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Show Time: Disqualification

Over the past couple of months we've tried to explain clearly what the CFSA Show Rules entail. In this issue we'll focus on some of the less pleasant topics, as it is also important to everybody involved in the cat fancy to understand these rules.

1. Removal from the hall

If an incident, which is in breach of any CFSA show rule occurs during the course of a championship show, the Show Manager is duly authorised to either:

- (a) Verbally warn the individual who is in breach of the relevant show rule; or
- (b) Remove the individual who is in breach of the relevant show rule from the hall.

The above-mentioned applies to exhibitors/owners, show officials, judges, committee members, visitors/public, and/or any who's behavior is in conflict with the CFSA show rules.

2. Fractious cats

If a cat is too fractious to be taken out of its show pen for judging during a championship show, the relevant judge or steward must report the incident directly to the Show Manager.

The Show Manager, in conjunction with the

relevant judges will then determine if the relevant cat can be allowed to calm down or if the cat will not be able to handle the judging process and should be disqualified from the show.

The incident, relevant cat's name and decision taken must also be reported to the CFSA Show Administrator. The CFSA Show Administrator is responsible to keep record of such cats. If the same cat is disqualified from championship shows 3 (three) times, the relevant exhibitor/owner, as well as affiliated CFSA clubs will be notified by the CFSA Show Administrator, that future show entries for the relevant cat must not be accepted.

3. Disqualification of cats

Cats can be disqualified from championship shows, or exhibition by the Show Manager in the following cases:

- (a) If the cat has been improperly prepared for the show, e.g. dye, colouring, oils, grease, etc.
- (b) If the cat's coat has been cut, clipped, plucked, etc.
- (c) If the cat's eyes has been artificially treated so that the pupils do not show a normal reflection to light.
- (d) If the cat's has been penned for





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competition after judging has been completed.

- (e) If the registered owner has been suspended from CFSA (for the duration of the suspension.
- (f) If the cat is blind.
- (g) No exhibitor shall exhibit a cat or kitten, which to his/her knowledge has, at the date of the show, been exposed to any specified communicable disease within the period of 30 days prior to the date of the show, and no cat or kitten may be exhibited if the exhibitor has had such illness in his or her home or cattery during that period. In diagnosed cases of Feline Infectious Peritonitis (FIP), Feline Immunodeficiency Virus (FIV) and Feline Leukemia Virus (FeLV) the time period shall be 90 days. In the case of any communicable disease having occurred in a home or cattery a veterinary clearance certificate will be required from a veterinarian for all the cats in the cattery and the household involved. Any exhibitor who, in the opinion of the Show Committee or any other person, shall have made a false declaration in respect of the above will be liable to severe penalties under the powers of the CFSA Executive

Committee. Owners of rejected exhibits shall not personally attend any show within the prescribed periods unless in the possession of a veterinary clearance certificate which must be presented to the show manager. The veterinary clearance certificate must not be older than 14 days.

- (h) If the cat's entry classification does not comply with CFSA classifications.
- (i) If the cat is a monorchid or cryptorchid if over the age of 9 (nine) months on the day of the show unless a certificate of neutering by a qualified veterinary surgeon is produced.
- (j) If the cat has been declawed.
- (k) If the cat has not been duly registered with CFSA.
- (l) If on the day of the show the cat has not been duly transferred or the application for transfer has not been received by the Registrar of NCR.
- (m) If a tranquilizer has been evidently administered .

The owner of a cat disqualified in terms of the Rules is liable to forfeiture in the discretion of the club committee of all entry fees made and a prize awarded in respect of or won by such cat at a show or shows in question. The club committee





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concerned shall have powers to reprimand an exhibitor and order the forfeiture of entry fees and prizes in lieu of disqualification where an exhibitor has made a bona fide error in the entrance forms of a technical or clerical nature.

4. Complaints against persons

Persons can be disqualified from championship shows, or exhibition by the Show Manager in the following cases:

- (a) If the person is in breach of the CFSA show rules.
- (b) If the person makes a false statement in terms of the CFSA show rules.
- (c) If the person is guilty of discreditable conduct with regards to a cat or cat show matter.
- (d) If the person has been convicted of neglect of any animal in a court of law.

5. Complaints against disqualification

It is also important to note that the CFSA show rules makes provision for complaints against a disqualification.

For more information, download the CFSA show rules from the CFSA website (www.catfederationsa.co.za), page 9, point 2.18





Interview: Theresa Fouché

She is the beautiful, persistent, determined and patient lady behind the camera. The one with a heart of gold who simply won't quit until she has the perfect shot of her "models" and for that we all know and love her dearly. But who is Theresa, the person?

What is your full name?

Theresa Fouché.

Where did you grow up?

I was born in Uitenhage in the Eastern Cape and grew up in Despatch until after my matric year in 1980. I attended the Despatch High School.

Did you further your studies?

After matric I moved to Vanderbijlpark and started with a B Comm degree at Potchefstroom University part time, and also took Business Psychology and Computer Science as additional subjects.

What is your profession?

I started in the finance department of Iscor in 1981 and later made a career change, where I am still working as a Computer programmer and Systems analyst at an IT company.

Do you follow an exercise program?

I would have loved to say yes, but unfortunately I am not very disciplined with regards to exercising— I do try and get a daily walk in though.

What is your favorite TV program?

Probably relaxing on a Friday night with Toks and Tjops, an Afrikaans rugby talk program. I love music programs, as this is one of my passions in life.

What is your favorite movie?

I have seen so many movies lately that it's hard to choose, but my alltime favourite has got to be Sommersby, The other woman, the Afrikaans movie Semi-soet, and The Perfect Murder. I prefer comedies and do not watch horrors and movies with extreme violence.

What is your favorite book?

When I read I prefer auto-biographies. Lord of the Flies was a favourite.

How did you get involved with pet photography?

I started as a breeder of Burmese cats, and got my first digital camera 2 days before we had our first Burmese litter, to capture the babies. The late Rusty Human encouraged me to take photos of the winning cats at the Gauteng shows and to share on the SACATS email group. It became a regular habit and with the years I upgraded to better equipment, to where we are today.

Do you cater for private photo sessions?

I do occasionally, on request. I call it my mobile studio, as I prefer to do shoots at the



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homes where the cats are more at ease than at a cat show. Price depends on the distance I have to travel.

Do you have a role model?

Mother Theresa.

Your words to live by?

"Life is like photography. Use the negatives to develop."

What do you love most in life?

All the C's - My children, my cats, my camera, my cellphone and my car, and Music.

What do you hate most in life?

Cruelty to animals, the violence in our country and abusive people.

What is your best personality trait?

Patience, sense of humor and I see myself as a loyal person.

What is your worst personality trait?

My impatience with arrogance, long queues and bad service.

What does your ideal weekend entail?

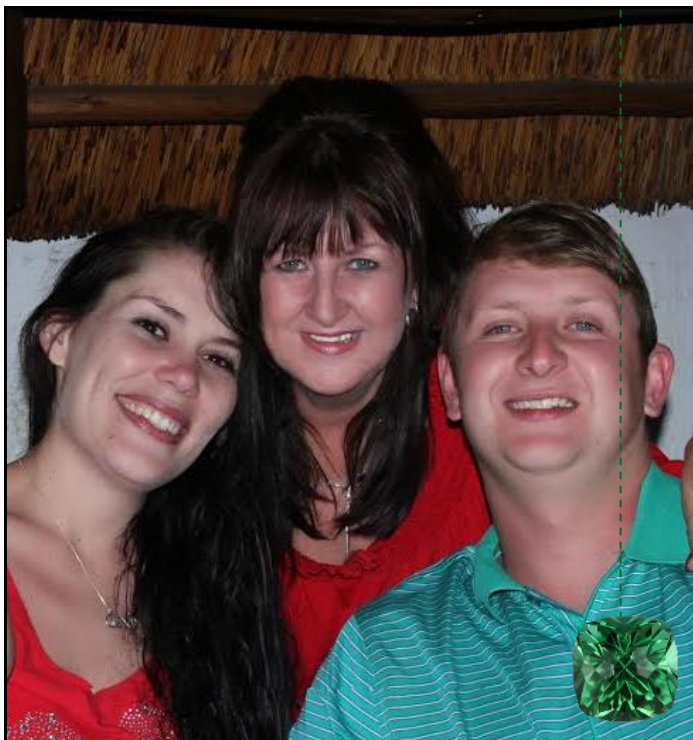
Anything, as long as it's weekend.... Time spent with my family and friends.

What is your favourite place in the world?

Cape Town, anywhere by the sea.

Best advice you ever got?

"Don't do something permanent stupid, just





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because you're temporarily upset".

Do you have pets of your own?

7 precious Munchkins and a Birman girl. I also have 2 very cute Chinchilla rodents, which were my daughter's.

What inspires you?

A glass of wine, and people's thankfulness

What is your passion?

Photography.

If you could change one thing, what would that be?

To bring back my daughter.

Where do you see yourself in 5-years?

Close to retirement.

Anything you would like to ask us?

Just wanting to thank everybody for being a part of my life and for making my dream come alive.

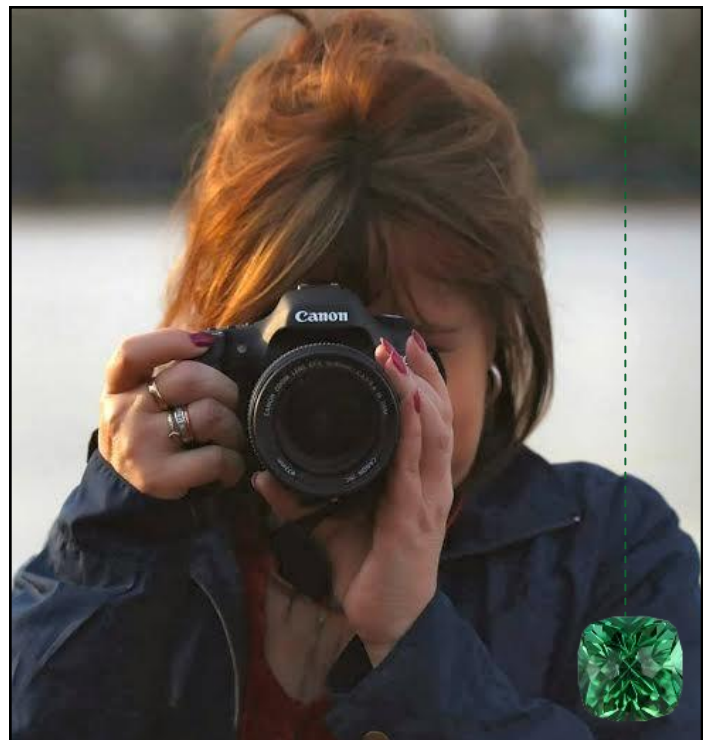
And if you haven't done so yet, please join the Show Cats by Theresa Fouché group on Facebook.

Join Theresa's "Show Cats by Theresa Fouché" Facebook group, by following the link below:

www.facebook.com/groups/621984797846821/

You can also follow her personal page at

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Patterns: Pointed

Himalayan Pointed (Self)

Points (Mask, Ears, Legs, Feet, Tail) dense and matching in colour, showing clear contrast between points and body colour. Mask must not extend over the entire head and is connected to the ears by tracings of colour. Shading on the body harmonising with the point colour permissible. A deeper body colour is allowed in older cats.

Undesirable: Belly spots.

Eye colour: Clear blue.

Tortie Point

Points patched or intermingled with varying shades of red and cream. Body shading to harmonize with point colours. Points need not be evenly broken but each point must show some break in colour. Blaze may be present.

Eye colour: Clear blue.

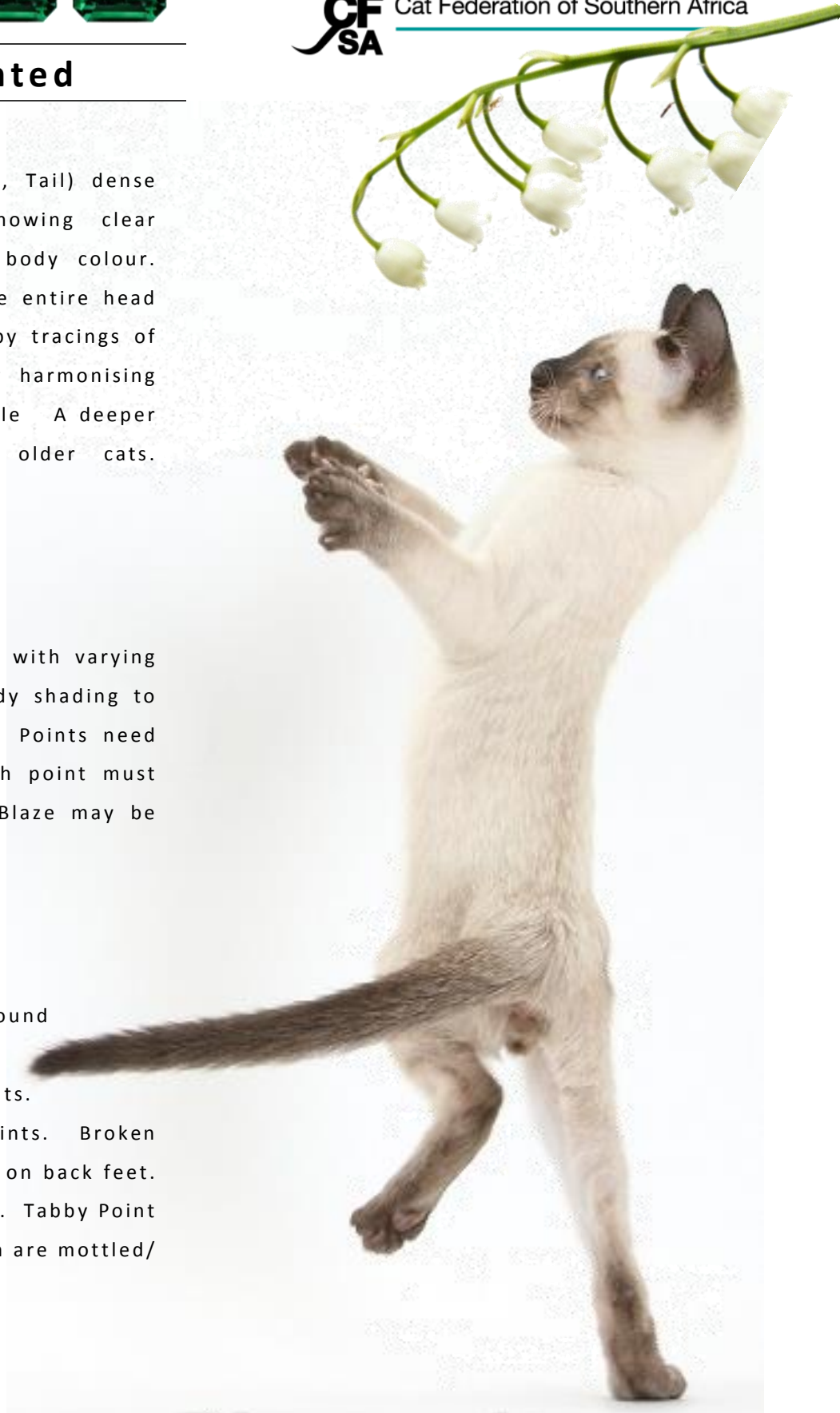
Tabby Point

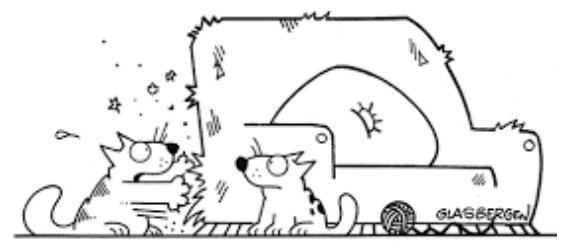
"M" on forehead. Spectacles around eyes. Spotted whisker pads.

Ears solid colour with thumbprints.

Body shading to tone with points. Broken stripes on legs and solid colour on back feet. Ringed tail, ending in a solid tip. Tabby Point except for ears and points which are mottled/patched with red/cream.

Eye colour: Clear blue.





"This exercise is great for your arms, shoulders, chest and back. Do four sets of 15 repetitions, then move on to the yarn ball for your aerobics."

Awareness: Fitness / Diet

A 2011 study by APOP (Association for Pet Obesity Prevention) found that over 50 percent of cats were either obese or overweight.

The answer is multifactorial but to simplify, just remember this: any individual mammal (dog, cat, horse, human, etc.) will gain body weight if it consumes more calories than it burns as fuel for energy.

In nature, food acquisition has never been a sure thing for any creature and has always been accompanied by physical exertion to capture (or cultivate) and consume the food.

It is only in recent times that the unnatural situation of food excess, readily acquired and consumed with little accompanying physical exertion, has become a way of life and we have created the very same food acquisition assurances for our pets. They, also no longer have to hunt to survive. The difference is that we have complete control over what our pets eat and how much they eat. Unless your cat is sneaking into the fridge and making ham and cheese sandwiches late at night when no one is around, the only way they get to eat is when we place the food in front of them.

Any cat that is overweight should have a physical exam performed, exact weight

measured and blood and urine tests run. It is vital that normal thyroid hormone levels are present and that the cat has no physical or metabolic dysfunction. Obesity in cats can predispose the cat to diabetes, hepatic lipidosis and arthritis.

If the cat is physically normal (other than the abnormal body weight from fat deposition) then a gradual and careful weight loss program can be instituted. So let's have a look at various causes of obesity, where we as owners are making mistakes ...

Free choice feeding

The main reason for feline obesity is the consumption of too much food. Many cats are fed "free choice", which means there is food available all the time and the cat eats whenever it wants. This is unnatural for a true carnivore that evolved as a hunter. We should actually feed 2 (two) to 4 (four) small portions daily and control the amounts fed, so that over a period of time the cat does not gain weight.

Carbohydrates

Cats, unlike most mammals, have no carbohydrate-digesting enzyme called Amylase in their saliva. In the intestine, amylase secreted from the pancreas breaks down large carbohydrate molecules into



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absorbable smaller units of glucose. Cats have measurably less amylase activity than humans or dogs.

We purchase convenient, attractively packaged and preserved dry food. Dry pet food have higher levels of flour and sugar than canned foods so that the kibble will stay uniform and not fall apart and because of the metabolic biochemistry that converts the high carbohydrate content in almost all of today's commercial cat foods into stored fat, the cat is really at risk for weight gain. We should feed a diet consistent with the nature of a true carnivore ... a meat based diet. An ideal feline diet will have a high protein level in the 35 to 45 percent range on a dry matter basis (meaning the percent in the diet when the water has been removed) and moderate fat content with a low percentage of carbohydrate (grains).

Many research reports have proven that diets high in protein and fat are most beneficial for carnivores. Cats cannot handle large carbohydrate loads efficiently. After a meal rich in carbohydrate the feline's blood level of glucose tends to stay higher than normal for long periods of time. They become persistently hyperglycemic and this long term stimulus on the beta cells in the pancreas (the cells that produce insulin) renders those cells less sensitive to the blood glucose. As a

result less insulin is secreted to bring down the blood sugar level. Nutritionists call this "down regulating" of the beta cells; the insensitivity of the insulin secreting beta cells leads to what is termed "insulin resistance". This scenario is a prelude to diabetes.

Protein

We all know how cats crave mice and birds as a food source. A natural source of nutrition for carnivores, mice and birds are a perfect diet for a cat. Did you know that a mouse or a bird is composed of only 3 to 8 percent carbohydrate? And most of that is actually from what the prey was eating and is in the prey's digestive tract. The rest is water, a few minerals, and mostly protein and fat.

Many of us purchase dry cat foods, some with food coloring to make it look like meat and with flour and sugars and preservatives. We buy these dry foods partly because they state that it is "complete" and "balanced" for cats and because it is convenient for us. Unfortunately, most dry cat food brands are relatively low in protein, especially the less expensive brands that state a grain such as corn as the first (major) ingredient.

Another associated problem is the myth that we often feed our cats too much protein, which causes kidney problems. This is truly a myth and totally unfounded. We must feed



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cats a diet with high percentages of protein and fat and low percentages of carbohydrate (grains) if we expect them to maintain optimum body weights and a proper state of nutrition. Protein is the key nutrient in a carnivore diet.

Cat treats

We seem to think we need to reward our cats with food and that's why cat treats are so popular. But we need to be careful with "negative reinforcement or rewards". And must also realize that most treats for cats have high levels of carbohydrate (flower and sugars) and lots of flavor enhancers to entice the cat to eat even when it is not hungry. An overweight cat should not be fed treats at all. IF you think your cat needs a treat, cut up little bits of cooked chicken or fish and feed as a natural protein treat... not a treat made from grains, food coloring, propylene glycol, and flavor enhancers.

Label recommendations

All pet foods come with Recommended Feeding instructions. The problem is that these recommendations are NOT absolute requirements even though most pet caretakers think they have to feed their pet the recommended amounts. Most house cats, if fed at the amounts stated in the label recommendations, will eventually become

overweight. Pay attention to your pet's body weight (size) and adjust the amount fed to the cat's body character and physical activity. If the cat looks and feels overweight, it is! You are feeding too much for that cat's daily needs for energy for exercise or physical activity; and regardless of what the pet food label's suggested amounts to feed are, you must feed less than that if the cat is to have a normal (healthy) body weight.

Exercise

So we fill the bowls with food and water, clean the litter box and off to work we go. And your cat spend most of its time sleeping on the couch, as there is nothing to chase, nothing to hide from, nothing to stalk and nothing else to do but to take cat naps and wait for your return. So if you want to successfully promote weight loss in your cat, you will have to increase its' energy (calorie) burning activities. You can add some interactive play toys to the cat's environment or buy toys that simulate an escaping prey and that really interest the cat in play behavior. Cats can be exercised but you may need some imaginative toys and ideas to get the job done.

Weight loss diets

Getting an obese cat to lose weight needs to be done gradually — no crash diets allowed!



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Cats have a unique metabolic response to fasting and whenever a feline's food intake is rapidly and markedly depressed, a serious and potentially fatal disorder can occur called Hepatic Lipidosis.

One of the reasons for the success of a high protein diet for feline weight reduction is the importance of an amino acid called Carnitine. Carnitine is present in good quantities in muscle tissues, but found in miniscule amounts in vegetable matter. This amino acid plays an essential role in the uptake of stored fat reserves and conversion of fat by the liver into glucose. The ability to mobilise fat tissue to be used as glucose for energy (and for subsequent weight loss to be accomplished) requires carnitine in the process. Supplementing a cat's diet with L-Carnitine in amounts approximating 250 to 500 mg per cat per day will aid in mobilising fat into glucose and will improve the health of a cat that is on a weight loss program.

The plan

First, your veterinarian needs to do a thorough physical exam, blood chemistry profile including Thyroid hormone evaluation and record an accurate weight for the cat. Then you should gradually, over a period of 3 (three) to 4 (four) weeks, add greater and greater proportions of the suggested feline weight-loss diet. Mix the new diet with the

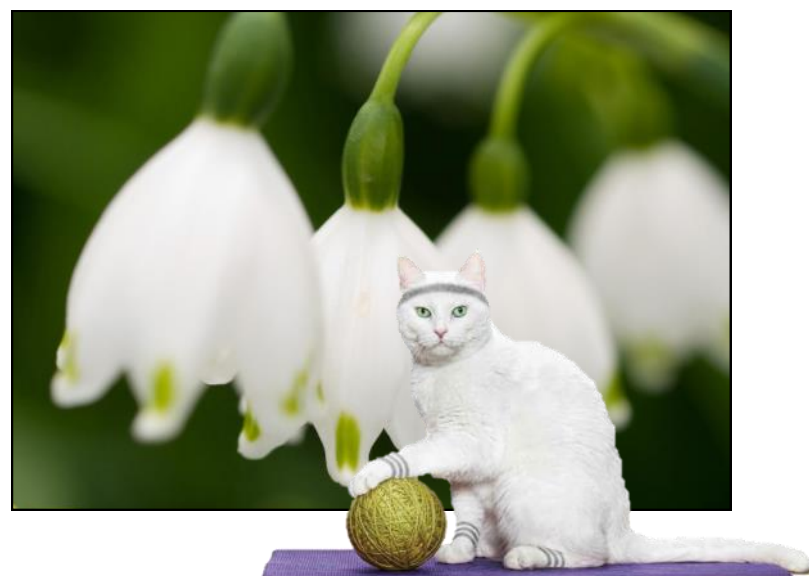
old, slowly decreasing the percentage of the old diet and increasing the percentage of the new one.

Pay close attention to how much the cat is eating every day. When the cat acclimates to the improved, high protein diet (fed in small amounts frequently during the day), reweigh the cat at 4 (four) week intervals.

Always be observant and report to your veterinarian any time a cat stops eating for 2 (two) or more days. Any cat that hasn't eaten in 2 (two) or more days is in trouble! Seven days of fasting will seriously impact on the cat's immune system.

Once you have established a feeding plan that induces gradual weight loss over a period of months the cat will reach a point where weight maintenance will be required.

Source: www.petmd.com





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Asthma with Bronchitis in Cats

The lower respiratory tract, or lower airways, includes the bronchi, bronchioles, and alveoli. The bronchi begin at the end of the trachea, where they split off into two branches. From there they split off into smaller branches, called the bronchioles. The alveoli are the terminal portion of the lower respiratory tract, within the lungs, where the exchange of oxygen and carbon dioxide takes place.

Bronchitis is the term used to denote inflammation of the bronchi and bronchioles. Chronic bronchitis is a long-standing inflammation of the lower respiratory tract. The condition of asthma includes both sudden (acute) and long-term (chronic) inflammation of the lower airways due to increased sensitivity to various stimuli, including

allergens, narrowing of the airways, and an accumulation of specific cells – seen commonly in inflammation and allergic reactions – within these airways. In cats, both acute and chronic inflammation of the lower airways is denoted collectively as feline bronchitis, or feline bronchopulmonary disease (FBD).

Chronic inflammation in the lower airways, if left untreated, may lead to fibrosis (excess fibrous tissue in the lungs) and lung atelectasis (a disease in which the lungs are not able to inflate). This disease can occur in a cat of any age, but is most common between the ages of 2-8 years.

Symptoms and Types

Due to the acute and chronic nature of this disease, the following symptoms may be seen





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for variable period of time:

- Coughing
- Sneezing
- Difficulty breathing (some cats will breathe with an open mouth)
- Poor appetite
- Weakness
- Lethargy
- Fast breathing with effort
- Blue discoloration of skin and mucous membranes

Causes

- The exact cause of bronchial inflammation is often unknown.
- Cigarette smoke, hair sprays, air fresheners, new furniture, and dusty cat litter may initiate an episode.
- Parasitic lung infections (lungworm) are also suspected.

Diagnosis

Your veterinarian will perform a thorough physical exam on your pet, taking into account the background history of symptoms and possible incidents that might have precipitated this condition. You will be asked about your cat's diet, addition of new furniture into the home, and other related questions. An exact cause for this disease is not known, and finding the initiating factor is often a daunting task. Sometimes, something as simple as a new air-freshener is found to be responsible for a sudden episode of this disease, but often the exact cause will remain elusive. After a detailed physical examination has been conducted, treatment for acute cases is started immediately (see Treatment).

In the meantime, your veterinarian will take





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blood and urine samples for laboratory testing. These blood tests will help to establish the diagnosis, and also to characterize whether the problem is acute or chronic in nature. Fecal samples will also be taken for laboratory examination to see if parasites are present.

Your veterinarian may also take samples for bacterial culture to see if infection is involved. X-ray imaging may help in diagnosing the nature, extent, and type of changes in the lung parenchyma (the functional parts of the lung) due to inflammation.

At some hospitals, specific allergy testing facilities are available to find which type of allergen is involved, if any. There are also some specific tests that can be used to take samples from the lungs, which can reveal



detailed information about the disease.

Treatment

In cases of acute asthma episodes, emergency treatment may be required, and if so your cat will be hospitalized until the crisis is over.

Oxygen therapy will be started immediately, along with administration of emergency medications to open the airways. Narrowing and constriction of the respiratory passages due to swelling is often present, so your veterinarian will give medicine to relieve the swelling so that your cat can breathe normally. Steroidal medications, and other anti-inflammatory drugs are the most commonly prescribed.

After the emergency is over, a future treatment plan will be devised. For some





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cats, removing the inciting factor is all that is required, but others may need life-long therapy for this condition. This disease can be progressive in nature. If your cat has chronic bronchial problems, your veterinarian will advise long-term medical therapy.

Living and Management

You may need to change your home environment in deference to your cat's health needs. Air fresheners must be avoided, as well as indoor smoking, chemical sprays, and cat litter that is too fine. There may also be some foodstuffs that will need to be avoided (i.e., ingredients that are added to some cat foods, or table foods).

Your veterinarian will advise you on the appropriate foods for your cat and assist you in planning a long-term diet. Also, in chronic



cases, you should be mentally prepared for life-long treatment. Talk to your veterinarian in detail and ask questions about things you are not clear about. Recurrence is common and can quickly lead to death unless it is treated promptly. You will need to be especially observant with your cat, so that if you notice it coughing or breathing uneasily, you can treat it with the medicine that has been prescribed, or take it to a veterinary hospital for emergency treatment. Otherwise, follow your veterinarian's prescribed guidelines concerning diet and dispensation of medicine.

A word of caution: therapy for asthma or bronchitis should never be stopped due to the absence of symptoms.

Source: www.petmd.com





Medical: Skin Cancer

The epidermis, or skin, consists of several layers. The outer layer is made up of scale like cells called the squamous epithelium. This layer of tissue covers the surface of much of the body, and lines the cavities of the body. A squamous cell carcinoma is a type of cancer that originates in the squamous epithelium. It may appear to be a white plaque, or a raised bump on the skin. Often the raised mass will necrotize in the center and ulcerate, with occasional bleeding.

As carcinomas are mostly malignant and particularly invasive, it is essential to have this form of skin cancer diagnosed and treated without delay. Cutaneous squamous cell carcinomas are typically fast growing tumors that get bigger with time and resist healing. Some cats can get as many as thirty sores on their skin, a condition called Bowen's disease.

Both types of squamous cell carcinoma can metastasize to other organs. If the ulcers are diagnosed before they have had an opportunity to become malignant, this condition may be treated effectively in some cases.

Squamous cell carcinomas are seen more in cats that live at high altitudes and in cats that spend a lot of time in the sun. White cats and light colored cats are more likely to get these tumors than other kinds of cats. This kind of

cancer is most commonly seen in older cats.

Symptoms and Types

Ulcers

- A crusty or bleeding sore on the skin that does not go away with antibiotics or creams.
- Sores that do not heal for several months
- Sores in areas where the hair is white or light colored

Bowen's Disease

- Skin that changes color and develops an ulcer in the center.
- Hair in the sore falls out easily.
- Dried, crusty material on the hair near the sore.
- As many as 30 sores on the head, neck and shoulders.

Growths or Tumors

- White colored growth.
- Growths in areas where hair is white and skin is light colored.
- Sores or growths may be found anywhere. The most common locations are the front of the nose (nasal planum), eyelids, lips, and ear tips.

Causes

Long term exposure to sunlight and or UV rays could typically be the cause of skin cancer.



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Diagnosis

You will need to give your veterinarian a thorough history of your cat's health, onset of symptoms, and possible incidents that might have precipitated this condition, such as a recent fight that might have led to skin injuries, or a flea infestation that would have left open sores from vigorous scratching.

Once this history has been detailed, your veterinarian will conduct a thorough physical examination on the cat, paying close attention to any growths on the skin or any sores that have not healed in several months.

Your cat's lymph nodes will be palpated to determine if they are swollen, an indication that the body is fighting an invasive disease or infection, and a sample of lymph fluid will be taken for laboratory analysis. The presence of cancerous cells in the lymph glands will be indicative of metastasis through the body.

Basic laboratory tests include a complete blood count and biochemical profile to confirm that your cat's organs are functioning normally.

Because carcinomas are characteristically malignant and metastasize quickly, your veterinarian may also order x-ray images of your cat's chest and abdomen so that a visual

inspection can be made of the lungs and organs.

Likewise, if your cat has a tumor on one of its legs, your veterinarian will want to take x-rays of the leg to see if the tumor has spread to the bone underneath it. Standard biopsies will be taken of the growth or sore. This is the best way of determining exactly what kind of tumor your cat has.

The course of treatment will depend on how large your cat's tumor is and how many tumors there are. In some cases, when sores are diagnosed before they become cancerous, they can be treated with topical medication.

If your cat only has one small tumor that has not spread to other organs, it may be removed by cryosurgery - freezing technique, or with a special type of light therapy called photodynamic therapy. It may also be surgically removed.

If your cat has a large tumor, it will be treated with surgery. During surgery, the tumor and a lot of the tissue surrounding it will be removed to ensure that all of the cancer cells are removed. In some cases, so much tissue may be removed during surgery that skin will need to be taken from another area of the body and used to cover the area where the tumor was, a technique called skin



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grafting.

Some cases will result in a more severe removal of tissue. For example, tumors that are on the toes require amputation of the affected toe, and tumors on the nose will require a partial removal of the nose. If the tumor is found on the ear, part of the ear will be removed. These types of surgeries will result in a cosmetically different appearance for your cat, but otherwise, cats recover well from these surgeries.

If the tumor cannot be completely removed, your veterinarian may recommend radiation or chemotherapy after surgery. Sometimes, when surgery is impractical, chemotherapy and radiation are used solely to treat tumors. In this case, the chemical treatment will keep the tumor from growing as quickly and help to make your cat more comfortable.

Living and Management

After surgery, you should expect your cat to feel sore. Your veterinarian will give you pain medication for your cat to help minimize discomfort.

Use pain medications with caution; one of the most preventable accidents with pets is overdose of medication exactly as prescribed. You will need to limit your cat's activity while it heals, setting aside a quiet place for it to

rest, away from household activity, children, and other pets. You might consider cage rest for your cat, to limit its physical activity. Your veterinarian will tell you when it is safe for your cat to move about again.

It is important to monitor your cat's food and water intake while it is recovering. If your cat does not feel up to eating, you may need to use a feeding tube so that it is getting all of the nutrition it needs to completely recover.

Your veterinarian will show you how to use the feeding tube correctly, and will assist you in setting up a feeding schedule. While your cat is in the process of healing, you may set the litter box up closer to where your cat rests, and make it so that it is easy to get in and out of the box.

If you are treating your cat with a topical (external) medication for its sores, it is important to follow all of your veterinarian's instructions.

After your cat has recovered, your veterinarian will set up a schedule for regular progress checks.

Recurrence is possible, so your doctor will check for any new tumors, and x-rays of the chest and abdomen will be taken to see if there are any new tumors in the lungs or



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internal organs.

A full recovery will be dependent on the size and location of the tumor.

Prevention

Limit the amount of time your cat spends in the sun, especially between the hours of 10:00am and 14:00pm, when the sun is at its highest and the rays most damaging.

If your cat spends a lot of time on the window sill during the day, you might consider placing a window shade or reflector over the glass to block UV rays.

If you must allow your cat outdoors during daylight hours, apply sunscreen to your cat's ears and nose before it goes out in the sun.

In some cases, tattoos can be applied to light colored skin as a permanent sunscreen.

If you should notice any new sores or tumors, take your cat to the veterinarian as soon as possible so that it can be treated immediately.

Source: www.petmd.com





Lily of the Valley

Medical: Skin Cancer

- Must know facts -

By Dr. Ann Hohenhaus, a practicing veterinarian for 25 years and board-certified in both oncology and internal medicine.

May is Skin Cancer Awareness Month, but it isn't just humans who need to be concerned about the pitfalls of too much sun exposure. As a veterinary oncologist, I meet many vigilant pet owners who want to know how they can keep their pets healthy and identify cancer early on. The good news is that veterinarians can usually treat skin cancer successfully — as long as it's promptly identified. Based on my professional experience, I've compiled five facts about skin cancer and pets that are sure to surprise you.

Pets Get Skin Cancer, Too

I'm always amazed at how many pet owners are shocked to learn that their pet has skin

cancer. All pets can develop skin cancer, and the common forms of skin cancers found in humans, like melanoma, squamous cell carcinoma and basal cell carcinomas are also seen in pets.

Common skin cancer in Pets

Normally, mast cells play a role in allergic responses — they are responsible for the itching, swelling and redness in your skin when you contact an allergen. Any pet owner should be concerned about raised, hairless, pinkish-yellow masses, which could be mast cell tumors. Mast cell tumors in cats look very similar to those in dogs. Because mast cells induce itching, swelling and redness, mast cell tumors may be red, itchy and periodically swell up and then disappear.

Melanoma of the Mouth

Our own doctors see every freckle as a potential melanoma. Melanoma also occurs



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frequently in dogs, but much less so in cats. And although orange cats frequently develop freckles on their lips and gums, these flat accumulations of pigment are normal and known as lentigo simplex.

Sunbathing Is Also Bad for Your Pet

For the most part, our pets have dense fur that acts as a natural sunscreen, but white-coated pets are the exceptions to this rule. In sunny parts of the country where pets spend a lot of time outside, sun exposure takes its toll on the thinly furred skin of the ears and nose of white dogs and cats. Solar-induced squamous cell carcinoma can be treated with surgery or radiation therapy if found early, but prevention is simple: Limit your pet's exposure to the sun.

Needles That Do More Than Prick

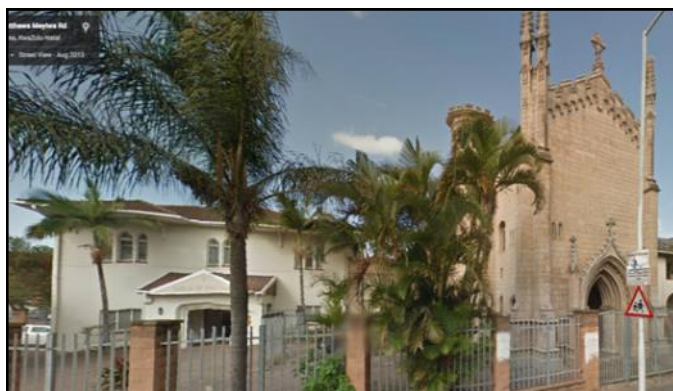
A rare but important tumor that afflicts cats

sometimes forms at the site of a subcutaneous injection. The injection induces inflammation that, for some unknown reason, transforms into a malignancy. Millions of cats get injections, and yet only a few develop these tumors, which are commonly known as injection site sarcomas. Why some cats do and others don't is a frustrating conundrum for cat owners and veterinarians. About 15 years ago, a group of experts in the field developed a guideline called 3-2-1 for the management of lumps at injection sites. The guideline advises that if a lump is present three months after an injection, and it's larger than two centimeters or is growing just a month after an injection, it should be biopsied to determine if it is a benign or a malignant mass. This quick look at skin cancer in pets is just scratching the surface. If you find a lump or sore anywhere on your pet's skin, see your veterinarian as soon as possible.



Show Odds-and-Ends

The second KZNCC show for the year took place on 23 May 2015, at Sao Jose Catholic Church in, Greyville, Durban.



- 61 Pedigreed Cats were entered for the show
- 11 Domestic Pets were entered for the show
- 6 Withdrawals in total
- 15 Cats were entered in the GOLD class
- All 4 Divisions (FOR, SIA/ORI, MED HAIR and PER/EXO) were represented at the show
- 11 Pedigreed adult cats received "Full Houses"
- 6 Pedigreed kitten received a "Full House"
- The youngest cat present on the day, was an Exotic Kitten, 4-months and 6-day old
- The oldest cat present on the day, was a Persian Entire Female, 10-years, 10-months and 9-days old

The Cat of the Day was a Persian Neuter, aged 3-years, 5-months and 23-days



Show Odds-and-Ends

The second FFC show for the year took place at the NG Church, Lindenpark, Randburg, Johannesburg.



- 137 Pedigreed Cats were entered for the show
- 15 Domestic Pets were entered for the show
- 21 Withdrawals in total
- 31 Cats were entered in the GOLD class
- All 4 Divisions (FOR, SIA/ORI, MED HAIR and PER/EXO) were represented at the show
- 14 Pedigreed adult cats received "Full Houses"
- 9 Pedigreed kitten received a "Full House"
- The youngest cat present on the day, was a Short Hair Pet Kitten, 4-months and 10-days old
- The oldest cat present on the day, was an Exotic Entire Male aged 10-years, 8-months and 21-days
- The Cat of the Day was a Maine Coon Female, aged 1-year, 5-months and 11-days



Cat Federation of Southern Africa

Show Results: KZNCC

(Kwazulu Natal Cat Club show results: 23-05-2015)



PER / EXO

BEST KITTEN

ShakesPURR's Sigh No More Ladies

Persian, Solid Blue
Bred/Owned by H Röhrs

FOREIGN

BEST KITTEN

Monti Rey Mifody of Cat-kin (Imp)

Sphynx, Seal Point
Bred by M Hibberd
Owned by K Hoole

MEDIUM HAIR

BEST KITTEN

Ragtime Nougat
Ragdoll, Seal Point Bi-Colour
Bred/Owned by B Steyn

SIA / ORI

BEST KITTEN

and **BOD**
LaMASKA Fish Mooney
Oriental, Blue-eyed Solid White
Bred/Owned by M Burger

BEST NEUTER

and **BOD**
and **LOTD**

ShakesPURR's William, NQ
Persian, Blue Bi-Colour
Bred/Owned by H Röhrs

BEST NEUTER

and **BOD**
Kisamee King-pin Knockout
Cornish Rex, Black Silver Smoke Bi-Colour
Bred by N Strydom
Owned by R Smith

BEST NEUTER

and **BOD**
Crescendo Don Giovanni
Norwegian Forest Cat, Blue Tabby Harlequin
Bred by B Smullen
Owned by A Hughes

BEST NEUTER

LaMASKA Calliope
Peterbald, Brush Black Tortoiseshell Spotted Tabby Bi-Colour
Bred/Owned by M Burger

BEST MALE

Brettachtal's Frank Sinatra of The Catwalk (Imp)
Persian, Silver Shaded Blue
Bred by, K. Sinn
Owned by, S. Marsh

BEST MALE

Grand Sphynx Onyx of Nakit (Imp)
Sphynx, Seal Mink
Bred by N Sorokina
Owned by K Hoole

BEST MALE

***PL Ambial Sun Boy of Swagger Coons (Imp)**
Maine Coon, Black Classic Tabby
Bred by M Troscianko
Owned by S and N Prinsloo

BEST MALE

Calenacat's X-Box 42 of La-MASKA (Imp)
Oriental, Red Ticked Tabby
Bred by A Van Dijken
Owned by M Burger

BEST FEMALE

ShakesPURR's As It Is, NQ
Persian, Blue Tortoiseshell Tabby Harlequin
Bred/Owned by H Röhrs

BEST FEMALE

Alnaheed Nes-sie Fife of Nakit (Imp)
Sphynx, Chocolate Tortoiseshell Mink
Bred by C Langham
Owned by K Hoole

BEST FEMALE

Swagger Coon's My Lady Soul
Maine Coon, Black Classic Tabby
Bred/Owned by S and N Prinsloo

BEST FEMALE

LaMASKA Siren Song
Peterbald, Velour Black Tortoiseshell Bi-Colour
Bred/Owned by M Burger



Photo by: **Ronnie Magic**

CAT OF THE DAY

PET OF THE DAY

Luxy, NQ
Short Hair, Tortie Tabby
Owned by J May

TRIPLE SUPREME CHAMPION

Brettachtal's Miss South Africa of The Catwalk, NQ (Imp)
Persian, Black Silver Shaded
Bred by K Sinn
Owned by S Marsh

TTIPLE SUPREME PREMIER

ShakesPURR's William, NQ
Persian, Blue Bi-Colour
Bred/Owned by H öhrs

VETERAN ENTIRE

Brettachtal's Sophia-Loreen of The Catwalk (Imp)
Persian, Golden Classic Tabby
Bred by K Sinn
Owned by S Marsh

VETERAN NEUTER

Brettachtal's Grace Kelly of The Catwalk (Imp)
Persian, Black Silver Shaded
Bred by K Sinn
Owned by S Marsh

SUPER PET

Kiara, NW
Short Hair, Dilute Calico
Owned by S Prinsloo





Cat Federation of Southern Africa

Show Results: FFC

Feline Fan Club show results: 30-05-2015)

PER / EXO

BEST KITTEN El'Vee Endless Love

Exotic, Black Tortoiseshell Mackerel Tabby Bi-Colour
Bred/Owned by L Venter

BEST NEUTER ShakesPURR's William, NQ

Persian, Blue Bi-Colour
Bred/Owned by H Röhrs

BEST MALE and **BOD**

Ixidixi Brownie of L'Exquisite (Imp)

Exotic, Black Classic Tabby
Bred by Perssons / Cyril-lus
Owned by B Neukircher

BEST FEMALE ShakesPURR's As It Is, NQ

Persian, Blue Tortoiseshell Tabby Harlequin
Bred/Owned by H Röhrs

FOREIGN

BEST KITTEN Pearl Fiat Justitia Ruat Caelum

Burmese, Lilac Tortoiseshell
Bred/Owned by P Steyn

BEST NEUTER Kisamee King-pin Knockout

Cornish Rex, Black Silver Smoke Bi-Colour
Bred by N Strydom
Owned by R Smith

BEST MALE Asiafaue Kim-ba of Seboga

Bengal, Brown Spotted Tabby
Bred by J Ross
Owned by M Fourie

BEST FEMALE and **BOD**

Pearl Squeaky
Burmese, Cream
Bred/Owned by P Steyn

MEDIUM HAIR

BEST KITTEN Artekatz Quina-cridone

Siberian, Himalayan Tabby Point
Bred/Owned by C Powell

BEST NEUTER (no nominations)

BEST MALE Elias Vom Hagedorn

Siberian, Spotted Tabby
Bred by G & S Quitten-baum
Owned by C Powell

BEST FEMALE Colorkats Just Jolene, NQ

and **BOD**
and **LOTD**
Maine Coon, Black Tortoiseshell Mackerel Tabby Bi-Colour
Bred/Owned by D le Roux

SIA / ORI

BEST KITTEN Taigha Mamba Stripe Force

Oriental, Black Spotted Tabby
Bred by L Arends-Wagner
Owned by H Griffiths

BEST NEUTER Westwood Raphael

Oriental, Black Spotted Tabby Bi-Colour
Bred by G Nel
Owned by H Griffiths

BEST MALE Loek-Maew Born This Way of La Maska

Siamese, Chocolate Tabby Point
Bred by A van Dijken
Owned by M Burger

BEST FEMALE and **BOD**

LaMASKA Siren Song
Peterbald, Velour Black Tortoiseshell Bi-Colour
Bred/Owned by M Burger



Photo by: Theresa Fouché

CAT OF THE DAY

PET OF THE DAY

Tigger, NQ
Short Hair, Black Classic Tabby Bi-Colour
Owned by C Bekker

TSC ENTIRE

ShakesPURR's As It Is, NQ
Persian, Blue Tortoiseshell Tabby Harlequin
Bred/Owned by H Röhrs

TSC PREMIER

ShakesPURR's William, NQ
Persian, Blue Bi-Colour
Bred/Owned by H Röhrs

VETERAN ENTIRE

Ixidixi Brownie of L'Exquisite (Imp)
Exotic, Black Classic Tabby
Bred by Perssons / Cyril-lus
Owned by B Neukircher

VETERAN PREMIER

Carmandale Heavenly's Sienna, NQ
Persian, Black Tabby Harlequin
Bred/Owned by S Armand and A Nortman

SUPER PET

Kiara, NW
Short Hair, Dilute Calico
Owned by S Prinsloo





Top 20 Females (25-05-2015)

* INCLUDING 23 MAY 2015, BUT EXCLUDING 30 MAY 2015 RESULTS

Alnaheed Nessie Fife of Nakit (Imp)

Owned by K Hoole

Brettachtal's Miss South Africa of The Catwalk, NQ (Imp)

Owned by S Marsh

Brettachtal's Sophia-Loreen of The Catwalk (Imp)

Owned by S Marsh

Colorkats Cosmopolitan of Swagger Coons

Owned by S & N Prinsloo

Colorkats Just Jolene, NQ

Owned by D le Roux

Doll Like's Issey Miyaki

Owned by S Armand & A Nortman

Geedee Unique Rose

Owned by G Nel

Karnaki Send In The Clowns

Owned by K Pepler

LaMASKA Siren Song

Owned by M Burger

L'Exquisite Apres-Vous, NQ

Owned by B Neukircher

Mooncatz Ophelia of Catkin (Imp)

Owned by K Hoole

Pearl Eye of the Storm

Owned by P Steyn

Pearl Squeaky

Owned by P Steyn

ShakesPURR's As It is

Owned by H Röhrs

ShakesPURR's The World's Mine Oyster

Owned by H Röhrs

Shangri-La Jennifurr Junifurr

Owned by V Wright

Swagger Coon's My Lady Soul

Owned by S & N Prinsloo

The Catwalk Beauty Queen

Owned by S Marsh

The Catwalk Bette Davis

Owned by S Marsh

Tres Jolie Amore

Owned by C Danziger & D Viviers

Top 20 Males (25-05-2015)

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***PL Amibial Sun Boy of Swagger Coons (Imp)**

Owned by S and N Prinsloo

Ameleony *PL Junior II of Esperanza (Imp)

Owned by B Swartzberg

Asiafaue Kimba of Seboga

Owned by M Fourie

Brettachtal's Frank Sinatra of The Catwalk (Imp)

Owned by S Marsh

Brettachtal's Rolex of The Catwalk (Imp)

Owned by S Marsh

Calenacat's X-Box 42 of LaMASKA (Imp)

Owned by M Burger

Colorkats Limo

Owned by D le Roux

Cracker Blue Bijou of Tres Jolie, NQ

Owned by C Danziger & D Viviers

Cracker Flying Solo of Helshar

Owned by S Kelly

Duke Friendly Ragdoll *PL of Ragtime (Imp)

Owned by B Steyn

Grand Sphynx Onyx of Nakit (Imp)

Owned by K Hoole

LaMASKA Lion King of Kioko

Owned by N Barratt

L'Exquisite Chocolate Mousse of El'Vee

Owned by L Venter

L'Exquisite RTooDToo of Tres Jolie

Owned by C Danziger & D Viviers

Loek-Maew Born This Way of LaMASKA (Imp)

Owned by M Burger

Praslin Azaro of Awesome Bengals, NQ (Imp)

Owned by L Kennard

Sir War Lord of Mount Steele of Shangri-La, NQ

Owned by V Wright

The Catwalk Kenzo, NQ

Owned by S Marsh

Uran Sky Beyrouth of Ragtime, NQ

Owned by B Steyn

William Strieborna Ruza of El'Vee

Owned by L Venter



Top 20 Neuters (25-05-2015)

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Awesome Bengals Poetry In Motion, NQ

Owned by A Gericke

Brettachtal's Grace Kelly of The Catwalk (Imp)

Owned by S Marsh

Cracker Vanity Fair

Owned by R van Wyk

Crescendo Don Giovanni

Owned by A Hughes

Kisamee Kingpin Knockout

Owned by R Smith

L'Exquisite Obi-Wan-Kanobi

Owned by M Bornman

Li & Lo Ebony

Owned by S Eddey

Purr-n-Meow Aramis Always, NQ

Owned by E Bester and C Bekker

Roar'n Kiss-Me Cause I'm GI Joe

Owned by L & E Komossa

ShakesPURR Puck

Owned by I du Plessis

ShakesPURR Tybalt, Prince of Cats, NQ

Owned by C Grobbelaar

ShakesPURR William, NQ

Owned by H Röhrs

Shangri-La Asani Rebel

Owned by V Wright

Sherada Es Petty Thief

Owned by J May

Spandau Veni Vidi Vici, NQ

Owned by W Hyman

The Catwalk Issey Miyaki

Owned by S Marsh

The Catwalk Princess Jasmine

Owned by S Marsh

Tres Jolie Micasa

Owned by C Danziger & D Viviers

Westwood Apollo, NQ

Owned by H Griffiths

Westwood Raphael

Owned by H Griffiths

Top 20 Kittens (25-05-2015)

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Aquila Nouha

Owned by R van Wyk

Awesome Bengals Heart of the Ocean

Owned by L Kennard

Brettachtal's Magic in The Air of The Catwalk (Imp)

Owned by S Marsh

El'Vee Endless Love

Owned by E Venter

Geedee Versuvius of Shangri-La

Owned by V Wright

LaMASKA Fish Mooney

Owned by M Burger

LaMASKA Penguin Cobblepot

Owned by M Burger

Li & Lo Dalilah of LaMASKA

Owned by M Burger

Pearl Fiat Justitia Ruat Caelum

Owned by P Steyn

Praslin Femme La Passion of Awesome Bengals (Imp)

Owned by L Kennard

Purr-n-Meow Jeanne Arthes Cassandra Blanc

Owned by E Bester & C Bekker

Purr-n-Meow Jeanne Arthes Supercharged

Owned by S Putter

Ragtime Nougat

Owned by B Steyn

ShakesPURR Sigh No More Ladies

Owned by H Röhrs

Siamese Gardens Caramel Fudge Parfait of LaMASKA

Owned by M Burger

Siori Mulan of Kioko

Owned by N Barratt

Taigha Mamba Stripe Force

Owned by H Griffiths

Toulouse Mask Of Zorro

Owned by M Bornman

Tres Jolie Google

Owned by C Danziger & D Viviers

Tres Jolie Valentino

Owned by C Danziger & D Viviers



Top 20 Pets (25-05-2015)

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Bluebelle

Owned by J May

Clarence, NQ

Owned by J May

Dinky, NQ

Owned by L Cronje

Donatello

Owned by J May

Emily

Owned by J May

Galooly

Owned by L Kennard

Gypsy

Owned by J May

Hillary

Owned by K Hoole

Kiara, NW

Owned by S Prinsloo

Lucy, NQ

Owned by J May

Mazzouri

Owned by L Moodley & S Singh

Meraiah Mechanic

Owned by K Pepler

Nikita

Owned by J May

Noxi

Owned by L Cronje

Pandora

Owned by J May

Pula

Owned by L Cronje

Shadow

Owned by J May

Snowflake

Owned by J May

Sylvester

Owned by K Hoole

Clubs News and Reminders

» » » IMPORTANT: PEBG Show: 20-06-2015



You don't want to miss this show! For the first time this year, an International CFA all breeds Judge from America, Jan Rogers, will be officiating at a CFSA show! So get those entries in!

ENTRIES CLOSE TODAY (31 May 2015)!!!

PEBG Show: 20-06-2015



Good luck to all exhibitors who enter for the upcoming PEBG show.

Any queries must be referred to the Show Manager, Daniel Germishuys.

(t) 016 987 1170

(e) topshowmanager@gmail.com

» From the GCC Chair



Dear Exhibitors, GCC is planning a bumper inaugural show on 15 August 2015 and just to tease you a little and whet your appetites we will let a little appetiser slip ... we have International judges coming out for this show – how many and who ... well, just keep your eyes peeled for further announcements!





Clubs News and Reminders

» entry forms available in June 2015 for the:

FFC Show: 25-07-2015



Entry detail and venue to be communicated ASAP.

Any queries must be referred to the Show Manager, Etrechia Bester.

(t) 083 442 1512

(e) felinefanclub@gmail.com

» entry forms available in June 2015 for the:

SOPA Show: 11-07-2015



Entry detail and venue to be communicated ASAP.

Any queries must be referred to the Show Manager, Mariette Burger.

(t) 081 300 5229

(e) sopashows@gmail.com

» From the SOPA Chair

The Siamese, Oriental, Peterbald Breed Group will be hosting their first show in KZN under the auspices of the KZNCC on 11 July 2015. SOPA will play a very important role in the future of South African Siamese, Oriental, Peterbald and related breeds. SOPA's aims are to create awareness amongst the public about these special breeds and will address misconceptions regarding them. SOPA plans to create a platform for mentorship, discussion and education and aims to keep breed standards in line with those of international bodies. Whether you are a breeder or pet owner of Siamese, Oriental, Peterbald and related breeds, SOPA is your forum to work for the betterment of these special breeds. JOIN US!

CFSA News and Reminders

REMINDER

ALL CFSA affiliated clubs, Breed Groups and/or members are welcome to send us reminders and/or notices for publication in the CFSA Informer.

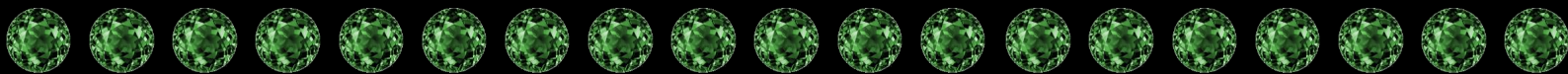
Deadline » 14 June 2015

E-mail any submissions to info@cfsa.co.za

NEW!



* The next issue will focus on everything that transpired during the month of June *



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WINTER

