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WELCOME READERS:
to our fifth issue of 'Cat Chat'
Our second for this year: 2024

As always we have a 'jam' packed issue including a new social media focus about 'Puppy Scams and Breeder Identity Theft' which is relevant to all Cat Breeders along with potential kitten purchasers. There is a Facebook help section which will give you step by step instructions: what to do if your Facebook page is 'hacked'.

Our breed focus is on the history and origins of Group 1 Persian Cats.

Something to look forward to in our next issue will be some details of our 2025 kid's '**PAIN YOUR CAT(s)**' Art Competition that will be open to all Cats NSW members their family and friends children for all kids 12 years and under judged on the child's age, art ability and creative '*flare*'. They can draw or paint one, two or a number of cats. There will be some great prizes to be won and the winning drawing/painting will be featured on the front page of the July issue of *Cat Chat*.

Don't miss out on the photos and news from The Advance Sydney Royal Easter Show on Good Friday 29th March and two of our Affiliated Cat Clubs Shows: Cool Country Club '*Autumn Daze*' 9th March and Ku-Ring-Gai Himalayan Cat Club: 13th April. A great deal of hard work and effort goes on the background to ensure that every Cat Show is a success and a '*great day*' out for all: Exhibitors and their cats.

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.

Please enjoy!



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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

Note: all membership renewals are due now: from 1st July 2024

Interested in joining and/or would like to know more then contact Di – *membership form at the back pages of this issue.*

CONCERNING REGISTRATIONS:

MICROCHIPS FOR REGISTRATION

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

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.



Australia Post: have ceased daily letter deliveries under new rules relaxing the requirement for five-day-a-week delivery. This means that Cats NSW members will be receiving ordinary letters and unaddressed mail every other business day.

WHAT DOES THIS MEAN FOR CATS NSW AND ITS MEMBERS?

This 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.

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 section during the year and entire cats who move into the desexed cat section during the year.**



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

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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.

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:

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Cats NSW Inc. Show & Fundraising Account

BSB: 062 572

Account number: 1019 6375

VALE: Eleanor Anne Evans 'Nell'

It is with immense sadness that ACF advise the death of Nell Evans on 12th May 2024. Loving wife to the late John Evans, Mother of Tiffany, and Linda. Grandmother to her beloved grandson Tariq and friend to Liz.

Nell served as ACF Secretary from 1997-2015 except for the period 2002-2004 and was awarded the ACF Distinguished Merit Award in 2007. Nell also served as Secretary of GCCFSA for many years.

With John she established the Tandanya Cat Club and up until her death was still working with the Club to prepare this year's show. Her knowledge of the Cat Fancy both at South Australian and National level was immense and her commitment to it unwavering even in her final days. She will be loved and missed by many.





CATS NSW welcomes:

two new Affiliate clubs:

Dorrigo and District Cat Club and **Armidale and New England Cat Club** with their next awesome 2 day Cat Show planned for: Saturday 26th & Sunday 27th April 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 to be held 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.

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.

BREEDERS: please make sure your details are correct/up to date on your Cats NSW Breeders listing on the Cats NSW web site:
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PAWS: for thought

'One cat just leads to another' - Ernest Hemingway

'You only get out of your cat what you put into it' - unknown

'And how do you know that you're mad? "To begin with," said the Cat, "a dog's not mad. You grant that?" I suppose so, said Alice. "Well then," the Cat went on, "you see a dog growls when it's angry, and wags its tail when it's pleased. Now I growl when I'm pleased, and wag my tail when I'm angry. Therefore I'm mad.'" - Lewis Carroll

'Once (a cat) has given its love, what absolute confidence, what fidelity of affection! It will make itself the companion of your hours of work, of loneliness, or of sadness. It will lie the whole evening on your knee, purring and happy in your society, and leaving the company of creatures of its own society to be with you' - Théophile Gautier,

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'Who shall tell the lady's grief
When her Cat was past relief?
Who shall number the hot tears
Shed o'er her, beloved for years?
Who shall say the dark dismay
Which her dying caused that day?' -
Christina Rossetti

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BANISHMENT!

by Anita Stevens: 23rd September 2023

He's playful, affectionate, dear Snowy, my new cat.
He's full of purrs and passion - there's no doubt of that.
He greets me every morning before the break of day
With early morning snuggles and just won't go away,
Because he is so grateful I've given him a home
After being abandoned and left to fend alone...



Now he's in Seventh Heaven, has fallen on his paws,
He has a loving 'Mother' who dotes on him because
He came when he was needed to fill my breaking heart
After the loss of Freddie. It's been a brand new start
For both of us needing love when life took such a dip
We both felt so alone, needed companionship –

BUT I have one big problem: I need my beauty sleep -
Not early morning passions - I'm sure that they will keep
Until a much later hour, more appreciated
Than at three or five am when they're over-rated!

Solution: To be firm and banish him, to shut the bedroom door
Make him sleep in a new bed just outside on the floor...
My mind accepted the fact that was the thing to do -
In my heart, I felt guilty - He would hate it, I knew...
Reluctantly I did it but sleep evaded me -
I felt unkind, ungrateful, shunning his love, you see...
He was there the next morning waiting to be let in
A bit miffed but forgiving, snuggling up to my chin...

But Snowy, he's not silly, he found a way round that
Sneakily, he snuck to bed, early, the crafty cat!
Head down, so comfortable ... Should I disturb his rest?
Decided to leave him there, all night, hoped for the best...
... Slept well until 5.00 am - Was woken with a start
By Snowy, full of passion and purrs, straight from his heart...
It seems he's unstoppable, early mornings or day
So I have to accept it, that it's just Snowy's way...



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.



A Senior's Version of FACEBOOK

For those of my generation who do not, and cannot, comprehend why Facebook exists: I am trying to make friends outside of Facebook while applying the same principles. Therefore, every day I walk down the street and tell passers-by what I have eaten, how I feel at the moment, what I have done the night before, what I will do later and with whom. I give them pictures of my family, my dog and of me gardening, taking things apart in the garage, watering the lawn, standing in front of landmarks, driving around town, having lunch, and doing what anybody and everybody does every day. I also listen to their conversations, give them "thumbs up" and tell them I "like" them. And it works just like Facebook. I already have 4 people following me: 2 police officers, a private investigator and a psychiatrist.



ARE EGGS GOOD FOR CATS?

by: Dalal Hares, DVM

When you think about foods that cats love, eggs might not come to mind. Since they're healthy for us, are they good for our feline friends, too?



Can cats eat eggs?

Here are some benefits and risks of feeding your cat eggs.

Are Eggs Good for Cats?

Eggs are good sources of protein and fat, and cats are obligate carnivores, meaning they eat a diet of mostly animal protein. Eggs aren't recommended as the sole dietary source of protein for your cat, but cats can eat eggs to supplement the protein in the rest of their diet.

Egg whites contain protein without fat. Egg yolks, on the other hand, contain mostly fat with some protein. So take note that feeding your cat egg yolks will increase the fat content of their diet.

Eggshells contain calcium and other minerals but tend to be less palatable (aka tasty) for your feline friend. Supplementing minerals in your cat's diet should only be done under the direction of a veterinarian.

Can Cats Eat Cooked Eggs?

Cats can eat scrambled eggs or boiled eggs with no salt or seasonings. But there is a risk of adding too much fat to your cat's diet. Before giving your cat eggs, consult with your veterinarian.

Scrambled eggs or boiled eggs that contain egg yolks have an increased fat content, which increases the calorie content, which raises your cat's risk of obesity. In addition, fatty meals can cause gastrointestinal (GI) upset and pancreatitis.

Feeding only egg whites that are either boiled or scrambled will reduce these risks. Egg whites contain almost no fats, making them the better source of protein for your cat.

Are Raw Eggs Good for Cats?

While I personally prefer my eggs over easy, feeding raw eggs or raw egg whites to cats carries risks.

According to the Centers for Disease Control, ingesting raw eggs or raw egg whites increases the risk of getting infected with a bacteria called *salmonella*. *Salmonella* can infect both pet parents and their cats. It can cause GI symptoms such as vomiting and diarrhoea.

Salmonella infects 1.35 million people in the United States every year and does carry a risk of hospitalization and death in humans. In general, feeding raw eggs will increase the risk of exposing you, your family, and your pets to harmful bacteria. It is much safer to feed your cat eggs that are cooked to an internal temperature of 160°F.



Can kittens eat eggs?

Kittens can also eat scrambled eggs or boiled eggs, in small amounts. Eggs should not be a kitten's sole source of food. Kittens need a complete, formulated diet to make sure they have all the nutrients required to grow. Consult with your veterinarian prior to feeding eggs to your kitten.



How much egg can a cat eat?

Feeding small amounts (*about 1 tablespoon*) of egg whites in addition to your cat's normal diet can help supplement the amount of protein they are eating.

However, cats tend to need less food than we think, and they are generally good at turning extra calories into fat or extra pounds. It is important that cats are fed a completely balanced diet. Before adding eggs to your cat's diet, consult with your veterinarian.

Cats are also susceptible to developing disease secondary to nutritional deficiencies, such as cardiac disease. If you are considering feeding your cat a home-cooked diet, consult with a veterinary nutritionist who can help you formulate a balanced diet.

What's the Best Way to Give Your Cat Eggs?

Egg whites should be cooked (*boiled or scrambled*) without salt or seasonings. Ensure that the eggs are cooked to an internal temperature of 160°F. Let the eggs cool, then add a small amount to the top of your cat's normal food.



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CAT ADOPTION TIPS

8 Things You Should Never Do When Adopting a Cat

Jeannine Berger, DVM, DACVB, DACAW, CAWA

Bringing home a new family member is an exciting time, but it also takes careful preparation. Here are some common mistakes potential pet parents make when adopting a cat, and what you should do instead.

1. Making a Quick Decision

Making the decision to add a cat to your home is a big commitment. You must consider all aspects of care that a cat will need throughout their life, which can be 20 years or longer.

Ask yourself a few questions:

- Why do I want to adopt a cat, and why now?
- Is adopting a cat from a shelter or purchasing a kitten from a breeder the best decision for me?
- What is my lifestyle like, and how will a cat fit into it?
- Is there a certain cat breed or age that would be a better fit for me?
- Am I able to take on the financial responsibility of caring for a cat?
- How will my current animals adapt to a new cat in the home?
- If I go on vacation, do I have someone to care for a cat while I'm away?
- Once you're certain you're ready to adopt, you can move forward adding a feline friend to your home - and heart.

2. Put Off Purchasing Supplies

You've probably cruised adoption websites looking at cats and kittens—and when you find one that you can't resist, you'll want to pounce. But while you are ready, is your home ready too?

Preparing your home for your new cat takes time and careful preparation. You'll need to set yourself - and your new pet - up for success when introducing them to your home. It's always better to prepare a safe space filled with must-need supplies before you bring home the cat, rather than after.

Some items you'll need include:

- Resting places
- Climbing areas
- Hiding spots
- Food and water (and food and water bowls)
- Litter boxes
- Enrichment toys
- Feliway® classic pheromone diffuser



3. Only Considering Kittens

There's no denying that kittens are cute, but they also require quite a bit more work than an adult cat. Never underestimate the love an adult or senior cat has to give. They are often overlooked at shelters for a cute kitten in the next kennel.



Some people may be afraid to adopt an older cat for medical reasons, and medical considerations cannot be ignored. However, the preventative care and time commitment for a kitten can be just as intense—or more - as any healthy senior cat. In addition, the benefit of adopting an older cat is that their personality is already known; they may be more settled and fit into your daily routine much easier than a kitten.

If there is already an adult cat in the home, introducing an adult cat may be less challenging than introducing a playful kitten. A resident cat may not be up for the task of playing or being as active as your new kitten.

4. Adopting Only One Kitten

If adopting a kitten is the best fit for your situation, consider bringing home two kittens instead of one. When adopted as a pair, the kittens will enjoy growing up together and have a constant playmate to keep them company.

5. Rushing Introductions

It can take days or even weeks for a cat to settle into a new environment. When you bring home your new family member, they should be given a safe space where they can acclimate to their new home at their own speed. Don't force introductions to any existing pets in the home and give everyone ample time to adjust and get to know each other.

Fearful pets are more likely to have negative interactions or be aggressive. Introductions to dogs or other cats should always be gradual, controlled, and positive.

6. Forgetting to Cat-Proof Your Home

Cats are crafty creatures, and they can easily get into things they shouldn't. You need to cat-proof your space before your kitty comes home to avoid any accidents.

This includes removing any potential toxins and small objects that could be swallowed or electrical cords that could be chewed on, and making sure that any heavy objects that could fall onto your cat are securely anchored.





7. Skipping a Wellness Check

Most adoption organizations will provide you with known medical information about your cat. At the shelter, your cat or kitten should have been spayed or neutered, received at least one set of core vaccines, been dewormed with an anti-parasitic, and received flea prevention. Still, it's very important to establish care with a local veterinarian as soon as possible, ideally within the first seven to 10 days after adoption.

It can take weeks to get an appointment at some veterinary clinics, and you don't want to miss out on a set vaccination schedule. You may already have pets and have a veterinarian, but you'll still need to ensure that your vet is available for a post-adoption exam.

If you need to find a veterinarian, you may have to interview a few places to find a cat-friendly place that suits you. If you're considering pet insurance right away, you may need to set up a veterinary exam to register for it.

8. Not Being Honest With Yourself

What are you looking for, and what's important to you? This can include a cat's age, sex, colour, breed, and personality. Don't be afraid to leave your adoption appointment without a cat if you don't find the right fit. Your ideal cat is out there - it might just take patience to find them.



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Dr. Jeannine Berger is a strategic leader and one of the few veterinarians that is double boarded with the American College of Veterinary Behaviorists as well as the American College for Animal Welfare. She has over 30 years of proven experience in animal welfare with a track record of simultaneously improving animal wellbeing and operational efficiency. She has a passion for behavior medicine and welfare with success in public speaking, research, and leadership. In 2019 she was awarded the Bronze Medal for Global Animal Welfare by the World Veterinary Association for her excellent contributions to promoting the welfare of animals.

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HOW TO TRAVEL WITH YOUR CAT

We are deep in the holiday season now and you may be thinking about taking your cat with you for a short or even a long trip. Cats are generally most comfortable in their familiar environment but many can travel well with a few considerations.

Here are our ten top tips:

Schedule a visit to your vet to ensure your cat is healthy and up-to-date on vaccinations. For cats that are anxious travellers, your vet may be able to prescribe medication.

Make sure your cat has proper identification, including a collar with an ID tag containing your contact information in addition to being micro-chipped.

Invest in a well-ventilated and secure cat carrier that has enough space for your cat to stand, turn around, and lie down comfortably. Familiarise them with the carrier before the trip. Secure the carrier with a seat belt to prevent it from moving around. Don't let your cat roam freely in the car – it can be dangerous for cat and driver.

Pack your cat's favourite blanket, pillow, or a piece of clothing that carries your scent. Familiar smells can help comfort your cat and make the new environment less intimidating. Pheromone sprays or wipes work for some cats. If your cat enjoys catnip, consider bringing along a catnip-infused toy or a small pouch of dried catnip.

Offer your cat small treats during the journey to encourage calm behaviour. Choose known favourites and ones that are easy to handle while on the move.

If your cat enjoys being groomed, bring a grooming brush. Gently brushing your cat can be a soothing and bonding activity.

Gradually introduce your cat to the concept of travel by taking short trips around the neighbourhood before embarking on a longer journey.

Ensure a comfortable temperature for your cat. Place the carrier where there is a good flow of fresh or air-conditioned air. Never leave your cat alone in a parked car.

Plan regular breaks during your journey to allow your cat to stretch, use the litter box, and stay hydrated. Keep the carrier covered to reduce stimuli that may stress your cat.

Bring a portable litter box and provide access to it during breaks. Familiarise your cat with the portable litter box before the trip.

Remember, your cat is unique so be especially attentive during travel and adjust your plans accordingly.

Happy travels!

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EVER WONDERED

COULD YOU FEED YOUR CAT ON A VEGAN DIET?

by: Malcolm Downes / September 18, 2023

Increasing numbers of people are making the shift to vegetarian or vegan diets for health, cost or animal kindness reasons or to decrease the burden on our planet.

But is it safe, healthy and practical to take your domestic cat down the vegan path?



The short answer is maybe, but go carefully.

Cats are carnivores. Their bodies have evolved to thrive on a diet primarily composed of animal-based proteins and the other nutrients associated with meat. While humans can adapt to various diets, cats have specific nutritional requirements that make a vegetarian or vegan diet potentially risky.

SAFETY

Unlike dogs, cats cannot efficiently synthesise essential nutrients like taurine and vitamin A from plant sources alone. Taurine deficiency, for instance, can lead to severe health issues, including heart problems and vision impairments. To address this, commercial vegetarian and vegan cat foods are often supplemented with synthetic nutrients.

HEALTH

Cats require high-quality protein, and the amino acids in animal proteins are essential for their overall well-being. Protein deficiency can lead to muscle wasting and other health complications. Additionally, cats need certain fats found in animal tissues for energy and the maintenance of a healthy coat.

PRACTICALITY

Transitioning a cat to a vegetarian or vegan diet can be difficult. Their preferences are strongly inclined towards meat. Some cats may outright reject plant-based foods, leading to potential malnutrition. Owners may also face difficulties in sourcing and preparing balanced vegetarian or vegan meals for their pets. There might also be laws in your area that have something to say about feeding a suitable and adequate diet to animals in your care.

WHAT DOES THE SCIENCE SAY?

A recent review showed there was not much high quality research and the conclusions were sometimes contradictory. They concluded:



...there is little evidence of adverse effects arising in dogs and cats on vegan diets...some of the evidence on adverse health impacts is contradicted in other studies...there is some evidence of benefits, particularly arising from guardians' perceptions of the diets...a cautious approach is recommended. If guardians wish to implement a vegan diet, it is recommended that commercial foods are used.



FOUR TAKEOUTS

- ◆ Talk to your vet before making major dietary changes.
- ◆ Use commercially prepared vegan foods formulated to meet cats's dietary needs.
- ◆ Monitor your own cat for signs of food rejection or dietary deficiencies.
- ◆ Accept that, for some cats, it may be possible to incorporate only limited plant-based ingredients without risking the cat's health.

The Impact of Vegan Diets on Indicators of Health in Dogs and Cats: A Systematic Review Adriana Domínguez-Oliva, Daniel Mota-Rojas, Ines Semendric and Alexandra L. Whittaker



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- St. Francis of Assisi

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BECOMING A CAT BREEDER

So you want to become a Cat Breeder

by: Sandra Sweetman



The other day I was sent some beautiful photographs of a kitten that I had sold six months ago and it was so wonderful to see how he had developed and most of all how much he was loved by his new owners. I did wonder at the time though, do these new owners and potential owners realise some of the challenges facing Breeders when raising a well-adjusted and loving Siamese kitten or any breed of cat for that matter.

So to help you avoid or at least be prepared for these in advance, here are some tips to help you get started in this demanding, but very rewarding journey as a new Cat Breeder.

INITIAL COSTS INVOLVED

Many people have the mistaken idea that Cat Breeders make a huge sum of money by selling their kittens and that cat breeding as a whole is a profitable business. There are, however, a number of initial costs to be outlaid in 'set up costs'. You need to pay a yearly registration for your Cattery prefix name, along with annual membership fees to a governing Cat Organisation such as Cats NSW. You will also need your breeding stock to be registered with your local Council as well as other initial incidental costs in setting up your breeding accommodation.

BREEDING STOCK

You will need to acquire your parent cat(s). Registered breeding stock costs vary from \$2,500-\$3,000 for females and \$3,000-\$3,500 for males upwards depending on the bloodlines and future show potential plus the type of breed the kitten is. There are also various miscellaneous ongoing fees including vaccinations, regular worming etc., which are normal commitments for all pet owners as well.

A way of gaining an idea of good breeding stock is to know the reputation of the Breeder, and also to check out the many Cat Shows. You should see some excellent progeny on the show bench and learn how to prepare your cat for showing.

SHOWING YOUR CAT

To enter, compete and profile your cat. Entry fees can cost between \$50-\$100, depending on how many cats you are entering, where the show is located and if you have to travel far then you may additional costs to consider such as overnight accommodation expenses.



Shiloh Cattery Siamese cat/kitten photos: Photographer Marion Anstis



ON-GOING CAT CARE

Food, cat litter and veterinary care are the main ongoing expenses for the lifetime of your cats.

BREEDING PREGNANCY

Finally, your kitten becomes an adult cat. A breeding female is known as a 'Queen' and an entire male is known as a 'Stud'. If you don't have a male cat to mate your female to, you will need to take her to visit a stud and pay a fee which can vary from approximately \$1,000 upwards, depending on the bloodlines and the stud's reputation and success at the Cat Shows.

BIRTH

The Queen will require a safe place to give birth and its best if you keep some kitten formula on hand such as Wombaroo or Di-Vetelac just in case she has low milk supply or is unable to feed them. Be prepared for at least one night of missed sleep or maybe many. Sometimes complications can occur requiring Veterinary attention. Once the Queen goes into labour the Breeder needs to stay with the her to ensure there are no dramas. This may involve sitting up with her through out the night, but you will find she will gain great reassurance from your presence, which is your reward.

KITTEN CARE

With any litter of kittens they will consume an unspeakable amount of food. The quality of food is important for their health and development, and most Breeders will not skimp on these costs. A lactating Queen will also eat more than usual so expect your daily household costs to increase during this time. There is a good deal of maintenance that increases as the kittens get older such as changing and washing the bedding and changing/cleaning of litter trays. In cold weather, running heating pads or a heater on 24/7 can be necessary.

VETERINARY CARE

A healthy litter still requires vet care, and many Breeders will get the litter vet checked at 8 weeks and vaccinated and most will do a follow-up vaccination at 12 weeks. There is also the cost of micro-chipping and desexing. Along with these costs you will also need to be prepared for any emergencies or unexpected visits to the Vet.



Shiloh Cattery kittens & far right DGCh Shiloh Aloha Chai Lai: owner new member: Stephen Bridgland



SELLING YOUR KITTENS

The day approaches when you have to sell the kittens. This can be very difficult when you have loved and raised them as part of the family for 12 weeks and then they need to leave for their new homes. You will have advertising costs at this time, so you will need to consider this as well, when pricing your kittens. It is wise to learn the average going price for similar kittens, before you set your price.

Despite all the above challenges and costs, breeding precious Siamese kittens or any breed of cat is a highly rewarding time in your life. The final reward though is when the new owner contacts you to let you know the kitten has settled in and how much they love it. It's always a joy to be sent those photographs of the kitten growing up and how the kitten has developed.

As a Breeder, I have always had a *'lifelong'* love for this friendly, exquisite, loving breed of cat. Part of the reward is the friends that can be made within the Cat Fancy and the fun of attending the occasional Cat Show along with opportunities to promote this unique, beautiful breed.

If you are considering breeding then I encourage you to find a *'Mentor'* Cat Breeder to help and guide you. There are many Cat Breeders who would be more than willing to welcome you into the wonderful Cat Breeders' world.

A good way to find a Mentor and help is to join to Cats NSW, if you haven't already!

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FOUR TIPS FOR A HAPPY INDOOR CAT

With more local governments imposing strict cat curfews and owners valuing the health and safety benefits of keeping cats indoors, just how do you keep those contained kitties stimulated and happy?



1. SENSORY BUZZ

Dust a large paper bag with catnip to create a mini paper paradise. No catnip? You will likely have basil, thyme, dill and cinnamon in your pantry which many cats love too.

2. PUT THEM ON A TOY DIET

Cats get bored too and even a favourite toy can become ho-hum if it's always around. Try putting that special toy away for a few days and notice the renewed interest when it emerges again. In the meantime, a small bell rolled into a couple of old socks may make a happy substitute.

3. FOOD FUN

Turn eating into an adventure. Cats love to explore a cardboard feeding ball filled with tasty treats. An old cardboard egg container will make a ready-made puzzle for a curious cat. You can create a scavenger hunt by placing strong-smelling treats in hard-to-get-to spots around the house. Just don't forget where you put them!

4. SLEEPING HIGH

Create new places for your cat to snooze. Find safe and unused spots on shelves or high furniture and add some old towelling, jumpers or bedding to form a cosy, enclosed platform.

Feline Health Research would like to thank to the folk at:

SafeCat (<https://www.safecat.org.au/>) where we picked up these hacks where they have many more ideas for keeping indoor kitties stimulated and happy.



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HISTORY of a Breed: THE PERSIAN

by: **Sandra Sweetman**

Persian cats are a popular and recognisable cat breed renowned for their long luxurious fur, sweet temperaments, and a distinctive large round face. They come in a variety of colours and patterns from solid coat colours to shaded, bi-color, tabby, and Himalayan (*colorpoint*) patterns.



Persian cats are calm, affectionate, and gentle creatures known for a 'relaxed' demeanour. They are recognised as being the aristocrat of the cat world. A Persian cat though will need regular grooming due to the length and thickness of their fur, which can mat if not properly cared for.

This breed of cat was named '*Persian*' as it was exported from Iran, or Ancient Persia, and became known in Persian as '*Buraq*'. It was first described by European travellers, who observed that some Safavi dynasty Princes and High Government Officials kept the cat as a house pet in seventeenth-century Isfahan which was then the capital of Iran.



Even though the Persian has long been associated with Iran, its exact origins remain unclear. The Kurdistan region of south eastern Turkey, the central plateau area of Iran, and the Bukhara district in modern Uzbekistan all have been cited as probable places of origin.

During the nineteenth century, however, the Isfahan region of Iran was the major source for the export of Persian cats to Europe and India. Wealthy Iranians kept them as pets. Nasir al-Din Shah Qajar (1848–1896) had a reputation for adoring and keeping cats, and his favourite Persian cat: Badri Khan, was assigned human servants to care for him in royal fashion.

In Europe during the 18th century keeping cats as house pets became popular and by the 19th wealthy Europeans were importing cats, from Iran and the Ottoman Empire. The Persian cat itself became especially popular in 1871 when Britain's Queen Victoria bought a pair of imported Persian cats at London's first Oriental cat fair.



The Persian breed is said to be one of the earliest pedigreed breeds of cat with the first purebreds arriving in the United States around 1875. In 1906, the Cat Fanciers' Association was formed in America, and the Persian was one of the first cats registered.



Persian cats haven't always had that distinctive flat face. In the 1950s, a genetic mutation caused a batch of kittens to be born with these type of features. Breeders took to the new look and used selective breeding to get that Persian 'show cat' look.

Famous celebrities including Kim Kardashian, Taylor Swift, and Paris Hilton have all been photographed with long-haired flat-faced breeds which adds to their surge in popularity.

A famous painting titled: 'My Wife's Lovers' by Austrian artist Carl Kahler (1856–1906) depicted forty-two of American millionaire Kate Birdsall Johnson's Turkish Angora and Persian cats. It is rumoured that the title of the painting was conceived by her husband. The painting took three years to complete and it's the largest cat painting in the world. It sold in 2015 for US\$826,000.



A newcomer to the scene is a relative newcomer to the world of cat breeds, the Exotic is similar to the Persian in appearance except for the short dense coat. This breed of cat came about by accident when breeders mated American Shorthairs with Persians in the early 1960s. The originally proposed name for this new breed was 'Sterling' due to their beautiful silver colour, but the term: Exotic was accepted instead. In 1967, the Exotic was formally recognized as a breed by the Cat Fanciers Association and is now accepted in every major cat breed registry in the shorthaired variety.

This Exotic as a breed has been popular for many years and the famous fictional cartoon cat 'Garfield' was based on, as Jim Davis the Creator of Garfield has said is a composite of different kinds of breeds. However, judging by Garfield's personality, facial features, and his fur pattern, it's possible that Garfield may be closest to an orange tabby Persian or Exotic Shorthair. Another Exotic Shorthair in pop culture was in the television series 'New Girl' that featured 'Ferguson' the cat.

Today, the Exotic Shorthair is one of the most popular purebred shorthair cats, ranking fourth on The Cat Fanciers' Association's list of most popular breeds for 2022.





Above left: Rosemary Rogers (Rosie) holding
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Above: Jeanine Brown with
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Persian cats from Chainoponds Cattery first featured page:

- top right: **Cyrridwen Biser (import)**
- middle: **Chainoponds U Love Me**
- bottom right: **Greencroft Mov'n On Up**

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For BREEDERS: to be aware of

Puppy Scams & Breeder Identity Theft by Maria Arnold: Perfect Pets

Note: although this article refers to the 'dog' world it is still relevant to Cat Breeders. Choice states: Data provided by the ACCC to CHOICE shows losses from pet scams of all stripes have increased more than 1000%, going from just over \$375,000 in 2019 to more than \$4.2 million last year.

The number of scams involving pets reported to the consumer body has similarly shot up – an increase of over 500% took the number of reports from 498 in 2019 to 3332 in 2021.

<https://www.choice.com.au/outdoor/pets/products/articles/pet-scams> extracted 18/05/2024

Last year Australians lost over 3.5 million dollars to online pet scams as three intersecting threads of pandemic culture resulted in the perfect storm: a huge increase in demand for pets; lock downs, which prevented people from meeting breeders in person and relying on a third party to deliver their pet; and more fraud. Add to that the fact that the price of pets skyrocketed and scammers were looking for new and better ways to cash in.



They needed to fool even the most cautious puppy buyers - those who might look for and check credentials – so breeder identity theft also hit new heights. What the scammers learned during this time won't be unlearned, so whether you're a puppy buyer or a breeder, it's important to know how you can protect yourself, your money and your identity.

WHAT IS BREEDER IDENTITY THEFT?

Breeder identity theft occurs when a scammer uses a breeder's details, information and/or photos to create fake online advertisements.

They will:

- use Photoshop to adjust a photo of a registration card
- create an email address using the breeders prefix
- provide the breeder's phone number for verification purposes, and then elect not to display it
- and even build a near exact copy of a legitimate breeder's website and Facebook pages complete with photos, litter information, the breeders name and address, everything.

Stolen, copied and up on a new website - complete with an online payment portal.

Scammers submit their ads to as many online platforms as they can, most of which are published without review.

While the number and impact of scammers grew during COVID, they've been at it for a long time. Perfect Pets is an Australian owned and operated online pet directory that has had processes in place to screen out scammers since launching a decade ago.



Fortunately, these processes stood up to COVID madness. The site lists Dogs Australia (ANKC) breeders and works closely with the Member Offices to ensure that new account applications are carefully verified. This is critical to ensuring the site remains secure and safe from scam activity and is part of an ongoing effort, because small changes in the online space can have a big impact, and fast.



Monitoring scam activity is critical and Perfect Pets has seen scammers moving into other parts of the pet industry. In the last six months fundraising scams, via fake veterinary websites, have started to appear. The Australian Veterinary Association have been made aware and are understandably alarmed. It's important we are all vigilant and use a combination of good old fashioned teamwork and cooperation as well as the best and latest technology to keep up.

Breeders Beware!

Breeders are also vulnerable beyond the online space as scammers may target them directly. One breeder was contacted by a prospective buyer who told her that she'd been scammed and felt she needed a photo of the breeder's driver's licence and registration to proceed with purchasing a puppy. The unsuspecting breeder emailed the photos through, and before long her information had been used in countless scams where her name, business and photos were used to trick people. Apparently many of them actually turned up at the breeder's house to collect their puppy, only to be told they'd been scammed and should contact the police.

Responsible Buyers

In the last 10 years Perfect Pets has put a lot of effort into trying to educate the general public about how important it is that they only buy from responsible, registered breeders. It's now evident that there's another message that we all need to get out there - Pet lovers need to become responsible buyers!

There are a number of reasons that scammers succeed:

- People looking for pets are often impulsive and impatient – they want their pet now, or yesterday, and will often buy a puppy from wherever they can find one.
- People are prepared to pay very high prices for pets: \$10,000 - \$15,000 is not at all uncommon and typically for crossbred dogs from inexperienced, unregistered breeders, where there's been no health testing or other measures to ensure the well being of the puppy. Paying these prices just encourages greedy and unscrupulous people to get involved and cash in. Puppies listed on Perfect Pets average from \$2000 - \$5000 and this is for a well bred, fully health tested pedigree puppy from fully registered ANKC breeder.
- People aren't taking advice and making sure that *the 'breeder'* they are talking to is a legitimate breeder, let alone registered and responsible.



What to do if your details have been used by a scammer?

Perfect Pets always lets breeders know if accounts applications are submitted that are fraudulent and have used their details, and to date not a single scammer has had an account approved. While we're happy with that record, we do know that if scammers are submitting fake ads to us, they're usually posting them on other online sites that don't verify credentials.

We always send breeders the details that have been submitted and then they are in a position to take all/ any of the following steps:

- Call the scammer and pretend to be enquiring about a puppy. They usually want email communication only, but sometimes they will answer the phone. Get as much information as you can, where are they (*ask if you can visit*), do they need a deposit (*they will*), so organise to get the bank account details, and importantly, work out if they are here in Australia. A lot of the scammers are from overseas, but there's a lot of Australian scammers too. If they are in Australia, you should contact your local police. In our experience you can be lucky, or unlucky, with the amount of help you get, but it's always worth reporting. From our side we can, and have, picked up location information from our website and shared it with the police to help track down scammers.
- Send a cease and desist email. Also inform them that you've notified authorities with all of their details, including their location (determined from their activity on the internet)
- Check other sites that run pet ads. See if you can find ads for your prefix and breed. Not many are thorough with verification, some do no checks at all. If you find that your details are being used, contact the website and ask them to remove it immediately, and let them know that the police have been informed.
- If you have an online presence, let people know where you do and don't advertise. Some of the breeders on our site have a message saying: "we only advertise on perfect pets and dogsonline," others go into more detail, for example...

"Please note: We do not advertise on other platforms. If you see advertisements elsewhere using our photos, description, our registered prefix, or our breeder registration number, you are probably looking at potential imposters and scammers. If you have seen anything like this please contact us via Perfect Pets to ensure you are contacting us and not scammers."



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FACE BOOK: help its been HACKED

by: Sandra Sweetman

Nowadays computer security and hacking issues are on the increase in social media. Most people have an account on Facebook, or some other social media network and it's highly likely that at some time your personal information might be compromised at some point. What to do if this happens and you are suddenly presented with a 'hacked' Facebook page that is a near duplicate of your own. This step by step guide might help you after you have recovered from the initial panic stage and *'this can't be happening to me'*.

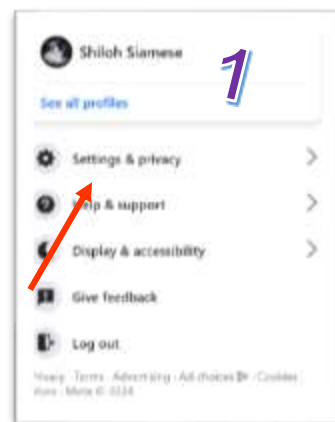


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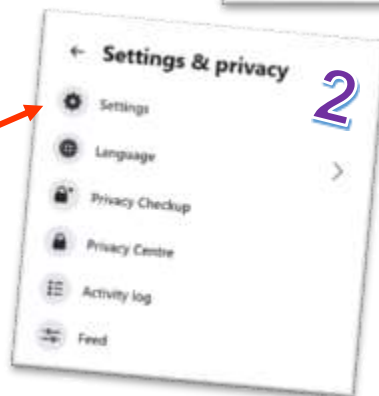
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changes to your name, birthday, email address or password, friend requests from people you don't know or even posts appearing on your timeline that you know you didn't post if there, or it might just be a trusted friend contacting you advising *'that they think you might have been hacked'* as they have just received a friend request from you then firstly:

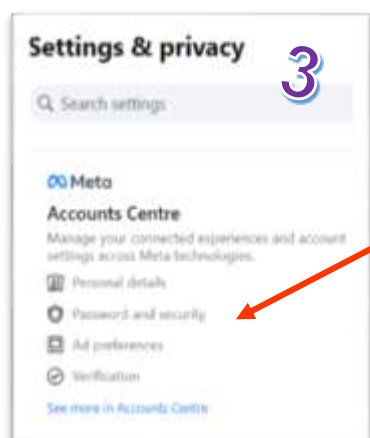
go to the top upper right-hand corner of your Facebook page and click on the picture or arrow there which will reveal a drop-down menu.



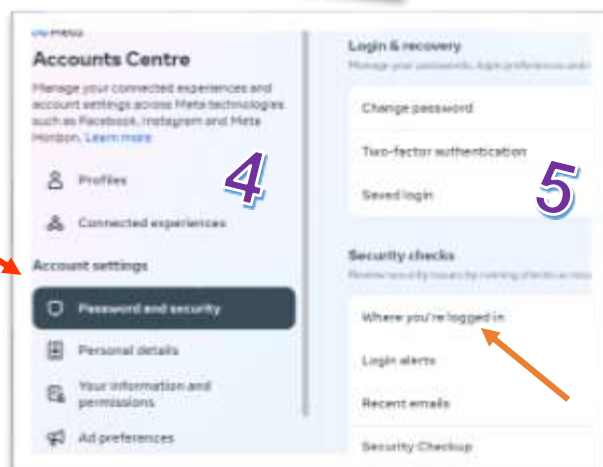
Click 1. **Settings and Privacy** which takes you to: 2. **Settings** then a new menu will pop up.



Then choose the 3. **Password and security** option on the left hand side



Then click on the 4. **Password and security**



and then 5. **Where You're Logged In**. If there is a login from a device or place you don't recognize, then your account may have been hacked. You can even set - under: **Login alerts** an alert to let you know if someone has accessed your computer.



2. End the intruder's session

Click the **three vertical dots** next to the device login of any that you don't recognize, then **Not You? or Log Out**. This logs the intruder out of your account, at least temporarily. This limits the damage the intruder can do and allows you to continue regaining and securing control of your account.



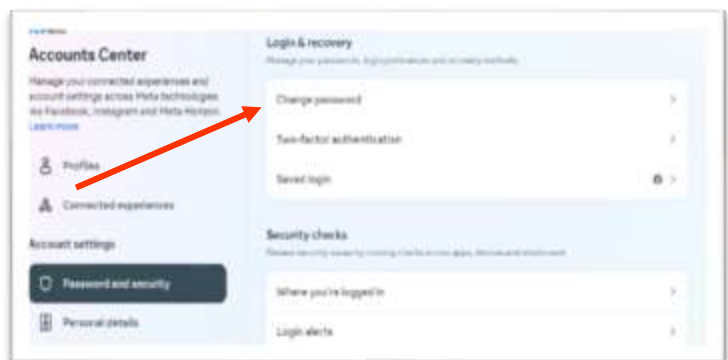
3. Alert your contacts

If your account has been hacked then it is highly likely that it has been used to contact people from your friends list. Suggest that you place up on your Facebook page a post that mentions **'not to accept any new friend requests from you as your account has been hacked' (duplicated)** and it might be an idea to warn them not to accept any links or install any apps that could have been sent to them via the **'hacked'** Facebook site. These could be via your usual wall postings, Facebook messages or Facebook email and this can happen whilst the intruder had control of your account.

4. Change your Facebook password

Hopefully the intruder has not changed your password so changing it is easy and will secure your Facebook account.

To do this click **Security and Login** again, then scroll down to **Login** and then click **Change Password**.



5. Resetting your password if the intruder has changed it

Often a hacker will change your password once they have gotten control of your account, so it's not as simple as just going into your account settings and changing your password.

You'll have to reset your password by clicking the **'Forgot Your Password'** link underneath the Facebook login. You will need to provide information to identify yourself, such as the email address you used to register with Facebook, the phone number associated with your account, your Facebook username, or your name and the name of one of your Facebook friends.

The last option is best if you believe the person who hacked your account has changed any of your profile information.

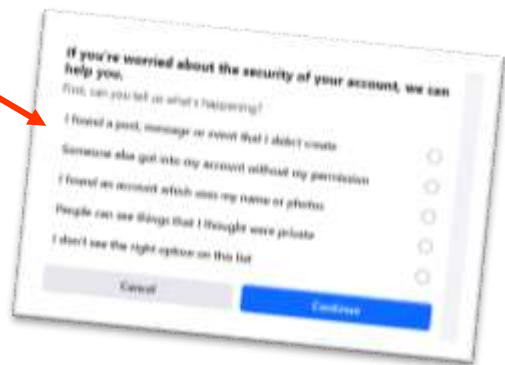


6. Report your compromised account to Facebook

Facebook has a convenient URL:

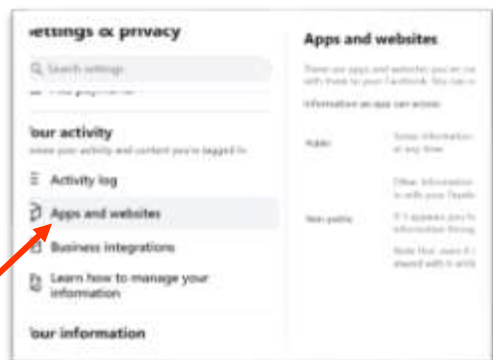
<https://www.facebook.com/hacked/>

where you can let them know your account has been compromised, even when you can't access your own account.



7. Check for malicious apps

Once you have control of your account again, go to the same **Settings** menu where you checked for suspicious logins or changed your password, and click on the **Apps** option in the left-hand menu. Go through the list and check for any apps you did not add yourself, and click the X next to them to remove them. It's worth noting that if you don't use an app for some time, it will expire automatically.



8. Secure your Facebook account

Please note that getting your Facebook account hacked and duplicated is not the end of the world. Facebook itself offers a number of security tips that will help you.

Even if you have not been hacked, checking up on your Facebook security is a good idea. A suggestion is not to click on any suspicious links or ads that are shared in your news feed, even if you trust the people who are doing the sharing: its possible that they themselves might have been hacked.

A tip is to sign out of your account when you're finished using Facebook for the day.

The same goes for other social networks such as: Twitter, Instagram, LinkedIn and any others as they have all had user accounts compromised in various ways. Nowadays its important to always remain vigilant, alert and smart about what you do online on any social media platform.

Note: a suggestion is to double secure your Facebook account by placing in a two factor authentication, found under:

Password and security: then two-factor authentication on the right hand side. This should actually be used for any online account that makes this option available. It will stop people gaining access to your account. They will not be able to change the password without getting the authentication code.

The best way to do this is by using an authenticator app but it's also important to have two email accounts, even if only one is normally used. This gives you a retrieval email account if you do get hacked.





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Saturday 31st August

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Sunday 15th September

Cats NSW Inc.

Venue: North Panthers, Richmond

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Ring 1 G2 & G3: Bronwyn Townshend-Main, *NZCF*

Ring 2: Wendy Hamilton, *Cats NSW*

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Ring 2: Belinda Pengilis, *FCCQ*

Ring 3 G1: Tony Hurry, *Cats NSW*

Ring 3 G2 & G3: Maureen Norberry, *NSWCFA*



Saturday 2nd November

Cats NSW Inc.

Venue: North Panthers, Richmond

Ring 1: Marisa Thistlewaite, *QFA*

Ring 2 G1: Sandra Dukes, *Cats NSW*

Ring 2 G2 & G3: Wendy Hamilton, *Cats NSW*

Ring 3: Deb Cameron, *Cats NSW*



Saturday 23rd November

Cats NSW Inc. AGM & COTY

(Cat of the Year awards)

Note: these are the proposed dates: possibly subject to change.

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NEWS from Cats NSW Show Committee

Cats NSW Show sub Committee members:
Suzette Greentree, Rosemary Rogers & Wendy Hamilton

The ADVANCE Sydney Royal Easter Show 2024

Open Championship Cat Show proudly presented by Cats NSW

Good Friday 29th March 2024 at Sydney Showground Sydney Olympic Park
(Homebush Precinct) Spectacular 4 Ring Cat Show.



Supreme overall winner:

ACF Brz AoE Gold Db Gd Ch
COOLCOONS SECRET BUSINESS

Black classic tabby bicour Maine
Coon. Breeder: F Cooper & M Bailey.

Introducing our special INTERNATIONAL JUDGE:



Ring 1: Asa Broing, TICA Sweden



Above: Judge: Asa Broing



Above: L to R: Ring 2 Judge Janis Christison, QFA,
owner: Jeanine Brown holding
CCCA TGC DIA DGC GREENCROFT HOT I AM
Best Group 1 Exhibit & Judge: Asa Broing



Introducing our INTERSTATE JUDGES:

Ring 2: Janis Christison, QFA



From L to R: Owner & Breeder: Colleen Blair holding a 7 month old kitten Ring 2 Supreme winner: **SCILLYREX SAGE** *black silver tortie mackerel tabby bicolour* Cornish Rex & Judge Janis Christison.

Ring 3: Nick Tricarico, GCCFV



Below.

Ring 4: Geoff Beckett FCCV



Below: Cats NSW Secretary & Ring 2 Steward Ali Moore



Above L to R. Cats NSW President Helena Sugar, Ring Steward Taylor Munroe holding Supreme Companion winner: **MICHELANGELO** & owner: Lynda Du Vallier





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'AUTUMN DAZE' Cool Country Cat Club

The venue: Jerrabomberra, Canberra 11th May

Presents their Fifth Annual All Breeds & Companions
3 Ring Cat Show plus Special Curly & Naked Breeds Ring



Ring 1: Judge **MERYLE FRAME, GCCFV** from L to R:

G1: **CCCA AOE Gd DGC NSWCF A DGC GREENCROFT JUSTA DUCHESS** Ex: Jeanine Brown.

R3: **Ch SEMPRE SIR THEODORE IRONS** Ex: Megan Irons

G2 **ACF Sap AOE Ruby DGC CCCA Ch ASTRAXALOTTE AKONI GEM** Ex: Sandra Sweetman.

SUPREME: GREENCROFT JUSTA DUCHESS



Ring 2: Judge **CINDY GRIMES, FCCV** from L to R:

G1: **ACF AOE Bz DGC COOLCOONS SECRET BUSINESS** Ex: Fiona Cooper.

R3: **SCILLYREX SAGE** Ex: Colleen Blair **SUPREME: COOLCOONS SECRET BUSINESS**

G2 **ACF Sap AOE Ruby DGC CCCA Ch ASTRAXALOTTE AKONI GEM** Ex: Sandra Sweetman



Ring 3: Judge **SHARA MCKAY, Cats NSW** from L to R:

G1: **ACF AOE Bz DGC COOLCOONS SECRET BUSINESS** Ex: Fiona Cooper.

G2 **ACF Sap AOE Dia ANCATS Ch MURMURELLIUS ELISEY** Ex: Helena Sugar

R3: **SCILLYREX SAGE** Ex: Colleen Blair **SUPREME: COOLCOONS SECRET BUSINESS**





Left: **Best Companion: Judge CINDY GRIMES, FCCV Ch & ACT DGC CUPCAKE**
Ex: Faye Malone and **Best litter: Judge MERYLE FRAME, GCCFV Litter of 5 x Siamese kittens**
Ex: Vanessa Garofano



**And the TOP RESULTS ARE:
for the Curly & Naked Exhibit special ring.**

*Judge: Marg Sim,
Cats NSW*

1st place:

SCILLYREX SAGE Cornish Rex Female Kitten
Black Silver Tortie Tabby Bi-colour: Green Eyed
Breeder & Exhibitor: COLLEEN BLAIR

2nd place, reserve:

EDAPUSREX PENNY DOESNT DOUBT Devon Rex Female
Chocolate Tortie Bi-Colour
Breeder: A & H SUGAR Exhibitor: HELENA SUGAR

3rd place:

ACF SAPPHIRE AOE & SAPPHIRE DB GD CH AWAYFARR BASIL
Cornish Rex Neuter *Red Mink Bi-colour*
Breeder: HAZEL & AMELIA FARRAWAY Exhibitor: COLLEEN BLAIR

4th place:

CH SEMPRE SIR THEODORE IRONS Sphynx Spay *Black Bi-Colour*
Breeder: HAYLEE SCHOLTE Exhibitor: MEGAN IRONS

5th place:

ACF SAPPHIRE AOE CATS NSW DIAMOND DGC ANCATS CH MURMURELLIUS ELISEY (IMP JPN) Peterbald Neuter *Seal Point*
Breeder: NINA GLADKOVA Exhibitor: HELENA SUGAR

6th place:

CH BRINDIE MR CHESTER Cornish Rex Male *Red Smoke*
Breeder & Exhibitor: SALLY GORDON

7th place:

HALLOWS GRANGER Sphynx Spay *Black Tortie & White*
Breeder: ADAM KORN & ZARA HALLOWS SPHY Exhibitor: MEGAN IRONS

8th place:

BRZ.GD.CH. BRINDIE MISS PEBBLES Cornish Rex Spay
Chocolate Tortie & White
Breeder & Exhibitor: SALLY GORDON



Ku-Ring-Gai Himalayan Cat Club

5 Ring Cat Show Saturday 13th April



Above from R to L: Supreme **Ring 1 Judge: Diane Davidson**, NZCF & Hazel Rossiter with **EYECANDY MR BOJANGLES**, *American Shorthair kitten* Owned by Hazel & Jeanette Rossiter.



Left from L to R: **Ring 2 Judge: Michelle Hinder** FASA presenting her Judges Choice award to Jenny Weekes for: **SUNSOAR TALITHA**. *Seal Tortie Point Birman*



Left from L to R: **Ring 2 Judge: Michelle Hinder** FASA Owners: Tony & Jeanine Brown with **ROYALGLAMOUR CLOUD NYNE** *Persian desexed blue bi-colour*



Left: **Ring 3 Judge: Shara McKay** Cats NSW with 3 x Supreme winner (R 3, 4 & 5)
Supreme overall winner:
ACF Brz AoE Gold Db Gd Ch
COOLCOONS SECRET BUSINESS
Black classic tabby bicour Maine Coon.
Breeder: F Cooper & M Bailey





Above R: Ring 4 **Judge: Marg Sim**, Cats NSW presenting her Judges Choice award with owner Heidi Emanouel of **LUMIETTY CHILLI BILLIE NUGGET** Siberian Black Tortie Golden Classic Tabby Agouti



Above: Owner & Breeder: Colleen Blair Ring 4 Best Group 3 winner kitten: **SCILLYREX SAGE** black silver tortie mackerel tabby bicolour Cornish Rex **Judge: Marg Sim**



Above: Owner: Joanne Nash with **SHILOH KAHILI MACGYVER**, neuter lilac point Best Group 2 **Judge: Jenny Weeks**, Cats NSW



Above: L to R: Supreme Companion winner Tr Dia DGD Ch **TONKA** with owner Lauren Audet awarded by: **Judge: Jenny Weeks**, Cats NSW



L: Owner: Sandra Sweetman with **BAJIMBI DÉJÀ VU AURELIE**, Chocolate smoke Oriental kitten Best Group 2 **Judge: Michelle Hinder** FASA



Above: **Judge: Shara McKay** presenting the ACF Award to K Smith for **Ch BELLAHIMA WHITE WITCH** Snowshoe non Agouti & White



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New Product and Packs

Eye Envy Australia is excited to announce the arrival of a new product, our Proglide Cat Comb. We have also created some new Grooming packs for cats.



New Proglide Cat Comb

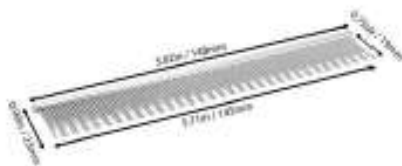
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UPCOMING NEWS for next issue



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: December 2024 and along with all the regular features and stories we will feature:

our breed focus: Group 3: **RUSSIAN BLUE** cats

Photo shows: Nat Sh Ch,CCCA Dia Tr Gd, Ch Dia Db Gd Ch, Act Dia Tr Gd Ch **SIBLU SERGEI DIAGHILEV**



Included in our December's issue:

- ◆ Do Dogs & Cats Need Taurine In Their Food
- ◆ Coccidiosis in Kittens & Understanding the Causes & Treatment for Constipation in Kittens
- ◆ Is Your Cat in Pain
- ◆ Details of our 2025 kid's '**PAINT YOUR CAT(s)**' Art competition
- ◆ Interbreeding, Line breeding and Outcrossing

*Plus the start of the new educational section DNA & Genetic Cat Diseases
Along with all the usual stories and surprises.*

Deadline for our next issue:

1st December, 2024: by the 1st November, 2024



APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP

Incorporated under the Associations Act 2009
(Form updated 23/04/2024)



| | | | |
|----------------------------------|--|---------|-------|
| I (First Name) | | Surname | |
| I (First Name) | | Surname | |
| Residential Address | | | |
| Home Phone | | Mobile | Email |
| Cat breed/s owned or of interest | | | |

I /We hereby apply to become a member of Cats NSW Inc. In the event of my/our acceptance as a member, I/We agree to abide by the Constitution, Rules and Regulations of Cats NSW Inc. for the time being in force. I/We understand that this application is for **Membership only** and will not be active until it is accepted by the Committee of Cats NSW Inc. and all monies pertaining to it are paid to Cats NSW Inc. Applicants including both Joint and Family Members must be residents of NSW or the ACT.

| | | |
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| Postal Address (if different from residential address) | | |
| Signature of Applicant | Signature of Applicant | Date |
| Name & Signature of Parent/Guardian if applicant under 18 years of age | | Date |
| | | |
| I, a member of the Cats NSW Inc., nominate the applicant for membership of the Cats NSW Inc. | | Membership No. |
| Signature of Proposer | | Date |
| I, a member of Cats NSW Inc., second the nomination of the applicant for membership of Cats NSW Inc. | | Membership No. |
| Signature of Seconder | | Date |

Please tick the appropriate membership category you wish to apply for;

Single Joint Family Junior Pensioner / Single Pensioner / Joint

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I/We understand that approval of this membership to Cats NSW is NOT approval to breed cats and to become a Registered Breeder I **MUST** complete an Application for Registration of Prefix for consideration by Cats NSW Inc. I **MUST NOT** breed any cats until I have applied for and been approved for a Breeder's Prefix. I understand that **ALL** breeding cats **MUST** be registered with the Cats NSW database under my Membership and Prefix and unrecognised colours or breeds will not be registered and will not be used in a breeding programme.

Yes, I Understand and agree to the above terms & conditions. Signature/s: _____

Have you previously been under investigation for any matter related to any of your animals by any animal welfare organisation or cat registering body and if so, what were the results of this or these investigations?

YES - Please provide details:

NO

Are you currently under investigation for any matter related to any of your animals by any animal welfare organisation or cat registering body?

YES - Please provide details:

NO

Have you previously, or are currently in the process of, surrendering any of your animals to any welfare organisation. (This does not include re-homing of rescued cats, or re-homing mature breeding queens and studs).

YES - Please provide details:

NO

Have you previously been, or currently are a member of another Feline Registry or Feline / Cat Control Body?

YES - Please provide details of organisation:

NO

To ensure to provide true and accurate responses to the above questions, or providing false or misleading information may render you ineligible to join Cats NSW Inc. Cats NSW Inc. reserves the right to deny membership application based on these responses. This membership application, if approved, and if applicable, is subject to your providing a copy of your letter of resignation from your current governing body.

Schedule of Fees

| Type of Membership | New: 1 st July to 30 th June (Financial Year) | New: from 31 st December to 30 th June | Renewal: 1 st July Yearly |
|--------------------|---|--|--------------------------------------|
| Single | \$50.00 | \$40.00 | \$35.00 |
| Joint | \$70.00 | \$60.00 | \$55.00 |
| Family | \$85.00 | \$75.00 | \$70.00 |
| Junior | \$25.00 | \$15.00 | \$10.00 |
| Pensioner / Single | \$35.00 | \$20.00 | \$20.00 |
| Pensioner / Joint | \$55.00 | \$30.00 | \$30.00 |

Please **DO NOT** send any payments until your application has been processed. If approved you will be notified of fees required for payment.

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| Post your application to: CATS NSW Incorporated, P.O. Box 478 Belconnen ACT 2616 | | Or email it to: secretary@catsnsw.com.au | |
| Office Use Only | | | |
| Date Application Received | | Membership Number | |
| Date Membership Approved | | Date Membership Declined | |
| Processed By | | Signature | |

* Please ensure all details are correct and all paperwork is included. Incorrect and/or illegible applications will be returned

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