cross Immy to be flown unaccompanied from Dunedin to Wellington last weekend. While Lucy waited at Wellington Airport to collect her, Immy had already been diverted to Palmerston North. Air New Zealand contacted her to say Immy could be put in the cargo hold on the bus that was bringing passengers back to Wellington. When Johnston's questions about the cargo hold's ventilation went unanswered, she made the call to drive the two hours to Palmerston North.

As she drove, she was contacted by a staff member at Palmerston North airport to say it was about to close and Immy had to be picked up immediately.

Eventually managed to get a friend of a friend, whom she didn't know, to pick up Immy, and took her to the student party, until Lucy could collect him.

Air New Zealand airports general manager Todd Grace said the company apologised for the initial miscommunication with Johnston about the flight diversion. "Once communication was established with the customer, the airport staff were able to reassure her that her dog was being well taken care of, including being taken out of the cage on a lead to be walked, toileted and given water."

Standard protocol meant either suitable road transport was arranged or airport staff were expected to organise an overnight kennel and transport for the following day. "In this case, the road transport option was not suitable for an animal, and unfortunately our staff failed to offer the overnight kennelling option."

Grace said Air New Zealand would refund the \$200 flight and meet any other associated costs.

Story from the Dominion Post



"With my frequent flyer miles I was able to get a seat upgrade from the luggage compartment."

So... What are our rights and what can we expect when transporting our animals by air?

This is the Liability form we all sign when dropping our babies off at the airport.

Now's your chance to have a really good read, if you haven't already done so. I'll bet some of you have been guilty of hurriedly signing these indemnity forms in order to get our babies on the flight quickly without fully reading the contents, I know I have in the past...

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SADDLE THROMBOSIS

'A Pet Owner's Worst Nightmare'



Scallywaggs Chic 'n' Black Satin 28.12.07 - 22.1.14

This is the story of my beloved Sheika (Shikkybum).

I lost my husband to cancer at the end of 2006 and for the longest time life did not seem worth living. My teenage children tried to help fill the huge void in my life but I sank further and further into depression.

My friend Louise took me to visit Gaynor who said I needed a cat in my life. At first I said no that I could hardly care for myself how could I look after a pet, but the moment this feisty black little cat came over and parked herself on my feet, I was smitten. My life would change again for ever.

Shikky quickly settled into home life and I began to look forward to going home once again. She would be sitting at the window waiting for me to arrive home so she could scold me for leaving her alone for a few hours then would come ten to fifteen minutes of sulking then I would be forgiven and smothered in kisses.

She had a very special ability, If I was crying in bed at night she would wrap her two paws around my neck and I would cry till she was soaked and I would get a "love" lick. Also if my asthma was playing up and I was wheezing she would stand on my stomach and bounce her two paws on my chest just as if she was performing CPR.

Life was going along well and on one of Shikky's regular check ups, the vet picked up a slight heart murmur. They would keep an eye on the murmur but it was very slight and required no medication at that point. The next year past with no problems from her, she was a happy, playful, loved member of our family.

On the 22nd of January this year, the day started out like any other with Shikky playing and tearing around the house. Early evening I went out for half an hour for a coffee and as I arrived home my brother George came running out and said something is wrong with Shikky. She was laying on the floor with her back legs in a strange position and she was panting heavily. At that time of night we rushed to the emergency Vet. She was screaming in pain at this stage and she was immediately given a painkilling injection.

The Vet managed to get a needle in her leg and turned to me and stated "This is not survivable and she is in unbearable pain" Shikky was noticeably terrified. I said "Do it" and fell to the floor. The poor vet had five weeping adults in the room. As my family had all arrived to support me.

Later, the vet explained to me that Shikky had a blood clot which had paralysed her back legs and caused her heart to start pumping the blood into her lungs, which meant she was essentially drowning and causing her great pain. He called it Saddle Thrombosis or 'Fate' Feline Aortic Thromboembolism.

This happened all in the space of forty five minutes from happily playing till death.

I have shared my story of Shikky in the hope that it may help save another pet from having to go through this horrific death. If your cat is diagnosed with even the slightest heart murmur please get more tests done and be aware of this:- 'A pet owners worse nightmare'.

I miss my Shikky and always will. I think she was a very special animal sent to help me, to learn to live and love again. I now have two more cats Mollie and DeeDee whom I adore but I will always have a special part of my heart filled with wonderful memories of Shikkybum. Gone but never forgotten.

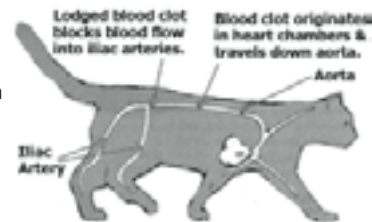
Linda McManaway

Flash Cats

WHAT IS SADDLE THROMBOSIS? or FATE, (Feline Aortic Thromboembolism)

When we were researching this topic, we found so many sad stories because of the poor outlook or prognosis of a cat stricken with saddle thrombus (also known as Feline Aortic Thromboembolism). To all of the wonderful pet parents who have suffered a loss, you have our sincerest sympathy

The largest artery in the body that is the main "highway" for the propagation of oxygenated blood from the heart to the tissues is the aorta. The feline aorta leaves the heart with oxygen rich blood and courses through the chest and ultimately through the abdomen heading toward the tail. At the level of the pelvis, the aorta splits into two smaller arteries that ultimately supply blood to the tissues of each leg. It is at this split where formed clots can get lodged, leading to a severe medical emergency called a saddle thrombus.



Saddle thrombus is exclusively a feline phenomena, causing a severe situation where the lodged clot cuts off blood supply to the legs. The lack of nutrient rich, oxygen rich blood reaching the tissues of the legs leads to severe pain, disuse of the legs and severe damage to the tissues, blood vessels, and nerves.

Typically, cats that are predisposed to saddle thrombus have underlying cardiac disease that increases turbulence to the flow of blood through the heart. This increased turbulence makes these patients more prone to the formation of clots. Cats with hyperthyroidism are prone to a cardiac condition called hypertrophic cardiomyopathy. Therefore, saddle thrombus tends to be associated with cats that have hyperthyroidism.

Cats that have formed a saddle thrombus typically appear paralysed, unable to move the rear legs. They are often vocalizing due to severe pain. When touched, the back legs are often cold and stiff, and sometimes there is panting and trouble breathing.

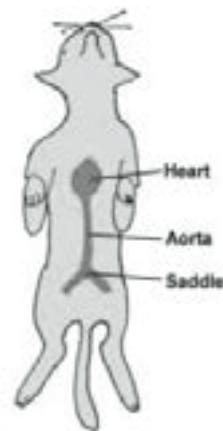
Due to the time sensitive nature of the irreversible consequences of saddle thrombus, as well as the severe pain that saddle thrombus causes, it is strongly recommended that one seek immediate veterinary care for one's cat if saddle thrombus is suspected.

Saddle thrombus is diagnosed by a combination of history, presentation, cold/stiff rear legs, and lack of any palpable pulses in the rear legs. Chest x-rays will often indicate evidence of cardiac disease, and even congestive heart failure.

Prognosis is poor for saddle thrombus, even when found early. Treatment is geared toward managing pain and re-establishing blood supply to the legs through the use of IV clot busters such as heparin, or surgical removal of the clot. In many cases, however, the damage to the tissues, blood vessels, and nerves of the rear limbs is too severe and irreversible for treatment to offer a return quality of life, leaving euthanasia the most humane option for the patient.

Sourced from an article written by Roger L. Welton, DVM

A thousand times I've thought of you, a thousand times I've cried.
If love alone could save you, you never would have died.
In life I loved you dearly, in death, I love you still.
In my heart you hold a place, no other one can fill.
It broke my heart to lose you, but you did not go alone.
For part of me went with you, the day God took you home.





NATIONAL SHOW 2015 PLUS WORLD CAT CONGRESS PLUS NZCF WCC WEEKEND SEMINAR

GREAT ADVERTISING OPPORTUNITIES

A KEEPSAKE BOOKLET AND A WEEKEND PROGRAMME ARE BEING DESIGNED ESPECIALLY FOR THIS WONDERFUL WEEKEND

The keepsake booklet will be sold at the national show to the public, and also be given out at the seminar.

Our WCC delegates will also be given one to take home with them.

ADVERTISING SPOTS ARE BEING OFFERED TO BREEDERS WISHING TO ADVERTISE THEIR CATTERIES AND CLUBS TO ADVERTISE THEIR SHOWS IN EITHER THE KEEPSAKE BOOKLET OR THE WEEKEND PROGRAMME

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: **KEEPSAKE BOOKLET - ads to be with Janice by November 15th** :
 : **WEEKEND PROGRAMME - Needed by Janice by the December 29th** :
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FROM THE ADMIN DESK

On joining the Executive Council after a few years break, it is disheartening and alarming to see the sizable amount of complaints received by our secretary's office and the huge amount of time and financial cost incurred by these complaints, to all concerned.

Registration Issues, kittens being sold and not registered or transferred. Breeders against breeders, where kittens may not be up to standard in the eyes of the buyer and the saddest of all, is the amount of sick kittens being sold to the unwary public.

I have read of genetic disorders and illnesses that have forced devastated pet owners to have their babies euthanised after only a few weeks of owning them and the heartbreak it has caused...

This is unacceptable!... The vast majority of our breeders are caring and ethical in their breeding practices. Unfortunately it only takes a few who are not, to drag the reputations of us all down.

This also damages the reputation of the New Zealand Cat Fancy as an organisation.

Please read carefully and familiarise yourselves with these areas of the Breeders' Code of Conduct and understand the standards expected of you as a breeder of the NZCF.

Gaynor Saxon
Business Administration & Finance Portfolio Manager

NZCF BREEDERS' CODE OF CONDUCT

Cat & kitten day to day care and welfare

1. I will ensure that my cats and kittens are housed in clean, sound, weatherproof (cool in summer, warm in winter) accommodation, being mindful that different breeds may have different requirements.
2. I will ensure that my cats have sufficient space for exercise, with clean food and water bowls and access to clean water at all times, clean litter trays, clean bedding, and are well groomed, as required.
3. I will take precautions to minimise the spread of disease in my cattery if infection occurs, and prompt veterinary attention if they show signs of being unwell or injured.
4. I will ensure that the numbers of cats and kittens in my care do not exceed my ability to provide adequate care.
5. I will ensure I am aware of local government and national legislation regarding the care and welfare of cats and kittens.

Sale of cats or kittens

1. I will adhere to NZCF rules and regulations about the sale of cats and kittens:
 - No kitten will leave my home to go to a new owner at less than 10 weeks of age and will have had at least one vaccination.

- I will register all the kittens I breed with the NZCF by the age of four months.
 - I will transfer all kittens or cats not intended for breeding within two weeks of pick up (if already desexed) or within two weeks of receiving proof of desexing (if sold with a desexing contract).
 - I will transfer all kittens or cats intended for breeding within two weeks of pick up.
 - I will not sell or rehome a kitten or cat showing signs of infection or unhealed injury (kittens or cats with congenital or hereditary conditions may be rehomed with full disclosure regarding any condition affecting them).
2. I will ensure that all kittens not intended for breeding are desexed, either by desexing prior to leaving my home, or by selling with a desexing contract and following up to ensure this is complied with.
 3. I will ensure that kittens leaving my care are fully weaned, socialised, and litter trained.
 4. I will provide new owners with information about diet, grooming, and any other care requirements for my breed, and I will provide kitten or cat's vaccination certificate. I will encourage the new owner to contact me if they need any help or advice, and I will respond promptly.
 5. I will only place kittens or cats in homes where there is a reasonable expectation of a happy and healthy life for the animal.
 6. I will not knowingly misrepresent the characteristics of the breed, nor falsely advertise or mislead any person regarding the pedigree or performance of any cat or kitten on the show bench.
 7. In the event of a complaint or a concern about a kitten or cat that I have sold, I will endeavour to reach an amicable resolution of the issue with the new owner.
 8. I will provide advice and support if needed, to new breeders to whom I sell kittens or cats intended for breeding.
 9. In the event that an owner is unable to keep a kitten or cat previously owned or bred by me, I will offer to assist with rehoming.

Breeding Practices

1. I will ensure that I am well informed about the genetic conditions that my breed is subject to and what tests are available to minimise the risk of breeding cats that will be affected by those conditions.
2. I will adhere to NZCF policies regarding testing for genetic conditions in my breed.
3. I will desex all retired breeding cats that I rehome, prior to rehoming.

NZCF breeders who do not adhere to the provisions of this code of conduct (other than the recommendations section) may be subject to NZCF disciplinary procedures, including the withdrawal of privileges, fines or non-renewal of membership.

MEMBERS CODE OF CONDUCT (Draft)

Please read carefully, this draft Code of Conduct was presented to the Executive Council at the meeting 30th/31st August.

Any comments you wish to make, please email to Administration Portfolio Manager: gaynorsaxon@gmail.com

NZCF MEMBERS CODE OF CONDUCT

NZCF members who do not adhere to the provisions of this code of conduct (other than the recommendations section) may be subject to NZCF disciplinary procedures, including non-renewal of membership.

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

1. I will be civil and polite in my day to day dealings with NZCF members, including officers and officials and with members of the public
2. I will treat other NZCF members and members of the public with respect
3. I will be mindful that my behaviour in any cat-related context reflects upon the NZCF and its members, and unethical, inappropriate, or uncivil behaviour may bring discredit upon the NZCF.
 - a. I will abide by agreements and will make sure I understand them fully. If I wish to vary the terms of the agreement I will ensure I have permission in writing for this, from the appropriate person.
 - b. I will not knowingly spread false information about another member.
 - c. In the event of any dispute between myself and another member, or official, I will treat them with respect and I will endeavour to reach an amicable solution. If an amicable solution cannot be reached, I will refer to the NZCF Disputes and Discipline Policy.

Cat & kitten day to day care and welfare

1. I will ensure that all cats or kittens in my care are provided with good quality food, clean water, grooming as required and clean, warm and comfortable spaces to live in. Normally this will be in my home if they are pet kittens, if they are breeding cats, refer to the Breeders Code of Conduct.
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 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 kitten or cat, 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 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.

In addition, the NZCF recommends (these recommendations indicate best practice)

- That all cats owned by members are microchipped and registered with the NZ Companion Animal Registry.
- That members consider providing cat safe enclosures for their cats, thereby protecting them from danger and protecting native wildlife.

NZCF members who do not adhere to the provisions of this code of conduct (other than the recommendations section) may be subject to NZCF disciplinary procedures, including the withdrawal of privileges, fines or non-renewal of membership.



BLOOD GROUP INCOMPATIBILITY

Neonatal Isoerythrolysis (NI) is the result of incompatible blood groups between the mother and her kittens and is a cause of 'fading kitten syndrome'.

Cats have one of three blood groups, A, B and AB (AB is very uncommon).

A being dominant and B recessive. Genes come in pairs (one from the mother, one from the father) and their blood group may be A/A (homozygous), A/b (heterozygous) or b/b (homozygous). Note: Ab (heterozygous) is completely different to the AB blood group. We won't go any further into genetics and inheritance in this article.

Neonatal isoerythrolysis occurs when a kitten is born with type A blood to a queen with type B blood. Unlike other animals, who develop antibodies as a result of previous pregnancies to offspring with the A blood group, cats have naturally occurring anti-A antibodies, and do not need to have had a prior exposure.

The queens first milk is known as colostrum. Colostrum is produced in the first 48 - 72 hours after birth and provides newborns with essential nutrients and antibodies which protect the kitten from infection. However, in this case the antibodies attach to the kitten's red blood cells, causing their destruction.

What are the signs of neonatal isoerythrolysis?

- Kittens are healthy at birth but one to two days later their health deteriorates rapidly.

Symptoms include:

- Jaundice (yellowing of the mucous membranes)
- Brownish-red urine
- Tail tip necrosis
- Respiratory difficulty
- Cease nursing
- Fail to thrive

How is it diagnosed?

Blood testing of the queen and kitten(s).

How is it treated?

Your veterinarian may perform blood transfusions and provide supportive care. Even with treatment, prognosis is guarded. Prevention is the best way to address blood type incompatibilities. Avoiding mating a queen with a B blood type with a tom who has an A blood type.

If such a mating does occur, preventing the kittens drinking the colostrum is required. It is always important to know the blood group of the queen prior to mating. With this knowledge, if you know the queen has a type B blood group, and are able to determine the blood type of the kitten(s) prior to it suckling, any kittens with the same blood type as the queen (ie: B type), are fine to nurse. Any kittens which have type A blood with a type B queen must avoid nursing for the first 3 days. They can either be fostered to a queen who has A blood type, or given kitten milk replacer (KMR) for the first three days. After this, they can be returned to their mother.



"KITTENS WITH A TYPE B BLOOD HAVE LOW TITERS OF ANTI-A ANTIBODIES. THESE KITTENS ABSORB THE ANTI-A ANTIBODIES FROM THE COLOSTRUM OF THEIR TYPE B MOTHERS WHEN THEY NURSE. THE OUTCOME IS A POTENTIALLY FATAL DISEASE IN WHICH THE ANTI-A ANTIBODIES DESTROY THE RED BLOOD CELLS OF KITTENS WITH TYPE A BLOOD."

***LESLIE A. LYONS, PH.D.,
ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR OF GENETICS AT THE
UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA-DAVIS***

Prevalence Of Types A, B And Ab In Different Breeds

Some breeds are more likely than others to have type B. This may be because the foundation cats, purely by chance, didn't have the recessive "b" gene or it may be that the recessive "b" gene has been bred out of the gene pool (recessive genes are notoriously hard to eradicate as they can be carried undetected for many generations before meeting up with another carrier).

TYPE B FREQUENCY	BREEDS (Due to different gene pools, frequency within breeds differs between USA, UK/ Europe and Australia)
None	Siamese and related breeds, Burmese, Tonkinese, Russian Blue
1-10%	Maine Coon, Norwegian Forest Cat, Ragdoll, random-bred domestic cats
11-20%	Abyssinian, Birman, Himalayan, Persian, Somali, Sphinx, Scottish Fold, Japanese Bobtail
21-50%	Exotic Shorthair, British Shorthair, Cornish Rex, Devon Rex
Type AB	Scottish Fold, Birman, British Shorthair, Somali, Bengal, Abyssinian, Ragdoll, random-bred domestic cats

Information Sourced From Several Websites.

NATIONAL AWARDS DINNER

SHOW REPORT

Hello to all Members

The NZCF Annual Awards dinner, was held at the Trailways Hotel, on the evening before the National Show and what a great evening this was. There were many new faces which was wonderful to see.

Nelson Cat Club put on a great show. It was a very cold start to the day, and a fire alarm brought the little red fire truck to visit. This issue of Flashcats has some of the photos from the Nelson National on display in the show gallery.

Auckland Cat Club are busy organising the Judges for the 2015 National Show along with their 3 All breeds rings. You can be kept up to date by visiting this this web site at www.aucklandcatclub.webs.com

The NZCF sub committee for the World Cat Congress are busy working on the seminar, and securing excellent, world renowned guest speakers.

I am pleased to see that clubs are completing the Health and Safety talks before their show starts, and that clubs have taken this on board.

I would just like to remind clubs that the Health and Safety Policies are mandatory and must be complied with. Each Club must appoint a Health and Safety Officer, this person needs to fill in the (Work Paper for NZCF Affiliate Clubs Health & Safety Officer) and send it back to

Sue MacKay

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

If you have miss laid it please get in touch with Sue and she will email or re post, if you Club does not complete this paper work for 2014 show season your club will not be covered in the Insurance package for public liability.

In the next issue of Flash Cats we will include a step by step form in helping newcomers to showing their cats, on how to fill in a show entry form.

Janice Davey
Shows Portfolio Manager

SUPREME WINNERS

Longhair - Gr Ch Windeacres Nite Design - Owner B & V Beatson
Shorthair - Gold Pr Robandi The Palmy Panther Owner - Emma Kimberley
Domestic - Zebra - Owner R Greaney
Companion - Sliver Pr lyfe of Riley - Owner J & G Price



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"Hm!! wonder if I got that right"



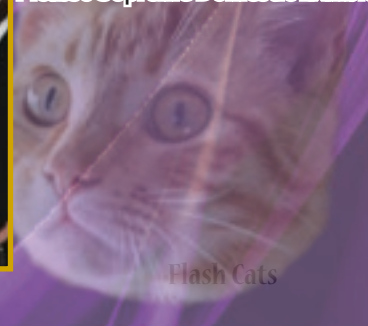
"My Dad Loves me"



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National show 2015



The Auckland Cat Club will be hosting the 2015 National Show
in conjunction with the World Cat Congress AGM.

**HELD IN AUCKLAND OVER THE ANZAC WEEKEND
25/26/27 APRIL 2015.**

Most of the International delegates to the AGM are extremely experienced and knowledgeable Allbreeds judges, and they will be giving us the benefit of their combined expertise both at the show and presenting seminars the next day.

SHOW DAY April 25th

Mark it on your calendar and start planning NOW to come for a great weekend
in the City of Sails.

SEMINAR-April 26th

An excellent Seminar is planned with world class speakers to interest all
World renowned Genetisist, Dr Leslie Lyons USA - to speak on Feline Genetics
Mr George Sofronidids, AUST - To speak on DNA
Mr Steve Crow, UK - Genetic Health and Welfare of Pedigree Breeds
JUST TO NAME A FEW.... Watch this space in December for many more.



WORLD CAT CONGRESS AGM-April 27th

WORLD CAT CONGRESS COMES TO NEW ZEALAND NZCF Delegate: Chris M Lowe

After an absence of 10 years the WCC are on their way to Auckland New Zealand.
With the arrival of WCC delegates in NZ your attendance at the WCC seminar &
National show will be a weekend to remember.

Share you knowledge with delegates from all over the world ask the WCC delegates
to discuss issues at the WCC business session. Take on board that NZCF is no longer
a "little voice in the wilderness" we might be at the bottom of the world but we have
great people, great cats to be shared with the delegates:

Eric Reijers (Czech Republic President WCC)

Cheryle Uren (Vice President WCC – CCCofA)

Penny Bydlinski – (Secretary WCC) Annette Sjodin (FIFE – Sweden)

Jane Slabbert- SACC (South Africa) Rachel Anger (CFA USA)

Vickie Fisher (TICA USA) Lesley Morgan (ACF –Australia)

Steve Crow – (GCCF UK) Anneliese Hackmann (WCF –Germany)

Andreas Mobius (WCF Advisor – Germany) Chris M Lowe (NZCF)

Healthy weight & good health in Cats

New Zealand has the highest cat ownership in the world with a total feline population of 1.419 million as in 2011. We love our cats like a treasured member (or sometimes even the head!) of the family. Because of this we often end up overcompensating that love with extra food.

New Zealand Veterinarian and Eukanuba Expert, Dr Justine Alley says...

“New Zealanders love their pets but our desire to keep them happy can mean we inadvertently over feed them in the belief that they are craving more variety and, well, just more. Unlike humans, cats don't crave variety, as long as their diet is based on animal protein, similar to what their ancestors would have enjoyed. With a high quality food like Eukanuba Cat the recommended daily amount gives your cat everything they need.”

It is easy to ensure your cat receives the correct amount of energy and other essential nutrients when you start with right food, and offer it in the correct amounts with plenty of fresh water.



'Sun's up - Nice!'

Photo sent in by George Rasell, a very proud pet owner.

Winners chosen at the discretion of Flashcats.

Dr Alley advises that cats should be fed like carnivores, with high quality animal protein. Eukanuba Cat not only uses high quality animal protein but also focuses on all aspects of your cat's health, including:

- Immune system support
- Strong bones
- Healthy digestion
- Improved skin barrier, evidenced by a soft and shiny coat
- Dental health
- Urinary health

Each of these plays an important role in keeping your cat healthy and happy. When you select the food designed for your cat's stage in life it will provide just the right amount of energy along with all the other essential nutrients they need.

WIN with Eukanuba!

We have a 4kg bag of Eukanuba Adult Cat Food (RRP\$74.90) to give away.

Incorporating only the highest quality ingredients, Eukanuba Cat delivers optimum health as an all-in-one ingredient superfood made with high quality animal protein. The three key ingredients are from animal protein and include fish oils to provide omega 3 fatty acids. Results – a healthy, alert and happy cat who maintains healthy body weight and peak nutritional performance.

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To enter: Send a photo of your cat with your name and email address to gaynorsaxon@gmail.com by 30th October 2014.

Competition open to NZ residents only. You must have copyright permission for the photos you send in. Winner will be notified by email.



A consultation is to go out shortly to the Siamese group breeds asking about ear set wording, judging caramels in separate classes according to base colour and aligning the four Siamese group standards. By the time you read this the consultation will be with the members of the four breed sections that comprise this group.

Burmese breeders can also shortly expect to receive a consultation document about compulsory testing for hypokalaemia, and whether generation four Tiffany variants (shorthairs) should be able to be registered as Burmese.

Cashmeres (longhaired Bengals) have fulfilled their exposure points requirement and a recommendation will be going to the EC November meeting, that they progress to challenge status which, if accepted, will take effect from the 2015 show season. The longhair gene has been present in the breed for a long time but with acceptance, we can expect that all longhaired Bengals will be correctly registered, and breeders preferring to avoid this gene will have that option, while those that wish to work with it, can develop the breed.



Photo from: <http://www.bengalsillustrated.com>

The BSAC have recommended (and the EC has endorsed) that where there are breeds, that have the same type but differ in colour or coat length, there will be one Breed Representative. For most issues, all breeds in a breed group will be affected and it is much easier to deal through one person than four to initiate consultation and receive feedback. Where there is an issue that only affects one of the breeds it will still be possible for the rep to consult with only that breed section. This will take effect from the next election (June 2015).

With increasing awareness of genetic issues in breeds and the possibility that legal action may be taken against breeders failing to take reasonable precautions to reduce the likelihood of these (dog breeders have been taken to court - successfully - for failing to test for hip dysplasia in a breed known to be susceptible to it), it is the NZCF's responsibility to ensure that our breeders are aware of the recommended tests for their breed. Accordingly the BSAC has recommended and the the EC accepted, that a 'breeding policy' is developed for each breed by the BSAC in conjunction with the Breed Rep and breed section. This will list the recommended tests for that breed. It will not be compulsory, unless the breed section votes in favour of making it so, in which case the NZCF will provide the same support as we have to the Ragdoll breeders, by making it impossible to register progeny from untested parents. This project will take a while to complete, due to the large number of breeds here and the need to consult with breed sections.

Zena Pigden
Breed Standards Advisory Council Portfolio Manager

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Executive Secretary, Chris Lowe

43 Walker Road West, RD 2, KATIKATI 3178

Email: secretary@nzcf.com Phone: 07 5492752

The cost of the folder is \$20.00 each including postage.

Payment can be made by: Cheque made payable to NZ Cat Fancy Inc.



IT REPORT

Work continues on developing a payment gateway so that when you complete your online registration or membership form you can proceed straight to a secure payment page and complete your transaction.

The show package has been used by a number of clubs this year and is proving its worth in generating judges sheets, catalogues, and other show paperwork with minimum effort. It is now possible to make corrections and generate new documents on (or before) the day if an error is detected. There are a few issues still to be ironed out and club feedback on any difficulties is welcomed - it's very difficult to fix problems if we don't know what they are!

No reply forums are to be created for judges, clubs, and the membership to make communication with each of these groups easier and more effective. These will be 'one way' groups, primarily for distributing information quickly and easily. However once the members' no reply forum is in place it will be possible to send items to the NZCF Secretary, Chris Lowe for distribution via the forum. This will give clubs an option for promoting their shows.

Zena Pigden
IT Portfolio Manager

EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST

The Executive Council would like to invite expressions of interest from anyone who may like to assist with the re-formatting and combining of the NZCF Standard of Points.

The formatting of some fonts and layout of text areas will need to be standardised to match all breed Standards.

A knowledge of Word is necessary

If you think you can assist us with this please contact:
Chris Lowe,
NZCF Secretary
secretary@nzcf.com



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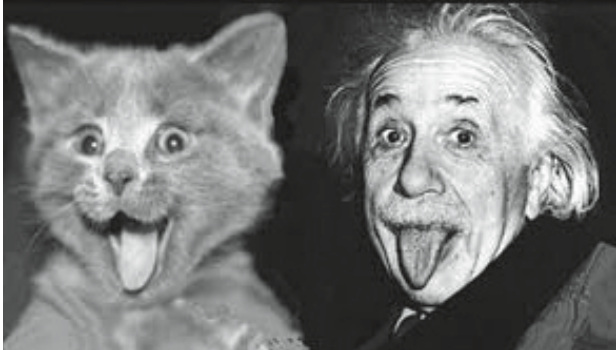
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EINSTEIN'S PUZZLE

A slight variation on the original puzzle..

WHO OWNS THE CAT?

The burning question remains, are you able to figure it out?



Einstein's Riddle, also known as the zebra riddle, is a very famous puzzle, and it is said that only 2% of the population could solve it. Rumoured to have been written by Einstein as a boy, the mysterious true author of the riddle contains a line up of geniuses including Lewis Carroll.

This Riddle has a slight variation which doesn't change the outcome..

In order to aid you in the puzzle, you can find very helpful links online.

THE RIDDLE

There are 5 houses in 5 different colours in a row. In each house lives a person with a different nationality. The 5 owners drink a certain type of beverage, smoke a certain brand of cigar, and keep a certain pet. No owners have the same pet, smoke the same brand of cigar, or drink the same beverage. One person owns **Cats**, who is it?

The Brit lives in the red house.

The Swede keeps dogs as pets.

The Dane drinks tea.

The green house is on the left of the white house.

The green homeowner drinks coffee.

The person who smokes Pall Mall rears birds.

The owner of the yellow house smokes Dunhill.

The man living in the centre house drinks milk.

The Norwegian lives in the first house.

The man who smokes Blend lives next to the one who keeps fish.

The man who keeps horses lives next to the man who smokes Dunhill.

The owner who smokes Bluemaster drinks beer.

The German smokes prince.

The Norwegian lives next to the blue house.

The man who smokes Blend has a neighbour who drinks water

WHO OWNS THE CATS?

CHECK THIS OUT!

Sexy Men with
Cuddly Kittens
Pose for Tenth
Life Cat Shelter's
Tomcats Calendar

Now here's an idea for Clubs and Breeders...Found this on the web... Hunky male models donate their time to pose with cats and kittens to raise funds for the Tenth Life Cat Shelter and St Louie area feline rescue.

The 2015 Tomcats calendar is Tenth Life's first foray into steamy photo shoots with dreamy babes, but it won't be the last.

"It was way too much fun not to do it again," says Elizabeth Frick, founder and executive director of Tenth Life, a St. Louis shelter for stray cats."Can you beat hanging out in a studio with sexy men and kittens?"



Article found at www.tenthlifecats.org



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I was curious to
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NZCF Meeting Notes

Executive Council Meeting - 30-31st August 2014

NZCF Breeders Code of Conduct

NZCF Breeders Code of Conduct has been approved. The Draft NZCF Members Code of Conduct to be published in Flashcats, it will be on the agenda for the November EC meeting.

NZCF Disputes & Discipline Procedure is currently under review. It is hoped that a draft document will be tabled at the November EC meeting.

Rule Changes

General Rules & Policies 3.4.0 amended to read: "appoint from time to time such person or persons who may or may not be members of the Executive Council, upon such terms and conditions as it may think fit, to act as Officials of the NZCF or to perform or carry out any act or function on behalf of the Executive Council."

Registration rule 17.13

Has been amended to read - All cats sold for breeding shall have the transfer lodged by the vendor with the appropriate Registrar, within 14 days of receipt of the full purchase price and delivery of the cat by the vendor.

The underlined to appear in a set of rules numbered 17.17 "Pet Only"

Breeders may retain the right to withhold transfers of cats sold as pets until proof of desexing is received from the purchaser, but once the proof of desexing is received, the transfer must be lodged and paid by the Breeder with the appropriate Registrar, within 14 days thereafter.

Registration Rule 15.13 -

The name of any cat once registered, shall not be changed except with the approval of the Registrations Portfolio Manager in a simple case where the cat/kitten has not been shown or bred from and it is a minor name/spelling correction. Where the cat/kitten has been shown or bred from then, application must be made to the Executive Council. The relevant fee for this will be applied at the time. Any name once registered shall not be used again with the same prefix. **Carried**

Registration Rule 6.7 (b) & (c)

Any non silver cat which is dual registered for silver may have its registration details changed if:-(i) at a later date the coat changes and becomes clearly identifiable as Smoke,

Shaded or Silver Tabby, or (ii) the cat produces clearly identifiable Smoke, Shaded or Silver Tabby progeny, thereby revealing its correct genotype.

Application for a change of breed code may be made by the current recorded owner of the cat, stating the reason for the change, as in Rule 6.7(b). All such applications for change shall be forwarded to the appropriate Registrar and there shall be no fee unless the base colour is changed also. In this case, there shall be an appropriate fee for change of colour.

Inserted within the same rule (6)

As the Dilute Modifier (caramel) is variable in expression, cats/kittens may have the (k) added or removed from their breed code without cost on application to the appropriate Registrar. However should the current owner wish to change the base colour of the cat/kitten, then the appropriate fee shall apply for change of colour.

Breed

Representatives: where breeds share identical type, they are grouped together and represented by one breed representative for the group. (Taking effect from the next elections for those positions).

Testing Protocols: The BSAC has been asked to develop a breeding policy in consultation with breed sections covering recommended testing protocols, for each breed or breed group recognized by the NZCF .

Judging Promotions:

Zena Pigden, Colleen Frew & Maree Roy are congratulated on their promotions to respective panels.

National Show 2015

The Auckland Cat Club will be holding this.
Venue: Ellerslie Event Centre at the Ellerslie racecourse
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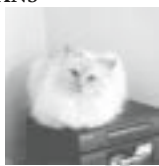
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Effective from 1 January 2014
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Note: * denotes Fee \$ changes from 2013

MEMBERSHIP FEES	(incl GST)	PUBLICATIONS	(incl GST)
Payable to Executive Secretary		Payable to Treasurer (on receipt of debtors invoice)	
<i>Pro-rata fees apply for new Full/Family members only at 9, 6, & 3 mths</i>		Flash Cats Advertising - Refer to rates listed separately in Flash Cats	
Affiliate (Clubs) - incl. \$50 contrib. for Clubs Pub. Liab. Ins	\$ 100.00	Flash Cats Breeders Directory - 4 Issues (invoiced)	\$ 24.00
Full	\$ 55.00		
Family - 2 members	\$ 70.00	Payable to Executive Secretary	
Family - 3 members	\$ 85.00	Flash Cats Folders - incl postage	\$ 20.00
Junior	\$ 15.50		
Associate (in NZ)	\$ 30.00	REGISTRATION FEES	
Associate (in NZ) - Family - 2 members	\$ 40.00	Payable to LH, SH & PR Registrars	
Associate (in NZ) - Family - 3 members	\$ 50.00	Registrations: per Litter	
Associate (in NZ) - Junior	\$ 10.00	Per Litter - up to 4 months of age	\$ 26.00
Associate (Overseas)	\$ 40.00	Per Litter - over 4 months of age	\$ 52.00
Late Payment Fee from 01/02/14 (Existing Members)	\$ 20.00	Imported Cat/Kitten Registration	\$ 41.00
<i>Each membership type includes 4 issues of Flash Cats per year</i>		Penalty Fine for Non-Registration of Litter	\$ 50.00
OTHER FEES		Transfers: per Cat/Kitten	\$ 6.50
Agendas & Minutes - Posted - (est. 7 Meetings)	\$ 36.00	Breeding Cats & Kittens (incl certified 4-Generation Pedigree)	\$ 32.50
Cattery Accreditation (Bi-Annual)	\$ 50.00		
Complaints - NZCF Members only	\$ 51.00	Non-Breeding Cats & Kittens	\$ 6.50
Governance Documents (downloads available fm NZCF Website)		Penalty Fine for Non-Transfer - per cat/kitten	\$ 10.00
Constitution	\$ 10.00	Certified Pedigrees:	
Registration Rules	\$ 10.00	3 Generation	\$ 21.00
Schedule of Breed Codes	\$ 10.00	4 Generation	\$ 26.00
Show Bylaws	\$ 10.00	5 Generation	\$ 41.00
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Standard of Points - SH without cover	poa	Payable to Treasurer (by Clubs)	
HONOURS		Benching Fees:	
Payable to Honours Registrar		Pedigree - per exhibitor per ring (1st exhibit)	\$ 4.00
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Payable to Treasurer		Clubs - Show Late Application Fee - for fees received after 31/03/14	\$ 25.00
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2014 NZCF Show Calendar

SHOW DATES	CLUB	RING	LOCATION
Sunday 14th Sept 2014	Canterbury All Breeds	4	Canterbury
Sunday 29th Sept 2014	Burmese NZ – Northern All SH, Auckland cat Club	4/4	Auckland
Saturday 1st & Sun 2nd Nov 2014	Pedigree Persian Supreme (All Breeds) Pet Expo	6	Wellington

2015 NZCF Show Calendar

SHOW DATES	CLUB	RING	LOCATION	H & S OFFICER
Sunday 1st March 2015	Shorthair Cat Breeders (Pedigree SH Domestic & Companions)	4	Canterbury	Joan Clack
Saturday, 14th March 2015	Burmese Cat Club NZ Inc (Central)	4		G Rogerson
Sunday, 15th March, 2015	Canterbury All Breeds	4	Canterbury	Pauline Wood
Saturday 21st March, 2015	Metropolitan SHCC(All Pedigree SH)	3	Auckland	M Elder
Saturday 28st March, 2015	Dominion Shorthair (All Breeds)	4	Wellington	C Ryan
Saturday, 29th March 2015	South Cross Longhaired cat Club	4	Dunedin	Susan Edwards
Saturday 18th April 2015	NZ Siamese – All Shorthair (3 rings) Siamese specialist – (1) ring	4	Christchurch	D Armishaw
Saturday 25th April 2015	National Show & Auckland Cat Club World Cat Congress Seminar & AGM	4	Auckland	Marie Prendergast
Saturday 2nd May 2015	TOSCA (All SH)	3	Auckland	Georgina Rennie
Saturday 2nd May 2015	Palmerston North Cat Club Inc	4	Palmerston North	G Rogerson
Saturday 9th May 2015	Birman Cat Club & Companions	4		C Sanders
Saturday 16th May 2015	Taranaki Cat Club (All Breeds)	4	New Plymouth	J Davey
Saturday 23rd May 2015	Mid Island Cat Club In (All Breeds Domestic & Companions)	4	Ngaruawhia	J Wilson
Saturday 23rd May 2015	Burmese Cat Club NZ Inc (Southern)	5	Christchurch	G McIvor
Sunday, 7th June 2015	Geyserland Cat Club (All Breeds)	4		D LeBas
Sunday 14th June 2015	Canterbury All Breeds	4	Canterbury	P Wood
Sunday, 15th June, 2015	Wellington Cat Club	4	Wellington	J Gray
Sunday, 20th June 2014	NZCF AGM		Wellington	Wellington
Saturday 4th July 2015	Sacred Temple-Birman & Companions	5	Wellington	C Sanders
Saturday 12th July 2015	Longhair Cat Breeders Ass	5	Christchurch	Paul Flanagan
Sunday, 12th July 2015	Hamilton Cat Club (all breeds)	4	Hamilton	Marielle Boxem
Saturday 18th July 2015	Pedigree Persian Cat Fanciers (N/S Cats & Kittens, Domestic & Companions)	2	Wellington	J Wereta
Sunday 26th July 2015	Geyserland Cat Club (All Breeds)	4		D LeBas
Sunday 26th July 2015	Nelson Cat Club	4	Nelson	
Sunday 9th August 2015	Patches and Pointed	3	Katikati	C Lowe
Sunday 9th August 2015	Shorthair Cat Breeders (Pedigree SH Domestic & Companions)	4	Canterbury	Joan Clack
Saturday, 15th August 2015	Hutt Feline & Pedigree Persian combined show All breeds, Domestic & Companions	6	Wellington	J Wereta
Saturday 22th August 2015	Southland Cat Fanciers All Breeds Domestic and Companions	4	Invercargill	A Dunn
Saturday 22nd August 2015	Abyssinian & Somali Cat Club (All Shorthair)	3	Auckland	M Elder
Sunday 7th Sept 2015	Kapiti-Horowheuna	4		TBA
Sunday 13th Sept 2015	Canterbury All Breeds	4	Canterbury	P Wood
Saturday 19th Sept 2015	Pedigree Persian Supreme (All Breeds) Companions & Domestic	4	Wellington	J Wereta
Saturday 27th Sept 2015	Burmese Cat Club NZ Inc (Northern)	5	Auckland	B Main

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