



Feline Control Council of WA (Inc)

CatsWA

Cat Call



The Official journal of CatsWA (The Feline Control Council of Western Australia (Inc))
November 2016.



Vale Ruth Pryde

The Cat Fancy in WA is very saddened to hear that Ruth Pryde passed away at the beginning of December.

Ruth was a long time contributor to the Cat Community and many people will remember her helping with vetting slips, administration or as a scribe.

Our condolences go to Lee-Anne Pitman-Pryde and the rest of Ruth's family. She will be sadly missed.

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ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The CatsWA AGM will be held on Monday 16th January 2017.

Time: 7.00pm

Venue: CatsWA Office, Unit 3, 8 Royal Street, Kenwick

Notice of business for discussion must be lodged in writing with the Secretary or a duly appointed deputy not less than 21 days prior to the date of the annual general meeting and shall be placed on the agenda for the meeting. The last date for items to be added to the agenda is **9 December 2016**.

The current terms for Governing Council members are as follows:

Susan Goodall	Casual Term finishes end 2016
Deanne Kestel	Casual Term finishes end 2016
Lucy Nikiforos	Term Finishes end 2017
Janis Thompson	Term Finishes end 2017
Carole Galli	Term finishes end 2018
Michelle Harris	Term finishes end 2018
Maree Carle	Term finishes end 2018
Judy Kluczniak	Term finishes end 2018

Governing Council provides leadership and ensures that the organisation continues to function. Being a member of Governing Council gives you the opportunity to work with other enthusiastic, committed people who share your love of cats. In a changing environment of Cat Laws and Regulations, there is a real opportunity to make a difference.

Our Councillors are prepared to commit themselves to a variety of tasks and are available to attend Governing Council Meetings once a month on Monday nights. Governing Councillors are involved in a variety of things and you could be invited to participate in any of the following:

- Running Cat Shows
- Reviewing policies
- Administration including attending the office
- Contributing to Cat Call
- Fundraising

Most Councillors would be expected to participate in at least one of the above, or other tasks that arise from time to time. Obviously as a volunteer, you would only be asked to do things within your capacity, but it is important that all Council members agree to participate.

Cats WA received two nominations to fill the vacancies for the next three years from Sue Game and Susan Goodall. There will be no election as there are two vacancies. Congratulations to Sue and Susan and thank you for taking on these important positions.

2016 Perth Royal Show

S1R1: SUPREME PEDIGREE EXHIBIT.

CatsWA (GD PR Starkatz Graphic Art)

S1R2: SUPREME PEDIGREE EXHIBIT.

COAWA (Siam Jewels Anastasia)

S2R1: BEST PEDIGREE ENTIRE.

CatsWA (SILVER GD CH Ambritt Poetry in Motion)

S2R2: BEST PEDIGREE ENTIRE.

CatsWA (GD CH Kimara Blu Shimma Aschea)

S3R1: BEST PEDIGREE DESEXED.

CatsWA (GD PR Starkatz Graphic Art)

S3R2: BEST PEDIGREE DESEXED.

CatsWA (SLV ACF AOE SUP PR DOUBLE PLAT Mesmereyes Popees Bluebell)

S4R1: BEST PEDIGREE KITTEN.

CatsWA (Loveforever Drummer Boy)

S4R2: BEST PEDIGREE KITTEN.

COAWA (Siam Jewels Anastasia)

S8R1: BEST DOMESTIC.

CatsWA (Oops A Daisy)

S8R2: BEST DOMESTIC.

CatsWA (Oops A Daisy)





2016 Perth Royal Show

Judges: Allan Raymond and John Hansson



Show News

CatsWA & WA Cat Club Cat Show

October 16, 2016

	RING		
SUPREME IN RING	1	Nanlow Golden Milo	Lowthe, Bart and Nancy
BEST GROUP 1	1	Zhivago Prince Harry	Thompson, Janis
BEST GROUP 2	1	Nanlow Golden Milo	Lowthe, Bart and Nancy
BEST GROUP 3	1	Gd CH Kimara Blu Shimma Aschea	Nikiforos, Lucy
BEST GROUP 4	1	Oops a Daisy	Nikiforos, Lucy
Judges Fancy	1	Gd CH Kimara Blu Shimma Aschea	Nikiforos, Lucy
ACF AWARD	1	Hareem Leonardos Legacy	Kueh, Evelyn
SUPREME IN RING	2	Kimara Metallica Blu Sumfin Special	Nikiforos, Lucy
BEST GROUP 1	2	Mewsings Sweet Melody	Webb, Suzanne
BEST GROUP 2	2	CH Sinopia Zarabeth Dax	Kueh, Evelyn
BEST GROUP 3	2	Kimara Metallica Blu Sumfin Special	Nikiforos, Lucy
BEST GROUP 4	2	Mercedes	Connell, Kirsty
Judges Fancy	2	Plat Gd Pr, ACF AoE Mesmereyes Silvan Malachi	Horton, Linda
Best Russian	2	Kimara Metallica Blu Sumfin Special	Nikiforos, Lucy
SUPREME IN RING	3	Em Gd Pr Alure King of My Jungle	Newton, Anne
BEST GROUP 1	3	Em Gd Pr Alure King of My Jungle	Newton, Anne
BEST GROUP 2	3	Hareem Leonardos Legacy	Kueh, Evelyn
BEST GROUP 3	3	Gd CH Kimara Blu Shimma Aschea	Nikiforos, Lucy
BEST GROUP 4	3	Grand Star Riley	Zahari, Barbara
Judges Fancy	3	Gd CH Kimara Blu Shimma Aschea	Nikiforos, Lucy
Best Russian	3	Gd CH Kimara Blu Shimma Aschea	Nikiforos, Lucy
SUPREME IN RING	4	Triple Pr Loveforever Dan	Kluczniak, Judy
BEST GROUP 1	4	Triple Pr Loveforever Dan	Kluczniak, Judy
BEST GROUP 2	4	Ruby Gd Ch Scallywags Jean-Luc Dax	Kueh, Evelyn
BEST GROUP 3	4	Kimara Mystery Blu Evelyn	Nikiforos, Lucy
BEST GROUP 4	4	Silv Gd Star Savannah	Zahari, Barbara



Show News

CatsWA & WA Cat Club Cat Show

October 16, 2016

RING 1 - Marisa Thistlewaite QFA

RING 2 - Deborah Cameron NSW CFA

RING 3 - Margaret Steed CVI

RING 4

Groups 1 Lee-Ann Pitman-Pryde CatsWA

Group 2 Rosemary De Meur COAWA

Group 3 Entire - Nick Skeet CatsWA

Group 3 Kittens & Desexed – Pamela Lanigan CatsWA

Group 4 – Rosemary De Meur COAWA

Reserve Judge:

Betty Payne – CatsWA



2016 Cat of the Year Results

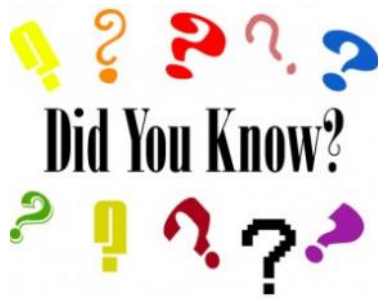
Congratulations to all winners!

	Cat	Owner
Best Entire	Ambritt Here Comes Ralphie	Pamela Lanigan
Best Kitten	Kimara Mystery Blu Evelynna	Lucy Nikiforos
Best Desexed	Cuddleton Miss Susannah	Pamela Lanigan
Best Domestic	Oops a Daisy	Lucy Nikiforos

Breeder of the Year	Sue Game
Reserve Breeder of the Year	Janis Thompson
3rd Breeder of the Year	Lucy Nikiforos

Best Group 1 Desexed	Loveforever Dan	Judy Kluczniak
Reserve Group 1 Desexed	Mewsings Sweet Melody	Suzanne Webb
Equal Best Group 1 Entire	Richdean Chocobear	Deanne Kestel
Equal Best Group 1 Entire	Sumibo Miss Roxette	Narelle Topham
Best Group 1 Kitten	Furrballz Melbourne Storm	Kirsty Connell
Reserve Group 1 Kitten	Silhouette Touched by a Fairie	Narelle Topham
Best Group 2 Desexed	Chicas Heartbeat	Sue Game
Reserve Group 2 Desexed	Amarin Blinky Belle	Nikia Rockley
Best Group 2 Entire	Chicas Tsu Hsi	Sue Game
Reserve Group 2 Entire	Chicas Queenie	Sue Game
Best Group 2 Kitten	Chicas Abros	Barbara Johnson
Reserve Group 2 Kitten	Amarin Blinky Belle	Nikia Rockley
Best Group 3 Neuter	Osiris (V) Minecraft Warrior	Victoria Cayley
Reserve Group 3 Neuter	Mesmereyes Silvan Malachi	Linda Horton
Best Group 3 Spay	Cuddleton Miss Susannah	Pamela Lanigan
Reserve Group 3 Spay	Frascott Melody Magic	Suzanne Webb
Best Group 3 Entire Female	Kimara Blu Shimma Aschea	Lucy Nikiforos
Reserve Group 3 Entire Female	Ambritt Poetry in Motion	Pamela Lanigan
Best Group 3 Entire Male	Ambritt Here Comes Ralphie	Pamela Lanigan
Reserve Group 3 Entire Male	Kimara Metallica Blu Sumfin Special	Lucy Nikiforos
Best Group 3 Female Kitten	Kimara Mystery Blu Evelynna	Lucy Nikiforos
Reserve Group 3 Female Kitten	Britzobeaute Blaze of Glory	Julie Pickens
Best Group 3 Male Kitten	Osiris (V) Minecraft Warrior	Victoria Cayley
Reserve Group 3 Male Kitten	Loveforever Drummer Boy	Janis Thompson
Best Domestic Longhair	Uno	Sandra Hayes
Reserve Domestic Longhair	Mercedes	Kirsty Connell
Best Domestic Shorthair	Oops a Daisy	Lucy Nikiforos
Reserve Domestic Shorthair	Savannah	Barbara Zahari

Best Group 1 (Non CatsWA)	Alure King of My Jungle	Anne Newton
Best Group 2 (Non CatsWA)	Malingbu Seal Shajhan	Debra Copeland
Best Group 3 (Non CatsWA)	Karm Beau River	Kathy Dossell



Black cats pose an enigma to people who have never been up close and personal with one. People who share their homes with one or more black cats love them beyond measure. Others who may or may not have crossed paths with a black cat sometimes fear them to the point of irrationality.

Fear of black cats most likely stems from folklore held over from the middle ages, when black cats were thought to be witches' familiars. The common phrase "witch hunt" arose from the fanatical fervour with which witches and their "familiars" were searched down, tortured until they confessed their sins, and killed, usually by burning at the stake.

Today, lovers of black cats bear no resemblance to witches but are normal men and women who happen to love the stark beauty of all-black cats, along with their personalities, which seem to vary from cat to cat.

TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES

Stewards and Group 4 Judges Training

If you would like to become a steward or a Group 4 judge, please email the office on catswa@iinet.net.au or contact Carole Galli on admin@roellencattery.com.au if you would like to know more.

Fees and charges

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 CatsWA (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	\$30
Subsequent transfers - Members	\$6
Subsequent transfers Non-members	\$10

Leases

Recorded in CatsWA (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)

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Members extra copies posted	\$6.50
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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

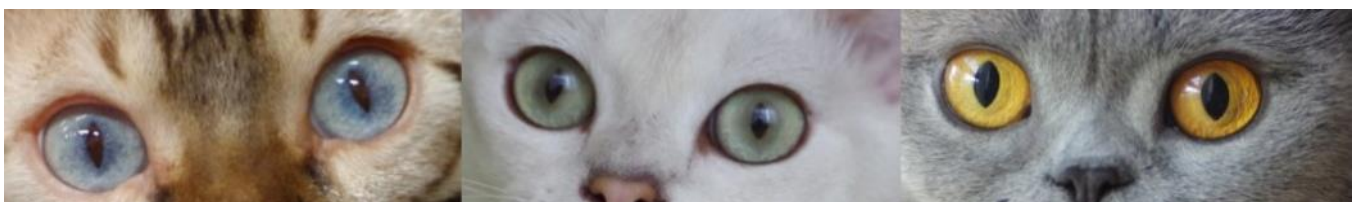
Members of ACF (Inc) Affiliates (includes relevant issues posted)

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



Reserve the dates!!

January 16 2017	AGM, 7.00pm at CatsWA Office
February 26, 2017	BSH Show
March 26, 2017	CatsWA Show - 3 Rings, Jo Millar NZCF & Margaret Simm NSWCFCA
April 30, 2017	Paws & Claws Cat Club Show—Barbara LaRocca QFA 3 rings
May 27, 2017	CatsWA Show— 2 rings, Fiona Cooper CatsNSW
June 25, 2017	CatsWA Show—International Judge & Nick Tricarico GCCFV
July 16 2017	CatsWA Show—International Judge and Janis Christison QFA
August 20, 2017	OSCC Show
September 10, 2017	BSH Show
October 23, 2017	CatsWA/WA Cat Club show—Judy Lewis QFA, Lesley Morgan CAT, Hazel Rossiter CatsNSW



News Flash!!

Royal Canin has agreed to sponsor one ring at ALL Cats WA and our Club shows in 2017

Thank You Royal Canin



Oz-Pet has agreed to continue their sponsorship for ALL Cats WA and our Club shows in 2017

Thank you Oz-Pet



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Why Promote Paediatric Desexing?

Carole Webb BVSc (Hons) MACVSc Executive Director Cat Protection Society of Victoria

In introducing this topic for consideration and debate, it is important firstly to define for our purposes what is meant by paediatric or early age desexing (EAD). For this paper it is defined as the desexing of both puppies and kittens from 8 weeks until 4 months of age, but with very strong focus on the 8-12 week old bracket.

Why then, should we as a profession, be promoting such a practice? Historically cats and dogs have been desexed at six months of age when they have been basically physically mature, so why would we want to be advocating an earlier age? Ultimately, it is the recommendation of our profession that will set the trend in the wider community - we are after all as practitioners the ones who will be performing the procedure - so what are the reasons that we may change our traditional viewpoint and possibly move out of our comfort zone?

EAD began in the USA in the 1980s and arose from the need to address the pet overpopulation problem. It was found that many kittens and puppies adopted from shelters with desexing vouchers never returned for desexing and that this problem could be overcome by desexing them before they left the shelter. This necessitated desexing at around 8 weeks of age. In searching the literature at this time, there were no studies that indicated that desexing could not be done before the traditional six months of age and so EAD was pioneered. From similar needs to address the pet overpopulation problem, particularly in relation to cats, Australia followed the USA in the early 1990s and to date many thousands of EADs have been performed safely and with no long term deleterious side effects. The profession is now being asked to help promote this to the wider community and there are several good reasons to do so:

There are no deleterious side effects

Many very comprehensive studies have now been conducted over long periods of time, comparing those animals that have been desexed at an early age with those done at the traditional time, looking for any short term and long term side effects. This topic is addressed in Professor Studdert's paper, in great detail, but suffice to say that there are no deleterious side effects with EAD.

EAD is technically easier and there is better recovery by the patients

Firstly, from a purely practical point of view, desexing puppies and kittens at 8 weeks of age is much easier and faster technically. This relates largely to the fact that in these young patients, the ovaries and uterus are easily found (as they are as developed as those of a cat at 6 months of age) and there is far less fat and bleeding. This thereby reduces surgical time and trauma, leading to faster recovery and healing with less stress on the animal. Since 1993, the Cat Protection Society of Victoria has done some 56,000 kitten desexings uneventfully and many of these cats are now approaching their senior years in good health and without side effects.

In surveying shelters in 2001 as part of the Cat Project (a joint project of CPS with Animals Australia to collect statistics and data relating to the cat problem in Australia), the veterinary staff were asked how they felt about EAD. Interestingly, the overwhelming majority reported it was easier as a procedure and that recovery was superior to adult desexing. The results of the survey are collated in Table 1. There also appears to be less psychological stress for the animal. Adults admitted for surgery to veterinary clinics often undergo a separation anxiety from their owner and some disorientation whilst at the clinic for their operation. Puppies and kittens in contrast have not yet formed such close attachments and generally show great curiosity and interest in their surroundings.

Financial incentives

Financially, early age desexing is very cost effective - the procedure is faster, thereby there is less input of veterinary and nursing time, and requires less materials. As a result some clinics are offering early age desexing at substantially lower rates making this very attractive to new clients. This can therefore provide some market pressure to introduce the technique to your practice.

Most puppies and kittens are acquired by their new owner between 8 and 12 weeks of age. EAD can therefore be done before acquisition by the new owner from the shelter/breeder/pet shop/family home. From a welfare perspective, this is important in reducing the numbers of unwanted animals born; and from a responsible breeder's perspective, it is important in protecting pedigreed lines and reducing cross bred litters born because new owners do not have pet quality animals desexed and set up a back yard trade. In obtaining a kitten or puppy that is already desexed, the new owners generally report that they are pleased with this as it ensures they won't forget to have it done and that they have not been exposed to the risk that their new pet may have problems with the procedure (it has been done before they have become attached). In dealing directly therefore with the breeder, shelter, pet shop etc these EADs can be done in litters - making for efficiency and allowing the practice logo to go out with all the offspring thereby providing good advertising for the practice. From an individual animal and an individual practice point of view therefore, there are some very significant advantages with EAD.

Legislative trend

Looking now at a community orientated approach, it is fair to say that there is an increasing legislative trend towards EAD. The concept is gaining the interest of politicians in the animal welfare field as a solution to decrease the number of unwanted cats and dogs and to help reduce the nuisance that undesexed animals can cause within the community:

- Shelter statistics reflect the tragic numbers of dogs and cats euthanased annually - an average 60-70% of all cats entering shelters and some 40-50% of dogs. These figures have remained constant despite increased awareness about responsible ownership and existing legislation.
- Analysis of the desexing voucher scheme operated by shelters in the past showed only a 60-80% redemption rate with many animals having had at least one litter before desexing.
- In many studies it has been shown that the majority of nuisance caused by dogs and cats within the community is done by undesexed animals. CPS data compiled from cat management activities with local municipalities over the last five years shows the majority of nuisance complaints relate to entire cat behaviour and the majority of the cats causing the complaints are not desexed:

Suggested solutions currently being explored include:

- Reducing the registration age of dogs and cats from 6 months to 3 months. In order to obtain the reduced fee for desexed animals, the owner will need to have their cat or dog desexed at 3 months.
- Requiring pet shops, breeders etc sell only desexed animals ie desexing before acquisition or at point of sale. Currently animal shelters and pounds are required to desex their puppies and kittens before acquisition by the new owner. Those animals specifically required for breeding would be exempted with certain provisions.
- Educating the community to have their dogs and cats desexed at an earlier age.

Animal welfare - reducing the overpopulation problem

The primary reason for promoting early age desexing is to improve animal welfare. It is a powerful tool to reduce the tragic, large, and not decreasing numbers of animals euthanased in Victorian shelters annually. Some of these animals are certainly the old, the sick, the wild and the problem animals that society rejects, but the overwhelming percentage are young and healthy and are euthanased simply because supply has outstripped demand and put bluntly - no-one wants them. If they had not been born, they would not need to be euthanased. As the veterinary profession moves to a new generation, there is a cry not to euthanase - a cry with which all would totally empathise - but the reality of this is that there is then a large oversupply of cats and dogs that have nowhere to go - the solution, desex them before the unwanted litters are produced. The figures speak for themselves - in Victoria alone, 30,000 dogs and 48,000 cats enter pounds and shelters annually - these unwanted animals place a huge financial, physical and emotional burden on those in shelters. The need then to advance early age desexing within the community is also an ethical one - should we continue to euthanase thousands of unwanted kittens and puppies each year, when a technique exists to prevent this and help control the problem of overpopulation? In a civilised society, the answer is an unequivocal NO and help is sought from the profession to address this.

Cats

The overall picture for cats entering shelters and pounds is much bleaker than for dogs. In Victoria annually, 48,000 cats enter shelters and pounds, nationally the figure is 112,000. In 2001, The Cat Protection Society of Victoria and Animals Australia started 'The Cat Project'. This has involved compilation of statistics, data and studies from across Australia as a baseline to define the cat problem and its magnitude. From the compilation of these figures it can be seen that numbers entering the shelters have not changed significantly through the years. The Cat Protection Society of Victoria has received in the order of 16,000 cats and kittens per year for some ten years (see Table 5 and Charts 3 & 4).

In stark contrast to dogs, the euthanasia rate for cats entering shelters around Australia is some 65-70% these figures are remarkably consistent between different shelters eg CPS and RSPCA (Table 6) and across the nation (Table 7). Since the introduction of the Domestic Animals Act in Victoria the reclaim rate has risen from 0.01% to some 4% (2003 figures) - slightly higher than the national average of 3.2%, but almost negligible in comparison to the 41% for dogs. This to some extent reflects the difference between the cat and dog problem - for cats the problem is one largely of overpopulation, the large numbers entering shelters reflecting thousands of unwanted kittens which have no 'owner' and therefore cannot be reclaimed. It can be seen from Chart 5 that the shelter intake of cats fluctuates seasonally. The figures are those from CPS, but are typical for shelters handling large numbers of cats, and have been graphed over five years by monthly intake. Whilst some of these cats are old, sick, wild, unweaned or surrendered for euthanasia for various reasons, the majority are healthy and in the right circumstances would make excellent pets. It can be seen that there is a base intake of some 500-600 cats per month and that this increases to nearly 2,500 per month

In kitten season (generally October - April) with the peak intakes in December and January. The spikes in this chart reflect the large numbers of kittens entering the shelters as a result of overbreeding. These are young healthy animals with good temperaments that would make excellent household pets. The reality is that there are simply not enough homes for these to go to and many are euthanased as 'surplus' to demand. This contrasts to the dog problem where seasonality is much less marked. Overpopulation is a far greater problem with cats than dogs because of the cat's tremendous reproductive capabilities and the fact that unlike dogs, cats are not always confined to their properties. Basically cats are designed to reproduce:

- Female cats begin to cycle at 4 months of age and therefore can have their first litter by 6 months of age
- Female cats ovulate when mated so become pregnant
- One female cat can produce 41 offspring in 12 months
- Cat populations require 97.5% of the population desexed to stabilise
- Female cats continue to come into season until mated, calling incessantly and are extremely difficult to confine
- Entire male cats roam widely, fight, spray territory and cause much of the nuisance complaints received by local Councils.

So with forecasts of declining cat populations and loss of work for veterinarians in private practice as a result, how do these two pictures reconcile?

In 1990, prior to any legislation being introduced relating to cats, the question "Do you own a cat?" would have been answered in the affirmative by many who were feeding a stray, but not taking overall responsibility for it. After the introduction of the Domestic Animals Act in 1996, the term 'owned' also carried the definition of being registered with the local municipality (and a penalty for not doing so), and if questioned after this point in time, many respondents would now answer "No", although may still be feeding the stray and still taking no overall responsibility for them. Some of the decline therefore can be related to change in definition of an 'owned' cat through time. However, in stark contrast to the above, shelter statistics indicate no decline in cat numbers. To investigate this discrepancy further, and to try to explain it, the Cat Project surveyed shelters around Australia and asked for data relating to desexing percentages for different categories of cats. As to be expected, the percentage of reclaimed cats that were desexed was very high - 92% reflecting the high percentage of owned cats that are desexed (see Tables 8 & 9). These are owned cats by the definition and this percentage reflects the results of surveys of households owning cats. Also as expected, the percentage of wild unowned cats that were desexed was 0%. However the survey detected a third group of cats called 'stray' of which only 22% on average are desexed. This group are semi-owned. There is usually a feeder, but the feeder takes no overall responsibility, the cats are friendly and generally in good condition but are not desexed and will usually be presented to shelters when they produce their first litter and the feeder can no longer care for all of them. These will make perfectly good household pets. The low desexing percentage in this group is more than sufficient to be producing the oversupply of kittens. The Cat Project also re-examined the Rearch surveys (Rearch Research Pty Ltd. The Metropolitan Domestic Cat, April 1994, conducted for Pet Care Information and Advisory Service, Melbourne, 1994) conducted on desexing percentages of owned cats and found that whilst across the board the percentage was 88% (still not sufficient in this author's opinion to prevent overpopulation), the percentage of cats under 12 months of age that are desexed is only 36% (see Tables 10 & 11). In addition surveys conducted by the Cat Project and supported by an international literature search, indicates that 15-18% of female cats have had at least one litter before they are desexed. In collating this information, both the declining 'owned' cat population and the large intake of cats by shelters can be explained by what this author has termed The Gap: •88% of the owned cat population is desexed •Only 36% of cats under 12 months of age are desexed •Only 22% of stray cats are desexed •15-18% of female cats have had at least one litter before being desexed. These four statistics fully explain the reason that shelters are still inundated with kittens despite a declining owned cat population. Using these and a population size of 500,000 cats it can be seen that approximately two and a half times the number of kittens required to maintain the population are produced each year

The Gap also clearly illustrates the usefulness of EAD in curbing the overpopulation as EAD will prevent 18% of cats having at least one litter and increase the desexing percentage of cats under 12 months of age.

In conclusion, the need for EAD, before the new owner acquires their new kitten, is of great importance in addressing what is very much an overpopulation problem. In reducing the surplus of kittens born, not only is the pressure on shelters reduced, but there are fewer cats able to enter the wild unowned colonies, nuisance is reduced and overall the cat's image will be improved. This will hopefully lead to increased owned cat populations as their value as a companion animal is fully recognised and appreciated.

To read the complete article including graphs and statistics go to

http://www.gungahlinvet.com.au/resources/documents/papers/Early_age_desexing_of_puppies_and_kittens.pdf

Code of Conduct for all members

Did you know that CatsWA 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 CatsWA's values and principles and is a visible statement to the rest of the world what we stand for. Anyone who deals with CatsWA 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

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.

Kitten due date calendar

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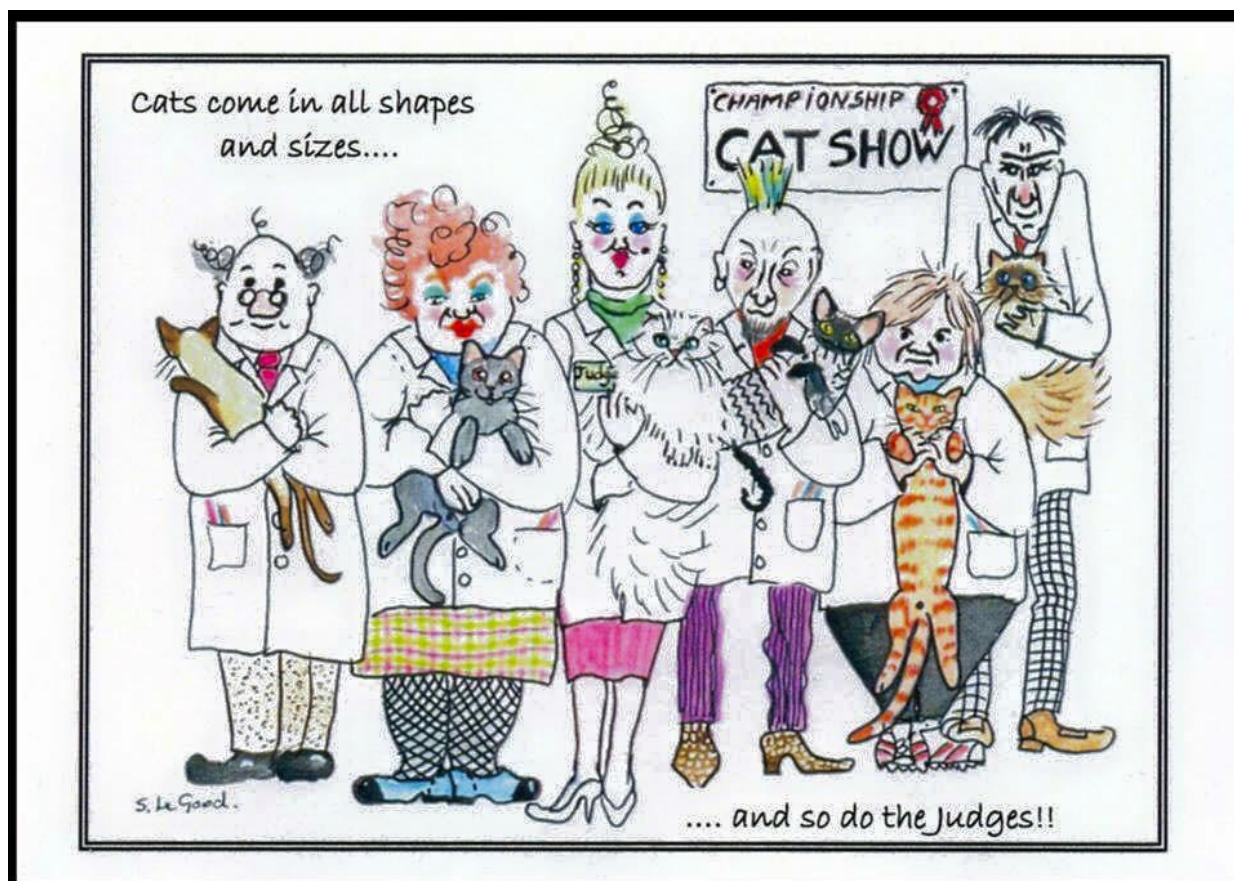
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All judges may judge group 4.

Members interested in becoming a judge are very welcome to contact Judges Panel Convenor Betty Payne.

They will be given full support and encouragement.



Looking for ways to get involved?

Why not join one of the clubs? CatsWA 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.

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Some of these clubs are no longer active or have changed office bearers. Please contact the editor at catswa@iinet.net.au to update your information.

Great news, CatsWA Governing Council have voted to change the cage hire rate. In future, all CatsWA cages will be a flat \$5, regardless of size.

Any club news? Here is the place to list it.




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.

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CatsWA Breeders Directory 2016

CatsWA Registered breeders, please note:

If you would like to advertise in the Breeders Directory, please contact the CatsWA 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 CatsWA 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. catswa@iinet.net.au

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