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WELCOME READERS:
to our sixth issue of 'Cat Chat'
Our third & final issue for this year: 2024

We have another 'jam' packed issue with information for all cat owners and Breeders.

This issue we feature entry details of our Cats NSW 'Young Artists' Kids Draw or Paint your cat(s) Art Competition with two age groups: 4 to 8 years and 9 to 13 years old with some awesome prizes 'up for grabs' along with a trophy for the winning child in each category: 1st & 2nd places. A really BIG thank you to all our wonderful sponsors.

The competition is open to all Cats NSW members, family and friends so long as it's a registered Cats NSW cat or kitten(s) that they are drawing/painting. The winner will have their art work featured on the front page of next years July issue. All details on how to enter are inside this issue.

Our breed focus is on the Group 3 Russian Blue Cats, pages 25 & 26.

For Breeders we have the start of a new section: DNA spotlight about DNA testing covering Group 1 cats and next year March issue will feature Group 2 and July Group 3 cats also check out the Pet Registry new legislation pages.

As always if you would like to contribute an article, story, photo of your kitten/cats/litters etc or if you have any suggestions for future articles for 'Cat Chat' magazine please do not hesitate to contact me.

***I take this opportunity to wish all our readers a safe
and happy Christmas.***

Please enjoy!



Sandra



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Recent Updates from Cats NSW Committee



For all membership enquiries:

Please contact our Membership Secretary:
Di Stokes, email: membership@catsnsw.com.au
Or email: secretary@catsnsw.com.au



NSW PET REGISTRY:

CAT BREEDERS please note:

14 Requirement for registration

'In accordance with sections 9 (2) and 10 of the Act, a companion animal is required to be registered—

- (a) from the time the animal is 12 weeks old, or
- (b) when the animal is first sold (even if it is less than 12 weeks old).

Every kitten and cat must have a microchip at the time of application for registration.'

<https://legislation.nsw.gov.au/view/whole/html/inforce/current/sl-2018-0441#sec.14>

Further details refer to pages 33 and 34.

SHOWING YOUR KITTEN:

Note to Show Exhibitors: be careful if you exhibit your kitten(s) at Cat Shows that they don't get their paws caught between the inside bars of the cage. If you are concerned, then you can place a suitable solid barrier such as 'corflute' around the bottom of the inside of the cage to prevent this happening.

DESEXING CERTIFICATES FOR TRANSFERS

All kittens or cats being transferred from a breeder to an owner who is not a registered breeder must be desexed. A sterilisation certificate or letter of exemption from a registered veterinary surgeon must be provided with the transfer application.

Please note: the Cats NSW Registrar's postal address has changed. Members should also be aware that the details on the reverse side of any pedigrees issued prior to February 2023 may have the old postal address on them.

The new postal address for the Cats NSW Registrar for all cat/kitten registrations, title updates etc is: **Cats NSW Registrar, PO Box 5033, South Tamworth, NSW 2340**

all changes for pedigrees, title updates etc need to be mailed there.

Breeders note: all verifiable DNA results are able & recommended to be forwarded to the Cats NSW Registrar for inclusion with updated certificate of registration.

Please do not send any transfers or title update via Aust Post REGISTERED MAIL.

If urgent then use: **EXPRESS POST.**

Note: recent changes to Aust Post mail distribution may result in Cats NSW Members receiving their pedigrees a little slower and also our Registrars Office will be receiving your application a little slower.



With regards to the Cats NSW bank account and member payments: please ensure that when you are making an EFT payment to place in the full details of the payment and what the particular transaction pertains to on every transaction.

All payments to Cats NSW need to be made to the following bank account:

Commonwealth Bank

Cats NSW Inc. Show & Fundraising Account

BSB: 062 572

Account number: 1019 6375



CATS NSW welcomes our new Affiliate club:
HUNTER REGION CAT CLUB with their next and first Cat Show planned for: Saturday 24th May 2025.



NATIONAL SHOW NEWS:

As of next year, 2025 ACF and CCCA have decided to hold bi annual National shows.

This means that each year there will only be one national show, beginning with the CCCA National Cat Show in Sydney: Wentworth Park, Glebe on 19th & 20th July 2025.

From 2026 the next and all future nationals will be held on the King's birthday weekend, 2026 is ACF National hosted by GCCFSA: 2027 will be a CCCA National *host to be confirmed*: 2028 is an ACF National hosted by Cats WA.

ENTRY FOR CATS NSW CAT SHOWS is made electronically via:

<https://www.catshowsonline.com>

Note: provision has been made for hard copy entries. If you experience difficulties entering through catshowsonline or would like to enter via a manual entry please email Cats NSW Secretary: secretary@catsnsw.com.au

For all Cats NSW Affiliate Club Cat Shows please check the relevant club's schedule.

Regarding: CATSHOWSONLINE.COM

<https://www.catshowsonline.com/>

Note: remember to update all your cats details when your kitten/cat(s) pedigree are updated such as a title update, or change of sex. A copy of the updated pedigree/registration papers will need to be added into the catshowsonline system. Go to your name (*top right hand corner*): my cats, then the name of your kitten/cat. Click on the 'dots' which then brings down a drop down menu where you click 'edit' to make any changes and add the scanned in new document such as an updated pedigree/registration and/or Vet certificate.



Note: COTY (Cat of the Year points)

Re: EXHIBIT OF THE YEAR

Awarded to the exhibit who achieves the highest number of points throughout the year, as an aggregate of points won in all sections. This includes kittens who move into the entire cat or desexed section during the year and entire cats who move into the desexed cat section during the year.

Note: this is just for the top of each the 1st Group placements.

<https://catsnsw.com.au/cat-of-the-year-points-information/>

Show Rules - HEALTH, SAFETY AND WELFARE OF CATS

'In the event the Committee of Cats NSW becomes aware of a feline communicable illness following a Cat Show, an email notice advising all show exhibitors is to be sent within 24 hours, where practicable. Within the email, a reminder that cats are not to be exhibited from an infected cattery until the illness has resolved and to please refer to the breeder's Code of Ethics requirements 1.12, 1.13., 1.14 and 1.15'.

Please do not take your cat/kitten to a Cat Show if its displaying any symptoms of sickness: infection spreads.

BREEDERS: please make sure your details are correct/up to date on your Cats NSW Breeders listing on the Cats NSW web site:
<https://catsnsw.com.au/breeders/>.

For all changes/updates: please email the Web Master:
webmaster@catsnsw.com.au

JUNIOR DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM

Cats NSW recognises that its future will be determined by its acceptance of our youth and its welcoming of children at all our cat shows and events, promoting safe and responsible ownership of a cat. *For further information please visit:*
<https://catsnsw.com.au/junior-development-program/>

RESOLVING DISPUTES BETWEEN CAT BREEDERS AND KITTEN/CAT BUYERS

Sometimes disputes between breeders and buyers of kittens/cats can arise and a member might refer the matter to Cats NSW. This could be, for example about the sale of a cat/kitten or the return of a deposit. These are, however usually a private contractual matter between the member and the buyer.

A dispute such as these should be resolved by the relevant government body e.g. Department of Fair Trading, Consumer Claims Tribunal rather than individually to Cats NSW.

Members should be aware that buyers may refer disputes to their local state based Consumer Tribunal, please refer to your local Consumer Group for information on the process.



PAWS: for thought

'I used to love dogs until I discovered cats.' – Nafisa Joseph

'What greater gift than the love of a cat?'
– Unknown

"Owners of dogs will have noticed that, if you provide them with food and water and shelter and affection, they will think you are God. Whereas owners of cats are compelled to realize that, if you provide them with food and water and affection, they draw the conclusion that they are God." – Christopher Hitchens

'The smallest feline is a masterpiece.'
– Leonardo da Vinci

'I have studied many philosophers and many cats. The wisdom of cats is infinitely superior.' – Hippolyte Taine

'Kittens are angels with whiskers.'
– Alexis Flora Hope

'Cats and humans have been partners for over ten thousand years. And what you realize when you've lived with a cat for a long time is that we may think we own them, but that's not the way it is. They simply allow us the pleasure of their company.' – Genki Kawamura



IT MUST BE NEARLY CHRISTMAS!

by Anita Stevens: 13th March 2024



We had a lot of fun decorating the tree -
Now I'm waiting for Santa to bring
something for me...
Mum's wrapping all the presents, has
written every card,
So, it must be almost Christmas - The
waiting is so hard!



I've heard folk singing carols, watched movies on T.V -
Mum's favourite, "*White Christmas*" - Song, sung by Bing Crosby...
It's getting very festive - not a minute to spare -
I watch Mum buzzing about - Don't think she knows I'm there...



Well, I'll just wait, guard the tree, and keep out of her way,
And dream of tasty goodies, to come on Christmas Day...

I know that she's been shopping for lots of tasty treats
Like turkey, ham and mince pies and other special eats
All stacked away 'til Christmas, until the family come
Bringing prawns and smoked salmon ... I hope they'll give me some...

I'll lie here, watch for Santa, stay awake - willpower, strong!
Until I hear those sleigh bells ... Surely it won't be long ...



Anita is an Author and Poet and has published her ninth book of short stories and poems. She loves all cats. Snowy is a rescue cat that replaces her much loved Fred who recently passed away. Fred is featured at the top RH side of this page.





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EVER WONDERED

DO CATS NEED TAURINE IN THEIR FOOD?

Dan Schuetz / 26 September 2023

If you're a nutrition-conscious pet owner, you have probably heard of **taurine** before. But maybe you don't know exactly what taurine is or how important it is for cats and dogs.

TAURINE is an amino acid that is vital to the healthy function of both species. Without getting too scientific, amino acids result when proteins are broken down.

In other words, when your cat gobbles down some freeze dried chicken hearts, that yummy treat is digested into amino acids (*among other nutrients*).

Amino acids serve many functions for a pet's body, and taurine in particular helps to maintain good vision, promote a strong immune system, facilitate cardiac health and more.

So you can imagine why taurine deficiency in cats and dogs can be so dangerous.

In this post, Freeze Dry Australia wants to answer your most pressing questions about the issue. We'll start by comparing the differences in taurine needs for cats, and then show you easy ways to ensure that your pets are getting the taurine they need to stay healthy.

HOW MUCH TAURINE DO CATS NEED?

According to one study, cats who eat at least 39 mg of taurine per kilogram of body weight will be getting what they need to maintain healthy bodily function. For the average housecat, this equates to about 160 mg of taurine every day.

Taurine is an *essential* amino acid for cats. When nutritionists use the term "*essential*", they mean that the amino acid must be consumed directly in food or supplements.

You see, a cat's body (*and every animal's*) can produce some amino acids from other nutrients. However, cats cannot manufacture taurine in this way. Since it is an essential amino acid, you have to ensure that taurine is in your cat's regular diet. Otherwise, you run the risk of taurine deficiency.

In cats, taurine deficiency can lead to...



- ◆ Increase in cavities and tooth decay.
- ◆ Excessive shedding and loss of fur.
- ◆ Illness and infection caused by a weakened immune system.
- ◆ Permanent blindness due to retinal damage.
- ◆ Enlarged heart and congestive heart failure.
- ◆ Digestion issues, including fat sensitivity and diarrhoea.
- ◆ And *more*



Taurine is especially important for young kittens and pregnant cats. If newborn kittens are deficient in taurine, their growth may be stunted and they might miss important developmental milestones. When a pregnant mother cat suffers taurine deficiency, the problems can be passed on to her gestating kittens. Dangers range from reduced birth weights to smaller litters to birth defects.



CAN CATS HAVE TOO MUCH TAURINE?

The good news is that you don't have to worry about your cat overdosing on taurine. There has never been a documented case of a feline ingesting toxic levels of taurine. Your only concern, then, is ensuring that your cat gets enough of this essential amino acid in their regular diet.

Before the 1980s, taurine wasn't yet recognized as an essential nutrient for cats. Since then, however, most commercially produced cat foods and treats contain taurine. Just check the nutrition facts to ensure your kitty is getting enough.

WHERE IS TAURINE FOUND NATURALLY?

Taurine is an amino acid that is primarily found in foods that come from animals. It is found in largest concentrations in meats, poultry, fish and shellfish. But it can also be provided by consuming eggs, milk, cheese and other animal byproducts.

As you make a plan for getting your pet the right amount of taurine in their diet, it is worth considering how cats and dogs would consume this amino acid naturally in the wild.

A cat's diet in the wild consists primarily of rodents, birds, fish and insects. They don't just eat the meat, but will often enjoy bones and offal (*organ meats*). Cats are hunters by nature, so you can see that a wild cat's diet is full of animal products. They are used to getting plenty of taurine.

WHAT FOOD HAS THE HIGHEST AMOUNT OF TAURINE?

It's hard to say what has the absolute highest taurine, especially when you consider portion sizes. For example, some types of seaweed can boast as much as 1,300 mg of taurine per 100-gram serving. But that's an awful lot of seaweed to be eating! Scallops also come in pretty high, at about 830 mg of taurine per 100 grams. However, most pet owners don't have the budget to be feeding their cats scallops regularly.

So let's look at some different categories of foods to see how taurine levels compare in each. That way, you can choose options that fit your pet's unique tastes.





Meat

- ◆ Beef liver: 70 mg
- ◆ Beef heart: 60 mg
- ◆ Beef: 40 mg
- ◆ Lamb: 40 mg



FISH

- ◆ Tilapia, dark meat: 650 mg
- ◆ Sardine: 150 mg
- ◆ Whitefish: 100 mg
- ◆ Tilapia, white meat: 80 mg
- ◆ Tuna: 40 mg



POULTRY

- ◆ Turkey, dark meat: 310 mg
- ◆ Chicken liver: 110 mg
- ◆ Chicken, dark meat: 80 mg
- ◆ Turkey, light meat: 30 mg
- ◆ Chicken, light meat: 20 mg



SHELLFISH

- ◆ Scallops: 830 mg
- ◆ Squid: 360 mg
- ◆ Clams: 240 mg
- ◆ Oysters: 70 mg
- ◆ Mussels: 40 mg



Because of its importance to a healthy life for dogs and cats, most companies add taurine to their canned or kibbled foods. However, as much as 50% of this taurine is lost in the cooking and canning process.

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Cats NSW: ART COMPETITION



YOUNG ARTISTS' 'DRAW OR PAINT YOUR CAT(s)'

Kids draw or paint your cat, cats, kitten or even a litter in our fabulous

'YOUNG ARTISTS DRAW OR PAINT YOUR CAT(s)' Art Competition

There are two age groups:

4 to 8 years

and

9 to 13 years old

with a first and second prize package along with an individual trophy
'up for grabs' offered in each age category.

The winning artwork(s) will be featured on the front page of the July 2025 issue of 'Cat Chat'.

This is a fun competition open to all:
Cats NSW members, family and friends.

The competition will be judged on the age of the child, their ability, plus originality and creativity of the entered artwork.

MEDIUM: drawing, artwork or even a collage no larger than A4 size, can be paper, cardboard or canvass using any medium: e.g. crayons, pastels, pen, paints including poster, acrylic, watercolours etc.

Take a photo of your original drawing or artwork and email it as a jpeg to:
catchatmagazine@gmail.com

Attention: Sandra Sweetman

ELIGIBILITY:

The Cats NSW 'YOUNG ARTISTS DRAW OR PAINT YOUR CAT(s)' art competition is open to **all members of Cats NSW, plus their family and friends**. The cat/kitten or litter needs to be registered with Cats NSW. The competition is open to all groups: 1, 2, 3 & 4 Companions.

Cats NSW family and friends just have to draw or paint a picture of a registered Cats NSW cat/kitten or litter so long as they are associated with a financial Cats NSW member.

If a '*non-member*' of Cats NSW wishes to enter the Competition, they need to first become a full financial member.

For membership details contact the: Membership Secretary, Cats NSW Inc.
email: membership@catsnsw.com.au



DETAILS:

Members, their family and/or friends can enter up to three individual drawings or paintings per membership. Any child entering needs to have a parent/guardian who is a financial member of Cats NSW and cite the members (*i.e. parent/guardian*) name.

The overall winning cat/kitten/litter will be featured on the front cover page of 'Cat Chat' July 2025 issue.

You can have as many cats in the drawing or painting as you want and a litter does not have to be complete as long as there is more than one litter/sibling kitten in the artwork. The drawing or painting of the cat/kitten(s) can be of an '*over the rainbow*' deceased cat that was taken between the period of July 2021 to end November 2024. If the artwork is of a young litter or part of a litter then this can be a pending Cats NSW registration.

JUDGES:

Our two wonderful Judges are:

- ◆ **DI STOKES:** Jnr Vice President Cats NSW and Cats NSW Photographer.
- ◆ **JENNY ROWLEY:** Artist and Committee member of the Hornsby Art Society.

The Judges decision will be final.

SPONSORSHIP and PRIZES:

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2nd prize: age: 9 to 13 years: Sponsored by: **SHILOH Siamese & Orientals**



COLLECTION OF PRIZES:

Winners of the prize packages and trophies can arrange and collect these at a Cats NSW Cat Show after 1st July 2025, or at the Cats NSW COTY (*Cat of the Year*) celebration in November or alternatively, they can be arranged to be collected from the Cat Chat Editor, Sandra Sweetman: suburb Castle Hill, NSW.

AGREEMENT TO RULES:

By entering the **Cats NSW 'YOUNG ARTISTS' 'DRAW OR PAINT YOUR CAT(s)'** *Art Competition* the entrant agrees to abide by these Cats NSW Official Rules and decisions.

The entrant agrees to participate based on eligibility requirements explained in these Official Rules. The entrant agrees to accept the decisions of Cats NSW as final and binding. If entry rules are not complied with Cats NSW reserves the right to disqualify an entry. A maximum of one prize package will be awarded to any one Entrant or per family.

The competition will be judged by Di Stokes, Jnr Vice President Cats NSW and Jenny Rowley, Artist: date to be determined between 12th to 18th May 2025. Winners will be notified by email notification, and details placed in the July issue of '*Cat Chat*'.

ENTRY PERIOD:

This Contest **begins on 1st December 2024 and will end on 30th April 2025** at 5:30pm, Australian Eastern Time. Entries outside this time period will be deemed ineligible to enter.

HOW TO ENTER:

Eligible entrants can enter the Cats NSW '*YOUNG ARTISTS DRAW OR PAINT YOUR CAT(s)*' art competition by submitting an email entry and a separate photograph attachment of drawing or painting of the cat/kitten. If you use a mobile phone to take the photograph, then the image needs to be set at a high resolution to ensure a good quality photo.

ENTRY DETAILS:

All entries need to be emailed along with the entry form (*back page of this issue of 'Cat Chat'*) to: catchatmagazine@gmail.com

The entry needs to include the following:

- ▶ Entrant's Full Name:
- ▶ Contact Phone No:
- ▶ Contact email:
- ▶ Cat/Kitten/Litter's Pet Name:
- ▶ Cat/Kitten/Litter's full registered name and registration number:
- ▶ Cats NSW Members name/number:

Plus complete the 'ENTRY FORM' found on the last page of this issue.

Note: neither of the two Judges or the *Cat Chat* Editor, Sandra Sweetman will be entering this competition due to fairness and impartiality.



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The overall winner's cat/kitten/litter will be featured on the front cover page of the July issue of *'Cat Chat'*. The two runners up will be featured inside.



and the JUDGES ARE:



DI STOKES: Since early childhood I have been a lover and carer of all creatures great and small, from puppies and horses growing up, working as a Vet Nurse, performing animal rescues, and rehoming wherever possible. I firmly believe that the onus of responsibility for our animals lies completely with us.

I became involved with the cat fancy back in the early 90's when my husband presented me with my first pedigree: a gorgeous Foreign White kitten '*Ketchen Snow Fonzie*' bred by Joan Baker. We were smitten by this little guy, and it wasn't long before we had increased our family to two Siamese Seal Points.

A few cat shows later and the journey had well and truly begun. In 2001 we brought home our first Russian Blue and not long after, began Raska Cattery at our home in Prospect NSW.

In 2013 I was a founding member of a new and exciting organisation now known as Cats NSW Incorporated and was honoured to be elected as their first President.

Over the years I have been heavily involved with Cats NSW Inc. stewarding, advising, processing, setting up and pulling downs shows, vetting-in, photographer, runner, card-writer and companion judging. I am currently the Cats NSW Inc. Junior Vice President and also Cats NSW Inc. Membership Secretary.

I am working with rescue groups or mentoring breeders with feline health and kitten issues, gardening in our veggie garden or creating unique Show Awards with my rosettesandribbons business. *Thank you.*

JENNY ROWLEY: is an Artist who has loved art and cats all her life. Her current pet cat is a rescue and is now 10 year old: Princess Honeybun, '*Honey*' as she is known a black and white bi-colour domestic and she was just 6 months old when Jenny first rescued her.

Jenny is a Committee member of the Hornsby Art Society and she regularly paints on commission and has sold her artwork in Art Exhibitions. She was a finalist in the recent Hornsby Art Prize with her painting titled: '*Fire at the Lake*'.

Jenny had the opportunity to teach art to some school students in Tonga.



The above artwork is:
Princess Honeybun and was
painted in pastel crayons

Resources/ideas:

<https://www.art-is-fun.com/how-to-draw-a-cat>

<https://arteza.com/blogs/articles/how-to-paint-a-cat>

<https://scoutlife.org/hobbies-projects/funstuff/34055/how-to-draw-a-cat/>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2ONwGUSCKjs>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4KEVxqZikHY>

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Inbreeding, Line breeding & Outcrossing

by: *Sandra Sweetman*

So what is the difference between inbreeding, line breeding and outcrossing?

INBREEDING

Inbreeding can be defined as '*the mating of closely related cats*' such as brother to sister, father to daughter, mother to son etc. It can be used by Cat Breeders (*as it is with all purebred animal species*) as a way to produce kittens with '*predictable and uniform physical traits*'.



There may however be problems associated with inbreeding of cats, in that although recognisable improvements can occur, so do undesirable genetic traits. These may include immune deficiencies, major and minor congenital abnormalities, smaller size litters along with cats that fail to grow to normal full size and a decreased survival rates of kittens. Any Breeders using this method would need to carefully research the cat's pedigree lines before proceeding and monitor closely for signs of negative genetic traits.

LINE BREEDING

Line breeding simply involves the mating of less closely related cats (*more distanced in their pedigrees*) such as grandparents to grandchild, cousin to cousin etc. Although this method is a slower way to produce kittens with desirable traits this method has a slower rate of producing non desirable traits, which enables Breeders to take action on non-desirable matings.

Line breeding does help in limiting undesired negative genetic traits. It can be said though that line breeding is the cornerstone of selective breeding.

IN CONCLUSION, the simple difference between the two: inbreeding versus line breeding lies in the degrees of separation between one half of a breeding pair of cats and the other in their pedigrees.

NOTE: in any breeding program consideration should be taken for any genetic diseases such as PRA (*Progressive Retinal Atrophy*) gene which can cause blindness along with other genetic diseases such as: PKD (*Polycystic Kidney Disease*), Gangliosidosis, Hypertrophic Cardiomyopathy among others.

EXAMPLE: PRA - a cat that is a PRA '*carrier*' (*single copy of the defective gene and have normal vision*) but statistically if a '*carrier*' is mated to another '*carrier*' it is likely that that there is 25% chance of some of the litter being affected and a 50% chance of producing more '*carrier*' kittens. A PRA '*carrier*' should be mated to a PRA '*negative*' where the offspring will be 50% '*carriers*' and 50% '*negatives*', thereby producing no positive PRA offspring.

Any cat can simply be DNA tested for most inherited genes.



OUTCROSSING

Outcrossing is simply the mating of cats that are totally unrelated to each other or unrelated for 5 or more generations. The male and female cats will be chosen for their quality, type and temperament and to improve the health of the breed plus introduce genetic 'hybrid' vigour. This can unfortunately result in the introduction of some undesirable or unpredictable genes but outcrossing can also increase genetic diversity and reduce the probability of resultant cats being subject to disease and genetic abnormalities.

The breeding of pedigree cats means that they have a fully registered ancestry (*pedigree*) which reflects their breeding from generation to generation resulting in kittens that are predictable in both type and temperament.

A useful tool for calculating the above from the:

Laboratory of Veterinary Genetics

'For the genetic improvement of our domestic animals'.



<https://labgenvet.ca/en/inbreeding-calculator/>

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HISTORY of a Breed: THE RUSSIAN BLUE

Mark Bowman and Joseph Beaini

RUSKiLiME: *Breeders of Russian Blue, Black & White Cats*

ORIGIN

The Russian Blue Cat likely originated somewhere in northwest Russia. One theory is that they were pets of the Russian czars. Others speculate that the first Russian Blues lived in the wilderness and were hunted for their prized pelts: such thick, dense fur with unique colouring would have brought in the big money.



It is believed that Russian sailors befriended the felines sometime around the 1860s and brought them aboard their ships as *companions*, most notably in the bustling port city of Arkhangelsk. This could explain how the breed came to Great Britain and Northern Europe. Arkhangelsk translates to 'Archangel' which is also why Russian Blue cats are sometimes called 'Archangel Blues'.

HISTORY

Once Russian Blue cats made it to Great Britain, the breed took the cat world by storm. In 1875, Russian Blues were shown at one of the world's first cat shows held at London's Crystal Palace. They did not win any prizes but left quite an impression.

In 1912, they were making their way to the US and were officially recognized as a breed. After World War II, Russian Blues were in decline, but enthusiasts managed to save the bloodline. In Sweden, Finland, and Denmark, they crossbred Russian Blues with Siamese cats to produce slightly longer and more angular kitties. In Great Britain, they crossbred with Blue point Siamese and British Blues for thicker, stockier cats. The Siamese and British Blue traits have now largely been bred out.

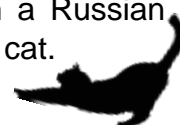
The Russian Blue was first officially recognised as a breed in Great Britain in 1948. In 1962 Ann Vise, of Myemgay cattery in Sydney, imported the first two Russian Blue cats into Australia from England.

TEMPERAMENT

The Russian Cat has a reputation as a gentle, quiet cat, somewhat shy, but like all breeds, personalities vary from cat to cat. Their keen senses and cautious nature may be a throwback to a time when the Russian Cat had to fend for itself and fight for survival. Once a Russian Cat settles in, you soon discover what a charming, entertaining creature you have invited into your home. Your Russian Blue will follow you from room to room just to be with you.

Often, their favourite place is on your lap, shoulder or just sitting beside you. They show their love for you by rubbing against your head and licking your face. Thoughtful creatures, these cats are sensitive to their surroundings. The Russian does best in a quiet, stable environment. They generally do not like change, and it is especially important to them that meals arrive on time. Count on them to be a faithful alarm clock in the morning, just so they do not miss a meal.

If you take the time to develop a relationship with a Russian Cat, your reward will be a deep bond with this loving cat.



INTRODUCTION

The sparkling plush 'blue' grey coat and brilliant green eyes of the Russian Blue draw immediate attention to this shorthaired breed. These are also the spectacular Russian Blacks and Whites. These are the three colours in Australia.



PHYSICAL CHARACTERISTICS

The Russian Cat is a robust breed, with firm muscles and an overall dose of good looks. It is long, slender, and elegant. Mostly referred to as majestic and regal. It is of a medium size, and muscular, but compared to a swimmer in the compactness of its musculature. When it is in full motion and stretched out, one can see that it has a long, graceful neck, but the neck is hidden by thick fur and high set shoulder blades when the cat is sitting, making it look as though it has a short, thick neck.

The Russian Cat's elegant yet muscular body led one cat judge to proclaim him the 'Doberman Pinscher of cats'.

They are small to moderate-sized cats with an average weight of 3.6 to 6.8 kg when fully grown. Males will typically be larger than females.

HEALTH AND CARE

There are no specific health problems related to the Russian Cat. It is a genetically sound breed, mainly due to it being a naturally occurring breed. Brushing the coat is not essential but is a nice addition to the weekly routine of other grooming, such as brushing the teeth, clipping nails, cleaning eyes and ears. This breed has a fondness for human company and will sit quite happily while being combed or brushed, since it is spending time with the one it cares for.

It is essential to keep a Russian as an indoors only cat with possible access to a safe, outdoors enclosure to protect them from diseases spread by other cats, attacks by dogs or other creatures, and the other dangers that face cats who go outdoors, such as being hit by a car. Russian Cats who go outdoors also run the risk of being stolen by someone who would like to have such a beautiful cat without paying for it.

Many owners train their Russians on a harness and take them for supervised walks in a safe area.

Russians have a tolerant nature toward children if they treat them kindly and respectfully and are accepting of other animals, including dogs, as long as they are not chased or menaced by them.

A LITTLE ABOUT US: Mark Bowman and Joseph Beaini: Russian Cats are our love and passion. We have been involved in the Russian Cat world for some years and are actively involved with breeders and pet owners. We are co-founders of **ALL RUSSIAN CAT ENTHUSIASTS Facebook Page**, (where pet owners and breeders can share photos of their cats, along with advice regarding care) and **RUSSIAN CATS AUSTRALIA RCA** (an in-depth website all things Russian Cats and a list of breeders)

<https://catsnsw.com.au/russian-blue-breeders/>



The Twelve Days of CATmas

BY LUCAS TURNBLOOM



For BREEDERS: to be aware of

DNA Spotlight

Welcome to the 1st DNA spotlight.

This will be an ongoing segment where we will look at all aspects of DNA and the testing that is available to cat owners and breeders and how this can benefit you.



DNA testing has advanced in leaps and bounds in the last 10 years becoming more accessible and is now a very useful tool in all breeders and owners tool kits. Modern DNA testing can be used to identify many traits and diseases, especially the recessive ones which are traits that can be carried but are not seen in the parents which up until recently were only able to be determined by mating possible or known carriers together or when an unexpected kitten showed up in a litter e.g. a longhair British kitten is born out of 2 shorthair parents. DNA testing can simplify and help us make a more accurate decision on whether a cat should be kept in our breeding programs.

As breeders we know one of our main goals alongside improving our respective breeds are to breed healthy loving kittens that will go on to live long, happy lives with their new owners. The advancement of DNA disease screening has made DNA testing a very important tool to help us achieve this goal.

It is important to understand the role and limitations of DNA Testing especially for diseases and how this impacts us as breeders. DNA testing can help guide us in our choice of mating's to ensure we do not mate 2 carriers of a certain disease together or in helping us choose which kitten to keep or allow into our breeding program.

DNA disease testing does have its limitations and is NOT a guarantee that your kittens or cats will not develop a disease e.g. just because your cat is say PKD Negative that does not mean that it won't develop another form of kidney failure. So, I hear you say then why should we DNA test if it does not guarantee that my kittens will not develop the problems that we are testing for. It is a very valid question. As breeders and cat owners we want our cats to be the healthiest they can be if we can reduce the chance of producing a cat that is affected by a known disease by way of a simple DNA test do we as ethical breeders need to do that. We are also required by the Cats NSW Code of ethics for registered breeders to plan and implement a breeding program that addresses health and freedom from congenital disease and deformity.

Trait testing can be used to help you determine the colour and pattern of your kittens and cats (*especially in breeds where there are 100's or even 1000's of different colour and pattern combinations*) and what colours they carry, which can then lead to more accurate identification of colours which then leads to more accurate pedigrees. It can also be used to determine which kittens have or carry the desired trait to achieve your breeding goals





This edition we will be looking at disease screening for cats in Group one that is: *Birman, Exotic, Maine Coon, Nebelung, Norwegian Forest Cat, Persian, Ragdoll, Siberian, Neva Masquerade, Turkish Angora and the Turkish Van.*

In the following table you will find the current list of tests recommended for the breed by the 3 major DNA testing laboratories; Orivet, UC Davis and Langford.

Group 1	
Breed	Tests
BIRMAN genetic-diseases-by-breed.pdf <i>(langfordvets.co.uk)</i> Find Tests Veterinary Genetics Laboratory <i>(ucdavis.edu)</i> Shop for Breed Specific Cat DNA Tests - Full Breed Profile <i>(orivet.com)</i>	Polycystic Kidney Disease (<i>Orivet and UC Davis</i>) Mucopolysaccharidosis Type VI (<i>Langford only</i>)
EXOTIC SHORTHAIR genetic-diseases-by-breed.pdf <i>(langfordvets.co.uk)</i> Find Tests Veterinary Genetics Laboratory <i>(ucdavis.edu)</i> Shop for Breed Specific Cat DNA Tests - Full Breed Profile <i>(orivet.com)</i>	Polycystic Kidney Disease (<i>All</i>) Persian Progressive Retinal Atrophy (<i>UC Davis, Langford</i>)
MAINE COON genetic-diseases-by-breed.pdf <i>(langfordvets.co.uk)</i> Find Tests Veterinary Genetics Laboratory <i>(ucdavis.edu)</i> Shop for Breed Specific Cat DNA Tests - Full Breed Profile <i>(orivet.com)</i>	Hypertrophic Cardiomyopathy - Maine Coon, (<i>All</i>) Polycystic Kidney Disease, (<i>All</i>) Pyruvate Kinase Deficiency (Feline), (<i>All</i>) Spinal Muscular Atrophy (<i>All</i>) Progressive retinal atrophy (Abyssinian) (<i>UC Davis only</i>)
NEBELUNG	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No disease test is listed at any lab for the Nebelung, but as this breed is regularly outcrossed with Russian cats, it is recommended that the Nebelung is tested for any disease relevant to the Russian breed



NORWEGIAN FOREST CAT

- genetic-diseases-by-breed.pdf (langfordvets.co.uk)
- Find Tests | Veterinary Genetics Laboratory (ucdavis.edu)
- Shop for Breed Specific Cat DNA Tests - Full Breed Profile (orivet.com)

- Hypertrophic Cardiomyopathy – Ragdoll, (*Orivet only*)
- Polycystic Kidney Disease, (*Orivet only*)
- Pyruvate Kinase Deficiency (*Feline*) (*All*)
- Glycogen Storage Disease Type IV (*UC Davis, Langford*)

PERSIAN

- genetic-diseases-by-breed.pdf (langfordvets.co.uk)
- Find Tests | Veterinary Genetics Laboratory (ucdavis.edu)
- Shop for Breed Specific Cat DNA Tests - Full Breed Profile (orivet.com)

- Polycystic Kidney Disease (*All*)
- Persian Progressive Retinal Atrophy (*UC Davis, Langford*)
- Niemann-Pick Disease – Sphingomyelinosis (*Orivet only*)

RAGDOLL

- genetic-diseases-by-breed.pdf (langfordvets.co.uk)
- Find Tests | Veterinary Genetics Laboratory (ucdavis.edu)
- Shop for Breed Specific Cat DNA Tests - Full Breed Profile (orivet.com)

- Hypertrophic Cardiomyopathy – Ragdoll, (*All*)
- Polycystic Kidney Disease (*All*)
- Mucopolysaccharidosis Type VI (*UC Davis only*)
- Progressive retinal atrophy (*Abyssinian*) (*UC Davis only*)

SIBERIAN

- genetic-diseases-by-breed.pdf (langfordvets.co.uk)
- Find Tests | Veterinary Genetics Laboratory (ucdavis.edu)
- Shop for Breed Specific Cat DNA Tests - Full Breed Profile (orivet.com)

- Polycystic Kidney Disease, (*All*)
- Pyruvate Kinase Deficiency (*Feline*) (*All*)



NEVA MASQUERADE <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Shop for Breed Specific Cat DNA Tests - Full Breed Profile (<i>orivet.com</i>) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Polycystic Kidney Disease (<i>Orivet only</i>) <p>NOTE: as Neva Masquerade cats are freely interbred with Siberian cats, it is recommended to test for all diseases relevant to the Siberian breed</p>
TURKISH ANGORA <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Shop for Breed Specific Cat DNA Tests - Full Breed Profile (<i>orivet.com</i>) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Polycystic Kidney Disease (<i>Orivet only</i>)
TURKISH VAN <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Shop for Breed Specific Cat DNA Tests - Full Breed Profile (<i>orivet.com</i>) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Polycystic Kidney Disease (<i>Orivet only</i>)

FELINE POLYCYSTIC KIDNEY DISEASE (PKD1) is a heritable form of polycystic kidney disease commonly seen in Persians and cats with Persian ancestry. Affected cats develop cysts on their kidneys, which often leads to renal failure at a later stage.

MUCOPOLYSACCHARIDOSIS VI is an inherited lysosomal storage disease that has mild and severe forms. Signs may include retarded growth, wide faces with shortened noses, reduced flexibility, and degenerative joint disease.

PROGRESSIVE RETINAL ATROPHY (PRA-pd) (Persian) A recessive, inherited form of progressive retinal atrophy in Persian cats leads to retinal thinning and eventual blindness.

HYPERTROPHIC CARDIOMYOPATHY (HCM) in Maine Coons Cats affected by hypertrophic cardiomyopathy are at risk of sudden cardiac death. In Maine Coons, a breed-specific mutation has been found to be associated with increased risk for HCM.

ERYTHROCYTE PYRUVATE KINASE DEFICIENCY (PK deficiency) is an inherited haemolytic anaemia caused by insufficient activity of its namesake regulatory enzyme.

Written By Peta Sperduty:

who is slave to 3 gorgeous Norwegians & 1 cheeky Siamese. She is also a qualified Veterinary Nurse and All Breeds Judge.



The benefits of DNA testing

- ✓ Ensures your responsibility as a breeder in maintaining the best standards when it comes to the health of your animals
- ✓ Allows you to screen for relevant diseases – assess genetic status (clear or carrier or affected)
- ✓ Screens for desirable traits such as coat colours & hair length
- ✓ A DNA profile (fingerprint) allows you to verify any stud service, multiple sires and confirm pedigrees
- ✓ Focusing your testing on your breeding stock will allow you to predict outcomes for future litters

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For NSW BREEDERS: update information

Updates to the registration process

From 1 July 2024, the Office of Local Government implemented clause 14 a) and b) of the Companion Animals Regulation 2018 wherein:

a companion animal is required to be registered—

- (a) from the time the animal is 12 weeks old, or
- (b) when the animal is first sold (*even if it is less than 12 weeks old*).

What does this means for breeders?

Payment of the standard registration fee is required from the time the animal is 12 weeks old, or the date on which ownership of the animal is transferred to a new owner, whichever happens first. Until payment is made, a pet is not registered.

Breeders must pay the registration fee for any pets still in their name from 12 weeks of age.

Interstate and overseas transfers

When an animal is being transferred interstate or overseas, the new owner is responsible for following the laws and regulations of the home state where the animal will be kept.

If a pet is kept in NSW, and is over 12 weeks of age, the breeder must pay the registration fee.

Pets do not have to be desexed by 12 weeks

With the rollout of the new NSW Digital Pet Registry, only the standard registration fee is payable by 12 weeks, *regardless of the pet's desexed status*. This applies to registrations paid via the NSW Digital Pet Registry, or when fees are paid at council.

Owners of non-desexed cats over 4 months of age must pay an annual permit. Owners of non-desexed dogs over 6 months of age must pay a once-only additional fee.

When to provide recognised breeding animal proof to council

Breeders must still pay the standard registration fee for your recognised breeding animal at 12 weeks. You will then need to give your local council documentation they are a recognised breeding animal before they turn 4 months (cats) or 6 months of age (dogs) to avoid paying additional fees.

Recognised breeders are not eligible for concession rates - animals must be registered: at the full standard rate.



Pet Registry



Why make changes to the NSW Pet Registry?

The new NSW Digital Pet Registry is a key part of the NSW Government's work to strengthen animal welfare standards and promote responsible pet ownership.

The introduction of instant transfer when using the NSW Digital Pet Registry will reduce the number of unclaimed pets on the registry leading to greater data accuracy and better chances of lost pets being reunited with their owners.

How the NSW Digital Pet Registry supports responsible breeders

The NSW Pet Registry acts as your personal pet assistant with features to:

- invite new owners to the NSW Digital Pet Registry
- instantly transfer of ownership in NSW, interstate and overseas.
- pre-enter litters details and send directly to your vet for microchipping
- receive instant notifications and view a dynamic timeline

The release of Link My Pet in early 2025 will make it easier than ever to join the digital Pet Registry.

Find out more about using the NSW Digital Pet Registry as a breeder at:

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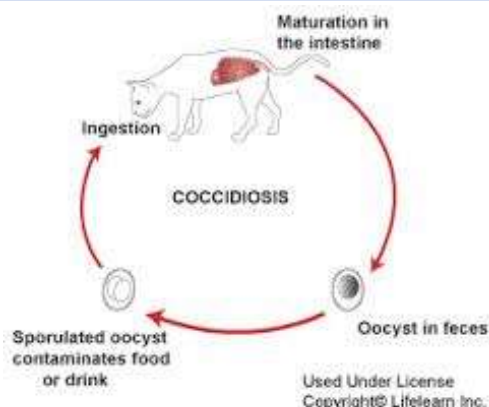
COCCIDIOSIS in Kittens

WHAT IS COCCIDIOSIS?

Coccidiosis is an intestinal tract infection caused by coccidia. Although coccidia live in the intestines, they are not worms. Rather, they are protozoan (*single-celled*) parasites.

The two most common species of coccidia found in cats are *Isospora felis* and *Isospora rivolta*. They are host-specific, meaning a cat can only transmit an infection to another cat and not to another animal, including humans.

Coccidiosis can be serious or even life-threatening in kittens due to their underdeveloped immune system, health status, concurrent illness and parasite load.



UNDERSTANDING THE LIFE CYCLE OF COCCIDIA

Coccidia produce *noninfective oocysts* that pass through the intestines of an infected kitten and are excreted in the feces. These oocysts sporulate and become infective in the environment. Sporulation usually occurs in 7-10 days, but may occur as quickly as 6 hours in warm, moist and oxygenated conditions.

Therefore, it is critical to remove feces as quickly as possible so the oocysts in the feces do not become infective and contaminate the kitten's environment, reinfect the kitten or infect another kitten.

HOW DO KITTENS GET COCCIDIOSIS?

Kittens get coccidiosis by swallowing infective oocysts from:

- ◆ The environment, including the litter box; the oocysts can be carried on their paws and fur and then be ingested while grooming.
- ◆ The feces of queens or other kittens and cats who are asymptomatic carriers.
- ◆ Contaminated soil that they ingest.
- ◆ Prey they hunt, such as mice and rats, which are known as transport hosts because they carry certain life stages of coccidia acquired by eating infected feces.

WHAT ARE THE SYMPTOMS OF COCCIDIOSIS IN KITTENS?

Symptoms of coccidiosis may include:

- ◆ Watery, yellow, foul-smelling diarrhea (*may be mucoid or contain blood*).
- ◆ Weight loss.
- ◆ Dehydration.
- ◆ Lethargy.
- ◆ Abdominal pain.
- ◆ Crying when defecating.
- ◆ Vomiting.
- ◆ Anorexia.

Symptoms appear 3 to 11 days after ingestion of infected oocysts, but usually occur during weaning stress. Other stressful events, such as changes in environment, including awaiting adoption in an animal shelter, entering a foster home or even being adopted, may worsen symptoms.



HOW IS COCCIDIOSIS DIAGNOSED IN KITTENS?

A kitten's history and symptoms, a fecal exam and exclusion of other possible causes will help diagnose coccidiosis. A standard fecal flotation test and microscopic exam may not detect oocysts due to the:



- ◆ Small numbers of oocysts present per fecal sample.
- ◆ Experience of the individual reading the fecal sample via microscopic exam.
- ◆ Age of fecal sample (*sample must be fresh*).
- ◆ Oocysts not being shed in feces daily.

Because false positives are possible with fecal flotations, a polymerase chain reaction (PCR) test may be required to confirm coccidiosis. The PCR test detects genetic material of coccidia and is available through reference laboratories.

WHAT IS THE TREATMENT OF COCCIDIOSIS IN KITTENS?

Sulfadimethoxine, an antibiotic commonly known by the brand name Albon®, is the only FDA-approved treatment for coccidiosis in the United States. Albon® does not kill the oocysts, but inhibits their reproduction in the intestinal tract with the hope that the kitten's immune system can then better fight off the infection. Albon Oral Suspension is given to kittens for 5-21 days depending on the response; treatment may take as long as a month to be effective.

Ponazuril (Marquis Paste), an antiprotozoal drug, is given orally to horses to treat coccidiosis. Although not FDA-approved for treating coccidiosis in kittens in the United States, Ponazuril is widely used by animal shelters and rescue organizations for kittens as young as 2 weeks of age. The drug kills the parasite, leading to a faster response and shorter course of treatment.

Ponazuril must be diluted before it can be given orally to kittens and is usually given for 3-5 days based on the severity of symptoms. The medication is repeated at 7-14 days; retreating is based on symptoms and fecal exams. Missed doses may make the treatment ineffective, and the entire course may require repeating. Some US-based pharmacies offer compounded, flavored versions of Ponazuril for treatment of coccidiosis in kittens.

In addition to treating coccidiosis directly, supportive care is indicated for kittens with coccidiosis. This includes probiotics, oral fluids, electrolytes and a diet that contains highly digestible proteins, fat and carbohydrates and is low in fiber which all lead to decreased fecal bulk. Anti-nausea medication and fluid therapy may be indicated to alleviate anorexia, vomiting and dehydration. Hospitalization and intravenous fluids may even be required for severely ill kittens.

In order to prevent reinfection, it is essential to clean and disinfect litter boxes, scoops and the environment (*cage, foster room, etc.*) while kittens are undergoing treatment for coccidiosis.



HOW IS COCCIDIOSIS PREVENTED IN KITTENS?

Infective oocysts are resistant to most disinfectants and can be very difficult to remove once present in the environment. Therefore, preventative measures are key to reducing infection, especially in places housing lots of kittens in close proximity, such as animal shelters, foster homes and catteries.

Recommended actions to prevent coccidiosis in kittens in animal shelters include:

- ◆ Housing litters separately.
- ◆ Wearing gloves when handling kittens and changing gloves between litters.
- ◆ Removing feces right away and wiping down the contaminated environment daily.
- ◆ Using a detergent and disinfectant, such as accelerated hydrogen peroxide (e.g. *Rescue™*); a 1:16 dilution with a 5-minute contact time or 1:32 dilution with a 10-minute contact time is recommended for deep cleaning between animals.
- ◆ Allowing cages to air dry if possible.
- ◆ Cleaning all bowls daily; avoiding fecal contamination in water.
- ◆ Deworming all kittens prophylactically on intake with Ponazuril and repeating at 7-14 days if the kitten is still in the shelter; if symptoms of coccidia are present, a more aggressive deworming protocol should be done on an individual basis.
- ◆ Placing kittens in foster homes to decrease stress, which may improve their ability to fight infection.

To help prevent coccidiosis in personal kittens:

- ◆ Isolate any new kittens for at least two weeks.
- ◆ Bring a fecal sample of any new kitten to the veterinarian and retest samples yearly for adults.
- ◆ Take kittens, especially those with diarrhoea, to the veterinarian for diagnostics and treatment.
- ◆ Quarantine any sick kittens or cats, especially if they have diarrhoea.
- ◆ Do not feed raw meat.
- ◆ Control pests like mice and rats that can carry coccidia, and do not let kittens hunt and catch prey.
- ◆ Keep kittens indoors.

Kittens whose environments are properly managed and who are appropriately treated and supported typically make a full recovery from coccidiosis.

Resources for Animal Shelters and Rescue Organizations

What Are the Best Treatment Options for Coccidiosis in a Shelter Setting?

(UC Davis Koret School of Veterinary Medicine Program)

Disinfection and Prevention of Coccidia and Giardia in Shelter Kittens

(UC Davis Koret School of Veterinary Medicine Program)



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News from the: ACF JUDGES' GUILD



Request for assistance: June 2024 SYDNEY UNIVERSITY

Project: UNRAVELLING GENETIC SUSCEPTIBILITY TO FIP

RESEARCHERS:

Professor Jacqui Norris has been involved in the diagnostic of Feline Infectious Peritonitis (FIP) side for 24 years.

Dr Sally Coggins and **Dr Richard Malik** have focused on treating FIP for the past 4-5 years.

Sally has just finished her PhD and hopefully will be taking up a Postdoctoral researcher position at the Sydney School of Veterinary Science in November 2024.

Dr Kate Worthing is Senior Lecturer in Veterinary Microbiology with broad interests in infectious diseases of cats

BACKGROUND:

Professor Niels Pedersen and colleagues showed some time ago that the heritability to SUSCEPTIBILITY to get FIP is about 50%. This means that if you exert selection pressure by looking for sires and queens that produce FIP kittens and desexing them, you will decrease the prevalence of the disease.

Now that we can cure most cats with FIP, we strongly advise people not to breed from cats that survived FIP. Over time, this will result in a pedigree cat population which is increasingly resistant to the development of FIP.

PROJECT:

We hope to find more specific gene targets that will allow us to tell, through DNA testing using PCR, if a given cat is at risk of producing affected kittens.

We are especially interested in hearing about scenarios where two or more individuals in a litter develop FIP. We then want to do whole genome sequencing on the DNA of the FIP-affected cats, normal littermates, and ideally, both queen and stud.

If we can do this half a dozen times, we should be in a good position to find the KEY genes involved in susceptibility to FIP, although likely every breed will have a few key genetic loci which are important in this regard, so the more samples we obtain, the better the chance of making progress with this line of research.

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While it is EASY to get DNA from a 3ml blood sample (*collected in an EDTA tube*) from a kitten with FIP – it's much harder to get a set of samples from the affected kitten, plus any other affected kitten(s), other non-affected kittens, plus mum cat and the stud cat, but that's what we want to do.

CONTACT:

If you can help with suitable kittens and cats – FABULOUS.

Please contact Dr Richard Malik: richard.malik@sydney.edu.au

Depending on where you are, we might be able to come and collect the samples ourselves. But if you are interstate, we are happy to work with any vets who serves the cat breeder.

It is vital we record the microchip number and obtain the pedigree from all cats, as this type of research is a statistical/mathematical type of analysis, and misidentification of even a single cat, stuffs up the genetic analyses.

We would also be interested in obtaining any left-over blood specimens from cats that have had a definitive diagnosis of FIP. Although single DNA specimens extracted from such blood samples are less powerful than the clusters of closely related cats, they still count, although we would use a different approach – called a genome wide association scan, and we would be doing that for the breeds in which FIP is most common, such as British Shorthairs, Devon Rex cats, Ragdolls, etc.

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CONSTIPATION IN KITTENS

Understanding the Causes and Treatment for Constipation in Kittens

Constipation is defined as the infrequent, incomplete or difficult defecation with passage of small, hard or dry feces. It is important to address constipation immediately in order to avoid complications. Depending on the age of the kitten, constipation will require a slightly different approach.

CONSTIPATION IN NEONATAL KITTENS

Neonatal kittens must be stimulated to urinate and defecate either by the queen or caregiver until they are at least 3 weeks of age. Although urination occurs at each stimulation, a kitten typically defecates only once every 12-24 hours. An orphan kitten caregiver must mimic the queen when stimulating kittens for elimination.



STIMULATING NEONATAL KITTENS TO ELIMINATE

Each kitten is an individual and will respond differently to stimulation techniques, the most common being the use of a wet or dry tissue, cotton ball or cloth to gently pat/rub the perianal area in a circular motion. Stimulation should continue until the bladder and colon are both empty.

Important note: it is a best practice to stimulate for urination and defecation prior to feeding to prevent abdominal discomfort; some kittens will require stimulation again after feeding. For kittens who are difficult to stimulate, the addition of running warm water on to the perianal area during stimulation can be useful.

COMMON SYMPTOMS AND CAUSES OF CONSTIPATION IN NEONATAL KITTENS

The most common symptom of constipation in orphan neonatal kittens is infrequent or complete lack of defecation. Constipated kittens may appear bloated and firm feces are typically palpable in the abdomen. This can be due to a variety of reasons, including improper stimulation technique, improper diet or diet intolerance.

When kittens are with the queen, she will ingest all fecal material, making it more difficult to evaluate a kitten for constipation. It is much less likely that kittens nursing a queen will develop constipation, but these kittens should be evaluated daily. A bloated abdomen will be the first indication that a kitten is potentially constipated.

AT-HOME TREATMENTS FOR CONSTIPATION IN NEONATAL KITTENS

Although specific treatments are dependent on the cause of the constipation, there are a few things that caregivers can do immediately prior to seeking veterinary care.

When constipation is observed, **the first step** is to evaluate and potentially modify the stimulation technique. A technique known as *The Triangle Method* has been demonstrated to be extremely effective in kittens who do not respond well to other techniques.



The second treatment is to increase oral fluid intake, either by diluting the kitten milk replacer in a 1:3-1:4 ratio instead of the typical 1:2 ratio for a few feedings, or to start oral fluid supplementation separate from and in addition to feedings of kitten milk replacer. The increased water intake will allow the feces to soften and aide in the kitten's ability to eliminate.



The third treatment is MiraLAX®, an over-the-counter laxative that is extremely safe for use in kittens. In order to prevent kittens from forming food aversion due to an added substance in the formula, it is best to administer MiraLAX® separately from the kitten milk replacer. In addition, due to the small size of neonatal kittens, it is best to dilute a dose of MiraLAX® (17 gram packet of powder) in 8 ounces of water and give incrementally larger amounts per feeding, starting with 0.1 mL/feeding and increasing by 0.1 mL/per subsequent feedings up to 1.0 mL. Although mineral oil and fiber supplements such as pumpkin are often recommended online and are not toxic to kittens, MiraLAX® is considered the safest option by the veterinary medical community.

CONSTIPATION IN WEANED KITTENS

Weaned kittens should have a bowel movement in the litter box at least once every 24 hours. Weaned kittens may become constipated, and it is important for caregivers to monitor each kitten closely, checking weights and overall body condition daily.

COMMON SYMPTOMS & CAUSES OF CONSTIPATION IN WEANED KITTENS

The most common symptoms of constipation in weaned kittens are infrequent defecation, defecation of small, firm or hard feces in the litter box or complete lack of defecation. Constipated weaned kittens may appear bloated and firm feces may be palpable in the colon. Kittens may vocalize while in the litter box or begin to have accidents outside the litter box. A kitten who is constipated may become lethargic, anorexic or even begin vomiting.

Constipation in weaned kittens can be due to a variety of reasons, including weaning/diet change, diet intolerance, parasites, dehydration, foreign material such as hair ties or pieces of toys causing GI obstruction, congenital defects or even trauma.

AT-HOMETREATMENTS FOR CONSTIPATION IN WEANED KITTENS

Although specific treatments are dependent on the cause of the constipation, there are a few things that a caregiver can do prior to seeking veterinary care. The first treatment is to increase oral fluid intake, either by supplementing an electrolyte solution orally, offering canned food, or adding water to the current canned food diet in order to create a gruel. MiraLAX® is also an option, either as a mixed solution as described above or directly on food. If adding directly to food, it is recommended to give 1/16th of a teaspoon every 12 hours. Proper exercise and play are also important to aide in the ability to defecate.



VETERINARY TREATMENT FOR CONSTIPATION IN WEANED KITTENS

If at-home treatment for constipation does not result in a bowel movement in 24-48 hours, than evaluation by a veterinarian is recommended. A full physical examination should be performed and further diagnostics, such as imaging (x-rays), rectal exam, fecal testing and blood work may be indicated to evaluate hydration status and organ function. Oral medications such as lactulose, a laxative, or cisapride, a prokinetic (a class of drugs that promote the passage of ingested material in the GI tract), may be prescribed, and, if indicated, enema administration may be initiated. If a kitten is severely dehydrated, hospitalization and fluid therapy may be indicated. It is important to begin deworming kittens for roundworms and hookworms at 2 weeks of age and to repeat deworming every 2 weeks in order to prevent parasites contributing to constipation.

Although constipation is a common occurrence in kittens, it is most often mild, and, with vigilance and early intervention, a caregiver can easily provide at-home treatment and prevent further complications or even veterinary visits.

Resource for the:

'The Triangle Method' watch

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=lqd_cZTM9pl

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Date of show:

Organisation:



Sunday 16th February

Cats NSW Inc.



Saturday 8th March

Cool Country Cat Club



Saturday 5th April

Himalayan & Ku-Ring-Gai Cat Club



Friday 18th March
(Good Friday)

Cats NSW Inc.
the Sydney Royal Easter Show



Saturday 26th & Sunday 27th April

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Saturday 10th May

Cats NSW Inc.



Saturday 24th May

Hunter Region Cat Club



Sunday 29th June

Western Districts Cat Society



Saturday 19th & Sunday 20th July

CCCA NATIONAL CAT SHOW *(NSW CFA)*



Sunday 27th July

Tamworth and District Cat Society



Saturday 30st August

Borderline Cat Club



Sunday 14th September

The Siamese Cat Society *(All Breeds)*



Saturday 11th October

Cats NSW Inc.



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Saturday 22rd November

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(Cat of the Year awards)

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2024 4 Ring Championship Cat Show & 21st Companion Exhibit Show

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R1 Marina Vinkel Fife (Estonia, Tallinn)



R2 Marteinn Tryggvason Tausen Fife (Iceland)



R3 Alan Raymond CFA (Thailand)



R4 Fiona Hawkins GCCFSA



The Western Districts Cat Society has a very prestigious history. The Club came into being when Ken and May Favell relocated to the Baulkham Hills/Castle Hill area in the early 1970's. Since 2006 the Club has concentrated its membership base in the Hawkesbury/Blacktown area.

The club's first Championship Show was held at the Harvey Lowe pavilion in the Castle Hill Showground where it remained for the next 15 years. In 1988 the show moved to the St Clair Recreation Centre before moving to the Rooty Hill Recreation Centre in 1998. Companion cats were included in the Show from 2000 together with Open style judging, and in 2003 the club hosted the first NSWCFCA State Championship Cat Show.

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For further information email: jaygee.jo@gmail.com



Above: **CHAINPONDS LET IT ROCK**
orange eye white exotic. Breeder &
Exhibitor: Rosemary Rogers.



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TAMWORTH & DISTRICT CAT CLUB



50th Championship Pedigree & Companion 4 Ring Cat Show Saturday 27th July, 2024



LEFT: RING 1 JUDGE: ANNE HARVEY, TFA



ABOVE & BELOW: RING 3 JUDGE: WENDY HAMILTON, CAT NSW

ABOVE RING 2 JUDGE: MARISA THISTLEWAITE, QFA



ABOVE: RING 4 JUDGE: PHILLIPA PERKINS, NSW CFA



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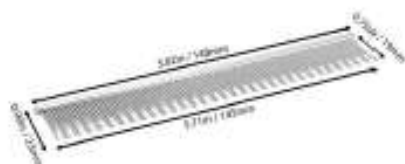
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Exhibit.



ACF Gold AoE Saph DGC **COOLCOONS SECRET BUSINESS** Black Classic Tabby Bicolour male Main
Coon. Breeder: Fiona Cooper & Mary Jo Bailey
Winning Supreme Exhibit in Ring 2. L Judge R 2
Wendy Hamilton, Cats NSW with Fiona Cooper.



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Awarding her Judges Choice to Tony Hurry breeder/owner
Seal Point Siamese spay:

ACF BZ AOE GOLD DGC KALINYA GISELLE



1st place

KALINYA YR AM

Lilac point female
Siamese owner:
Vanessa Garofano

Below:

BZ DB GR CH SHILOH ALOHA CHAI LAI

Seal point spay Siamese
Best seal point, & best desexed cat
owner: Stephen Bridgland



RH side:

SHILOH ALOHA HULALI

Seal point female Siamese
Best seal point & 7th best Siamese
owner: Joanne Nash



TAMJANA MISS VIOLET

Chocolate point female
kitten Best kitten & 3rd
best Siamese
breeder/owner: Sharon
Black

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PAST PRESIDENT & JUDGE

Note: **RHONDDA WATSON** is a past President of the Siamese Cat Club of NSW & the Siamese & Shorthair Cat Club both for many years plus an Emeritus (*retired*) Judge with NSW CFA. She bred Siamese for many years under the 'Sucheng' prefix.

written by: Sandra Sweetman & Rhondda Watson

Rhondda Watson has spent most of her life in the Cat Fancy. She was a Breeder and All Breeds Judge for many years judging both locally, interstate and with many International judging assignments. She judged many times in New Zealand and still has many friends there.

She served on the Siamese Cat Society Committee and was their President for many years plus she was also the President of the Siamese and Shorthair Cat Club.

Rhondda started breeding Siamese cats while she was working as a nurse at the Royal North Shore Hospital quite by accident.

She purchased two Siamese seal point kittens from a lady, without restrictions who was returning home to America with the intention of having them desexed and keeping them as pets for her children way back in the 1970's.

A friend of hers and a Cat Judge, Una Meany told her that to desex them would be doing the cat world an '*injustice*' and encouraged Rhondda to keep them entire. She kept Montara Nicolas as entire and desexed the other one. Una then encouraged Rhondda to take them to shows so she did and she achieved incredible success with them both. Nicholas at one of his first shows won Best Kitten in Show.

Rhondda then purchased a female kitten for him and that's what started her breeding '*pure*' Siamese cats. Rhondda only ever bred Seal point Siamese under the '*Sucheng*' prefix although the occasional blue did crop up. The blue seemed to be in the seal's genes until she successfully bred this out.



Later on, Rhondda went on to breed Abyssinians. She stopped breeding as she was busy with many judging assignments and was therefore away from home a great deal. Sadly in 2012 her husband who was suffering from cancer passed away.

Rhondda loves to catch up with anyone in the Cat Fancy and talk about '*cats*' and the Cat World. These days she has a pet Abyssinian cat whom she loves dearly.

Rhondda was a very popular Judge and many of her cats are at the back of our modern-day Siamese bloodlines. She made an enormous contribution to the Cat World and also to the Siamese Cat Society.

Photos: LH side: Rhondda Watson with one of her cats at the Siamese and Shorthaired Cat Club March, 2014 & top RH side: Sept, 2023 holding Chocolate Smoke Oriental kitten: Bajimbi Déjà Vu Aurelie.



UPCOMING NEWS for next issue



If you would like to contribute an article, story, photo of your kitten/cats/litters etc or if you have any suggestions for future articles for 'Cat Chat' magazine please contact the Editor: Sandra Sweetman email:

catchatmagazine@gmail.com

Note: updated email address

Our next issue will be out next year: March 2025 and along with all the regular features and stories we will feature:

our breed focus: Group 3: **BURMESE** cats

Litter from: **Ramaal** Cattery. Stud is Ramaal nd So It Begins out of Ramaal Sharni Mist



Included in our March 2025 issue:

- ◆ Amyloidosis in Cats along with our new DNA & Genetic Diseases segment: Peta Sperduty
- ◆ Can Cats sleep too much
- ◆ Cat of the Year 2024 (COTY) line up
- ◆ Entry details of our 2025 Young Artists Art competition
- ◆ Rescue kitten: Foster Carers for the Cat Protection Society

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Terri Guillemets



Note: Charlotte is with her cat a chocolate point female Siamese Astraxalotte Kilani Wulf who also sadly passed away with cancer.



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Please state the name of the Cats NSW members who is your friend if you aren't a member:	

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_____ and attest that all information contained in this form is true and correct and consent to their entry into this competition.

Signature of Parent/Guardian: _____ Date: _____

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