



Southern Africa Cat Council eNews

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positions of SACC i.e. the President. Vice President. Treasurer and Secretary.

Voting Ballot Forms are available on the website's Registrar Page as well as from the Central Office-sacatreg@iafrica.com.

When voting please ensure that your signed Voting Ballot is returned to the Secretary or the Central Office no later than the 30th October this year.

Each member has the right to vote individually.

So get voting!

HELLO AGAIN

Cat of the Year is done and dusted!

The 2025 winners have been crowned and will enjoy their reign until the next COTY.

Royal Canin once again sponsored the event and we are very grateful for our ongoing association with this food company. They are beyond generous with monetary sponsorship as well as the amazing food and other prizes.

As you are aware this is a voting year for the members. You get to vote for the people who have been nominated for the Management

Some COTY quotes:

"Thank you Ahmed Yusufali Dockrat for these fabulous photos- You are a marvel!" - Eugenie du Preez

"I could eat that adorable Sphynx cat up" - Sue Naylor

"Fabulous Karen! I agree with Gail: Basil making bread and the Munchkin playing." - Ingrid de Wet

"Thank you-the live stream allowed us to share in the fun." Johan Lamprecht.



Introducing the new President of the World Cat Congress.

Jan van Rooyen was appointed President of WCC in August 2025 at the AGM which took place in Hong Kong. Congratulations Jan!

SACC Management Nominees

This year following the AGM of the Governing Council on 1 November, the Administration Management will change.

The following people were nominated by the SACC Membership.

PRESIDENT: JAN VAN ROOYEN

VICE PRESIDENT (2 Nominations- only vote for one)

1) DEON SCHEEPERS

2) KAREN PEPLER

SECRETARY: JOELENE DRAPER

TREASURER: JAN VAN ROOYEN

The above people are well known faces in the cat fancy:

Jan van Rooyen used to breed Burmese, is an All Breeds Judge and is currently the SACC Treasurer. He is married to our Registrar.

Deon Scheepers is also an All Breeds Judge and has owned many different breeds of cat, he has been on Exco as President. His partner is Daniel Germishuys.

Karen Pepler is a Munchkin/British breeder and an All Breeds Judge. She is an avid exhibitor.

Joelene Draper is a school teacher and a Russian Cat Breeder who is also an avid exhibitor.

These wonderful people are waiting for your votes!

WCC Update

Sadness greeted the Delegates and Management of the WCC when they met in Hong Kong for the AGM, when they were told that standing President Eric Reijers had passed away. Eric had been such an important part of WCC and his own Organization, FIFe and his years of knowledge will really missed.

The meeting went continued without further incident.

There is much discussion amidst governments and veterinarians in Europe and other continents about brachycephalic airway disease, amongst other conditions, and their affect on animals and many feel that animals which fall into these categories should be banned.

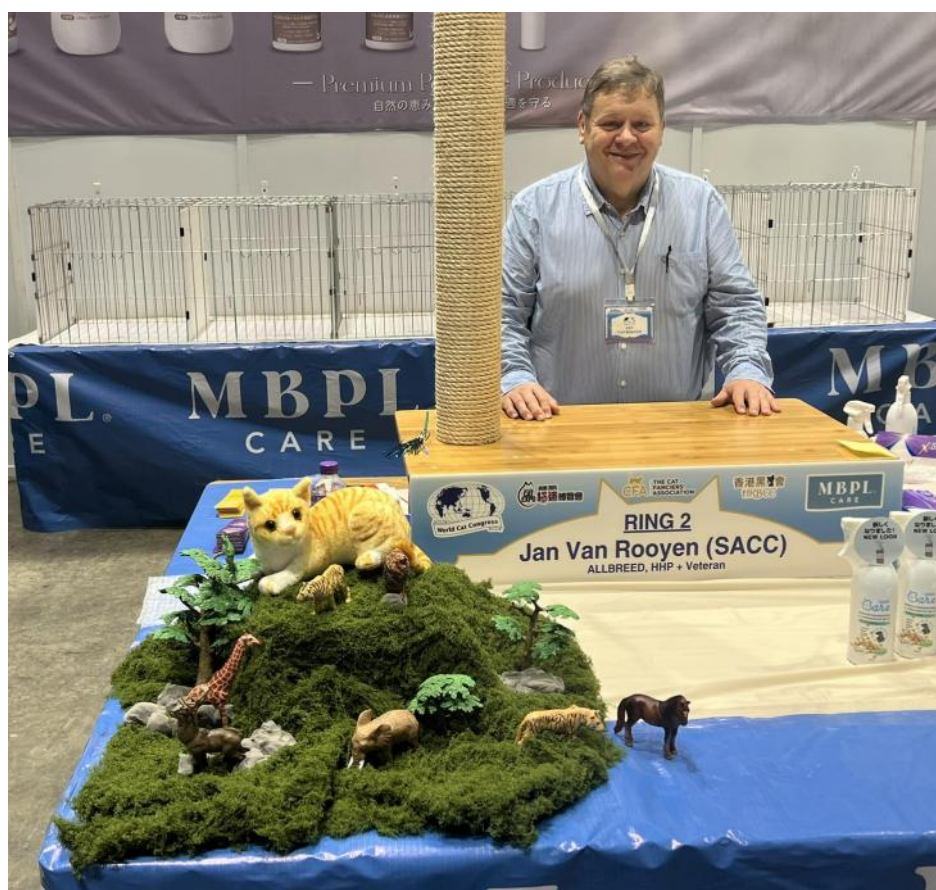
Therefore the WCC has created two new commissions, WCC Health and Welfare Commission and SACC and WCC Legislative Commission. SACC has appointed two people to the first commission, a breeder of many years experience with sound genetic knowledge and a Veterinarian who is also a breeder and one person to the legislative Commission, a breeder who has a career in law. This quote from Miguel de Cervantes, author of Don Quixote, really explains why these Commissions are necessary for the Cat World - "Forewarned; Forearmed; to be prepared is half the victory."

The member Organisations of WCC are being pro-active and putting the health and welfare of our beloved cats before all else.

SACC is so proud of Jan van Rooyen who was elected the new WCC President. Jan, has without doubt, dedicated himself to the cat world and thoroughly deserves this international recognition. We wish him well on this new “cat” career path knowing he will make a difference.



A smiling Jan in his happy place at Cat of the Year.



Jan in Hong Kong at his African themed Judging table.

Tritrichomonas Foetalis

Article by: Dr Michael Kearley DVM

What is Tritrichomonas Foetalis?

Tritrichomonas foetus, or *T. foetus*, is a common parasite that causes chronic feline large bowel diarrhoea, often seen in young cats and kittens. *T. foetus* is especially suspected when symptoms reoccur after typical treatments of most diarrhea causes have been used.

Fortunately, this infection and the chronic diarrhoea it causes is often considered more of an inconvenience than a medical emergency. However, because diarrhea has multiple causes and can lead to significant metabolic problems and dehydration, it shouldn't be ignored. Seek help from your veterinarian promptly if your kitty has diarrhea that persists longer than a few days and has accompanying symptoms.

Symptoms of Tritrichomonas Foetus Infection

Some cats may not show any symptoms associated with *T. foetus* infection, especially those that are older and in otherwise good health. For most cats, though, the typical symptom is diarrhea that has an extremely bad odor and often contains mucus and/or bright red blood. Cats with *T. foetus* infection typically have a normal appetite and do not vomit or experience weight loss. But they can experience:

Flatulence

Straining to defaecate

Faecal dribbling/incontinence

Inflammation of the anus

Causes of Tritrichomonas Foetus Infection

T. foetus is a single-celled, pear-shaped protozoan flagellated organism that takes over the cat's small intestine and colon. Its life cycle consists of only one stage, termed a trophozoite, and once in the gastrointestinal (GI) tract, this reproduces and is then shed in the feces for other cats to ingest, often attributed to grooming—where it can spread to other cats.

Tritrichomonas foetus infection has been found worldwide and in greater occurrences in multi-cat residences such as catteries and shelters. Though all cats are susceptible, young cats and kittens are more susceptible to infection in general, and purebred cats have a higher incidence of infection, probably in association with breeding facilities

How Veterinarians Diagnose Tritrichomonas Foetus Infection

There are three routes of testing a veterinarian may recommend to diagnose your cat with *T. foetus*. Fresh faecal samples without litter contaminant are needed. Tests will include:

Faecal culture: This test can be performed either in the clinic or at a reference laboratory and often increases the likelihood of detecting the organisms.

In some circumstances, a saline flush procedure may be conducted, where a catheter is inserted into the cat's anus (this often requires sedation), the colon is flushed with saline, and faecal matter is aspirated.

PCR: This is the most sensitive test and requires a reference laboratory. It looks for trace DNA of the organism in your cat's stool.

Faecal smear: Often performed in the clinic, this is a microscopic examination of your cat's fresh faeces.

Bloodwork, routine stool exams (often to rule out other parasitic causes), and imaging such as radiographs or ultrasound may be recommended.

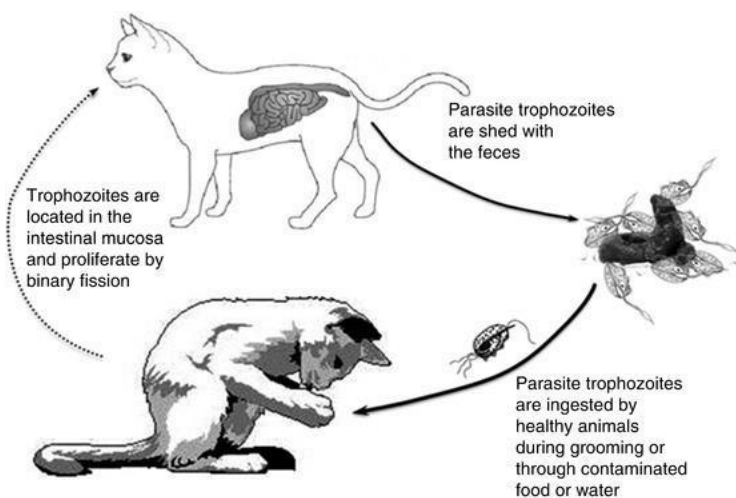
Treatment of Tritrichomonas Foetus Infection

Often, many approaches for treating chronic diarrhoea have been tried unsuccessfully before a true diagnosis of *T. foetus* is confirmed.

Examples of such treatments include dietary management with a high-fiber diet or a "gastrointestinal-friendly" diet aimed at improving faecal consistency or reducing inflammation in the gut; prebiotics, probiotics, or a combination of both to help promote growth of beneficial bacteria, decrease inflammation, and aid with immune system functions; anti-diarrheal medications; and antibiotics and/or medications such as metronidazole or fenbendazole.

Even when diagnosed, these treatments are often unsuccessful, or they may be successful at first only for symptoms to reoccur once medications are finished or the cat's diet is changed.

Other medications such as tinidazole or ronidazole have been shown to be effective at treating *T. foetus* infections. Ronidazole is the medication of choice, but it must be used with caution. It should only be used in confirmed cases and by prescription from a licensed veterinarian. Talk to your vet about the risks and benefits of such medication if your cat or kitten has a *T. foetus* infection.



Recovery and Management of Tritrichomonas Foetus Infection

For some cats with only mild or intermittent symptoms, or if treatment is not an option due to treatment side effects, cost, or pet parent preference, it should be noted that diarrhoea due to *T. foetus* can resolve on its own, although it could take at least two years and the cats will remain carriers of the parasite for life.

For many cats who receive treatment, the long-term prognosis is good. The duration of the treatment is usually about two weeks, with most cats showing improvement with faecal consistency in just a few days. Diarrhoea may persist for a short while after treatment as the secondary inflammation resolves.

Persistent infection can occur in about 25% of cats despite treatment, and these cats may require additional treatment of either a higher dose of medication or for a longer period of time.

Fortunately, the organism doesn't survive very long in the environment and is easily killed by most routine disinfectants. Measures such as good litter box hygiene (scooping and cleaning daily), isolating infected cats especially during treatment, minimizing stress, and avoiding crowded living conditions are recommended. Screening of all cats in breeding facilities or shelters,

Tritrichomonas Foetus Infection FAQs

How do cats get Tritrichomonas foetus infection?

T. foetus is transmitted through the fecal-oral route, meaning for a cat to become infected, it must ingest the organism, which is shed in the feces. Litter box sharing is by far the most common mode of transmission. Indirectly, contaminated food and water bowls and ingestion of certain slugs may also be routes of transmission.

Is tritrichomonas foetus contagious to other cats?

Yes. *T. foetus* is often passed on to other cats through shared litter boxes, as cats often ingest the organism due to their grooming habits.

Can Tritrichomonas foetus be spread from cats to humans?

Fortunately, no. *T. foetus* has not been shown to be zoonotic (transmissible from animals to humans). Still, good hygiene and hand washing techniques are advised, and people with a weak immune system generally should refrain from changing the litter box and handling feces. Always consult your doctor with any questions regarding personalized medical advice.

COTY 2025

This year the event was held at the Fairway Hotel Spa and Golf Resort in Randburg, Gauteng. Gail Nel and the TCS Committee hosted an absolutely sensational “Beauty and the Beast” themed COTY.

The media and build up was done by Santie Meyer whose AI renditions of little clues for “Guess the Theme” were mind blowing- she made sure that everybody got caught up in the excitement of COTY.



Theme Guess: Mrs Potts and Chip. Brain: Santie Meyer

Graphic and design whizz kid was once again Andrei Esterhuizen, ably abetted by Show Manager Bronwyn Adendorff. There were 3D printed candlesticks, books, judges' signs etc. It was like entering a Disney film studio! And of course COTY would not be complete without a Day Event MC- and who better than Daniel Germishuys.



Images of Andrei's 3D Design work courtesy of Calvin Way

The judges for this year's event were all well known and highly professional SACC Judges, Jan van Rooyen from The Cape Panel of Judges, Shirley Addison, Rita Wiseman and Deon Scheepers from the Independent Judges' Network and Lashan Moodley Singh from the East Coast KZN Panel of Judges.



Shirly Addison with one of the many Abyssinian at COTY 2025.

Image courtesy of Calvin Way

Of course a COTY would not be complete without Stewards who were always available to assist the judges- Lisa Wood, Yvette Bezuidenhout, Renate Haussman and Marizta Reyneke. Unfortunately the 5th Steward, Justine Kettle, had a car accident on the way to COTY and watched the proceedings from hospital. Thankfully she is now well recovered.

Although this is a very nerve wrecking time for exhibitors not so much for the cats- they generally just take the whole judging process in their stride and in fact some are just bored to sleep!



Image courtesy of Karen Pepler

After the seriousness of the judging process- exhibitors and cats went home so that the humans could get dressed up for the Gala Dinner.

Santie Meyer and her husband Michiel once again waved their techy wand but this time for a You-Tube live streaming of the evening event.

Ahmed Dockrat and his camera captured those special “winning” moments.

Jacqui Esterhuizen ran the slide show which was projected onto large screen.

Each guest was made to feel really special- personalised catalogues and scoring sheets were on each table and of course, bottles of wine kindly donated by Penny Steyn.



The catalogue box opens up to reveal the catalogue. Very unique concept.

Images courtesy of Ingrid de Wet



The scoring Sheet - Image courtesy of Ingrid de Wet.

The cats had their placings revealed while the guests enjoyed a 3 course meal- each owner graciously accepting their certificates. Sure some were disappointed but the scoring system is completely transparent - the highest and lowest scores are eliminated and the remaining scores are averaged to get the final score for each cat. The whole process is audited.



The Certificate which each cat gets. Image courtesy of Ingrid de Wet.

Top 3 Cats in each section.

ENTIRE SECTION

Photos courtesy of Ahmed Dockrat Photography



2nd Place Entire 2025
Luxury Felines Haifa of Aristocub
Owned by Yusuf Dawood
Bred by A El-Alaoui



Entire of the Year 2025
Incatique Paw Mewman
Owned & Bred by Ingrid de Wet



3rd Place Entire 2025
Geedee Easy on the Eye
Owned & Bred by Athylle Caw

NEUTER SECTION

Photos courtesy of Ahmed Dockrat Photography



2nd Place Neuter 2025
L'Exquisite Encroyable
Owned & Bred by Brenda Neukircher



Neuter of the Year 2025
Tres Jolie Jon Snow
Owned by Gail Chirnside
Bred by Charmaine Danziger & Daniel Viviers



3rd Place Neuter 2025
Awesome Bengals Alula Labe
Owned & Bred by Lorraine Kennard

KITTEN SECTION

Photos courtesy of Ahmed Dockrat Photography



2nd Place Kitten 2025
Geedee Yuki
Owned by Charmaine Danziger & Daniel Viviers
Bred by Athylle Caw



Kitten of the Year 2025
Pearl Tinkerbelle
Owned & Bred by Penny Steyn



3rd Place Kitten 2025
Sha-Sume Eskimo Pie
Owned & Bred by Hedwig Peplar

DOMESTIC PET SECTION

Photos courtesy of Ahmed Dockrat Photography



2nd Place Domestic Pet 2025
Kiara
Owned by Yvonne Roberts



Domestic Pet of the Year 2025
Pearl Oopsie Daisy
Owned by Penny Steyn



3rd Place Domestic Pet 2025
Chaise
Owned Irene Sommerfeld



Cat of the Year 2025 is:

TRES JOLIE JON SNOW (aka Pablo)



Registrar's Awards 2025

Breeder of the Year

Trés Jolie Cattery owned by Charmaine Danziger & Daniel Viviers 29 points

Davanté Cattery owned by Vanessa Howell	28 points
Crescendo Cattery owned by Beverly Smullen	25 points
Geedee Cattery owned by Athylle Caw	25 points
Incatique Cattery owned by Ingrid de Wet	17 points
Dark Moon Cattery owned by Lenka & Karlo Hendriksz	16 points
Mela Cattery owned by Jane Goble	12 points
Pearl Cattery owned by Penny Steyn	12 points
Abyzula Cattery owned by Adrienne Swart	11 points
African Catz Cattery owned by Natasja van Antwerpen	11 points
Muttis Cattery owned by Marlene van Dyk	11 points

Stud of the Year

The Legends Waikiki Whackhead of Geedee RQ NQ	25 points
Chacha Jupiter of Trés Jolie RQ NQ	16 points
Brown Glossary Fur's Phantom of Taldi (Imp)	14 points
Purrbridge Robbi Redfurred	13 points
Rock 'n Purr Don't Stop Me Now of Trés Jolie RQ	12 points
FI* Twist-Tiramisum Unelmainen Uno of Siamlove (Imp) NQ RQ	11 points
Crescendo Mephisto des Sorcieres *BE (Imp)(ASAA)	11 points
S'Just Catnap's Lotus of Geedee (Imp)	10 points
Valkyrie Starlord of Dazzle	9 points

Brood Queen of the Year

L'Exquisite West Side Story of Trés Jolie	17 points
Shangri-La ZsaZsa of Geedee	13 points
African Catz Alexis Wild at Heart (ASAA)	11 points
Crescendo Spice Girl	11 points
Esky Crackertoa Czarina	9 points
Incatique Ms Twinkle Toes	9 points



Breeder of the Year- Charmaine Danziger & Daniel Viviers

Cat Fanciers Club

The club hosted the final Gauteng cat show for 2025 on the 16th August which was also the first Gauteng cat show to count for COTY 2026.

The show was well attended and also well attended by the public.

Everything ran smoothly under the watchful eye of Show Manager, Ingrid de Wet, and the CFC team were like busy bees- doing teas and lunches and just generally getting on with everything that makes a show fun- and it was an incredibly fun show with lots of laughter and playful teasing of each other (the humans) and beautifully presented, well mannered cats.

When it came to the Best in Show- the youngsters took all the top honours!

Best Entire - Pearl Tinkerbelle, a beautiful Cream Burmese owned & Bred by Penny Steyn. This was Tinkerbelle's first Adult show after winning Kitten of the Year.

Best Neuter - Geedee Yuki of Trés Jolie owned by Charmaine Danziger & Daniel Viviers and bred by Athylle Caw. Yuki is a Norwegian Forest Cat also competing in his first "big cat" show following after being runner-up in Kitten of the Year.

Best Kitten - Awesome Bengals Honey Clover, a gorgeous Spotted Bengal owned and bred by Lorraine Kennard.

Pet of the Day - NENYA owned by Storm Mackillican, a very pretty domestic.



NENYA



Pearl Tinkerbelle





Yuki



NATASHA

Honey Clover



CAT of the DAY -
Awesome Bengals Honey Clover

Beautiful winner at the end of a beautiful day but wait.....
There was more to come! Because CFC also hosted Gauteng Top Cat on the 16th August.

Gauteng Top Cat

It was time for those cats which had qualified for the very popular Gauteng Top Cat to parade themselves in front of the judges.

Ingrid's little pink computer was calculating the judges' scores so that the big reveal could take place.

Who would own the winners of the different categories?

Gauteng Top Entire was a Norwegian Forest Cat owned and bred by Athylle Caw, Geedee Easy on the Eye (aka Easy). Easy was the 3rd placed Entire at COTY.



Gauteng Top Neuter was a Persian owned by Gail Chirnside and bred by Charmaine Danziger & Daniel Viviers, Très Jolie Jon Snow (aka Pablo),

Pablo is the current Cat of the Year



Gauteng Top Kitten was a Norwegian Forest Cat owned by Charmaine Dantziger & Daniel Viviers and Bred by Athylle Caw, Geedee Yuki (aka Yuki).

Yuki placed 2nd in Kitten of the Year.



Gauteng Top Domestic Pet was the very pretty Ma Cherie, owned by Marelize Bornman.



And the highest honour, GAUTEND TOP CAT was won by the lovely Pablo.



Governing Council AGM

The Governing Council AGM will take place on 1st November this year.

All proposals from the Cat Clubs and Breed Ballots from the Breed Council have been submitted. The Breed Ballots have been circulated to the Judges' Panels, the Breeders and the Breed Groups.

This is also a Managerial voting year - Voting Ballots have been sent to all clubs and all members on the mailing list. They have also been uploaded to the SACC Fb Group and can be found in the Files Section as well as uploaded to the SACC website - <https://www.tsacc.org.za> and can be found on the Registrar's Page which is accessed via the main top menu.

So there is no excuse for you not to vote. **Please remember that this is an individual vote**- it is your right to vote as a member of SACC for whichever candidate you feel will be best for SACC during 2025-2027.

The Show dates will be discussed and approved at the meeting including COTY 2026's host and Province.

Breeders, Contracts & Mentors

The Registrar has a list of experienced Breeders who will guide you and offer assistance if you want to start breeding pedigree cats.

Mentors are not the owners of your cattery nor do they own your cats therefore please remember that you are the breeder and it is your responsibility to ensure that you complete and sign all the required paperwork for registering your cattery and/or your studs and kittens- a mentor may only sign on your behalf if they are authorised to do so by a written and signed resolution or power of attorney. This is according to South Africa's LegalWise (as a generalisation).

Many new breeders begin by being good friends with someone they bought a cat from so that, logically, when they want to start breeding they turn to their friend for mentorship. There is nothing wrong with this but you must be strong and responsible enough to make sure that every kitten bred is registered with your cattery prefix and not your mentor's prefix because after all you the cat.

What happens when the friendship turns sour?

Well, that generally opens a whole new can of worms!

Many breeders use verbal contracts but these are challenging especially during a dispute- their existence and the specific terms agreed on have to be proved plus without a written record it is difficult to determine the true state of affairs and decide which party's version of events is more probable

Therefore, it is the responsibility of each and every breeder, no matter how new they are, to make sure that written and signed contracts are used when you buy or sell a cat and that if you do not want any of your breeding to be bred from then spay and/or neuter the kitten BEFORE it leaves your home.

CALENDAR 2025

SEPT	6	13	20	27	
				WPCC**	
OCT	4	11	18	25	
				Cape Top Cat	
				WPCC	

The remaining shows ** on the Calendar are the first shows for COTY 2026.

Trivia

Slightly different - lots of abbreviations of cat clubs and cat fancies.

N	W	U	X	D	G	T	F	S	G	U	X	T	L	L	Q	H	C	C	C	E	M	S
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V	Z	E	P	T	C	C	S	F	C	N	K	N	E	U	E	A	M	G	C	C	F	P

Find the following words in the puzzle.
Words are hidden  ,  ,  ,  , and .

ANCATS
CFA
CFC
ECCC
GCCF
IACA
LOOF

NCFSCC
NZCF
PCS
RANDCATCLUB
SACC
TCS
TICA

WCF
WORLDCATCONGRESS
WPCC



Looking for fish!