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Editor's Message

Covid is still with us but SA has lessened some of the Level 1 restrictions – at least we can now walk outside without a mask and breath normal air and not our own carbon dioxide.

There have been a few changes to Governing Council and SACC in general. The lovely Ingrid Van Eck Gain is the new Western Province Cat Club Delegate and we welcome her and wish her well as her club's representative to GC.

The second change is that SACC has 7 Cat Clubs due to the de-affiliation of a Cape Club – the club had been a loyal supporter of SACC, it's exhibitors, members and the Cape Judges' Panel for 50 years.

Well, the Show Season has taken off in Gauteng and the Cape. Rand Cat Club hosted the 1st Gauteng Show this year and the SA Abyssinian and Somali Association held the 1st Cape Show. The race is now on for those very coveted COTY points!

As we head toward the Easter Holidays, take care on the roads and be kind to each other especially if you contribute to or follow any of the many social network platforms out there.

Best wishes for Easter, The Passover, Ramadan and for all the other festivals which occur during the Southern Hemisphere's Autumnal Equinox.



SACC COMMUNICATION



Photo courtesy of Ursula vd Riet from the SAASA Show

Registration: The cost of printing ink is very expensive and continues to increase regularly therefore it has been necessary to increase the cost of pedigrees submitted by breeders by a small amount. As from the 1st April Colour Pedigrees will be R25.00 and Black and White Pedigrees will be R15.00. The cost of a pedigree generated by the Registrar is R25.00- you must provide the Sire and Dam's pedigrees to avail yourself of this service.

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Google Business Profile: This advertising forum will be used for the promotion of our Cat Shows during Show Season.

Face book: The SACC Face book Group continues to grow. Please remember that this is not an advertising forum for kittens, cats or cat related items- it is a communication forum to ensure that members of the group know what is going.

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: All SOPs are current- the new format colour section has been published.

Website: The onus is on Breeders, Judges, Cat Clubs and Breed Groups to ensure that their listed info is correct. Kindly report mistakes to the Registrar (Breeders), Judges' Council (Judges), Club Delegates (Show related) or the Breed Council Secretary (Breed Groups).

FANTASY CAT(FC) or REALITY CAT(RC)

FC: Loves you for yourself.

RC: Loves you for your tin opener.

FC: Is called Morton Throgmorton CloudDancer III

RC: Is called 'The cat', 'oi! stoppit' or 'buggroff'.

FC: Wakes you up at 7 am with a dainty lick on the nose.

RC: Wakes you 3am with a rasping lick on the nose and breath that would corrode the armour off a panzer tank.

FC: Lies on your lap and purrs softly.

RC: Lies on your lap and farts loudly.

FC: Delicately holds out a paw to have her nails trimmed.

RC: Lets you trim her claws when you have extracted them from your forearm.

FC: Vigorously scratches her scratch post.

RC: Vigorously scratches her scratch post, the sofa, anything with stockings, the curtains, the neighbour's dahlias, the....

FC: Adores you.

RC: Notices you when she's hungry.

FC: Loves her favourite brand of cat food.

RC: Loved it last week, this week it was something different, now...oh, do try to keep up.

FC: Chases her tail.

RC: Chases the neighbour's Pekinese.

FC: Delicately scratches litter over her doings.

RC: Vigorously scratches kitty litter over a 3metre radius.

FC: Is a little bundle that makes life better and happier.

RC: Is a little bundle that makes life better and happier.



A POLITICALLY CORRECT CAT

The cat does not barf hairballs; he is a floor/rug redecorator.

The cat does not break things; he helps gravity do its job.

The cat does not gobble; he eats with alacrity.

The cat does not scratch; he is a furniture/rug/skin ventilator.

The cat does not yowl; he is singing off-key.

The cat is not a shedding machine; he is a hair relocation stylist.

The cat is not a treat-seeking missile; he enjoys the proximity of food.

The cat is not a bed hog; he is a mattress appreciator.

The cat is not a chatterbox; he is advising me on what to do next.

The cat is not a dope addict; he is catnip appreciative.

The cat is not a lap fungus; he is bed selective.

The cat is not a pest; he is attention deprived.

The cat is not a ruthless hunter; he is a wildlife control expert.

The cat is not evil; he is badness enhanced.

The cat is not fat; he is mass enhanced.

The cat is not lazy; he is motivationally challenged.

The cat is not underfoot; he is shepherding me to the next destination (the food dish).

Courtesy of <https://ailurophilia.wordpress.com/>

ORIGINS OF THE RUSSIAN

The Russian Blue is a naturally occurring breed that may have originated in the port of Arkhangeisk in Russia-Archangel in English. It is believed that sailors took the Archangel Blue (alternative name for the Russian Blue) cats from the Archangel lands to Great Britain and Northern Europe in the 1860s.

The first reference to the Archangel Cat appeared in British print in 1862 and the first recorded appearance of one at show was in 1872 at The Crystal Palace in England. However, in 1895 Harrison Weir reported that the early show cats under the Russian Blue name were British bred grey tabbies, with separate grey cats arriving

from Archangel in the 1800s with features consistent with the modern breed.

The Russian Blue competed in a class with all other blue cats until 1912 when it was given its own class. Prior to WWII The development of the breed took place mainly in England and Scandinavia.

Following the war, a lack of Breeding Russian Blues led to cross breeding with Siamese although now the Siamese traits have largely been bred out. There were Russian Blues in the USA pre-war time but it was only after the war that Breeders combined the bloodlines of the British and Scandinavian creating the modern Russian Blue seen in the USA today.

The Russian Blue has been used on a limited basis to create other breeds such as the Havana Brown and the Nebelung. They are being used in Italy as a way to make the Oriental Shorthair healthier and more robust- Breed ID in FIFe is RUS04OSH.

Russian Whites and Russian Blacks were created from crosses with domestic white cats (allegedly imported from Russia.), the first line developed by the UK's Arctic Cattery in 1960 and the second line by Australia's Myemgay Cattery in the 1970s. CFA and FIFe do not accept these two colour variations of the Russian Breed.

'FAMOUS' RUSSIAN BLUES

1 Garfield's girlfriend Arlene is portrayed as a Russian Blue in *Garfield: The Movie*.

2 The novel and film *Felidae* has a Russian Blue character called Felicity.

3 In the film *Cats & Dogs* a Russian Blue kitten was a trained assassin.

4 In the sequel *Cats & Dogs: The Revenge of Kitty Galore* the character Catherine is also a Russian Blue.

5 In the comic *Two Lumps* the characters of Eben and Snooch are both Russian Blues.

6. The *Nyan Cat* meme was inspired by creator Chris Torres' Russian Blue Marty. (Marty died in 2012 from FIP).

7 In the novel *A Gentleman in Moscow* the Metropol Hotel's lobby cat was a Russian Blue.

CAT NUMISMATICS

The collecting of coins with cat images- how fantastic is that!

Ever since the earliest coins were minted, some 2500 years ago, lions and other big cats have been depicted on them. In the 20th century, the increasing popularity of both the domestic cat and coin-collecting has given us various coins featuring the smaller breeds of cat.

In 1970 and 1975, the Isle of Man (situated in the heart of the British Isles, but not part of the United Kingdom) issued circulating coinage featuring the Manx Cat,



and in 1988 it started issuing coins featuring different breeds of cats on an annual basis. This official “Cat Coin Series” has become extremely popular with coin collectors the world over. The silver coins are struck in pure .999 fine silver in 1 ounce size. The gold coins are struck in pure .9999 fine gold in 1/25, 1/10-, 1/5-, 1/2-, and 1-ounce sizes, and are minted in limited quantities. The platinum coins are struck in pure .9995 fine platinum in 1/25, 1/10-, 1/5-, 1/2-, and 1-ounce sizes.



1988 Manx 1989 Persian 1990 Domestic



1991 Norwegian Forest



1992 Siamese



1993 Maine Coon



1994 Japanese Bobtail



1995 Turkish Angora



1996 Burmese



1997 LH Smoke



1998 Birman



1999 British Blue



2000 Scottish Fold



2007 Ragdoll & Kittens



1998 -10 Crowns

The 10 Crowns coin was issued to mark the 10th anniversary of the Cat Coin Series.



2001 Somali Kittens



2002 Bengal and Kitten

A number of other countries have also issued coins (some for regular circulation, and some intended for collectors) featuring domestic cats, wildcats, and even the popular Garfield cartoon cat.



2003 Balinese Kittens



2004 Tonkinese Kittens



Canada 1999- 50 cents- Cymric.



2005 Himalayans



2006 Exotic Kittens



Canada 1999- 50 cents- Tonkinese

PSUEDO-CURRENCY



Cook Islands – 1999- Half Dollar- Garfield.



Cook Island-2003- \$1
British Blue Shorthair



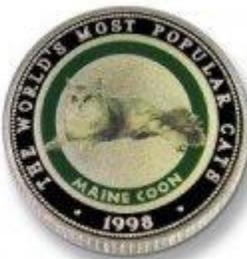
Cook Island- 2003-\$1
Maine Coon



Cook Islands-2003-\$1
Persian



Hungary- 1985- 100 Forint
Wildcat



Somalia -1998- 250 Shillings
Maine Coon



Somalia- 1998-250 Shillings
Singapura

Japan's Minister of Finance announced that Japan's currency would be redesigned by adding images of ukiyo-e paintings and wisteria blossoms to the country's paper money. Unfortunately, the world has to wait until 2024 for these beautiful bank notes to begin circulating.

HOWEVER, there is a **form of eye-catching pseudo-currency you can obtain, and use, in Japan right now.**

These notes are not printed by the Bank of Japan but are issued by animal welfare organization **Neco Republic**- and of course, the bills all feature felines on their faces rather than boring human faces.

The back side of the bills features an image of Mt Fuji in addition to the Sakura cherry blossoms and **corner paw motif** (also seen on the front).

There are 3 denominations: ¥100; ¥500 & ¥1000





Neco Republic. They are a combination of hotel and cat café and the currency shown here are gift vouchers/certificates that visitors can use when paying.

Obviously, the bills can also be kept as souvenirs or keepsakes but whether you use them or not, your purchase goes towards keeping Neco Republic running and working towards its mission of finding loving homes for rescue cats across Japan.

Editor note: I find this absolutely mind blowing!



The capsule hotel has upper area rooms for couples and lower area rooms for singles.



View from your bedroom.



The currency can be used in Japan's first ever cat capsule hotel where all guests have a view of frolicking kitties.

Neko is the Japanese word for cat so the hotels are called Neko Yokujo and Neko Hatago and are run by the



Beautiful mural in the cat café. Coat hangars for your outer garments and inside the café you have a "bucket" for your valuables.

FROM THE PROVINCES- finally!

GAUTENG

Rand Cat Club presented the first show for 2022 – ably show managed by Jan van Rooyen and assisted by Karen Labuschagne.

Not only did exhibitors have to get back into the swing of that early morning drive to the venue with their beautifully prepared kitties and the excitement of actually coming face to face with other cat people after such a long time BUT our Judges and Stewards had to dust off the cobwebs, find a pen that worked, look for the SOP which probably got tidied away during a frenzied cleaning ritual during lockdown!

The entry was good considering some cats and kittens hadn't had contact with the outside world for quite a while and for some the mask may have been frightening.

But there were awards and Best in Show and of course, those coveted COTY points needing to be gained.



The hall – ready for the show to begin. Photo courtesy of Lynelle van Aarde



Ingrid de Wet doing her thing with a totally nonchalant cat.

Theresa Fouche was at the show with her cell phone and took some really good photos of Best in Show. Thanks for sharing – you are amazing.

Top 3 Entires



Purrbridge 2Hot2Handle owned by Rindi & Clint Fourie



Valinor Earwen owned by Alex Page.



Pearl A Star is Born owned by Penny Steyn

Best Entire on Show: Purrbridge 2Hot2Handle

Top 3 Neuters



Crescendo Fascinating Rhythm owned by Daniel Viviers & Charmaine Danziger.



Kashews Turgat owned by Wendy Welham.



Lilac Time Magnolia owned by Samantha Harrison

Best Neuter on Show: Lilac Time Magnolia

Top 3 Kittens



Crescendo Frank n Furter owned by B Adendorf



Incatique Black Opal owned by Ingrid de Wet

CAT of the DAY

The American Shorthair Kitten Kashew's Troika took top honours.

This beauty is owned and bred by Wendy & Kelly Anne Welham from Kimberley.



Kashew Troika owned by Wendy & Kelly Anne Welham

Best Kitten on Show: Kashew Troika

Best Domestic line-up



Adult- Sapphire owned by Lashan & Sher Moodley Singh



Kitten – Sailor Moon owned by Karen Pepler

Best Domestic on Show: Sailor Moon- the beautiful medium hair kitten took top honours.

CAPE PROVINCE

The SA Abyssinian and Somali Association breed group, under the auspices of the Western province Cat Club, presented the Cape's first show at Richwood Community Hall.



The lovely Adri Swart and her team decided on a theme of "I got to break free"- very apt considering the lifting of stringent lockdown situations- and exhibitors were encouraged to decorate their cages.

Once again Ursula van der Riet was on hand to capture all the action of the day. Thank you for sharing, Ursula.



Now it was the turn of the Cape's Stewards and Judges to dust themselves off and dive headfirst into show season and SAASA didn't let them down! Over 80 cats entered and a high percentage of these were, yes you guessed it, Maine Coons.

The show was sponsored by Hill's.

BEST in SHOW ENTIRE



SHERLAH TAZANNY
Seal Point Siamese Female
Owned and bred by Lynel du Toit

BEST in SHOW NEUTER



KAMDEBOO FELIX
Devon Rex Neutered Male
Owned by Carine Pelser
Bred by Leonard and Susan Ferreira

BEST in SHOW KITTEN



MELLUANDIA MOJITO *PL (IMP)
Maine Coon Male of 7 months
Owned by Leon vd Westhuizen & Carol Middleton
Bred by Ewa Szczucka (Poland)

BEST DOMESTIC PET on SHOW



SUPREME MASTER GABRIELLA
Medium Hair Calico Spayed Female
Owned by Irene Sommerfeld

There were so many wonderful moments recorded as images by Ursula from the show- here are a few more to feast your eyes on.



The wonderful Marlene van Dyk and her Siamese cat.



Recognise Jean van Zyl and Hazel King in the front.



Ingrid van Eck Gain assessing a Siamese.



A Somali Ruddy – owned by Janet Cook.

And finally, the most anticipated moment at a cat show
-the announcement of:

CAT of the DAY



MELLUANDIA MOJITO *PL (IMP)

The Best Kitten was crowned the best of the best- well done Leon and Carol.



A final look at the very pretty Gabriella
Best Pet on Show-well done Irene.

TRIVIA TIME

1) This is a 2007 1oz gold bullion coin Ragdoll- how much would it cost to buy in British pounds?



2) This painting sold for over \$ 820,000.00 at Sotheby's. Name the painting?



3) Name the artist of the painting above?
4) Name the cat that won the 1st USA Cat Show in 1895?



5) Which cartoon cat is said to have been inspired by a Russian Blue?
6) Solve the anagram to get the cat breed- PAAMGUYNITE.
7) What is the name of the Cheshire Cat from Alice in Wonderland?

8) Name this kitten?



9) Tigger from Winnie the Pooh always said "TTFN" what does it mean?

10) Name Duchess' kittens from the Aristocats.

11) Who wrote Catakism: Bow to the Meow?

12) Which group sang "Phenomenal Cat"

1. £ 1834.46
2. My Wife' s Lovers
3. Carl Kahler
4. Cosey
5. Tom Cat of Tom & Jerry cartoons.
6. Egyptian Mau
7. Chessur
8. Nermal
9. Ta, ta for now.
10. Berlioz, Toulouse and Marie
11. Jeff Lazarus
12. The Kinks



SACC SHOW CALENDAR 2022

March	5	RCC
	19	SAASA
April	23	TCS
	24	
May	7	PCS
	8	
	14	CFC
	21	WPCC
June	4	NCFS
July	2 *	RCC
July	16 *	PET EXPO
	30 *	COTY
August	13	CFC
		Gauteng Top Cat
September	3 *	RCC
	24	WPCC
		Cape Top Cat
October	22	GC AGM

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

COTY: CAT OF THE YEAR, Gauteng
Elizabeth van Renen/Gail Nel

PET EXPO: ALL SA CAT ASSOCIATIONS, Gauteng
Jan van Rooyen

GAUTENG TOP CAT
Elizabeth van Renen/Ingrid de Wet

CAPE TOP CAT
Adri Swart

GC AGM: GOVERNING COUNCIL AGM
Karen Labuschagne



**Have a great
Show Season**