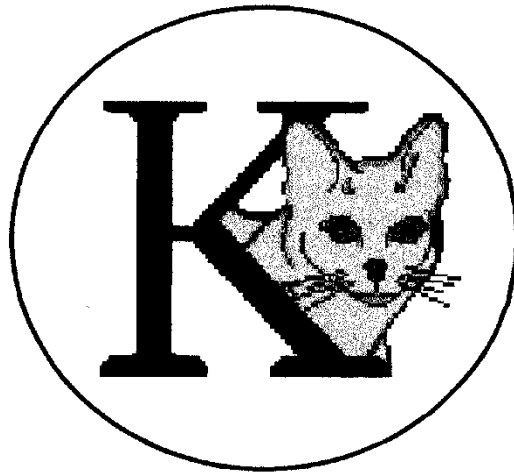


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PICTURE GALLERY – MEMBER'S PHOTOS



3 generations of Saluay Korats!
Top to bottom: Callee, Maia, Kaya
Courtesy of Clare Treacher



Cersei – Thai Lilac
Courtesy of George Terry



Lea – my latest baby!
Courtesy of Julie Cherkas



A Bedful of Korats & Thais!
Courtesy of Julie Cherkas



Tigger – Thai Lilac
Courtesy of Julie Cherkas



Loxley, waiting for a toy in the bath! Courtesy
of George Terry

PICTURE GALLERY – PHOTOS FROM OUR SHOW

More Show photos on the Results page, xx



Clairabelle Gentleman Jack - Male Neuter (KOR)
Owned & bred by Clair-Harding-Brown



Jusarka Day-Dream Beleva - Female Kitten (KOR)
Owned by Clair Harding-Brown, bred by Julie Cherkas



Jenanca Jasumik Willo Female Adult (KOR)
Owned by Jane Couch & bred by Jen Lacey



Kanzona Chai Charoen Male Adult (KOR)
Owned Gaye Sinclair & bred by Felicity Black



Sifsafs Murder Dans Mittens - Male Adult (KOR)
Owned by Jane Couch, bred by
Anne Kynde Christensen



Pr Kanzona Night Brightness - Male Neuter (KOR)
Owned by Paul & Elaine Evans, bred by Felicity Black

Thanks to all members/breeders who shared photos of your wonderful cats! Please email dee@korats.org.uk with photos for the next newsletter.

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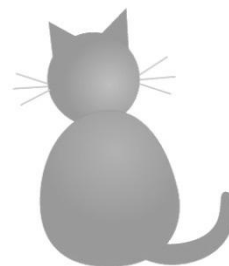
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Chair's Report

A big welcome to your Winter K&TCA Newsletter!

A bit belated, but Happy New Year to you all! Christmas has come and gone and now we are almost at the end of a very cold and wet January.

Since our last Newsletter, we have had a successful Korat and Thai Cat Association show, shared with the Russian Blue Breeders Association. It was a lovely, sunny, October day, with a good number of entries. More details can be found in the Newsletter.

I also attended the GCCF Supreme Cat Show with my Korat and Thai Blue Point girls. Nancy the Korat gained her first UK certificate and Best of Breed, and Twinkle the Thai gained a Grand Champion Challenge Certificate and Best of Breed. They both were judged in the Best of Variety pens. There were two other neutered Korat boys there who gained their well-deserved awards. I shared the day with my good friend Clare Treacher.



We are in the process of approving more judges qualified to judge Korat and Thais so it would be lovely to see more stunning examples of our breed on the show bench. We have a very useful PDF available to help you do this. 'A Guide to Showing for New Exhibitors' for those of you who would be interested in showing your Korat/Thai cats in the future. See later in this newsletter or a pdf can be emailed to you. If you would like a printed copy, please get in touch with Dee Hillier-Kidston.

Thank you all for continuing to support our Club.

Louise Portsmouth – Chairman
Cattleya Cats

Committee News

A belated Happy New Year to everyone.

It's been a busy time here since the last newsletter with my youngest Korat girl Kaya having her first litter. She had 4 beautiful babies in October. She has been a wonderful mum and Callee and Maia at times have helped with babysitting duties. The little girl decided quite early on she wanted to stay so we have a new addition to the family ☺. Two of her brothers are still waiting for homes and causing chaos in that special Korat way!



What's been going on with the club:

KTCA Show 2025

Our 18th annual show was a great success thanks to our show manager Ian Macro and assistant show manager Dee Hillier-Kidston. It was a very enjoyable day for all the exhibitors and visitors. The committee worked hard making sure, along with the show managers, that the day ran efficiently from set up to tear down.

We had 16 Korats and Thais, and 6 Household Pets attend (see later in the issue for results and photos). The cats all showed themselves off well and made their owners proud. We hope to see you all (and hopefully more) again this year on Saturday 3rd October 2026 in Bugbrooke.

Supreme Cat Show 2025

A few weeks after the KTCA annual show came the turn of the Supreme. We had 3 Korats and 1 Thai representing the breed. Thank you to their owners for exhibiting them and chatting with the public about the breed. We had some nice breed information flyers for the public to take too.



IGRCH Cattleya Clemency (KOR) & CH
Cattleya Belle-Etoile (TAI a 33)

Korat & Thai Registration Policy

The Korat and Thai registration policy was updated to include the new DNA test scheme for preventing Atherosclerosis and was approved at the October GCCF council meeting. This can be found on the GCCF website breed section if you wish to read the document.

Here's what's coming up in the coming months:

Show Points Scheme

The KTCA show points scheme runs from January to December each year. If you are thinking of entering your results for last year you don't have long to enter. Send your results to George (see show support secretary details). Entries need to be in by February 15th, 2026. No entries will be considered after this date. If you are unsure of how to allocate points, see later in the issue for information.

Clare Treacher
RVN CertSAN ISFM CertFN & DipFN
Saluay Korats
KTCA Secretary

GCCF NEWS WINTER 2025/26



World Cat Congress
promoting harmony in the cat fancy

After the usual formalities, October Council began by discussing the Supreme, held the previous week, which led onto discussing the next Supreme - is just six months away as it's to be held in conjunction with

the World Cat Congress in Liverpool in April 2026.

Steve Crow gave an update on how the arrangements for the show, seminar and gala dinner were progressing and promised promotion, and tickets for the events would be available shortly now that the 2025 Supreme was over. To give background he reported on the 2025 WCC events in Hong Kong which he had attended as GCCF representative with Anna to assist and get a feel for what was expected. Details can be found on the GCCF website.



Byelaw addition

Unusually, the Byelaw change was to return a definition of discreditable conduct that had had to be removed from the constitution almost 40 years earlier. At that time GCCF watered down a ban on selling to pet shops under threat of legal action. Now the law had caught up, and it was illegal in most areas of the UK for anyone except the breeder or a rehoming centre to sell a kitten under six-months-old.



A FURTHER UPDATE TO THE KORAT & THAI REGISTRATION POLICY



The policy now includes a DNA testing scheme for the prevention of atherosclerosis a disease identified in Korats about 10 years previously, for which a test had just become available in June 2025. As it was a fatal disease if cats were homozygous the intention was to avoid future early deaths by gradual elimination of the mutation, with the allowance of the use of heterozygous cats to preserve lines. Breeders have already tested and recorded the ATH status of breeding stock to ensure homozygous affected cats may be avoided.



Burmese Registration Policy

The Burmese BAC had agreed in principle to the addition of the Foundation Burmese and the Korat as outcross options for the breed. This was to meet the GCCF requirement that all breeds should have options to improve the diversity of their gene pools to protect genetic health against negative effects such as a rising inbreeding coefficient.



The full report from the October Council meeting can be read here: [October Council 2025 Report](#)

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 runs from January to December. Make sure you send George your points after a show or keep a list yourself to submit at the end of the year.

All results will be needed by 15 February 2026 to participate

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 (the GEMS code is best)]; 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 2025 will be sent out after the 2026 AGM.

The Points Allocation

BREED CLASS – Kitten, Adult or Neuter

Awarded CC, PC, or KC = 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

Send details to Georgina Terry by 15 February 2026

beeorchidgirl@hotmail.com

If notification is not sent, no points will be awarded

Korat and Thai Cat Association

Guide to Showing for New Exhibitors

Please take the time to browse through this information - it has been compiled specifically with the novice Exhibitor in mind. It is intended to give you an insight into the workings of a typical day at a Championship Show and hopefully it will help alleviate any anxieties that you may have regarding proceedings surrounding show day.

It also gives simple explanations on terminology used at a show and gives a step-by-step guide of the progression of the day.

Best of luck, but more importantly, have an enjoyable show day!

GUIDELINES FOR SHOW DAY

On arrival at the venue, proceed to the entrance door where you will be welcomed by a volunteer who will ask you for your name. You will be handed an envelope known as a "Tally" envelope. On this envelope you will find the following information: your name, the name of your cat or kitten and the pen number that has been assigned to you for the day.

You will then proceed to the "Vetting In" area. Here you will take your cat or kitten out of its carrier and the vet or nurse will carry out a brief examination. They will check ears, eyes, coat and mouth to ensure that there are no evident signs of illness. This is a very important step taken specifically to eliminate, wherever possible, a cat or kitten entering the show with a problem and potentially infecting others present on the day. The claws of your cat or kitten will be checked that they have been trimmed.

It is your responsibility to ensure that your cat/kitten is in top condition for the show - with no signs of fleas, ear mites, sore eyes etc. Please do not ignore this important advice as rejection by a vet at this point can be embarrassing and disappointing for the exhibitor. The vet will also check your vaccination certificate, which must show an up-to-date vaccination given at least 7 days prior to the show date. Please **DO NOT FORGET** to bring your cat/kitten's vaccination certificate on show day as it is essential for entry to the show!!

Enter the show hall and proceed to your assigned pen. Each of the aisles are clearly marked with pen numbers and the number is also clearly displayed on the front of each pen.

Before removing your cat/kitten from its carrier, set the pen up with the following accessories:

- White show blanket
- White litter tray (plus litter)
- White drinker (with fresh water)
- White food bowl (with their favourite food)
- Toy

If you do not have these items, they can be purchased from one of the stalls. Also, if your cat is wearing a collar, it should be removed now until after the show.



Take the time to settle your cat/kitten. Remember this is a whole new experience for them too. The earlier you arrive at the show, the more time you will have to reassure them and also carry out any last-minute grooming to make him/her look their best for the Judges.

Store your cat carrier, show bag and any other belongings (no valuables please) under the show bench, directly beneath your cat/kitten's pen. Don't forget to remove food dishes and any distinguishable items (ie. toys, extra bedding) from your cat/kitten's pen, if you don't, it could be disqualified. Water must remain in the pen at all times.

At approx. 10.00am (this varies from show to show), all exhibitors will be requested to vacate the show hall as the judging is about to commence.



You can now collect your show catalogue at the door if you haven't already been given it when you arrived. At this time most exhibitors take the opportunity to grab a cup of tea or coffee, breakfast, relax and browse through the show catalogue, which will go on sale only after judging commences. The catalogues may be pre-ordered/pre-paid on the show entry form or from one of the committee members

who will position themselves near the door to the main show hall.

The show catalogue is compiled in numerical section and class order. The Korats and Thais come under Section 4 (previously known as the Foreign Section).

If, for example, your cat/kitten is entered in Class 372, flick through the catalogue until you find this class number - under this heading you will note your cat/kitten's pen number and details relevant to your exhibit, i.e. Pedigree name; Breed No.; Sire & Dam; Date of Birth and the name of the Breeder(s). These are the details that have been taken from your original entry form. The onus is on the exhibitor to provide accurate information for entry



into the catalogue. Inaccurate details could lead to your cat/kitten being disqualified. Exhibitors are requested to point out to the show manager, at the earliest possible moment, any errors in regard to their own entries which may appear in the show catalogue. If pointed out at a reasonable time during the show, errors which have occurred as a result of typing, printing or other managerial mistakes, will be corrected in the Judges' books and other relevant paperwork. If an error cannot be corrected and it was a managerial mistake, the show manager may refund the entry fees on request.

Awards Board



These will be in a convenient location outside the main show hall. This is where the completed Judges slips will be posted as each class is judged. The judges slips will have the class number on the top of each one. Under this will be the pen numbers of the cats/kittens entered in that particular class and the Judge will place each cat or kitten in order of merit i.e., 1st, 2nd, 3rd etc. The Judge may also award a BOB (Best of Breed); KC (Kitten Challenge Certificate); CC (Challenge Certificate); PC (Premier Certificate).

Challenge Certificates are awarded to entire cats only. Premier Certificates are awarded to neutered cats only. Certificates are not awarded to kittens, but they can be awarded BOB.

Each cat/kitten is judged against a specific Standard of Points for its particular breed as laid down by the GCCF (Governing Council of the Cat Fancy).

The Judges slips are processed at the top table which is manned by a team of experienced volunteers. Rosettes will be placed on the pens as results are received and Challenge or Premier Certificates, if applicable, will be distributed to the pens by the end of the day.

At 12.30 - 1.30 pm: (differs between shows) Exhibitors will be allowed back into the show hall along with the public.

PLEASE NOTE: you should not approach your pen if judging is still in progress and the Judge has not yet looked at your cat/kitten. This can sometimes happen due to the sheer volume of entries. When the Judges break for lunch, you may attend to your cat/kitten and replace the food dish.

BEST IN SHOW

(at approximately 3 p.m.)

Qualifying cats/kittens are appraised at the Best in Show pens for the exhibitors and public to watch.

NON-PEDIGREE SECTION

Non-Pedigree Household Pet – the winner will be determined normally from BOB winners.

PEDIGREE SECTION

Best of Section, followed by Best in Show



This is where the 1st placed cats/kittens in each category i.e. Section 1 Kitten, Adult or Neuter, will be judged against each other to determine the Best of Section winner. This process will happen for each of the 6 Sections.

Pedigree Pet – the winner will be determined normally from the BOB winners.

The Judges will choose the overall **BEST IN SHOW** exhibit from the winners of each section. This is the most coveted title of the show!

At around 4 p.m: The show manager will announce that the show is 'Closed" and that exhibitors are free to leave. If exhibitors take their cats and leave before the close of show then they will be disqualified by the show manger and forfeit their cats awards.

Please ensure that you take all of your personal belongings with you at the end of the day.

SHOW DAY CHECK-LIST

1. Escape proof Cat Carrier
2. Vaccination Certificate
3. White Show Blankets
4. White Litter Tray
5. Small bag of cat's favourite litter
6. White Drinker
7. Small bottle of fresh drinking water
8. Small white food bowl
9. Food
10. Grooming utensils (brush/comb etc.)



TITLE AND SHOW INFORMATION FOR EXHIBITORS

BOB = Best of Breed
BOV = Best of Variety
BIS = Best in Show
CNH = Could not Handle
W / H = Withheld
N / A = Not Awarded

The details below are for fully recognised breeds. Assessment breeds are awarded MERIT certificates, to help towards breed recognition.

PEDIGREE SECTION

Kittens (age 14 weeks up to 9 months) need 3 certificates from three different judges to become a KITTEN CHAMPION. Only ONE certificate per venue can be counted, unlike other certificates from joint shows.

ADULTS (9 MONTHS +)

You need to win 3 Challenge certificates under three different judges to become a CHAMPION. Two classes, one for Korats and one for Thais.

Next, compete for GRAND CHAMPION and you must be awarded 3 Grand Challenge certificates under three different judges. One class for six breeds, Korat, Thai, Russian, Abyssinian, Singapura and Snowshoe.

Next you compete for IMPERIAL GRAND CHAMPION and you need 5 certificates from five different judges. One class for ALL section 4 breeds.

Finally, there is OLYMPIAN IMPERIAL GRAND CHAMPION. There are three levels to the Olympian: Bronze, Silver and Gold. The class is open to ALL breeds. You need 5 certificates from five different judges at each level, but the same judge can award a certificate at each level. Only ONE certificate at each level can be from a Breed Show, the other four must be from ALL Breed shows.

The title UK is only awarded at the Supreme show and to enter the cat must be a Grand Champion or Imperial Grand Champion. 2 certificates are needed for the title.

NEUTERS (9 MONTHS +)

These follow the same process as for adults but the titles are:

PREMIER – 3 Premier Challenge certificates.

GRAND PREMIER – 3 Grand Premier Challenge certificates.

IMPERIAL GRAND PREMIER – 5 Imperial Grand certificates.

OLYMPIAN – as for Adults above.

UK – Supreme only. The cat must be a Grand Premier or Imperial Grand Premier to enter.

NON PEDIGREE SECTION

There are two sections, Household Pets and Pedigree Pets.

Titles can be won in each section

KITTEN MASTER CAT – 3 KMC certificates

MASTER CAT – 3 Master Cat certificates

GRAND MASTER CAT - 3 Grand Master Cat certificates

IMPERIAL GRAND MASTER CAT - 5 Imperial Grand Master Cat certificates.

OLYMPIAN MASTER CAT – 5 certificates for Bronze, then a further 5 for Silver and finally another 5 for Gold.



These titles are automatically awarded by the GCCF once the criteria is met. Certificates can be downloaded from your online portal or sent out from the GCCF office once the title shows on your online portal – see the GCCF website www.gccfcats.org

Buying Medication From Your Vet or Using a Pet Prescription?

Buying directly from your veterinary practice

Purchasing medications directly from your vet is a great option:

- It's quick, easy, and convenient.
- Your vet can show you how to administer the medication and answer any questions.
- You won't have to make a separate insurance claim for your medication purchases.



Also, you won't need to:

- ask for a written prescription
- find a reputable alternative veterinary medicines retailer
- find the right product online
- wait for your medication

Purchasing from an online Veterinary Retailer

It can be cheaper to purchase medications online with a valid prescription. The reasons for this may include internet retailers benefiting from lower overhead costs.

Please remember that obtaining a prescription may not be appropriate if your pet is an inpatient or immediate treatment is necessary



What To Consider When Buying Online

Here are some key things to look for when choosing a veterinary retailer and things to remember when ordering prescription medications online:

- Take care to choose a UK based veterinary medicines retailer.
- Ensure the retailer is registered under the Veterinary Medicines Directorate (VMD) Accredited Internet Retailer Scheme (AIRS). This means you are receiving UK licenced medicines from the same UK wholesalers and of the same standard and quality that you buy from your veterinary practice.
- Order the product exactly as set out on your pet's prescription. Make sure you choose the right formulation, strength, and amount of medication.

You can also use your prescription to purchase medications from other veterinary practices or pharmacies.

Our First Korat Kitten Champion - KC Jusarka Azalea, aka "Lea"

Lea, my newest baby Korat, gained her 3rd Kitten Challenge Certificate on 7 February and so she is my first - and probably only - Kitten Champion! I've been really lucky with the timing of her shows; we have quite a small window of opportunity to show a kitten - unless you are happy to travel miles! They can only be shown between 14 weeks and 9 months of age before they become either Adults or Neuters on the show bench. Because of this I think she's the first Korat to be a Kitten Champion.

Thank you to all her judges and the show teams, without whom this wouldn't be possible.

Julie Cherkas – Jusarka Korats & Thais



4 Oct 2025 - Korat & Thai Show, 3 months 18 days.



13 Dec 2025 – Maidstone & Medway Show, 5 months 27days.



7 Feb 2026 – BOB Cats Show, 7 months 22 days.

Sweet Pea!



We recently welcomed a new fur baby to our family. Clairabelle Chaiya Darika, or Sweet Pea as we call her, was an unexpected surprise from Clair Harding-Brown.

She's quickly become a very much loved member of our Korat pride and is an absolute darling...her name "Sweet Pea" suits her down to the ground! She has settled in with all the other cats really well.

She loves helping me with everything I'm doing and is especially a great help when I'm cooking. As you can see!!



She will eventually be my new breeding girl, free of Atherosclerosis and a carrier of the pointed gene. Welcome Sweet Pea 🥰🐱



Jane Couch – Jasumik Korats & Thais

KORAT & THAI CAT ASSOCIATION 18th CHAMPIONSHIP BREED SHOW

Our annual breed show (joint with the Russian Blue Breeders Association) was held on 4th October 2025 at Bugbrooke, Northamptonshire.
There were 13 Korats and 2 Thai's, with 6 household pets in attendance.

The day went well, thanks to our show manager Ian Macro and assistant show manager Dee Hillier-Kidston.

An enormous thank you to Ian and Dee for planning an enjoyable day for all the exhibitors and visitors; it is a mammoth task to organise a show, and many voluntary hours of dedication over the year, are spent making sure the show happens and runs as efficiently as possible. The show wouldn't run without you. Thank you to everyone who helped on the day and to the exhibitors, for entering and bringing your beautiful cats. Many thanks go to our judges as well, for the careful handling of our cats and supporting our breed.

SHOW RESULTS



Overall Best in show 2025

Grand Champion
Jusarka Biba Bright-Star

Owned and bred by Julie Cherkas



Best in Show Adult
GR CH Jusarka Biba
Bright-Star (KOR)



Best in Show Kitten
Jusarka Azalea (KOR)



Best in Show Neuter
Serennol
Jenanca-Chinda (KOR)

*** Congratulations to the owners of these beautiful cats ***

PEDIGREE RESULTS

ADULTS

Imperial Classes

Grand Champion Male

IGCC awarded - GR CH Kanzona Otto (KOR)

Grand Champion Female

IGCC awarded - GR CH Jusarka Biba Bright-Star (KOR)

Grand Classes

Korat Champion Female

GCC awarded - CH Sawatao Cheewit (KOR)

RGCC awarded - CH Darika Phong Boonnam Mignon (KOR)

Thai Blue Point Champion Female

GCC awarded - CH Cattleya Belle-Etoile (TAI a 33)

2nd, Res w/h - CH Jusarka Follow-The-Dream (TAI a 33)

Breed Classes

Korat Adult Male

CC awarded - Kanzona Chai Charoen (KOR)

Korat Adult Female

CC awarded - Jenanca Jasumik Willo (KOR)

BOB - GR CH Jusarka Biba Bright-Star (KOR)

Thai Blue Point Adult

BOB - CH Cattleya Belle-Etoile (TAI a 33)

KITTENS

Breed Class

Korat Kitten

1st, KC awarded & BOB - Jusarka Azalea (KOR)

2nd - Jusarka Day-Dream-Beleva (KOR)

NEUTERS

Grand Class

Korat Premier Male

GPC awarded - PR Kanzona Night Bightness (KOR)

Breed Classes

Korat Neuter Male

PC awarded - Clairabelle Gentleman Jack (KOR)

2nd - Kanzona Devine-Sparks (KOR)

Korat Neuter Female

PC awarded & BOB - Serennol Jenanca-Chinda (KOR)

A few extra photos from our Breed Show.
Thank you to everyone who submitted photos.



Jusarka Azalea – BIS Kitten



Ch Cattleya Belle-Etoile (TAI a 33)
awarded the Grand CC



Judge Mrs Joyce Green and her
Steward Nathan Gilbert assessing
Gr Ch Jusarka Biba Bright-Eyes who
was then chosen as Overall BIS.

The Five National Cats of Thailand

On 18 November 2025, the Thai government announced the official designation of five indigenous cat breeds as part of its national identity. In addition to the Korat (Si Sawat cat), the other pure Thai cat breeds designated as national symbols are the Suphalak (Copper cat), Wichienmaat (Siamese cat), Konja (Black cat), and Khao Manee (White jewel cat).

This cabinet decision reflects an effort to preserve Thailand's feline heritage and promote cultural pride, as well as to encourage breeding programmes amid claims that purebred numbers are declining. Advocacy groups and officials emphasise that these cats - particularly the Korat or Si Sawat, regarded for their silver-grey coat and cultural symbolism - have deep connections with Thai social customs and beliefs. Elevating these native breeds to national symbol status aims to further instil their importance in Thai society and help secure their futures.

Thailand is accelerating efforts to protect the Korat cat, one of its oldest purebred felines, as numbers continue to decline. The Korat cat originates from Nakhon Ratchasima's Phimai district and is valued for its unique features and symbolism of luck inspiring dedicated conservation efforts. Conservation groups in Nakhon Ratchasima are expanding breeding programmes to preserve the culturally significant Si Sawat breed, long associated with prosperity and Thai tradition.



1. Korat

2. Suphalak

3. Wichienmaat

4. Konja

5. Khao Manee

1. Korat (Si-Sawat Cat)
 - Silver-blue coat with luminous green eyes
 - Traditionally given as a symbol of good luck and prosperity
 - One of the oldest documented Thai breeds
2. Suphalak (Copper Cat)
 - Deep copper or reddish-brown coat
 - One of the rarest Thai breeds today
 - Historically associated with nobility and prosperity
3. Wichienmaat (Siamese Cat)
 - The original Thai Siamese, with pointed colouring and blue eyes
 - Famous worldwide but originating in Thailand
 - Known for intelligence and vocal personality
4. Konja (Black Cat)
 - Solid black coat
 - Less common internationally
 - Associated in Thai folklore with protection and good fortune
5. Khao Manee (White Jewel Cat)
 - Pure white coat
 - Often has striking blue, gold, or odd-coloured eyes
 - Historically linked to Thai royalty and good luck

These breeds appear in historic Thai manuscripts such as the Tamra Maew ("Cat Book Poems"), showing how deeply cats have been tied to Thai culture for centuries.

This article was compiled using various articles found on the internet and social media.

Solomon's Diary, 2025/2026 – by Caroline Bertram

I dictated this to my human quite a while ago. She says she will apologise to all of you for not sending it to Julie earlier. It should have been sent in September, and I'm beginning to worry about the old girl's memory.

"I had my 16th birthday yesterday. My human forgot. To be honest, so did I...I was too busy sleeping. Being an elderly cat has its ups and downs, but I am able to dictate my needs more forcibly nowadays, and after a mere 15+ years I have schooled her in how I think my routine should go:

5.00am - enter apartment after my pre-dawn peregrinations checking the outside environs for dangerous predators.

5.03am - let the human know I am back using a series of yowls which I have perfected over the last couple of years, (I understand that my mother Jusarka Pussy Willow did the same 🐱🐱) signifying that there is nothing of interest left in my bowl.

5.06 am - give up after 20 yowls, as there is no response from the bedroom. Trot along to bedroom to sit on human's chest, face, feet or whatever bit of her is poking through the duvet.

8.30 am - human arises from her pit. Make her realise that this discommodates me. Retire under duvet whilst she showers and dresses (why can't humans just use their tongues and not bother to use clothes ...I'll never understand them). Don't bother to come out from under the duvet for another 3 hours, despite the yowly hunger pang complaints that I made earlier (see above).

12.00 pm - demand my breakfast loudly.

12.10 pm - return to duvet, or possibly human's lap.

6.00 pm - demand supper; especially if human is cooking chicken or prawns for herself.

6.10 pm - sleep ... as above

12.00 am (or whenever human has snuggled down in bed with a good book or television programme). Demand a little something extra to get me through the long night without starving myself to death.



I love it when my human unpacks a new glass order!

There are some days when I am forced to alter my routine. Whenever she is doing something interesting, I have to meddle.

- i) Reading. Any Korat worth its salt knows that the only place to park in this instance is on the human chest in direct sightline between book and her eyes.

- ii) Zoom meetings. Insist on joining in by placing the face in front of camera ... not a pretty sight as the camera distorts my handsome visage. Talk to the other members of the meeting as only a Korat can.
- iii) Crocheting. Forget you are no longer a kitten and mess with the wool comprehensively. It is 'best practice' to do this from your vantage point of her lap where she has placed the pattern which she will need to right the mess you made in the first place ... but you have sat on it.
- iv) a) Painting with oil paints, where help can be offered with both paws and tail.
- v) b) Painting with glass, where there is huge scope for mayhem with minimum effort from yours truly. She cuts up small pieces of glass and the splintery pieces which fly off must be picked up so I don't cut my delicate paws on them. She also uses powdered glass which means I have to be shut out under protest (yes... of course I complain loudly and comprehensively) as she doesn't have a HEPA mask that will fit me.



My Chariot

Recently, the silly biped became a temporary monopod by breaking her foot, and since then hasn't been able to move around without crutches or a Zimmer frame. Endless tripping up possibilities have arisen. Luckily for her I have to spend much of my day under the duvet (see above) otherwise a broken foot would be the least of her worries - I could add an arm or a neck to her worries.

Anyway, the best part of it all is that she brought her power chair into the house (to the detriment of cupboard doors, walls, my tail, etc) so I don't have to walk any more. Just bat my eyelids at her and look adorable, and I get my own personalised electric transport from bedroom to living room and back, with a small detour to my feed bowl.

Dictating this diary has been quite exhausting, so I think I shall retire to my heat pad, from where I can monitor my biped's activities. She's painting glass tonight and the smell of the clove oil with which she mixes her paints is really quite strong, so I shall have to cradle my nose with my paws.

I don't know why I stay here...."

£Treasurer's Notes

Hi Everyone,

Hope you are all keeping safe and well! Another year has passed us by!

Well, the festivities are now behind us and the temperature has dropped. We've had some sprinklings of snow but it has mainly been soaking wet which my little ladies are quite fed up with. They love a little venture into the garden but have not put a single toe bean over the doorstep. I think they are just waiting for the warmer days to return. In the meantime, the heated bed is getting a lot of use.



Meanwhile in Treasurers Corner...

Our accounts are healthy, and we would like to thank all those lovely members who continue to support our wonderful breed. We really do appreciate your loyalty in these difficult times.

- 2025 accounts are being worked on and will be submitted soon.
- Subs were due on the 1st January 2026. See below for ways to pay.

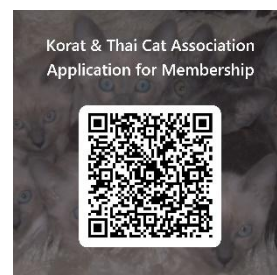
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- You can still pay by cheque, payable to: Korat & Thai Cat Association and send your remittance to the Treasurer's address on Page 5.

It's been a while since receiving your details, especially those long-standing members so I need a little help to ensure I have your most up-to-date information. Please can you [click this link](#) and fill in the online form. The form is secure and will only return to me. I will only use the info on the form to update the details that we hold for club communications.

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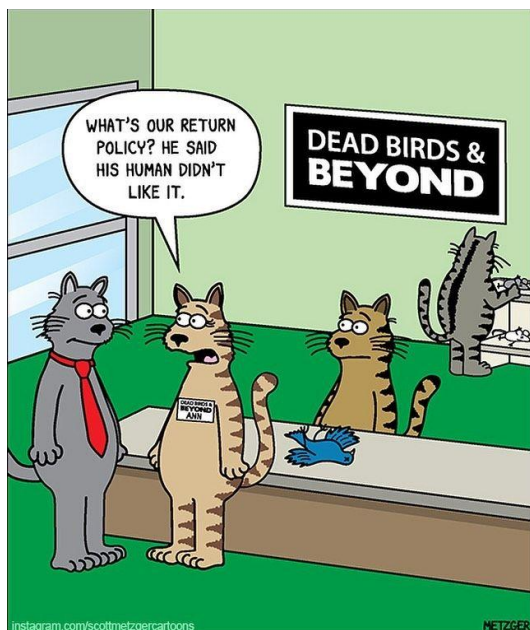
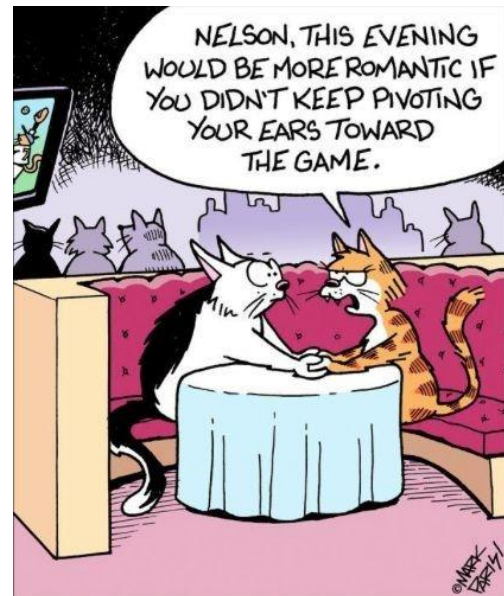
Lastly, I would like to welcome the following new members:

Ms S Robinson, London.

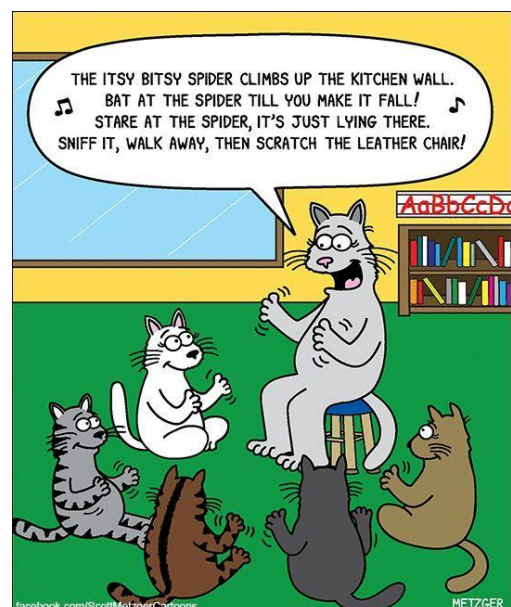
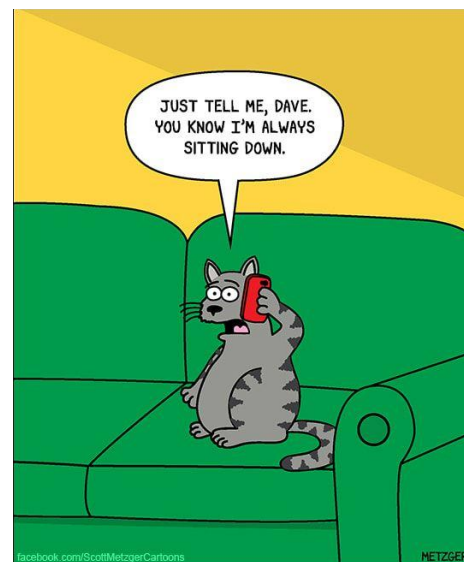
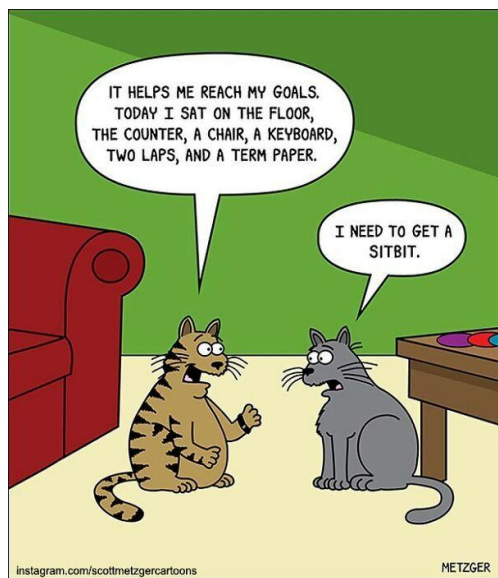
Mrs A Rose, Powys.

Hope you enjoy your newsletter but please don't forget to pay your subs for 2026 due NOW! 😊
Dee >^..^<

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

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