

# cfssa informer

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## INTERESTING FACTS ABOUT SEPTEMBER

Flower of the month: Aster

Birthstone of the month: Sapphire (we used Madagascar Purple Sapphire images)

Leukemia and Lymphoma Awareness

Month Awareness Month

24 September: Heritage Day

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## Show Time: COTY Info

Sponsored by  **ROYAL CANIN**



# CFSA Cat of the Year 2015

*Incorporating the  
Gold and Ruby Show*

**19 September 2015**



COTY Event Manager | Etrechia Bester | 083 442 1512  
GARS Show Manager | Daniel Germishuys | 016 987 1170

### COTY and GARS Day Event's programme:

- 07:00 - 07:30** : Bench both COTY and GARS qualifiers
- 08:00 - 11:00** : Gold and Ruby Show starts
- Ruby Pet judge-off
  - Ruby Kitten judge-off
  - Ruby Adult judge-off
  - Gold Neuter judge-off
  - Gold Entire judge-off
- 11:00 - 11:30** : Lunch
- 11:30 - 12:00** : Announcements
- 12:00 - 14:00** : COTY Catwalk and judging

### General reminders

- \* Remember to bring the following for each exhibit:
  - Royal Canin show pen
  - Blanket or lining for each show pen (PLEASE stick to white!)
  - Litter tray and cat litter
  - Food and food bowl
  - Water and water bowl
- \* Ronnie Magic will be available to take photos (on themed templates) of the GARS qualifiers only
- \* Theresa Fouché will be photographing the COTY finalists.

Due to limited time, specific time schedules will be allocated to the various divisions.

Hannelie Röhrs will be co-ordinating this on the day and we ask that you please give your full co-operation.



## Show Time: COTY Info

Theresa needs to photograph 50 finalists between 08:00 and 12:00, which is a tall order!

Theresa will not be available to photograph any GARS qualifiers.

- \* Cold drink cash bar as well as other refreshments available at the hall during the day
- \* The above schedule concludes the day event; exhibitors will then be required to vacate the hall and take all exhibits home

### COTY GALA programme:

**18:30 - 19:00** : COTY Gala arrival and welcome drinks

**19:00** : COTY Gala commences

\* Dress code: FORMAL

\* Cash bar available!



## fiesta de los gatos





## Health: Female Health Issues

In line with Women's Day, 9 August, we thought it would be appropriate to have a look at three female specific health issues.

### **Mammary Hyperplasia**

Most common in young cats, mammary hyperplasia occurs in unspayed cats. The condition occurs a week or two after a cat's first heat cycle and results in enlarged breast glands.

High levels of progesterone cause the condition, which can be painful.

If she has a severe case of this condition, she'll have a rapid increase in breast size, discoloration, warmth, pain and ulceration of her skin over the swollen breast.

In a very severe case the veins in her breast can clot, causing the cat to die suddenly if the clot breaks free and travels to her lungs.

The best treatment for this condition is spaying her. If she's pregnant, talk to your vet to determine what the least risky course of treatment is for her.

### **Breast Tumors**

One of the most compelling reasons to spay her is to help her avoid breast tumors, which occur frequently in cats who haven't been fixed.

80 percent of breast tumors in cats are malignant and breast cancer is the third most common cancer in cats.

Cats older than 6 years of age tend to be a greater risk. The chance of contracting this cancer is greatly reduced if she is spayed, particularly before her first heat cycle.

Feline breast cancer progresses rapidly, spreads widely and has a high rate of recurrence after treatment. Treatment usually involves surgically removing the tumors, sometimes accompanied with chemotherapy. Cats who haven't been spayed should have breast examinations monthly.

### **Pyometra**

Unspayed cats are more prone to ovarian cysts and uterine infections because their hormone levels fluctuate so frequently. Pyometra, a potentially Life-threatening condition, is a severe bacterial infection of the uterus.

The uterine lining of an unspayed cat can thicken and form cysts, creating a fertile breeding ground for bacteria. She may vomit, have a swollen abdomen or be lethargic if she develops Pyometra, ultimately requiring surgery to remove her uterus and ovaries. Occasionally antibiotics and fluid therapy are required for recovery.

Source: [www.pets.thenest.com](http://www.pets.thenest.com)





## Health: Aging Cats

Many cat experts feel that, from a medical viewpoint, a cat is considered to be in its geriatric years when it reaches ten years old. The years take their toll on the cat's body, and just like its human companions, there are numerous changes caused by the aging process. Every organ is affected as the years progress. Generally, an older cat is less active and tends to sleep more than it did in its younger years. Due to the inactivity, the cat experiences reduced muscle tone. This makes activities such as climbing, running and jumping difficult. Many elderly cats only jump up to find a comfortable spot to sleep.

### Health Problems of Elderly Cats

In addition to reduced muscle tone, an elderly feline also commonly experiences:

- A decrease in its sense of taste, smell, hearing and sight
- A decrease in the temperature of its body, making it more sensitive to heat and cold
- Decreased metabolism
- Decreased appetite and weight loss
- Reduced bowel function and possible constipation
- Incontinence
- Dehydration caused by a decreased sensitivity to the feeling of being thirsty
- Difficulty swallowing due to a reduction in saliva production
- Problems with digestion
- Brittle, weak bones and claws
- Possible obesity due to inactivity
- Behavior changes

### Health Problems Affecting Major Organs

While all health problems of geriatric felines are serious, the following conditions and diseases affect major organs.

#### Heart Problems

Cardiac problems often develop in elderly cats. As the heart ages, it is not able to pump blood as efficiently as it once did. Sometimes a heart murmur, newly discovered during a routine veterinary visit, is the first indication of possible heart disease. One of the most common cardiac problems of aged cats is hypertrophic cardiomyopathy. This condition leads to the heart muscle becoming abnormally stiff and thick.



#### Liver Disease

When the liver ages, it loses its ability to adequately purify and remove toxins from the cat's blood. There is also a decrease in the number of enzymes it produces. Hepatic Lipidosis, commonly referred to as Fatty Liver disease, is a common health problem of elderly cats.

#### Kidney Disease

The older the cat, the higher the chance of it developing kidney disease, also known as renal disease. This happens because of the inability of the heart to pump enough blood to the kidneys or because of the kidneys themselves. Generally, the first sign of kidney problems is a noticeable increase of water intake and urination.

#### Decreased Lung Function

As lungs age, they become stiffer and are not able to supply enough oxygen to the body through the bloodstream. This is one reason elderly cats tire easily. They are also more likely to develop respiratory infection. If a cat has asthma, it generally worsens as the feline ages.

#### Additional Elderly Feline Health Problems

Diseases and illnesses can affect cats of all ages. However, elderly felines are more susceptible as their bodies and immune systems are weakened from the natural process of aging.

#### Cancer

Cancer is a major health problem of elderly cats. Two common feline cancers are intestinal lymphoma, which is a malignant tumor in the lymph nodes of the intestines and lymphosarcoma, a cancer of the white blood cells.

#### Dental Disease

Dental disease is a common health problem of elderly cats. Many aged felines have poor teeth and gums resulting in loss of teeth, periodontal disease and mouth ulcers.

#### More Health Concerns of Aged Felines

Diabetes	Arthritis and Joint Stiffness
Urinary Tract Disease	Hyperthyroidism
Hypertension	Inflammatory Bowel Disease



## Club News and Reminders

### KZNCC Top Cat 2015 is back!

A few years ago, the KZNCC undertook to create an annual feline finale where the top cats shown over the course of each show season in KZN, could come together to compete for the coveted KZNCC Top Cat title. Last year, due to financial restraints, the club was unable to fund this event and as a result, the Committee took the decision to cancel.

This year, we were committed to finding the means to hold the show again and it has come to fruition with the assistance of our Committee members, Sponsors, Judges, Show Admin and Exhibitors.

The date for the event is Saturday, 10 October 2015 and the venue is the beautiful Assagay Hotel in Hillcrest. Invitations have gone out and we are so excited to show KZN what our team has put together for you and to say thank you for supporting us over the course of the year.

If you have not qualified for the show but would still like to attend the dinner, please book urgently by the latest 3 October 2015 so that we may confirm numbers for catering purposes. Booking forms can be found on our website's home page, [www.kzncatclub.weebly.com](http://www.kzncatclub.weebly.com)

The KZNCC Top Cat show will consist of a Cat Show in the morning with a period of judging, and will be open to the public. The formal awards dinner will follow at the same venue in the evening and our theme this year is Fire and Ice.

The Club also supports the Cats of Durban Feral

Sterilisation Project in an effort to help them fund their sterilisation campaigns and would like to give something back to them and use the platform of our shows to do so. Should anyone wish to make any donations to their cause for their upcoming campaign, there will be a box at the show for them.

Also to assist our main sponsor, Royal Canin, we are doing a collection for Lucky's family to assist them in putting together an education fund for his children. As many of you know, Lucky was an asset to the Royal Canin team and passed away suddenly earlier in the year. Should you be in any position to assist them in raising funds or with blankets, children's clothes, food or stationery, please feel free to bring it along to the show so that we can put together a collection for his family.

We are also running a Halloween Raffle to assist with raising funds. Please contact Alistair to buy your ticket on [kznccinfo@gmail.com](mailto:kznccinfo@gmail.com) and stand a chance to win one of four hampers.

Lastly we would like to announce and thank wholeheartedly, our confirmed sponsors for the KZNCC Top Cat Event. We have such wonderful prizes and goodies for our Qualifiers and are so grateful to everyone who has contributed to this event.





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Royal Canin - Main Sponsor

In alphabetical order:

- Ancass Pet Products
- Cats Best  
(V&E Distributors)
- Cosmic Pets
- Daro Pet Products
- Dragonfly Harnesses
- Hagen South Africa
- Identipet
- Kyron Laboratories
- Magic Kittyware
- Merial
- Nicole Barratt
- Ninnette Duplessis
- Orivet Australia
- Penny Steyn
- Pet Systems
- Regal Pet Health
- Steritech / Vetguard
- Wilma Hyman

We hope to see you there!

The KZNCC Committee



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TOP CAT 2015**

**FIRE  
& ICE**

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**ROYAL CANIN**

**KWAZULU NATAL'S FELINE FINALE**  
Celebrating the best of the best cats shown in KwaZulu Natal in 2015

**10 OCTOBER 2015**  
Assagay Hotel, Hillcrest

**KZNCC**  
KWAZULU NATAL CAT CLUB

**CFSA**





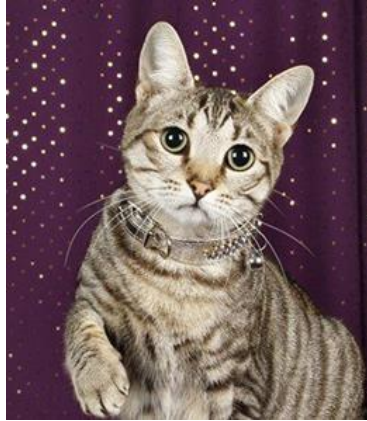
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## CFSA 2015 Top 10 PET qualifiers



**Bluebelle**  
Owned by J May



**Clarence, NQ**  
Owned by J May



**Kiara, NW**  
Owned by N and S Prinsloo



**Lucy, NQ**  
Owned by J May



**Mazzouri**  
Owned by L Moodley and S Singh



**Meraiah Mechanic, NQ**  
Owned by K Pepler



**Nikita**  
Owned by J May



**Noxi**  
Owned by L Cronje



**Pula**  
Owned by L Cronje



**Snowflake**  
Owned by J May





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## CFSA 2015 Top 10 KITTEN qualifiers



Colorkats Grizzly  
Owned by D le Roux



El'Vee Endless Love  
Owned by L Venter



Geedee Versuvius of  
Shangri-La  
Owned by V Wright



L'Exquisite Apple  
Pie of Pearl  
Owned by P Steyn



Pearl Fiat Justitia  
Ruat Caelum  
Owned by P Steyn



ShakesPURR's Sigh  
No More Ladies  
Owned by H Röhrs



ShakesPURR's The  
Lady Doth Protest  
Too Much  
Owned by H Röhrs



Taigha Mamba  
Stripe Force  
Owned by H Griffiths



Tres Jolie Lord Rag-  
nar  
Owned by C Danziger  
and D Viviers



Tres Jolie Valentino  
Owned by C Danziger  
and D Viviers



ALL STARS  
Good Luck!



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## CFSA 2015 Top 10 FEMALE qualifiers



Brettachtal's Miss South Africa of The Catwalk, NQ  
Owned by S Marsh



Colorkats Just Jolene, NQ  
Owned by D le Roux



Karnaki Send In The Clowns  
Owned by K Pepler



LaMASKA Siren Song  
Owned by M Burger



LaMASKA Teardrops Of A Mermaid  
Owned by M Burger



Pearl Eye Of The Storm  
Owned by P Steyn



Pearl Squeaky  
Owned by P Steyn



Purr-n-Meow Guerlain L'Instant Magique, NQ  
Owned by E Bester and C Bekker



ShakesPURR's As It Is, NQ  
Owned by H Röhrs



Tres Jolie Amore  
Owned by C Danziger and D Viviers



Good Luck!





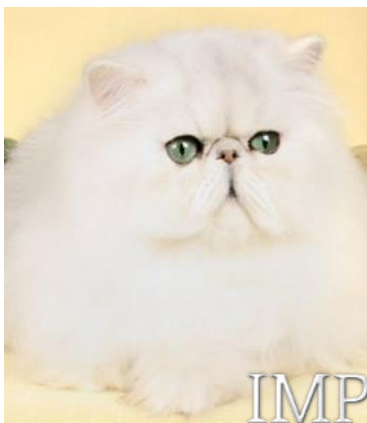
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## CFSA 2015 Top 10 MALE qualifiers



Brettachtal's Frank  
Sinatra of The Catwalk  
Owned by S Marsh



Brettachtal's Rolex  
of The Catwalk  
Owned by S Marsh



Calenacat's X-Box  
42 of LaMASKA  
Owned by M Burger



Cracker Blue Bijou  
of Tres Jolie, NQ  
Owned by C Danziger  
and D Viviers



Elias Vom Hagedorn  
of Artekatz  
Owned by C Powell



Ixidixi Brownie of  
L'Exquisite  
Owned by B Neukircher



Praslin Azaro of  
Awesome Bengals,  
NQ  
Owned by L Kennard



S\*Just Catnaps Lo-  
tus of Geedee, NQ  
Owned by A Caw



Sir War Lord  
Of Mount Steele of  
Shangri-La  
Owned by V Wright



The Catwalk Kenzo,  
NQ  
Owned by S Marsh



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## CFSA 2015 Top 10 NEUTER qualifiers



Artekatz Pandora of  
L'Exquisite  
Owned by B Neukircher



Kisamee Kingpin  
Knockout  
Owned by R Smith



LaMASKA Calliope  
Owned by M Burger



Purr-n-Meow Aramis  
Always, NQ  
Owned by E Bester and C  
Bekker



ShakesPURR's  
Tybalt, Prince Of  
Cats, NQ  
Owned by C Grobbelaar



ShakesPURR's Wil-  
liam, NQ  
Owned by H Röhrs



Shangri-La Asani Re-  
bel, NQ  
Owned by V Wright



Spandau Veni Vidi  
Vici, NQ  
Owned by W Hyman



The Catwalk Issey  
Miyaki  
Owned by S Marsh



The Catwalk Prin-  
cess Jasmine  
Owned by S Marsh



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## GARS 2015 Qualifiers

# Good Luck!

### GARS Day Event's programme:

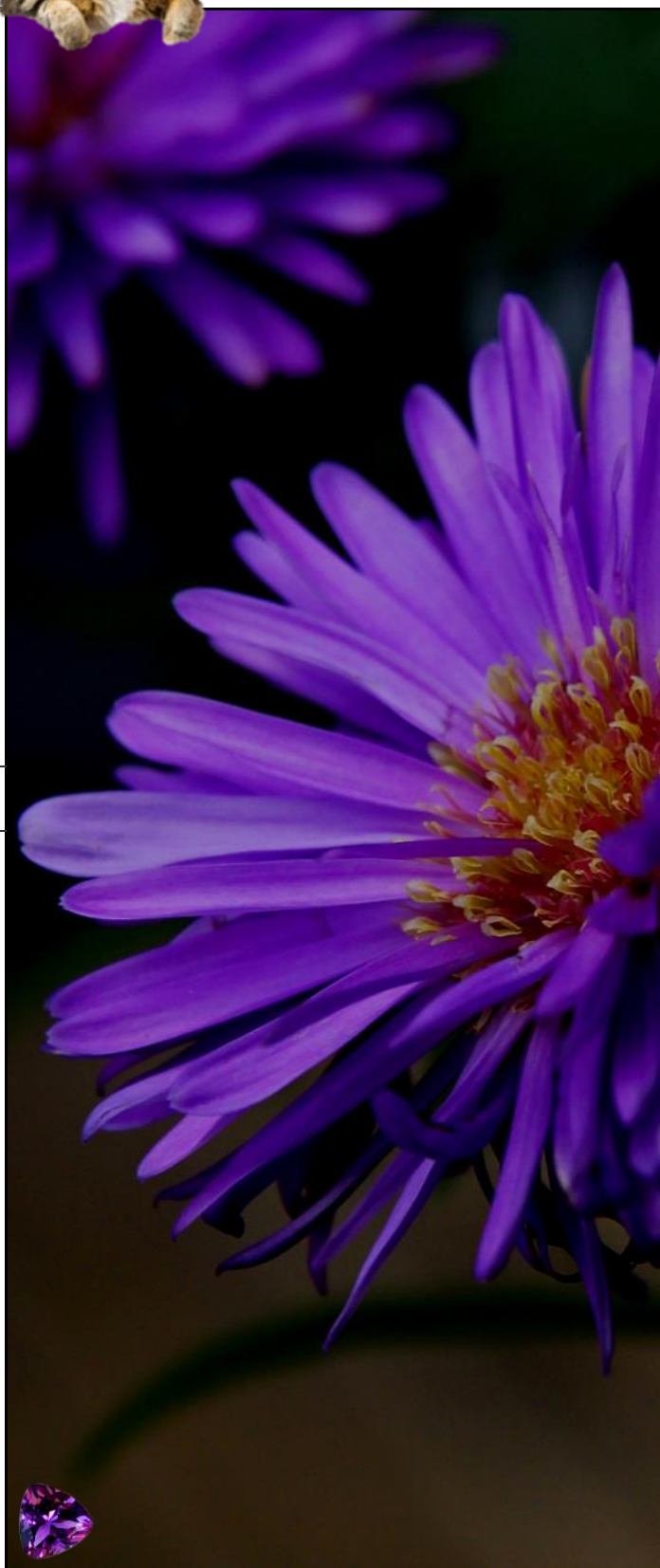
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  - Ruby Kitten judge-off
  - Ruby Adult judge-off
  - Gold Neuter judge-off
  - Gold Entire judge-off
- 11:00 - 11:30** : Lunch
- 14:00 - 14:30** : Pack up and remove exhibits from the hall

## COTY 2015 Qualifiers

# Good Luck!

### GARS Day Event's programme:

- 07:00 - 07:30** : Bench all COTY qualifiers
- 08:15 - 09:00** : Top 10 Pets to Theresa for photos
- 09:00 - 09:45** : Top 10 Kittens to Theresa for photos
- 09:45 - 10:30** : Top 10 Females to Theresa for photos
- 10:30 - 11:15** : Top 10 Males to Theresa for photos
- 11:15 - 12:00** : Top 10 Neuters to Theresa for photos
- 12:00 - 14:00** : COTY Catwalk and judging
- 14:00 - 14:30** : Pack up and remove exhibits from the hall





## CFSA Reminders

### Request for proposals

As a CFSA member, you have the opportunity to put forward suggestions for change. These suggestions are not only applicable to our Show Rules, but also applies to all rules, as currently documented in our Constitution, Show rules, Breeder rules, Registration rules and any other Regulatory rules.

EXCO therefore invites all members of CFSA clubs (in good standing for more than 12-months) to submit proposals for change in order to improve our organisation and services to breeders and exhibitors.

Please refer to the Constitution, point 14.1 page 6: Proposals for amendments to this Constitution and the CFSA Rules shall be submitted from the Executive Committee, NCBC, NCCE, NCJE, NCIE and NCR. Members of the Federation may submit their suggestions for amendment through these official departments.

If you would like to submit your proposal the EXCO directly, kindly forward to [info@cfssa.co.za](mailto:info@cfssa.co.za)

If you would like to submit your proposal through one of the departments, please refer to the contact detail below:

- NCIE (Hannelie Röhrs) [info@cfssa.co.za](mailto:info@cfssa.co.za)
- NCBC / NCR (Daniel Germishuys)  
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- NCJE (Brenda Neukircher)  
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- NCCE (Mariette Burger) [clubs@cfssa.co.za](mailto:clubs@cfssa.co.za)

### Terms and conditions:

- NO anonymous proposals or suggestions will be accepted
- The proposal must include a motivation for the proposed change
- The cut-off date for proposals is 31 October 2015



