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General Corner

CFSA Website

The CFSA website as we all know it is around for quite some time. We came to rely on the easy accessibility of show entry forms and - results, registration documentation downloads and many more.

After our webmaster of many years resigned, CFSA decided that it is time for a new design and a new layout.

The new site will be revealed shortly. So watch this space...



NEW Club Rep

At the EXCO meeting held on 25 May 2013, the new CFSA Club Representative was elected.

Congratulations to **Sandy Fitzpatrick!**

We wish you all the best in your new position!



Your Thoughts

We'd like to hear about your thoughts with regards to the new "CFSA Informer".

We also welcome ideas on topics you would like to read about, stories you would like to share and any contributions.

So become involved and send us your feedback and ideas to cfsainfo@gmail.com.



Special Points of Interest

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|---------------------------------|--------------------------|-------------------|
| ⇒ The big F's | ⇒ Member Story | ⇒ Tasty Recipes |
| ⇒ The power of Crystals & Herbs | ⇒ Meet the Siamese breed | ⇒ Show Etiquette |
| ⇒ The big W | ⇒ Current Front Runners | ⇒ Important Dates |
| | ⇒ KZNCC Show Results | |



What is it?



"Knowledge is Power"
(Sir Francis Bacon)

Health Corner: The big F-viruses

FCV

Feline Calici Virus

An upper respiratory cat virus that produces flu-like symptoms in cats. It's usually spread through contact with saliva or eye and nasal discharge of infected cats. Sometimes it is spread through contact with feces.

Symptoms include lack of appetite, discharge from the eyes and nose, fever, and stiff and painful joints and muscles. Difficulty breathing may occur and cats may develop pneumonia. Calicivirus can resemble feline rhinotracheitis, but the main symptom that differentiates the two is sores in the mouth, on the lips or tongue, or on the tip of the nose. Some strains of feline calici virus also cause sores on the feet.

Usually supportive care is all that's needed to treat calicivirus. Antibiotics may be required if secondary bacterial infections set in. Pain medication may also be needed for joint pain.

There is a vaccine for calicivirus. Cats should be vaccinated as kittens and receive annual booster shots.



FPV

Feline Panleukopenia Virus

Also known as feline distemper. It is transmitted through contact with urine or feces of an infected cat. Mother cats can also spread the disease to their kittens.

Older cats may not show many symptoms but kittens can become severely ill. Symptoms include severe vomiting and severe, bloody diarrhea. Seizures may also occur. Symptoms usually come on very suddenly.

There is no cure for panleukopenia, and it is often fatal. Treatment involves supportive care, which includes subcutaneous fluids, medication for vomiting and diarrhea, and medication for seizures.

Cats should be vaccinated for panleukopenia as kittens and yearly thereafter.



FeLV

Feline Leukemia Virus

Despite the name, feline leukemia is not a form of cancer. It is a feline virus that is similar to the HIV virus in people. It affects the immune system, making cats very vulnerable to infections. It is spread through contact with saliva and nasal secretions of infected cats, and also through contact with urine and feces. It is highly contagious.

In the early stages of the disease, there may be few symptoms. In the later stages, there may be many symptoms, including loss of appetite, weight loss, diarrhea, enlarged lymph nodes, and fever. Cats may have multiple infections, such as skin infections, bladder infections, and upper respiratory infections. Seizures may occur.

There is no cure for feline leukemia. Cats usually live about two years from the time of diagnosis.

Your cat should be vaccinated for feline leukemia as a kitten and should receive annual booster shots.





**"Better the devil that
you know"**
(Jack Heath)

LET US KNOW

What Feline viruses
you would like to
learn more about?

Please e-mail
suggestions to
cfsainfo@gmail.com

Health Corner: The big F-viruses



FCV

- ⇒ Lack of appetite
- ⇒ Sores in the mouth, on the lips or tongue, or on the tip of the nose
- ⇒ Difficulty breathing (your cat may develop pneumonia)
- ⇒ Runny eyes and nose
- ⇒ Stiff, sore joints or muscles (may resemble arthritis)
- ⇒ Fever
- ⇒ Some strains of feline calici virus also cause sores on the feet
- ⇒ Inflammation around the mouth (stomatitis)

FPV

- ⇒ Vomiting
- ⇒ High fever
- ⇒ Anorexia (weight loss)
- ⇒ Lethargy/Tiredness
- ⇒ Dehydration
- ⇒ Diarrhea (not common)
- ⇒ Endotoxemia and Bacteremia (the presence of bacteria or toxins in the blood)
- ⇒ Problems walking (Cerebellar disease)
- ⇒ Eye problems
- ⇒ Sudden death

FeLV

- ⇒ No desire to eat
- ⇒ Gradual weight loss which increases over time
- ⇒ Poor coat condition
- ⇒ Enlarged lymph nodes
- ⇒ Persistent fever
- ⇒ Pale gums and other mucus membranes
- ⇒ Inflamed gums (gingivitis)
- ⇒ Inflamed mouth (stomatitis)
- ⇒ Skin infection
- ⇒ Urinary bladder infection
- ⇒ Upper respiratory tract infection
- ⇒ Diarrhea that doesn't seem to go away
- ⇒ Seizures
- ⇒ Behavioral change
- ⇒ Eye problems
- ⇒ abortion of kittens or difficulty with pregnancy



Spreading?

How does the FCV spread?

- Saliva
- Eye discharge
- Nose discharges
- Feces
- Food dishes
- Litter trays
- Clothing

How does the FPV spread?

- Shared food and water bowls, litter pans, bedding
- Mutual grooming
- Fleas, during the active stage
- *In utero*, from an infected queen
- Human handling can transfer the FVP virus from one cat to another, by contact through hands, clothing, and shoes.

How does the FeLV spread?

- Urine
- Feces
- Milk from the mother/female cat to kittens
- Saliva (high concentration of virus)
- Secretions that come out of the nose (high virus concentration)
- Two cats that groom each other
- Shared litter box

Alternative Corner: Advantages of Crystals & Herbs

Crystals & Cats



Did you know that CRYSTALS can assist in keeping your cat healthy?

Lithium / Rose

Assists with depression in cats. Provokes a sense of security and peace.



Dalmatian Jasper

Helps calm down hyperactivity cats.



Diopase

Helps your cat deal with Anxiety issues and feelings of abandonment. Leave this crystal with your cat if you work long hours.



Bloodstone

Known for its healing energies. It also supports overall health, strength and endurance.



Amethyst

Also known as the "stone of sobriety". A natural stress reliever. Alleviates pain.



Quantum Quattro Silica

An immune system builder, which aligns all energy bodies.



Leave the stones / crystals in your cat's favourite resting place and allow it to work its magic ...

Herbs & Cats



Did you know that HERBS can assist in keeping your cat healthy?

Lavender

Known mostly as an aromatherapy, lavender essential oil is also helpful for mild wounds, cuts and skin conditions. Lavender can also be (very sparingly) used internally for situations that require calming, such as digestive upset, nervousness, etc.

Peppermint

Used as a strong tea, or as an herb added to food, peppermint is an excellent digestive calmer and a gentle anti-inflammatory aid.

Chamomile

This nervine helps settle down almost all bodily functions so it can be helpful with stress, diarrhea, gastrointestinal upset, respiratory infections and the like. It can be administered as a capsule, mixed in with food supplement, as a tincture or even as a strong tea.

Cayenne

As a natural anti-inflammatory, cayenne is very helpful for arthritis and general inflammatory condition. It also stimulates digestion and helps improve metabolism.

Nettle

An effective relief for arthritis pain and an anti-inflammatory, nettle has also been extensively used for allergies.

Aloe Vera

Use this herb to soothe upset digestive tracts and to help restore mucous membranes. Also helpful for external minor cuts, burns, rashes and irritations.

Battling with itchy skin? There are a couple of natural options:

Oatmeal

Use oatmeal to relief itchy skin. Give your pet an oatmeal bath just like your mom did when you had the chicken pox. Simply mix 1/2 cup grinded oatmeal with lukewarm water until the oatmeal dissolves. Allow your pet to soak 10 to 15 minutes.

Peppermint Oil

Simply rub over your pet's red patches of skin for itch relief.

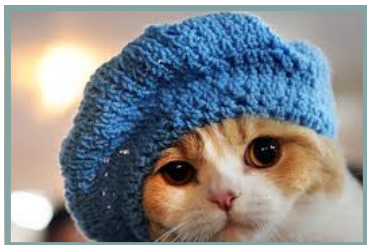
Chamomile

Mix the herb with bath water to soothe your pet's skin.

** **Please Note:** The above information is not intended to diagnose or treat an ill animal—always consult with a registered veterinarian.*

Seasonal Corner: Winter Challenges

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Winter is just around the corner, which poses problems for owners of both indoor and outdoor cats.

Contrary to popular belief, a fur

coat does not keep your cat warm during the cold Winter months.

It is highly recommended that cats are kept inside during harsh Winter conditions.

Which could create a whole mess of new challenges, like:

1. Lack of exercise,
2. Invasion of cats' personal space and clashing personalities,

3. Balancing heating measures, with fresh air flow, to avoid higher chances of cross contamination and a breeding environment for germs, bacteria and viruses
4. Cats burn more energy when they are trying to stay warm and if they are not assisted in this department, their condition will wither.

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1. Lack of Exercise

- Use a toy with a feather or a bell, or a laser toy to get your cats moving. You would be surprised how much exercise a cat can get from just playing indoors.
- Set up a daily routine to play with your cats. This will ensure daily exercise for the cats (and yourself).
- Try using catnip; this will have them going crazy.

Cats can spend hours frolicking with toys covered in catnip.

- Invest in a tiered cat tower; this will give them a place of their own to climb and scratch.
- Plant some (SAFE) herbs in pots, you'll be amazed how much time your cats will spend sniffing and playing and chewing on the plants.

2. Personal Space

Be mindful of the fact that cats now being forced to stay indoors 24/7 might invade the space of the resident 'coach potatoes', which will elevate stress levels in the community.

Make sure that your cat communities are not too big for the available space, rather separate them into smaller groups that have similar personalities.

TIP!

3. Heat Vs. Fresh Air

There are many ways we can keep our cats warm - wall heaters, blankets, beds, closing all the windows and doors, etc.

BUT BEWARE!

All of the above promotes excellent breeding conditions for germs, bacteria and viruses.

So, give your cats options to stay warm, BUT

- Keep the free flow of fresh air going at all times.
- Wash bedding and blankets more often and remember to add a disinfectant to the washing.
- Disinfect all surfaces and furniture again, and again, and again.

4. Nutrition

Because your cat uses extra energy to stay warm, it is even more important to feed your cat nutritionally - **balanced food** during Winter months. And always have plenty of **fresh water** available.

Supplements like Vitamin E or B Complex can be added to your cat's diet, however, always consult with a registered veterinarian first.

Breed Corner: Meet The Siamese Breed

Every one of us has a special breed, that ONE breed....that when you see a perfect example of the breed, it literally takes your breath away!!! With me it is the Siamese.

It is one of the oldest and most recognizable cat breeds in the world. The Siamese traces its royal roots back to the 14th Century in Thailand when it was still known as Siam. They are the legendary temple cats that belonged to members of the Siam royal family who would bestow them to visiting dignitaries.



Siamese Gardens Murdock
Seal Point
Bred and Owned by D. Graaff

The Siamese is a long, elegant cat: the body is long, the neck is long, the legs and tail are long. They are a medium sized breed but are supple and nicely muscled. The males are significantly bigger than the females.



SC Loek-Maew Born This Way of LaMASKA (IMP)
Chocolate Point
Bred by A. van Dijken / Owned by M. Burger

The Siamese is a cat of extremes. The head is a medium size wedge forming an equilateral triangle from the tip of the ears to the tip of the nose. The tall, pointed ears are set on the head to be a continuation of this

triangle and are wide at the base. The nose is long and straight. The legs are long and slender. The tail is long and tapers to a point.



Siamese Gardens Callypso
Seal Point
Bred by D. Graaff / Owned by R. Tchiorniy

The coat is short, glossy and lies close to the body. The beauty of the Siamese cat is the look of the slender body, the intense blue eyes and the contrast between the rich cream colour on the body and the darker colour of the extremities. This contrast is called pointing. The coat contains a mutated enzyme in its pigment that produces its cream coloured torso, offset by the darker points. The darker colour gradually blends into the lighter colour of the body. The face also shows a mask of the same deeper point colour. The mask covers the face, surrounds the eyes and covers the whisker pads. The mask is smaller in a kitten and gradually increases as the cat grows. Their cream coats might darken with age.

These are active and highly intelligent animals, some can be quite eccentric, and you will often hear stories of Siamese opening doors, hiding in kitchen cupboards, stealing socks and fighting off intruders – like a guard dog. Siamese are also curious, affectionate and athletic. This breed can be trained to walk on a leash, play fetch, to perform commands and tricks and has proven to be a viable competitor in feline agility. You will never have a dull moment with a Siamese around. The Siamese cat is among the liveliest of breeds. Coupled with their inquisitive natures, they tend to often get themselves into trouble.

They are out-going, gentle animals that

love to be around their favourite people and tend to sleep next to you. Because these cats crave affection coupled with assertive personalities, they will demand to be picked up, cuddled and loved. They show the same loyalty and devotion to the people they own, than a dog does. They will greet you enthusiastically at the front door if you've been out, and will follow you around the house when you are at home.



LaMASKA My Edens' Baby Its You
Caramel Point
Bred by I. Perestrelo / Owner M.

Siamese are vocal and demanding, capable of conveying their desires in a ranging from meows to loud raspy calls. One of the most notorious qualities of these cats is their distinctive high pitched sound, which is in some cases similar to a baby's cry. You might wish this breed came with a mute button.



SH LaMASKA My Fabiola (SACC NW)
Blue Tortie Point
Bred and Owned by M. Burger

Beware: If you don't like a cat that talks

Breed Corner:

Meet The Siamese Breed *(continued)*

back, and loves the sound of his own voice, then you don't have what it takes to be owned by a Siamese. Siamese are vocal and demanding, capable of conveying their desires in a voice ranging from meows to loud raspy calls.

They have very low grooming needs, but will love the interaction when you are tending their grooming needs. Health wise they are regarded as a healthy breed, but can be genetically predisposed to problems with gingivitis and sometimes a liver-destroying disease called amyloidosis. So please stick to their annual vet check-up regime.

If you are after a 'low-maintenance' pet that can look after itself while you are out at work all day, then this breed is not for you. Siamese cats are first and foremost *social* animals. Don't consider getting one if you can't give it the attention it deserves. If you work but are desperate for a Siamese to share your life with then please get two - that way they can keep each other company while you're not about.

A final word of caution... People somehow never seem to settle for 'just the one' Siamese; a first cat or kitten will always lead to a second, and maybe a third... When you buy your first Siamese kitten you are starting a love-affair with this incredible species that is likely to last - and dominate - your whole life.

Written by,
Karen and Robert Visagie
Owners of Roar'n Cattery

2009 CFSA Cattery of the Year
2012 CFSA Cattery of the Year

PLATINUM KID!

The aim of the Platinum Award is to give special acknowledgment to cats that had an outstanding performance during their show career, and achieved more than the other show stoppers.

The first award in CFSA history was award-

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ed in 2001 to Conqueror First , a Cornish Rex owned by A Solomon.

CFSA recently revisited the evaluation criteria for the Platinum award, as the number of shows per annum, as well as the show structure changed since the inception of the CFSA many years ago. Since the new criteria was established, TSC Roar'n Marco Polo, NQ is the first cat that qualified for this magnificent award.



TSC Roar'n Marco Polo, NQ
Bred and Owned by Karen & Robert Visagie

His achievements during his show career is as follows:

Gold Club:

2009 – 50's club
2009 – 70's club
2011 – 100's club

COTY:

2008 – 6th male
2009 – 8th male
2012 – 4th male

2009 – Triple Supreme Champion Entire of the Year

His total number of gold ribbons is **144!**

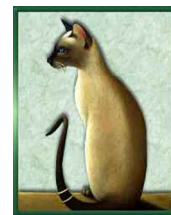
Platinum

Siamese Legends

While the Siamese 'Kinked Tail' has become a 'fault' it should be noted that in the early shows it was mandatory for a Siamese to have a kink in its tail to be considered a true Siamese.

Over time this trait fell from favor and was bred out of the breed as much as possible. However it is so imbedded in the genetics that it still appears occasionally in some lines more than others. Since it does not affect the cat's health in any way, many breeders have become tolerant of this trait as long as the kink cannot be seen and can only be felt by running the fingers down the length of the tail. Whether desirable or not, the kinked tail is part of the history of the

Siamese as indicated by the following legends:



It is said that there was once a Siamese Princess who was frightened of losing her rings while she bathed in a stream. Looking around for somewhere convenient to place her jewelry, she noticed that her favorite cat had crooked his tail for her benefit. Ever since that time all Siamese cats have been born with a tiny kink at the end of their tails to hold the Princess' rings.



A young cat took his wife into the jungle to search for a royal goblet that was missing from one of the Siamese temples. Upon finding the treasure, they decided that the female should remain in the jungle to guard it while the male went back to the city to inform the priest of their discovery. So the little cat took up her position among the leaves and tangled foliage, her tail twisted around the stem of the goblet to make quite sure that no one would try to take it away. Four nights later her husband returned to find he was the father of five sweet little kittens. But, in spite of her new responsibility, the loyal mother cat had not forgotten her earlier trust.

Indeed, so conscientious had she been in her protection of the goblet that a permanent kink had developed in the end of her tail. What was more, all five kittens had a similar kink in their tails!

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CFSA Corner: TOP 20s

Our current front runners, listed in alphabetical order (including KZNCC results from 27-04-2013)

KITTENS

Achlin-Ve Voluptuous Venus	- L. Komossa
Brattachtal's Catwalk Queen of The Catwalk	- S. Marsh
Chattapaws Pretty Woman	- S. Beesley & M. Findley
Geedee Lilac Dawn	- A. Caw
Kernes The Biccadi Cat	- M. Kernes
Lamaska Dottie With Spotties	- M. Burger
L'Exquisite Cassandra	- B. Neukircher
L'Exquisite Cracker Jack	- D. Scheepers
L'Exquisite Incroyable	- B. Neukircher
L'Exquisite Jumpin' Jack Flash of Tres Jolie	- C. Danziger
Purr-n-Meow Etienne Aigner Starlight of Tres Jolie	- C. Danziger
Purr-n-Meow Givenchy Xeryus	- E. Bester & C. Bekker
Purr-n-Meow James Bond 007	- E. Bester & C. Bekker
ShakesPURR's A Midsummer Night's Dream	- H. Röhrs
Shangri-La Etinoha	- V. Wright
Siamese Gardens Marley	- D. Graaff
Siamese gardens Murdock	- D. Graaff
Spandau Kali	- S. Fitz-Patrick & A. van Doornum
Spandau Vulcan	- S. Fitz-Patrick & A. van Doornum
The Catwalk Kenzo	- S. Marsh

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Achlin-Ve Xong Xong Blue	- M. Bornman
Carmandale Heavenly's Sienna	- S. Armand & A. Nortman
Chattapaws Honeybee	- S. Beesley & M. Findley
Colokats Legacy	- S. Prinsloo
Cracker Unbelievable	- R. van Wyk
Flamboyant Alvin L'Meur	- R. van Wyk
Geedee Cardinal De Richelieu	- S. Prinsloo
Kisamee Damon Salvatore	- N. Strydom
L'Exquisite Mardi	- B. Neukircher
Lou-Jen geantt of C'Est L'Amour	- L. Moodley & S. Singh
ShakesPURR's Kiss'd The Wild Waves	- Visser-Family (Caitie)
ShakesPURR's Lord Benedick	- H. Röhrs
ShakesPURR's Tybalt, Prince Of Cats	- C. Grobbelaar
ShakesPURR's Lord Of Jealousy	- M. Bornman
Sherada K's Philip The Red	- J. May
Thomas O'Mali Prince William	- J. May
Timshay Lady Clorinda	- K. Peplar
Tres Jolie Bella-Donna	- C. Danziger
Westwood Apollo	- H. Griffiths
Westwood Skyhawk	- G. Nel

FEMALES

Brettachtal's Aida of The Catwalk	- S. Marsh
Brettachtal's Marilyn Monroe of The Catwalk	- S. Marsh
Brettachtal's Miss South Africa of The Catwalk	- S. Marsh
Brettachtal's Supermodel of The Catwalk	- S. Marsh
Colorkats Singapore Sling of Kernes	- M. Kernes
Jalbertus Donicea Eunice of The Catwalk	- S. Marsh
Kisamee Delfi,	- N. Strydom
Lamaska Glitterati	- M. Burger
Lamaska She Of Seven Veils	- M. Burger
L'Exquisite Snowflake	- B. Neukircher
Li & Lo Patricia	- E. Bekker
Michelle Manta of Siamese Gardens	- D. Graaff
Oakleys Angie-Lu of Tres Jolie	- C. Danziger
Oakley's Madam De Pompadour of C'Est L'Amour	- L. Moodley & S. Singh
Rydel Agate	- J. Lewis
ShakesPURR's As It Is	- H. Röhrs
Spandau La Paloma Blanca	- W. Hyman
Spandau Princess Ariel	- W. Hyman
Swagger Coons Blue Moon	- S. & N. Prinsloo
Swagger Coons My Lady Soul	- S. & N. Prinsloo

MALES

Achlin-Ve Diablo of Carmandale	- S. Armand & A. Nortman
Azreal Elsala Tzar	- A. Pretorius
Brettachtal's Maserati of The Catwalk	- S. Marsh
Doll Like's Eskimo of Carmandale	- S. Armand & A. Nortman
Esky Boo	- A. Pretorius
Ixidixi Brownie of L'Exquisite	- B. Neukircher
Jalbertus Alexander McQueen of The Catwalk	- S. Marsh
Lamaska Aurora Borealis	- M. Burger
L'Exquisite Enchanted	- B. Neukircher
Michele My Jupiter of Siamese Gardens	- D. Graaff
Prazlin Azaro of Awesome Bengals	- L. Kennard
Purr-n-Meow Absolutely Givenchy	- E. Bester & C. Bekker
Purr-n-Meow Guerlain Too Much? of Carmandale	- S. Armand & A. Nortman
RS*Rextasy Wanna dance of Kisamee	- N. Strydom
S*Just Catnaps Lotus of Geedee	- A. Caw
ShakesPURR's Every Inch A King	- H. Röhrs
Shangri-La Asani Rebel	- V. Wright
Tropicoons Nemo	- D. le Roux
William Strieborna Ruza of El'Vee	- L. Venter
Zack Nova Axiz Star, CZ of Shangri-La	- V. Wright

CFSA Corner: TOP 20s

Our current front runners (including KZNCC results from 27-04-2013)

PETS

Alaska	- J. May
Camilla	- J. May
Dean	- J. Blonk
Dexter	- J. Blonk
Dinky	- L. Cronje
Duchess	- L. Moodley & S. Singh
Jasmine	- J. May
Jenna	- J. May
Kiyana	- L. Moodley & S. Singh
Lady Cara	- J. Blonk
Leo	- J. May
Lucy	- J. May
Miss Marilyn Monroe	- L. Moodley & S. Singh
Melody	- J. May
Meraiah Mechanic	- K. Peplar
Mystique	- L. Moodley & S. Singh
Pula	- L. Cronje
Sherazade	- L. Moodley & S. Singh
Tinkerbelle	- J. May
Webster	- J. May

New Catteries Registered in 2013



- **Berrylicious**
Persian Cattery
Owned by Zayne Sullivan
- **Chinazzle**
Persian Cattery
Owned by A. Liebenberg
- **DelSamae**
Siamese Cattery
Owned by C.M. Badenhorst
- **Mela**
Burmese Cattery
Owned by Jane Coble
- **Rock'n Purr**
Persian Cattery
Owned by Lynelle van Aarde
- **The Catwalk**
Persian Cattery
Owned by Stuart Marsh
- **Wags'n Meows**
Bengal Cattery
Owned by E. Wagner



New 2013 Triple Supremes

- TSP Tres Jolie Bella-Donna (KZNCC 27/04/13)
- TSC Brettachtal's Miss South Africa of The Catwalk (KZNCC 27/04/13)

Show Result Corner: KZNCC (Show 1) Results (27-04-2013)

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BEST IN SHOW

Brettachtal's Maserati of The Catwalk (S7611)
Owner: S. Marsh



PET OF THE DAY

Lucy
Owner: J. May



PERSIAN / EXOTIC

Best Kitten

Brettachtal's Catwalk Queen
of The Catwalk
Owner: S. Marsh

Best Neuter

Cracker Unbelievable
Owner: R. van Wyk

Best Female

Brettachtal's Miss South Africa
of The Catwalk
Owner: S. Marsh

Best Male



Brettachtal's Maserati
of The Catwalk
(S7611)
Owner: S. Marsh

SIAMESE / ORIENTAL

Bets Kitten

Siamese Gardens Murdock
Owner: D. Graaff

Best Neuter

(No entries)

Best Female

Lamaska She Of Seven Veils
Owner: M. Burger

Best Male



Lamaska Aurora Borealis
Owner: M. Burger

FOREIGN

Bets Kitten

(No entries)

Best Neuter

(No entries)

Top Female



Spandau La Paloma
Blanca, NQ
Owner: W. Hyman

Best Male

(No entries)

MEDIUM HAIR

Bets Kitten

(No entries)

Best Neuter

(No entries)

Best Female

(No entries)

Best Male

(No entries)

SPECIAL CLASSES

Triple Supreme Entire

Jalbertus Alexander McQueen
of The Catwalk
Owner: S. Marsh

Triple Supreme Premier

Carmandale Heavenley's Sien-na
Owner: S. Armand & A. Nortman

Veteran Entire

Brettachtal's Aida of The Catwalk
Owner: S. Marsh

Veteran Premier

Flamboyant Alvin L'Meur
Owner: R. van Wyk

Super Pet

Tinkerbelle
Owner: J. May

Show Result Corner: KZNCC (Show 2) Results (27-04-2013)

(Sponsored by Royal Canin)

BEST IN SHOW

Brettachtal's Maserati of The Catwalk (S7611)
Owner: S. Marsh



PET OF THE DAY

Alaska
Owner: J. May



PERSIAN / EXOTIC

Best Kitten

The Catwalk Kenzo
Owner: S. Marsh

Best Neuter

Cracker Unbelievable
Owner: R. van Wyk

Best Female

L'Exquisite Snowflake, NQ
Owner: B. Neukircher

Best Male



Brettachtal's Maserati
of The Catwalk
(S7611)
Owner: S. Marsh

SIAMESE / ORIENTAL

Bets Kitten



Lamaska Dottie With
Spotties
Owner: M. Burger

Best Neuter

(No entries)

Best Female

Lamaska She Of Seven Veils
Owner: M. Burger

Best Male

Lamaska Aurora Borealis
Owner: M. Burger

FOREIGN

Bets Kitten

Rydell Athos
Owner: J. Lewis

Best Neuter

Thomas O'Mali Prince William
Owner: J. May

Top Female



Spandau La Paloma
Blanca, NQ
Owner: W. Hyman

Best Male

(No entries)

MEDIUM HAIR

Bets Kitten

(No entries)

Best Neuter

(No entries)

Best Female

(No entries)

Best Male

(No entries)

SPECIAL CLASSES

Triple Supreme Entire

Jalbertus Alexander McQueen
of The Catwalk
Owner: S. Marsh

Triple Supreme Premier

C'Est L'Amour Prince Of Per-
sia, NQ
Owner: L. Cronje

Veteran Entire

Brettachtal's Aida of The Cat-
walk
Owner: S. Marsh

Veteran Premier

Flamboyant Alvin L'Meur
Owner: R. van Wyk

Super Pet

Kiyana
Owner: L. Moodley & S. Singh

Story Corner: Daniel Germishuys



In April of 2012 I was fortunate enough to be invited to judge in Australia.

My first show was for the Northern Feline Fancy of Queens-

land on Saturday, the 15th of April 2012 – from being picked up at the airport on the Thursday evening, taken out for dinner on the Friday evening and until the end of the show on the Saturday, everyone was friendly and relaxed and made me feel right at home.

I judged Birman, Persian, Ragdoll, Siberian, Exotic, Maine Coon, Abyssinian, Australian Mist, Burmese, Cymric, Devon Rex, Siamese, Oriental, Sphynx. My favourite and best was a British Blue Neuter.

I left straight after the show to Maclean NSW (The Scottish Town In Australia) where Liz Robinson (the Show Manager) and her husband hosted me for a whole week – I was treated like a family member and had an absolute amazing week of rest before the show on the Saturday, 21st of April 2013. As I had to leave straight after lunch for the airport to catch a flight to Sydney, I did not really get a chance to catch up with exhibitors, but everyone was friendly and my poor steward had to run

around to get the cats to me on time. I judged All Breeds of cats on show.

I was picked up at the Sydney Airport by the Show Manager Brian Edwards and taken to his home where he and his lovely wife Bambi hosted me, in their home, for the duration of my stay in Sydney. I cannot thank them enough for all that they have done for me – nothing was too much trouble and I had a most enjoyable stay. They will stay in my heart forever!

On Saturday, 28th April 2012, the show was held at The Tradies (Elouera Room) on the Kingsway in Gympie – what an amazing venue and what a great day! I judged Ring 1 which consisted of 3 Litters, (Maine Coon, Ragdoll & Persian), my best the Maine Coon Litter.

I also judged Companion Kittens & Adults and Kitten Entire, Kitten Alter, Adult Entire & Adult Alter. It was such a blast to have so many breeds to judge – Balinese, Bengal, Bombay, British, Burmese, Companion Cats, Cornish Rex, Egyptian Mau, Foreign White, Maine Coon, Munchkin, Oriental, Persian, Pixiebob, Ragdoll, Russian, Selkirk Rex, Siamese, Siberian, Sphynx, Tonkinese and Toyger. All the cats were of extremely good quality and I had a hard time placing them all – my Best Cat and my Supreme Exhibit a British Short Hair Entire Male. I still get goose-bumps just thinking about him! Also lost my heart to a Companion Adult Alter – Captain Moonlight –

he was such sweet, gentle giant.

After a couple of days rest, in which Bambi & Brian spoilt me rotten, Brian and me flew to Perth, where Ken & Joan Quinn welcomed me into their home and hosted me for the rest of my stay in Australia. Once again I could not have asked for better hosts. On Saturday, 28 April 2012, I judged at the Lid-delow Pavilion – Snowshoe, Exotic, Persian, Tiffanie, Ragdoll, Oriental, Australian Mist, Russian, Tonkinese, Sibella, Maine Coon, Peterbald, Siamese, Burmilla, Shynx, Abyssinian, Bengal, Burmese, Somali and Companion Cats. I loved the Australian Mist and Burmese on show.

Flying back home was a bit of a hassle – I got my days and times mixed up – through my own negligence I then had to spend 24 hours at Perth Airport!!!

I need to thank so many people for this great opportunity – Jane (who got me the invite), Terry from Northern Feline Fancy of Queensland, Jenny Weekes, Liz Robinson and friends, Ken & Joan, Dick & Sue Wye and last but certainly not least Brian and Bambi. The hospitality and friendliness of these Australian people were absolutely amazing and this experience will stay with me forever.

Written by,
Daniel Germishuys
All Breeds Judge

Creative Corner: Recipes

Make a tasty treat for your cat ...

TUNA PATTY TREATS



(20 minutes)

- 1 Can Tuna
- 1/2 Cup Cooked Rice
- 1/4 Cup Pureed Liver
- 2-3 Sprigs Chopped Parsley

1. Drain the tuna and mix all the ingredients together.
2. Make 6-7 balls and press them into patties.
3. Store in the fridge and serve to your cat.

CAT COOKIES



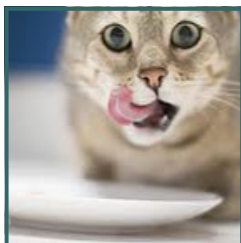
(30 minutes)

- 1 Cup Whole Wheat Flour
- 1 Teaspoon Catnip
- 1/3 Cup Milk
- 1/3 Cup Powdered Milk

- 2 Tablespoons Butter or Vegetable Oil
- 1/4 Cup Soy Flour
- 1 Egg
- 2 Tablespoons Wheat Germ
- 1 Tablespoon Unsulfured Molasses

1. Preheat the oven to 350 degrees.
2. Mix dry ingredients together.
3. Add molasses, egg, oil and milk.
4. Roll out flat onto oiled cookie sheet and cut into small, cat bite-sized pieces.
5. Bake for 20 minutes and allow to cool.
6. Store the cookies in a sealed container.

CHICKEN DINNER



(30 minutes)

- 1 Cup Cooked Chicken
- 1/2 Cup Cooked Rice
- 1/2 Cup Steamed Broccoli (chopped)
- 1/4 Cup Steamed Carrots (chopped)
- Chicken Broth

1. Put all ingredients (except the broth) in a food processor.
2. Process ingredients on "high".
3. Slowly pour the broth in, until the mixture takes-on a pastry consistency.
4. Serve to your cat.
5. It will keep in the fridge for 5-days.

MACKEREL COOKIES



(15 minutes)

- 1/2 Cup Canned Mackerel
- 1 Cup Whole Grain Bread Crumbs
- 1 Tablespoon Vegetable Oil or Bacon Grease
- 1 Egg (beaten)
- 1/2 Teaspoon Brewer's Yeast.

1. Preheat the oven to 3 degrees.
2. Combine all ingredients. Mix well.
3. Drop 1/4 spoonful's of the dough onto a greased cookie sheet.
4. Bake for 8 minutes. And allow to cool.
5. Store the cookies in a sealed container.



Serious Corner: Show Etiquette

Cat Show Etiquette

Although cat shows are only a hobby, it can be stressful. First of all, most of the cats are stressed, because they are out of their comfort zone and would prefer to sleep in their favorite sunspot at home. And secondly, the exhibitors are stressed. BUT no matter how stressed you are, there are basic common courtesy rules that must be obeyed; out of respect for yourself, your cat, the club hosting the show, the judges and your fellow exhibitors.

TIP: Obtain a copy of the show rules and read the content.

When taking the following basic points into consideration, and a little bit of planning, a lot of stress will be alleviated, and a lot of stressful situations can be avoided, leading to a more enjoyable experience to all involved.

Entries:

- Make sure your cat is registered with CFSA and/or transferred to your name before you send in your entries.
- Make sure your entire male older than 18 months has a stud number.
- Make up your mind about your entries before submitting the entry form.
- Make sure all the required documentation required by the CFSA show rules and the club concerned, are attached to your entries.
- Send your entry forms before the closing date; it avoids last minute frustration with fax machines that do not work.
- Follow up with the show manager to confirm ALL your entry documentation was received.
- Pay your show entry fees upfront. Clubs are non-profit organizations and hosting a show is expensive, not

to mention all the weeks' work that were invested by the club committee to get everything arranged for the day.

- Do not interfere with judges' invitations or judges' allocations.

The week before the show:

- Groom your cat.
- Cut your cats nails and clean their ears.
- Pack your show bag.
- Make sure copies of your entry form, inoculation booklet, registration form and the proof of payment is in your show bag.
- Plan your outfit – it cuts down on dressing-time on the morning of the show.
- If you did not receive your directions to the show venue, as well as your judges allocations 48 hours before the show, contact the show manager directly, not your friends, or the CFSA EXCO members.
- Check the allocations sent to you by the show manager and make sure that your cat(s) has/have been listed correctly – it is much easier to fix errors before the time than the morning of the show.
- Plan your route to the venue, to make sure you travel safe, allow enough travel time and arrive on time.
- Please make sure you have your directions to the venue when you leave home. The show managers are busy with last minute arrangements on the morning of the show and can't field calls for directions to the venue at that "critical" time of the morning. You may find that some of them actually switch off their mobiles anyway.
- If you know of withdrawals at this time, inform the show manager. It assists them with related administration tasks that will save time on the

morning before the show.

Pre Arrival:

- If your cat is sick, withdraw your cat. By taking a sick cat to show, you are not only taking a chance of infecting the other cats on show, but you are also endangering your own cats' health further. Stress is not beneficial to an already suffering animal. Your cats' health is far more important than any award.
- If your cat is sneezing, or has an eye ulcer, or ulcers in the mouth; withdraw your cat.
- If your entire female is in season, withdraw your cat.
- If your cat has a runny tummy, withdraw your cat.
- If you have ringworm casualties in your household, withdraw all your cats and stay away from shows.
- Make sure your cats are groomed and clean. It is a bad reflection of yourself when you put a poorly groomed or dirty cat on show; it is also an insult to your cat if he is not clean and groomed amongst the other beauties on show, and you waste the judges' time. If you didn't have time to properly groom your cat, withdraw your cat.
- The moment you know you are not going to take it to the show, please notify the show manager. Don't wait till arriving of the show, because by then the show committee already spent unnecessary time in setting up table's etc. for a cat that won't be on the show.

Arrival:

- Be on time. Again, it is not fair towards the show manager to receive phone calls and listen to excuses on such a busy morning. By being late you are wasting all the other exhibitors' and judges' time.
- Discussing 'alternative payment terms' with the show manager on

Serious Corner: Show Etiquette

the day of the show is NOT fair, there are so many things the show manager needs to focus on; and bottom line is that paying your show fees in advance is a show rule. It is also not courteous towards the exhibitors in line behind you, because they want to register and bench their cats.

- Check the catalogue and make sure that your cat(s) has/have been listed correctly. If there is a mistake, DO NOT make a scene. Club committees are people, people make mistakes. If you ask to speak to the show manager and do so politely, you will probably be accommodated ... provided you didn't make the mistake.
- Give your fellow exhibitors chance to complete benching before engaging in small talk.

Benching Area:

- Don't make a noise, don't run, and don't shout in the hall.
- Accidents do happen, but if your cat vomits, sprays, pees or poops, clean it up immediately; and dispose of the 'waste' OUTSIDE. It is not only unsanitary, it is also uncomfortable in a closed show hall – be courteous.
- Keep your area neat and clean throughout the day. Again it is a reflection of you.
- Listen to announcements, so that you can react timeously.
- Do not start grooming your cat for presentation to the judges AFTER his cage number was called. Be prepared.

Judging Area:

- Remember in the judging area, the exhibitors or stewards handling cats have RIGHT OF WAY.
- Do NOT just plunk your cat down on a judge's table; wait for the steward's instruction. The table might not have been cleaned yet.

- Do not change the judging order. By changing the order you are creating complications in the steady judging rhythm, you are forcing judges to page around in their files and you are cutting the line, which is unfair towards the next exhibitor and the next cat.
- Do not linger in the Judging area; you are taking up much needed space. The show officials are trying their best to move the show along as fast as possible and by lingering everybody needs to move around you.
- Do not stand within earshot of judges and discuss cats. It is excessively rude.
- You – as exhibitor or owner – may stand at a reasonable distance from the judges' table and see and listen to the judging process. You MAY NOT talk, comment, ask questions or interfere in any form whatsoever with the judging, the judges, or the steward.
- Don't hover at the judges table to try and read show reports and awards. Move along!

It is so easy for exhibitors to criticize a club committee on how a show was run, but the reality is that most of the time it is exhibitors who slow down the show and should be blamed.

- Accept awards. The judges' decision shall be final and binding on the exhibitors.

Breakdown:

- When you leave in the afternoon, take all your belongings and things with you. This includes all the miscellaneous foreign objects used and discarded by you and your cat during the day.
- Leave the club's property in the hall.
- Leave your fellow exhibitors property and prizes in the hall.
- Again: Clean-up the area where you

benched. The condition in which show halls are left after a show is truly appalling. Yes, it's been a long day and yes everybody wants to get home. But unfortunately somebody's got to do it ... and the winners are (drumroll) ... the club committee, the people who selflessly offer up their time to put on a cat show, so that you can exhibit your cat and compete for awards, prizes and titles. Not really fair is it? But the reality is - if the committee didn't do it, no cat show will ever be allowed again in any of the venues we use ...

General:

- Be a good exhibitor – do unto others as you would have them do unto you. Do NOT shove people – remember your manners and the words "excuse me please".
- Leave other people's stuff alone.
- Do not touch other people's cats without their consent.
- If you agree to watch cats for somebody else, stay with them – your word is your honor.

A last thought ... people are very quick to criticize shows and committees. Before you do so next time, answer these questions:

Have you ever worked on a show committee? Do you know that there are no perks or reimbursements for being on a committee? Do you know what putting on a show entail? Can you do it better?

GOLDEN RULE, which applies to all exhibitors, club committees, judges and cats:

If you cannot say something nice, don't say anything!

Written by,
The STRAIGHT-TALKERS

We'll be watching;
We say it as it is;
And we won't be silenced ...





Important Dates



15 June 2013

FFC Double Show

Batter Boys (Pretoria)

Sponsored by Royal Canin



Theme is in line with Youth Day on 16 June, because cats are children with fur coats and whiskers – Furry Feet & Coats ... and whiskers.

29 June 2013

CCC Show

Batter Boys (Pretoria)

Sponsored by Hill's



Special classes: Boldest Blue Coat, Ravishing Red Coat, Winter White Coat, Tantalising Tabby Pattern and Passionately Patched Pattern

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