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Editor's Message

Spring has arrived and I have no doubts that the majority of female cats, regardless of breed, are calling and are ready to receive a tom cat's attention.

Breeders are perusing pedigrees to make sure that the correct mating is undertaken for kitten health, vigour and desirable traits. Improvement of the breed is the most important aspect of cat breeding- perfecting patterns, coat textures, eye colour, hair length etc are very important.

The Governing Council AGM will take place on the 22nd October – this will be a cyber meeting.

Since the previous E News our cat world has seen big event cat shows- the Pet Expo (formerly WODAC) took place in mid July and was followed 2 weeks later by Cat of the Year 2022. Then it was a CFC Show incorporating Gauteng Top Cat followed by RCC's cat show. The final show for 2022 will take place on 24 September and will be hosted by the WPCC and will incorporate Cape Top Cat.

This eNews highlights the big event shows with some fun photos as well as the winners.

The change of season has not made any impact on the ongoing Russian/Ukrainian conflict- the bombing and destruction continues. The sadness continues with the death of Queen Elizabeth II of Great Britain and the world economic situation is not really improving but it appears that COVID is being somewhat controlled- so at least some good news!

Enjoy the breeding season, cherish every kitten and enjoy yourselves.

SACC COMMUNICATION

Registration: The Registration Office is functioning normally again with no further problems. Please remember that the Registrar's working hours are 9 am to 1 pm Monday to Friday.

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Google Business Profile: This advertising forum appears to be more heavily linked to Google Maps which is good news because the stats indicate that we are getting an increased traffic rate on our Google Platforms.

Face book: The SACC Face book Group continues to grow and has been kept updated with all show results in the form of collages which can be found in Albums. There is also a SACC Fb Page which, although it is not interactive, does have all show info and results.

eNews: This will continue to be published 4 times a year and will contain show photos and articles which, hopefully, are of interest to some.

Breed Standards: The British Longhair was accepted for Championship status and the SOP was added to the website- all other SOPs are current.

Website: The COTY 2022 page has been deleted- the results can be found on the normal COTY Page. The app "Back to the Top" arrow (found on each page on computer view only) is no longer supported by the website and has been replaced by a filled upward gold arrow in a gold square icon for computer view and an upward black arrow in a white circle icon for Mobile view. The arrows are on every page and when clicked take you to the top of the page you are viewing.



CAT OF THE YEAR

The Medieval Cat of the Year Judge off and Gala Dinner took place at the RandPark Golf Estate in Gauteng. A huge thank you to Royal Canin for sponsoring the event.

There was a full quota of Entire, Neuter and Pet cats. 2 of the qualifying kittens were unable to attend but we hope that they will soon be back in tip top condition.

The show hall was ready for the owners and their cats- cages, kindly loaned by NCFS Cat Club and delivered by Wendy Welham, were set up and inside each one a yummy bag of Royal Canin kibble was placed. On the outside of the cage was hanging a beautifully handcrafted rosette made by Jacqui Dawson and Jane Goble (Feline Fun Factory) assisted by PCS committee member Joy Gunter.



The very different cage cards were beautifully designed, in keeping with the overall theme, by Andrei Esterhuizen.

The charms are always a huge part of COTY. Owners placed their charms in the “Judges Charm Bags”.



The judges, Rita Wiseman; Shirley Addison; Karen Pepler; Ingrid van Eck Gain and Johan Lamprecht were welcomed by the day time host, Ingrid de Wet, and took their seats next to their own personal banner- judging was underway.



All images so far courtesy of Charlotte van der Riet



During judging, the COTY judges were ably assisted by Lisa and her merry stewards. Yvette, Ahmed, Lisa, Nikki and Storm were amazing and helped to ensure the judging process ran smoothly and efficiently.

Photo courtesy of Johan Lamprecht

It is always wonderful to see how judges interact with the cats at COTY because, unlike a normal show, there is little if not zero interaction with the owners.



Shirley Addison giving Sapphire a quick cuddle.

Photo courtesy of Charlotte van der Riet



Johan Lamprecht deep in thought with a very nonchalant Robbie Redfurred.
Photo courtesy of Charlotte van der Riet

No COTY daytime event would be complete without a qualifier support structure. The wonderful people who watch the judging process from beginning to end. Photographer Tim Addison is always on hand to capture the moment.



Wendy Welham and Daniel Germishuys smiling and drinking coffee.
Photo courtesy of Tim Addison



Petra Smith looking for something and fellow Capetonian Solveig Klahr pointing to it!
Photo courtesy of Tim Addison



When the photographer is photographed!
Charlotte van der Riet in action during the judging procedure.
Photo courtesy of Tim Addison

All cats and exhibitors packed up and went home to get ready for the evening event. The amazing staff at the Golf Estate reset the hall under the watchful eye of Rindi Fourie while behind scenes the cat placements were slotted into the slide show, trophy lists got organized and sound and visuals had a final run through. It was time to open the doors!

The Gala Evening had begun and was being live streamed to Facebook by Tyrone Pearce.

All images are courtesy of Pierre Joubert.

Everyone was seated except for Table 13- these guests had to eat the contents of a “goody bag” to ward off the wicked eye of the 13 before being seated.



Alex Page really embraced the fun of Table 13.

Gale Nel, the COTY coordinator welcomed everyone to the event and introduced the team who through hard work and allocated task responsibility ensured that the event flowed effortlessly.



The main point of the evening ceremony is for the owner to find out where his/her cat placed, so therefore speeches and presentations were kept to a minimum and within a strict time frame.

The awarding of the Best Charm section is always popular – exhibitors spend a long time on the design concept and implication of the Charms which are shared between exhibitors as good luck mementos.



Antonio from Royal Canin presented Thilda Rademan with the “Best Charm” award.

Another exciting part of the evening is the “Best Dressed Male and Female”. Helen Griffiths, a longtime member of SACC, chose the winners.



Clint Fourie, a ‘Knight’ and Shirley Addison “Medieval Princess” won the section.

The “1st Person to Book a Dinner Table” was introduced by Rindi Fourie, “the COTY dinner lady”, and was won by Yolanda Haydn and family.

The SACC Registrar, Johan van Rooyen, was unable to attend the function so Jan van Rooyen, the SACC Treasurer, announced and congratulated the winners of the Registrar’s Awards.

Top Stud: S*Just Catnap’s Lotus of GeeDee, a Norwegian Forest Cat owned by Athylle Caw.

Top Brood Queen: Somalissa Nymeria of Valinor, a Somali, owned by Alex Page. Tied with Pearl Squeaky, a Burmese, owned by Penny Steyn.

SACC Breeder of the Year
Purrbridge Cattery- owned by Rindi & Clint Fourie.



There was a special award for the youngest exhibitor at SACC Shows. This was awarded to Kyra Howell, who handled her Russian kitten like a professional and always with a smile.



The Russian Cat Interest Group were the recipients of the President's Award for their dedication, passion, team spirit and promotion of the breed. This year 5 Russians from 3 Catteries attended COTY – 2 from Davante cattery owned by Vanessa Ling Howell, 2 from Zingara cattery owned by Joelene Draper and 1 from Esky cattery owned by Alma Pretorius and Jenni Hattingh. All breeders, except Alma, were present along with their support team Solveig Klahr (Secretary) and Leanne Hewitt (Founder member and retired Breeder)



The Russian Cat Interest Group.

There were 2 raffles- a cat quilt made by Rita Wiseman and a Coty Cat Cake made by Natasha Greaves. These were won by:

Quilt- Tracy Nairn
Cake – Clint Fourie

It was time to start the COUNTDOWNS!

But which cat was going to win each section???

Domestic Pet 2022 – SAPPHIRE



Lashan and Sher Moodley Singh's Chimera Shorthair, SAPPHIRE, was crowned by Athylle Caw.

2nd place was Bern, owned by Renate Haussmann.
3rd place was Danny Boy, owned by Irene Sommerfeld.

Kitten of the Year 2022 – KASHEW’S TROIKA



Wendy Welham’s Troika, an American Shorthair, was crowned by Athylle Caw.

2nd place was Purrbridge Colonel Confetti owned by Rindi and Clint Fourie.

3rd place was Incatique Black Opal owned by Ingrid de Wet.

Neuter of the Year 2022 – TRES JOLIE DONATELLO



Penny Steyn’s Donatello, an Exotic, took the crown for the section.

2nd place was LilacTime Playboy of Chic-Katz owned by Charlene du Toit

3rd place was Delilla Stanlee the Avenger owned by Delene Botha.

Entire of the Year 2022 – PURRBRIDGE KOHL PAWTA



Rindi and Clint Fourie’s Kohl Pawta, a Persian, was crowned by Lisa Wood.

2nd place was Rock ‘n Purr Thunderstruck owned by Lynelle and Gideon van Aarde.

3rd place was Purrbridge 2Hot2Handle owned by Rindi and Clint Fourie.

All Trophies had been handed out except for 5!
Jane Vermeulen Trophy- cat that didn’t win COTY.
Stanwick Memorial- best Persian/Exotic
Alison Renwick Memorial- Best SA Bred cat.
Non-est Semper Mater Trophy- Breeder of COTY cat.
SACC COTY Trophy – Cat of the Year.

Will it be

The Black Persian owned and bred by Rindi and Clint Fourie

Or

The Red Tabby Exotic owned by Penny Steyn and bred by Charmaine Danziger and Daniel Viviers.



THE CAT of the YEAR MOMENT



No-one does it like Karen Pepler!

CAT of the YEAR 2022 also Best Persian Exotic, Best SA Bred and Breeder of the Cat of the Year – **PURRBRIDGE KOHL PAWTA** owned/bred by Rindi and Clint Fourie.



And COTY 2022 was over.

See you all in Gauteng for SACC COTY 2023 which will be presented by Rand Cat Club.

PET EXPO 2022

The Pet Expo 2022 included 3 cat shows, a first for South Africa- one from SACC, one from CFSA and one from the Independent Clubs.

The SACC Official Show Manager, due to ill health. was unable to finalise the show left everything in the capable hands of Samantha Joubert Harrison.

So, SACC had a normal Gauteng Best in Show and then put forward the Best Adult, Neuter, Kitten and Pet for the final Top 12 judging lineup (4 from each show).

Best SACC Adult: Garibaldi's Ronaldo of Feline Magic, a British Shorthair owned by Fatima Bala.

TOP CAT of PET EXPO



Best Neuter: The Legends Kawasakii of GeeDee, a Maine Coon, owned by Athylle Caw.

10th Place Cat of PET EXPO



Best Kitten: ChaCha Jupiter of Tres Jolie owned by Charmaine Danziger and Daniel Viviers.

3rd Place Cat of PET EXPO



Best Pet: Sailor Moon owned by Karen Pepler.

12th Place Cat of PET EXPO



CFC Cat Show

Dedication is a wonderful and amazing talent to have – and Ingrid de Wet certainly has an abundance of it. After working tirelessly on COTY for months, after only 2 weeks, Ingrid show manages a CFC Cat Show and with the assistance of the CFC Committee also presents the Gauteng Top Cat competition. That is staying power!

On the 13th August CFC presented a cat show in Bashewa, Near Pretoria.

Best Adult: The Legends Waikiki Whackhead of GeeDee, a Maine Coon, owned by Athylle Caw.



Best Neuter: The Legends Moonwalker of Crescendo, a Maine Coon, owned by Beverly Smullen.



Photo courtesy of Natasha Greaves

Best Kitten: Raven City's Igor of Neverwinter, a British Golden Shorthair, owned by Talita Geysler and Gerhard Engelbrecht.



Photo courtesy of Natasha Greaves

PET of the DAY: Tanzanite, a Calico longhair, owned by Lashan and Sher Moodley Singh.



Photo courtesy of Natasha Greaves

CAT of the DAY was the Kitten:

Raven City's Igor of Neverwinter.

Gauteng Top Cat.

Best Adult: Purrbridge Colonel Confetti, a Persian, owned by Rindi and Clint Fourie.



Photo courtesy of Natasha Greaves

Best Neuter: Kashew's Turgut, an American Shorthair, owned by Gary and Simone Smith.



Photo courtesy of Natasha Greaves

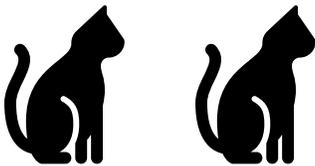
Best Kitten: Tres Jolie Jude, a Persian, owned by Charmaine Danziger and Daniel Viviers.



Gauteng Top Pet: Tanzanite, a Calico Longhair, owned by Lashan and Sher Moodley Singh.

Gauteng Top Cat was the Neuter

Kashew's Turgut.



RCC Cat Show 3 September.

Rand Cat Club held its second show of the season in Bashewa, Near Pretoria.

Show Manager, Jan van Rooyen, and his team always make sure that the show is efficiently run- in fact this show held its Best in Show at lunch time.

The photographer for the day was none other than the SACC Secretary, Karen Labuschagne, a woman of many talents.

Best Adult: Pearl Cool Dude, a Burmese, owned by Penny Steyn.



Best Neuter: L'Exquisite Rocky Road, an Exotic, owned by Brenda Neukircher.



Best Kitten: GeeDee Kaylee, a Norwegian Forest Cat, owned by Athylle Caw.



PET of the DAY: Tanzanite, a Calico Longhair, owned by Lashan and Sher Moodley Singh.



Photo courtesy of owners.

CAT of the DAY was the Neuter

L'Exquisite Rocky Road.

CATS in RUSSIAN CULTURE

Article courtesy of www.rbth.com/arts (Anastasia Ananasova)

From fairytale characters to Hermitage Cats, felines play an important role in Russian Culture.

BAUN THE CAT



Baun is a character from Russian fairy tales who possesses a magical voice capable of healing any illness. Most of the time, however, this cat doesn't help anyone and instead uses his powers to lure unlucky travellers to sleep before eating them.

Occasionally, cunning rulers would send overzealous heroes on ill-fated missions to catch this cat, all the while knowing that these men would likely die in the process. Baun could only be captured by those who wore an iron helmet (or sometimes several), which could mute the sound of the cat's calls and provide protection from Baun's powerful claws.

A LEARNED CAT



"A golden chain ties this cat to a huge oak tree. Every time he moves to the right, the cat sings a song. Every time he moves to the left, he tells a story". Source: Global Look Press

This cat is a distant relative of Baun, as described in Alexander Pushkin's poem *Ruslan and Lyudmila*. A golden chain ties this cat to a huge oak tree. Every time he moves to the right, the cat sings a song. Every time he moves to the left, he tells a story. Pushkin dedicated only a few lines to him, so this is almost all we know.

BEHEMOTH THE CAT



"A member of Woland's entourage, this cat is a typical trickster, adored for his charisma, buffoonery and catch phrases." Source: Bulgakov museum

This is the enormous, evil cat is from Mikhail Bulgakov's novel, *Master and Margarita*. He is a member of Woland's entourage and is described as a typical trickster, adored for his charisma, buffoonery and catch

phrases. If you ever take part in a Russian feast, you will definitely hear one of Behemoth's most common sayings: "Would I ever allow myself to pour vodka for a lady? This is pure alcohol!" And if a Russian friend starts to tell you of his misadventures, he might begin by saying: "So I'm sitting there, not causing trouble, not touching anything, fixing my primus stove..." which is a famous saying of Behemoth's and describes exactly what this cat loved to do.

MATROSKIN THE CAT



"Matroskin is rational and frugal, acting as the head of the household. He knows how to embroider, use a sewing machine and can even play the guitar." Source: Global Look Press

"You also eat your sandwich with the salami side down, just because one cat said it tastes better?" This joke is familiar to anyone who watched the Soviet cartoon *Three from Prostokvashino* as a child.

This advice about the correct way to eat a sandwich comes from Matroskin the cat. When this homeless cat first met the very independent boy named Uncle Fyodor, the cat said "put the salami on your tongue, it tastes better" and from that moment on, the two became inseparable friends. They eventually run away and become housemates. Matroskin is rational and frugal, acting as the head of the household. He knows how to embroider, use a sewing machine and can even play the guitar.

LEOPOLD THE CAT



"Leopold is a typical intellectual who wears a bowtie, doesn't drink or smoke and never raises his voice. His credo is: "Guys, let's live in friendship!" Source: RIA Novosti

In the American cartoon, *Tom and Jerry*, Tom always chases the mouse. In the Soviet equivalent, *Leopold the Cat*, everything happens the other way around. Leopold is a typical intellectual who wears a bowtie, doesn't drink or smoke and never raises his voice. His credo is: "Guys, let's live in friendship!"

Despite his peaceful nature, there are two rascally mice, obsessed with vindicating the entire mouse species, who refuse to leave Leopold in peace. They are constantly finding ways to cause trouble for the cat. However, these mice are not very clever and often end up falling victim to their own pranks before eventually being rescued by Leopold, the sympathetic cat.

A KITTEN NAMED GAV



"This kitten from a Soviet cartoon is naïve and courageous, with a unique talent for finding adventure. Gav is perhaps the most adorable Soviet cartoon character." Source: Global Look Press

"Don't go there. Trouble awaits you."

"But how can I not go there. It's waiting for me!"

This quote has become a meme and perfectly describes the character Gav the kitten from a Soviet cartoon. Gav has a very unusual name for a cat, since the Russian word, *gav*, translates to woof (the sounds of a dog's bark) in English. This kitten is naïve and courageous, with a unique talent for finding adventure. Gav is perhaps the most adorable Soviet cartoon character.

ST PETERSBURG CATS



"Residents of St. Petersburg have a special relationship with cats. The city's most fanatical cat-lovers can meet at the Republic of Cats, a café-museum, which is inhabited by 25 cats and even has its own feline currency." Source: PhotoXpress

St. Petersburg has an ongoing love affair with cats. The city sells an incredible quantity of cat souvenirs including magnets, postcards, T-shirts and umbrellas. These souvenirs depict cats rooting for Zenit (the local soccer team), playing the guitar, speaking with Pushkin and even trying to catch angels with a net, all set against the backdrop of the city.

It is no surprise that residents of St. Petersburg have a special relationship with cats. During the Siege of Leningrad (1941-1944) more than 600,000 people died from hunger. At this point, almost no cats remained, and the city became flooded with rats. A special government decree ordered that 5,000 new cats be delivered to the city to combat the rodent infestation. Today, the city's most fanatical cat-lovers can meet at the Republic of

Cats, a café-museum, which is inhabited by 25 cats and even has its own feline currency.

THE HERMITAGE CATS



“The Hermitage Museum budget does not provide funding for the maintenance of the beloved animals, but there is an account where money can be donated specifically for the cats.” Source: Legion Media

Each year, St. Petersburg's most famous museum puts on a special celebration for its feline inhabitants called the Day of the Hermitage Cat. Museum workers lovingly refer to their furry colleagues by the nickname "Hermiki," a play on the name of the museum. These residents have the function of hunting rats in the basements and also serve as unique mascots of the Hermitage.

The museum director, Mikhail Piotrovsky, says that the cats are filmed and remarked upon just as frequently as the Rembrandts. The Hermitage Museum budget does not provide funding for the maintenance of these beloved animals, but there is an account where money can be donated specifically for the cats. This account always has plenty of money. The museum cats are fed, vaccinated and spayed or neutered. Each cat even has its own passport, bowl, bed and stall.

- 1) IHDFGALHODNL is an anagram of which cat breed?
- 2) From which country did the Balinese originate?
- 3) What was the name of Edgar Allen Poe's cat?
- 4) What is the name of the current Chief Mouser at 10 Downing Street, London?
- 5) What did Cleopatra name her favourite cat?
- 6) What are the names of actress Nicole Kidman's 2 cats?
- 7) Which actress's cat, Moose, gets pushed around LA in a pram.
- 8) Who wrote the book "The Amazing Maurice and his Educated Rodents"?
- 9) The author Saki (H H Munro) wrote a satire short story in which a cat reveals the hypocrisy of Edwardian England- name the book?
- 10) What was artist Andy Warhol's cat's name?
- 11) What is the name of the cat with the most Instagram followers?
- 12) Which breed of cat did composer Claude Debussy own?

1. Highland Fold
2. USA
3. Catarina
4. Larry
5. Tivali
6. Ginger and Snow
7. Jennifer Garner
8. Terry Pratchett
9. Tobermory
10. Sam
11. Nala
12. Angora

SACC SHOW CALENDAR 2022

October	22	GC AGM
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Clubs and Contacts for Events

CFC: CAT FANCIERS CLUB, Gauteng

Elizabeth van Renen

ECCC: EASTERN CAPE CAT CLUB, Port Elizabeth

Rita Wiseman

NCFS: NORTHERN CAPE FREE STATE, Kimberley

Wendy Welham

PCS: PROVINCIAL CAT SOCIETY, KZN

Jane Goble

RCC: RAND CAT CLUB, Gauteng

Jan van Rooyen

TCS: TRANSVAAL CAT SOCIETY, Gauteng

Gail Nel

WPCC: WESTERN PROVINCE CAT CLUB, Cape

Adri Swart

SAASA: SA ABY & SOMALI ASSOCIATION, Cape

Adri Swart

CAPE TOP CAT

Adri Swart

GC AGM: GOVERNING COUNCIL AGM

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