

Cat Association of Tasmania (Inc.)

Newsletter

March 2017

Welcome to the CAT Inc. Newsletter. I volunteered to take on the role of Editor despite NOT being a committee member. I had hoped that there would be more input from the committee, but to date I have only received minutes up to January 21st. I have not included all the information they contain, (some information must remain confidential) but have tried to extract the important parts. Hopefully, after you have caught up with 5 months' worth of news from committee meetings, you will have more of an idea about what goes on! I think you will notice that CAT Inc. committee business is rarely about cats and more usually about admin matters. This is very similar to most clubs and organisations, but if you would like their business to be more about cats then raise issues by writing to the Secretary or contacting your club delegate.

Club delegates might find the Newsletter useful for circulating news; please let me know if you wish to put anything in the Newsletter. It would be great if it could be monthly, but we'll see.

On behalf of the membership of CAT Inc., I would like to acknowledge the outstanding service of Greg Little as President. His efforts to involve members as much as possible and his dedication to his role made his time in office a period of significant stability for the organisation.

So, this first newsletter is not as exciting as I hoped it would be, because it was necessary to update you on all the Committee business from the last few months. I am now relying on members to provide me with news, photos and other bits and pieces to circulate. I know that you can access lots of information on the CAT Inc. website but, hopefully, the Newsletter will provide some informality. E-mail me at hfarmer@netspace.net.au.

Helen Farmer

Please note: The opinions expressed in this publication are those of the authors not necessarily the official stance of the CAT Inc.

According to the minutes of the January meeting:

NEXT COMMITTEE MEETING: 25 March

Followed by AGM, SGM and Committee meeting on April 29

INFORMATION FROM CAT INC. COMMITTEE MEETINGS

June 2016

- Concerns about the printed appearance of certified pedigrees were discussed. A new printer is to be trialled.
- A form for the submission of protest/complaint/grievance (at shows) was accepted.
- Scanning of over 1000 registration forms is to be undertaken to facilitate storage.
- Status/progress of stewards' course participants is being verified.
- The process to be used for DNA results being incorporated into registration is being formulated.
- Several updates to website had been done.
- The need for ACF standard book to be followed for setting up show classes was reiterated.
- There was detailed discussion of whether the ACF National could be held in 2018. The problems of logistics (transport, personnel etc) were weighed against the obvious value of holding such events.
- It was agreed that any fund raising conducted by/for CAT Inc. needed to have a specific goal. Club views to be sought via club delegates.
- Also clubs need to provide information about which judges are contracted for 2017 so that this can be shared to avoid embarrassment in inviting judges already invited.
- The President is to talk to CCCT about a shared show calendar.
- CAT Inc. results should appear first on CAT Inc. website.
- Turkish Angora to be recognised as per GCCFSA proposal.

August 2016

- There is a need to find alternative storage for the CAT Inc. archive because of space issue.
- Following up of records of stewards' courses/progress continues.
- ACF National in 2018 was decided against after extensive discussion as it takes more than a year to organise, but door still open on 2019.
- No club has yet advised the judges it has invited for 2017.
- The ACF Inc. Minutes were presented for ratification.
- The extensive membership support needed for any big CAT Inc. fund raising activity acknowledged.
- There were issues with COY points, in that cats not transferred to CAT Inc. for a significant part of show year had been accruing points. There was a need to ensure only cats registered with CAT Inc. accrued points so amendments would be required.
- There was extensive discussion about CFCT's desire to hold November show at Brighton Ag show. A meeting with Brighton Ag Sec will occur.
- As there is no constitutional impediment the Registrar is to become a financial member of CAT Inc.

September 2016

This was an extraordinary meeting. At this meeting Lesley Morgan was elected Acting President, Steve Lester Acting Vice President and Kelly Lester appointed Secretary. A sub-committee was created to deal with concerns raised at the “Black Buffalo” meeting. Lesley Gaze will chair this. An election will be required to fill vacancies on the committee. President will be elected at a SGM. A description of role is to be circulated.

- Various suggestions were made about alternative locations for shows. Lesley Gaze will investigate costs of transport, storage and insurance feasibility.
- It was noted that there are club committee members who are not members of CAT Inc. The Secretary will follow this up, as it is a critical requirement of the General Membership provisions of our Constitution.
- Discussion of the release of CAT Inc. property and information will occur at next meeting. Concerns were raised about potential impact of a new (not on original show calendar) CCCT affiliated show to be held on same weekend as CAT Inc. September show.
- Please forward Agenda items to Secretary two weeks before calendared committee meetings.

October 2016

- Discussion of the management of the CAT Inc. intellectual property, specifically the COTY awards, took place.
- The registrar program is to be backed up to another location.
- A new laptop is to be purchased for Registrar and the old one returned to CAT Inc.
- No further report from the “Black Buffalo” committee.

November 2016

- Carlyne Hills (Registrar) confirmed as a member of CAT Inc. committee after a long and extensive discussion about the constitutional situation.
- The issue of in cage vetting at the Brighton show was discussed at length. A motion was carried to allow either in line or in cage vetting under Rule 29.1.
- Protocols for the hire of CAT Inc. cages and other property were discussed, as there appeared to be some disagreement about whether permission had been given. The Treasurer is to check insurance policy re car insurance.
- Various on going matters were noted but were deferred for later discussion e.g. mentoring of new CAT Inc. reps, investigation of status of stewards, National hosting in 2019.
- Storage solutions for archives to be investigated.
- Anne Sherwood to be recorder of COTY for 2017. Carlyne Hills will be cross-checker.
- There was extensive discussion of the 2016 Cat of the Year issue. The points were allowed to stand by a majority vote. 2 members of the committee abstained.
- Carlyne Hills and Lesley Gaze are to work together on the Pet Only and Show pedigrees and consult with Moira Watson re pricing.
- Discussion re Fundraising will be ongoing in 2017. (Leanne Gibbons)

- Concerns were raised about the use of public forums (social media?) for CAT Inc. business.
- Modification to spray rules at shows. See at end of this section.

January 2017

- Investigation of status of stewards on various courses is ongoing.
- National show hosting continues to be a permanent agenda item.
- A storage facility for CAT Inc. archives was found but then the decision was deferred until further investigation took place.
- World Cat Congress motions could not be discussed, as Secretary did not have letter at meeting. Deferred to next meeting.
- The committee supported the proposal to add a clause to the ACF Inc.'s constitution, which would prevent any officer of the ACF Inc. (President, Vice-President, Immediate Past President, International Liaison Officer and Treasurer) from holding 2 separate positions. As the Secretary is an appointed position this still allows for a Secretary/Treasurer to be appointed if a Treasurer cannot be elected.
- The committee also supported the proposal to extend the clause that refers to the President of ACF Inc. not being a registered cat breeder. The extension would mean that the President must not hold any position with any member body other than ordinary membership.
- The Secretary of CAT Inc. will circulate to members and show secretaries changes to entry forms etc necessary for Companion titles.
- Some changes will occur to abbreviations used on litter registration forms.
- Cat of the Year points remain the property of CAT Inc. and can only be released on their website. Clubs can link to the COTY from their own pages.
- The matter of the cancellation of showgrounds venue for a TSSF show to be followed up.
- Discussion of a venue for April 9 show took place. CAT Inc. will run it.
- Was a pre-show season session for colour determination of kittens needed? Registrar did not think so as all kitten colours so far seemed to be straightforward.
- Committee members reminded that they must act for those they represent. There should be no confusion between club positions held and roles on the CAT Inc. committee. Consultation should take place with those they represent.
- Discussion of whether members should be required to show at least once a year. Decided to not make it obligatory but a pamphlet to be prepared for breeders to give new owners regarding show dates and an intro to showing.
- Discussion took place about some cost cutting as registrations had fallen.
- Club delegates, fundraising progress report and "Black Buffalo" report - no further news.
- ACF Inc. rep report: All judges to be members of the ACF Inc. Judges Guild in order to be listed on the ACF Inc. panel of judges; there are some issues with latest Breed standards book including EMS codes and glossary. The National Show schedule has been released and an ex CFANSW junior judge has transferred to Cats NSW and is being assessed. National Show 2018 will be hosted by GCCFSA.
- Jan Rogers (CFA-USA) confirmed as judge for CAT Inc. Supreme Show.

Changes to rules detected from Minutes:

Show rule 26.9:

The use of powders, aerosol or sprays other than sprays used by the vet, judge, stewards are forbidden and any breach of this rule will result in the disqualification of all that exhibitors entries.

This is the exact wording from the minutes – it may have been corrected at the February meeting. I think we can all understand its intent though!

Veterinary rules: 29.1

Vetting at shows/exhibitions shall be in line or in cage.

CAT FOOD

Have you heard about or perhaps read the article published in *Choice* magazine in August 2016 reporting the testing of commercial wet cat food? Results for 35 foods were published. Foods were assessed for crude protein fat, fibre, carbohydrates, moisture, ash, calcium, phosphorus, sodium, magnesium, taurine, and metabolisable energy.

One important and perhaps controversial area examined was the Calcium/Phosphorus ratio.

Professor David Fraser, Emeritus Professor of Animal Science at the University of Sydney assisted with the interpretation of the test results and commented on the Calcium/ phosphorus ratio: ‘Ratios below 1:1 could, over time, cause “gradual loss of bone mineral and the possibility of bone fracture.” Ratios above 2:1 could lead to a phosphorus deficiency which could impact “not just the maintenance of bone mineralisation but also the function of many tissues and organs, as phosphorus has an integral function in many biochemical processes”.’

The article written by Kim Gilmour, suggests that generally the voluntary standard for ‘complete’ pet food is met in Australia. The standard used is the minimum nutritive requirements set by the Association of American Feed Control Officials.

But the Calcium/Phosphorus ratio raised a few questions and the Pet Food Industry Association of Australia and major manufacturers contacted for the article disagree with how the ratio was scored in the tests, believing that meeting the minimum requirements for each mineral fulfils the required guidelines, and also suggesting that research results vary on this issue. However, Gilmour writes that the European Pet Food Industry Association do publish the ideal ratio as being between 1:1 and 2:1.

So how did the foods score? As you would expect 26 major brands all scored 80% or higher on the testing, which means they are recommended. Many foods from Royal Canin, Purina, Holistic Select, Hills, Wellness, Whiskas, Fancy Feast, Weruva, Dine, VIP, KitEkat, and also supermarket home brands are recommended, but not necessarily all varieties from those brands. Of these, 10 met the Ca: P ratio. If you are not a *Choice* subscriber this magazine is readily available through your local library. You may also be able to see the article or some of the test results on *Choice*’s website.

Ref: Kim Gilmour, ‘The Purr-fect match’, *CHOICE Magazine, August 2016*

Cat of the Year Results 2016

Top 5 in each category.

Tasmanian bred unless indicated otherwise

Longhair Cat

Mayatiki Candy Crystal	L Stevens	Birman
Starborn Queen Nefertiti	K Walker	Norwegian Forest Cat
Starborn Valhalla Valkyrie	K Walker	Norwegian Forest Cat
Starborn Silver and Gold	K Walker	Norwegian Forest Cat
Starborn Queen Cleopatra	I Askew	Norwegian Forest Cat

Below is Mayatiki Candy Crystal:



Longhair Kitten

Mayatiki Prince Kamara	L Stevens	Birman
Fairwind Major Tom	K Sproule	Norwegian Forest Cat
Florenzia Lord Cosmos (NZ)	L Gaze	Birman
Spellbound Abigail	L Gaze	Birman
Maisondechat King Charm (NSW)	L Stevens	Birman

Below is Mayatiki Prince Kamara:



Longhair Neuter

Starborn Son of Odin	K Walker	Norwegian Forest Cat
Mayatiki Xanthus	A Sherwood	Birman
Shawtop High Profile (Q)	J Cooper	Persian
Bonniebrae Cavalier	K & S Lester	Birman
Mayatiki Prince Java	K & S Lester	Birman

Shorthair Cat

Alizmah Black is Back	H & C Mahoney	Cornish Rex
Jelgava Fyodoria	J Davey	Russian
Alizmah Aquarius	H & C Mahoney	Cornish Rex
Kanchenjung Kasimin	R Roberts Thomson	Selkirk Rex Shorthair
Kanchenjung Alaskan Star	R Roberts-Thomson	British Shorthair

Shorthair Kitten

Templeton Tango Terrific (SA)	C Hawkes	Oriental Shorthair
Alizmah Chocolate Waves	H & C Mahoney	Cornish Rex
Tijah Bella Alena (NSW)	J Cooper	Abyssinian
Mesmeryes Odetta Nikita (WA)	K & S Lester	Burmilla
Jelgava Pachua	J Davey	Russian

Below is Templeton Tango Terrific:



Shorthair Neuter

Tiffyan Dalziel McIntosh	M Watson	Oriental Shorthair
Tiffyan Toshiko	J Youl	Siamese
Calian Angus McIntosh (NSW)	M Watson	Siamese
Calian Isla Clan Chattan (NSW)	M Watson/ E Tinkler	Siamese
Alizmah Manfredi	H & C Mahoney	Cornish Rex

Below is Tiffyan Dalziel McIntosh



Household Pet

Scandal	N & B Briers	Companion Pet
Matches (V)	L Smith	Companion Pet