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The purity of a person's heart can be quickly measured by how they regard cats. ~ Unknown

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# Chair Chat

One of the problems we've encountered as an organisation is that we are keen to support and promote our breeders. We want the public to always choose to buy pedigree cats from a registered breeder (preferably a registered NZCF breeder). So what do we do when a member of the public rings our Secretary and says "I've seen this ad on Trademe and the breeder says she is registered with the NZCF - but I can't see her listed on the website - is she an NZCF breeder?" Because of the Privacy Act, Chris cannot disclose information about people's membership status. Some genuine registered breeders choose not to be listed on the NZCF website and we cannot confirm that they are members, if someone asks. Unfortunately that only disadvantages our breeders and doesn't do a thing to stop backyard breeders or former members from claiming to be registered NZCF breeders.

So, we've decided to do something about it. You will see that our 2016 membership form will include a section stating that you understand that the NZCF may disclose information about your current membership status. The ONLY information that will be disclosed is whether or not you are a current financial member of the NZCF. Signing this section will be a condition of membership, just as agreeing to abide by our codes of conduct is a condition of membership.

And speaking of forms.... we are about to update some of our forms and create them as fillable PDF forms that you can type directly into easily. Along with that, we will be accepting electronic signatures - that is, if someone types their own name into a form and then emails it from their own email address, this has the same legal status as a handwritten signature, removing the need to paste in a scanned signature or print, sign, scan and send the form back. Clubs - you can also accept a typed signature as a signature on a document (eg a show entry) that is emailed to you from the person's own email address. This is in accordance with the Electronic Transactions Act of 2002. We hope this change will make things easier for members, clubs and judges (to name but a few!) who are completing forms, or signing contracts.

Later in this issue you will see a full report on the workshop run by the Ministry for Primary Industry, which I attended as the NZCF representative. Please do have a look at it - we all need to have an understanding of the nature and purpose of proposed new regulations - and there is some concerning news for Scottish Fold breeders.

*Zena Pigden*  
*NZCF Chair*

# Editor's Note

This year has flown by, with the show season almost over. Congratulations to all the successful cats, owners and breeders. Special mention must be given to all the breeders of our show cats as it's their breeding expertise and ongoing devotion that makes our cats and kittens the success they are.

Thank you to the contributors of reports and personal articles that have been submitted of late and we welcome any of your anecdotes, stories and any health issues that you might wish to share with the readers.

It's no small feat to source, collate and write interesting and varied articles. Many I find on the Web and much of the articles are compiled from several sites.

Welcome to our new Portfolio Manager for Marketing and Publications, Zena. Your enthusiasm for and go-getter attitude in acquiring the necessary advertising to help make our publication Flash Cats a viable magazine is greatly appreciated. It is great to work with you.

*Gaynor Saxon*  
*Flashcats Editor*

## FROM THE ADMIN DESK

With one of my many other hats on, Administration & Finance Portfolio, I would like to say that we are still receiving far too many complaints, from the public and members. Can I please ask our members, breeders and judges to read again and reacquaint yourselves with the standards required in the NZCF Codes of Conduct for breeders, judges and members.

*Gaynor Saxon*  
*Vice Chair, Admin & Finance PFM*



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# IS YOUR CAT A SOURPUSS? THIS COULD BE WHY...

How many times have you heard someone say, "Well, animals are attracted to antifreeze because there's a sweetness to it that they like." Nice try, but it strikes a sour note with cats because cats can't taste sweetness. All they can taste is salty, sour and bitter.

Isn't that a crummy way to have to go through life? It would be for us humans, with 10,000 taste buds on our stubby little tongue. But for cats, with fewer than 500 taste buds, and dogs, with about 1,700 on that aisle runner tongue of theirs, no problem. With both species, aroma is the palatability trigger.

If it passes their sniff test, it usually goes down. Texture is also an important factor and covers a variety of complex considerations, depending on whether the cat or dog is evaluating dry kibble or canned food.

For cats, kibble comes in various sizes, shapes and textures, include balls, discs, cubes (with rounded corners) "X's," and "O's," for example. While an animal may approve of the size, he may not approve of the shape of the kibble. Then there's one more hurdle: what the surface feels like. Some kibble is smooth, some coarse; some

is hard and some is softer. I'd bet that most dogs wouldn't give a second thought to all of that. Heck, they'll eat TV remotes, coins and road kill.

Cats on the other hand, do give a second thought to all of that. And just to exasperate you even more, they'll give a third and fourth thought to it. Are there any cat owners among you who have an impressive collection of different foods in the cabinet? Look at all those hands go up! Canned food is usually less of a problem. It comes, basically, in two types. There's the loaf or p ate style and there's the stuff that's like a stew. Both dog and cat foods come in those forms. Dogs usually don't care, cats often do. I frequently hear cat owners say that their cat will only eat the p ate type. But the reason cats can't taste sweetness has nothing to do with aroma or texture. The receptor that recognizes sweetness involves two genes, and in cats one of these genes is dysfunctional.

Researchers have isolated the dysfunctional gene, which has spawned some "chicken or the egg" debate. Are cats obligate carnivores because they have the defective gene, or did the gene become dysfunctional because they were obligate carnivores and didn't utilize it?

Bottom line: your cat doesn't drink antifreeze because it's sweet; and just to contradict there are always some cats who will lick Antifreeze from a puddle on the ground. By the way, if your cat walks through a puddle of antifreeze and licks her paw, she'll likely ingest enough to kill her also.

"Ethylene Glycol is highly toxic and because of its sweet taste it is especially appealing to pets but just one teaspoon is enough to kill a cat and a tablespoon will kill a dog.

There's "pet safe" antifreeze on the market that uses propylene glycol as the active ingredient. It has a much higher toxicity threshold, thus is safer to use.

Some pet owners panic upon seeing propylene glycol in dog food and treats, where it's used as a moistening agent. Two properties that make it suitable for antifreeze are that it has a low freezing point and can be safely ingested below its toxicity threshold.

The toxicity is in the dose, as they say.

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There have been many cases where pets have been intentionally poisoned with food that has been soaked in antifreeze.

However, it is considered that these cases could be prevented if antifreeze wasn't sweet tasting and included bittering agents..

If you suspect that your pet has been poisoned with this substance, it's essential they see a vet straight away.

Early treatment can often be effective but many pets that are left untreated unfortunately have to be put to sleep or die of kidney failure within days.

## ANTIFREEZE

### WHAT IS IT?

Antifreeze is a bright yellow or green liquid with a slightly sweet smell. It is used in the radiators of cars, trucks and other motor vehicles. Antifreeze works to keep the vehicle from overheating in the summer or freezing in the winter. When it's added to the water in a radiator it changes the water's boiling and freezing points. How much it changes depends on the ratio or concentration of antifreeze to water.

### WHAT'S IN IT?

The main hazardous ingredient of antifreeze is ethylene glycol.

What health and safety precautions do you need to think about with antifreeze?

Ethylene glycol is very poisonous when swallowed. It will cause severe damage to your heart, kidneys and brains. It can cause death.

Antifreeze can be spilled on the ground or leak from the radiators of cars and trucks. Because of its sweet smell animals may be attracted to it. Antifreeze is very poisonous, so licking or drinking the fluid can kill an animal. If you see a bright green or yellow liquid on the ground in the garage, driveway, parking lot, or street, keep your dog and pets away from the puddle and get it cleaned up quickly.

When cleaning up antifreeze you need to wear gloves because ethylene glycol can cause damage to internal organs through

skin absorption. Inhalation of the fumes can also cause dizziness.

There is a new type of antifreeze available that contains **PROPYLENE GLYCOL**. Propylene glycol is much less toxic than ethylene glycol. An animal would have to consume a lot more of this type of antifreeze, a quantity that is unlikely to be available, to get sick or to die. The bottle's label should tell you what is type of antifreeze it is.

Some people who have vacation homes that they "close up" for the winter will pour antifreeze into toilets so the water doesn't freeze. In this case, these people should always use the less toxic antifreeze (the ones with propylene glycol in it) because pets can drink out of toilets and can become poisoned.

### SYMPTOMS AND TYPES

Early signs are seen from 30 minutes to 12 hours after ingestion:

- Nausea and vomiting
- Mild to severe depression
- Wobbly, uncoordinated or drunken-appearing gait (ataxia) or movement and knuckling
- Twitching muscles
- Short, rapid movements of the eyeball
- Head tremors
- Decreased withdrawal reflexes and righting ability
- Increased urination and increased thirst (polyuria and polydipsia)

Other symptoms often develop 12 to 24 hours after ingestion of ethylene glycol (antifreeze):

Symptoms are dependent on the amount of ethylene glycol (antifreeze) ingested Symptoms are almost always sudden (acute)

Signs caused by ethylene glycol itself and its toxic metabolites are frequently fatal (metabolites - substances produced by the body's chemical processes as it breaks down the ethylene glycol)

Cats usually remain markedly depressed Cats typically do not exhibit increased thirst; producing only small amounts of urine; lack of production of urine is seen 72 to 96 hours after ingestion of ethylene glycol if left untreated.

- May note severely low body temperature
- Severe sluggishness (lethargy) or coma
- Seizures
- Lack of appetite (anorexia)
- Vomiting
- Oral ulcers/sores on mouth
- Salivation or drooling
- Kidneys are often swollen and painful, particularly in cats.

If you suspect that your pet has been poisoned with this substance, it's essential they see a vet urgently.

**STAGE ONE**  
Within 30 minutes  
'DRUNK'

**STAGE TWO**  
Within 12 hours  
Kidney Crystals  
Kidney Failure

**STAGE THREE**  
**DEATH....**



# A STEP BACK IN HISTORY

## 1953: THE JOAN THOMPSON TOUR

*"This issue of the Newsletter is dominated by the announcement of the greatest and most important event that has ever happened to the Cat Fancy of this Dominion. Mrs. JOAN THOMPSON is really coming ..."*

It's almost impossible to miss the excitement behind this announcement in the August 1952 NZGCCF newsletter. Mrs Joan Thompson, well-known breeder of Longhairs under the 'Pensford' prefix, one of only three Senior All Breeds judges in the UK at the time, and probably best-known to New Zealand cat fanciers as the author of a regular column in Our Cats magazine, was indeed coming to New Zealand and Australia to judge at shows. This was no small undertaking for a cat fancy only three years back in action after a 14-year recess and the newsletter moves on from singing the lady's praises to the practicalities of finding the £400 needed to bring her out from England. Although there was already a promise on-hand from Sydney for £150 members were encouraged to send what money they could spare right away and or advise what they would be able to send later. Clubs were invited to get in contact if they wanted Mrs Thompson to visit them during her stay.

In another NZGCCF newsletter at the beginning of 1953 the 'Thompson Fund' still had £130 to raise and again there was no lack of encouragement for members to contribute:

*"To those who have not assisted so far, I would renew the appeal to share in this great effort."*

This event of such importance to the young Cat Fancy of New Zealand was being regarded as equally noteworthy on the other side of the world where in the November 1952 Our Cats it was announced that:

*"Mrs Thompson's assignment is a breathtaking affair and one without parallel in the history of the Cat Fancy since it involves sea and air journeys of well over 25,000 miles."*

She would be leaving England in mid-April to travel to Australia by sea, then travelling by air within the region, then finally arriving home by sea in the middle of August.

### OUTBOUND

Mrs Thompson explains her preparations for her departure (Our Cats, May 1953) including a delightful (and historically interesting) list of where many of her cats would be staying while she was away. Mrs Thompson's wonderfully detailed reports of her travels ran about a month behind the events of her tour, and in this case the latter half of the column is dated the 13th April and was written aboard the R.M.S. Orontes as they approached Gibraltar.

Mrs Thompson details her outbound journey in her column (Our Cats, June 1953) including visits to Naples (16th April) and Pompeii, and Port Said (19th April) followed by a passage through the Suez Canal to arrive at Aden (23rd April) where she was very distressed at the condition of a Siamese cat she saw there. The Orontes sailed on to reach Colombo (29th April) and there Mrs Thompson noted British troops on their way to Korea before finally arriving in Australia at Freemantle (7th May) and being greeted by telegrams of welcome from Australian cat fanciers.

### AUSTRALIA

There was a stop in Adelaide (11th May) before reaching Melbourne (13th May) where Mrs Thompson spent two days in a whirl of visits to cat fanciers at their homes (and her report mentions many cats by name) but eventually she sailed on to reach her destination, Sydney, on 16th May. The five days before the show were busy; being shown around the area, meeting cat fanciers, recording radio broadcasts, and attending meetings of the local clubs where she answered wide-ranging questions. When the show of the Cat Fanciers' Association of New South Wales finally began (22nd and 23rd May) it had 207 entries and is well covered by the report for the July 1953 issue of Our Cats. As usual the report is detailed, describing



the venue, naming and thanking people, and identifying cats, thus providing a wonderful historic record of the cat fancy through her eyes. At times Mrs Thompson's reports compare the exhibits with the equivalents in the UK effectively giving her worldwide readership a picture of where the Australasian cat fancy was in its development. After the show Mrs Thompson visited more places of interest (including sheep dog trials and Taronga Zoo) and more breeders, often making a point mentioning by name the cats she met. The association held farewell party for their visiting judge and on the 17th June she departed for New Zealand by seaplane: "We eventually took off just after dawn. It was a thrill rushing over the water with a frothy wake behind us and then soaring into the air like a seagull and wheeling round in a semi-circle over Sydney Harbour Bridge, which I had sailed under on my arrival ..."

### NEW ZEALAND

After her 7-hour flight Mrs Thompson landed in Auckland and was met by Mr R. Marshall, the Secretary / Treasurer of the NZGCCF. The social side of the visit was as active in New Zealand as it had been in Australia beginning that evening when there was a party to welcome her. The next day saw another radio broadcast in preparation for the 4th Championship show of the Auckland Cat Club which was being held over the 19th and 20th June. Mrs Thompson's report on the show mentions the show manager (Mr H. Downey) and her stewards by name and commends the latter for their assistance so that her judging, which began at 9am was finished by 7pm. There were just under 200 exhibits. The names (and often details of parentage) of the top exhibits

read like a breed history Who's Who of both Persians and Siamese in New Zealand, and the owners mentioned are also well-known names.

On the second day the show was open to the public between 9am and 5.30pm and Mrs Thompson comments that:

"One could hardly move during the afternoon and the Committee was very pleased with the public response which made a record gate."

A couple of days after the show (22nd June) some of the winners - both people and cats - gathered for another radio broadcast with a large live audience and Mrs Thompson and the announcer discussed the cats as each was displayed to the audience. It must have made for interesting listening.

From Auckland to Rotorua (one of the few truly tourist visits mentioned in the series of reports) then on to the Palmerston North Cat Club's first show. Here, as in other places, Mrs Thompson stayed with local cat fanciers and throughout she mentions how welcome she was made. The show in Palmerston North (27th June) was held in the Kiwi Hall and a number of the pedigree exhibits were ones Mrs Thompson had met in Auckland the weekend before. She comments that areas outside Auckland are "doing wonderfully well" to get new shows established given the scarcity of pedigree exhibits and praises the Show Manager, Mr H A (Bert) Hore, for his interest in her suggestions on how to improve the show. Her steward at the show was Mr Moran who "had motored all the way from Wellington" to help her.

On the 29th June there was another evening event for the busy Mrs Thompson, this one reported by the local paper though by the time the report was published (30th June) the visitor from England was on her way from Ohakea (the Palmerston North airfield being flooded) to Christchurch, via Blenheim and what must have been quite a scenic flight down the Kaikouras. Despite the stop in Christchurch - where she was met



Mr H A (Bert) Hore

by more cat fanciers and did yet another radio broadcast (it was her ninth on the tour thus far, and it wouldn't be her last) - that city was not her destination and the next day she was back at Harewood boarding a plane for Dunedin. She reports with amusement that the next plane she encountered was the smallest to date:

*"A little single-engined plane with seating for only six passengers awaited us. We hurtled over the grass runway and made a saucy take-off and what the plane lacked in size it made up in noise and vibration."*

Naturally the visiting judge was met by the local officials of the Southland Cat Fanciers' Club, whereupon she was taken out for lunch, a radio broadcast, a press interview, and on to a party in the evening. Not surprisingly Mrs Thompson comments that she enjoyed a welcome rest over the next few days. Exhibits in the club's fifth show (4th July) were mainly domestics but still Mrs Thompson details the winners in her report, and comments that Invercargill had an exceptional gate of £150.

The return trip began only two days later with Mrs Thompson departing (6th July) for Dunedin where, as usual, she met with a number of local cat fanciers (and their cats) before flying on to Christchurch the next day. Mr Holmes, the secretary of the six-month-old Canterbury Cat Club looked after her in that city and mentioned that he hoped the club would run its first show the following year.

Landing at Paraparaumu rather than the wind-affected Wellington on the last flight of her journey didn't stop Mr Moran from meeting her and she later (10th July) visited him at his home where she admired the quarters for the stud cat recently arrived from the UK. Her visits with other cat fanciers in the area quite naturally led to discussions about starting a local cat club. In Wellington on 11th July Mrs Thompson boarded the Ruahine for her month-long return voyage to England.

## HOMeward BOUND

Compared to the trip out on the Orontes the Ruahine had relatively few stops on the voyage to the UK, but the first was a stop off-shore at Pitcairn Island (20th July) and the day after (21st July) she reached Balboa, the Pacific entry to the Panama Canal. The next morning the ship began its 8-hour passage through the canal with a running commentary given by a local official. The last stop on the journey was at Curacoa



Lyn and Bon Moran

(22nd July) and then the Ruahine sailed directly for England. On the 9th August Mrs Thompson caught her first sight of home and reached her own home on the 10th August, some four months after she had left on her judging tour of the Antipodes. Our Cats (October 1953) proclaims:

"Mrs Thompson has this year made history for the Fancy by travelling from England to Australia and New Zealand to fulfil judging engagements."

Whether or not it was history-making in itself, it certainly was an exceptional effort and, sixty years later, her reports provide us with a wonderful snapshot of the New Zealand cat fancy in 1953 - the year of the Joan Thompson tour.

## NOTES & REFERENCES:

- o Quotes and information from the NZGCCF newsletters via the NZCF Silver Jubilee book (1997).
- o Auckland Cat Club Catalogue (1953) cover, courtesy of Valerie Sheldrake (UK).
- o Quotes from Our Cats magazines are from issues indicated.
- o Photo of Mr H A (Bert) Hore courtesy of Lois Shearman.
- o Photo of Bon and Lyn Moran from the August 1953 Our Cats magazine.
- o Many of the issues of Our Cats mentioned in the article are available online (along with many others) and the reports can be read in them in full.

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# ARE CATS REALLY WILD ANIMALS?

## Are cats with us or against us?

Experts clash over whether they count as a domesticated species.

Are cats with us or against us? The question is understandable. Though cats have lived with us for nearly 10,000 years and are the world's most popular pet, experts disagree about whether they're actually domestic animals. Our feline companions don't really need us, after all: They can hunt for themselves, and they go feral without human contact. A scientific paper published uncovered some of the first genes responsible for domestication—all in the cat genome—yet still referred to cats as “semi-domesticated.” Other scientists vehemently disagree with that designation. An evolutionary biologist at the University of Oxford who has studied the domestication of pigs, dogs, and a variety of other animals believed that there's no difference between a domesticated cat and a domesticated anything else, “Good luck trying to get a goat or a sheep to spend the night in your house.”

At the heart of the debate is the heart of our relationship with cats. Sure, they were gods in ancient Egypt, but ever since a paranoid pope linked them to witchcraft in the 13th century, felines have been vilified as evil, unpredictable, and untrustworthy—stereotypes that persist even in this age of the adorable Internet cat video. So the question must be asked: Are cats just like dogs but in slinkier form, eager and able to be part of the human family? Or is there something truly feral about them—

something wild and unknowable that will forever keep them from blending into our tribe? Put another way, are cats with us or against us?

Even early legal scholars debated the question about our evolving relationship with cats and dogs,

In 1894, a Baltimore man was arrested for stealing his neighbor's cat. But as the judge prepared to sentence him, Maryland's attorney general stepped in. “A cat,” he declared, “is not legal property. ... It is as much a wild animal, in a legal sense, as are its relatives—the tiger and the wild-cat.” The judge was forced to let the thief go. In the eyes of the law, a man who had stolen a cat had stolen nothing at all.

Scientists remain divided. Part of the problem is that they don't agree on what “domesticated” means. For some, it's as simple as being tame and able to live with people generation after generation, criteria under which cats easily qualify. But others propose more stringent standards: complex genetic and behavioral changes that transform a creature inside out. Do cats meet that bar?

One biologist who was the senior author of last year's cat genome study, starts with docility. Yes, he says, there are cuddly cats, but there are also a lot of skittish and aggressive cats—a wider spectrum of behaviors than seen in dogs. He also faults felines for being too independent. “Cats only come to you for affection when they feel like it,” he says. “They pretty much take care of themselves.” After all, if an animal doesn't need us, has it really been domesticated by us? (Maybe not; scientists now believe that cats domesticated

themselves.) And then there's the fact that—to the chagrin of birders and other wildlife enthusiasts—house cats hunt nearly as well as their wild ancestors. “Dogs don't have that ability,” “It's been bred out of them.” they believe.

These differences play out at the genetic level. When you look at the molecular signatures of domestication, there are 10 times more in dogs than in cats. That's probably because dogs have been around humans a lot longer than cats—20,000 years longer, by some estimates. Cats, should really be thought of as a subspecies of wildcat, while dogs are more like their own species.

Some don't agree with this study. For one thing felines can be every bit as docile as their canine counterparts. You will easily find cats that are more affectionate than dogs, more seeking of human affection. It is also noted that cats have undergone a remarkable behavioral transformation since first entering human society. As opposed to their ancestor, the wildcat, which the naturalist H.C. Brooke once described as “probably the least amenable of all living creatures,” house cats are “love sponges,” as Ernest Hemingway called them—purring balls of fur more interested in curling up on your lap than in ripping your eyes out. Scientists even suspect cats have evolved particular purrs and meows that they use to communicate with human beings. Their intelligence may have evolved as well, though this is hard to prove because cats make terrible research subjects.

*Sourced from various websites*

# JUDGES UPDATE

*Welcome to my first contribution to Flashcats as the Portfolio Manager Judges.*

*Firstly I would like to take the time to say "Thanks" to all who took the time to vote in the recent elections to allow me to serve on EC.*

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Having been a judge now for a number of years, I find myself on the other side of the fence never quite realising what that role covered.

Not only do I get to juggle approving contracts, there is also the requirement to ensure our Junior Judges have a supervisor for their assignments at shows, that judges meet their requirements under both the judges manual and the show bylaws and by the same token clubs remember their responsibilities to judges.

I get to work quite closely with the Shows Portfolio Manager Annette, who has previously held this position and I can draw on her experience and expertise within this area.

At our recent EC meeting I brought a number of things to the table as part of my report including putting memos out to judges and clubs, which I will include in this missive.

Other items include updating the steward and handlers list on the NZCF website, revamping the steward and handlers training, and after requests from all three regions, to look at running stewards and handlers schools in Auckland, Palmerston North and Christchurch.

Please contact myself if you are interested in being trained as either a handler and/or steward, most probably in November which hopefully means some new faces on the floor at shows in time for next year's show season.

I also have some timely reminders for Clubs with regard to their responsibilities to Judges before, during and after shows. These include Show By-laws:

**5.2 Catalogues may be provided to exhibitors upon benching their exhibits, and may be sold on the morning(s) of the show, provided they are not available to judges, stewards or handlers whilst judging is in progress.**

**6.6 Judges' expenses are administered in accordance with the following:**

**a. Clubs shall pay judges' travel expenses, overnight accommodation costs and meals as appropriate, and if the judge has paid out any of those expenses, they shall be reimbursed to the judge by the club, no later than the opening of the show.**

**6.7 Clubs must send a show schedule to all contracted judges at the same time as the schedules are sent to the intending exhibitors, and for overseas judges, a copy of the NZCF Standard of Points applicable to those classes in the particular judge's assignment.**

**6.8 Within 7 days of the close of entries the club shall provide written advice to judges with more than 80 entries or less than 10 entries in a section, and by agreement between the club and the judge, such sections may be split into smaller ones or combined into a larger one, as required, and the club shall advise all exhibitors affected by such changes.**

**6.10 A separate room or area, away from the exhibitors and the public shall be provided by the club for the judges, and judges' books shall be available for the judges at least 30 minutes before the scheduled start of judging, or else on the judge's arrival at the show.**

**Following this I would also like to remind Judges that they also have responsibilities to Clubs, Exhibitors and to the NZCF as a whole.**

**7.4 NZCF judges shall at all times meet the following requirements: a. Avoid conduct, actions, language or contact which may or does prejudice an impartial approach to judging or the status of a judge appointed by NZCF.**

**7.8 After completing judging of their sections officiating judges must meet the following requirements: d. If a supervising judge, ensure that the reports on the probationer or trainee judge(s) are completed on the day of the show, ready for dispatch to the Portfolio Manager (Judges).**

Judges are also reminded that by signing the membership form and the judges annual return, they agree to abide by all NZCF rules and regulations including the judges code of conduct.

Following on from the above:- The Judges Invitation/Contract and Annual Return are currently word documents that needs to be downloaded, filled in and either scanned and emailed, or in the case of a hard copy must be returned to the PM. This applies

also to judges invitations sent by the club to the judge, a copy must also be sent onto the PM.

I have proposed creating either a Word document or pdf with fillable fields for both of these forms and to get them loaded onto the website. Then these can then be filled in by the club or judge and emailed to the appropriate party.

Under the Electronic Transaction Act 2002 sections 22 and 24, by entering your name in the signature field, this would suffice as being signed by all parties.

I have also received some judges' contracts with only the judges' name and TBA in some sections. If possible can all sections be filled out as completely as possible, before sending to the judge being contracted and then subsequently sent to myself.

It pains me to hear feedback from members of NZCF referring to comments judges make in reference to cats they are judging. How a judge has interpreted standards and what I perceive, as conduct unbecoming when judges give credence to gossip, unfounded rumours and enter into debates with members of NZCF.

I know that we are all only human, and although there are some expectations that judges should be seen to be above this, can we all remember that at the end of the day we are fellow cat people who love our cats, and our hobby.

Thanks for taking the time to read through these reflections and reminders.

*Debs Armishaw  
PM Judges*



# HEALTH & SAFETY & CAT BREEDING

*"I thought I would touch base with everyone about the upcoming changes to NZ's Health Safety and well being laws. Its too soon to know exactly what they will be, hopefully there will be a lot of changes to what I have seen so far though!!!"*

Many of you will have seen that according to the lists we have seen excerpts of, cat breeding in New Zealand is one of the most dangerous jobs anyone can have!!! Even forestry workers (where there have been deaths) lead a safer lives than most of the members of the NZCF and Affiliate clubs where breeding cats is common, and very harmful, as dangerous as breeding snakes and crocodiles.

When I googled for the injuries sustained by cat breeders, I could only find articles on injuries obtained on cats, not dished out by them, although I have been on the receiving end of the odd bite or scratch, its certainly not the norm for people to be killed by them....

For many years, I have had cats, or handled them as an owner and a vet nurse, and more recently grooming them. Its probably a good time to look at the risks associated with handling cats, even though they may not be as exciting as the NZ Government would have many people believe.

First on my list is Zoonosis. A zoonoses is any disease or illness which may be passed on from a species to humans. (Zoonosis is the plural of zoonoses).

One of the most common would be ringworm, a fungal infection of the skin, which forms that horrible circular red ring, with the slightly scaly itchy skin in the middle. It is a fungal infection, and is usually introduced via an injury to the skin. The worst part about ringworm is the incubation period being so long, that many people and animals may be infected by the original host before it becomes apparent. It then becomes a very prolonged and expensive battle to get rid of it. Spores can live in the environment for a very long time, thereby infecting more animals and people. Toxoplasmosis is another nasty bug we can get from our cats. It is picked up from the faeces of cats, usually due to poor hand hygiene. The spores of Toxo are released approx 3 days after being pooped out by

the host, so the old adage of pregnant vet nurses not being allowed around cat litter boxes is slightly incorrect, unless the poo has been sitting around for a few days first, or the box hasnt been cleaned thoroughly. It is usually picked up by gardeners who dont wear gloves, as I found out many years ago.

The majority of people have been exposed to it, mainly in their youth, especially if they spent any time playing in an uncovered sand pit (otherwise known as the communal litter box for the local cat population). If you dont wear gloves when you garden, or dont wash off the dirt thoroughly from under your fingernails, you may pick it up. Toxo on its own doesnt usually cause any problems, unless you are pregnant, or immune compromised. I became very ill, and the toxo count was off the scales when they tested my blood. I managed to contract Glandular Fever at the same time, which was why I ended up so sick. People who have Aids often have lesions on their faces, these are usually toxoplasmosis, but lesions can form on the liver, brain, in the eyes and other places.

Another disease we can catch from our pets include parasites (external like fleas and internal like worms). Fleas obviously can be picked up from the environment, and worms can be picked up from poor hygiene (gardening and not washing hands), and petting an animal that had just licked its backside after elimination, then licking where you are petting, or licking your face!!!

So, as far as I can tell, where cats are concerned, use gloves when gardening, wash hands thoroughly after playing with your cat or gardening (or playing in the sandpit), and dont let them lick your face, particularly around your nose and mouth!!! I also strongly urge you to clean your cats litter box daily, and try not to share plates when eating!!!

*Sue Mackay,  
NZCF Health & Safety Officer*

For any information on Health and Safety, contact Sue on:  
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# FLY STRIKE

## Be Aware

*We did a bit of research on this affliction and yes, it can occur in cats. I think the most important thing to note is that it can progress very quickly - eggs laid by flies can hatch out in as little as 12 hours and once the maggots are hatched they start doing damage. It is understandable that any normally vigilant breeder would not realise anything was amiss, until it was too late - as too late could be just a couple of days. Because it's uncommon most breeders wouldn't probably even think about the possibility, so we felt it was important to alert you all. Thank you Anita for sharing your very sad story with us.*

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Today I learnt a devastating new lesson about the trials of cat breeding.

This last weekend was the hot and humid Easter long weekend, and my 12 week old kitten was showing signs of diarrhoea.

So on Easter Sunday, I phoned up the emergency Vet in my area, and he was checked over.

He had a low temperature, smelly fluid from an 'open' looking anus, and not interested in food. He was dehydrated.

The on call Vet gave him skin fluid under the skin, a shot for pain, and sent me home with electrolytes to dose him, orally, every hour.

Monday morning he was a bit brighter, and the anal discharge had slowed down.

Four am on Tuesday I went into the bathroom, where he was in the bath, on bedding with an electric blanket, and got him up to give him his fluids....and found tiny maggots around his bottom.

Horrified, I washed them off with warm water, and dried him. He was in pain.

I phoned the Vet at daybreak, and got the first appointment available, as he had gotten worse, and had trouble standing up.

The Vet admitted him with my approval, to sedate him, and have a good look at the very inflamed rear end.

She phoned me about an hour later to say she had shaved him, and discovered massive fly strike. The creamy skin shown in the following photos was a combination

of infection and from the enzymes the maggots make, to easily digest the living tissue.

This poor boy was beyond help, and was euthanized at my request.

I have seen fly strike in sheep, but never heard it could be possible in cats.

It is a fast, destructive condition, with very little visible symptoms.

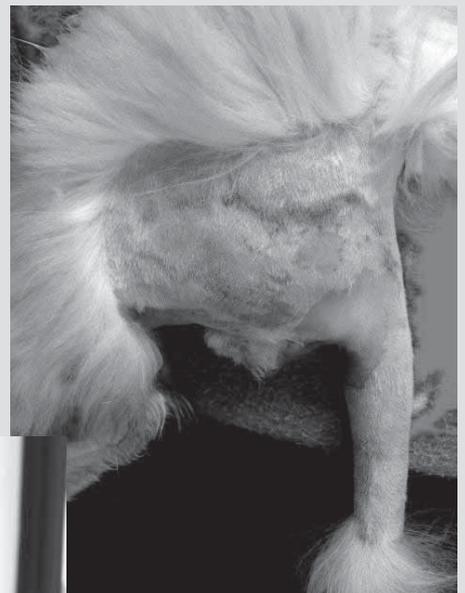
The bronze backed fly responsible is small, fast, and deadly.

I am now setting up multiple fly traps, and all new litters will be in rooms with fly screened windows.

PLEASE ...Be very vigilant and check cats and kittens every day. Smelly fluid from an "open" looking anus is the only symptom. These photos were taken today. Only three days from the first symptom, which I took as just a 'bit of diarrhoea' I feel so bad, but feel others should be told.

(My Vet took these photos, and explained the damage shown)

*Anita Andrew*



*My much loved baby before this tragedy.*

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# SHOWS

## Accross the ditch

### What's the difference?

By Janice Davey and Roy Griffith

Janice and I recently travelled to Hills Sports Stadium Castle Hill, NSW to judge at the 2015 CCCA National Cat Show.

In Australia there are three groups.

**GROUP 1** contains all Long hair breeds.

**GROUP 2** has all Siamese/Oriental type cats including the LH Oriental, Balinese, Whites (both LH and SH).

**GROUP 3** has all other Shorthair Breeds.

Another difference to New Zealand is that Neuter kittens can be shown in with the Entire kittens.

25 judges judged 369 cats in 6 rings over 2 days.

- 15 Companions
- Group 1 - 60 Kittens, 62 Entire Cats, 19 Desexed Cats
- Group 2 - 25 Kittens, 17 Entire Cats, 6 Desexed Cats
- Group 3 - 66 Kittens, 69 Entire cats, 30 Desexed

On Saturday Janice judged Group 1 Desexed cats and Group 2 Desexed cats, day 2 Judged Group 2 Entire Cats and Group 1 Kittens where she felt the outstanding breeds were the Birmans and Persians.

Janice awarded her BIS and NZCF INC Judges Choice to Spellbound Savannah beautiful Chocolate point Birman only 5 months old. She felt that "everything was there, great boning for female, lovely strong chest (build like a male) Her gloves and gauntlets

are very good, good tail length to balance with this strong body. Lovely head type, great roman nose and good ear placement, eye shape, and eye colour also a stand out. And she has that look on her face to say ( if you must take my photo don't be long)". Spellbound Savannah owner is Jessica Forster and the Breeder is L Gaze, well done, she is a credit to you both.

Meanwhile on the Saturday I spent my time with the Group 3 Kittens where I had the joy of judging American Shorthairs which we do not have here in New Zealand yet.

A large number of Devon Rex and Sphynx. I awarded my BIS to Kimbascurl Magdalengrace a cinnamon mackerel tabby female. Exquisite and went on to gain another BIS from Karen Moore (Aust) and a 5th from Tracey Petty (CFA-USA). Her owner Kay Bradey was extremely happy when she was awarded my NZCF Inc Judges choice. On Sunday I continued in Group 3 with the Entire Cats. There was a large group of Abyssinian, where I awarded my BIS to Ch Osiris (V) Hearts Perfection bred and owned by Micheal and Sue Shawn,. Hearts Perfection was also awarded BIS from Valerie Harney. Amongst the Entire cats were some of the

smaller represented breeds, Australian Mist, Korat, La Perm, Selkirk Rex both LH and SH, Singapura, which I thoroughly enjoyed handling and judging.

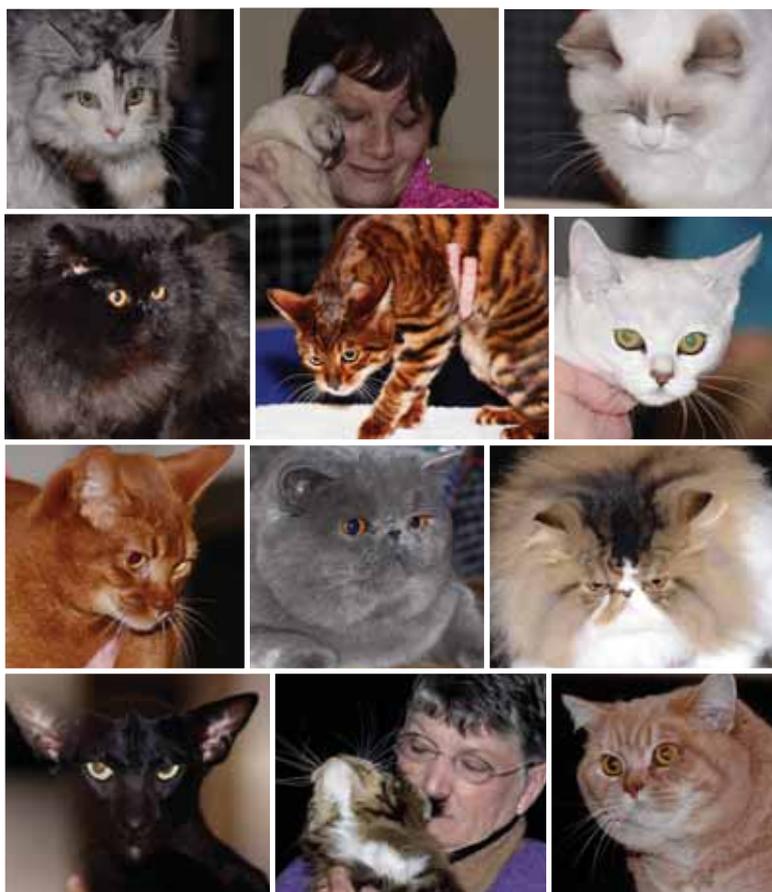
Janice and I agreed that it was a great honour to be invited to Judge and thought the show was very well organised and conducted. A friendly crowd of exhibitors and then the stars, the wonderful exhibits. Well done Co-ordinating Cat Council of Australia and thank you for this opportunity.



2015 CCCA NATIONALS  
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We were really blessed with our selection of Judges from Australia including Erin Brown, Belinda Penglis, Keith Harding and Fiona Hawkins. Our New Zealand Judges included David Scadden, Paul Henry, Deb Armishaw, Diana Puru and Christine Morgan making for a complete and interesting package for the more than 80 exhibitors from Kaikohe to Rangiora.

With an estimated 2000 visitors to the show we did our best to finish on time.

The results were:

**Supreme BIS and Supreme Shorthair** was - Pride of Eire Life of Riley, o/b Damian Vaughn.

**Supreme Longhair** was - SDGCh Jaymlynkatz Oberon, o/b Denise Grace.

**Supreme Domestic/Companion** was - BDGPr CC Rafferty, owner K & A Jackson

Thank You to all those who supported us this year, and helped make the show a great success. See you all again in 2016.

Thanks also to Ian Gray for a selection of photos from our Show. See Facebook for Pepperbox Photos by Ian.

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# GRUMPY CAT = HAPPY YOU!



Over 2 million cat videos have been uploaded to YouTube with over 25 Billion views and their category has the highest views per video; cats are an Internet sensation!

But how many of us are guilty of spending time watching the antics of cats such as 'Maru', 'Lil Bub' or 'Grumpy Cat' when really we had other things we should have been doing?

Well maybe we don't have to feel so guilty now, a study released recently shows that watching cat videos online boosts viewers' energy and positive emotions and decreases negative feelings.

The study, published in the journal Computers in Human Behavior by Jessica Gall Myrick, an Indiana University Media Scholl researcher, surveyed around 7,000 people about their cat video habits and how it affects their moods with around 36% of participants described themselves as a 'cat person'.

It was found that after viewing Internet cats the levels of each self-reported negative emotional state measured in the study were lower and levels of each positive emotion were higher. So rather than watching cat videos being a form of procrastination it could actually mean that after watching a cat video you feel happier and more energetic and therefore more productive in your work.

Another bonus of cat videos is that they could be a form of digital therapy. Several studies have already been done that show spending time with pets, such as cats; can be very beneficial for our wellbeing both mentally and physically. Pets are often used as therapy and this latest study suggests that viewing online videos of cats may actually function as a form of digital pet therapy and/or stress relief for Internet users; a big plus for those who miss out on therapy sessions due to time/travel/financial constraints.

This study will hopefully spark other researchers interests in studying the psychological effects our pets have on us. Imagine the future where a therapy session was watching videos of cats for a period of time!



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	Cow	Cat
Solids (g/litre)	127	195
Protein %	26	42
Fat %	30	25
Carbohydrate %	38	26
Energy (kJ/litre)	2800	4100
Taurine (mg/litre)	10	359

Cat's milk is characterised by having relatively high protein levels with only moderate amounts of fat and carbohydrate (lactose). The protein in cat's milk is high in readily digestible whey proteins, compared to cow's milk which is predominantly caseins. Cat's milk also contains high levels of the sulphonic acid taurine which is an essential nutrient for kittens. In cats a dietary deficiency of taurine can lead to blindness, hair loss, tooth decay and heart failure.



## Benefits of Wombaroo Cat Milk Replacer

- **Closely resembles Cat Milk** - formulated to match the composition of the mother's milk, with added vitamins, minerals and essential fatty acids (omega 3 & 6).
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- **Elevated Taurine Content** - essential for development of healthy kittens.

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- When feeding, warm milk to about 35°C and feed from a bottle and teat (A Wombaroo "C" type teat is recommended).
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# HUMANS' USE OF PAIN-RELIEF CREAMS

## PROVES FATAL TO FELINES

Contact between cats and their owners may have exposed the animals to toxic levels of medication.

Veterinarians have long warned that pain medications like ibuprofen are toxic to pets. And it now looks like merely using a pain relief cream can put cats at risk.

That's what happened in two households. Two cats in one household developed kidney failure and recovered with attention from a veterinarian. But in a second household, three cats died.

When the veterinarians performed necropsies on the three dead cats, they found physical damage in the cats' intestines and kidneys, evidence of the toxic effects of nonsteroidal anti-inflammatory drugs, or NSAIDs. NSAIDs include ibuprofen, like Advil and Motrin, and naproxen, which is in Aleve. The painkiller diclofenac is sold under several brand names, including Voltaren.

Ibuprofen is the most common drug that pets eat, perhaps since many of the pills are candy-coated. In pets, the drugs can cause stomach or intestinal ulcers and kidney failure. But these cats died by flurbiprofen, another NSAID. In the case of its most recent victims, the cat owner applied a lotion or cream containing flurbiprofen to treat muscle or arthritis pain. And it's highly

unusual for a cat to show up at the vet's office; usually it's the dogs that get into trouble from exposure to NSAIDs.

Vets say that they probably treats a pet for some sort of ingestion problem every day, but usually it's chocolate or chewing gum, or the owner's medication. As little as 50 milligrams of ibuprofen for every kilogram a cat weighs can cause problems; for dogs, it's 100 milligrams for every kilogram.

This isn't an animal mistreatment issue — none of the cats died because owners were applying their medications to the cats. The owners reported using the product on their necks or feet, and somehow the animals were exposed. The third cat died after the owner had stopped using the medication.

It is recommended that pet owners store all medications away from pets and to discard anything used to apply the medication. If any furniture or carpeting becomes contaminated, clean it immediately.

*Cats can become exposed by simply coming in contact with their owners' skin when the cream has been applied. They will later lick their paws and coats. Be aware and keep your cats at a distance when using anti-inflammatory creams and don't under any circumstances use human anti-inflammatory cream on your pets...*



**Keep an eye on those pets – if they show signs of lethargy, vomiting or lack of appetite, go see a vet immediately.**

## BAN ON SCOTTISH FOLD BREEDING PROPOSED

### NEW ANIMAL WELFARE REGULATIONS UNDER CONSTRUCTION

The Ministry for Primary Industries is in the process of developing new animal welfare regulations - failure to comply with these once they are implemented may result in a fine or even a criminal conviction. The NZCF was invited to send a representative to a workshop for companion animal organisations to review the proposed regulations and give feedback on whether they were important, and whether they were feasible - would they work?

This was preliminary work, getting feedback from stakeholders, prior to public release of the regulations for consultation in early 2016. At this point anyone will be able to make submissions on the regulations and stakeholder organisations likewise will be able to put in submissions.

#### BACKGROUND

Currently there is an Animal Welfare Act dating from 2010 (this was an update of a much older Act). Offences under this act relate to cruelty or serious neglect and if people are found guilty, the penalties can be large fines or prison. There are also a number of Codes of Welfare, which do not have any associated ability to find people guilty of infringements or offences - so they only allow for education, warnings, and compliance notices, but no sanctions can be applied if people don't adhere to them unless their actions are so bad that

they can be prosecuted under the Act. The work the MPI has been doing over the past 8 months or so has been to work on developing a set of clear and specific regulations (for which the wording has yet to be finalised) that people in charge of animals must adhere to. They will have associated sanctions if there is an infringement or an offence (infringements can be policed by e.g. SPCA,, offences must be tried in court - the work to decide what constitutes an infringement vs an offence has yet to be done). They are intended to cover low to mid level animal welfare breaches. Severe breaches will still be handled under the current Act. Infringements of regulations will carry an associated fine, while offences against regulations will still need to be tried in court, and may result in a fine AND a criminal conviction (but the fines are lower than those associated with offences under the Act).

#### WORKSHOP OVERVIEW

The interest groups in the workshop included the SPCA, the Kennel Club, the Companion Animal Council, the Pedigree Dog Association, and the Veterinary Association. There were lots of MPI staff, taking notes, and explaining what the regulations intended.

As we worked through the proposed regulations, most were unanimously

perceived as important, but in some cases more definition was required (who can carry out a health assessment before a cat or dog is admitted into temporary housing? Does it have to be a vet?) and in some cases people wanted tougher requirements (no declawing for behavioural reasons for example).

The majority of the proposed regulations related to dogs, but some related specifically to cats and some to all animals. Most were ones that we (NZCF) would have no issue with, for example that all desexing must be done by a vet or vet student under supervision, and that pain relief must be used during surgery. However there were two issues of direct concern to our members.

#### HANDLING ISSUES

There was an issue under 'handling' (must not be lifted or dragged by the head) which we and the dog people questioned. There are occasions when it is necessary or appropriate to scruff a cat or kitten and on occasion this could include partial lifting or dragging of the animal. So this was noted. The dog people and SPCA were talking about catch poles and aggressive dogs. (also noted).

## BAN ON SCOTTISH FOLD BREEDING

However the most significant regulation for us is the one proposing banning the breeding of Scottish Folds. I did question this - basically on the grounds that from the research that I looked at - some 5 years ago - it was not clear that there was a widespread or even significant minority issue with heterozygous cats (all Folds should be heterozygous as our breeding rules require that there be no Fold to Fold matings and it is a dominant gene). The existing research DID show that heterozygous cats can develop feline osteochondrodysplasia (FOCD), but with no clear picture of severely or how often this might happen. And there's nothing to indicate which heterozygous cats might develop it. There were few studies (only three) and two dealt with relatively small numbers.

However the representative from the Veterinary Association spoke quite strongly stating that there IS research to show that ALL Folds will develop skeletal issues, and also that their members often see Scottish Folds in their practices with crippling arthritis problems, which are not curable or treatable, and some end up being put down as young as 2 or 3 years

of age. (Bear in mind that most Folds seen by vets should be heterozygous as our breeding rules forbid Fold to Fold matings). He also stated that cats are notorious for being very stoical and often not showing signs of pain even when X rays or other information clearly show that they must be in pain and therefore that anecdotal information (which I provided) about older Scottish Folds with no obvious problems cannot be considered conclusive.

I suggested that we could, via our breeders, gather more data to show whether there is a widespread issue or not. But I also asked the Veterinary Association representative to send me references to the research he was talking about as there may be new studies we are not aware of.

If the research backs up what he is saying (i.e. that there anything more than a very low incidence of FOCD in heterozygous Folds), then we have no argument to support continued breeding of Folds. What's an acceptable incidence? Hard to say, but let us suppose that 33% of heterozygous Folds will develop FOCD before the age of 10 - well, it would be very hard to find any argument that said that producing cats, one in three of whom are affected, is OK, given that the condition is

progressive, painful, and incurable. If the newer research is less conclusive, the NZCF would be willing to consider putting in a submission proposing that we set in place requirements to ensure that no unintended Fold to Fold matings occur (ie DNA testing of Scottish Shorthairs to ensure that they are not low grade Folds), that all breeding Folds are X-rayed at 1-2year intervals and any with signs of FOCD on X-ray are not (or no longer) bred from, and that there is some data gathering on Scottish Folds of varying ages, (breeding, ex-breeding, or pet) to identify whether in fact the incidence of FOCD is significant in the breed. If possible we would try to find an independent researcher to collate and report on the data and we would agree that the results would be shared with MPI.

Realistically, even if breeders are willing to engage with these conditions, it is highly likely that the regulation will go ahead, regardless. If that is the case, the NZCF will be obliged to comply with the law and forbid the continued breeding of Scottish Folds.

*Zena Pigden  
NZCF Chair*

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## WINTER GARDEN'S CAT STATUE

### *What's the real story?*

It stands in the courtyard of the Winter Gardens of the Auckland Domain. The cat sits on the top of a very tall column reaching up to the sky and here's all we know...

It's an interesting wee story. Or stories, actually, as there are two versions. No one knows for sure the origin of the statue.

The first story says the cat column was built in 1927 as part of the new courtyard area designed to link the tropical glasshouse, built in 1921, with the older temperate (cooler) glasshouse that had been built for the great exhibition of 1914.

The original plans for the courtyard area were drawn up by architects Gummer and Ford, and there was to have been a bear at the top of the pillar instead of a cat. However, one of the decision-makers (it may have been William Gummer himself) was an anti-socialist and thought that, as a bear symbolised Russia and therefore socialism, he would change the statue to a cat.

A story in the Auckland Star of February 4, 1976, provides the second version. Sybil Dibble told the paper the statue was the King of the Cats.

"With his upstretched paw he is appealing to the King of the Birds to stop the incessant war between cats and birds."

King Cat was put there by the late Auckland sculptor Richard Gross, said Mrs Dibble. Gross was also responsible for the athlete on the Domain gates and the lions on the Mission Bay fountain, she said.

"He was a very whimsical person with a very fertile imagination. He was a man with magnificent ideals and he saw no reason for cats and birds to fight."

*If anyone knows of a better explanation let us know...*

*Sourced from NZ Herald*



## WHAT'S THE CLEAR SLIME LURKING IN YOUR PET'S WATER BOWL

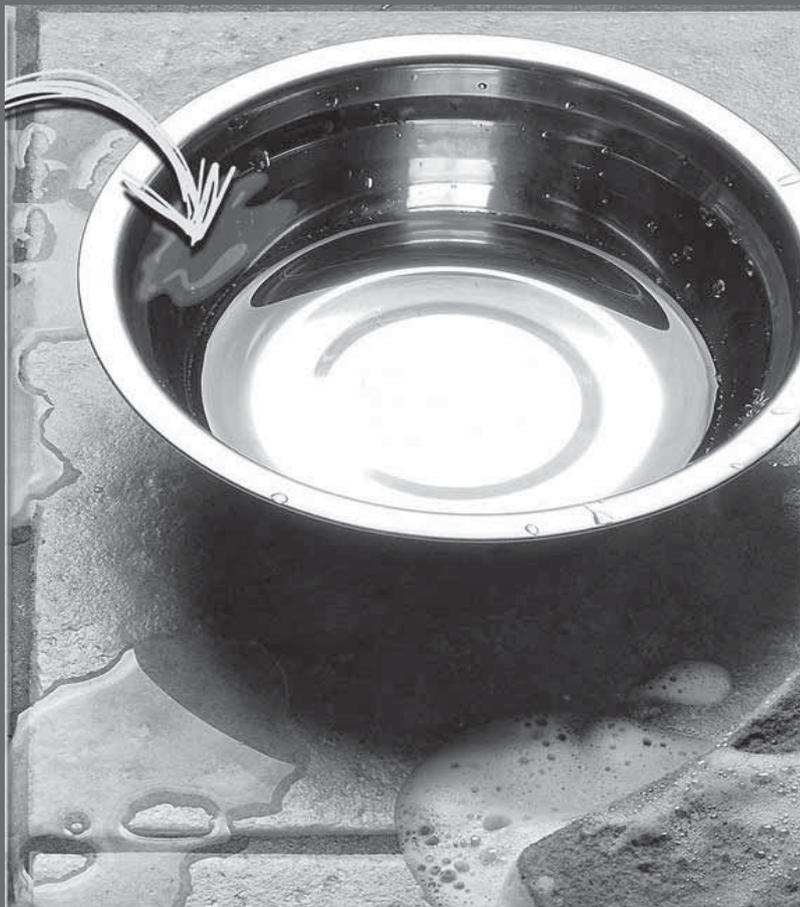
Ever rubbed your fingers on the inside of your pet's water bowl and you feel a slippery sort of slime? Well, that invisible goo is called Biofilm.

Biofilm is a collection of organic and inorganic, living and dead materials collected on the surface.

It is made up of many different types of bacteria bound together that acts as a glue substance to stick to the surface of the bowl.

Bad Biofilms have been found to be involved in a wide variety of microbial infections in the body, such as URINARY TRACT INFECTIONS, MIDDLE EAR INFECTIONS AND BLADDER INFECTIONS.

REMEMBER TO ALWAYS CLEAN YOUR PETS' WATER BOWL AT LEAST ONCE A WEEK AND CHANGE WATER EVERY DAY!





# BREED STANDARDS

Welcome to the following breed section reps who were elected in June:

**Deb Armishaw (Siamese group)**

Janice Davey (Birman)

**Maureen Elder (Abyssinian group)**

Sue Gordon (Persian group)

**Zena Pigden (Maine Coon and Siberian)**

**Norwegian Forest Cat and Siberian)**

Maree Roy (Tonkinese)

Also to those appointed to the vacant positions after the elections:

Gillian Dray (Devon Rex with Cornish Rex and Selkirk Rex)

Mike Godfrey (Ragdoll)

**Mary Hefford (Russian)**

Dorothy Horton (General Breed Section)

Christina Kelliher (Bengal group)

Keith Marsom (Scottish group)

**Debbie Munro (Manx group)**

**Jody Robinson-Wildy (Ocicat)**

Sharon Wilson-Tate (Sphynx)

At the August EC meeting it was decided to move the breed section rep elections so that they all occur in the same year, still with a two year term, so that in every second year all breed section rep positions would be up for re-election. We think this will give a higher profile to breed rep elections and make the administration easier.

We've made a few changes to the breed directory on the website (adding Cashmere and Scottish Short- and Longhair, deleting Classicat) to bring it up to date. As well the BSAC is working on a couple of administrative tasks - ironing out some oddities in the breed codes and developing a policy for their use, and drafting guidelines and policy for the structure and layout Standards of Points.

In July the BSAC approved an experimental programme in the Mandalay breed.

Two breed standards that the BSAC is currently working on are the Bengal standard, where we are trying to move to a TICA-based NZCF-style standard, and the Ragdoll standard, which looks likely to need a couple of minor changes.

At the August EC meeting we received approval to split the Siamese group caramels into their base colours for showing. The wording of the amendments to the standards should already be with the breed section for comment.

The subject of moving to FIFE's Easy Mind System (EMS) of breed codes has again been raised and this will be investigated over the coming months.

As we head toward the end of the year the big project the BSAC is starting work on is the development of the NZCF's breeding practices policy which will include discussions and decisions around health testing (DNA and other methods) and whether each breed section thinks this should be voluntary or mandatory. It's not a project that will be wrapped up any time soon but we hope that we will hear from all our members during the development of this policy.

*Jane Webster*  
*BSAC Portfolio Manager*



*Photo: PrideofEire Life of Riley from Theresa and Damian Vaughan*



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## EXECUTIVE COUNCIL MEETING:

28-30th August 2015

### AMENDMENTS TO GENERAL RULES & POLICIES

The AGM endorsed the ability for the Executive Council to re-number and make minor changes to the rules. Executive Council resolved that because the General Rules & Policies Document comes directly out of the Constitution, that proposed amendments which alter the intent to the GR&P must always be advised to the membership, by having the proposed wording included in an agenda for an Executive Council meeting or AGM.

### HISTORY PROJECTS

Since the appointment of Jane Webster to the role of NZCF Historian there have been a number of initiatives proposed. Executive Council have been happy to endorse the setting up of a Facebook page and also the history project which includes completing biographies of some of our more senior members. Sub-committee members Emma Kimberley, Anne Skilling & Margaret Harris are now working on a number of projects.

### NZCF NO-REPLY FORUM

Clubs can request postings, advertising the release of their show schedule and/or closing date. Portfolio Managers can request postings relating to their management areas. Postings must be suitable for publication in the format provided. Separate listings are to be given to Club notices.

### KITTEN/CAT NOTICE BOARD

There has been a recent increase in breeders attempting to rehome cats/kittens under unusual or emergency circumstances. EC have endorsed that a rehoming section be added to our Notice Board – guidelines will be provided as to what are considered appropriate situations.

### PREFIX APPROVALS

The NZCF no-reply forum is to be utilised to circulate the prefix lists for approval.

### SIAMESE GROUP CARAMELS

The EC voted unanimously to accept the breed section consultation in that the Siamese group caramels are to be separated into base colours for showing.

### REGISTRATION RULE CHANGES

*5.3 amended to allow BSAC to approve or reject all experimental breeding programmes.*

*17.12 has been amended to include:*

*In the case of death of one of the present owners then upon agreement from the estate of the deceased person ownership will transfer automatically to the other current owners.*

*15.20 amended to include - Once any cat has won more than one challenge certificate in its originally registered colour, then the colour and breed code registered for that cat shall only be changed upon completion of the process outlined in paras 15.22 - 15.30. unless positive DNA testing is provided to support the colour change, in which case it can be changed.*

### SHOW RULES

*13.4 Breeder's Award of Merit certificates are offered by the NZCF to the breeder of the NZCF registered pedigree exhibit which in the opinion of the judge is most worthy of the award.*

### AGE OF KITTENS IN SHOW AND KITTENS ON DISPLAY

#### 4.7 AMENDED

*All kittens entered in the show, or on exhibition, display, or as a breed promotion, shall be a minimum of four calendar months old on show day.*

*4.8 At the discretion of the club, cats and kittens not entered in the show, may be displayed, exhibited or promoted at the venue. Any kittens on display shall be a minimum of three calendar months on show day. These cats and kittens shall be bound by the Show Bylaws including veterinary requirements where appropriate.*

### CATZINC-REGISTERED CATS BEING SHOWN AT NZCF SHOWS

Under the current rules (Show Bylaws 3.1), CatzInc-registered cats can be shown under dispensation but that expires after 6 months when the cat must be registered as an international import. EC resolved that the status quo remain, but they would ensure that information is published how non-NZCF-registered cats can be entered into NZCF shows, with clubs being encouraged to include information about this in their show schedules. It is the intention to review this at the end of the 2016 show season.

### LIFE MEMBERSHIP

The current policy (GR&P 2.7) gives no real guidelines about the criteria for life membership the EC will develop and document these when next dealing with nominations and include checking whether a nominee is willing to be nominated before ballot papers are distributed.

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<i>Pro-rata fees apply for new Full/Family members only at 9, 6, &amp; 3 mths</i>	
Affiliate (Clubs) - incl. \$50 contrib. for Clubs Pub. Liab. Ins	\$ 100.00
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Junior	\$ 15.50
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Associate (in NZ) - Junior	\$ 10.00
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<i>Each membership type includes 4 issues of Flash Cats per year</i>	

### OTHER ADMIN. FEES

<b>Payable to Executive Secretary</b>	
Agendas & Minutes ( <i>sent to members via NZCF no reply forum</i> )	* -
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### Governance Documents

Downloads available fm NZCF Website

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*Applies to 2016 Show Year - fees payable in full by 31 March 2015*

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*All other NZCF forms are available as downloads from the NZCF website*

## 2015 NZCF SHOW CALENDAR

SHOW DATES	AFFILIATE CLUB NAME	RING	LOCATION	H& S
Sunday 13th September	Canterbury All Breeds	4	Canterbury	Yes
Sunday 27th September	Auckland Cat Club	4	Auckland	Yes
Saturday 3rd October	NZ Siamese - All Shorthair (3 rings) Siamese specialist - (1) ring	4	Christchurch	Yes
Saturday 31st October	Pedigree Persian Supreme All Breeds Companions & Domestics	6	Wellington	yes

## 2016 NZCF SHOW CALENDAR

Saturday 5 March	Tosca (All Shorthair)	3	Auckland	Yes
Sunday 6 March	Shorthair Cat Breeders (Pedigree SH, Domestic & Companions)	4	Canterbury	Yes
Saturday 12 March	Burmese Cat Club NZ Inc (Central)	5	Palmerston Nth	Yes
Sunday 13 March	Canterbury All Breeds	4	Canterbury	Yes
Saturday 19 March	Metropolitan SHCC (All Pedigree SH)	3	Auckland	Yes
Sunday 27 March	Southern Cross All Breeds Cat Club	4	Dunedin	Yes
Saturday 2 April	Dominion Shorthair (All Breeds)	4	Wellington	Yes
Saturday 9 April	NZCF AGM	--	TBA	--
Saturday 16 April	Central Districts Cat Club	3	Masterton	Yes
Saturday 16 April	NZ Siamese - All Shorthair (3 rings) Siamese specialist - (1) ring	4	Christchurch	Yes
Sunday 24 April	Auckland Cat Club	4	Auckland	Yes
Saturday 30 April	Annual Awards Dinner		Palmerston Nth	
Sunday 1 May	Palmerston North Cat Club Inc- National Show	4	Palmerston Nth	Yes
Saturday 7 May	Birman Cat Club & Companion	4	TBA	Yes
Sunday 15 May	LH Cat Breeders Assoc (SI)	4	TBA	Yes
Saturday 21 May	Taranaki Cat Club (All Breeds)	4	New Plymouth	Yes
Saturday 21 May	Burmese Cat Club NZ Inc (SI)	5	Christchurch	Yes
Saturday 28 May	Mid Island Cat Club Inc (All Breeds, Domestic & Companion)	4	TBA	Yes
Sunday 5 June	Geyslerland Cat Club (All Breeds)	4	TBA	Yes
Sunday 12 June	Canterbury All Breeds	4	Canterbury	Yes
Sunday 19 June	Wellington Cat Club	4	Wellington	Yes
Sunday 26 June	Auckland Cat Club (All Breeds)	4	Auckland	Yes
Sunday 3 July	Hamilton Cat Club (All Breeds)	4	Hamilton	Yes
Saturday 9 July	Sacred Temple - Birman & Companions	5	Wellington	Yes
Saturday 16 July	Pedigree Persian Cat Fanciers- (N/S Cats & Kittens, Doms & Coms)	4	Wellington	Yes
Sunday 24 July	Geyslerland Cat Club (All Breeds)	4	TBA	Yes
Saturday 30 July	Nelson Cat Club	4	Nelson	Yes
Saturday 13 August	Hutt Feline & Pedigree Persian (All Breeds) Domestic & Companions	6	Wellington	Yes
Sunday 14 August	Shorthair Cat Breeders (Pedigree SH, Domestic & Companions)	4	Christchurch	Yes
Sunday 21 August	LH Cat Breeders Assoc (SI) Inc	4	Christchurch	Yes
Sunday 4 September	Kapiti Horowhenua	3	Kapiti	Yes
Sat 3 & Sun 4 September	Patches & Pointed (All Breeds)	6	TBA	Yes
Sunday 11 September	Canterbury All Breeds	4	Canterbury	Yes
Saturday 1 October	NZ Siamese - All Shorthair (3 rings) Siamese specialist - (1) ring	4	Christchurch	Yes

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