



# SOUTHERN AFRICA CAT COUNCIL

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## SACC e News

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*Monday-Thursday 8am-1pm*

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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: Jacqui Dawson*

*RCC: Jan van Rooyen*

*TBCC: Tony Perestrelo*

*TCS: Beryl Webber*

*WPCC: Veronica Knight*

### **Info from President**

SACC Governing Council recently held its AGM and General Meeting.

This year you voted for a President, Vice President and Treasurer- there was an impressive number of ballot forms returned and the positions are as follows:

President: Ngaio Crawley

Vice President: Jane Goble

Treasurer: Jan van Rooyen

This year as there was no nomination for Secretary, the task of electing one was in the hands of the Governing Council Members. The position has been filled by:

Secretary: Ivone Perestrelo

Every year the Members of Governing Council elect an International Liaison Officer and this year the chosen person is Jan van Rooyen. Jan will be attending the World Cat Congress in Thailand at the beginning of 2016.

2015's Show season is over and dusted, therefore it is time to hear the pitter patter of tiny paws again.

It is a SACC Breeder's responsibility to ensure that only healthy, well- nourished, social adjusted and **registered** kittens are placed in their (hopefully) for ever homes.

In this world of social media "word of mouth" spreads like wildfire to all corners of the globe, so it is far better to maintain a good reputation as a Breeder than to try and repair a damaged one!

Kitten buyers have rights.

May I take this opportunity to wish everyone all the best for the December festivities and have a great New Year. Enjoy!

## COTY 2015

**CONGRATULATIONS!**  
SACC'S 2015 CAT OF THE YEAR



**PEARL SQUEAKY**- a beautiful Burmese took the title of **Adult of the Year** and also **Cat of the Year**. Pearl is owned & bred by Penny Steyn and represented the Eastern Cape.



**SHAKESPURR WILLIAM** – a handsome Persian took the title of **Neuter of the Year**. William is owned & bred by Hannelie Rohrs and represented KZN.



**AQUILA HOUHA** – a lovely Persian took the title of **Kitten of the Year**. Houha is owned by Rene van Wyk & bred by Aakkila Kazee and represented Gauteng.



**MAZZOURI** – a pretty domestic medium hair took the title of **Pet of the Year**. Mazzouri is owned by Lashan Moodley and Sher Singh and represented the Northern Cape(Kimberley).

### **BREEDER OF THE YEAR**



Top honours this year went to **Grant Leih of Silken Claw Cattery**. Grant breeds LaPerms, Selkirk Rexes, American Curlys & Scottish Folds.

**WELL DONE AND SEE YOU ALL NEXT YEAR.**

*(Cat Photos courtesy of Theresa Fouché & Human Photo courtesy of Grant's Facebook Page)*

## SACC OFFICE INFO

Please be advised that as of the 1<sup>st</sup> January 2016 the SACC Office will have different working hours.

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

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

### **REGISTRATION FEES REVISED:**

SACC, like most “businesses” has no alternative but to increase fees from time to time. After much deliberation it was decided to increase only the following fees:

KITTEN REGISTRATIONS : R45.00 per cat

LATE REGISTRATIONS: R90.00 per cat

TRANSFER to New Owner: R45.00 per cat

These increases will come into effect from the 1<sup>st</sup> January, 2016.

If you have friends who would like to show at SACC but who register with one of the other South African Associations, please let them know that a “SPECIAL” will run from January 1<sup>st</sup> to March 31<sup>st</sup>, 2016- The cost of transferring a cat to SACC from ASAA will only be R45.00.

### **VACANT POST:**

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@gmail.com](mailto:crawleyngaio@gmail.com)



How can anyone possibly resist such a cute face!

Hope to hear from someone out there!

# APPEAL TO BREEDERS

So you think you are on top of everything out there in Breeder Land?

Think again ladies and gentlemen!

There were proposals on the AGM Agenda which would have impacted directly on Orientals and Burmese- and the saddest part of these proposals was that the Breeders had no voting rights because the relevant breeds did not have dedicated Breeders' Groups.

The only votes recorded were from judges and cat clubs.

I can hear you all moaning about unfairness, judges calling the shots and also saying "what do cat club committees know about my breed" –no doubt, by now, most of you will be rushing to your computers, iphones, ipads (or whatever electronic gadget is flavor of the month) so that you can log in to your choice of social network and voice your opinion- **BUT THINK CAREFULLY BEFORE YOU DO ANYTHING!**

And ask yourself: "Why are judges and Cat Clubs proposing changes to my breed?"

The answer is simple- some judges are breeders as are some committee members- so proposals get made by the few without the input of the many.

Now ask yourself another question: "If it concerns my breed, why can't I vote?"

Again the answer is simple- SACC does allow breeder input and voting but only through a dedicated Breed Group- at present, there are Breed Groups for Rexes and Sphynx, Siamese, Russian, Abyssinian/Somali and British.

But the cats that make up the highest proportion of entries on SACC shows, namely Burmese, Persian/Exotic, Orientals and the Medium hair Breeds have no representation.

This is not only unfair but shows apathy and lack of unity amongst breeders. **DON'T SIT BACK DOING NOTHING, ACCEPT THE CHALLENGE!**

Don't only base your opinion on reports from other countries (they are not always completely correct!) without first taking into account the progression of your breed in this country.

It is important to talk to each other and interchange ideas- **ORGANISE A BREED GROUP** and who knows, in the future, maybe breeders from other countries will be basing their opinions on reports from South Africa.

## **BREED GROUP RULES:**

You must have at least 10 members and the objective of a Group is to promote the breeding of the specific cat and to adopt the SACC SOP.

In order to apply to be a Breed Group of SACC, you will have to submit:

- A copy of the Breed Groups Constitution and By-Laws.
- A list of all members and their addresses.
- A list of Officers and their addresses.
- Audited balance sheet at time of application.
- A non- refundable fee of R75.00 to cover cost of processing.
- Statement of support from an existing Member of SACC.
- Other info which may be required.

The above to be submitted to the SACC Office. The application will be considered at the next physical meeting of SACC's Governing Council and the Group will be informed of the outcome.

For further info contact:

BREED GROUP SECRETARY: Ingrid de Wet  
[incats@global.co.za](mailto:incats@global.co.za)

## SHOW RULE CHANGES

Five proposed changes to the Show Rules were presented at the AGM for discussion and voting.

Two of these proposals were accepted as rule changes. The new rules and reasons for the change are as follows:

### Show Rule 3: Complaints against persons.

(e) The person referred to in Paragraph 3 above, has the right to refer the matter to the GC of SACC for review in terms of the rules of the Ethics Committee.

*Reason: At present SACC does not have a formal Ethics Committee- complaints and reviews are conducted by the GC Delegates who follow the laid down Ethics Committee Rules which appear in the Constitution.*

### Show Rule 19: Entries.

19.i) The committee may refuse any entry or entries provided that a valid reason for doing so is given.

*Reason: An exhibitor has the right to know exactly why entry/entries are refused.*

## CAT SHOW PRESENTATION

There are some exhibitors who dress up their cats with fluffy or sparkling jewellery and this issue was raised and discussed at the AGM. Therefore SACC appeals to those exhibitors to stop because:

- ❖ many SACC shows are sponsored by Royal Canin, a company which was founded on the principles of knowledge and respect- that is respect for the natural beauty of the cat.

- ❖ last year SACC was advised by the SPCA that it was in breach of the Performing Animals Protection Act and that unless a “performing” license was obtained from a Magistrate cat shows would be closed and fines could be imposed.

SACC Management consulted a lawyer who dealt with the situation and, touch wood, there has been no further contact from the SPCA.

Please could you kindly refrain from dressing up your cats.

Let's show that we have respect for our sponsor, Royal Canin and let's not give the impression to some that our cats are indeed “performing” as fashion models.

## WORLD CAT CONGRESS 2015

In the last eNews it was reported that Jane Slabbert, who was relocating to New Zealand, would be attending the WCC AGM on SACC's behalf.

Unfortunately, Jane's plans went haywire for one reason or another and she was still in sunny South Africa while the World Cat Congress took place in New Zealand.

Therefore there will not be feedback from the WCC 2015 meeting. Sorry!

## CAT OF THE YEAR 2016

COTY 2016 will be hosted by PCS and will take place in KwaZulu Natal.

Jan, SACC's Treasurer has already requested sponsorship from Royal Canin.

If anyone wants to offer donations or help for COTY, I'm sure Jane Goble would love to hear from you, contact her at [goblejane@yahoo.com](mailto:goblejane@yahoo.com)