



# SOUTHERN AFRICA CAT COUNCIL

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## SACC e News

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### *SACC Management Team*

*President: Ngaio Crawley*

*Vice President: Jane Goble*

*Secretary: Ivone Perestrelo*

*Treasurer/Show Manager: Jan van Rooyen*

*Registrar/Office Manager: Johan van Rooyen*

### *Governing Council Delegates*

*ABCC: Colin Bubb*

*CFC: Elizabeth van Renen*

*ECCC: Rita Wiseman*

*NCFSCC: Wendy Welham*

*PCS: Mariana Ciacciariello*

*RCC: Shirley Addison*

*TBCC: Tony Perestrelo*

*TCS: Hanneke Strubing*

*WPCC: Veronica Knight*

### **Info from President**

Greetings to one and all.

Please note that three clubs have new Governing Council Delegates.

We welcome Hanneke Strubing from TCS- Hanneke works for Sasol as a Chemical Engineer and is a young, vibrant lady with fresh ideas. Also joining us is Mariana Ciacciariello from PCS- Mariana is originally from Argentina and works in Veterinary Research at University, so will be a an absolute asset to SACC. And we are pleased that Shirley Addison is joining us again- this time as the delegate from RCC. Shirley runs her own business and is extremely level headed.

Our Registrar, Johan van Rooyen, is still recovering from complicated spinal surgery. Please remember that everyone responds to treatment or surgery differently and many external, as well as internal, factors affect the recovery phase so be compassionate and show patience.

It is quite sad that only a very small handful of people “work” for the Fancy; – but it is amazing how many people make comments about the Fancy on Social network platforms. A task shared is a task halved! I so wish that I lived in a fantasy world where everyone was happy to “muck in” and be actively involved in the Cat Fancy as a whole.

Show season is well under way, many of you chasing COTY points- just keep the competitive spirit under control and be pleased for all the cats, even those which beat your cat!

Motto for today: A gracious loser is a beautiful cat person.

# COTY 2016

## HOSTED BY PCS

**VENUE-** The Secret Garden, 9 Bisley Road, Pietermaritzburg.

The venue is nestled in the Bisley Nature Reserve and you may see Giraffe, Zebra and an assortment of different African Buck species.

Visit the website: [www.secretgarden.co.za](http://www.secretgarden.co.za)

Or “Google” to find out all the answers to the questions you may have.

**ACCOMMODATION** – The venue’s accommodation is extremely limited and will be used by the Judges, Scorekeepers, Photographers and the COTY Management – in other words, the people who work from early morning to late night to make sure you can arrive, bench your cat and have a good time.

And of course those same people will still be working when you are tucked up in bed.

There are numerous B&Bs in the surrounding areas, the COTY Team will advise on the “pet friendly” ones- but you can also use “Google”!

**THEME** – “Bohemian Rhapsody”- I can hear some of you saying “What is Bohemian?” Well it means something different to everyone- a non-conformist, usually connected to the arts in some way, a person living his life his way, etc. Bohemia is an actual place in the Czech Republic as well as the name of a Hamlet in New York. Bohemian lifestyle has been around since before we were all born- Originating in France during the 1800’s, Bohemians frequented and starred in the Moulin Rouge, were Courtesans (paid ladies) and were artistically unconventional like the artist Toulouse Lautrec or author Victor Hugo.

Gypsies and Vagabonds have always lived and still live a Bohemian lifestyle.

In the 50’s there were Beatniks- who played bongo drums, listened to jazz, smoked “pot”, recited poetry and wore berets and polo neck jumpers.

Then the Hippies of the 60’s – with more “pot”, flowery clothing and Bob Dylan etc.

Then came the folk era with Steeleye Span & Janis Joplin etc.

Followed by the Heavy Metal scene and the great “unwashed” musicians such as Bob Geldof.

**So the code of dress is: anything you want it to be just be unconventional!!**

**COTY POINTS** – Each region is responsible for its own points and has its own Scorekeeper/s. The Scorekeepers rely on club show managers to give them the show results- so if the results are not forthcoming, the points cannot be completed. So if the points have not been published in your region- there is probably a good reason, therefore contact the cat clubs for info in this regard.

## COTY INFO & CONTACT PERSON:

COTY info can be found on the COTY 2016 Facebook page.

Donations of any kind are always extremely welcome!

PCS would appreciate any help you can offer to make this event special for everyone. Remember that you can also sponsor a rosette for COTY. At present the only person to contact for COTY 2016 is the Show Manager:

**Jane Goble**

**Email:** [goblejane@yahoo.com](mailto:goblejane@yahoo.com)

Jane has a very demanding job so please contact her by email and not by phone.

## SOP CHANGES

## SACC OFFICE INFO

Just a reminder that the SACC Office times changed at the beginning of the year.

The Registrar will only be available on the following days and at the indicated times:

**\*MONDAY to FRIDAY 8.00am – 1.00pm\***

### ARCHIVIST still needed.

There was only one response to the request below but unfortunately the person was unsuitable.

So once again:

SACC is looking for a person to archive old documents and records which are, at present, stored in boxes. This is a voluntary, non-salaried position but all reasonable “out of pocket” expenses will be reimbursed.

Job description: To collate, scan and save old records and documents. Therefore the person would need access to a computer and scanner. The method of doing the job will be left entirely to the “Archivist” and there are no time restrictions.

So, if you have the time and fancy yourself as a cat historian- this could very well be the job for you. Perhaps it might even open new, unexplored avenues of research and you could become a novelist and write a book about the history of the SA Cat Fancy and make a fortune!

If you are interested in becoming SACC’s Archivist please contact:

Ngaio at: [crawleyngaio@live.com](mailto:crawleyngaio@live.com)

Please take note of the following changes to the SACC Standard of Points (as per the Breed Council Secretary, following the AGM):

### General:

**1: All breed standards, current and in the future, should include, under Faults:**

- Any defects as listed in the Relevant to All Breeds Section.

**2: Change to the Faults section of all Breed Standards:**

- All breed standards, current and in the future, should show only breed specific faults, not those which apply to all breeds.

### Asian SOP:

The eye colour descriptions were changed (corrected) - refer to the updated SOP.

## ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 2016

The SACC Secretary, Ivone, will not be calling for nominations this year because positions were voted on last year and the term of office is 2 years.

Please be aware that any proposals to be included on the AGM Agenda must reach the Secretary by the end of August.

SOP and Breed Proposals should be made via your Breed Group- in the absence of a Breed Group then the proposals should be made via a Judges’ Panel or a Cat Club.

If in doubt, please contact the Breed Council Secretary, Ingrid de Wet, by email: [incats@global.co.za](mailto:incats@global.co.za)

Show Rule and Constitution changes should be directed to your Cat Club Committee for discussion and submission to the SACC Secretary.

Please be aware that all proposals should be complete (*i.e. Changes to a rule should be carried through to all sub-clauses which refer to the rule*) and include a motivation.

## WORLD CAT CONGRESS 2016

Jan van Rooyen, SACC's Representative, braved very high temperatures and humidity to attend the WCC in Thailand this year.

Jan will give a full report of his trip after the WCC AGM Minutes have been finalized.

## INFO FOR BREEDERS

So you endorse your pedigrees "Not to be bred from"- how sure are you that your buyers are adhering to your endorsement?

Breeders have the right to decide whether a kitten should be bred from or not because they know their lines and are acting responsibly.

Years ago there was only one registering body in South Africa and therefore all pedigree endorsements were adhered to, so if a buyer tried to register a litter from a "not to bred from" cat or applied for a stud number for a "not to be bred from" cat- bells and whistles would sound and the litter would not be registered nor would a stud number be issued.

This is no longer the case because in South Africa at present there are 3 Cat Registering Bodies.

2 of the registries issue a stud number to working males after testicular verification by a Vet. This stud number becomes part of the cat's pedigree. 1 registry asks for the breeding females in the cattery to be listed.

1 registry permits Novice Registrations.

What is Novice Registration? It permits pedigreed unregistered kittens to be registered.

If you sell a "Not to be Bred from" female cat – and the new owner mates her (either intentionally or by mistake) - the kittens are generally sold as pedigreed but unregistered to someone else. This new owner visits a cat show and decides that he/she would like to enter the pedigree section of a cat show- so he/she applies for novice registration.

Therefore how do you as a breeder preserve and/or protect your lines, as well as maintaining trust in those you sell to.

The best way is to ENS (Early Neuter and Spay) your kittens prior to re-homing.

Many breeders and vets still oppose the practice of ENS, so if you are one of these breeders then perhaps you need to find another way of ensuring that your "not to be bred from" cats do not end up having registered kittens.

### **It is possible.**

Because, although our goals are very similar, each of the 3 registering bodies (SACC; CFSA &CASA/WCF) are unique and governed by their own separate Rules and Regulations.