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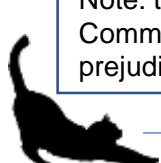
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Cat of the Year (COTY) results

**Right: Group 1 overall winner:
ROYALGLAMOUR CLOUD NYNE**

Owners: Tony & Jeanine Brown
Persian desexed blue bi-colour
(183 points)



**Above: Group 2 & overall COTY
winner:**

AYUDHA PAINT IT BLACK

Owner: Shara McKay
Oriental entire black (216 points)



Above: Group 3 overall winner:

BAHATI WHEN DOVES CRY

Owner: Shara McKay
Burmilla desexed brown silver shaded
(185 points)



**Left: Companion desexed
overall winner:**

JONESEY

Owner: Peter & Christine Gunczy
Red mackerel; tabby & white
(51 points)



Winner of the Junior Handler



Winner of JUNIOR HANDLER for 2022: William McKay

Cats NSW encourages and supports young Junior Exhibitors with the 'Junior Handler of the Year' COTY award.

This award encourages children to learn aspects of breeding, showing, judging and what is involved with ownership of a cat with the outcome that these younger members will be retained in the Cat Fancy ensuring its future.

There are two child age categories: 12 years and under and 13 to 17 years old and any Cats NSW members children are eligible to enter the Junior Handler COTY award and they should be responsible for all aspects of the cat including: feeding, grooming and the presentation for the show ring. The cat itself is not judged just the Junior Handler.

It is preferred that the cat is owned by the Junior Handler but if it is co-owned by an adult then they should reside in the same house together with the Junior Handler being the primarily care person for the cat.

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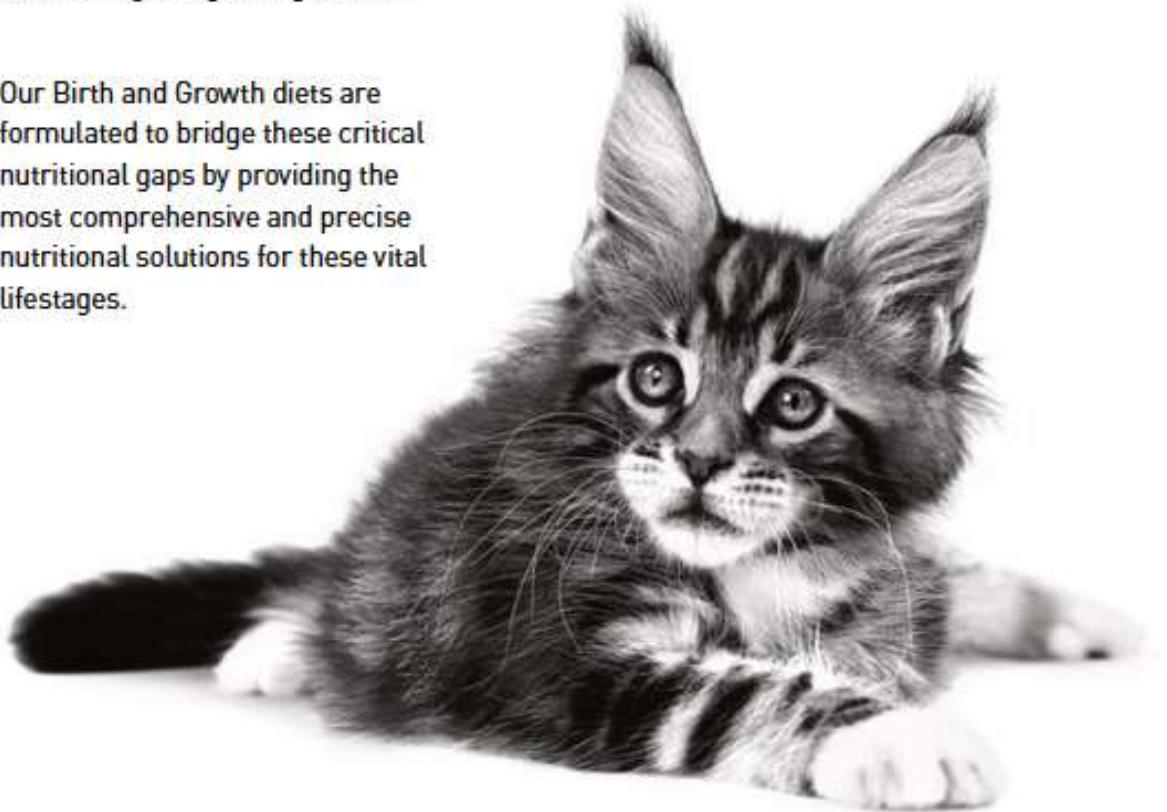


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When your loved one passes away...

We all love our cats but sadly one day, they will pass away. Grief and loss are emotions that can convey that the depth of our love for our loved one is seen by the complexity of our grief at the time of their death. The relationship that we have between our pets provides us so much joy and love at the time but unfortunately their lives are so much shorter than ours and it can be heart breaking to say that final 'goodbye'. It's harder still if you have to make that decision at the Vet's when your cat's life declines. The death of any animal can be devastating.

With the loss of any pet it can be difficult. A disenfranchised grief can occur when the person grieving can feel unsupported by family, friends and society as their grief can be unacknowledged and even regarded as unworthy by someone who doesn't understand the love a person can have for a pet. It is a 'hidden' grief or sorrow that often is not acknowledged or validated or even understood. This disenfranchised grief can then become more complicated as it can become more difficult for the person grieving over the loss of their pet to share their feelings and pain with others.

Our response to the grief process can take three different courses:

- a normal grieving process and response,
- a more difficult and long-term (2 to 4 years) process of healing and readjustment
- a more delayed response when the grief itself is either denied or distorted.

Grief is a journey over time where we find healing. It is a process that we all need to go through throughout our life that includes different stages such as: shock, denial, anger and bargaining, depression and finally acceptance: not necessarily all in this order.

Mourning itself has no timetable and its best to let grief unfold at your own pace and time remembering to take care of yourself and your emotional needs. Surround yourself with family and friends who understand how heartbreaking it is to lose a much loved pet. Others who have walked this pathway will understand what it is that you are going through and experiencing.

It's important that if you have other cats and even kids to try to keep to the usual routines as they can easily pick up on the grief and stress you are currently experiencing.

Some people find that a memento, a reminder of their pet's life helps them cope with the hurt they are feeling. Perhaps you could take some photos during your pet's final days so you have something to remember them by.



Another idea is to honour their memory by displaying their photo or collar, or imprint of their paw. Paw prints can be very meaningful. You could even collect photos of them and their life and make a montage (*a picture made of an assembly of various pictures to make a larger art work*) of them for display so you can remember all the good times and memories you shared. Some people have found that by writing down and expressing their feelings in a journal or even a poem or story helps.

Be kind and patient to yourself. Your pet and family would want that. Take comfort in all the happy memories you shared together and know that time helps to eventually soften the blow. Never be afraid to reach out and seek professional help and assistance.

While we all respond to the loss of a pet differently, the level of grief you experience will often depend on factors such as the age and personality of your pet when it passed away along with the circumstances of their death. Generally, the more significant your pet was to you, the closer you are to the animal, the more intense the emotional pain you'll feel.

Remember if the beloved pet passed away at the Vets and the Vet was recommending it, don't feel guilty. When animals become very sick or old the owner is faced with the incredibly hard decision of when to say goodbye. This can lead to feelings of guilt. You might think '*Did I make the right decision?*' or '*What if they had more time?*'

If these feelings come up for you, it can be helpful to shift your mindset to view euthanasia under these circumstances as an act of compassion. Remember that if your vet was recommending you say goodbye, your pet was most likely in a lot of pain, and it wasn't going to get better.

Remember that losing the unconditional love and friendship of a much loved pet is, and will be: very difficult. Pets love and comfort us and ease our hurt and pain in ways that a human just can't.

Hilary Stanton Zunin, *Author states:*

'The risk of love is loss, and the price of loss is grief but the pain of grief is only a shadow when compared with the pain of never risking love.'



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The article dedicated to our lilac kitten Arabella, who passed away far too young.
Author: Sandra Sweetman



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Profile on a Breed: THE ORIENTAL CAT

The **Oriental Shorthair** cat is an elegant breed of cat that comes in a beautiful *'rainbow'* mix of over 300 colour variations. You could say that they are a remake of the original *'black and white'* Siamese.

Oriental cats are very intelligent, athletic and they love human company. When you are sitting down, an Oriental will be generally on your lap, and at night they will be in bed with you, probably under the covers with their head on your pillow.

The breed was originally developed with Siamese as the foundation stock and then crossing them with other breeds. The original intent was to broaden the Siamese gene pool in Britain because so many breeding programs had been devastated during World War II. Crosses were made with Russian Blues, British Shorthairs, and Abyssinians along with domestic shorthairs which resulted in kittens without the darker pointed Siamese pattern. These were then bred back to Siamese.

Within a few generations, Breeders managed to produce cats that looked like Siamese but with a variety of colours and coat patterns along with the traditional pointed pattern of seal, blue, lilac and chocolate points.

When the cats were imported into the United States in the 1970s, crosses with American Shorthairs produced yet more colours and patterns. A longhaired variety was also developed.

The Oriental has a smooth, silky coat lying close to the body that should be well muscled and supple. They should have a *'triangular face'*, wide-set ears, and long legs with a good length of tail. Most Orientals have green eyes, white Orientals can have blue or odd coloured eyes and the pointed oriental cats have blue eyes

Today Orientals come in a vast array of colours and patterns, including various pointed varieties. Once you have owned one you will probably never again be without one again.



Photo shows: *'Carolann Coco Viola'*
a Cinnamon Silver Classic Tabby Oriental kitten.

Breeder: Carol Erceg (photographer Di Stokes, Jnr Vice President Cats NSW)



ORIENTALS on the move

Origins of the Oriental Breed in Australia and in Victoria

by: Geoff Beckett. All Breeds Judge FCCV

When looking at the original development of this breed we need to go back to the 1950/60's. Yes this was well before the modern Oriental hit the show benches.

There were attempts by breeders then to establish a self coloured cat of the Siamese type (*Himalayan and blue eyed and only came in Seal, Blue, Chocolate and Lilac*). I think it was quickly realised that the blue eye colour was not a viable option. To get the self colour (*all over colour*) of that type, a Siamese would have to be mated with a self coloured cat. A svelte domestic, Russian Blue or some self/whole colour candidate would be the sensible choice. Russian Blues were a rarity so probably not an option. I think the choice was a black domestic. Duly mated to a Siamese, self coloured only kittens were produced. Probably black.

Black was considered a bit too ordinary so the dilute Siamese colours were promptly considered. With judicious breeding of Chocolate and Lilac in the second cross, self coloured Chocolates were produced, probably with a portion of Himalayan (*Siamese*) then discarded.

The rules for development of new pedigreed variations in those days were much more restrictive and most Cat Societies demanded 'like-to-like' breeding for four generations before a cat could ever be considered fully pedigreed. This also happened with the development of the Red Point Siamese, evolving around this period. These rules made the development of new variations extremely difficult, the keeping of a large populations of 'experimental' cats necessary on very limited resources.

This would be almost impossible today with the many restrictive by-laws in force. Indeed, there were experimental registers giving generational status to various candidates (*eg 1st gen. 2nd gen. etc.*) from the larger Cat bodies, particularly, in RAS NSW and Victorian FCCV and Governing Council – GCCFV.

These hurdles were not for the faint hearted. But a few breeders persisted. Concentrating on the chocolate variation being distinctively different to the general cat population. The NSW Cat Club set up a register for the breeding of 'Chestnut Brown Foreigns' and kept and published a stud book. I did have a copy of which I have not seen for decades possibly buried in my lazy cat pedigree archive.

I seem to remember the 'Lindfield NSW prefix' famed for its Seal Point Siamese, which shocked me a little, considering its fierce 'pure Seal' reputation. And the 'Lyn Lodge' GCCFV – Wilson prefix on some of the entries. The show bench saw very few, if any, of these results.

Science and genetics played a much lesser role then. This period saw the advocacy of a determined breeder who loved a challenge in the person of Zoe Jermyn – Sarayan – prefix. Zoe did have a lot of cats. She mated several of her top winning Siamese, mostly Blue and Lilac Points to a domestic black and I think she had one of Lyn Lodge breeding.



She quickly scored a percentage of Brown and Lilac self coloured cats of very superior Siamese type. Zoe knew what she was doing. I saw many of these and was astonished at the type and colour she had achieved. However, she could not get them registered with FCCV without going back to 'like-to-like' for the prescribed generations. She had already achieved a state of excellence and would be only going backwards. (*And with many more mouths to feed*).

As with cat governing bodies everywhere, I think Zoe was offered a better competitive deal by the GCCFV who had come to a more enlightened registration position of these variants. She could get her chocolate and lilac selfs fully registered with four generations of Siamese/Self breeding combined. Science had won this one.

Zoe had also developed a Red Point Siamese strain from scratch and achieved 'Best Siamese Kitten' at the 1970 Royal Melbourne Show with Sarayan Red Neera (*first full register 4th generation for Zoe*). These were the days when Siamese were exhibited in the hundreds. I was there to see it and warmly congratulated her.

Around this time, Joan Williams of Aljoa Siamese and long-time Secretary of the 'Royal Sacred Siamese Cat Club' joined the advocates of the 'Self' cause and her powerful voice moved the FCCV into the acceptance of the integrated Siamese/Self crosses accepting both the self and Siamese siblings for full registration. No mean feat for the times.

The genetics worked and crisply and clearly defined all those variations. A number of 'other' breeds have not been able to be so clearly defined and this has caused great dilemmas in judging fraternities. Joan founded the 'Oriental Breeders Club' in the 1980's and was a powerful force for them and the 'Royal Sacred Siamese'.

One cannot leave the 'Oriental' breed without reference to the introduction of the fabulous tabbies. Their sponsorship came to the south by Gabriel Kauffman of Bluemead Siamese fame. Upon her arrival on the Victorian scene she had largely moved on from her Seal Point origins to several of the dilute and Tabby imports.

Namely: ♦ Misslefore Ambassador(UK) (*Blue Pt*),
♦ Supra Milord (UK) (*Lilac Pt.*) and ♦ Supra Erymanthos (UK) (*Tabby Pt.*)

At that stage we never really knew that Tabby Points needed to be designated by colour. Genetics is learned in increments. Tabby is a pattern not a colour and therefore can be a range of colours that we now know well.

Erymanthos was a seal tabby by today's standard. I suspect that he could have been a silver. His pedigree still showed his Tabby antecedent 'Dizzy Lizzy' and her tabby point Siamese son 'Faux Pas', these could possibly have been silver tabby's. Purely surmise on my part and beyond our scope in those days.



Photo: Cinnamon Oriental 'Malu Wildfire', bred by: Linda & Mark Roper.
Owned by Peta Sperduty



Erymanthos' pedigree featured the best in Siamese Seal Point breeding the UK had to offer at that time.. He was a very underutilised stud and I guess 'edgy' for the time and conservative breeders. I think his value was only recognised after he was gone, but through his few children and the famed twins Rashi Voldo carrier of blue and chocolate (*owner Margo Radovic of Kipling Siamese and Burmese*) and the big winner Rashi Silver San (*owner Pam Petrie of Araya Siamese and Orientals*) both bred by Coral Houghton of Rashi Siamese, various Siamese and Orientals dynasties were forged.

Jan Kelly of Kelberry Siamese and Orientals, NZ import Chocolate Oriental, Bukit Tonkah, was indeed a wonder: gorgeous type, a little dark in colour, wonderful eye colour. I judged him many times, I know. He was Cat of the Year on several occasions. His pedigree featuring the UK Solitaire Oriental line emerging as stars in the UK.

Again one cannot ignore the fabulous contribution of the Chocolate Tabby Point UK import '*Tigerlily Troubador*' imported by Pat Rankin. He helped revolutionise Siamese and Orientals with startling type, particularly ears, and lovely colour. Put to Pat's Lilac Oriental of Zoe Jermyn's Sarayan breeding and her Kinaren daughters he produced staggering type kittens. My Kinaren Silver Lance neuter Oriental Lilac being one of them.

The Rama's of Jenny Luyton produced many top draw exhibits both in Siamese and Orientals of most colours. Based mainly on the lines of the seal point Maclae Gold Coast Hilton(Q) many terrific exhibits were produced and widely spread helping many breeders improve their stock across Australia. Rama were also world famous for Carriage Horses, Terriers and Dobermans and winning poultry.

Margaret Osler with her Syrecks Siamese and Orientals have produced so many stars over many decades and is still active today. Her close association with Joan Williams and her own acumen has made her a leading light in Group 2 breeding. Using many of the great bloodlines and some reliance on her imports from Hungary the '*Okonor*' boys some further fabulous cats have been produced. Margaret's interests of late have included the '*and White*' introduction to the Orientals of which I have little knowledge. It is for others to tell that story. Margaret are you listening!!

I have written this article mainly from memory and reminisces, which may wander over the years.

I fully welcome corrections, alterations and additions. I encourage others to add to this story so that a more comprehensive picture of this beautiful breed's origins can be understood and appreciated.

Obviously this is written with a strong Victorian perspective and a NSW one needs to be added by someone close to the action there.

Regards to you all, Geoff Beckett. All Breeds Judge FCCV. Group 2 since 1974.
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Interview with an Oriental Cat Breeder

Kate Carter: FIRESTORM CATTERY

Although Kate Carter is fairly new to breeding, she commenced her Oriental breeding program: prefix '*Firestorm*' in 2015. Kate attributes her success to having two lovely Mentors:

◆ **Caroline Harrison '*Calian*'** and ◆ **Shara McKay '*Ayudha*'**.



Kate commenced showing with a neuter Oriental, bred by Sheryl Hay '*Tiffyam Mikhail*' and then continued with another neuter bred by Janet Howard-Smith '*Sayuri Batman*' a beautiful bi colour.

After a couple of years Kate purchased her first breeding cat: a chocolate spotted tabby '*Sinopea Miss Pippin*'.



Her stud cat, '*Firestorm Chinook*' won Best in Group 2 at the ACF National Cat Show in South Australia in June 2018. His son, '*Firestorm Cheveyo*' came out with two Best Group 2 Kittens at the Tamworth Cat Show in July last year.

Another cat, '*Firestorm Ignatius*', owned by Jen Bowers, won best desexed cat in all the rings at the 2021 Sydney Royal Easter Show along with outright best tabby point. Kate, herself won best tabby point the previous two years with '*Firestorm Chinook*'. Another cat she bred: '*Firestorm Chante Peta*' was Supreme Exhibit at the Cool Country Cat Club 2019.



Photos above LH side show: Kate Carter at the Royal winning the Best Tabby Point trophy. RH side show top: '*Sinopea Miss Pippin*' LH side of this photo '*Firestorm Idris*' her daughter and bottom RH side is '*Firestorm Ignatius*' at the Sydney Royal..



Kate Carter 'Firestorm' resides in Springridge, a one hour drive from Tamworth near Gunnedah on a 150 acre property. She is a small boutique Cat Breeder striving to achieve good healthy kittens with loving personalities



Photos top right, and above LH side 'Firestorm Chante Peta'. Bottom RH side 'Firestorm Idris.'



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Keep your cat cool this summer



In the wake of a mild winter, predictions are for a scorcher of a summer in Southern Australia, and our cats will need to manage the sometimes fierce bursts of high temperatures that are typical of Australian summers. Here are some things to think about.

Water

Add a few extra water bowls around the house to make sure that kitty always has one close by. Refresh them frequently with cool water. Take extra care to keep older cats well hydrated as their kidneys may have become less effective. Try adding a few ice cubes to a water bowl for a treat.

Grooming

Keep on top of grooming as cats shed their winter coats. Some breeds will benefit from clipping so check with your vet. Also, check with your cat. Some individuals will dislike being clipped to the point of becoming badly distressed. Attempting a small clip of somewhere like their tummy will let you know.



Provide somewhere cool and shady

Cats with an outdoor run will need somewhere cool and out of the sun to spend the hottest hours of the day. Allow for the movement of the sun as different areas become more or less shady. If it's a very hot day it might be better for them to stay in the house. If you do, make sure there is adequate ventilation. Some thoughtful owners leave on the aircon! A box fan set to low is a more economical solution that a cat might enjoy.

Watch out for sunburn

Cats can get sunburn like us. Breeds with pale ears and pink noses are especially prone. Repeated exposure can lead to the development of cancers. If your cat likes to lay in the sun, there are cat-specific sunblocks to apply. Don't be tempted to use human sun blocks – they are unsuitable and may even be toxic to your cat.

Prevent parasites

Parasites and the insects that carry them (such as mosquitoes) become more active and numerous especially in the Southern states during summer. Keep up the preventives for fleas, ticks and heartworm.

Keep vaccinations up to date

Many of us like to take holidays during the summer months. When boarding your cat, remember that individual catteries may have different vaccination requirements so plan in advance.

Watch out for heat stress

When it is especially hot, watch out for signs of distress in your cat. Cats affected by heat stress appear distressed and restless. They may vomit. They may drool excess amounts of saliva from their nose and or mouth or become unsteady on their feet and collapse. If this happens, remove the cat from the hot environment immediately. Apply or spray a little cool (not cold) water and fan them gently to assist cooling. Take your cat to your vet who will have a range of treatments to address the immediate and longer-term effects of heatstroke.

So... enjoy your summer and, with these few considerations, your cat will enjoy it with you.

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GUT HEALTH: from EAC Animal Care

Gut inflammation management: The new paradigm in companion animal well-being

Gut health is a trendy topic for animal nutrition and veterinary research because of its critical role in maintaining animal health and vitality. It is now generally conceded that optimising ‘gut health’ is far more complicated than simply the modulation of the gut microbiota via probiotics or prebiotics.

The gut harbours more than 640 different species of bacteria, contains over 20 different hormones, digests and absorbs a vast majority of nutrients, and accounts for 70 per cent of immunity and 20 per cent of body energy expenditure.

It is essential to first understand what defines gut health before attempting to set targets for potential improvement. The key characteristics are ecology of microbiota, regulated flora secondary metabolism, especially short-chain fatty acid yield, integrated mucosal barrier and balanced inflammatory response. Recent research proves that inflammatory status can shape the commensal microflora ecosystem, development of gastrointestinal tract (GIT) architecture and further induce the systemic effects by altering the physiological cascade.

This article aims to raise awareness of optimising immuno-homeostasis and prioritising inflammation management in gut health strategy for companion animals.

What triggers gut inflammation?

There is a wide range of triggers, or pro-inflammatory/predisposing factors, that can induce intestinal inflammation. Some of these have been largely overlooked and are hard to avoid in the daily life of our furry friends. The list starts with pathological agents, such as bacteria, virus, and parasite infection. Bacterial products also contribute an elevated inflammatory response, for example lipopolysaccharides, teichoic acid, exotoxins, and endotoxins etc. Foodborne toxins, particularly mycotoxins are shown to increase the pro-inflammatory cytokine levels (TNF- α , interleukin-1, 6, 8) and to be a precursor of chronic inflammatory response syndrome, severe allergies, and even autoimmune diseases.

Stress is another important factor leading to gut inflammation. The many origins of stress can include but are not limited to transportation/rehoming, social deprivation, anxiety, weaning, and environmental (heat and/or cold). Studies have shown that stressful events can result in GIT issues, and later metabolic disorders mediated by gut inflammation.

The adage “*we are what we eat*” cautions that diet is crucial to the health status of humans and other animals. Indeed, food is the greatest foreign matter that enters the digestive system where 70 per cent of immunity is located. It is well accepted that food is not always innocently providing beneficial nutrients. Indigestive matters and imbalanced formulations act as “*the ghost in the room*” promoting GIT upsets via overshooting immune response.

Nutrition research has investigated the effects of dietary amino acid profiles, lipid balance such as Omega 3 and 6 ratio, types of fibre inclusion and carbohydrates selection on gut and immuno-health. Antinutritional factors (ANF), a specific group of chemicals existing in some diets are shown to disrupt the digestive pattern and ecology of microflora, i.e. histamine, non-starch polysaccharides and phytate, and protease inhibitors etc. ANFs were revealed to reduce the nutrients’ bioavailability, induce gut irritation, and elicit gut inflammation directly or indirectly.



Food processing is another perspective for the immune health in companion animals, with a recent clinical trial conducted on 16 healthy dogs over 134 days fed either a whole food diet or extruded dry food. The study showed that the dogs that were fed a whole food diet had significantly lower TNF- α /IL-10 ratios indicating less inflammatory responses.

However, debate remains as inconsistent results were observed from different studies. A better resolution can be achieved by comprehensive nutrients analysis and further understanding of specific nutrient requirements for the experimental animals under different conditions. Feeding regimes should be taken into consideration as emerging results across different species suggest the feeding interval and dietary change may alter digestibility and health/immune related parameters. Meta-analysis can be utilised as a strong tool for a systemic comparison and further conclusion.

Medical interventions, such as antibiotic treatment, also result in mild to severe gut dysbiosis which, in turn, promote acute/chronic inflammation. Animals with clinical conditions may need special attention since the immune and gut flora homeostasis may be largely impaired and become more susceptible to the predisposing factors stated.

In short, the GIT is not only the centre of digestion, but more of a critical barrier to monitor the “*change*” and a starting point of inflammation in response to the “*change*”. The pro-inflammatory cytokines produced are like a key to Pandora’s box that promote local GIT inflammation and travel via the circulating system to internal organs – and start more devastating systemic inflammation.

Local GIT inflammation and issues:

The lining of the intestine is built by millions of cells which called enterocytes. Tight junction protein acts as the anchor between enterocytes. Pro-inflammatory cytokines such as interferon (IFN)- γ and interleukin (IL)-1 β are shown to decrease intestinal tight junction function and increase gut permeability – leaky gut syndrome. Furthermore, local GIT inflammation is found to be closely associated with inflammatory bowel disease, non-specific enteritis, and ulceration development. Diarrhoea is also shown as a direct effect of gut inflammation.

The role of gut inflammation in bacterial translocation and inducing intestinal injury has been intensively investigated with regards to secondary infection. Studies show significantly greater bacterial translocation to mesenteric lymph nodes in wild-type mice compared to inducible nitric oxide synthases (NO) knockout mice after lipopolysaccharide challenge. Gut inflammation was also shown to contribute to pathogen bacteria outgrowth. A peer-reviewed study reported gut inflammation could provide a respiratory electron acceptor, tetrathionate for *S. Typhimurium* and produce a growth advantage for *S. Typhimurium* over the competing microflora in the lumen of the inflamed gut. Interestingly, such survival mechanism is quite conservative and shared across species of bacteria, *Salmonella*, *Enterobacteriaceae*, *Campylobacter* etc. Moreover, studies show gut inflammation can boost horizontal gene transfer between pathogenic and commensal *Enterobacteriaceae*. Hence, the hypothesis is to control gut inflammation as the advantage environment for pathogenic bacteria is the key to managing secondary infection instead of focusing on the quantity of specific bacteria only.



Systemic inflammation and consequences:

Local and systemic inflammatory responses are mediated by pro-inflammatory cytokines that reach endocrine levels and reset priority of physiological and developmental processes. Inflammation is an energy-consuming process. Research found that injecting rats with IL-1 β led to an increase in body temperature by up to 2°C, resting oxygen consumption by 25-49 per cent and blood flow to brown adipose tissue by 288-382 per cent, indicating a compensatory reaction to the increased energy consumption. Such effect implies a significant metabolic and oxidative stress.

Inflammation can also induce impairment in anabolic processes in skeletal muscle, bone, and many other tissues. For example, inflammation can lead to gluconeogenesis to retain circulating glucose levels particularly during the anorexic conditions as a main consequence. To retain circulating glucose levels from a low food intake, skeletal muscle can be catabolised into amino acids such as glutamine that are utilised as the substrate for gluconeogenesis. Research has estimated that skeletal muscle undergoes a twofold increase in amino acid release during inflammation which can be the root of weight loss. Gut inflammation can manifest as a host of inflammatory syndromes (*aggression, heat intolerance, gingivitis, and obesity etc*). Of even greater concern, gut and systemic inflammation can remain silent, secretly destroying internal organs including the brain, lungs, liver, and kidney. Science has demonstrated that chronic, low-grade inflammation can become a silent killer that contributes to the development of arthritis, cancer, diabetes and impair longevity.

Future prospective:

Gut inflammation management has demonstrated its potential role to build a robust foundation for animal health, resilience, and well-being. A reliable inflammation management requires a holistic approach that can be unfolded into three tiers.

1. Minimising the predisposing factors through better hygiene, stress control, consistency of food and treatment selection.
2. Direct inflammation intervention: pharmaceuticals should be considered with veterinarian advice in critical conditions. Function nutraceutical products are reasonable candidates to provide daily prevention and maintenance, treatment support and rapid recovery. Yet, quality, mode of action and standardisation of active ingredients in such products are important for the best outcome.
3. Metabolic loss compensation: micro and macro nutrients should be supplemented strategically to avert nutrient depletion and restore the immune homeostasis.

While more data on companion animals is pending to fill the scientific gap, existing knowledge based on different species, including humans, can be utilised as a theoretical source with respect to the principles of biology shared largely in common.

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Background on the WINNERS

Overall COTY winner: *Ayudha Paint it Black*

Shara McKay began showing when she was just 12 years old with a lilac point Siamese 'Trilian SC Nala' and she became hooked. She bred her first litter in 2008 with the prefix 'Ayudha'. Shara has bred Siamese and Orientals but has also ventured out breeding Orientals, Devon Rex and even a Tonkinese plus a Persian litter.

Shara has owned a few Supreme Exhibits over the years, but this year her black Oriental stud cat Jett (*Ayudha Paint it Black*) surpassed all her dreams as her first home bred Supreme Exhibit. Not only has Jett an incredible loving temperament: this cat achieved overall COTY but his progeny have achieved many COTY awards, both here and interstate.



Photo shows L to R: Shara McKay with Judge Sue Thomas

Group 3 COTY winner: *Bahti When Doves Cry*



William McKay with 'Dove'

Shara's Burmilla, Dove (*Bahati When Doves Cry*) was the overall Group 3 COTY winner. Dove was actually a retired breeding girl in December 2021.

Dove's Breeder is Carissa Dyett (*Bahati Cattery*) and this cat has a lovely, gentle and affectionate nature.

Dove has developed a special bond to her son, William and he participated with her in several junior handler classes this year. William won the 'Junior Handler of the Year' COTY award. Her son loves the shows and Shara hopes it is something he will continue to be interested in.

Like all Breeders she has experienced her fair share of ups and downs both in breeding and exhibiting.

Her greatest challenge is juggling her love for all things in the cat world with the time restrictions of being a single parent. Recently she has had to re-evaluate some time restraints with the outcome of deciding to step down from breeding and exhibiting multiple exhibits. She misses, as does Williams the 'pitter patter' of breeding kittens but finds that judging allows her to get a kitten regular kitten 'fix'.



Group 1 COTY winner: ROYAL GLAMOUR CLOUD NYNE

Jeanine Brown is a small boutique Breeder specialising in Group 1 Persians under the *'Royalglamour'* prefix. In the past she showed and bred dogs, the medium breed called *'Chow Chows'* and then decided to commence showing and breeding the Persian cat. At the time it was very difficult to obtain a show quality kitten as there wasn't many around for sale.

Jeanine purchased her first show and breeding girl *'Greencroft Hot I Am'* from Suzette Greentree *'Greencroft Persians'* which competed very successfully, from local shows to the Sydney Royal, winning many Firsts and Best in Shows. She then purchased another girl from Suzette, the mother of Royalglamour Cloud Nyne *'Greencroft Justa Duchess'*. At the time she was hoping to breed a competitive blue and white show male from this litter which she achieved with Cloud Nyne.



Jeanine said that she wouldn't be where she is now without Suzette's kindness, generosity and help who taught her everything about Persians from special care to perfecting show bench presentation. She feels extremely honoured to have been trusted to own, love, show and breed with cats from Suzette's *'Greencroft'* breeding lines. Jeanine explained that it's a bit of a full time job trying to keep a long haired cat groomed and maintained for the show ring but Suzette taught her all the skills she needs to know and she enjoys upholding high standards.

Jeanine said she loves meeting other likeminded people at the shows and it means the world to her when a Judge comments on:

'how well the cat is presented and groomed'.

You then know all that hard work and time you put into presenting your cat has paid off and this is extremely satisfying.



Companion COTY winner: *Jonesey 'a rags to riches story'*

Who would have thought that the Cat of the Year Companion winner, a kitten called Jonesey, was once a homeless waif?

Jonesey, a 'rags to riches' story came about when his owners Peter and Christine Gunczy received a phone call one day in March. It was Peter's mother, who had ventured out in the pouring rain to rescue a tiny homeless kitten that was trying to shelter in her greenhouse. She wasn't sure what to do with it. She phoned her son Peter who bred Siamese for 20 years under the Christernee prefix. Peter, after rescuing the kitten and taking it to the Vet found it was estimated to be 7 or 8 weeks of age, with no microchip, no home and in very poor condition. The Vet weighed the tiny kitten in at just 985 gms but now, with love and care, along with good food, he weighs in very close to 6kgs. At the time Peter and Christine were talking about getting a rescue cat to brighten up the house but they didn't for a moment expect to rescue one in the pouring rain.



Jonesey's show career commenced at the end of last year and in 3 shows he gained two Companion Supremes and a top five along with outright Cat of the Year Companion award. Peter and Christine when they first rescued Jonesey never for a moment thought he would be a top show winner. Jonesey is a red tabby mackerel and white and just turned one. It just goes to show, doing a good turn for one of our furry friends can also be really rewarding for the owners also.

An advertisement for eac animal care products. The top part features the eac logo in blue, orange, and green, with the text 'animal care' and 'advancing animal health' below it. In the center, there are three product containers: a large black bag labeled 'in sideout', a small black jar labeled 'in sideout', and a white jar labeled 'in sideout'. To the right, there is a faint silhouette of a cat. At the bottom, there is a green banner with the text 'holistic nutraceutical supplement optimising immune & intestinal health of felines'. Below the banner, there are three lines of text: 'sales@eacanimalcare.com', 'www.eacanimalcare.com', and '08 7078 9000'. There are also social media icons for Facebook, Twitter, and YouTube.



Upcoming Cats NSW SHOW DATES

<i>Date of show:</i>	<i>Organisation:</i>	<i>Venue:</i>
 Saturday 11 March	Cool Country Cat Club	Jerrabombera Community Hall 25-31 The Parkway Jerrabomberra
 Saturday 1 April	Himalayan & Ku-ring-gai Cat Clubs	Panthers North Richmond
 Sunday April 7 to 17	Sydney Royal Easter Show <i>(Cats NSW Show date: <u>Sunday 9th April</u>)</i>	Homebush Precinct
 Saturday 13 May	Cats NSW Incorporated	Panthers North Richmond
 Saturday & Sunday 10 & 11 June	ACF National Cat Show	Launceston, Tasmania
 Sunday 8 July	Western Districts Cat Society	Venue: TBA
 Saturday 29 July	Tamworth Cat Society	Venue: TBA
 Saturday 26 August	Borderline Cat Club	Venue: TBA
 Sunday 17 September	Cats NSW Incorporated	Panthers North Richmond
 Sunday 15 October	Cats NSW Incorporated	Panthers North Richmond
 Saturday 4 November	Cats NSW Incorporated	Panthers North Richmond
 Saturday 25 November	Cats NSW Inc. AGM & COTY (Cat of the Year awards)	Panthers North Richmond



NEWS from Cats NSW Show Committee

Cats NSW Show sub Committee members:

Helena Sugar, Di Stokes, Rosemary Rogers, Fiona Cooper & Crystal Maher

The ADVANCE Sydney Royal Easter Show 2023

Open Championship Cat Show proudly presented by Cats NSW

Easter Sunday 9 April 2023 at Sydney Showground Sydney Olympic Park
3 ring show introducing the following Judges:



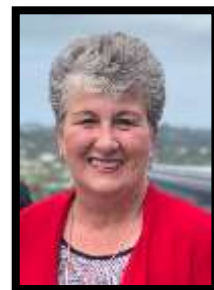
The Best Cat In Show will be judged by Barbara La Rocca QFA

Barbara became an All Breeds Judge in 1998 with QFA and she has judged throughout Australia and New Zealand plus overseas in Kuala Lumpur, Germany and the Netherlands. In 2017 Barbara returned as President of QFA Inc. She was past President from 2002-2015. She is President of Burmese Cat Fanciers Club of Qld and also the President of the Gold Coast Cat Club.



Ring 1: Margaret Harris, New Zealand Cat Fancy Inc

Margaret over the years has bred and shown, Siamese & Orientals, Burmese & Mandalay's, British & Scottish Folds, with all the associated family groups for these breeds, Russian Blue & Whites, and 3 Exotic Neuters. She has also exported and imported many cats around the world. She became a Shorthair Judge and has now achieved Senior All Breeds status.



Ring 2: Jenny Weekes, Cats NSW Inc

Jenny achieved many major awards at specialist and All Breed shows including Birman Cat Fanciers Qld Supreme Exhibit 2010 and 2012 and two Best Group 1 desexed at the ACF National 2016. In 2006 she commenced training to become a judge with QFA and gained her Companion licence in 2007 with QFA, followed by a Group 1 (*Longhair*) licence in 2009. Jenny became an All Breeds Judge in 2014 and has judged in Australia and 2012 in New Zealand.



Ring 3: Fiona Cooper, Cats NSW Inc

Fiona has bred Siamese, Orientals, Foreign Whites, Burmese, Devon Rex, Scottish Folds and even a litter of Abyssinians under the '*Fioric*' prefix over the past 26 years. She gained her Group 3 judges licence in 1999, followed by Group 2 in 2003 and then completed Group 1 training in 2008. Fiona has been a regular exhibitor for over 25 years and has enjoyed judging in most states of Australia with international assignments: New Zealand, South Africa and China



Cats NSW would like to thank the following organisations, affiliates and individuals for their generous support:

- ◆ The Searson Perpetual Trophy for Best in Show + \$200 Cash Prize: supported by Coolcoons Maine.
 - ◆ The Best Exhibit in Show: chosen by Barbara La Rocca from Best in Group Exhibits chosen by the 3 judges in rings.
 - ◆ The Dr Yvonne L McIntyre Memorial Trophy For Best Burmese Cat In Show. A medallion, supported by the RAS.
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Cats NSW LATEST NEWS

- Cats NSW 10th Year Anniversary Show will be held this year on Sunday 15th October. This will be a special event. More news on this later.
- The ACF National Cat Show for 2024 will be held in Sydney.
- For those showing litters, the age of kittens has been changed from 12 weeks to 10 weeks at Cats NSW and affiliate clubs shows.
- Entry for Cat Shows is made electronically via: <https://www.catshowsonline.com>

But note: that provision has been made for hard copy entries. If you experience difficulties entering through catshowsonline or would like to enter via a manual entry which can be done on your behalf please email Helena Sugar: arolena6@bigpond.com

- **CATS NSW membership OFFER:** a 50% reduction across all membership and transfer fees to new members transferring to Cats NSW from now until the 31st March 2023.

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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.



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: catchat@iinet.net.au

Our next issue will be out in July, 2023 and along with all the regular features and stories will feature the following breed focus:

Group 1: NORWEGIAN cats

Below left: ACF AoE, Bz DB GD Ch, QFA Gd Ch, NSW CFA Gd Ch Guysndolls Aksel owned by Peta Sperduty



Group 3: SOMALI cats

Below right: 'Nareira Cattery cat & kitten



The July issue will also feature a:

'Christmas in July' dress up your cat/kitten photo competition with three great prize packages 'up for grabs' for the best Christmas themed cat/kitten and/or litter photograph. The three lucky winners will not only receive a prize package each but the winning photo will be featured on the front cover of the December issue. Runners up will be featured inside.

Full details and how to enter this competition will be in the July issue. Winners announced in the December issue.



'Purrs Galore' the first show for 2023

The 2023 show season 'kicked off' with the Cats NSW highly successful Cat Show 'Purrs Galore' venue: North Richmond Panthers with over 70 cats entered.

Judges were:

- ◆ Ring 1 Geoff Beckett, FCCV: all exhibits
- ◆ Ring 2 Jenny Weekes Cats NSW all exhibits
- ◆ Ring 3 Alison Moore Cats NSW: Group 1
- ◆ Ring 3 Philippa Perkins NSW CFA: Groups 2, 3 & 4

Top results for each ring are:

Ring 1 - Geoff Beckett FCCV

SUPREME: **CCCA AOE DB GD CH NSWCFCA DGCC Greencroft Justa Duchess,**

Black Torti Bi-colour Persian, Exh – Jeanine Brown

Best Group 1 kitten – Jaygee Got My Chanel On, White (Orange-eyed) Exotic,

Exh – Joanne Greentree

Best Group 1 Entire – CH Pokhara Dream On, Blue Tortie Persian, Exh – Stephanie Timmony

Best Group 1 Desexed - CCCA AOE DB GD CH NSWCFCA DGCC Greencroft Justa Duchess,

Black Torti Bi-colour Persian, Exh – Jeanine Brown

Best Group 2 Kitten – Shiloh Polu Nahele, Blue Point Siamese, Exh – Sandra Sweetman

Best Group 2 Entire – Carolann Coco Viola, Cinnamon Silver Classic Tabby Oriental,

Exh Sandra Sweetman

Best Group 2 Desexed – CCCA DB GD CH & Double DIA DB GD CH & ACF AOE & CatsNSW GD CH Zoel Shariff, Seal Tabby Point Siamese, Exh Phillipa Perkins

Best Group 3 Kitten – Iceblu Swan Song, Lilac Burmese, Exh Michelle Harvey

Best Group 3 Entire – Awayfarr One and Only, Chocolate Bi-colour Cornish Rex,

Exh Hazel Faraway

Best Group 3 Desexed – ACF SLV AOE & PLAT DB GD CH Awayfarr Basil, Red Mink Bi-colour Cornish Rex, Exh Colleen Blair

Ring 2 - Jenny Weekes Cats NSW

SUPREME - CCCA AOE DB GD CH NSWCFCA DGCC Greencroft Justa Duchess,

Black Torti Bi-colour Persian, Exh – Jeanine Brown

Best Group 1 Kitten – Jaygee Bandit, Cream Bi-colour Exotic, Exh Libby Kerr

Best Group 1 Entire - DB GD CH Affinity Tabitha True, Lilac Point Ragdoll,

Exh Rebekah Darmody

Best Group 1 Desexed - CCCA AOE DB GD CH NSWCFCA DGCC Greencroft Justa Duchess,

Black Torti Bi-colour Persian, Exh – Jeanine Brown

Best Group 2 Kitten - Shiloh Polu Nahele, Blue Point Siamese, Exh – Sandra Sweetman

Best Group 2 Entire – Fullcircle Democe Heaven Si Petal, Lilac Point Siamese,

Exh Vanessa Garofano

Best Group 2 Desexed - CCCA DB GD CH & Double DIA DB GD CH & ACF AOE & CatsNSW GD CH Zoel Shariff, Seal Tabby Point Siamese, Exh Phillipa Perkins

Best Group 3 Kitten – Sempre Lady Beryl, Black and white Sphynx, Exh Haylee Scholte

Best Group 3 Entire – Migaloo Spring Daffo, Brown Spotted Tabby Bengal, Exh Barbara Farrugia

Best Group 3 Desexed – Nareira Heathcliff, Tawny Somali, Exh Dianne Stokes



Ring 3 (Group 1) – Alison Moore Cats NSW

SUPREME - CCCA AOE BZ Db GD CH NSWCFCA CH RoyalGlamour Cloud Nyne,

Blue Bi-colour Persian, Exh Jeanine Brown

Best Group 1 Kitten – Greencroft Here’s Johnny, Blue Bi-colour Persian,

Exh Suzette Greentree

Best Group1 Entire – Willowra Sweet N Sassy, Blue Tortie Persian,

Exh Georgina Cameron

Best Group 1 Desexed – CCCA AOE BZ Db GD CH NSWCFCA CH RoyalGlamour Cloud

Nyne, Blue Bi-colour Persian, Exh Jeanine Brown

Ring 3 (Groups 2 & 3) – Phillipa Perkins NSW CFA

SUPREME - Tijah Billy The Kid, Blue Abyssinian, Exh Debbie Thomas

Best Group 2 Kitten - Shiloh Polu Nahele, Blue Point Siamese, Exh – Sandra Sweetman

Best Group 2 Entire – Fullcircle Democe Heaven Si Petal, Lilac Point Siamese,

Exh Vanessa Garofano

Best Group 2 Desexed – BZ DB GD CH & C/N Gd CH Zoel Total Eclipse, Black Oriental,

Exh Robyn Campbell

Best Group 3 Kitten – Tijah Billy The Kid, Blue Abyssinian, Exh Debbie Thomas

Best Group 3 Entire – Awayfarr One and Only, Chocolate Bi-colour Cornish Rex,

Exh Hazel Farraway

Best Group 3 Desexed – Nareira Heathcliff, Tawny Somali, Exh Dianne Stokes

All rings -

Companion - Jonesey, Red Mackerel Tabby & White, Exh Peter & Christine Gunczy

THANK YOU to all our members who exhibited at the Cats NSW Cat Show held in conjunction with the 'Pet Show' on the 5th November, 2022, venue: Sydney Olympic Park. From the proceeds of this show Cats NSW donated \$655.62 to the Feline Health Research.



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'Purrs Galore' 11th February 2023





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Photographer for 'Purrs Galore': Di Stokes, Jnr Vice President Cats NSW

It is with great sadness, that we inform you of the passing away of the following CATS NSW members:

JUDY LEWIS

In 1964 Judy owned a show/breeding lilac point Siamese female and this was the start of her interest in the Cat Fancy. Judy's prefix '*Metinka*' granted in 1964. Judy bred Burmese and Devon Rex, and has shown a blue British Shorthair, Oriental, Russian and Maine Coon, achieving many awards with these breeds. Her main passion though was the Birman.

She gained her Group 1 licence in 1974, Group 2 in 1980 and then completed her training in Group 3 to become an All Breeds Judge in 1985. Judy judged all over Australia and New Zealand, as well as in Singapore, UK, Japan and South Africa plus she appeared on Burkes Backyard to profile the Birman breed in the mid 1990's.

Judy was a past Secretary of QFA, All Breeds Tutor Judge, a life member and Patron of the Birman Cat Fanciers Club of Qld, Birman Cat Club of Australia and the Birman Cat Club of Canberra, a life member of the UK Birman Cat Club, St George Cat Club NSW and Alpine Cat Club NZ.

It was always Judy's pleasure to handle and judge so many beautiful felines, to meet interesting people and to see progress in the health and welfare of cats and the cat fancy at a whole.

SUE MANGOULIA

In memory of a benevolent Sue Mangoulia: 5/3/1957 – 6/12-2022.

Sue loved Burmese as special earthly beings. So much so, she devotedly bred these beautiful little souls for going on 20 years. First, while at Wallerawang and then more recently at Bobs Creek, just down the road from Port Macquarie.

She was a kind and private person but above all else, thoughtful and sharing. Many are recipients of her healthy well rounded Burmese kittens. Sue lost her husband George in 2020, and in recent times had been unwell. She was a loyal friend, a considerate and gentle lady, a breeder of excellence, who will be sadly missed and never forgotten.

GARRY STEPHENS

WESTERN DISTRICTS CAT CLUB state:

It is with great sadness that we announce the death of our President/Treasurer/Friend Garry Stephens. He died peacefully on Sunday, 29 January 2023.

*The song is ended but the
melody lingers on
– Irving Berlin*

