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# Editorial

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**2023** sees the Australian Cat Federation Incorporated celebrating 50 years as Australia's umbrella body, with affiliates in all states of Australia plus the N.T. totaling 11 Registering bodies in all. The CANT(Inc.) was a founder member of the ACF(Inc.) originally name the Australian National Cat Federation (ANCF).

At the National next year in Prospect, a suburb of Launceston, Tasmania, the show will be held in conjunction with the World Cat Congress meeting with people from many overseas countries representing most continents of the world in attendance. (See page 39 ) It is a big event, the show will feature 9 International Judges over the 2 day. It would be great if the Northern Territory could be represented at this event. Having Northern Territory cats at the show would be the ideal way to promote the N.T. but also advertising our cats in the Yearbook would be a permanent record as it is intended the Yearbook will be a souvenir edition marking the 50 years of ACF(Inc.)

The CANT(Inc.) is allocated space in the Yearbook to publicise the achievements of the past twelve months. We usually include our Cat of the Year Awards which will be advised shortly so we need quality photos of the winning cats to include in this very special edition.

This year the Annual Awards will be presented on **26<sup>th</sup> November 2022 at 10 Mel Road, Berrimah commencing 6.00 p.m.** The Committee looks forward to welcoming all members to this event, which will be a social occasion including celebratory fare and beverages.

It has been a sad fact this year that a number of cats who could have earned promotion to Champion or Premier Neuter, Grand Champion, Grand Premier Neuter etc. are ineligible for these titles as they are not registered with the CANT(Inc.). Similarly, cats

who may have satisfied the criteria for an Annual Award may have missed out because they are not registered with the CANT(Inc.).

Why should cats in the N.T. be registered with the CANT(Inc.)?

Firstly, our Show Rule

6.10.4 No exhibit shall be entered as a competitor or allowed to be exhibited unless it is registered with C.A.N.T. (Inc) with the exception of clause 6.15 and such registration must have been effected at or prior to the date of application for entry.

Secondly from our Registration Rules

3.8.1. No Prefix shall be registered or used in connection with an exhibit other than the Prefix of the Breeder of the exhibit. Only financial members of C.A.N.T. (Inc) can apply for a Prefix. Once approved the applicant shall be issued with a certificate recording the details of the Prefix.

3.10.1 A registration number shall be allocated to each exhibit registered in the Cat Register and this number shall be part of the exhibit's name and shall at all times be used as such to the exclusion of any other stud name or registration number assigned to it by any other Cat Body. The Registration Number shall include the Breed Code and "NB" "EXP" "SR" and "VAR" as applicable.

As members are aware, the CANT(Inc.) spends a lot of time and energy raising funds and putting on shows each year and these are for the benefit of members and Breeders of cats registered with the CANT(Inc.). In this way the CANT(Inc.) can ensure cats bred in the N.T. are bred following the Code of Ethics and standards expected of an ACF(Inc.) Affiliate.

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		<b>Ring 2: Shara M<sup>C</sup>Kay</b>	<b>CatsNSW</b>
<b>28 May 2023</b>	<b>CANT</b>	<b>Ring 1: Julian R Schüller CANT(Inc.)</b>	
<b>20/22 July 2023</b>	<b>RASNT</b>	<b>Margaret Sim</b>	<b>CatsNSW</b>
<b>01 October 2023</b>	<b>CANT</b>	<b>Ring 1: Jay Bangle (T.I.C.A. – USA)</b>	
		<b>Ring 1I:</b>	<b>To Be Advised</b>

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**17 March 2024 CANT ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING - PRIOR TO SHOW**

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CH LAST HOPE YASHA	GRAND CHAMPION	HEATHER HAVENS	06/06/2022
PN BRITHAVEN PRISCILLA	GRAND PREMIER NEUTER	INES AUTIERO	06/06/2022
BELANTINE ODETTE	CHAMPION	HEATHER HAVENS	10/09/2022
GD CH LAST HOPE YASCHA	GREAT GRAND CHAMPION	HEATHER HAVENS	02/10/2022
CH. BELANTINE ODETTE	GRAND CHAMPION	HEATHER HAVENS	02/10/2022
GD PN BRITHAVEN PRISCILLA	GREAT GRAND PREMIER NEUTER	INES AUTIERO	02/10/2022
<b>SCOTTISH FOLD</b>			
CH BELLASHAI PHOENIX BEAU	GRAND CHAMPION	SHARON & BREANAN HARKER	06/06/2022
<b>BURMESE</b>			
GT GD PN MANDALAY TUTTI FRUTTI	SILVER GT GD PN	Lee Oliver	06/06/2022
<b>SCOTTISH SHORTHAIR</b>			
GD PN CIRCLE C BOS	GREAT GRAND PREMIER NEUTER	SHARON & BREANAN HARKER	10/09/2022
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SAPPHIRE COMPANION TAYLOR	TOPAZ COMPANION	LYNELLE YOUNG	02/10/2022
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<b>RAGDOLL</b>			
ACF BRONZE AOE GOLD GT GD PN AMBERGLADE SHARTIN	ACF BRONZE AOE PLATINUM GREAT GRAND PREMIER NEUTER	NICKY BLENKINSHIP	02/10/2022
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# Interested in becoming a Companion Judge?

The CANT(Inc.) is planning on running a training course for Companion Judges in 2023. Any members interested in enrolling in this course, please contact the Secretary at [cantsecretary@gmail.com](mailto:cantsecretary@gmail.com). This is the first time such a course has been run in the N.T. and the ACF(Inc.) are currently exploring criteria for Companion Judge Training and for them to be included on the ACF(Inc.) National Panel of Judges.



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## Kaspar, the Famous Savoy Cat

The Savoy's famous black cat, Kaspar, was carved in 1927 by the designer [Basil Ionides](#), from one single block of plane, his intended function was to be **the fourteenth** guest in the





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[private dining rooms](#) when thirteen guests were present, and his creation was directly related to the unfortunate demise of a Savoy client over quarter of a century earlier.

## A TALE OF SUPERSTITIONS

One evening in 1898, a wealthy South African named Woolf Joel hosted a small private dinner at The Savoy. One or two guests had to cancel, with the result that only **thirteen people** finally gathered for dinner on that fateful evening. Over the meal there was some discussion about the various **superstitions** associated with unlucky number thirteen, including the one that the first person to get up from a table of thirteen would also be the first one to die. Joel scoffed at the suggestion, and sportingly offered to allay his guests' fears by leaving the table first. Back home in Johannesburg a few weeks later, Joel was **shot dead**.

Joel's death made a particular impression on his dinner guests, and by extension the management of The Savoy. Taking no further chances, it was decreed that in future any table of thirteen would be **joined by a member of staff** as a fourteenth guest, and for the next twenty-five years a waiter would duly be roped in as necessity dictated. This was not the most convenient of solutions, however. Firstly, the presence of a complete stranger at the table prevented the discussion of confidential matters, and for many clients this was the reason that they had convened in the first place. Secondly, it deprived the hotel of the services of a waiter for the duration of the function, no small matter at busy times of day. Another solution had to be found.

## THE BLACK CAT

In the 1920s the architect Basil Ionides had been commissioned by the Directors of The Savoy to redecorate the private dining room "[Pinafore](#)". However, Ionides thought he had the answer to another challenge, too. Why a **black cat** is anyone's guess, but Kaspar's sinuous form had adorned tables for thirteen ever since. With a napkin around his neck, he sits silently at his place, and **is served with each course** in turn along with the rest of the guests. He does not contribute much to the conversation but can be relied upon for absolute discretion afterwards.

When not working, he greatly enjoys sitting in state in the **Front Hall**, watching the world go by.

In 2007, the eminent children's book author, Michael Morpurgo, was appointed [writer-in-residence](#) at The Savoy. Inspired by the hotel, and the story of Kaspar, Michael reimagined the history of this lucky cat, and published a [novel](#) "*Kaspar, Prince of Cats*" in 2008.

*Kaspar the Savoy cat dines in Pinafore, traditionally home of The Other Club.*



# The Siamese Cat: Where did it come from?

Sandra Sweetman

The Siamese cat is one of the most popular and renowned breeds of cat in the world today. With their distinct dark coloured points, beautiful almond shaped blue eyes and elegant, sleek bodies along with friendly, charming and sociable personalities, they can make an ideal pet and companion.

One of the earliest manuscripts to mention a cat with the appearance of a Siamese is found in the 'Tamra Maew': the Cat Book Poems: a collection of ancient manuscripts from the Ayutthaya Kingdom (1351-1767 AD).

The author states that the breed is 'pointed', a reference to the distinct markings of darkened points: feet, tail, ears and masked face. Within this sacred publication is asserted by the monks that the Siamese cat: '... should be sought after as they would bring great honour and prosperity to their owner.' Over a dozen of these manuscripts are now kept in the National Library of Thailand, the British Library and the National Library of Australia.

Although the actual origin of the breed is difficult to prove, there are many stories mentioning that the first Siamese cats belonged to the Royal Family of Siam (now Thailand) and that the people of Siam believed their cats received their souls at death. These cats resided in the Temples and in the Royal Palace of Bangkok, where they were closely guarded to keep the breed pure. At the time, Siamese cats were used as guardians of the Temples and their blood lines were impeccably preserved. A Siamese cat was never sold and it was a great honour to be given one as a gift.

It was during the 19<sup>th</sup> Century, 1884 that a pair of these Royal Sacred Siamese or Seal Point

(Official breed no. 24) were given to the British Consul-General in Bangkok, Edward Blencowe Gould (1847-1916) by the King of Siam. The cats' names were: Pho and Mai. He later gave them to his sister in England, Lilian Jane Gould, who in 1895 married and became Lilian Jane Veley. She formed the Siamese Cat Club in 1901, UK. In 1885, in England, Pho and Mia gave birth to three Siamese kittens: Duen Ngai, Kalohom, and Khromata. They were all shown at the first Cat Show at Crystal Palace in London the same year. Out of 480 entries in the show they became Best in Show winner.

With their unique appearance and distinct behaviour this new breed of cat created high interest, but unfortunately all three of the kittens passed away shortly after the show although the cause of death remains unknown. This is the first known authentic record written about the Siamese cat that was in catalogues and journals. By the end of the 19<sup>th</sup> century the Siamese cat became well established in the UK and the number of these cats was increased through breeding and imports from Bangkok.

As the popularity of the Siamese cat grew, so did the enthusiasm for breeding this unique type of cat and this spread to America with two cats exported by Lady Marcus Beresford to Mrs Clinton Locke, the founder of the American Cat Fancy. These two seal point Siamese were exhibited at the Chicago Cat Show in 1902, taking out the Best in Show awards.

It was at the Holland House Cat Show in 1896 that the Judge: Louis Wain refused to judge a Siamese cat because it was blue and not seal, as all Siamese up to then were. Very few Breeders at that time were interested in developing other colours although there were stories about these

'strange' coloured kittens popping up in some litters. In the 1930s a group of Breeders took up the challenge, and in 1936, the governing body granted the Blue Point Siamese its official breed number: 24A.

The chocolate point took longer to gain recognition with a male kitten born in 1931 being a much lighter seal colour. However, it wasn't until 1950 that the Chocolate Point was officially recognised with the breed number 24B. The pioneer was Miss E. Wentworth Fitzwilliam.

The Lilac Point 24C was produced by the combination of two genes: the blue and the chocolate dilutes. There are no records of how this fourth colour was developed, although it had emerged by 1955 and was recognised by the Cat Fanciers Association (CFA) in the USA and known at the time as 'frost points'.

In 1946, Mrs Hargraves commenced her 'experimental' breeding program and mated a seal point with a Russian blue with a further generation: Laurentide Mercury being born. Due to a controversy with this, a decision was made to have two Judges inspect Mercury with regards to his colour registration. Mercury was then placed on the supplementary register as a lilac point: with his progeny to be placed on a full register.

As the Siamese became extremely popular in the 1950s and 1960s, many Breeders and Cat Show Judges began to favour the more slender, sleek type of look. As a result of selective breeding they created a more modern-looking Siamese with an extremely elongated, lean, tubular body and long, slender legs plus a very long tail. The head was wedge-shaped with straight lines in profile, ears large and wide-set, and the outline of the head and ears formed an equilateral triangle when viewed from the front. Neck long and slender.

By the mid 1980's, cats of the original style had largely disappeared from Cat Shows, but a few Breeders, particularly in the UK, continued to breed and register them, resulting in today's two types of Siamese: the modern, 'show style' Siamese, and the more 'Traditional Siamese' that are also known as 'Old-style Siamese', 'Classic Siamese', and 'Apple head'.

Breeders then continued to develop new colours and patterns in the UK and these were given the breed number 26 by the Governing Council but only the four 'true' colours were allowed to use breed number 24.

In 1966 the 'man made' Colourpoint Siamese in Australia were given breed number 32 that includes: tabby, tortie, red and cream points and came in a wide range of colours including seal, blue, chocolate, lilac, tabby, red, cream, and tortie points. They were bred from a Siamese to other breeds to create a whole array of colours and although they generally look like a Siamese, they have a different genetic background.

The Siamese cat was also used to create other 'man made' breeds such as the Foreign White, the Oriental, the Burmese, the Balinese, the Himalayan Longhair, Ragdoll, Tonkinese, Snowshoe plus the Si Rex among others.

A 'pure' Siamese can only come in the four 'true' colours: seal, blue, chocolate and lilac points.

#### THE HISTORY OF THE SIAMESE CAT IN AUSTRALIA

The first official document states that two Siamese imports: two neutered seal points were sent by ship from the UK in 1902. The sea journey took nearly six months and both cats, sadly passed away shortly after reaching Sydney. It was in 1924 the first breeding pair of Siamese cats arrived, two seal points imported by Mr & Mrs Lonsdale of the Woodroffe Cattery. These two cats then became the foundation breeding stock for many Australian breeders.

The first Cat Club in Australia was established in NSW: the NSW Cat Fanciers Association (NSW CFA) and in 1925 they held their first show on a tennis court at Strathfield at the home of the Lonsdales.

Mrs Lynfae Rudder, their daughter became an all breeds Judge and a permanent member of the Royal Agricultural Society Consultative Committee (RASCC).

It was in NSW in 1949 that the Royal Agricultural Society Cat Club was formed and it became the central registering body for NSW. Up until 1950 the Royal Sacred seal point Siamese was the only colour recognised but then two Breeders: Mr & Mrs Hine imported a 24A (blue point) Velvet Mask Delphine and Kaybee Clematis from the UK.

Mr & Mrs Chandler in Victoria also imported a blue point: Misselfore Panella a male and Lela Do a female but sadly the male passed away. Timoshenko, a seal point male, that was bred from imported UK parents, proved to be carrying chocolate and Mrs Gabriella Kaufman in NSW produced Bluemead Suki and Polisson both 24B, chocolates.

As the blues and chocolates were now established in 1960 the lilac points followed with a lilac male: Annelida Lilac Nikomis and Supra Lollypop a lilac female were imported from the UK by Mrs Maloney and Mr Scott. Dr Pakham in Western Australia also bred these lilac colours.

Dame Nellie Melba, the famous Australian operatic soprano (1861-1931) apparently owned a pet seal point Siamese neuter.



Trilian Jn Jeima, female Blue Point kitten at the show. Bred by Penny Richardson.

#### MYTHS ABOUT THE SIAMESE CAT

The kinked tail (*a cat's tail with a bend in it*) and crossed eyes that have now almost been bred out this breed were looked upon in ancient Siam (*now Thailand*) with great favour. These cats were used as guards in the ancient temples.



Kalinya Sherwood showing the Seal Point head type. Owned by Jay & Amie Hobbs, bred by Tony & Bev Hurry.

Ancient myths state that the Royal Princesses used the Siamese cat's tail to keep their rings safe while bathing. The cat knotted their tail to prevent the precious jewellery from becoming lost.

Another myth states that during a fierce battle the Siamese temple cats were left to guard a valuable relic. The cats watched the relic so intently that their eyes became crossed. Some of the cats then wrapped their tails around the base of the relic to prevent it being stolen and their tails remained bent or kinked.

There is another myth that states that Siamese cats were used as ring holders by the Royal Princesses and that is how the kinks arose. At this time no one except the King and members of the Royal family were permitted to own one. Siamese cats at that time were said to have special powers.

The Siamese cat is renowned for its beautiful vivid blue eyes. There is a story about a group of invaders who came to rob the Temple where the cats resided. These invaders headed straight for the Temple's altar where all the valuables were kept to rob the Temple of everything. When they reached the altar though, they found Siamese cats sitting on the altar steps. The cats glared ferociously at the invaders with fiery red eyes. The cats shown the invaders their sharp claws and teeth: the cats meowed loudly. The invaders then fled. When the monks returned to what they



thought was going to be a ransacked Temple they found everything intact. The eyes of the cats all turned a brilliant sapphire blue which was thought to be a 'thank you' gift sent from heaven for saving the holy altar.

Siamese cats in ancient Siam were believed to avert evil spirits and the people believed a Siamese cat would bring good luck to their owner.

Siamese cats were said to defend the King of Siam. The cats apparently sat on tall columns around the throne and if anyone threatened the King or if the cats thought someone was a threat to the monarch, they would jump down and attack the person, knocking them to the ground and attacking them with their claws.

There is even a story about Noah's Ark. During the long weeks of the voyage, Noah had already selected two of each of the animals for his Ark, and it was while they were waiting for the flood waters to subside that some of the animals got bored. A romantic 'liaison' took place between a naughty monkey and a lioness.

This mating resulted in the arrival of the first Siamese cat which is said to have 'the attributes of a monkey and the bravery of a lion'.

We can then see where the Siamese cat obtains its personality, playfulness, mischief and sheer 'love' for their owner. If you have never been greeted at the door after a 'hard day at work' by a Siamese cat, then you will never quite understand what feline love is.

And as we, who own Siamese all know, Siamese cats love human company and make wonderful companions. They will share your joys and sorrows, and are totally devoted and loyal to their owners. They can even go for walks with you on a lead. Once you have owned a Siamese you will never really want to be without one. But if you are not careful, they will completely own you!

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Seal Point female, Kalinya YD Demi, with her very young brood. The colour points develop gradually.

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# September Show



**Best Kitten Ring 2 Brithaven Bluey owned by Amelia Webber**



**Best Kitten Ring 1 Arkerkitts Finn owned by Imogen & Xander Hoppo being assessed by CatsNSW Judge Hazel Rossiter**



**Left CANT Rep. Lee Oliver & Show Manager Julie Schüller get into the Mexican Fiesta theme. Below, Best Companion Kitten and Reserve Companion Exhibit, Frederick the Great owned by Geoff Young.**



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### **RING 1 - MARISSA THISTLEWAITE QFA**

<b>CLASS</b>	<b>CAGE NO</b>	<b>NAME</b>	<b>EXHIBITOR</b>
<b>SUPREME PEDIGREE EXHIBIT</b>	14	GOLD GT GD CH MANDALEI TUTTI FRU	LEE OLIVER
<b>RESERVE</b>	12	GD PN BRITHAVEN PRISCILLA	INES AUTIERO
<b>ENTIRE PEDIGREE ADULTS</b>			
<b>BEST PEDIGREE CAT</b>	4	GD CH LAST HOPE YASCHA	HEATHER HAVENS
<b>2ND BEST CAT</b>	6	CH BELANTINE ODETTE	HEATHER HAVENS
<b>3RD BEST CAT</b>	5	SIRATSA MINERVA	SHARON & BREANAN
<b>DESEXED PEDIGREE EXHIBITS</b>			
<b>BEST DESEX PEDIGREE EXHIBIT</b>	14	CH SILV GT MANDALEI TUTTI FRUTTI	LEE OLIVER
<b>2ND BEST EXHIBIT</b>	12	GD PN BRITHAVEN PRISCILLA	INES AUTIERO
<b>3RD BEST EXHIBIT</b>	18	GT GD PN CIRCLE C BROS	S & B HARKER
<b>4TH BEST EXHIBIT</b>	13	BZE GT GD PN KOKADJO PIPPA	LEE OLIVER
<b>5TH BEST EXHIBIT</b>	10	SILV GT GD PN AMBERGLADE SHARTIN	NICKY BLEKINSHIP
<b>PEDIGREE KITTENS</b>			
<b>BEST KITTEN</b>	3	ARKERKITTS FINN	M & T HOPPO
<b>2ND BEST KITTEN</b>	2	BRITHAVEN BLUEY	EMMA STEINBECK
<b>BEST NT BRED PEDIGREE EXHIBIT</b>	12	GD PN BRITHAVEN PRISCILLA	INES AUTIERO
<b>BEST EXPERIMENTAL EXHIBIT</b>	15	PURRPHYNX LUTHER	IMOGEN & XANDER HOPPO
<b>COMPANION EXHIBITS</b>			
<b>SUPREME COMPANION EXH</b>	111	OPAL CM FIELD MARSHAL ERWIN ROM	GEOFF YOUNG
<b>RESERVE COMPANION EXH</b>	101	FREDERICK THE GREAT	GEOFF YOUNG
<b>ADULTS</b>			
<b>BEST COMPANION ADULT</b>	111	OPAL CM FIELD MARSHAL ERWIN ROM	GEOFF YOUNG
<b>2ND BEST ADULT</b>	109	GARFIELD	MICHAEL BRATCHELL
<b>3RD BEST ADULT</b>	110	MISS ELLIE SHERMAN	GEOFF YOUNG
<b>4TH BEST ADULT</b>	106	SAPPHIRE CM TAYLORQ	LYNELLE YOUNG
<b>5TH BEST ADULT</b>	105	LOUIE	KAREN BAT
<b>KITTENS</b>			
<b>BEST COMPANION KIT</b>	101	FREDERICK THE GREAT	GEOFF YOUNG
<b>RESERVE COMPANION KIT</b>	100	SAVAGE	AMELIA WEBBER
<b>GROOMED COMPANION EXHIBIT</b>			
<b>BEST GROOMED</b>	109	GARFIELD	MICHAEL BRATCHELL
<b>2ND BEST GROOMED</b>	104	MIFFY	TCCG
<b>BEST COMPANION IN GROUP</b>			
<b>BEST TABBY</b>	100	SAVAGE	AMELIA WEBBER
<b>BEST TABBY &amp; WHITE</b>	101	FREDERICK THE GREAT	GEOFF YOUNG
<b>BEST NON TABBY</b>	111	OPAL CM FIELD MARSHAL ERWIN ROM	GEOFF YOUNG
<b>BEST NON TABBY &amp; WHITE</b>	115	OPAL CM BONNIE	KAREN BAT
<b>JUNIOR EXHIBITORS</b>			
<b>BEST</b>	2	BRITHAVEN BLUEY	EMMA STEINBECK
<b>2ND BEST EXHIBITOR</b>	3	ARKERKITTS FINN	S & B HARKER
<b>3RD BEST EXHIBITOR</b>	100	SAVAGE	AMELIA WEBBER
<b>4TH BEST EXHIBITOR</b>	104	MIFFY	TCCG
<b>5TH BEST EXHIBITOR</b>	113	REMI	BILLY BOENCKE
<b>BEST DECORATED CAGE</b>	102	GENERAL GEORGE WASHINGTON	GEOFF YOUNG

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### **RING 2 HAZEL ROSSITER CATS NSW**

<b>CLASS</b>	<b>CAGE NO</b>	<b>NAME</b>	<b>EXHIBITOR</b>
<b>SUPREME PEDIGREE EXHIBIT</b>	4	GD CH LAST HOPE YASCHA	HEATHER HAVENS
<b>RESERVE</b>	18	GT GD PN CIRCLE BROS	S & B HARKER
<b>ENTIRE PEDIGREE ADULTS</b>			
<b>BEST PEDIGREE CAT</b>	4	GD CH LAST HOPE YASCHA	HEATHER HAVENS
<b>2ND BEST CAT</b>	6	CH BELANTINE ODETTE	HEATHER HAVENS
<b>3RD BEST CAT</b>	5	SIRASTA MINERVA	S & B HARKER
<b>DESEXED PEDIGREE EXHIBITS</b>			
<b>BEST DESEX PEDIGREE EXHIBIT</b>	18	GT GD PN CIRCLE C BOS	S & B HARKER
<b>2ND BEST EXHIBIT</b>	10	SILV GT GD PN AMGERGLADE SHARTIN	HEATHER HAVENS
<b>3RD BEST EXHIBIT</b>	11	GT GD PN AMBERGLADE KINGSTON	NICKY BLEKINSHIP
<b>4TH BEST EXHIBIT</b>	13	BRZ GT GD PN KOKADJO PIPPA	LEE OLIVER
<b>5TH BEST EXHIBIT</b>	14	GOLD GT GD MANDALEI TUTTI FRUTTI	LEE OLIVER
<b>PEDIGREE KITTENS</b>			
<b>BEST KITTEN</b>	2	BRITHAVEN BLUEY	AMELIA WEBBER
<b>2ND BEST KITTEN</b>	3	ARKERDITTS FINN	S&B HARKER
<b>BEST NT BRED PEDIGREE EXHIBIT</b>	2	BRITHAVEN BLUEY	HEATHER HAVENS
<b>BEST EXPERIMENTAL EXHIBIT</b>	15	PURRHYNX LUTHER	M & T HOPPO
<b>COMPANION EXHIBITS</b>			
<b>SUPREME COMPANION EXH</b>	106	SAPPHIRE CM TAYLOR	GEOFF YOUNG
<b>RESERVE COMPANION EXH</b>	101	FREDERICK THE GREAT	GEOFF YOUNG
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<b>2ND BEST ADULT</b>	104	MIFFY	TCCG
<b>3RD BEST ADULT</b>	111	OPAL DM FIELD MARSHALL ERWIN ROMM	GEOFF YOUNG
<b>4TH BEST ADULT</b>	113	REMI	BILLY BOENCKE
<b>5TH BEST ADULT</b>	108	BEN	MICHEAL BRATCHELL
<b>KITTENS</b>			
<b>BEST COMPANION KIT</b>	100	SAVAGE	AMELIA WEBBER
<b>RESERVE COMPANION KIT</b>	101	FREDERICK THE GREAT	GEOFF YOUNG
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<b>BEST DECORATED CAGE</b>	110	MISS ELIE SHERMAN	GEOFF YOUNG



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# September Show Raffle

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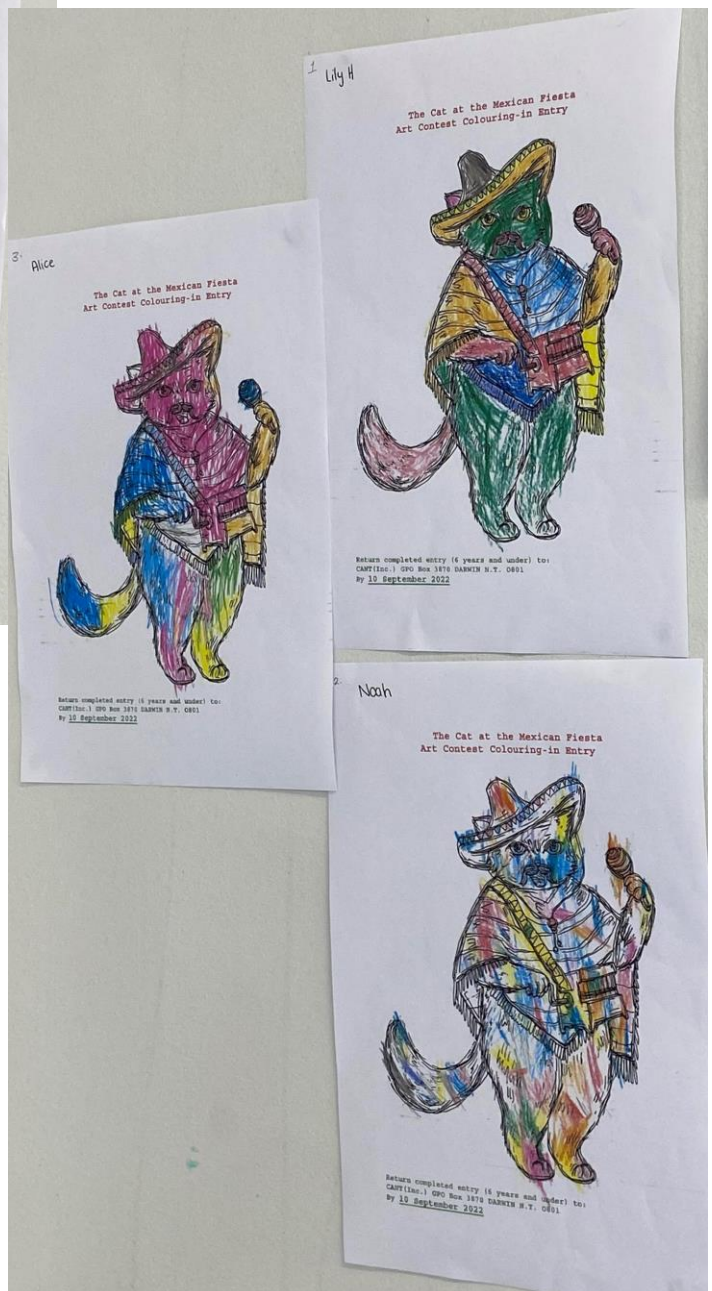


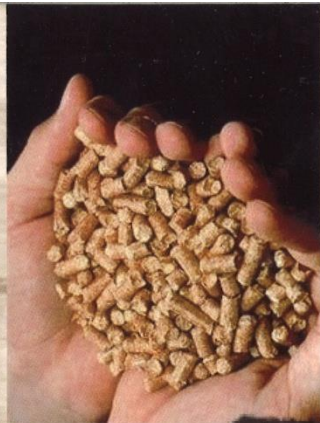
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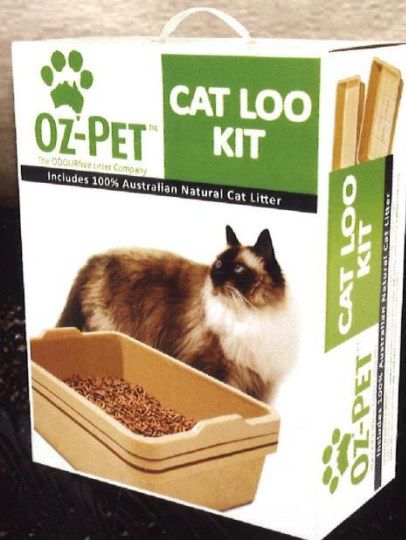
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**Queensland Judge Melissa Thistlewaite assesses left Savage who is living up to his name and right Elf Purrphynx Luther owned by Megan and Tyson Hoppo.**



**New South Wales Judge Hazel Rossiter checking Ch Balantine Odette and right ACF Bronze AoE Gold Gt.G.PN Amberglade Shartin.**





*This wasn't even the Melbourne Cup with a week's wages wagered!!*



*Following through on the Mexican theme, the children had fun wacking the piñata for lollies and Brithaven Priscilla was not opening the bar for anyone.*





*A sunset dinner at the icon Trailer Boat Club was the grand finale for the last show for 2022.*



*Lee Oliver,  
Marissa  
Thistlewaite Qld.  
Hazel Rossiter  
NSW, Vice  
President  
Richard Corbett  
and President  
Heather Havens  
relax after a  
hectic show.*





## ...But I read it on the internet!

A warning to pet owners when it comes to pet food fads.

Words Zara Boland and Michael Zajac



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THE INTERNET is a source of wonderful information with innumerable resources available at the touch of a button. Anyone can find corroborating 'evidence' that reinforces their opinion, but some topics repeatedly rise to the surface. For example, do cats and dogs truly need carbohydrates and why choose manufactured 'cooked' food over a more 'natural' raw diet?

### Grains in pet food – why?

Grains are a rich source of nutrients for pets. They are the seeds of cereal grasses such as oats, barley and corn and help to meet the body's fundamental need for glucose, which is an essential source of energy. Whole grains typically contain about 65-75 per cent complex carbohydrates and less than two per cent sugar. They also provide protein, fibre, essential fatty acids, B vitamins and minerals.

### Wild dogs and wild cats don't eat carbohydrates, so why should my pet?

Dogs and cats do not have an essential nutritional requirement for carbohydrates in their diet. Energy can instead be obtained through the metabolism of proteins and fats. However, this is not only an inefficient way to obtain glucose for energy, but it also diverts the use of protein and fat from other vital body processes and functions.

Proteins are complex molecules required for the

function, structure and regulation of body tissues and organs. Examples of which are antibodies required for normal immune response, hormones to transmit signals between cells and the basic structural components required to create muscle, skin, hair, and nails. When energy is not readily available from carbohydrates in the diet, the body will preferentially divert proteins (and fats) away from these many essential processes to create glucose.

Genetic studies have demonstrated that as modern dogs evolved from wild canids, they also acquired more genes that code for enzymes, which help them to digest grains<sup>1</sup>. Domestic cats on the other hand are obligate carnivores, like their wild ancestors still living today and need certain nutrients found naturally in animal tissue. However, this does not mean that they can only eat meat or should not eat grains. Cats uniquely use different metabolic pathways than other species for digesting carbohydrates, but scientific research has demonstrated that cats can digest and use grains with an efficiency greater than 90 per cent<sup>2-4</sup>.

### Raw food / BARF diets are the best for today's pets

This is an area that draws lively discussion amongst vets, nutritionists, and pet owners alike, so let's start with the basics. A raw food diet is an uncooked diet normally comprised of the following ingredients:



muscle meat, bones (whole/ground), organs (typically liver/kidneys), raw eggs, dairy, fruit and vegetables. Diets marketed as BARF mean that they are either comprised of 'bones and raw food' or 'biologically appropriate raw food'. The concept upon which they are all based is that dogs and cats originally ate raw food (predominantly through predation) before domestication and returning them to this type of food will improve their health and longevity.

Many proponents believe that raw food is associated with a shinier coat, healthier skin, cleaner teeth, increased energy levels and improved digestive health. However, research is ongoing and to date there is no robust published scientific evidence that supports these claims. Some small studies have suggested benefits that stool quality is subjectively improved on raw diets, but further research is needed to draw firm conclusions.

**“Feeding raw meat to your pet poses a threat of illness, not only to your pet, but also to all members of the household.”**

The flip side is that raw meat and poultry contains pathogens such as bacteria, parasites and protozoa including Salmonella<sup>5</sup>. Feeding raw meat to your pet poses a threat of illness, not only to your pet, but also to all members of the household. There is also an emerging concern that some of these bacteria may be resistant to antimicrobials and consequently feeding raw diets could help to spread antibiotic resistant bacteria. Bones (either raw or cooked) can fracture teeth, cause choking and damage or obstruct the gastrointestinal tract. The other main concern is that raw (and particularly homemade raw) diets may not be nutritionally balanced or complete with all the nutrients required for each pet's particular needs<sup>5</sup>. Calcium deficiency can lead to impaired growth, spontaneous fractures, and loose teeth. Vitamin A toxicity can occur if large quantities of raw liver are

fed. Ultimately unless a board-certified veterinary nutritionist (or otherwise suitably qualified pet nutritionist) has formulated the raw food diet that you give to your pet, there is a high risk of malnutrition if fed for any extended period of time. ■

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**“Cats uniquely use different metabolic pathways than other species for digesting carbohydrates, but scientific research has demonstrated that cats can digest and use grains with an efficiency greater than 90 per cent.”**



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# Why do cats lick you?



Cats are notorious for their allegedly aloof nature, but even a habitually frosty feline may occasionally swipe a human arm, leg, or face with its textured tongue. So why might a cat lick you? Is it displaying affection, or does it just want a taste?

Anyone who has ever observed a cat's daily activities probably knows that cats lick themselves all the time. Domestic cats (*Felis catus*), which sleep an average of 14 hours each day, spend up to a quarter of their waking hours grooming their fur, according to a 2018 study published in the journal [Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences](#).

"Cats lick themselves to help keep their coats clean and healthy," Kristyn Vitale, an assistant professor of animal health and behaviour at Unity College in Maine, told Live Science. "It is important that cats groom themselves because it helps to maintain the health of their fur."

Cats groom their fur with the aid of hundreds of sharp, hollow, backward-facing spines carpeting their tongues. These spines, called papillae, are made of keratin, the same substance that hair and claws are made of, according to the 2018 study. Because of the spines' hooklike shape, they behave like Velcro: As a cat's tongue glides over fur, the keratin spines catch on tangles of hair, according to research presented at the 2016 annual meeting of the [American Physical Society's Division of Fluid Dynamics](#) in Portland, Oregon, Live Science previously reported.

Regular maintenance of the coat is important for cats, as it removes any debris or matter that has become stuck to their fur and helps prevent the fur from matting — that is, becoming knotted and tangled, Vitale explained. Matted hair can not only cause discomfort for cats but also lead the skin underneath to become irritated and inflamed, posing a risk of infection, according to [4 Paws Veterinary Care](#) in Wynantskill, New York.

Cats may also groom themselves "as a stress-relieving behavior," Vitale said. "Sometimes this can turn into over-grooming, in which the cat licks itself so much that patches of fur go missing. This may be a sign of a behavioral or medical issue."

Cats also often lick other cats. For instance, mother cats regularly lick their kittens.

"Licking of kittens actually plays a vital role in kitten survival," Vitale said. "Very young kittens are unable to urinate or defecate on their own. The mother will lick the genital region of her kittens in order to stimulate them to go to the bathroom."

Additionally, "the mother licks her kittens to soothe them and keep them clean," Vitale said. Anyone who has raised orphaned kittens knows it is a full-time job trying to keep a newborn kitten's fur clean."

Finally, cats may also lick acquaintances — a behaviour known as allogrooming, Vitale said.

"Cats may engage in allogrooming with other cats as well as other social partners, such as dogs and humans," Vitale said. "Friendly behaviors like allogrooming are thought to strengthen the relationship between the individuals involved."

Cats may engage in further friendly licking "before or after a bout of play," Vitale added. "Often with my cats, they will begin by grooming one another, and then the interaction will slowly shift to play wrestling and chasing, before the two settle down and fall asleep next to one another."

Unlike scent marking, allogrooming is not a way for cats to designate what they consider their property.

"Territorial behaviours are those that promote active defense of a location," Vitale said. "Instead, allogrooming is an affiliative behavior, or a bond-building behavior. Allogrooming occurs when a cat is relaxed and in the presence of a preferred social partner. The cat may also initiate social contact through licking because they are seeking attention from the person."

*Originally published on Live Science.*



## *Is there a wheel in your cat's future?*



**Could be!**

As more cat owners are choosing, or being compelled to by local government by-laws, to keep their cats contained, an exercise wheel could be in your cat's life.

Models that allow the cat to enter and exit from either side seem to suit most cats best. Energetic breeds such as Bengals, Russian Blues, Abyssinians, and Siamese seem to take to them well.

With some cats you may need to be patient and encourage their interest with treats or other toys. Once accepted, exercise wheels are a safe and effective way to keep them fit, active and entertained – and often yourself amused.

On the negative side, exercise wheels can be expensive, from several hundred dollars up



to \$500 or more in Australia. Our team at Feline Health Research have found that, while many cats learn to love them, in some instances, cats may choose to ignore them altogether. Forever!

If you have DIY skills and basic tools, there are many videos demonstrating how you are able to make an exercise wheel from common materials for a fraction of the cost of a ready-made model.

A no-cost option if you already have a treadmill, is to encourage your cat to use that, like these pretty Burmese.

Whether you prefer the calm, meditative action of our two Silver Bengals or something a bit more frantic and hilarious, searching ‘cat exercise wheel’ on YouTube will provide some great entertainment and a better idea whether it is a solution for you and your cat.

And you can put all of that wasted time down to research!

*Looking for a  
Christmas  
Present for your  
cat? A cat wheel  
may be the way to go*



*- Ed*

## Cécile Coutens to take the helm of Royal Canin

Royal Canin has appointed Cécile Coutens as its new President effective 1 July. Coutens succeeds Loïc Moutault who will become President of Mars Petcare.

Coutens, who is the first female President of Royal Canin, has spent almost two decades at Mars, Incorporated, with 15 of those years in the pet care industry.

She has been Regional President for Royal Canin Americas since May 2018. In January 2021, following continuous high double-digit growth across North and South America, she became the Regional President for North America, heading five business units, which include six factories located in the US and Canada and 2,000 employees.

She was previously Chief Marketing Officer and Global Leader for Digital commerce, Specialist Pet Trade and Professional Customer for Royal Canin.

Prior to joining Royal Canin, Coutens was Global Brand Director at Whiskas and she also held multiple marketing positions at Danone as Marketing, Digital and Consumer Care Director in the



Cécile Coutens,  
President, Royal Canin

Baby Nutrition division, and at Cadbury where she began her career in 1995.

She holds a master's degree from Paris' ESCP Business School with a major in Business, Marketing and Communication.

Coutens says that her heart embodies Royal Canin's purpose of building A Better World for Pets.

"I am also conscious of the opportunity, the responsibility, and the challenges of the world we live in. I stand in service of cats and dogs, pet owners, pet professionals and partners as well as our 8,000+ Associates so they can do their job everyday knowing what they contribute to while being able to be fully themselves," she says.

The Royal Canin Division, owner of the Royal Canin brand, is part of Mars Petcare and a global

leader in health through nutrition for cats and dogs.

Founded more than 50 years ago by French veterinarian Dr Jean Cathary, Royal Canin continues to push the limits of nutrition and knowledge in partnership with pet professionals and experts to live its purpose: A Better World for Pets.

# SAND CAT

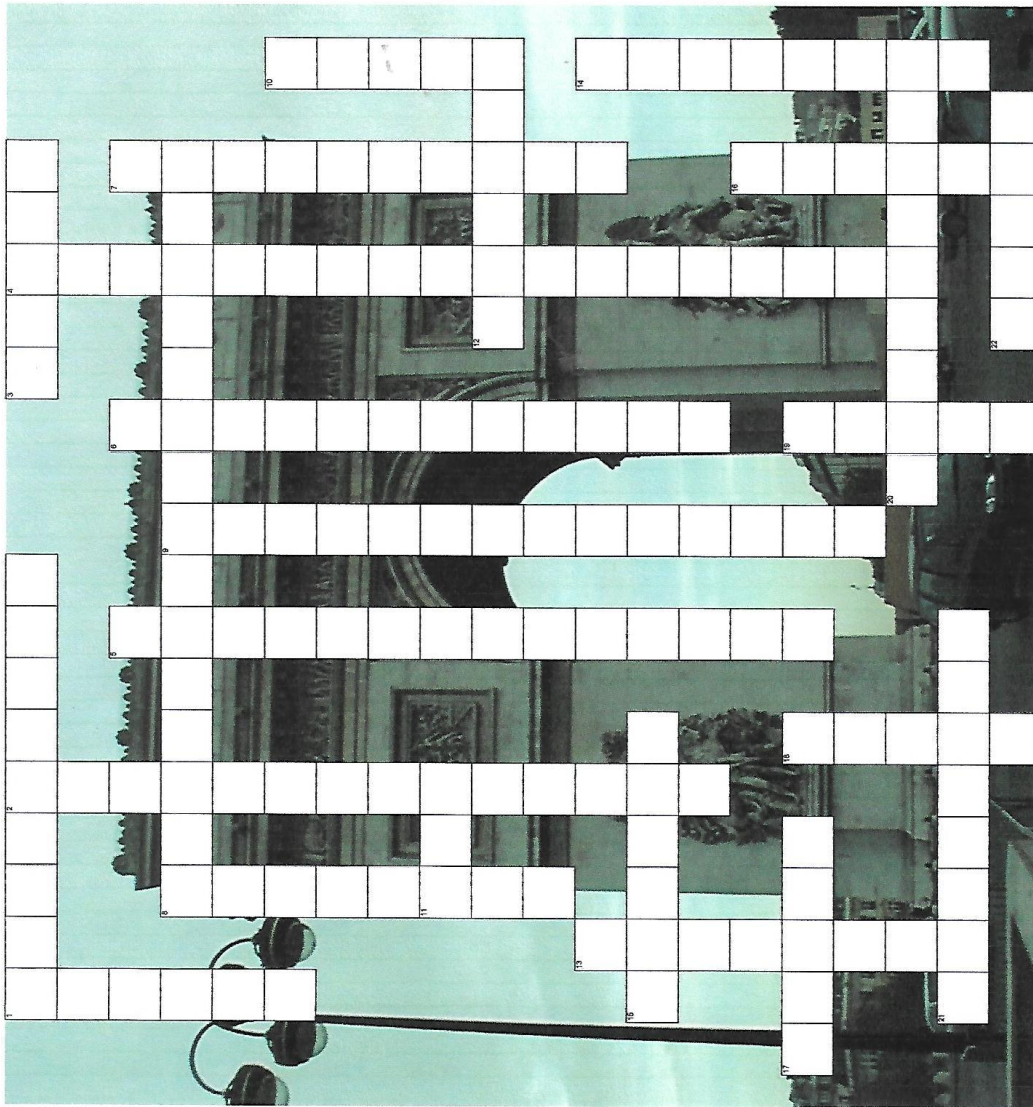


A softer, fuzzier desert denizen is the desert sand cat (*Felis margarita*). It is the only cat species that makes its home in true desert environments. Desert sand cats are found in the Sahara Desert, the Arabian Peninsula, Turkmenistan, Kazakhstan, and Uzbekistan. Though they look remarkably similar to fluffy domestic kitties, sand cats are elusive and rarely seen by people. They're secretive and difficult to track, according to the International Society for Endangered Cats (ISEC) Canada. Researchers who tried to observe these animals in the wild found that the cats' fur-lined paws left no tracks, and their light-coloured coats made them challenging to spot. What's more, the cats crouched low and closed their eyes against searchlights at night, hiding their reflective retinas.

Sand cats are stealthy hunters and are able to kill snakes as well as desert rodents and lizards. Their mating call sounds like a dog's bark.



# Mews Christmas Crossword



## Across

- 1. Always after the bird
- 3. Friend of Christopher Robin
- 8. Female cat
- 11. Lord Mayor of London
- 12. New breed in N.T.
- 15. Sylvester's nemesis
- 17. Cats hunt these
- 20. The right of pure bred cats
- 21. Australian Native Cat
- 22. Has kittens in Beatrix Potter tale.

## Down

- 1. Created 1919
- 2. Dr Seuss story 3;3;2;3;3
- 4. Prey
- 5. Alice in Wonderland 3;8;3
- 6. With Calvin
- 7. Has a cockroach friend
- 8. Blueprint for small cat for keep fit cats
- 10. Inspector Clouseau 3;4;7
- 13. scares Hairy Macary and his canine companions
- 14. The ultimate goal 7;5
- 16. Pantomime cat 4;2;5
- 18. Duelling duo 3;3;5
- 19. Hermione Granger's cat



# Making Australia's native animals poisonous could curb feral cats

An implant embedded in Australian animals that releases lethal poison when feral cats eat them could stop species being driven to extinction by cat predation

By [Alice Klein](#)



**Feral cats are driving many species of native Australian mammals to extinction**

John Carnemolla/Getty Images

An implant that makes Australian animals lethally poisonous to cats that prey on them could help save species on the verge of extinction.

Cats have had a devastating impact on Australia's wildlife since they were introduced by Europeans about 200 years ago. Up to [6.3 million feral cats](#) now roam the country, killing an estimated [450 million native mammals](#) each year, as well as many birds and reptiles. They have already contributed to more than 20 Australian mammals going extinct and [threaten the survival of at least 124 more species](#).

Australian mammals are easily targeted by cats because many are small, and they haven't had time to evolve natural defences since the cats turned up. To provide an artificial defence strategy, [Anton Blencowe](#) and [Kyle Brewer](#) at the University of South Australia and their colleagues have invented an implant that makes native mammals lethal to cats if eaten, thereby preventing the felines from killing other individuals.

The rice-sized implant is inert when it is inserted under the native mammal's skin at the back of the neck. If a cat eats the mammal, it is likely to swallow the implant, because cats usually eat the whole bodies of their prey. Once the cat ingests the implant, the acid inside the cat's stomach breaks it open and releases a fatal poison.

The poison – sodium fluoroacetate, or “1080” – leads to unconsciousness then death in cats by causing an energy shutdown in their cells. It is already widely used in poison baits for feral cats because it is relatively non-toxic to native animals, so it shouldn't harm other predators that may end up consuming the implant. This is because sodium fluoroacetate naturally occurs in many Australian plants and native animals have evolved resistance to it.

In an unpublished laboratory trial, feral cats were given rabbit carcasses that each contained one of the rice-sized implants. The cats all died within 6 to 12 hours of consuming the carcasses, seemingly in a relatively painless way. “They just kind of curl up and slow down,” says Blencowe.

In a subsequent unpublished field trial in 2021, the researchers inserted the implants under the skin of 30 native bilbies at a large wildlife reserve in South Australia where feral cats are also present. Bilbies are small, furry, long-eared marsupials that are threatened by cat predation.

Unfortunately for the researchers, the trial coincided with a mouse plague that created so much food for the cats that they didn't try to eat any of the bilbies. “But at least all the bilbies survived fine, so that tells us the implants are safe,” says Blencowe.

If future field trials establish that the implants work, they could help to support Australia's rewilding programmes, says Brewer.

These involve fencing off large sections of wilderness, removing as many feral cats as possible, then [reintroducing native animals](#) that are often critically endangered and only exist in captivity. The aim is to restore wild populations, but the programmes sometimes fail because of the difficulty of removing every single feral cat with traditional methods like baiting, trapping, and shooting.

“Just one cat that's left can quickly wipe out a whole population of reintroduced animals,” says Brewer. Inserting the implants into the native animals before their release could help eliminate these last “problem individual” cats, he says.

There is no danger of domestic cats consuming the lethal implants because the rewilding programmes are conducted in remote areas, says Brewer.

Some animal welfare groups believe that killing feral cats is inhumane, but Brewer says it is currently the only viable way to protect vulnerable Australian species. “The aim of our project isn't to kill feral cats, it's to protect native species; it's just an unfortunate reality that the way to do that is through lethal control of cats.”

[Di Evans](#) at animal charity RSPCA Australia says “culling of feral cats can be justified as





10th & 11th June 2023

Silverdome - 55 Oakden Rd, Prospect TAS 7250



**SCHEDULE OUT SOON !!**



**IMPORTANT INFORMATION**



9 International & 3 Australian Judges  
6 Rings

WCC Meetings, ACF Meetings & Social Events will be held at the  
**Grand Chancellor Launceston- 29 Cameron St, Launceston Ph-(03) 6334 3434**  
Book with Anne Harvey - [ACFNational2023@gmail.com](mailto:ACFNational2023@gmail.com)

Pet Friendly Accommodation Available at -  
**Coach House - 10 York Street Launceston Ph -(03) 6331 5311**  
**BOOKING CODE - NATIONAL CAT SHOW**

**Hadspen Holiday Park - Cnr Main St & Meander Valley, Hadspen Ph -1800 281 885**  
**BOOKING CODE - NATIONAL CAT SHOW**

**Tamar Ridge Apartments Grindewald (Cats in Crates) - Minimum 3 Night stay Ph Helen  
0488 483328**

Cat Boarding, Airport Pickup and Show Day Delivery Available at  
**View Bank Cattery 825 White Hills Rd, Evandale Ph - (03) 918241**  
**BOOKING CODE - NATIONAL CAT SHOW (Special Rate of \$10 per night per cat)**

**ROSETTE SPONSORSHIP NOW OPEN**  
Rosettes Down to 10th Place in all 6 Rings - Groups 1,2, 3 (Kitten, Cat & Neuter) &  
Companions  
\$150 per section per ring.

Please contact Sally Tonks for booking form - [ACFNational2023@gmail.com](mailto:ACFNational2023@gmail.com)



# *New Members*

The CANT(Inc.) welcomes the following new members

*Megan and Tyson Heppo & family*

## **Dates for your Diary**

- |   |  |                        |
|---|--|------------------------|
| <b>26th November 2022</b>                                       | <b>CANT(INC) ANNUAL AWARDS PRESENTATION</b>  |                        |
| <b>11<sup>th</sup> December 2022</b><br><b>(1000 sausages!)</b> | <b>CHRISTMAS FOR KIDS</b>  | <b>8.00a.m-2.00p.m</b> |
|   | <b>This is a <b>huge</b> undertaking, and we desperately need members to put up their hands and volunteer to help.</b> |                        |
| <b>21st January 2023</b>  | <b>COMMITTEE MEETING</b>   |                        |

MERRY  
CHRISTMAS

### **The French Farmer's Cat**

Farmer Alfonse Mondry's cat, Misele, just could not stand it when her 82 year-old master was taken to a hospital in Sarrebourg, France.

Some incredible tracking instinct and a heart full of love led Misele straight for her master nine miles away; through rock quarries, cattle fields, forests and busy highways. At the hospital, in town, where she had never been before, she sneaked in past orderlies and found old Alfonse's room.

When nurses found them, the attending doctor was summoned. Their patient was now resting comfortably with the cat purring contentedly across his legs. They did not have the heart to separate them.



# Kids Week



CANT(Inc) and Territory Child Care Group got together at the picturesque Lake Alexander venue for the fun and games for kids of all ages on 26<sup>th</sup> November 2022.

Hundreds of sausages were sizzled and cool drinks and water sold to all comers to the event,

**Above: Ines Autiero left: Heather Havens right: Leanne Gower.**



## ***Faith the Brave Cat***

A stray cat wandered into St Augustine's and St Faith's Church in London in 1936. She was named Faith and adopted by the rector and parishioners. She would sit at the pulpit while Father Henry Ross preached.

In 1940, Faith gave birth to a single kitten named Panda. On September 6th, Faith demanded access to the church basement. When a door was opened for her, she carried her kitten down to the dark cellar. Father Ross retrieved the kitten twice, but Faith carried him back downstairs - twice. She even missed a church service, which was unusual.

The next day, air raids began in the Battle of London, and by the 9th, 400 people had been killed and eight churches were destroyed by bombs.

Father Ross returned to the church to find it ruined. He called for Faith and heard faint meowing in return. He retrieved both Faith and Panda from the rubble just before the roof collapsed.

Faith was nominated for a \*Dinkin Medal, for which she was not eligible as a civilian, but she was awarded a special medal for bravery anyway. Faith was presented with the medal in a special ceremony in 1945 attended by the Archbishop of Canterbury.

When Faith died peacefully at the age of 14, the church was again packed for her funeral.

The Dickin Medal was instituted in 1943 in the United Kingdom by Maria Dickin to honour the work of animals in war. It is a bronze medallion, bearing the words "For Gallantry" and "We Also Serve" within a laurel wreath, carried on a ribbon of striped, green, dark brown and pale blue.



*Four Bengal tigers and four lions are now living at wildlife sanctuaries in South Africa after being rescued from circuses*



Thanks to two separate rescue missions, four Bengal tigers and four lions who had spent most of their lives in train carriages for circuses are now living at wildlife sanctuaries in South Africa.

The four tigers had spent over four years together in a metal train carriage on a farm in Argentina, after being abandoned by the circus, according to Plant Based News. Sandro, Mafalda, Messi and



Gustavo, were rescued by [Four Paws International](#) and now live at the Lionsrock Big Cat Sanctuary in Bethlehem, South Africa.

“By rescuing these four tigers in Argentina, we provide a better life for them individually and create awareness for all animals globally to be treated with respect, empathy and understanding,” Four Paws CEO Josef Pfabigan said.

The four lions had been part of a traveling circus from the time they were cubs until 2018, when they were abandoned by the circus. They were held at a rescue centre in France and have now been moved to the Shamwari Reserve in the Eastern Cape of South Africa by the [Born Free Foundation](#).



“We have a large natural bush enclosure with space the size of possibly two rugby fields for them, space that they have never experienced in their life, with natural vegetation, with the sights and sounds and smells of Africa,” [Catherine Gillson, Born Free Manager at the Shamwari Reserve, said in a statement.](#)

While we wish these animals had never experienced life in captivity in the first place, we're celebrating the efforts of these rescue organizations to bring them safely to spaces that feel more like the home they were meant to live in!



# ANNUAL AWARDS 2022

## PEDIGREE CATS

<b>AWARD</b>	<b>CAT</b>	<b>OWNER</b>
Supreme Pedigree Exhibit	GT GD CH LAST HOPE YASCHA (CZ)	Heather Havens
Kitten of the Year	EL'SPRITE BLAZE	Leanne Gower
Cat of the Year	GT GD CH LAST HOPE YASCHA (CZ)	Heather Havens
Desexed of the Year	GD PN CIRCLE K BOS	Bree and Sharon Harker
NT Bred Exhibit of the Year	GD PN BRITHAVEN PRISCLLA	Ines Auterio
Interstate Bred Exhibit of the Year	GT GD CH LAST HOPE YASCHA (CZ)	Heather Havens
Shorthair Cat of the Year	GT GD CH LAST HOPE YASCHA (CZ)	Heather Havens
Champion Cat of the Year	GT GD CH LAST HOPE YASCHA (CZ)	Heather Havens
Shorthair (NT) Breeder Award	BRITHAVEN	Heather Havens
Best Foreign Shorthair Cat (Other than Siamese) Exhibit	GT GD PN KOKADJO PIPPA	Lee Oliver
Best Group 3 Desexed Exhibit	GD PN CIRCLE K BOS	Bree and Sharon Harker
Best Ragdoll Exhibit	ACF AOE + GOLD GT GD PN AMBERGLADE SHARTIN	Nicky Blenkinship
Best Semi Longhair Exhibit	ACF AOE + GOLD GT GD PN AMBERGLADE SHARTIN	Nicky Blenkinship
Best British Shorthair Kitten	BRITHAVEN VADER	Emma Steinbeck
Best British Shorthair Cat	GT GD CH LAST HOPE YASCHA (CZ)	Heather Havens
Best British Shorthair Desexed	BRITHAVEN PRISCILLA	Ines Auterio
Best British Shorthair Exhibit	GT GD CH LAST HOPE YASCHA (CZ)	Heather Havens
Best British Shorthair Blue Exhibit	GT GD CH LAST HOPE YASCHA (CZ)	Heather Havens
Best Burmese Desexed	GT GD PN MANDALEI TUTTI FRUTTI	Lee Oliver
Best Scottish Shorthair Exhibit	GD PN CIRCLE K BOS	Bree and Sharon Harker

Best Scottish Fold Exhibit	GD CH BELLASHAI PHOENIX BEAU	Bree and Sharon Harker
Best Desexed Longhair Exhibit	LAEL PRINCE ALFONSE	Michael and Grace Nixon
Best Solid Colour Longhair other than Blue	LAEL PRINCE ALFONSE	Michael and Grace Nixon
Breeder of the Year	BRITHAVEN	Heather Havens

### COMPANION CATS

#### AWARD

Supreme Companion Exhibit*	OPAL COMPANION FIELD MARSHALL ROMMELL	Geoffrey Young
Reserve Companion*	FREDERICK THE GREAT	Geoffrey Young
Best Domestic Cat	OPAL COMPANION FIELD MARSHALL ROMMELL	Geoffrey Young
Domestic Kitten of the Year	FREDERICK THE GREAT	Geoffrey Young
Best Groomed Dom Cat of the Year	MIFFY	Murraya Children's Centre
Best Groomed Kitten of Year	FREDERICK THE GREAT	Geoffrey Young
Best Tabby Exhibit*	TOPAZ COMPANION TAYLOR	Lynelle Young
Best Tabby & White Exhibit*	FREDERICK THE GREAT	Geoffrey Young
Best Non-Tabby Exhibit*	OPAL COMPANION FIELD MARSHALL ROMMELL	Geoffrey Young
Best Non-Tabby & White Exhibit*	OPAL COMPANION BONNIE	Karen Bat

\*NOTE – THERE ARE NO PERPETUAL TROPHIES FOR THESE AWARDS

President's Trophy





## Avoid These Holiday Hazards to Keep Your Spirits Bright This Season

While unexpected illnesses and injuries can happen to your cat at any time of the year, the hustle and bustle of the holidays can bring some extra hazards. T.I.C. outlined a few things to keep in mind as we head into this year's holiday season in its latest issue November 2022. Among them:

**Christmas tree.** It doesn't take much for a cat to get into mischief around a Christmas tree. To prevent Christmastime calamity, be mindful of:

- **Tree water** – Use a tight-fitting tree skirt to restrict your cat's access to the tree's water because it can be harmful to drink and can contribute to a tipped tree. If you choose to add chemicals to the tree's water to keep it fresh longer, make sure the label says it is safe for pets.
- **Tinsel** – Pets love the shiny excitement that is tinsel, especially kittens. From 2019-2020, ingestion of foreign material was the second most frequently claimed condition for kittens on Trupanion (medical insurance ) policies. The average annual cost for these claims ranged from \$600 to \$1,700.
- **Ornaments** – Hang any small or fragile ornaments high enough that they won't break with a swipe of a paw.
- **Pine needles** – Clean up fallen pine needles frequently because they can upset your cat's stomach if consumed.
- **Strings of lights** – Keep your pets from chewing on holiday lights by tucking cords out of their reach or use a grounded three-prong extension cord.

**Snow globes.** Snow globes can contain ethylene glycol (antifreeze). If you break one, they

can cause a lot of harm, especially to a cat. If they lick up the liquid, immediately go to the closest emergency veterinary hospital!

**Poisonous plants.** Decking the halls with boughs of holly (and mistletoe) helps bring the holiday spirit into your home, but if your cat ingests any of these plants, they can get very sick. Keep these holiday plants away from paws' reach or opt for artificial plants instead.

**Holiday food favorites.** It's best to keep your cat on their regular diet during the holidays. Some popular holiday foods are especially dangerous to your pet. Check with your veterinarian for what foods are safe for your cat.

**Keep away from pets:**

- Chocolate, candy, sweets
- Fatty food like gravy
- Spicy food
- Cooked bones
- Alcoholic beverages

**Candles.** Keep Menorah and other holiday decorative candles far enough away from pets that they can't knock them over. In some circumstances, you could also opt for electric candles instead; many flameless candles flicker just like the real thing, but without the fire risk.

**Ring in the New Year.** Fireworks, poppers, and champagne make for an exciting New Year celebration for humans, but your pet might feel otherwise. The loud noises can frighten cats. Keep them relaxed by providing a quiet room with a fan, TV, or music playing to create white noise.

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