

Cat Call



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FCCWA Code of Conduct for all members

Did you know that FCCWA has a code of conduct? A code of conduct is really important because it acts as a guide and reference for all members. It helps to clarify FCCWA's values and principles and is a visible statement to the rest of the world what we stand for. Anyone who deals with FCCWA can look at our Code of Conduct and they will get a sense of who we are and what is important to us. Our Code of Conduct incorporates the standard of ethics that our breeders abide by and provides a reference point for Governing Council when they are dealing with any situations that may arise.

The full code of conduct can be found on our website www.fcc-wa.com

1 Purpose of the Code of Conduct

- 1.1 To provide members of the Feline Control Council WA (Inc) with a framework for appropriate conduct. This includes behaviour towards other FCCWA members, judges, general community members and cats.
- 1.2 The core principles that underpin the organisation must be the welfare of all cats that fall within the scope of FCCWA and the protection of the integrity of FCCWA pedigrees
- 1.3 Incorporated in this Code of Conduct is a Code of Ethics for all members who wish to be recognised as Registered Breeders. All FCCWA Registered breeders must agree to uphold and respect this Code of Ethics in their actions and dealings within the Cat Fancy.

2 General Principles of Conduct

General principles to guide the behaviour of FCCWA members include that all members must:

- a) Act with reasonable care and diligence
- b) Act with honesty and integrity
- c) Act lawfully
- d) Avoid damage to the reputation of the FCCWA (Inc)
- e) Treat others with respect and fairness.
- f) Abide by any rules, regulations or guidelines as determined by FCCWA (Inc) including Breeding, Showing, membership of Governing Council or any other activity. Such regulations will be available on the FCCWA website.
- g) Comply with the WA Cat Act (2011) and any other relevant legislation.



*Membership renewals are due in
November.*

*Please check that your
membership is up to date and
if not, renew now!!*

NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING



The Feline Control Council of Western Australia (Inc) will be holding its AGM on Monday 8th December 2014 at 7.30pm at the FCCWA Office.

Following changes to the Constitution, Governing Council will comprise of 8 members in 2015.

The 2014 Governing Council is as follows:

Lucy Nikiforos	Casual Term finishes end 2014
Janis Thompson	Casual Term finishes end 2014
Delaine Hall	Casual Term finishes end 2014
Rod Pattinson	Casual Term finishes end 2014
Diana Nixon	Term finishes end 2014
Sue Game	Term finishes end 2014
Lee-anne Pitman Pryde	Term finishes end 2015
Carole Galli	Term finishes end 2015
Pamela Lanigan	Term finishes end 2015
Linda Horton	Term finishes end 2016

There were 4 Nominations received for this year. They are:

Janis Thompson, Sue Game, Lucy Nikiforos, Rod Pattinson

As there are only 4 vacancies, there will be no need for an election and the above nominations will be endorsed at the AGM



Thankyou to Di Nixon who has been a long term Council member but has chosen not to renominate. We appreciate all the hard work your have done for FCCWA over the years.

Thanks also to Delaine Hall whose casual term also finishes this year.

Sad News

For those who have not heard. Long time FCCWA member Jasmina White passed away 5 November 2014. Jasmina will be sadly missed by all who knew her. Heartfelt condolences to Darinka and her family.

AGM Motions 2015

You will soon receive in the mail, details of two motions to be voted on at the 2015 AGM. Please read them carefully and consider whether or not you are willing to support either or both of the motions. You must be at the meeting on 8th December in order to vote.

CONSTITUTIONAL CHANGES

Over the past few years it has become obvious that our Constitution is in need of some updating. There is confusion about which version of some clauses are the correct ones which the Department of Commerce is unable to resolve and there are clauses that need updating to take into account changes to communication methods. At the time that the Constitution was put together, there was no means of electronic communication. The advent of email, websites and social media have changed the way that members interact and in our busy lives, some of the old deadlines had become unworkable. This is not a criticism of the Constitution, as it has served us well, but all documents such as this need regular review and where there are opportunities to improve, its important that we consider them.

The Department of Commerce also introduced a set of model rules for incorporated associations which provided standardised wording for several clauses that are more workable and easier to understand that is contained in our current constitution.

Changes to the Constitution have been flagged several times in Cat Call and Governing Council have met on more than one occasion over a two year period to go through the clauses to streamline the contents and update the wording to make them relevant to today's context.

There are separate motions which allow for the changes to be accepted in total, in part or clause by clause.

CATSWA

The name Feline Control Council of WA is an important part of our history and under this proposal will remain our registered and official name. However, over the past year or so, as members have been talking to potential sponsors about the National, it has become increasingly obvious that the words "Control Council" is confusing to the general public and creates a perception that is not what our organisation stands for.

With the introduction of the Western Australian cat laws and a much more regulated environment about cats, it is an opportune time to rebadge ourselves to clearly separate our organisation from those entities that are enforcing cat laws.

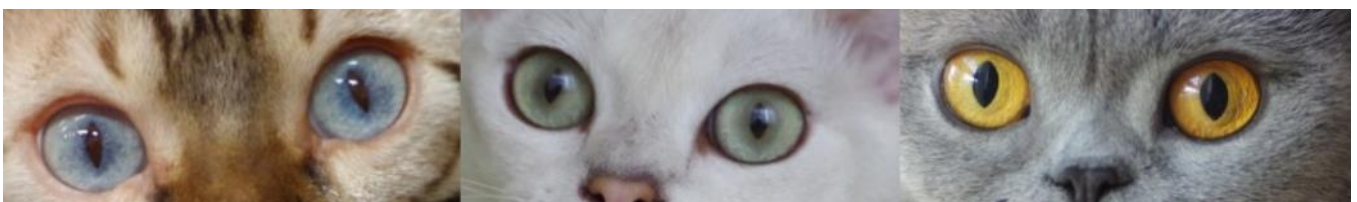
CatsWA is modern and easy to remember and fits in with other states with Cats NSW and CVI (Cats Victoria Incorporated) both being affiliates of the Australian Cat Federation. It makes it clear who we are and what we are about.

The recommendation is that we refer to ourselves as CatsWA. Any official paperwork and the website will be headed as CatsWA with Feline Control Council of Western Australia (Inc) underneath and FCCWA will continue to be the official registered name of the organisation. A similar change has been made by the Canine Association of WA who are now operating as DogsWest but have retained the Canine Association of WA as their official name.

This is not about forgetting our history, but about moving forward and attracting the new and energetic members we so desperately need to keep our hobby alive.

Reserve the dates!!

Nov 15, 2014	Dinner Dance, Byford
Nov 22/23 2014	Raffle tickets on sale at Bunnings Rockingham
Nov 29, 2014	Wanneroo Agricultural Show
Dec 6, 2014	Osborne Park Agricultural Show
Dec 8, 2014	AGM and raffle drawn
January 2015?	Cat of the Year Event—tbc
January 4, 2015	Sausage Sizzle at Bunnings, Rockingham
February 1, 2015	Stewards Training 1pm—4pm
February 15, 2015	Stewards Training 1pm—4pm
Feb 22, 2015	Club Show (TBC)
Mar 22, 2015	FCCWA Show with NZ judge
Apr 19, 2015	Paws and Claws Show
Jun 6/7, 2015	ACF National Show—8 rings, 2 days
Jun 8, 2015	Judges Guild Seminar
July 18, 2015	FCCWA Show
Aug 9, 2015	Club Show (TBC)
Sept 6, 2015	BSH Show with international judges
Sept 12, 2015	Northam Show
Sept 26—28, 2015	Royal Show





ACF National Show 2015

Book your leave now!

Every year the ACF stages a National Cat Show which attracts exhibits from all over Australia. 2015 is our year to shine and planning is already underway.

Make sure that you mark the dates on your calendar for next year.

6th and 7th June 2015

Fundraising will be the big priority over the coming months. Please contact [Janis Thompson](#) or [Michelle Rigg](#) if you have any ideas or can contribute to the fundraising efforts some way.

There will be a Judges Guild Seminar on Monday 8 June, 2015 . Topics are still to be confirmed the seminar will be of interest to breeders and cat enthusiasts alike. All members are eligible to attend the seminar so if you need to plan ahead to book leave off work for next year, consider booking Monday 8 June 2015!

The committee is working hard to put this event together and as we get closer to the date, will be calling on more members of FCCWA to participate in the planning. If you have particular expertise that you would like to contribute or have contacts of people or organisations who you think would be able to act as sponsors, have goods that they would like to donate as prizes or would like to run a stall on the weekend, please contact a committee member.

The Committee is made up of [Carole Galli](#) (Show Coordinator), [Lucy Nikiforos](#) (Show Manager), [Pamela Lanigan](#) (Show Secretary), Julie Pickens, Delaine Hall, Greg Connelly, Fiona Williams, Janis Thompson, Sue Game, Lee-anne Pitman-Pryde, Rod Pattinson and Linda Horton. Welcome to our two newest committee members Michelle Rigg and Maree Carle.

We have a great line up of local, interstate and international judges. Profiles of the judges will be available on the website in the coming weeks so keep watching for updates. In addition to our fabulous local and interstate judges, I can confirm that we have judges coming from Sweden, Denmark, England, the USA and New Zealand.

The schedule will also be out in coming months, and on that we will be asking for volunteers for various roles, including stewards, scribes and set up. Consider booking a couple of days off work before or after the show to help with hosting international or interstate guests or to be involved some other way in this exciting event!

<http://acf2015.breedsite.com/>

Fees and charges effective 01.11.2013

Membership

Annual renewal of Membership is due on 1st November each year

Joint Membership	\$70
Single Membership	\$50
Joint Aged or Associate	\$35
Single Aged or Associate	\$25
Junior (under 18)	\$25

Prefix

Initial Application	\$25
Renewal (annual)	\$15
Transfers (single/joint or vice versa)	\$10
Transfers from other Body	\$10

Registrations

Per kitten within 70 days of birth	\$10
Late Fees (per wk / part wk per kitten)	\$2
Corrections to Registrations	\$8
Duplicate copies of Registrations	\$8
Copy of Pedigree	\$8

Re-registration

Cat registered with another Body	\$10
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(Cats MUST be transferred into your name with the other Body before they can be re-registered with FCCWA (Inc))

Please Note: Cats and kittens cannot be shown in your name until the re-registration has been effected in our records

Transfers

Initial transfer – non breeding	No fee
Initial transfer – breeding	\$10
Subsequent transfers - Members	\$6
Subsequent transfers Non-members	\$10

Leases

Recorded in FCCWA (Inc) records	\$15
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Certified Pedigrees

Members (5 generation)	\$35
Members (4 generation)	\$20
Non-Members (4 generation)	\$30

Other Fees

Photocopies	\$0.20
Bank Fees (returned cheqs)	Charges
Litter Listing	Free
Club News	Free

Titles

Title Confirmation	\$10
Title with Ribbon	\$25
Supreme Title inc. Ribbon	\$25
ACF AoE (payable to ACF Inc)	\$20

Clubs

Nomination for Affiliation	\$30
Affiliation inc Insurance	\$200
Printing own Award Certs (per ring)	\$15

Shows

Challenge/Award of Merit Certs	\$0.65
Standard of Points	tba

Catcall

(Membership includes Catcall)
Free downloads from FCCWA Inc website

Members extra copies posted	\$6.50
Non-members within Australia	\$18

Advertising Rates

Members		
Page	Per Issue	4 Issues
Full	\$32	\$110
Half	\$20	\$70
Quarter	\$12	\$40
Breeders Directory (per entry)		\$15

Commercial		
Full	\$80	\$300
Half	\$50	\$180
Quarter	\$30	\$100
Rear Cover	\$120	\$400
Inside Rear	\$100	\$340
Inside Front	\$100	\$340

Members of ACF (Inc) Affiliates
(includes relevant issues posted)

Full	\$50	\$180
Half	\$30	\$100
Quarter	\$12	\$36
Stud Listing	Per Issue	\$15
Artwork	Add	\$10

FUNDRAISING

FCCWA members have been hard at work over the past months raising money to support our organisation as we prepare to host the 2015 ACF National.



There will be a variety of events over the coming months including a dinner dance, sausage sizzles, chocolate sales, raffles and more. We really need your help so please participate where you can. Not everyone will be able to go to every event, but if everyone does their little bit, then we will all have played a part in making sure that FCCWA's moment in the spotlight is heaps of fun and a great success.

Congratulations and thanks to Michelle Rigg, Janis Thompson, Judy, Sis and all the other hardworking crew who put on a fabulous High Tea on 20 September which raised well over \$1,000. What a fantastic day and such a lot of hard work!!

Thanks also to Julie Pickens, Greg Connelly, Carole Galli and the rest of the gang who braved horrendous weather to cook sausages in front of Masters in Bayswater on September 27.



Well done to our fabulous High Tea Postie models. Helen, Sis, Michelle and Sandra, all showed true catwalk style and helped sell lots of Postie Fashions.

Thankyou to Jean Toleman from Postie who showed us the clothing and donated 10% of the sales to the fundraising effort.



Colin Horton (Linda's Dad), one of the brave helpers who survived torrential rain to cook sausages at the FCCWA sausage sizzle



**PAWS AND CLAWS SHOW
SUNDAY 24 AUGUST 2014
HIGH WYCOMBE**

**Paws & Claws
Cat Club**

Ring	Cage	Cat	Owner
Supreme	70	Mesmereyes Graces Peridot	Carole Galli
Best Group 1	8	Snowgums Sevastian	Janis Thompson
Best Group 2	35	Templeton Chequered Reign	Catherine Gunson
Best Group 3	70	Mesmereyes Graces Peridot	Carole Galli
Cuddliest Companion	78	La La Lord of the Rings	Sandra Hayes
Best Weight conscious companion	76	Melissa	Susan Goodall
Best Groomed companion	75	Nelson	Judy Kluciak

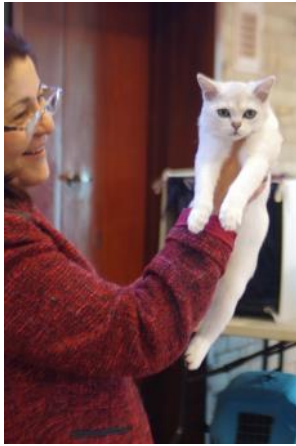
Supreme	69	Britzobeauty Pernicketti Blu	Julie Pickens
Best Group 1	5	Dia Gd Ch Fancyrags Mr Bo-Jangles	Janis Thompson
Best Group 2	26	Gr Ch Malingbu A Touch of Frost	Nick Skeet
Best Group 3	69	Britzobeauty Pernicketti Blu	Julie Pickens
Cuddliest Companion	78	La La Lord of the Rings	Sandra Hayes
Best Weight conscious companion	76	Melissa	Susan Goodall
Best Groomed companion	75	Nelson	Judy Kluciak

Supreme	26	Gr Ch Malingbu A Touch of Frost	Nick Skeet
Best Group 1	3	Rainbowline Ice Chocolate Dream	Deanne Kestel
Best Group 2	26	Gr Ch Malingbu A Touch of Frost	Nick Skeet
Best Group 3	70	Mesmereyes Graces Peridot	Carole Galli
Cuddliest Companion	76	Melissa	Susan Goodall
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British Shorthair Cat Club Show : September 7, 2014 : Byford



RING 1 Supreme	65 Britzobeautey Pernicketti Blu	Julie Pickens
Best Group 1	16 Sinanvanya Even Star	Michelle Harris
Best Group 2	44 Shadowfire Dragon	Deborah Copeland
Best Group 3	65 Britzobeautey Pernicketti Blu	Julie Pickens
Best Group 4	92 Melissa	Susan Goodall
RING 2 SUPREME	51 Kimara Azriel Buddy Awesome	Lucy Nikiforos
Best Group 1	14 Kweo The Last Centurian	Yue Lin Sun
Best Group 2	41 Ashrose Emony Dax	Evelyn Kueh
Best Group 3	51 Kimara Azriel Buddy Awesome	Lucy Nikiforos
Best Group 4	94 Mr Tabby	Pamela Lanigan



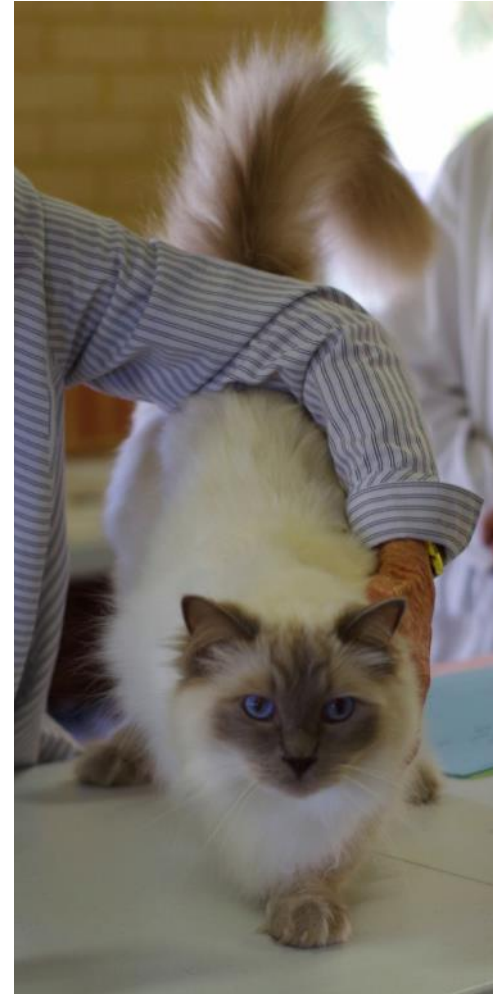
Judges

Marisa Thistlewaite (Queensland Feline Association Inc.)

Betty Payne (Feline Control Council of WA (Inc))

Fiona Hawkins (Governing Council of the Cat Fancy of SA)

FCCWA SHOW
09 November 2014
WANDI



Judges:
Grp 1: Barbara
Martland
Grp 2: Chris Selby,
Lee-anne Pitman-
Pryde



TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES

Stewards Training

Pamela Lanigan will be conducting stewards training in 2015. There will be sessions from 1pm—4pm at the FCCWA Office on Sunday 1 February and Sunday 15 February 2015 as well as practical assignments at shows.

If you would like to become a steward, or just want a refresher before the National, please contact Pamela on 0419 940 025 or via email on cuddleton@optiic.com

Group 4 Judges Training

Expressions of interest in training to be a Group 4 judge are now being taken. Please email the office on fcc_wa@bigpond.net.au or contact Carole Galli on admin@roellencattery.com.au if you would like to know more.

EMS CODES

Anyone who has been on a European cat page on Facebook may have noticed people describing cat breeds and colours in terms of strings of letters and numbers. It all looks a bit confusing. So what does it mean?

Most likely the codes will be part of the EMS system which is used by FIFe (Federation Internationale Feline) as a way of providing a description for each cat. EMS stands for “Easy Mind System”. There are codes that describe the breed, coats, colours and modifiers. There are also other codes that will tell you if the cat is tabby, tipped or shaded, or it may have a “v” at the end to tell you the cat is a variant.

Codes for some of the breeds we see here in WA are:

Category 1	EXO	Exotic
	PER	Persian
Category 2	MCO	Maine Coon
	RAG	Ragdoll
	SBI	Sacred Birman
	SIB	Siberian
Category 3	ABY	Abyssinian
	BEN	Bengal
	BML	Burmilla
	BRI	British Shorthair
	BUR	Burmese
	RUS	Russian Blue
	SOM	Somali
Category 4	BAL	Balinese
	OLH	Oriental Longhair
	OSH	Oriental Shorthair
	SIA	Siamese

Codes for colours are usually lower case letters (a = blue, b = chocolate, c = lilac and d = red) where numbers describe patterns etc (eg 11 = shaded and 23 = mackerel tabby). s is silver and y is golden.

So, a Blue British Shorthair would be **BRI a** where-as a Chocolate Shaded Burmilla would be **BML bs 11**

You can read more about the different codes and how they are applied here: http://fifeweb.org/wp/breeds/breeds_ems.php

APHRODITE

At the 2014 ACF General Meeting held in Sydney on 9 June 2014 the Aphrodite cat gained provisional recognition in both longhair and shorthair. The Guild submitted a standard that will be reviewed in 12 months .

On 24 August 2014, an Aphrodite, owned by Sandra Hayes was judged at the Paws and Claws cat show held at High Wycombe Community Centre, the first time since the breed was recognised by the ACF.

The following article and photos have been provided by Sandra Hayes and are used with permission.



History

9500 years ago – first evidence of domestication of cats. Neolithic grave excavated by French archaeologists in 2004 at Shillourokambos village, Cyprus, uncovered the skeleton of a cat buried beside a human. “It seems the 8 month old cat in the Cypriot burial was killed in order to be buried with the person. The skeleton shows no signs of butchering, suggesting that it was treated as an individual in death. But burnt cat bones from a similar period at the site, attest to the fact that humans did eat the animals on certain occasion.”

374 AD – St Helena visited Cyprus and discovered it to be largely depopulated following a 36 year drought and infestation by a huge quantity of snakes. She ordered a boatload of cats to be brought from Egypt to help fight the snakes on the island. The cats were cared for in a number of monasteries, in particular, the monastery of St Nicholas of the Cats. The tradition of monasteries, particularly St Nicholas of the Cats, caring for the cats continues to this day.

1484 AD Venetian Francesco Suriano came to Cyprus and visited the monastery of St Nicholas of the Cats. He wrote, “It is wonderful to see them, for nearly all are maimed by the snakes: one has lost a nose, another an ear; the skin of one is torn, another is lame: one is blind of one eye, another of both. And it is a strange thing that at the hour for their food, at the sound of a bell, they collect at the monastery and when they have eaten enough, at the sound of that same bell, they all depart together to go fight the snakes.”

1571 AD – Ottoman invasion of Cyprus

1878 AD Britain occupies Cyprus

Cyprus has a history of cats stretching back millennia before the Ottoman occupation of the island!

Aphrodite: The Project

The project began as a germ of an idea in 2005 when Cassidy appeared in Teresa's back garden. He was an exquisitely beautiful cat who didn't fit any known cat-breed standard. Having bred Turkish Vans for 20 years and having grown up breeding Siamese, Teresa was struck by the beauty of this cat and other similar looking ones in the neighbourhood. Having retired from breeding some years before, she decided to have a couple of trial litters to see if the cats bred true to type, which turned out to be the case. Having seen this, Teresa was well and truly hooked...

Four generations later, in 2008, Andreas Mobius (WCF All Breed International Judge) visited Cyprus and was introduced to Teresa and her special breed. By this time it was apparent that each litter was producing larger than average kittens; the adolescent cats, particularly the males, were even bigger and, at full-size (approximately 4 yrs of age), these cats were significantly larger than the average cat living in the wild on Cyprus. For this reason, Andreas gave them the title of 'giant' and agreed with Teresa that this was a separate breed and worth pursuing. He named them Aphrodite after the goddess of love who emerged from the sea in Cyprus.

Lynne arrived on Cyprus in 2008, and boarded her cats with Teresa initially. Having a mutual love of cats, it was inevitable that both Lynne and Teresa would be mutually supportive in their desire to protect the cats of Cyprus and would work together towards this goal.



After 5 years of hard work, expense, stress and sheer dogged determination we achieved, in the face of many obstacles, Recognition by the World Cat Federation at their General Assembly in Germany in April 2012. Thus, from 1 July 2012, the descendants of the world's oldest domesticated cat has become the world's newest recognised breed.

(Picture: "Cassidy, founding father of the breed)

The Plight of Cats on Cyprus

Cats on Cyprus, for the most part, are regarded as vermin and are treated as such – they are shot, poisoned, culled and killed in any way possible. We have a huge, uncontrolled feral population which is continually being culled by laying poison. The most common poison, Lanate, is now banned but is still in widespread use. There is an antidote, if given early enough, but death is more common – a painful and truly horrendous death. A new poison is now on the market for which there is NO antidote. When poison is laid, not only the ferals suffer but also any domestic pet which happens to take up the bait. Hunters are indiscriminate about what they shoot – very often cats are targeted as well as 'game'. It is also common, any day, to see several corpses (cats and dogs) lying on roads and the highway. Two of the three cats which Lynne brought from UK were poisoned and so was Cassidy (who luckily survived). Cassidy was subsequently bitten by a snake and shot by a neighbour - he had to endure a month of intensive veterinary treatment to his wounds.

With these attitudes it is impossible to ask for protection for an animal that 'has no value'. We knew that we had something special in our Aphrodites but we had to find a way of proving it to the government and to the Cypriot people, otherwise we would be unheard, unseen and the cats would suffer even more. After long and heartfelt discussions we realised that the only way to have a chance of protecting and preserving these beautiful cats was to gain international recognition for them as a breed. Once this was achieved then we could, with evidence, prove that Cyprus had a cat to be proud of, one which was valuable but vulnerable, and begin the work to protect and preserve

Aphrodite: Our Work

We had a tough, moral decision to make when we embarked on the Aphrodite Project. We didn't wish to add to the over-population problem here on Cyprus but in order to achieve recognition, and therefore a 'voice' with which to put pressure on the various national agencies, we had to produce several generations of pedigree, to even apply.

At that time, we were members of a cat organisation on Cyprus that was keen to look into the possibility of recognition for the Aphrodites. However, they wished to breed at least 5 full generations of the Aphrodites and confine them, solely, to Cyprus before allowing them to be seen by the world, despite being advised and invited to do so by the President and Head of Judges Commission of WCF. Additionally, they had not seriously considered the homing of the resulting kittens. We took the moral decision to break with this organisation and 'go it alone'.

We decided that we would not, under any circumstances, home our deliberately bred cats through charities as suggested by the President of the organisation with which we were then associated. Not only are they under severe pressure, but we felt it would be morally wrong to take homes that should go to strays and rehoming, neither would we breed indiscriminately, just for the generations of pedigrees required. We knew that it would take longer to achieve our initial goal but felt that we could not, in all conscience, do it any other way. We didn't expect a miracle or to achieve our goals overnight – we're only too well aware that this road we have chosen to take is going to be a long and arduous one and it may well take generations to reach our ultimate goals.

We applied for and have been granted, some two and half years later, Association status by the Cyprus Government – CyCNBA (Cyprus Cats National Breeds Association). CyCNBA is now a full member of WCF.

Our breeding is very strictly controlled – we produce, at most, two litters per year and then, only if we have good, responsible breeders or good pet homes for our babies to go to when they're old enough. Unless they are to be bred from, all kittens/cats are neutered before they leave us. Much as we dislike losing our little ones, we have to export them to Europe – there is no way, at present, for the breed to prosper here in Cyprus.

All Foundation cats must be bred on Cyprus and must also be DNA tested so that we preserve the purity of the breed. It has developed, in isolation, over many centuries and is unique in the world. Cyprus has to be brought to realise that the Aphrodite is a national treasure and, as such, requires respect and protection.

Another huge consideration for us is expense. We have no income or help with our project and so we have had to go as quickly, or slowly, as our finances allow. We do not 'sell' our kittens/cats but hope to cover our vet's bills and export costs at least. So far, we haven't even achieved the 'break even' point – we absorb the expenses ourselves.

In addition to our work with the Aphrodites we also foster, adopt, neuter and generally help, as much as we're able, those animals who cross our paths, irrespective of breed. It's only the tip of the iceberg but we do what we can.

(Picture: Sandra's cat "JJ" before he came to Australia)



Aphrodite: Our Commitment and Hopes for the Future

So, why do we do what we do? The answer is simple – we believe in our cats as a unique breed, as beautiful animals who deserve to be protected and whose breed needs to be preserved. We also believe in the rights of animals to be treated with respect and care. To this end, now that international recognition has been achieved, we can begin the task of getting protection for them, for TNR schemes to be implemented and, the all important task of educating children in schools and colleges about the importance of this breed and the rights and care of animals in general.

- Teresa first noticed the unique characteristics of Cassidy and Lady – the first captive, breeding pair
- Andreas Mobius, international cat judge, identified the breed as something special and helped us by promoting the breed
- Professor Lesley Lyons, UC Davis Feline Genome Project and expert geneticist, has given us incontrovertible, scientific proof that our natural island cat, the Aphrodite, is unique in the world
- Lleylaine Cassidy is awarded the title WCF Master – unprecedented in a, then, unrecognised breed
- CyCNBA achieves government approval as a registered association
- CyCNBA is now a full member of WCF
- WCF Recognises Cyprus Aphrodites as a 'breed' at the first application
- Cyprus Aphrodites are, as far as we know, the first breed to be recognised with supporting DNA evidence
- Our breeding stock is over 95% pure
- There are currently over 80 breeds of cats recognized by one cat registry or another.

The IPCBA (International Progressive Cat Breeders Alliance) recognizes 73 feline breeds, while the more conservative CFA (Cat Fanciers' Association) gives the nod to only 41. Developing and registering a new breed of cats is a long, involved process, and not every attempt is successful. For example, the CFA steadfastly refused to admit cats bred from "wild stock," such as the Bengal, or the Savannah, although these breeds are both accepted by TICA and IPCBA.

A cat must have a traceable lineage going back several generations to be registered as a pedigreed cat. The term "purebred" is not used by breeders or the cat fancy in general, but is a popular term among the general public. (wiki.answers)

Only a handful of these are natural breeds! All the others are 'man-made', mutations or cross-breeds.

Our Aphrodite Cats can now be found in UK, Germany, Netherlands, Belgium, France, Australia, Italy, Poland and Hungary as well as here in their homeland of Cyprus.

We are privileged to be working with these beautiful, vibrant creatures – they're worth that extra effort to save them from abuse, neglect and extinction!

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Members interested in becoming a judge are very welcome to contact Judges Panel Convenor Betty Payne. They will be given full support and encouragement.

Trainee judges—
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TITLES

Congratulations to the following cats and exhibitors on the titles listed below which were approved at Governing Councils meetings August–October 2014.

Do you have Challenges and Awards of Merit stashed away at home? Your cats may be eligible to hold titles too. It's a nice way to recognise their show career. Each title requires 6 certificates in date order. Cost is \$10 per title and for that you will get a laminated certificate to keep as a record of your cat's achievements. For an additional \$15 you can purchase a title sash to display. More information about titles can be found in the FCCWA show rules <http://www.fcc-wa.com/FCCWAShowrules.pdf>

Premier

Ashrose Louii	Tahlia Cowell
Purrever Seize the Daze	D Casotti
Nicody Kathy	D Casotti

Grand Premier

Mesmereyes Silvan Malachi	Linda Horton
Nicody Kathy	D Casotti

Bronze Grand Premier

Mesmereyes Silvan Malachi	Linda Horton
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Silver Grand Premier

Sumfun Kalems Image	Ruth Pryde
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Gold Grand Premier

Starkatz Graphic Art	R & J Casotti
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Platinum Grand Premier

Mewsings Edge of Glory	Ruth Pryde
Starkatz Graphic Art	R & J Casotti

Double Premier

Starkatz Graphic Art	R & J Casotti
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Double Grand Premier

Starkatz Graphic Art	R & J Casotti
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Double Bronze Grand Premier

Starkatz Graphic Art	R & J Casotti
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Double Supreme Grand Premier

Miasibka Milos	Kinabalu Cattery
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Champion

Iceblu Indie	Natalie McNamara
Snowgums Sevastian	Janis Thompson

Grand Champion

Snowgums Sevastian	Janis Thompson
Sonshanley Fergie	Amanda and Jeanne Wheeler

Bronze Grand Champion

Snowgums Sevastian	Janis Thompson
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Silver Grand Champion

Fancyrags Mr Bojangles	Janis Thompson
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Gold Grand Champion

Fancyrags Mr Bojangles	Janis Thompson
Somersisle Morgan Lefey	Amanda and Jeanne Wheeler



Looking for ways to get involved?

Why not join one of the clubs? FCCWA has several clubs, which are a great way to get to know people. Clubs run the shows and are always happy for people to come along and learn how a show works.

Birman Rex & Others Club

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Burmese Cat Club of W.A. Inc

Sec: Diana Nixon
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Oriental Shorthair Cat Club

Sec: Susan Game
0409 082 395

Siamese Cat Club of W.A.

Sec: tba

Southern and Siamese Cat Club

Sec: Karen Hsi
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W.A. Shorthair Cat Club

Sec: Helen Colleran
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West Coast Cat Club

Sec: Linda Horton
0431 487 841

Paws and Claws Cat Club

Pres: Julie Pickens

WA Cat Club

Sec: Maree Carle
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Club and Show News

Several of the clubs listed are inactive at the moment. Please contact lindilooh@inet.net.au to confirm whether you still wish your club to be listed, or to change office bearers.

Paws and Claws Cat Club are delighted to confirm that Bendigo Bank, Noranda has agreed to sponsor their show on April 19, 2015. Many thanks to Bendigo Bank for their wonderful community support.

2015 is going to be an exciting year with interstate and international judges coming to join our hardworking local judges. Watch the show calendar on the FCCWA website for details as they become available.



Don't forget to keep an eye out on our website for news, updates and show schedules. Our kitten page, is an extension of the breeders directory, and helps to link those breeders who are registering kittens with potential kitten buyers.

www.fcc-wa.com

FCCWA Breeders Directory 2014

FCCWA Registered breeders, please note:

If you would like to advertise in the Breeders Directory, please contact the FCCWA Office with your details. The cost for inclusion in the four issues of Catcall during the year is \$15.00 per entry. Alterations and updates that occur during the year are accepted at no extra cost. If you do not appear in this list and you think you should, please contact FCCWA Office.

Only breeders who have registered kittens in the last 12 months will be listed. If you have had a break in breeding but are planning to resume, please contact the office to have your listing reinstated.

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