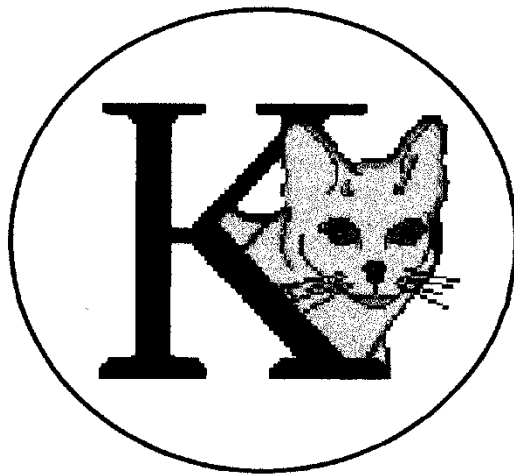


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PICTURE GALLERY - MEMBERS PHOTOS



Maia (KOR);
Courtesy of Clare Treacher



Saffi (TBP);
Courtesy of Claire Lewis



Boysi and Indi (KOR);
Courtesy of Richard and Karen McAdams



Taro (KOR);
Courtesy of Margaret Hull

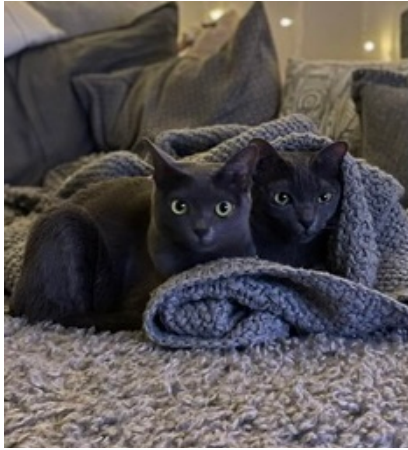


Finley (KOR) and Leo (TBP);
Courtesy of Kirsty Powell

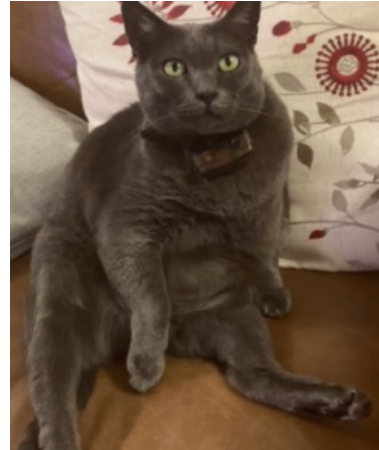


6 week old TBP litter from Dottie and Oliver;
Courtesy of Louise Portsmouth

PICTURE GALLERY - MEMBERS PHOTOS



Smoke and Shade (KOR);
Courtesy of Cecilia Dominici



Fat Gizmo (KOR);
Courtesy of Liz Wilson



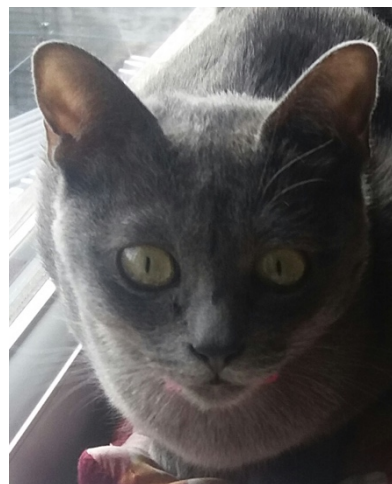
Luxy and Tiffy (KOR);
Courtesy of Bernd Pollesche



Mog (TBP);
Courtesy of Louise Portsmouth



Dylan (KOR);
Courtesy of Clare Treacher



Koorahk Lily's Promise (KOR);
Courtesy of Helen Hawkins

Thanks to all members/breeders who shared photos of your wonderful cats! Please email mcewena2@gmail.com with photos for the next newsletter.

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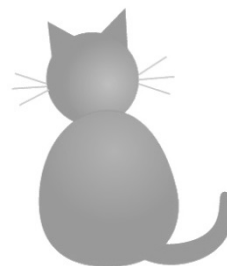
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Chairperson's Report

Welcome to the Spring/Summer edition of the Korat & Thai Cat Association newsletter.

It's been a little while since our last newsletter so you're in for a treat with this bumper edition to get you up to speed on all the news from the last year.

This will be my last Chair's piece as I will have finished my time as Chairman by the time you read this after 3 years in the position. It has been a pleasure being Chair and I would like to thank all the Committee for their hard work and support they have given the club and me. The Club are very lucky to have you all looking after our wonderful breed.

It's been a challenging few years with the pandemic changing the way the Club has met and with the postponement of two of our annual breed shows but things are now looking up and our 2022 breed show planning is well underway. We are looking forward to being back in October.

GCCF regular shows are back and being enjoyed by many, including my cats and me. Have you ever thought about showing your Korat or Thai? Kittenhood is the ideal time to take your cat to a show to get them used to the show environment. Most think it's great fun to play and get loads of attention! Older cats can also be shown for the first time and enjoy all the attention. My own boy Jasper didn't go to his first show till he was 4 years old and continued till he was 9.5 years old, gaining his Imperial Grand Premier title along the way and a love for show day fresh chicken! If you fancy trying a show (with or without your cat) then get in contact with your breeder or one of the Committee and we'll be more than happy to help you. You never know maybe your cat will be the top cat at the K&TCA show this year 😊.



In the Saluay household we have a new addition, Kaya.

Kaya pretty much decided from about 10 days old that she wanted to stay. There was just something about her that won my heart and thankfully she gets on great with everyone. Kaya is now 7.5 months old and very much part of the family. She has taken to showing as well as



her mum Maia did (except the constant chatter on the way to shows!) so fingers crossed, she continues to enjoy it into adulthood.

Enjoy the rest of the warm summer that we can all enjoy with our Korats & Thais.

Clare Treacher

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Saluay Korats

Editor's Notes

Firstly, I must sincerely apologise for the lack of Newsletters since Autumn 2020. This was mainly due to unforeseen circumstances myself and other committee members endured, resulting in missing pivotal contributions. However, I hope you enjoy catching up with this bumper issue which will include GCCF news, details on a reshuffle of our committee and introducing new members, Treasurer and Secretary reports. We also pay tribute and say farewell to two trailblazers of our breed, the late Janet Jeffers and Audrey Pitt.



Towards the end of 2021, a few shows gradually came offline and clubs started to make plans. With the start of 2022 most shows are now back and I'm delighted to tell you that the K&TCA show will happen on 1st October 2022, so we must ensure it will be a good one! If you do show your cats, please ensure that you start keeping a record of any awards for the Show Points Scheme, details of which are found in the following pages.

During 2021, I was lucky enough to be able to help raise three litters of Korat, Thai Blue Point and Burmese kittens. They were a delight and are now well established in their new homes. We had a bit of a worry with one little Thai Blue Point boy as we discovered he was born with FCKS (flat chested kitten syndrome), having never experienced a kitten with this before, my breeder friends and vet rallied round, helped me identify the problem via video messaging, and got him on the road to recovery. He is now a strapping boy, with no evidence of any previous problem and is doing very well now mischief-making with his sister in his new home.



This will be my final Newsletter as Editor, I am standing down to allow one of our new K&TCA Committee members, Alice McEwen a new opportunity. Please do send in any contributions, photos and ideas to Alice, mcewena2@gmail.com I am still on the K&TCA Committee and am always happy to help in any way.

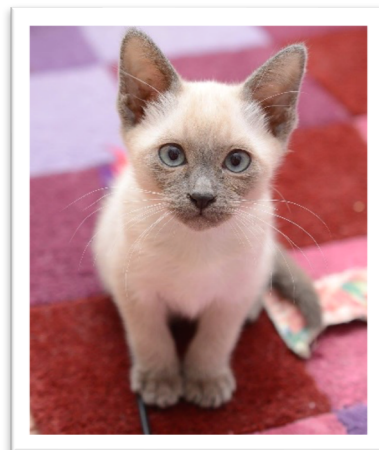
Wishing you all a healthy and happy time with your wonderful cats.

Louise Portsmouth, Cattleya Cats
Former Newsletter Editor



Committee News

*Your committee is dedicated to
promoting healthy Korats & Thais.*



At last, I hear you all say – a newsletter! I can only apologise that there haven't been any newsletters for over a year. I accept full responsibility for this as Louise has officially resigned as editor and it fell to me to finalise everything. I would like to thank Louise for continuing to help with this (late) issue despite having previously resigned. In future, our new committee member Alice McEwen will be taking over from Louise as editor so do please support Alice by sending in articles and/or photos for future newsletters. Anyway, apologies over, let's move on to the Club news!

Since 2020, much of the day-to-day running of cat fancy business moved onto Zoom. Although our AGM was cancelled in 2020 and 2021, we have been holding our committee meetings via Zoom and in May 2022 we held our first remote AGM on Zoom, followed by the electoral committee meeting, resulting in various changes to the committee:

Brian Lacey and Jen Day resigned from the committee. There were then 3 new proposals for members of the committee; George Terry, Felicity Black and Alice McEwen, and all 3 were appointed. Clare Treacher had completed her 3 years as Chairman and therefore had to step down. I also resigned as Secretary. I was proposed for (and accepted) the position of Chairman. Clare Treacher was proposed and accepted as Secretary. As Jen Day had resigned, George Terry and Felicity Black agreed to share the Show Support Secretary role. Dee Hillier-Kidston was officially appointed as our Assistant Show Manager. All other posts remained the same.

I'd like to take this opportunity to thank committee members, both past and present, for their support during my time as Secretary. Special thanks go to our retiring committee members, Jen Day and Brian Lacey, both are long term members and have been supporting the Club for many, many years; and although we hope to continue to see them at certain venues, they deserve a huge vote of thanks as they have given a lot of time and effort to the Club over the years.

As we have missed so many newsletters there are quite a few reports from the GCCF council meetings held during 2021/22 in this edition. In future, rather than take up space in the newsletter we will leave members to read these reports on the GCCF website where they are published after every council meeting. We will, however, report any changes which would affect Korats & Thais.

SHOW NEWS

K&TCA SHOW ~ Having cancelled our breed show for the last 2 years, I'm pleased to say our Show is taking place this year on 1st October 2022. The schedule should be available very soon. We are sharing the venue at Bugbrooke with The Russian Blue Breeders Association, as usual, and hope to see many of you there.

SHOW POINTS SCHEME ~ With shows now up and running again, don't forget to send in your results. So if you have shown your cats this year, and won awards, let George know.

This will be my last contribution to the Newsletter as Club Secretary, however, Clare Treacher will be completing the Committee News page in future issues. I will be submitting a Chairman's Report to each future edition for the next 3 years. So, it's goodbye from me as Secretary, but I'll be back – as Chair!!

Julie Cherkas (Chairman – previously Club Secretary)

Audrey Pitt 1934 - 2021 Rataekora Korats

Felicity Black; Kanzona Korats writes;

'You can't buy a Korat, only its papers'. I quote Audrey who vetted prospective buyers of such papers scrupulously. Somehow Leo and I passed the test and lived with Rataekora Nimrod and Dorabella for some 20 years.

When we, much later, wanted to breed Korats I was honoured that she approved my prefix remembering her greatest Korat stud boy from the USA, Jaltari's Kanza.

When my own stud, Kal-Lee Kasem joined us from the USA in 2014 a package of rabbits paws - yes, REAL ones - arrived for him in the post from Groby.

I miss you Audrey, your tips on homeopathy, and your outspokenness. The Korat world is richer for your breeding policies, understanding of health issues and for your hard work (with the help of Kit Game) in importing kittens from America, and exporting to new breeders in Finland and Scandinavia.



I hope that wherever you are, you are surrounded by your cats - and dogs! Thank you for bringing so much laughter into my life.

Felicity Black: Kanzona Korats

Janis Hughes writes;

The first time I saw a Korat was a photograph of Rataekora Phra Ngam (aka Jazz) in Cat World. It was love at first sight. I phoned the breeder, a Mrs Audrey Pitt, to talk about Korats and so began a long friendship.

I had three Rataekora Korats and Audrey was always at the other end of the phone with advice and dry humour. I would sometimes visit her at Ibstock and loved to see the girls and their kittens, and Kanza and Jazz Junior who shared a cabin, somewhat unusual for entire males.

When Audrey retired, she moved to Micklover and then to Groby. We met again several times when she stayed with family in Wiltshire, where I also met her black labradors who kept her active for as long as possible.

Audrey was a very special lady. I will always miss her.

Janis Hughes

Remembering Janet Jeffers – Maipenrai Korats & Thais

Jen Day writes:

It is with deep sadness that I must report the death of my dear friend, Janet Jeffers. I first met Janet in 1995 in Grimsby and we remained friends for almost three decades. Janet had been a member of our Club for many years and was breeding Korat and Thai cats when in 2004, I had two of her kittens; Maipenrai Tao Princess (Portia) and Maipenrai Lilac Foxglove (Oliver) a Korat & Thai Lilac, respectively. She introduced me to the Korat & Thai Club and I have since made many good friends through Janet's introduction.



“MAIPENRAI” was Janet's prefix and she bred many very successful show cats during her time as a very popular breeder. Portia has outlived Janet and she is featured in this issue's, “Meet the Cats”. She was a very successful cat on the show bench in her earlier days and one of the first cats to achieve an Imperial Grand Premier title under Janet's prefix.



Comet & Portia, Janet's remaining cats, relocated to the Isle of Man, Janet's home island.

Janet & I had several holidays together over the years, and Portia, Oliver and I would visit her on the Isle of Man most summers. Sadly, Janet was diagnosed with cancer earlier in the year and it spread rapidly. She died on 4th August 2021. Rest In Peace Janet, I shall miss you.

Her funeral was on 3rd September 2021, at Whittlesey, Cambs.

Jen Day

Clair Harding-Brown writes:

Janet Jeffers passed away at 18:30 tonight. After a while of ill health, she has finally finished her cat tray duties. To me, Janet was a one off, a lady of strong character and strong will. Her life was not straight forward but her cats were her passion.

Thank you for giving me Maipenrai Aaron. I didn't know it at the time, but he gave me Thai Lilac Points. He introduced me to you. At our last show you struggled. You pushed yourself beyond a lot of boundaries. I will always remember your dry wit.

May you rest your soul 

Clair Harding-Brown, Clairabelle

Jen Lacey writes:

I said goodbye to an old friend today at her graveside, then raised a glass to her memory with family and friends which is exactly as she would have wanted.

I first met Janet Jeffers in the late 1970s when we acquired our first Korat kittens at about the same time. Our paths then diverged for some years. I was the husband and 2 kids, traditional, stay-at-home kind of person, while she relocated to the Isle of Man where she rubbed shoulders with the rich and famous of the TT world and took holidays that involved speed hiking up Mt. Kilimanjaro, and flying home first class on Concorde from a journey to New York by luxury liner.

Almost 20 years on we got together again in the East Midlands and this was the time she took her Maipenrai cattery name and became successfully established at breeding and showing. The lure of Isle of Man called again, but with the cats now part of her life she would travel to England, Scotland and Northern Ireland to show. I think it's possible too that at this period there were more GCCF registered Korats and Thais on the island than there were Manx.

It was a fitting tribute to Janet as a Korat breeder that Maipenrai Saphira Sky (11) was BIS Neuter in the recent GCCF Virtual Show, a lovely bit of news to pass on to her family.

Jen Lacey, Jenenca

Julie Cherkas writes:

I first met Janet in 2000 while she was staying in Whissendine, with Jen & Brian Lacey, prior to her move back to her beloved Isle of Man. I was later to take my cats to Janet's stud cats and my queen, Izzi, became very well travelled visiting Janet's boys, using buses, trains, planes, boats and she once travelled back from the Isle of Man with Jen Day, Portia and Oliver. Janet had had many health set backs during the last 20 years but it never stopped her travelling to the mainland with her cats and would always be happy to help fellow Korat owners. She spent many years on the Committee of the K&TCA and was always a willing helper at our shows, with her many very successful cats from her Prefix, Maipenrai. She also left a very generous donation to the Club in her Will. Thank you, Janet. They broke the mould with you. We will miss you but your legacy will continue in all our cats.

Julie Cherkas, Jusarka

Charitable Donations

As you know, each year the Club donates profits from sales of merchandise to a selected charity, subject to an upper limit of £100. Our chosen charity for 2020 was the **Maidenhead Cat Rescue**. However, because we didn't have anywhere to sell merchandise in 'the year of covid' we held a virtual show instead and ALL proceeds from the Show were donated to this excellent cat rescue charity. In the end, what would have been an awfully insignificant amount became £400 so we were able to offer substantial help to a small independent rescue.

So, moving on to 2021.... As once again, we hadn't had a show to sell merchandise, nor did we have an AGM to select a charity, we decided to donate £300 to the **GCCF Fund for Cats of Ukraine**. Our Treasurer also had the brilliant idea to make the donation personally (with KTCA after her name) and then reimburse herself the £300 so that she was able to use Gift Aid to increase our overall amount to £375. As GCCF have committed to 'fund match' the amount donated up to £25,000 our donation will effectively provide funds of £750 to help the cats of Ukraine in the current crisis.

If you would like **to make a personal donation to the GCCF Cats of Ukraine Fund**, you can do so using the Enthuse page which has been set up on the GCCF website. Here is a link to the page <http://gccfcats.enthuse.com/profile> Alternatively, you can simply go to the GCCF website (google GCCFcats) and there is a link to the Enthuse donation page in red and pink under the picture on the home page. Please do give a little, even if it's only £1, with gift aid (if you pay tax) this will become £1.25, and with GCCF fund match this becomes £2.50 which is a few tins of food. Every little helps!

For our 2022 charitable recipient, we have chosen an individual who works tirelessly in Rescue Fostering. Sue Chall works in the North West and is constantly trapping stray and injured cats and kittens which are given any veterinary treatment required, then they have a full belly, a warm refuge, and, most importantly, lots and lots of love and handling where possible. Once they are vet treated, neutered (where appropriate, but in most cases this hasn't already been done!) and reasonably domesticated, Sue then moves them on to a permanent loving home, selected to suit their individual needs. She takes so much time with each and every cat to give them what they desperately need before setting them up in the best possible home for a happy, healthy future life of love and affection. Some of Sue's stories are heart breaking but she gives all her rescues the best help she can and some of the 'before and after' photos are incredible – you just wouldn't believe it's the same cat!

GCCF Ukraine Appeal – Update

5 August 2022

We are pleased to have received this update from Pat Murchison, the Volunteer Grants Manager at British charity, Nowzad, following our recent donation of £26,492.64 to their Ukraine Appeal:

“Further to our correspondence I am pleased to send you some recent photographs. Pen Farthing and David Hill (our UK Fundraising and Logistical Manager) have just returned from Ukraine and Poland. We initially had a small warehouse on the border but are now moving to a larger secure warehouse in Lviv. Pen and David took large supplies of cat food and enough flea and tick treatments for 2,000 cats. We are now purchasing more supplies of cat food and veterinary medicines and treatments and another consignment will be going across in September. Whilst there, they met with our warehouse manager who is supervising the transfer and audit of supplies to the new warehouse. Importantly too, they met with our in-country manager who is responsible for identifying the shelters and immediate areas of need. Both of our trusted Ukrainian managers are extremely dedicated and motivated.

You can be assured that your wonderful funding is helping many cats who are in dire need. We will be sure to keep you updated.

**Sending sincere thanks from
the Nowzad team.”**





2020 Titled Show Cats



Provided by Jen Day

CHAMPION
CATTLEYA CALYPSO



IMPERIAL GRAND PREMIER
JENANCA LAILA



Congratulations to the cats, their
owners and breeders!



Now that shows have started up again, we look forward to seeing the 2022 show points your cats have accumulated. If you did manage to attend any shows towards the end of 2021, please do send in your points and these will be added to the 2022 totals. Future points/results should be sent to George Terry.

Show Points Scheme - Best Show Cats of 2020



Best Breeders 2020

Prefix	Breeder	Points
SAWATAO	GAYE SINCLAIR	130
CATTLEYA	LOUISE PORTSMOUTH	120
SALUAY	CLARE TREACHER	110
JUSARKA	JULIE CHERKAS	50
KANZONA	FELICITY BLACK	20
CLAIRABELLE	CLAIR HARDING BROWN	20

Best Adult Male 2020

Name	Points	Owner	Breeder
Gr Ch SAWATAO KALASIN	130	HELEN HAWKINS	GAYE SINCLAIR
CLAIRABELLE WARM MOCHA BISCUIT	20	CLAIR HARDING BROWN	CLAIR HARDING BROWN

Best Adult Female 2020

Name	Points	Owner	Breeder
Ch CATTLEYA CALYPSO	120	LOUISE PORTSMOUTH	LOUISE PORTSMOUTH
Imp Gr Ch SALUAY CHUANNG DOW	60	CLARE TREACHER	CLARE TREACHER
Imp Gr Ch SALUAY SAANG LALI SAWAN	50	CLARE TREACHER	CLARE TREACHER
Gr Ch KANZONA ASTRA	20	FELICITY BLACK	FELICITY BLACK

Best Male Neuter 2020

NONE REPORTED

Best Female Neuter 2020

Name	Points	Owner	Breeder
Imp Gr Pr JUSARKA DAYDREAM BELIEVER	50	DEE HILLIER- KIDSTON	JULIE CHERKAS

Best Kitten 2020

NONE REPORTED

Congratulations to all those who took part!

Show Points Scheme Results provided by Jen Day

K&TCA's Show Points & Awards Scheme

This scheme relies on you telling **Georgina Terry** about your show successes. Points are allocated for wins at all GCCF shows throughout the year, and normally runs from January to December. There were very few shows in late 2021 but if you did happen to enter your cat(s) in a GCCF show and you have accumulated some points, please let us know and we will add these to the 2022 shows.

What The Show Scheme Support Needs

The information needed to place the cat into the correct category is: Date/Name of Show; Name/Title of cat; breed [Korat or Thai (which type of Thai)]; Adult/Kitten/Neuter; Male or Female. Then which awards it won and the points, although we are happy to allocate points for you once we have all the other information.

What Rewards Will You Get?

Special laminated certificates are awarded to the winners of each category:

- * *Best Male Adult; Best Male Neuter; Best Male Kitten*
- * *Best Female Adult; Best Female Neuter; Best Female Kitten*
- * *Best Breeder, and Runner Up, awarded to Breeders with the most overall points.*

The Certificates are awarded at the AGM each year, along with the Title Rosettes (see below). To encourage you all to send in your results, a reminder of the points follows. Breeders can include cats bred, but no longer owned, by them.

Special K&TCA Club Rosettes for Change of Title

As a club member you are entitled to claim a special rosette each time your cat gains a new title; e.g. Champion, Premier, Grand Champion, Grand Premier, etc. Your cat's title and full pedigree name will be printed on the tails of the rosette. Title rosettes for achievements during 2022 will be presented at the 2023 AGM.

The Points Allocation

BREED CLASS - Kitten, Adult or Neuter

Awarded CC, PC, or 1st in Kitten Class = 20 points

2nd Place = 10 points

3rd Place = 5 points

GRAND CLASS - Adult or Neuter

Awarded Grand [CC or PC] or UKGR = 30 points

Reserve Grand = 20 points

Withheld Certificate = 10 points

IMPERIAL CLASS - Adult or Neuter

Awarded Imperial Grand [CC or PC] = 40 points

Reserve Imperial = 30 points

Withheld Certificate = 15 points

OLYMPIAN CLASS - Adult or Neuter

Awarded Olympian = 50 points

Reserve Olympian = 40 points

3rd Place in Olympian = 30 points

4th Place in Olympian = 20 points

5th Place in Olympian = 10 points

OTHER AWARDS

Best of Breed award = 20 points

Best of Variety Section 4 Adult, Kitten, Neuter = 30 points

Overall BOV = 40 points

Overall Best in Show = 50 points

Overall Best of Best (Joint Shows) = 50 points

If notification is not sent, no points will be awarded

Send details to Georgina Terry: beeorchidgirl@hotmail.com

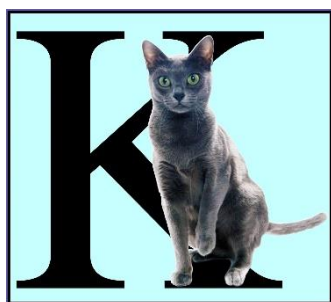
Korat & Thai Cat Association Annual General Meetings

Historically, the AGM Agenda and previous year's minutes and Accounts have been published in the newsletter. As you know, due to covid, we had to cancel the AGM in 2020 but we did publish a brief note of what the committee had discussed via email plus the minutes of the AGM & Annual Accounts for 2019 in the Spring 2020 newsletter.

No AGM was held for 2021. Due to the absence of newsletters in 2021 and 2022, the paperwork for this year's AGM (held by video conference on 1 May 2022) was distributed to all members by email (or post where no email address is held).

This means that the following paperwork has already been seen but for consistency, we need to publish the documents in this newsletter.

THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF THE KORAT & THAI CAT ASSOCIATION



SUNDAY, 1 MAY 2022 AT 2.00 PM

**To be held electronically via Zoom
(the link to join the meeting is available from the Secretary)**

AGENDA

1. Welcome to members
2. In Memoriam, Janet Jeffers and Audrey Pitt
3. Apologies for absence
4. Minutes of the 2019 AGM & Notes on actions of the Committee for 2020
5. Matters arising from those minutes and notes
6. Chairman's Report
7. The Secretary's report on the work of the Committee
8. The Hon Treasurer's Report and Financial Statement
9. Appointment of a suitably qualified independent person to examine accounts
10. The Show Secretary's report; Presentation of Title Rosettes & Show Points Certificates
11. GCCF Delegate's report
12. Elections:
 - a) President & Vice-President
 - b) Committee Members up for re-election: Caroline Bertram, Sarah Williams-Elliss, Louise Portsmouth.
 - c) Co-opted Committee Members up for election: George Terry, Felicity Black.
 - d) Delegate and substitute delegate to Council.
13. Items for discussion:
 - a) Club donation to GCCF Ukraine fund for cat rescue
 - b) Choosing charity recipient for 2022 merchandise donation
 - c) Newsletter - search for an editor
 - d) Website & Facebook page
14. Any other business

END

The Annual Accounts for 2020 & 2021 are on the following pages.

Korat & Thai Cat Association



Accounts – Year Ending 31st December 2020

Membership	2020	2019
Advance Subscription Payments (2021)	£ 116.00	£ 121.00
Subscriptions for 2020	<u>£ 444.00</u>	<u>£ 544.00</u>
Total	<u>£560.00</u>	<u>£665.00</u>
Income		
Subscriptions total	£ 560.00	£ 665.00
Proceeds of AGM Raffle	£ 0.00	£ 43.00
Donations	£ 78.20	£ 49.00
Rehome Donations	£ 50.00	£ 0.00
Merchandise & Knitted Toy Sales	£ 35.00	£ 26.00
Show Entries (2020 was a virtual show on FB)	£ 389.02	£ 896.82
Show Raffle	£ 0.00	£ 161.00
Show Merchandise Sales	£ 0.00	£ 29.00
Add to current account from petty cash	£ 150.00	£ 200.00
Transferred from current account to savings account	£ 0.00	£ 500.00
Savings Account Interest	<u>£ 1.80</u>	<u>£ 2.40</u>
Total	<u>£1264.02</u>	<u>£2572.22</u>
Expenditure		
Newsletter Printing & Posting	£ 97.41	£ 162.01
GCCF Affiliation Sub	£ 62.90	£ 63.50
Supreme Support	£ 0.00	£ 60.00
Show Licence	£ 0.00	£ 25.00
Hall Hire	£ 35.00	£ 80.00
KTCA Website	£ 0.00	£ 171.36
Club Merchandise	£ 0.00	£ 0.00
Show Shared Expenditure (2018)	£ 0.00	£ 431.39
Show Shared Expenditure (2019)	£ 0.00	£ 664.99
Show Rosettes	£ 0.00	£ 223.62
Show GCCF Penning Fees and Show Entry Fees	£ 0.00	£ 12.00
Show KTCA SM expenses (I Macro)	£ 0.00	£ 59.25
Show Expenses - Printing	£ 0.00	£ 66.05
Richardson Designs - Club Rosettes	£ 112.20	£ 134.79
PayPal Fees	£ 3.56	£ 1.95
Office Expenses / Postage	£ 101.00	£ 9.95
Gifts	£ 0.00	£ 60.00
Yearly Donation to Charity (inc virtual show donation £400)	£ 450.00	£ 100.00
Add to current account from petty cash	£ 150.00	£ 200.00
Transferred from current account to savings account	£ 0.00	£ 500.00
Total	<u>£1012.07</u>	<u>£3025.86</u>
Analysis		
Income	£1264.02	£2572.22
Expenditure	<u>£1012.07</u>	<u>£3025.86</u>
Profit / (Loss)	<u>£ 251.95</u>	<u>£ (453.64)</u>

Closing Balance/Assets

Current Account	£ 699.40	£ 411.25
Savings Account	£ 5159.11	£5007.31
Petty Cash	£ 124.00	£ 312.00
TOTAL ASSETS	<u>£5982.51</u>	<u>£5730.56</u>

Note: A PayPal account has been opened. All monies are transferred on a weekly basis, leaving the PayPal account with an ongoing zero balance.

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Signed: 

Mrs D Hillier-Kidston - K&TCA Treasurer

Dated: 14/04/2021

Declaration to the members of the Korat & Thai Cat Association

I have examined the documentation presented to me associated with the Korat & Thai Cat Association Accounts for the year ending 31st December 2019.

I am satisfied that, to the best of my knowledge and belief, they represent a true statement of affairs regarding that financial year.

Signed: 

Mrs J Brown – 43, Palma Close, Dunstable, Beds. LU6 1BU.

Dated: 16/04/2021



Korat & Thai Cat Association



Accounts – Year Ending 31st December 2021

Membership	2021	2020
Advance Subscription Payments (2022)	£ 91.00	£ 116.00
Subscriptions for 2021	<u>£ 483.00</u>	<u>£ 444.00</u>
Total	<u>£574.00</u>	<u>£560.00</u>
Income		
Subscriptions total	£ 574.00	£ 560.00
Donations	£1082.00	£ 78.20
Rehome Donations	£ 0.00	£ 50.00
Merchandise & Knitted Toy Sales	£ 32.00	£ 35.00
Show Entries (2020 was a virtual show on FB)	£ 0.00	£ 389.02
Add to current account from petty cash	£ 74.00	£ 150.00
Transferred from current account to savings account	£1500.00	£ 0.00
Savings Account Interest	<u>£ 0.52</u>	<u>£ 1.80</u>
Total	<u>£3262.52</u>	<u>£1264.02</u>
Expenditure		
Newsletter Printing & Posting	£ 98.39	£ 97.41
GCCF Affiliation Sub	£ 61.10	£ 62.90
Show Licence	£ 25.00	£ 0.00
Hall Hire	£ 0.00	£ 35.00
KTCA Website	£ 173.76	£ 0.00
Richardson Designs - Club Rosettes	£ 14.76	£ 112.20
PayPal Fees	£ 3.50	£ 3.56
Office Expenses / Postage	£ 12.64	£ 101.00
Gifts	£ 75.28	£ 0.00
Yearly Donation to Charity (inc virtual show donation £400)	£ 0.00	£ 450.00
Add to current account from petty cash	£ 74.00	£ 150.00
Transferred from current account to savings account	£ 1500.00	£ 0.00
Total	<u>£2038.43</u>	<u>£1012.07</u>
Analysis		
Income	£ 3262.52	£1264.02
Expenditure	<u>£ 2038.43</u>	<u>£1012.07</u>
Profit / (Loss)	<u>£1224.09</u>	<u>£ 251.95</u>
Closing Balance/Assets		
Current Account	£ 496.97	£ 699.40
Savings Account	£ 6659.63	£ 5159.11
Petty Cash	£ 50.00	£ 124.00
TOTAL ASSETS	<u>£7206.60</u>	<u>£5982.51</u>

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Mrs D Hillier-Kidston - K&TCA Treasurer

Dated:

30/03/2022

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Dated:

04/07/2022

LOOKING FOR A KORAT

World Travel with Felicity Vincent Black

In 2014 three Korat boys joined the UK stud team, Liz Beckett's from Norway, Clare Treacher and Emmie Beale's, of Thai parentage, from Belgium, and my Kal-Lee Kasem from Minnesota, USA. Most of the original Korats here came from the enthusiastic group of breeders which emerged in 1950s America but numbers have dropped dramatically, and Kasem was the one boy in distinguished breeder Bobbie Weihrauch's last litter.

Bobbie insisted that he and his sister Minnie travel to Europe with her in the cabin. They must then be picked up and driven to the UK. Fortuitously a Korat Special Show was scheduled to take place at Tienen in Belgium so we met at Brussels Airport and I saw Bobbie to the train to take her there.

It's easy to forget that until 2011 six months quarantine was part of importing cats into this country. With Brexit looming and no clear plans for future animal travel it was clear that new genes must once again be introduced - before December 31st 2020.

The 2019 Korat Special Show at Tienen saw Clare Treacher and I in the long, early morning, queue for the Brussels Eurostar at St. Pancras.

At Brussels Airport we disembarked and easily found the Tienen train. Tienen first stop, so no need to see where else it was going. Soon it slowed down amidst deserted ruins which might once have been a station? Could this be it? The Belgians in the carriage hesitated and so did we. As we drew away we saw the sign, 'TIENEN'. Oops! Naturally we got off at the next stop and crossed the lines hoping for a train back. Not much doing here in the depths of the countryside but we eventually saw a bus and crossed the lines again to chase it. The driver waited for us and, Flemish not being a familiar language, we at least gathered we were heading for Tienen.

Somehow, we reached our lovely hotel where our Swedish friend, Elisabeth Nolang (whose Korat brothers Ivan and Nico are familiar to Facebook fans), was waiting for us in the garden.

The evening was spent at the show hall where one of the judges gave a not particularly brilliant lecture but we were thrilled that Donatella Mastrangelo, who has bred Korats and really knows our cats, was on hand.

Next day, back at the hall we met outspoken Korats from Germany, Denmark, Sweden, France, as well as our Belgian hosts. Cats were carried to the judge's table by their owners, and later the owners stood in a circle showing off their cats for final judging. Cat toys on sale were disappointing!

Talking to the Korats in their cages, I was particularly struck by a big boy with a wonderfully soft coat. He was the first Meejai Korat bred by Friederike Brinsch I'd met and I fell in love! Friederike is passionate about Thailand, its language and its cats. Unfortunately, she couldn't be with us but we were already in touch.

I had time to look at the attractive centre of the town with its square and ancient church before, on the final evening, there was a 'Korateer' dinner at which it was a joy to meet breeders who, until then, had only been names.

I had vague plans of following the Korat trail to Thailand but it all happened suddenly a month after Tienen. Julie Cherkas' friend, Chrissy Russell (ex Burmese and Khao Manee breeder), was going to Bangkok. It's the one place on this planet where she feels really happy and whole in the company of its street cats and Temple cats and their carers, many of whom are Buddhist monks. The airfare was good, Chrissy knew an AirBnB ... YESSS!!!



We met for the first time at Heathrow in the Disabled Lounge where Chrissy was waiting for transport to the plane. We were an unlikely pair! I am small and always travel light and at the end of the LONG flight, I discovered that Chrissy (who is quite statuesque and walks with a crutch) had a HUGE suitcase - full of cat food! She was totally clued up about the efficient local train system and we were soon in central Bangkok but with the minor problem of finding a lift down to street level ...

At the BnB we had time for a shower before visiting Chrissy's favourite local temple and the cats it cares for. Coming away from it we crossed a bridge over a stream and ... there was a street Korat (no collar). She had a white star on her chest but there was no doubt that she was a Korat. I went back later but never saw her again.



Chrissy had been invited to judge at the TIMBA cat show and there I met a lot of beautiful Korats. TIMBA is the Thai cat registry and I recommend that you look at the fine website. Most of the cats were similar to ours but one looked almost as if its undercoat was white and reminded me of the cat I'd met in Tienen ... That show had a great selection of cat toys, cat bling and blankets!



With her wonderful way with people, as well as cats, and her iPhone skills, Chrissy was a great person to be with. She needed to rest a lot and I made use of local buses to visit palaces, temples and museums. Chrissy's thing is shopping so we did a bit of that too. Food isn't a great interest of hers but expat Martin Clutterbuck, author of 'Siamese Cats', guided us through a great Thai food experience. In spite of the extreme noise and appalling pollution I hope to be able to return. I haven't seen the Cat Treatises yet!

Back home I was now sure that I wanted a cat with North Thai ancestry, a true Korat. Martin said he had seen feral Korats in Phimai and this is the region from where our ancient breed originates. It was now time to wait patiently for Friederike's youngest girl Joymanda to produce a girl kitten.

Darika Phong Boon Nam Mignon was the one girl in the litter born on the German border with Denmark on 16 June 2020 and registered with TIMBA as a true daughter of Thailand. She couldn't travel to the UK with an EU pet passport until 31st December. The question was whether I could travel? I'd long wanted to meet Friederike and her Meejai gang but now it was a matter of getting Mignon here by any possible means before we and Europe were locked down by Covid.



A considerable sum changed hands with animal travel firm Gradlyn and on 29th September, Mignon was collected from her Meejai home and driven to Hamburg where her container was put in an animal hold to be flown to Frankfurt. There were fewer flights than normal so she couldn't continue to Heathrow until next morning, nor could she phone Friederike or me! There was no news until I used the invaluable Korat network and discovered that Bea Locher's daughter had a friend who worked at the Heathrow Animal Reception Centre. "Don't arrive too early" was the advice.



Masked up, I left Kentish Town not too early and had a peaceful tube journey which linked smoothly with a bus to HARC. I couldn't enter the building but the paperwork was checked and I was told where to collect Mignon on the pavement. It was cold and starting to rain. Eventually a man came out with a carrier, and inside was a hissy, scared silver-blue kitten, Mignon!

We came home by taxi and haven't been anywhere since. Meanwhile Mignon has grown a lot and learnt a new vocabulary.

A really exciting development is that TIMBA is now accepted as a cat registry by the GCCF. This means that TIMBA registered cats can be imported into the GCCF with ease. Let's hope that this will help to keep our breeding stock of all Thai breeds healthy. It's a long journey for a little cat but so is the journey from Europe!

On 31st August 2021 Mignon gave birth to her first litter of kittens. East meets West in her mating with Kasem!

£Treasurer's Notes

Hi Everyone,

Hope you are all keeping safe and well.

It's hard to believe how quickly 2021 arrived, and very quickly went again. For me, 2021 was a particularly strange year and turn of events which I wasn't the least expecting.

Firstly, my ladies are feeling spoilt having both Mark and I at home working for the foreseeable, with the introduction to Mark working from home now as well.

Then in March/April time I started to become unwell. Following several appointments in May/June where I tried desperately to get some help from the doctors, I earned myself a trip in an ambulance to A&E. A lot happened when I arrived at the hospital. Way too much to be able to add a 'brief note' here about so I'm going to jump forward past the 10 weeks I spent in hospital. It was a very scary time, and the hospital staff were fantastic looking after me, but on finally exiting the hospital in August I had at last got a diagnosis of a rare autoimmune condition called Eosinophilic Fasciitis and Myositis! It took me at least 6 weeks to learn how to say it! And trying to google it when you're not sure how to spell it was a huge task on its own LOL!

The treatment for this condition is ongoing and will be for a long time, possibly for the rest of my life, but it is going well, and I feel positive about my future, so happy days again 😊

Since last August I have been trying to make it up to my ladies for me so rudely departing and leaving them for 10 weeks, which I think at last they have finally got over LOL! I have had to give up my lap on many occasions and at times I've had to carefully manoeuvre one or two cats to get the third one on at the same time!

Thank you to everyone who supported me and kept me sane through these difficult months. I am forever grateful for your kindness. So now we are halfway through 2022 already and thankfully the warmer weather is keeping us on our toes!



Meanwhile in Treasurers Corner....

I want to thank all of you who stayed with us for 2021 and 2022. I and the committee appreciate your loyalty to our breed and club, especially with the lack of communications on my part.

Our accounts are healthy, and we currently have 74 paid-up members for 2022. We hope that most of you will continue to support us into 2023.

The 2021 accounts were submitted to the GCCF on time and have been signed off. Both 2020 and 2021 accounts appear in this newsletter as neither have been published in a previous newsletter.

Ways to pay:

- You can pay by **PayPal**; membership@korats.org.uk. To avoid paying a fee, please remember to **choose friend, family or gift** NOT goods and services when paying by this method.
- You can still pay by **cheque**, payable to: Korat & Thai Cat Association and send your remittance to the Treasurer's address on Page 3.
- You can use a **Bank Transfer or Standing Order**. Account Name: Korat & Thai Cat Association. Account No: 66677568. Sort Code: 30-90-28. If using BACS, please add 'email' or 'paper' to indicate how you receive your newsletter, along with the subscription year and how many members in the reference. For example: 'Paper2021-2'. If there is no option for a reference, please let me know by email or you can send a text to 07921719001.

Lastly, a big welcome to our new members:

Craig Evans, Lincoln.

Mo Taylor, Isle of Wight

Robert & Pauline Birnie, Isle of Man

Michael Cosgrove, Arizona, USA

Sophie Dymond, Peterborough

Jacy Weston, Bradford on Avon

Kristell Cornell & Brian Williamson, London

Sylvia Bootle, Sunbury-on-Thames

Antony Michaelson, Radlett

Keep safe and well. Have a fabulous summer!

Dee >^..^<

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Newsletter sent by email: Single: £7 Joint: £9 Overseas: Single £7 Joint £9

Date _____

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DECLARATION OF INTENT

I/We wish to join the Korat & Thai Cat Association and agree to abide by its current rules and decisions.

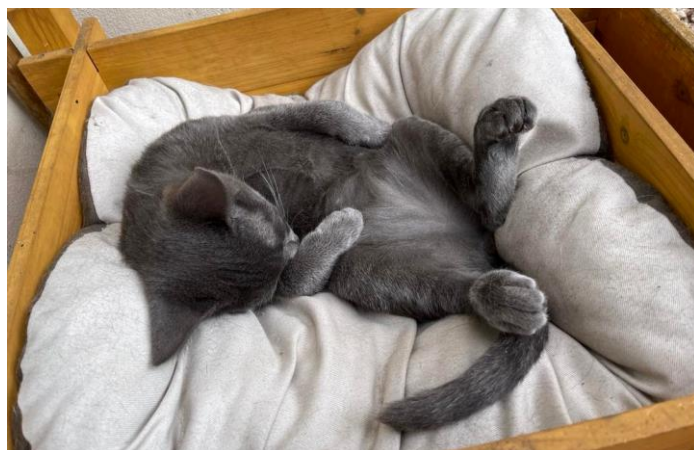
I/We wish to receive our newsletter via email Yes/No **(please delete, as appropriate)**

Please ensure you have completed your email address whether or not you have selected the email option.

In order to comply with the General Data Protection Regulations, we must ask if members will consent to their details being kept for Club mailing purposes. These details will not be used for any other purpose, except to provide your newsletters and Club communications. I/We are happy for my/our details to be held by the Club.

Signed: _____ Date: _____

A Few Kitten Pics for your Enjoyment - to Fill a Space!





You Are Invited to enter the
Korat & Thai Cat Association
15th Championship Show



*Make sure you get your entry completed by the closing
date: **12th September 2022***

*This year, you can enter online. Simply go to your cat's
record on the GCCF website, click on 'select' and then on
'show entry'.
It's that simple!*



Once again we are sharing a venue with the
Russian Blue Breeders Association
on



Saturday 1st October 2022
at

Bugbrooke Sports & Community Centre,
Camp Close, Bugbrooke, Northampton, NN7 3RW
PLENTY OF FREE PARKING!



- *There will be a raffle on the day!*
If you have any unwanted gifts that you would like to donate as raffle prizes, all donations would be gratefully received.
- *A large collection of Korats & Thais*
- *Drinks, food and snacks available*
- *A prize for the Club President's favourite exhibit*
- *Special 'Spot' prizes awarded during the afternoon!*

Even if you aren't showing your cat, please come and visit us and help to make the show a success. Most of the committee will be there to "cat chat" and offer cat cuddles throughout the day!

Hope to See You There!!

FOUR reports follow from Governing Council which are produced after each meeting by Jen Lacey. These will bring you up to date with GCCF business, prior to the meeting in July 2022

THE GENERAL MEETING OF GCCF COUNCIL, MARCH 2021

(by videoconference)



Outside March was doing its lion act of howling gales with the occasional lashing downpour, but the weather on the day of the Council meeting mattered not one jot. All delegates were safely in the comfort of their own homes in front of a screen for the first attempt of a GCCF Council meeting by video link.

Did it work? Well, not perfectly, but then what does when it's a first try with rather a lot of unknowns? Yes, in the sense that the technology held up so we could work through the agenda without unplanned intermissions, chaos or too much confusion. True, 'Unmute, unmute' did become the cry of the day, closely followed by, 'Is that your hand up, or is it the fairies?'

PARTICIPATION

Probably the disappointing feature for most was that nearly all participants weren't visible to each other on the screen. The choice of software this time only allowed this for twenty panellists, and that was narrowed down to three or four. The Chairman promised to look at other options, but crucially it allowed for one hundred people to meet, converse, question and vote, all features of a Council meeting.

Near the beginning a delegate wanted to know how many had actually joined in, and eventually 99 delegates were counted in. That's a big boost up on February 2020 when there were only 64 delegates, giving more absent than present.

So, a definite plus for the democratic process and the function of Council, a good indication of the way participation may look in the future. It was queried whether there should be online meetings even when physical meetings are possible again. **As with so much else, discussions will have to take place. Just because we can revert to what we did pre-Covid doesn't mean to say we must. If anything, it's shown there are options.**

MEETING ACHIEVEMENTS

- ✚ The excellent level of delegate involvement (as above) with there being time for all those who wished to speak to do so.
- ✚ The business as stated on the agenda was done by 5pm. Much of this was administration that needed to be dealt with to allow for elections in 2021, be sure that BACs could continue to function and that no judges were disadvantaged. It wasn't exciting or contentious, but has opened the way for proposals from the clubs that may give new ideas and hot topics next time.
- ✚ The voting worked exceptionally well. To be sure we have to learn that it has to be one question at a time, and there may be amendments to any proposal, but once the question was put, and the result displayed, that it allowed for complete anonymity with absolute accuracy and impartiality was beyond doubt. All of those are important because there may now be a voting method for elections that does not require a physical meeting, nor does it mean paying an outside agency a large amount of money.
- ✚ Delegates at last had the chance to question the Chair and Board members on just what they had been doing since February 2020.

And so, as usual, the meeting began with time for a thought for old friends no longer with us.

Elizabeth Aimes, David Bissenden, Sandra Bridges, Betty Brown, Doris Bubb-Porter, Carol Burton, Gordon Butler, Theresa Cook, Averil Dawson, Dee Dewen, Ian Fleming, Anne Ivinson, Lin Jones, David Kinchin, Doreen Lowe, Brenda Leckie, David Shingleton, Chris Stalker, Wendy Wallace, Emma Watts and Joyce Wilcox were remembered in a moment of silence.



THE 2021 ELECTIONS

The GCCF Byelaws are quite specific that Council's Electoral Meeting has to take place in June in London. Yes, that can be changed, but it was a matter of dealing with 2021 first. Delegates were given three choices, and opted to get things back to normal quickly and **hold electronic elections in the summer**.

At an electoral meeting the company's accounts for the previous year have to be presented and examiners appointed for the end of year to come. The suspension of Byelaw 9 made that possible. Also, with **Clubs in mind**, a suspension to part of Byelaw 3 meant that eligibility for delegate representation could be based on 2019 membership numbers rather than those in the 2020 returns, as without a show many area clubs did not have subscriptions. It was acknowledged that this could need to be extended to 2022.

ELECTION FOR A DISCIPLINARY COMMITTEE RESERVE

As it happened one election had to be held in March and it was a good test of the software's polling facility. Congratulations to Pat Perkins, a clear winner, but so was the process as there had to be no circulation of paper slips and a lengthy counting process to achieve a result.

REPORTS

Apart from the various Byelaw Suspensions and changes that had to be worked through fairly laboriously there were reports on what had been happening in the year, with questions taken.

As would be expected after a whole year has passed the remembrance list was lengthy. So many friends no longer with us. There was customary moment of silence to think of them all.

The Judge Training Review Group

Kate Kaye reported that a meeting planned for March 2020 had not gone ahead due to Covid, and since then its leader, Dr Collin had been extremely busy, there had been only one meeting, held in October.

At that meeting the chief topic of discussion had been the progress of the Accelerated Scheme since its introduction in 2019 until the cessation of shows in 2020, a period of about nine months. Overall it was felt it was progressing well and there were elements within it that could be applied to a revised training scheme for new judges.

There was some discussion on clause 14 (concerning which classes could be used for tutorials within the Accelerated Scheme) as BACs had interpreted it differently. Kate acknowledged that before definite changes were made, they would be proposed to Council

There had been discussion at the meeting on the need to revise and modernise the Judge Appointment Scheme, particularly to include use of modern technology, and incorporate new training procedures. Virtual tutorials and seminars had been discussed and BACs had been consulted on their use.

Kate concluded by noting that the revision to the Business Plan needed a Terms of Reference for the group and that this would be revised, which could bring changes to the group.

There was disappointment expressed by delegates that little progress had been made concerning the training of new judges. It had been anticipated that mention would be made of Judges training by Grand Group in multi-breed sections. KK responded that this had been the topic for March 2020 and acknowledged that little work had been done since, it was something that would be addressed via the revised TOR and some new group members.

A report from the newly formed Show Review Group

The Chair reported that a meeting had taken place to explore the issues and produce a Terms of Reference. It had been hoped that these would be finalised to present to Council, but they were not quite ready. A second meeting was planned before the end of March.

It had been identified that two matters needed to be considered. There were the short-term measures that would need to be taken to ensure any safety measures were in place that might be required by Covid legislation still in place and a review of show processes in their entirety to consider general improvements in show format. **These could be termed the tactical and the strategic.**

The Chair gave an assurance that all information available would be considered, from groups and individuals. He thanked those who had already done extensive research and concluded the questions by saying he considered the review for shows important and urgent. He said all input would be important and invited direct contact from any groups and individuals.

The Business Plan

Peter Williams reported that he had taken updating the BP in January as Dr Eyres could not continue due to work commitments. His first aim had been to get Terms of Reference for all groups and a status review from them on what was being done. He also wanted a strategic meeting to take place shortly to review GCCF's definition and whether there should be additional services alongside the traditional ones of registering pedigree cats, facilitating shows and approving judges. This would include brand recognition for GCCF in the same way as the Kennel Club.

He noted that income for GCCF in 2020 had been exceptional and this provided a once in a life time opportunity to invest in services and give back to cats, breeders and exhibitors. He believed consultation and involvement of the wider Cat Fancy was also essential. The extended use of videoconference software could possibly provide a means to make this happen.

The Chair gave support to these comments saying that it was important to listen to ideas and adopt new suggestions that were practical.

There were also **IT** and **Licensing & Welfare** reports by **Steve Crow** that had been prepared and circulated in advance. There weren't any comments or queries on these at the meeting, but there is information on the website, including regular breeder updates on COVID regulations that concern vet visits, travel and kitten collection.

BREED NEWS

No proposals from BACs had been taken for this meeting, but It was reported that their work on **Registration Policies** and **Standards of Points** had been ongoing throughout the year and was continuing. Delegates were reminded that amendments to policies and SOPs were published via the **Electronic Agenda** on the website and that the BACs would be pleased to take comments and queries if these arose.

The amendment to the **KORAT SOP** concerning tabby markings in the coat was one of nine.

And finally ...

SPEND FOR FUTURE IMPROVEMENT

If you have ideas for service upgrades or something completely brand new that you think GCCF could offer, I would be delighted for you to get in touch.

[Jen Lacey 16.3 .21](#)



THE ELECTORAL MEETING OF GCCF COUNCIL, JULY 2021



The hottest day of the year for many in the UK, and it was time for Council's Electoral Meeting. All that can be said is thank goodness this did not involve long hours of travelling into central London.

As in March this meeting was held by video-link. It was a different platform so this time delegates could see all speakers. It meant delegates were in control of their own mute button, but this did not cause any hogging of the microphone. The worst that happened was the occasional off-the-cuff mutter, or a remark addressed to the nearest cat when a delegate forgot to mute. That provoked amusement or sympathy rather than frustration. Although quite a long meeting, with some thought-provoking debate, it was a good-humoured occasion.

The day began as usual with time for a thought for old friends.

Mick Coomer, Alan Eagland, Glenda Halliday, Mollie Hawke, Bryan Holmes, Robin Kempe, and Audrey Pitt were remembered in a moment of silence.



PRESENTATION OF THE GCCF 2020 ACCOUNTS

This regular AGM item isn't usually much of a feature in Council reports unless there are numerous questions or concerns and the accounts are accepted only partially or with reluctance. There was no issue this time as delegates were very much impressed by Michelle Ferris, of Albert Goodman, the accountants chosen to replace the previous firm whose costs seemed to rise as their efficiency decreased. Michelle introduced herself as having fifteen years' experience as head of the charities and not-for-profit section. Her expertise was certainly in evidence and she had taken care to understand GCCF. She walked delegates through the accounts page by page, reviewing differences between 2019 and 2020 to explain the increase in profits and total equity, and the legal requirements of the Companies House returns.

Profits: 2020 - £196,946, 2019 - £61,350.

Total equity: 2020 - £747,114, 2019 - £551,168.

There was unanimity on the approval for the accounts and the re-appointment of Albert Goodman as GCCF's account examiners for this year's accounts. Those were the only votes of the day to score 100%, which was impressive as finances can be contentious. Michelle was thanked by the Chair and by several delegates separately. We look forward to her return next year.

NB: The accounts are available in full on the Council Meeting page of the GCCF website.

ELECTIONS

It was the Electoral Meeting, but without the usual rounds of voting with the tension of the counts. The elections for both the Board and Finance Committee will be conducted by Civica again this year, as they were in 2020, though with the results expected in September rather than later in the year. The reason is that the program's efficient and much-liked voting system cannot cater for more than ten candidates in a multiple-choice selection. It may be there will not be so many this year, but both stood at about fifteen last autumn and it was decided not to take the risk.

However, there was an interesting discussion concerning Board make-up, and the scheduling of meetings, provoked by the noticed absence of some members in the published Board minutes. There was concern that many of those who worked were disenfranchised by Board meetings being scheduled for daytime on weekdays. It was noted that since online meetings there had been some review and that would be ongoing. There could be a change to the pattern of meetings held with more frequent, but much shorter ones that could be in the evening. However, it was hoped that weekends would be busy with shows again in the not too distant future. One election was held. There were two available places on the [Disciplinary Committee](#) and four applicants.

Ballot Result: Pat Perkins (67%) Ed Merchant (67%) are DC members for three years. Helen Crea (45%) and Owen Maudlin (13%) are reserves for one year.

There was no need to hold an election for the **Investigations Committee** as Gillian Bennett and Esther Rabone-Gunn were the only applicants for the two committee places and so were duly appointed.

There was an invitation to delegates to become IC reserves, but none expressed an interest or had anyone to nominate. Fortunately, unlike DC, reserves for IC are not required unless a committee place becomes vacant. An effort will have to be made to find people in the wider Cat Fancy to put forward to the next Council meeting.

That was the end of the formal business of the company's AGM. It was then time to move onto what are sometimes described as the 'furry' matters

SHOW NEWS

There were ten items on the agenda for this section, though one from the Show Review Group (concerning varying the vetting-in process) had been withdrawn. There were questions and discussion throughout with varying opinions put forward. Perhaps because there were more delegates than usual for a Council meeting, and they came from around the UK, there was an excellent quality of input to each debate.



Judge Appointment Scheme Review Group (previously the Judge Training Review Group)

Kate Kaye gave a verbal report. To date they had reviewed and refined the Group's Terms of Reference which was available from the GCCF website (as were the meeting minutes) and reviewed the work carried out prior to the March 2020 lockdown. The conclusion was that training by Grand Group rather than individual breed list was important for new judges and those wishing to train for additional breeds. This was to be trialled by BACs that were willing to participate in a pilot scheme as soon as possible. In addition, BACs would be consulted for opinion on the strengths and weaknesses of the current JAS, (as judges had been prior to lockdown), and for input to online testing in conjunction with the IT Group.

It was queried whether show managers would be prepared to take new judges if those on the Accelerated Scheme were far more useful. Kate responded that the JASRG had no authority in this respect it was something the Show Review Group could look at, but levelling up existing judges provided a base for going forward with a new method of training that should make a difference. She did not yet know which BACs would be in the pilot, but would share the information when she had it, and it could be extended to include others who were interested.

Show Review Group

A written report for delegates had been circulated in advance. It summarised the sixteen proposals they were examining, and listed the shows from which the data had been drawn. It was acknowledged that the group would look at whether shows would in future have to engage a certain number of judges in the early stages of their training, but there were no other queries.

Judges

1. Michele Clare had been approved as a Full Judge of Bengals
2. **The SIAMESE CAT JAC** proposed the **Siamese & Foreign White Lists** should be combined which enabled five additional Siamese judges to judge the Foreign White breed class. This was agreed.
3. A proposal from the **Maine Coon Cat Club** that all cats entered for **BEST OF BREED** should receive a critique was approved.
4. A proposal from the **JAS RG** to amend the Accelerated Scheme at Clause 14 did not gain approval so the Scheme remains as it is with judges required to have the classes for tutorials in their own judging book.

Siamese Cat Club – proposal

NB SHOW CHANGE FOR EXHIBITORS

The club had returned its proposal of 2014 to Council. This had not been implemented because of the inauguration of the first Show Review Group which had not put it forward. It enables titled cats to have a choice of classes. They can enter a class for the level they are at, or the one for the next title they are aiming for. Opinion was very much divided on whether this would encourage show entry, by allowing cats to be shown at a level where they could win, or discourage it because exhibitors would not want to compete with exhibits who had already gained the title.

The split was reflected in the vote as the change was approved by just 51%. However, the outcome will now be seen and exhibitors will express their views. There will need to be system changes, so the Board will set an implementation date when those are in place and show management has had a chance to make any adjustments necessary.

Sokoke Breed Group – proposals

- a) It was proposed that the GCCF show year (June 1st – May 31st) should be brought into line with the calendar year. It was thought the reason it wasn't was largely historic and a change (brought about at a time when there were few shows) would now be logical. Each club would have one show per calendar year, and it would be easier to keep track of any points competitions held. This was agreed, again with a fairly small majority (53%), and it was up to the Board to consider how and when it should be implemented.
- b) A second proposal from the club concerned a points system for Olympian Classes, with the aim of making Olympic wins at Breed Shows more worthwhile. However, a fairly substantial majority (73%) thought this reduced competition and devalued titles already achieved so this was not approved.

REGISTRATION RULES CHANGES

NB STUD OWNER ALERT



There are new rules and responsibilities for stud owners. Your Certificate of Entirety (Section 1:1a) must now be:

- ✚ From a UK based Veterinary practice and
- ✚ Deposited with GCCF prior to the date of application for registration of any of their first litter of kittens
- ✚ You must not accept a queen belonging to another breeder for mating until you have a Certificate of Entirety for the Stud.

Also, it will be your responsibility to ensure **a queen is registered ACTIVE** with GCCF, or another bona fide organisation, and not accept unregistered queens at all (except those you have established are in a BAC's breeding programme). (Section 1:3g)

The first rule change will be in force from 1st November 2021 and the second from 1st September 2021.

Council charged IC with proposing high fixed penalties for breach of this second rule.

BREED NEWS

- a) BACs had had the following amendments to SOPs and Registration Policies approved via website publication on the electronic agenda
- b) **Somali BAC** SOP amendment to allow for solid (coloured) feet
- Norwegian FC BAC** Registration Policy includes 2 new DNA schemes (GSD PKDef)
- c) **Sokoke BG** Complete revision - new register allocations, exhibition with critique included
- d) **Tonkinese BAC** Revised DNA testing for outcrossing to GCCF Burmese and Tonkinese imports

- e) **Persian LH BAC** DNA testing required for active registration of Smoke Persian show non-agouti status from 1 June 2021 and inclusion of Pewter & White Bicolour Persians
- f) **Persian LH BAC** SOP addition to include Pewter & White Bicolours
- g) **Russian BAC** Revisions to comply with outcrossing policy and remove inconsistencies as advised



The Board had granted name recognition to the **German Longhair** (GLH). So that this breed can now be exhibited at shows and enter Pedigree Pet classes.

BUSINESS REPORTS

Peter Williams spoke of his intention to arrange a strategic business meeting, although he was having difficulty in finding the right facilitator to lead. He asked delegates to supply the names of any possible contacts. The intention was that the next **Business Plan** would derive from this.

He also observed that the survey for the **Breeder Scheme Review** was now active and that there had been a very successful response in the short time since its launch. This would provide further ideas for the future.

Steve Crow updated his **ITG report** by giving the latest news on the **new website, the inbreeding coefficients** and an IT **risk management plan**.

He noted for breeders in **Wales** that **breeder licensing legislation** was due to become active in September 2021 and information was on the Welsh Government's website.

Rosemary Fisher had circulated a report on the work of the **Cat Welfare Trust**. She commented that a new project would begin to see if a DNA test could be found for deafness in white cats, and was pleased to be offered cats for testing as the loss of the Animal Health's biobank was a severe setback and work was having to restart. She also promised to establish if the researchers on HCM in British Shorthair at RVC wished to establish links with any Northern University.

Kym Jarvis (IC Chair) had produced a report on the work of the committee. Welfare cases continued to escalate. There were no queries.

The good news? We finished on time and it had proved a constructive afternoon.

[Jen Lacey 18.7.2021](#)

THE AUTUMN MEETING OF GCCF COUNCIL, NOVEMBER 2021



I wonder now whether Council will ever go back to the Conway Hall in London, or any other physical place for that matter. From the images that filled my screen from time to time at the recent meeting, delegates looked very settled in their own homes, most wearing comfortable clothes, and some with a steaming mug close by. I didn't see any friends or family, but quite a number were joined by cats all of whom were impeccably behaved and kept their opinion of the proceedings to themselves

It's not quite the same as personal contact, of course, but the advantages continue to stack up. The most important was that there was another excellent attendance with just over a hundred delegates present. It's occasionally slow as people struggle to unmute or are not sure how to raise a hand, but most are

learning fast and delegates are tolerant of each other and willing to help. No one speaks over one other or calls out as it's very clear they won't be heard and the Chair is making sure all get a turn anyway. There's also no background babble because those who want to chat can message each other. That's good from a scribe's perspective as I get to hear everyone.

I believe it's been asked whether observers can attend as at Conway, and this is a definite disadvantage. It's my understanding that they can't until there's a way of separating the voters and non-voters. The video-conference program used doesn't have a virtual balcony. If anyone knows of a way round this then let the GCCF Office know as people would probably find popping in and out useful. It would be good to have breeders whose registration policy was being considered for example, and maybe some would just like to be there for what might be described as a contentious debate, one that if it went through would bring a major change.

POINT OF ORDER Those are probably three words any Chair dreads, but there was an objection to Council taking the emergency item listed on the Council agenda. It was a fair enough comment as the Byelaws require 28 days' notice to be given on items to be considered that may mean rule or byelaw changes. Council delegates had been informed of this and asked to vote ahead of consideration of the extra item with a two thirds majority required to set aside a Byelaw, thus making it a delegate decision whether it was an emergency item and the request was acceptable. At the time the vote was put there was an 89% majority so delegate opinion was clear, but the point had been made. We can all communicate far more quickly these days. 28 days may still be important to give time for communication with clubs, but we can all circulate information rapidly if the need arises so a degree of flexibility can be built in with Council's agreement. The Byelaws need to reflect this.

The thoughts for old friends were not forgotten.

Sheila Hamilton, Russell Hardy, Janet Jeffers, Marie Rose, Mary Rufell, and GCCF Vice-President Eric Wickham Ruffle were remembered in a moment of silence.



ELECTIONS

There was some unfinished business as far as the electoral process was concerned. In September eight candidates had stood for five Board places.

Rosemary Fisher, Shelagh Heavens, Ian Macro and Sandra Woodley took the first four places, but there was a tie for fifth. The Chair stated that he wished Council to vote directly rather than refer the matter back to Civica and a vote was taken with the decision quickly made.

An election was also held for two Appeals Committee places. There were three candidates so the two achieving highest percentages are elected for three years to AC and the third is the reserve for next year.

Ballot Results:

Board:

Anna McEntee with 52% was elected to the Board, Ketill Game with 48% is first reserve.

Appeals:

Sally Woolrich 68% Cynthia Cullen 58% (elected) and David Lee 48% (reserve).

BYELAW CHANGES

There were three proposals connected with Council meetings and future elections and the fourth had been proposed by the Disciplinary Committee and drafted with the help of the GCCF's solicitor. This was approved without any queries.

The Byelaw amendments necessary to enable the continuation of electronic meetings and voting had the support of the overwhelming majority (96%). The intention was to allow in perpetuity meetings by videoconference with electronic voting. It did not mean that there would be no more physical meetings as this was something for delegates to decide. There could be a mix of both types if that was what was wanted.

Also, popular (89% approval) was the temporary amendment to allow clubs to retain their entitlement to Council delegates following a loss of shows and social activities during the second year of the pandemic which had meant for quite few area clubs a decline in membership numbers. Eligibility would depend upon the membership achieved in 2019 (unless 2021's total was higher). This had worked well for the 2020 returns and it was expected it would assist many again.

A number of additions to formalise the Board and Finance Committee nomination procedures was withdrawn by the Chair with the support of delegates. It was thought the Board should consider it again before Council voted.

SHOW NEWS

There was less in this section than in July, just two reports and three rule changes, with one of these being the controversial extra item. However, well over half the meeting was devoted to them with the major chunk of the time spent discussing the proposal from the Havana & Lilac CC and Shropshire CC to discontinue vetting-in in the format that exists and replace it with a lighter touch procedure. It would mean possibly one in ten cats was seen by a vet prior to hall admittance and others could be excluded if seen to be unwell after penning.



The Great Debate

The proposal was made by Janet Tonkinson of the Havana & Lilac CC, supported by Mark Lewis of Shropshire, with additional comment from delegates in favour, several of whom observed that they attended TICA shows in the UK and had visited shows abroad that were non-vetted without dire consequences. Opposing were two vets from the Veterinary Advisory Committee (Prof Tim Gruffydd-Jones and Dr Sue Moreland, GCCF's Veterinary Officer) and Board Welfare lead, Steve Crow. Delegates also spoke against, some saying that clubs' members whose opinion they had sought had commented they would not show if vetting-in in its current format was removed. The following is a summary to give a flavour of the points debated.

For: The days were long gone when there could be mass infection after a show as all cats were now vaccinated against infectious disease. Vetting-in did not catch everything anyway as cats could be found during the course of the show to be unwell or having parasites.

Against: Vetting-in provided a barrier against infection and parasites entering the show hall. It wasn't necessarily complete and perfect, but no other method would give the same degree of protection.

For: Vetting-in and the vetting-in queues caused stress to cats and exhibitors. It could well be the reason some cats were difficult to handle in their first important classes of the morning. Judges and stewards were usually experienced with handling cats in a way that many vets were not.

Against: All cats were stressed to some extent on show days, but from the total show experience rather than vetting-in in particular.

For: The vetting-in process could not detect viruses and was most unlikely to detect Covid-19 in a cat, but this was not wide-spread in cats and actual disease and transmission were low-risk.

Against: Viruses could not be seen, but signs of infection were detectable, and it was proven that cats with visible symptoms of upper respiratory tract infections were shedding far more virus than those that had none. They should not be allowed the close contact of the show hall.

For: GCCF exhibitors should be trusted to look after their cats properly and bring only healthy animals to shows, in the same way as other organisations trusted their breeders.

Against: Most GCCF exhibitors were passionate about their cats, which was a reason they deserved a measure of protection from the few who didn't know or care about health or welfare when attending shows.

For: Other registries ran non-vetted shows successfully.

Against: GCCF shows had a different format from others, and in any case GCCF was well respected by veterinary organisations for putting emphasis on the welfare of cats. It was a hard-earned reputation.

For: There's a particular shortage of vets now and it's getting more and more difficult to find sufficient to achieve a successful vetting-in team.

Agreement: Dr Moreland agreed with Miss Tonkinson on this point and said that the VAC was committed to bringing the list of vets up to date and adding new people to it. This was a current major project.

Conclusion : The proposal was lost with 76% voting against , 23% in favour and 1% abstaining.

Emergency Changes to rule Section 5:3a concerning Vaccinations for Showing



Steve Crow explained that it was important to introduce the changes to the rules now as there were vaccine shortages and some exhibitors could not obtain boosters after 12 months. Vets were prioritising kittens and allowing adult boosters to run on for another 3 months as manufacturers had agreed this was acceptable. The VAC had agreed that adult cats who had received their first booster after the kitten course could attend shows with up to 15 months and seven days between boosters as a temporary measure.

Every adult cat (over 2 years old) attending a GCCF show must have had a minimum of a Flu (FCV,FHV) booster in the 15 months and 7 days preceding the show. Cats whose last booster was given more than 15 months and 7 days before the show will be rejected under Section A.

NB: Do not take adolescents to a show if they are more than 12 months past their second kitten vaccination.

The final rule change was a very minor textual adjustment to the ringworm rules as advised by the GCCF's solicitor and introduced by the Disciplinary Committee.

Judge Appointment Scheme Review Group

Kate Kaye reported the group had met frequently since the last Council meeting. It was primarily working on the new judge training program that was based around the grand groups of the current sections, although there had to be sufficient flexibility to allow for change in these. However, the implications of the changes had to be looked at in detail for candidates, BACs tutors and show management to ensure a fluent transition once change was introduced. It was hoped that the first proposals to Council would be made in the spring, but as yet there couldn't be a definite commitment.

BACs had been contacted to provide guidance on the Accelerated Judge Scheme as shows were taking place once again and there had been conversations with the Show Review Group to discuss planned changes in the context of a show day to discuss what would be workable. There had also been liaison on the problems experienced by first time judges who needed engagements.

Show Review Group

Lyndsey Robinson gave a report on the work of the group noting first that updates of its work were available via the website. The SRG had continued to look at proposals they received but had decided against those concerned with re-shaping Olympian classes, and also bronze, silver, gold at each title level as this was close to the show change agreed at July Council. Proposals still under discussion were amalgamation of some classes at all-breed shows, as responses were still awaited from some BACs, two certificates signed by one judge at breed class level and a change to the 13 day rule so that it did not apply after a GCCF show.

Caution was expressed that none were guaranteed to bring in new exhibitors. Therefore, there were also checks being made to consider any practices that could allow more options to show management and/or cut down on the amount of paperwork or tasks required. It was also hoped to streamline paperwork and update it so that overall there was a reduction on the amount of paperwork a show had to provide.

105 judges had responded to a survey on whether they were prepared to judge post-covid. Most had responded positively, but 14% were not judging again until spring at the earliest. A survey for show managers was now underway and had about a week to run.

It was queried if any update was planned to SM training with confirmation that this was being assessed. It was stressed that SMs were as important as judges for shows to take place and needed support.

Judges

Four promotions had taken place via the Accelerated Scheme:

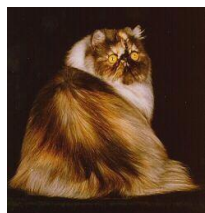
Linda Martin had become full on the Turkish, Somali and RagaMuffin lists and Helen Marriott-Power was promoted to Full Judge on the Oriental list.

Pina Bruno-Grieve and Carole Gainsbury had moved to the Emeritus list and withdrawn from the lists where they were Pupil Judges and Phil Cornish had withdrawn as Pupil on the Burmese list.

BREED NEWS

There are very few **Sokoke** breeders in GCCF, but those there are, will be celebrating their breed's promotion to Championship Status. It gives them a chance of generating more interest and attracting new people to take an interest with the incentive now greater to get **Sokokes** out there on the show bench. Breed classes can be put on at the Show Manager's discretion at shows not yet closed, and all shows would need to offer them after 6.3.2022.

There were no changes to the registration policy or SOP this time.



The **Persian LH** BAC had included extra testing for agouti into its registration policy. It had already been agreed to check that smokes registered for breeding should prove a/a status. Mandatory testing for cameos to be registered active was now also required to ensure they were either A/A or A/a. Once genotype was confirmed breeders could work with confidence to establish good phenotype. There was also an update to ensure the GEMS code for tabby markings in bi and tri-colours was properly applied.

Other breed updates that had taken place since July Council via the electronic agenda were:

British Longhair	promotion to Championship status & registration policy amendments
Ocicat & Aztec	revision of DNA testing requirements and minor amendments
German Longhair	inclusion of some definitions of the allowed outcrosses.

BUSINESS REPORTS

Steve Crow updated his **ITG report** by giving the latest news on the IT **risk management**. The contract for this had been awarded and work would begin shortly. A pricing structure had been worked for **STAR services** (the Show entry system) which would go to the Board. 22 clubs were hoping to run STAR shows in early 2022 and currently an extended pilot scheme was still in place. He was pleased to note that the operating system was stable and working well, with small updates and bug fixes. **The inbreeding coefficients and test mating facility** were now operating as planned.

Steve also gave a **welfare report** that outlined the work that the Canine & Feline Sector Group had been involved in over the past twelve months and its future plans. **A Code of Practice for Cat Breeding** had been completed and was awaiting the Defra go-ahead for publication. Work was beginning on 'Guidance for Cat Conformation,' **compulsory microchipping legislation** was planned and so too was a review of the 2019 English **licensing regulations**.

Peter Williams could not be present but had sent a report that outlined the course of work following the information from the **Breeder Scheme Survey**. It was definite that a more rigorous scheme was wanted, something more along the lines of the Kennel Club's that could aim for accreditation. **Evidence of breeder knowledge, inspection and monitoring** would need to be key features and these required a lot of detailed planning.

A request for the survey findings to be published was noted, and there was also discussion at this point on non-registered breeders. The Chair reported GCCF's work in liaising with PETS4HOMES to assist with reducing the number of scammers claiming to be GCCF breeders. It was also thought worthwhile to look at new marketing ideas, something needing to be taken up by the Board (and is already on the next Board meeting agenda).

Not just good news to end on this time but really exceptional!

CONGRATULATIONS were offered from the Chair to Helen Marriott- Power as her promotion to Oriental Full Judge meant she became a GCCF All-Breed judge.



[Jen Lacey 9.11.2021](#)



THE SPRING MEETING OF GCCF COUNCIL, MARCH 2022

A BAC had brought changes to its registration policies to this meeting. The Board had a raft of Byelaw changes on election procedure and a defunct club caused some controversy by leaving its agenda item in place. With apologies to those who had given their time to these items, and especially to all those who put effort into preparing reports, but their importance paled into miniscule insignificance by the side of the main topic of the day which was to introduce the GCCF fundraising for Ukrainian cats who are amongst the many innocent victims that war creates. Some will be sharing with their owners the appalling conditions created by conflict, and others will be bewildered by the sudden journeys and precarious lifestyle of travelling with refugees.

Sandra Woodley gave the presentation to follow on from the minutes of two mini- Board meetings that had taken place to discuss the emergency earlier in the month. Delegates who had read these were aware that Sandra had already organised **£5,000** being sent to Poland. This was in answer to the appeal of the Polish judge, Agata Kruszona-Zawadzka. Her club was working to assist a Ukrainian club that was getting supplies of food and litter from the Polish border to the cat breeders known to be still in their homes in their war-torn homeland.

At the beginning of that brief meeting it was announced the money had been sent, and really heartening to know that before the end it had been gratefully received. It was just a very small contribution, and it was agreed at that time more should be done.

As Sandra said on Saturday:

None of us can imagine having to leave home without our cats and I am sure many of us will have seen cats wrapped in blankets or tucked in their owners' coats just to get them to safety. Animals are the forgotten victims of war. They do not understand war or conflict, and we want to support the people of Ukraine as they flee their country with their beloved pets creating a need for shelter, food and medicines.



It was explained that a small fundraising group had been set up consisting of Sandra Woodley, Rosemary Fisher, Sandra Devereux and Carrie Lamb (the new Office Manager).

Their aim: To raise £25,000 through donations

How? To have a web page set up to receive money. It is an ENTHUSE page and links will be available shortly from the GCCF website, and Facebook pages. Everyone on the GCCF data base will be sent an email.

Who? All of you and anyone you can reach by sharing the contact details. That's:

- Individual breeders, exhibitors and owners
- GCCF Clubs - many have saved money for a rainy day. Now that's come as Putin has unleashed such unjustified fire and fury bringing devastation on so many.
- Shows – can you organise collections?

Remember – as soon as you get to do your bit pass the link on to at least two others by any form of messaging you choose. **JUST SHARE**

Then what happens?

GCCF has promised to match funds up to £25,000. So, if that sum is raised by all of us pulling together it will actually be **£50,000** that goes to Ukraine. Assurance was given of match funding even if the grand total wasn't achieved **so each £1 you give will always count as £2.**

The challenge is to support the bravery of the Ukrainian people who are doing what they can for their much-loved pets.

At the end of the presentation the Chair took a vote to be sure Council supported this planned action. **YES, IT DID!** 93% voted in favour and the others abstained.



And so, to GCCF news.

BYELAW CHANGES

Some lengthy byelaws additions introduced by the Board were to clarify election procedure. There had been some confusion last summer as some candidates were unaware of the importance of deadlines and of the nomination procedure. Now, as recommended by the GCCF's solicitor, the detail was there, and it was hoped that no candidate in future would unintentionally disqualify him/herself.

It's a long time between Council paperwork being sent out and the actual meeting (at least 28 days). It was agreed to have a procedure for introducing emergency items as a lot can happen in these fast-paced times. It will be for the Chair to introduce, but for Council to decide to accept to avoid Chairs taking advantage of the procedure.

Then it was agreed to allow the first level of Fixed Penalties to be a maximum of **£250** rather than £100, as had been the case for many years. Some wanted them to be higher for welfare and breed related cases, so it was agreed to review this next spring.

BREED NEWS

The Joint Rex Advisory Committee had proposed amended registration policies for both the Cornish rex and the Devon Rex. Usually, these two policies are mirror images of each other but on this occasion although both were revised to include the recording and tracking of cats proven to be longhaired or carriers of longhair, the policy for the Cornish Rex included an extra DNA testing schedule for Progressive Retinal Atrophy (rdAc). A few carriers had been detected in the breed and the BAC had decided that it was sensible to screen all cats registered active and so eliminate it from GCCF Cornish. If you breed Cornish and need to know more contact the JRBAC ahead of 19 June, the implementation date.



SHOW NEWS

Some will doubtless be relieved to know there were no rule changes at this meeting.

Judge Appointment Scheme Review Group

Kate Kaye reported that since the last report to Council the group had been focussed on updating the Judge Appointment Scheme documentation in preparation to introducing training for new judges by Grand Group. This was taking longer than expected due to the stringency being applied to ensure that the knowledge and breed familiarity of the current system was transferred to the new one.

However, although there was still work to do the JASRG was in a position to trial the new approach and had looked for Grand Groups to participate. Grand groups B and C from Section 2 and Grand Group B in Section

5 had been selected with consideration given to there being no conflict of interest with Kate, Dr Collin or Mrs Dean as they would be taking leading roles. There had been a preliminary meeting with the Chairs and Secretaries of these Groups which had proved extremely positive, and it was anticipated that the trials would begin in April or May. The intention was to recognise and deal with issues as they arose in order to overcome them quickly.

Show Review Group

Lyndsey Robinson reported that several queries had been answered since the last meeting. Show Managers now knew what GCCF insurance covered, that the number of GCCF adverts for catalogues had reduced from three to two and had received advice on class splits. It was now possible for SMs to view a cat's show records to check which judges had previously awarded certificates. This was useful when a countersignature was required as often exhibitors could not remember. The website calendar had been improved a lot, but a spreadsheet giving shows in date order over a two-year period would also be useful.

There was ongoing discussion about the timing of catalogue distribution as shows often did not have enough volunteer helpers. Also show manager training was still under review as was class amalgamation. Feedback was requested and LR said it would be useful to have a forum for show managers based on the GCCF website where it could be monitored to help prevent bullying.

LR gave notice of two proposals for the next Council meeting. One would be that two certificates could be signed by the same judge at CC, PC and MC level. The other was to change the 13 day rule so that it did not apply to the 13 days following a GCCF show.

A Proposal Not Taken



The Oriental Cinnamon and Fawn Group had folded after it had placed a proposal on the Council agenda but had asked that it be discussed as its wind up was voluntary and it had paid its club subscription and delegate's fees for the whole year and was not asking for any refund. This intensely annoyed some delegates, but as the Chair pointed out it was an unprecedented situation and Council had the right to comment on what action should be taken so that it was clear for the future. It was agreed by a majority that the proposal should not be discussed, but it could be returned at any time by any other club who so wished. It was also thought there could be a small Byelaw addition to clarify that clubs lost all entitlement to GCCF services once they had given up their membership.

BUSINESS REPORTS

IT report

Steve Crow gave a brief update on his written report at the meeting which focussed mainly on the work done by the Task and Finish Group for STAR services. The STAR manual had now been circulated to SMs running STAR shows and feedback was expected so that once it was finalised it could be presented as an HTML for interactive SM use on the system. A delegate commented that she had found she could find real time show results on her phone via STAR instead of having to crowd around an awards board. She thought this a development that would be much appreciated by exhibitors.

Other news was a significant update to Phoenix had taken place in January, and the plan now was to release updates on a more regular basis, quarterly or more frequently. Work had begun on Business Continuity Project in December and was now almost complete. The aim had been to provide documentation for the Phoenix system. To go alongside this, it had been decided to undertake a full review of the GCCF's technology for the office systems. The current hardware and software had been replaced some years ago, so an assessment was needed on what exactly GCCF had so that there could be better future planning.

The new website was now operational and there was favourable comment on this from a delegate, as it was very easy to use and find required information. The Chair thanked Mrs Fisher for her hard work in connection with this project.

Business Plan

Steve Crow gave a brief update on the strategic review from independent consultants that was currently underway. They would be giving feedback and recommendations to the Board at a meeting on 5 April and until that presentation was made it was difficult to predict what actions would be taken. He expected Council

would be informed in July, but doubted that there would be a Business Plan for 2022. He expected the information provided would be useful for 2023.

Welfare Report

Steve Crow commented that the implementation of compulsory microchipping for cats would probably be delayed as there was to be review into how microchipping for dogs was working. DEFRA had recognised at last that there were several chip data bases that did not talk to each other. It was likely that CFSG would be involved in trying to get some cooperation between them.

DEFRA had completed a light touch review of the Licensing of Animal Activities Guidance notes and issued revised notes for each licensing activity, these come into effect on 1st February 2022. A copy of the revised guidance on "Selling Animals As Pets" was on the GCCF website. Scotland had introduced a system based on the English version in 2021, and Wales was about to do the same. Currently there was no similar legislation planned for Northern Ireland.

Cat Welfare Trust

Rosemary Fisher gave the news that the Royal Veterinary College planned to feature the Cat Welfare Trust (as a research supporter) within the new large atrium that was part of its current building programme. However, as yet there was not update on the research into HCM in BSH as Covid had delayed the programme. It was hoped there would be news by the summer.

Judges

There was approval for one reinstatement on the day (Stephen McConnell as a Full Judge of Singapuras) and two judges had been promoted via website notification, with six more becoming Full Judges of a breed via the Accelerated Scheme.

In Memory

The end of the report is the beginning of the meeting when old friends were remembered in a moment of silence. Instead of the English rose their tribute flower is the Ukrainian sunflower a reminder of all those we don't know who have lost their lives in recent conflicts.

Tony Burgess, Joy Davenport, Paul Fairclough, Norma Farnsworth, Aiden Gillen, Anne Hatliff, Susan Hope, Margaret Horrobin, Barbara Leigh, Francis Sketch, Jean Turner and Dorothy Woodhouse were remembered.



Jen Lacey 20.3.22

Korat & Thai Rescue/Re-homing

I am pleased to say that we aren't currently aware of any Korats or Thais that need re-homing.

However, there is a possibility that there will be a female ex-breeding queen to rehome and possibly a male neuter in the near future. Details will be placed on the website and Facebook pages in the usual way, if they become available.

If you know anyone with a cat to be rehomed or can offer a home to a rescue Korat or Thai Cat, please do let me know.

Julie Cherkas

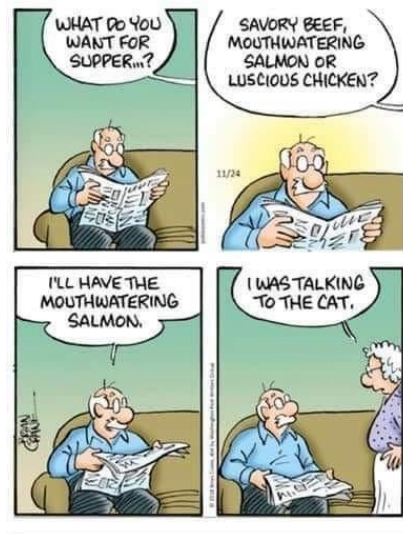
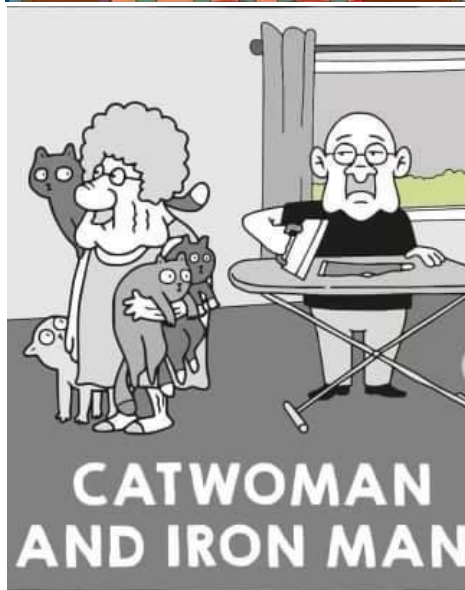
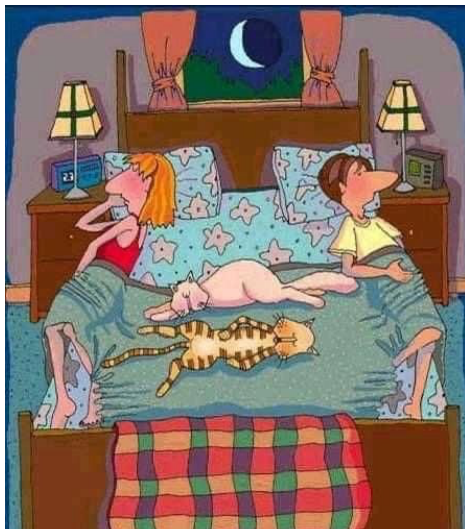
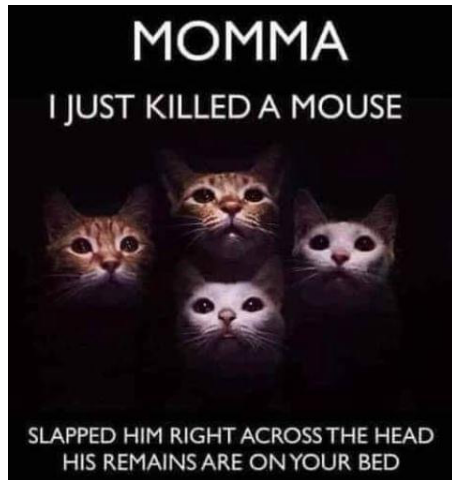
Meet the Cats

Welcome to the "Meet the Cats" section! I hope you all enjoy finding out more about your fellow club members cats. **Please send photos and details to Alice McEwen (see page 5 for contact details) for inclusion in Meet the Cats.**

Name	Maipenrai Tao Princess	
Pet Name	Portia	
Breed	Korat	
Age	18	
Breeder	Janet Jeffers	
Owner	Jennifer Day	
Favourite food	Chicken, Felix in jelly, Royal Canin biscuits	
Favourite toy	Knitted mouse my Mum made me	
Show achievements	UK Imperial Grand Premier	
Favourite past times	Sleeping in Mum's bed	
Interesting fact	Portia was excellent when showing and surprised Jen on her first Korat show in Rugby by becoming Overall Best in Show 2005!	

Name	Cattleya Clemency	
Pet Name	Nancy	
Breed	Korat	
Age	4 months	
Breeder	Louise Portsmouth	
Owner	Louise Portsmouth	
Favourite food	Cooked chicken	
Favourite toy	Pipe Cleaners and sparkly pom poms	
Show achievements	First ever show, she was awarded Best in Section 4 Kitten!	
Favourite past times	Causing mayhem wherever she goes and playing with new Miniature Dachshund puppy Boo.	
Interesting fact	Daughter of Dottie (Ch. Cattleya Calypso) and Tigga (Clairabelle Crouching Tiger). Nancy is my future breeding girl but at present is enjoying being the youngest in the household and getting up to all sorts of mischief. Now known as Naughty Nancy!	

Cartoon Page





KORAT & THAI CAT ASSOCIATION

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K&TCA KITTEN LIST SERVICE

Contact **Dee Hillier-Kidston** (details on page 5) with your litter information for inclusion on the KTCA website. Please include date of birth, number of kittens born, type of kittens (i.e. Korats or Thais), number of each sex still available and date the kittens will be ready for their new homes. A photo can also be added.

Please remember to let Dee know when your kittens have been placed.

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