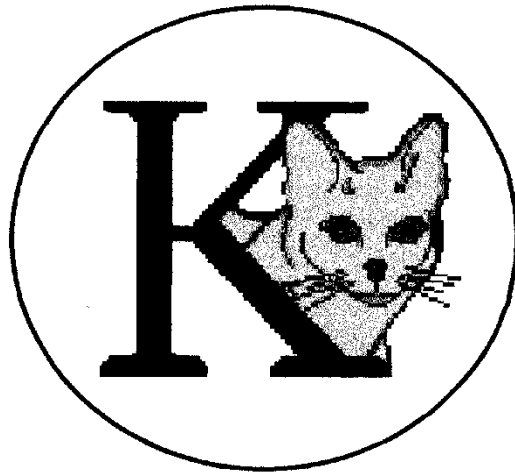


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Chai
(TAI Variant from KOR/TBP mating)
Courtesy of Jane Couch



Ivy (TBP) and Nancy (KOR)
Courtesy of Louise Portsmouth



Nova (KOR) and Dottie (TBP)
Courtesy of Seth and Katie



Zefir (TLP)
Courtesy of Julie Cherkas



Max (KOR)
Courtesy of Jane Couch



Tanizaki (KOR)
Owned by Sonia Rai

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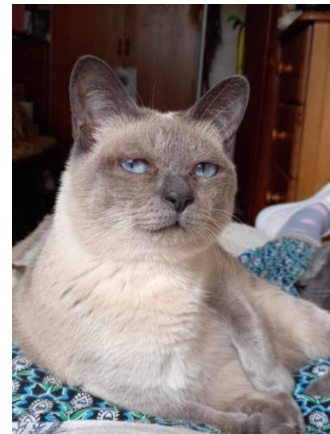
Sunny (TBP)
Owned by Cecilia Dominici



Maeori (KOR) with her kittens
Courtesy of Jane Couch



Nancy (KOR) and her mixed litter
Courtesy of Louise Portsmouth



Angel (TBP)
Courtesy of Jane Couch



Freddie (TBP)
Courtesy of Julie Cherkas



Ivy (TBP)
Courtesy of Louise Portsmouth

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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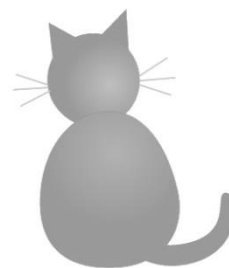
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Chair's Report

This is my first report in my changed role as Chairman of the Club (despite holding this role for well over a year) and I'm delighted to welcome you to a newsletter. It's over a year late as we are really struggling to find someone to produce this on a regular basis for the Club. Dee, Louise and I have joined together to try to get something out to the members so hopefully this will at least keep you in touch.



Jusarka Choochai Preecha aka Archie
photo courtesy of Angela Adam

Shows have been back on the calendar for a while now following lockdown and it was wonderful to get back to normal and hold our breed show again starting in October 2022, following the hiatus in show events during Covid19. We have now held two shows and our next show is due to be held on 5th October at the usual venue – further details in due course.

Our AGM is on SUNDAY 28TH APRIL 2024. Once again, being held electronically using Zoom. Please check the website or contact the Secretary for further details.

We made a payment of £100 last year for our 2022 Charitable Donation, to a lady called Sue Challinor who works tirelessly in cat rescue in the North West. The committee also chose to help her again with a donation for 2023 and we have recently paid another £100 to help Sue with her amazing rescue work. Sue has sent us some details of the incredible job she does voluntarily to save any cat needing help. Check out where your money has gone later in this issue. If anyone has any ideas for a deserving recipient for this year's donation (to be paid out next Spring) please let me have the details of your suggestions for consideration, prior to the AGM.

Thank you all for your support of our Club and I hope to 'see' some of you, albeit virtually, at the AGM, if you are able to make it.

Kind regards

Julie Cherkas - Chairman

Editor's Notes

Apologies for the lack of Newsletters since our last publication. Things didn't quite work out with our new Editor but in order not to delay things further by waiting to recruit a new one, Dee, Julie and I have stepped in to ensure you get the latest news. In this issue, we have the usual reports from our Chairman, Secretary and Treasurer.

Jen has kindly written a piece about the worrying news that a new strain of Feline Infectious Peritonitis, FIP, is now affecting the feline population in Cyprus. Please read and be very vigilant if you're holidaying over there.

Earlier last year, I received tragic news that my first Korat breeding girl 'BB' (pictured above), who was neutered and rehomed three years ago, was run over and killed. I had hoped that she would've been kept in a safe environment and not allowed to roam, but this was not the case. It's so sad particularly as our beautiful Korats and Thais are so very rare and irreplaceable. Breeders of Korat and Thais are so few in the UK and typically the number of kittens in a litter are low. It's absolutely heart-breaking to have to come to terms with the loss of any beloved cat especially if it's to the road.



In March last year my Korat girl Nancy gave birth to a mixed litter of Korat and Thai Blue Point kittens. I decided to keep 'Ivy', a female TBP kitten. I recently entered her into her first show and to my delight he was chosen as Best in Show Section 4. Nancy also went along and gained her first Imperial Grand Challenge Certificate.

As mentioned earlier the position of Newsletter Editor needs filling. Please get in touch with any member of the Committee if you think you can help. The future of the Newsletter depends on it!

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

Louise Portsmouth, Cattleya Cats
Former Newsletter Editor

Committee News

It's been a long time, but we are finally back with a newsletter 😊. It's the spring edition and hopefully it'll bring the warmer, sunny weather with it to replace the chilly, rainy days we keep having. It's been a while since we've managed to get a newsletter published but we are hoping to get back to having 2-3 newsletters a year sent out to our members from now on. If there is anything you would like featured in the newsletter or maybe you have photos of your cats looking cute or causing mischief, send them to the editor for publication in the next issue.



Maia – IGR CH Saluay Saeng Lali Sawan
at The Supreme 2023

What's been going on with the club:

Registration policy update

An addition to the registration policy was approved by council in February 2023 after three kittens had been born with the Tonkinese coat pattern from Korat and Thai Blue Point parents. Kittens born with either the Burmese or Tonkinese coat pattern will be known as Thai Variants but there are no plans for formal recognition. The same parents have continued to produce kittens with the Tonkinese coat pattern going to lovely pet homes. See later in the issue for further information.

KTCA 2023 Show

Last October saw 13 Korats, Thais and household pets gather for the Korat & Thai Cat Association annual show. It was an enjoyable day culminating in the lovely Thai Blue Point, Jusarka Follow-The-Dream winning Best in Show. More results published later in the issue.

Supreme Show 2023

October also played host to The Supreme Cat Show. We had 3 cats representing the Korats & Thais. The theme was '**The Crown Jewels**' to commemorate His Majesty King Charles III and Queen Consort Camilla's coronation. Both pens were decorated, and my Korat girl Maia made sure to bring her crown (see picture above)! The three girls, Nancy (Korat) and Ivy (Thai Blue Point) belonging to Louise Portsmouth and Maia did



a great job of showing off the breed and gaining a few certificates along the way. Having been to the Supreme many times when younger and always wanting to have a cat I could take, my first-time exhibiting did not disappoint, thank you Maia and Louise.

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

KTCA AGM

The Korat & Thai Cat Association AGM will be held on Sunday 28th April 2024 via zoom. All members with known email addresses should have received their invite. Any documents needed for the meeting were attached.

Compulsory microchipping

Having your cat microchipped will become law from the 10th June 2024. Microchips are safe and effective. Unlike collars and ID tags, microchips don't come off and they don't put your cat at risk of injury. The procedure to microchip your cat is quick and relatively painless. There is no need for 'recovery' from the procedure and it won't cause your cat any discomfort or pain once it's been implanted. All GCCF registered Korats and Thais are microchipped by their breeders as a kitten so no need to worry for many of you but do remember other cats in the house if they haven't come from breeders who do this. A microchip is also only as useful as the details on it, so when was the last time you checked your details were up to date? There would be nothing worse than your cat (or dog) going missing and finding the microchip is not even registered to you or your telephone numbers are incorrect.

The Cat Show Live [Cat Show Live \(thecatshowlive.co.uk\)](http://thecatshowlive.co.uk)

This is a new event debuting this September. It will be held at the NEC in Birmingham on Saturday 14th September 2024 and will be a day full of everything cat related! There will be a 'cat village' full of the different breeds to see and chat to breeders and owners, internationally recognised speakers giving short talks during the day, a digital area especially for rescues and charities and a huge shopping village for everything you need and didn't know you needed to buy! Watch this space for news on any Korats or Thais joining the event.

KTCA Show 2024

This year's show planning is well underway and the hall, show pens and judges are booked. The show will be held at our usual venue; Bugbrooke Community Centre in Bugbrooke on Saturday 5th October 2024. Put it in your diary now so you are available for when the show schedule is due out in August. It's not just for people who exhibit their cats, it's a great afternoon out for everyone. The show hall is shared with the Russian Blue Breeders Association show. Take the opportunity to see lots of beautiful Korats, Thais and Russians all together under one roof.

Supreme Cat Show 2024

(Apart from the Korat show!) The Supreme is the highlight of the year for many. Many exhibitors plan for the Supreme months in advance to ensure their cats will be in pristine condition and their decorated pen looks the best at the show! This year's theme will be '**All the fun of the fair**'. The Supreme will be held at NAEC, Stoneleigh Park, Warwickshire CV8 2LZ on Saturday 19th October 2024. We hope to have Korats & Thais represented this year so if your cat enjoys being shown, consider entering. There is also a section for 'meet the cats' where having a table is a great way of promoting the breed. As the name suggests, you meet the cats so we need cats who would be willing to greet the public along with their willing owners to chat to people. If you think this is something you could get involved with, let the committee know you would like to help.

Clare Treacher

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KTCA Honorary Secretary

Council Meetings of the GCCF and how decisions may affect our Club.

Normally, the report of each meeting is reproduced in the newsletter, with extra detail for any changes which specifically affect our breeds. However, in order to save on editor's time and printing costs we have decided to change this. Every report is published on the Governing Council's website (normally within a week of the meeting) so in this and future issues, we will now include a link to the previous meeting(s) so that you can read them online. Indeed, you don't need to wait for the newsletter if you are interested in the running of the GCCF, you can always look up the link, following each meeting. Meetings are usually held in February, June and October.

Just type 'gccfcats' into your search engine and open the GCCF website. Go to the 'About Us' page and click on Council Agenda and Minutes, then you have a choice to read either the full minutes of the meeting or just the Meeting Reports if you prefer a more succinct version.

We will still endeavour to highlight issues specifically relevant to the Korat and Thai breeds underneath the link.

The last meeting we reported on was in Spring 2022, so here are the links to the meetings since then:

<https://www.gccfcats.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/08/July-Council-2022-docx-1.pdf>

<https://www.gccfcats.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/10/October-Council-2022-docx-2.pdf>

<https://www.gccfcats.org/wp-content/uploads/2023/05/Council-Meeting-Report-25-Feb-23-1.pdf>

In the February 2023 meeting, the change to the Korat and Thai registration policy to include registration of Thai Variant kittens was approved with an 84% majority. Further details of the Thai Variant follow in a separate article.

<https://www.gccfcats.org/wp-content/uploads/2023/06/Council-Report-June-2023-1.pdf>

Compulsory microchipping of cats to be introduced. See below.

<https://www.gccfcats.org/wp-content/uploads/2023/11/October-Council-2023.pdf>

A change to the declaration on show entry forms regarding higher FIP risks. See below and further separate article on FIP.

FIP Remembered and Today – Jen Lacey



A gorgeous Italian hunk (Jadeye Don Giovanni) arrived with me in 2001. He took his first CC from Lynda Ashmore at the National CC show at Olympia in December, and with good looks plus a combination of US and European bloodlines, he had ladies very anxious for a visit. I did not know that the turn of year would bring the saddest period in my breeding life.

Sadly, Donny died with FIP (feline infectious peritonitis), but what made it all so much, much worse was so did two of the girls who visited him (both pregnant at the time) and kittens that he'd sired for Jenanca Ashamante, one of my queens. They had all gone off happy and healthy to new homes at about three months, and gradually faded, none making it to their first birthday.

In total there were nine FIP deaths attributed to a single source which took me into a research programme at Glasgow University. My 'hot outbreak' was useful for study. In spite of 'infectious' being part of the name, FIP is only very rarely a disease that spreads between cats. The virus that causes it does, but particular mutations, the cat's own inherited immune system and stress are factors in changing a virus into a killer that most cats live with showing no signs of illness. By the time symptoms were seen, the point of no return had passed.

I know that if I'd just begun breeding at the time, I would not have continued because of the heartbreak that had come to me and I'd passed to others, but I'd not had a case of FIP (as far as I was aware) in the 20 years previous and I wanted to fight. I obtained practical advice, my surviving cats and kittens had regular tests (thanks to Glasgow) which proved they could clear the virus, and as far as I know that was it. I didn't encounter FIP in the 20 years afterwards either.

Later I found I wasn't so unusual. Other breeders around the world had experienced similar outbreaks, all of which had been dreadful, but had passed. As with me some cats had died, but most had lived. Despite contact and testing positive for feline enteric corona virus, it had never developed into FIP for them. Dr Neils Pedersen (foremost US researcher for many years) once said the living were more interesting to him. He could explain why and how some died, but what gave the majority the ability to survive?

After this experience I remained interested in FIP, trying to learn about it, supporting other breeders going through the worst of times and keeping fingers crossed for steps forward in prevention (an effective vaccination) or a cure. Better diagnostics arrived first to giving vets more chance of certainty before the offer of euthanasia.

Eventually, finally came a possible cure. The new anti-virals developed for SARS and Covid-19 have combatted FIP successfully. They are not yet licensed, and treatment requires perseverance and can be horrendously expensive (good reason for insurance cover, but they have a good success rate and will surely be developed further. At least veterinary use is authorised and supported in Britain (thanks largely to work done at Edinburgh University). That's not the case in the USA where breeders must turn to the unregulated internet market.

So, it looked to me that I was seeing progress in the making since those dark days twenty years ago. Then came news from Cyprus in spring last year. Was FIP now truly an infectious disease killing all cats that contracted a new mutation? The first reports gave extremely high numbers of dead but have been significantly scaled back. However, to have figures in the thousands from January 2023, instead of a few hundred, would seem significant and a cause for concern.

Generally, FIP is reported at around 1% of the feline population, but in outbreak situations, a 40-50% prevalence of FIP has been reported. The outbreak of FIP in Cyprus has spread quickly, including to indoor cats, which suggests a highly virulent strain of feline coronavirus is present on the island. (Source ICC).

Research was carried out at Edinburgh lead by Prof Danielle Gunn-Moore, working with vets in Cyprus, and they successfully sequenced a new viral strain. Now named FCov-23, its identification will provide information about its spread and control. Prof Danielle has been able to provide some reassurance to GCCF there are no outbreaks in the UK, though one newly arrived cat from Cyprus became ill. The good news is that she was successfully treated and a companion in the same house, kept separately, did not develop it.

Now after the initial first shock and horror the real hard work begins. GCCF is co-sponsoring research that begins in September to find long term answers towards efficient diagnosis and the most effective treatment. With all we have learned from the Covid pandemic it may be that a vaccination will be developed.

Twenty years on. I'll never forget the pain of FIP, nor the power of research to bring improvements. We must continue to fight it.

In memory of loving Jadeye Don Giovanni.

One Big Thank You – from Sue Challinor, our Charity Recipient

Hi everyone. Can I start by saying a great big Thank You for choosing to support the cats I rescue. My little place is called SUE'S SPECIAL PLACE. I am here in Liverpool and now dedicate my days with street cats and colonies. It started 9 years ago when I found a kitten next to the bins which were being collected that day. He was a tiny little ginger his eyes were closed and he was so thin and wet through. I never found any others. He was hand fed for 3 weeks lived in a scarf around my front. He fluffed up, put on weight and opened his eyes. He was doing so well and then one morning he crashed. The vet said it happens sadly as they fall as fast as they rise - I was broken. I started helping at a small rescue for 12 months but sadly I disagreed with their way of keeping cats. I reported them (I told them I was going to) and then I left.

I needed help to get an injured cat I had spotted so I called Cats Protection. I was given advice and an automatic trap and I got him. He was my very first trapping. I called him Bear and he went on to his new life. My second was Leo a beautiful ginger boy I nursed for 4 weeks. He had a big open abscess wound which I treated but he then had a leg amputation. He now lives his best life. The rest just followed without me realising. I was out most days learning how to help. My summer house slowly changed into a rescue room and I have now cared for over a hundred cats that I can remember the names of, plus a lot more.

I will take in all cats who have lived on the streets, they may be poorly or injured, pregnant or have just had a litter and need a lot of TLC. Do I sleep in there with them? Yes! I will if they need me. I will do whatever is needed to get these forgotten furbabies to where they need to be. I have had many "Feral" kittens. I use this word very loosely as they're just unsure and unsocialised babies who are scared. Showing them love, kindness, being quiet and gentle, together with good food always wins in time. This is the same magic formula for older cats. That feeling when you feel them nuzzle into your hand, or lay next to you and they show that trust, it's honestly the best feeling in the world and I never tire of that love.

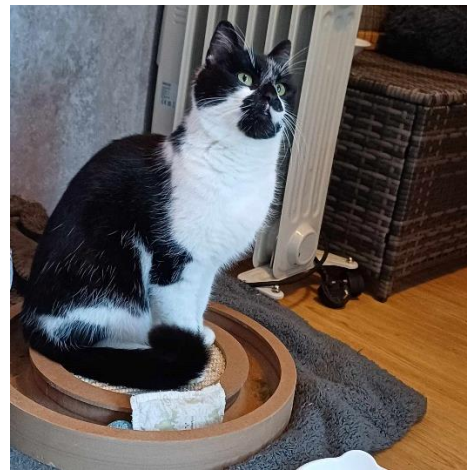
Losing a cat because of human failure is devastating and I lost a beautiful little one to abuse. I tried for 5 days to help her but sadly her little body had endured too much. Heather never leaves my mind BUT this just made my fight to help stronger!! My passion is TNR, trap-neuter-return, to stop FIV, other illnesses and endless pregnancies. I then provide shelters and feeding stations with good quality food and clean water for those cats returned to their colony. I get greeted by my colony cats now, which is absolutely amazing. I see the saddest things every single day yet the loveliest things as well, as a result of a little time and love. I still keep in touch with nearly all of my adopted cats and their new families. To see them so healthy and loved makes every tear I shed worthwhile. Your donation will provide much needed warm blankets and beds, food, medicines and a ton of other things which are needed every day. Thank you from the bottom of my heart. Sue 🐱🐾❤️

Here are some of the stories and cats which Sue and her team have helped.





Tilly had a head tilt but steroids and ear medications sorted her out.



Stunning Juno, an injured street cat

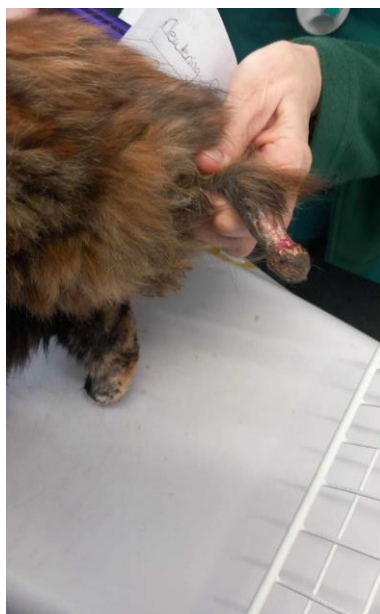




My precious Finn Taken into a vet and told he was feral; he was injured and terrified. I went to the vet to collect him not knowing if he was feral or friendly. He was cowering in a pen and my heart broke. I opened the pen as I knew he was coming home with me and, no matter what, I would help him. I gently approached and he just growled. I got him into a carrier and brought him home. I had him for 5 weeks. He took a little time but with gentle handling, he is now in his furrever home and the kindest little boy.



Savaged by a dog so her leg was amputated. She was very sweet and did amazingly well, so was rehomed after 2 weeks.



1 of 5 born in a garden - her tail was gone. I trapped them all. She was friendly so was rehomed and she's beautiful.



8 week old kitten. Owner gave the others away, he should weigh 900g, he weighs 610g and was covered in fleas so needed urgent care.



Sage, 6 years old. Her owners were moving to NZ and didn't want to take her so put her on Gum Tree!

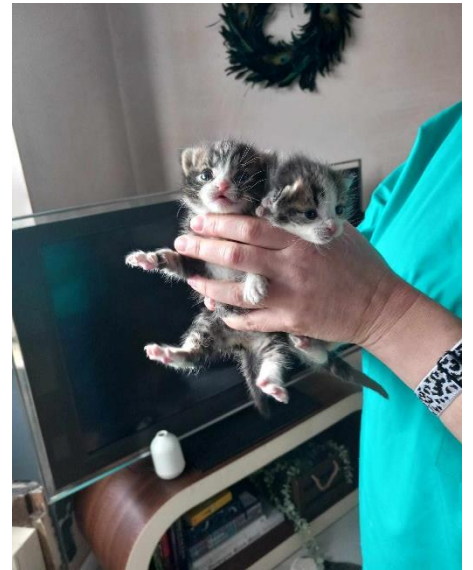


Ralph



Beautiful Lenny. Found wandering the streets with an horrific neck wound.

Mums and Kittens



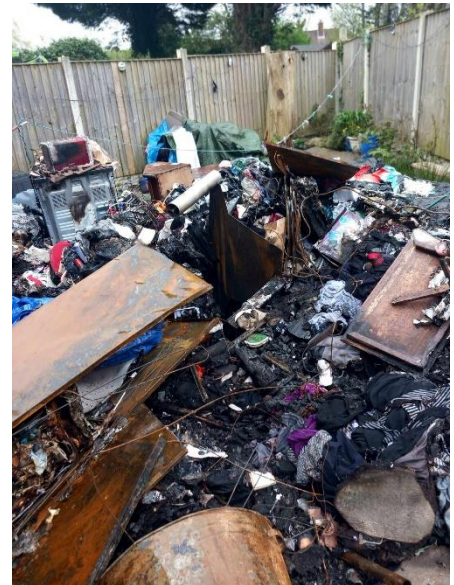
Above right: Kittens found in a Jaguar Land Rover about 10 days old. Not been fed all weekend. I kept them warm and took them to a hand rearer as I had no room. They're doing well.

The Colony Cats





This is Chunk, my boy now. His owner died, the son set the house on fire! He'd always been a house cat but he was living in the garden (see right) I couldn't leave him, could I? 💙

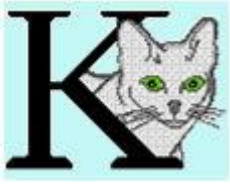


I just found out I am the charity recipient for another year. How can I thank you all for your help. Choosing to support the cats and kittens helps to change so many lives. It's a thing people don't see, don't realise that this is in every avenue, road or street. People turn a blind eye but my passion is to help change their little lives. Sadly many times I'm too late, the damage is done. Sometimes I can help and I will bring them home and do everything I can to keep them safe and comfortable. I'm definitely the kitten mum I just adore them and watching them thrive but oh it's hard, hard work and there is never enough money despite the fund raising auctions I hold on the Kittie Cats & Co facebook page. Thank you all from the bottom of my heart (and all the cats) for your support. This money will buy much needed food and medication. Thank you all. **Your donation will be put to very good use. Sue x**

As you will all see from the previous pictures, Sue does some heart breaking work with stray and feral cats, as well as any feline which needs help. You can see more about Sue and what she does by joining the Facebook group she also runs called Kittie Cats & Co. I know some of you are already members of this group which I must say is one of the nicest – if not the nicest – group I'm in on Facebook. Everyone on there loves cats and are very supportive to each other at times of loss. I have no idea how Sue deals with some of the awful situations she finds cats in. Sometimes, breeding can be devastating when things don't go well but how she copes with some of the dreadful things she sees which mostly are the result of human cruelty. I couldn't do it. Hats off to you Sue!

And as Sue sent me loads more pictures than I used, and there is a space, here are a few more to brighten your day! Julie C.





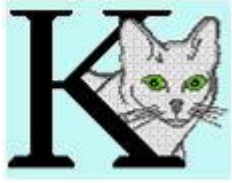
The Annual General Meeting of The Korat & Thai Cat Association

Sunday 28th April 2024 at 14:30 – 16:00pm

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

AGENDA

1. Welcome
2. Apologies for absence
3. Minutes of the 2023 AGM held on 29th April 2023
4. Matters arising from the minutes
5. Chairman's report
6. Secretary's report on the work of the committee
7. The Hon Treasurer's report and Financial Statement
8. Appointment of a suitably qualified independent person to examine the accounts
9. The Show Secretary's report: presentation of title rosettes & show points certificates
10. GCCF Delegate's report
11. Elections:
 - a) President
 - b) Vice President
 - c) Delegate and substitute delegate for Council
12. Items for discussion:
 - a) 2024 Charity recipient for club donation
 - b) Newsletter
 - c) Website
 - d) Facebook
13. Any Other Business



KORAT & THAI CAT ASSOCIATION

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING HELD ON
SATURDAY 29TH APRIL 2023 VIA ZOOM

Members present: Julie Cherkas (Chair), Clare Treacher (Sec), Caroline Bertram, Felicity Black, Ketill Game, Dee Hillier-Kidston, Louise Portsmouth, George Terry, Sarah Williams-Elliss.

1. Chairman's Welcome

Julie Cherkas welcomed everyone, and the meeting began at 16:08.

2. Apologies for absence

Apologies had been received from nine members: Lynda Ashmore, Judith Jewkes, Jen Lacey, Janice Fentem, Janette Shelley, Janet Williams, Veronica Robinson and Alice McEwan

3. Minutes of the 2022 AGM held on 1st May 2022

The minutes were circulated to members in advance of the meeting. Dee advised on page 2, item 9 the independent examiners name should read Mrs Brown and not Mrs Lee. This needed to be changed and then the minutes were agreed. Proposed by Dee, seconded by Caroline.

4. Matters Arising

None.

5. Chairman's Report

Life and the Cat fancy are now mostly back to normal. Zoom meetings have continued to replace face to face meetings and although this means missing out on actual get togethers, there are definite positives allowing meetings to be more convenient with less traveling. Shows are now back, allowing for a good place to meet up and the Korats and Thais have been well represented on the show bench since the return. It was good to have the annual breed show back last year after having to miss 2020 and 2021. There was a small but manageable loss made on the show compared to 2019. Financially the club is solvent for a minority breed club, and doing well even without shows in the current economic crisis we still have 80-90 members on average a year. The club made the charity donation of £100 to Sue Challinor who works in the Northwest of England rescuing cats who have been mistreated or are unable to be cared for anymore, as well as working hard to reduce the feral cat population by trapping and neutering feral cats. On 13th March 2023 new legislation was passed for the compulsory microchipping of all cats. Owners now had until 10th June 2024 to get their cats microchipped. Several committee members had moved into new roles in the last year, in particular Clare and George. Julie thanked the committee for all their hard work over the year.

Julie was proud of her Korat girl Izzi (IGCH & OG, IGPR Jusarka Thai Lilac Promise) who had become the first Korat to gain the Olympian Gold title. Having spent 7 years competing at Olympian level Izzi gained her new title in September 2022. Retiring from shows on a high, not only from becoming the first Olympian Korat but winning Overall BIS at her last show. Julie was pleased to see that other Korats were now coming up to be shown in Olympian classes and she wished them success.

6. Secretary's report on the work of the committee

This year we have continued to meet via zoom for committee meetings. This has been much easier for everyone to attend without having to travel a long way to meet. Our show licence was accepted for the 7th October 2023 and the hall and judges are booked already. Last year's show was our first

back after COVID and was an enjoyable and successful day. We are hoping for the same success, if not better this year. The show licence for 2024 has been submitted to GCCF and awaits approval at the GCCF meeting next month. The committee have been working on updating the club website over the last 6 months and this is ongoing. The club also uses Facebook to raise awareness of the club and our breed which has grown over the last year, showing pictures of Korats and Thais at home and shows and useful posts for cats in general. The website is full of useful information and news on the club and breed. An amendment will be added to the club rules should an AGM be non-quorate. The breeds have also been updated in the rules to include the Thai Lilac Point. Clare thanked the Chair and committee for their hard work over the last year.

7. The Hon Treasurer's report and financial statement

Dee had had a few health issues during the year and had also moved house but had still managed to get the 2022 accounts in on time. The accounts were examined by our independent examiner Jan Brown and had been acknowledged as being received by the GCCF but have not yet had confirmation they were ok, but no problems are anticipated.

In 2022 we had a slight drop in membership numbers but still had 84 members by the end of the year which was still good. Dee wished to thank all the members who have stayed with us and support the club every year. We are a small breed club but are lucky enough to have loyal members. A club donation of £300 went the GCCF for the Cats of Ukraine. This was done as a personal donation from Dee to be able to use gift aid which made the club's donation up to £375. The merchandise sales weren't as good so it was unanimously decided by the committee the donation should be topped up to £100 for our chosen charity of 2022, this was paid to them in 2023 so will show in next year's accounts. The 2022 annual show did make a slight loss of £134.18, this will show in next year's accounts. The joint show payment of £438.33 was paid this year so it will look like a profit has been made but payments have been taken out this year so will show in next year's accounts and will likely show a loss. It was thought the loss was better than expected and down to the raffle not being as well participated in as usual.

We are receiving more subscription payments directly into the club account, by standing orders and bank transfers. This is now the preferred way of paying and is written on the membership form and on the website. We can still take PayPal payments, but it's been a problem with people using 'goods and services' when paying and the club are then charged a fee. If PayPal is used, the 'friends and family' option must be picked before paying to save the club being charged. It costs between 52p – 60p so although not a large amount, it's a cost to the club. Julie suggested that in the future if more people paid by bank transfer or standing order, it could be discussed in committee that an additional admin fee of £1 could be added if people wanted to pay by PayPal to cover costs.

At the end of 2022 the accounts were:

Current Accounts: £900.06

Savings Account: £6663.03

Petty Cash: £50

Total: £7613.09

Profit: £406.49 (not taking into account payments discussed earlier)

The financial report was proposed by Louise Portsmouth and seconded by Sarah Williams-Elliss.

8. Appointment of a suitably qualified independent person to examine the accounts.

Julie Cherkas proposed that Mrs Brown be retained again as she and Dee submit well maintained accounts on time every year. This was seconded by Caroline Bertram.

9. The Show Secretary's report

It was lovely having the Korat & Thai show back last year. George had received show points from a number of people for the points scheme. These have been collated and the top cats will have their certificates sent out to them once signed by Judith. The results were read out and have also been emailed to Alice for the newsletter. Congratulations to the winning cats and owners. There were 13 title rosettes to be awarded this year and these were received yesterday so will be sent out soon. George thought the title rosette task would be easier this year as the GCCF now have the title claims back on the website. This year she had to rely on people telling her. Julie thanked George for her hard work.

10. GCCF Delegate's report

Jen Lacey was unable to make the meeting, but Julie had been? sent an email the day before the meeting with information. Titled cats can now be entered in either the class for the title they have or the class above to progress to the next title. (ie. a Champion can enter the breed class to gain a CC or the Grand Class to gain a GCC). A discussion was had but most agreed that competing with other cats in the next class was better than not competing, but it could be used for young cats who may be penalised for immaturity in a higher class.

There was a registration policy amendment for the Thais to include the Thai variant with Tonkinese Coat Pattern (TAI v) , after a Korat imported from Thailand was found to carry the Burmese coat pattern gene and had produced tonkinese patterned kittens when mated with a pointed cat or carrier. TAI v was given to these cats instead of XSH to allow offspring to be used in breeding programs should this arise in the future. There was currently no intention to breed with this colour and these kittens had been neutered. There was a brief discussion about Korats, Thais and Korats carrying recessive genes and using Pawpeds or the GCCF website for looking at pedigrees for past generations and mating coefficients.

11. Elections

President & Vice-President

Judith Jewkes and Lynda Ashmore are happy to continue in their roles as President and Vice-President respectively.

GCCF Delegate and Substitute delegate for council

Julie proposed Jen Lacey to continue as GCCF delegate and Sarah Williams-Elliss to continue as substitute delegate.

The vote for elections was taken en bloc, proposed by Caroline Bertram and seconded by Louise Portsmouth.

12. Club rule amendment

The rules have been updated to include the Thai Lilac Point and to clarify what happens if an AGM is non-quorate. There were no objections to the changes. Julie thought the secretary needed to look at merging the club rules with the GCCF generic rules at a later date to ensure they were similar to other clubs. The rule amendments were proposed by George Terry and seconded by Caroline Bertram. Julie will circulate the agreed rules to the committee so Clare can send to the GCCF. Julie will also make these available on the website.

13. Items for discussion

a) Charity for 2023 donation

Dee proposed last year's charity, Sue Challinor to receive the donation again. Sue had thanked the club after receiving the donation last year and had said it would help feed the feral cats that were not in homes for a week. Julie had sent pictures from Sue and an article to Alice for the newsletter. Caroline suggested a rescue called Farm Cats that neuter and rehome feral cats. Caroline can find an address. It was agreed Sue Challinor should receive the donation again this year. This was seconded by Louise Portsmouth. Julie will let Sue know.

b) Newsletter

Alice was not at the meeting to discuss how the newsletter was progressing. She had sent an email to the committee a few weeks ago asking for the usual contributions from them. It was unsure if the newsletter was ready for publication yet.

Felicity asked if something could be put in the newsletter about what happens to cats if an owner dies. Julie suggested looking at the Burmese Cat Club website as they had a good bereavement pack and had asked them before if we could use it to make our own, which they had agreed. It had been in a newsletter some years ago and could be found and revised.

c) Website

Dee has updated the membership form, but most updates have been done by George. Dee thanked George for helping keep the website up to date. George has had problems trying to get new pictures into the members gallery and putting photo credits and cats' names on the pictures. She has contacted Naomi who originally set up the website for help. Dee set up the members gallery so she will have a look and see how to edit it. Julie thanked Dee and George for their work.

d) Facebook

Julie thought the Facebook page was looking good. Facebook had grown over the last year with 100 new likes. Clare had recently put posts up for poisons month and photos from a recent show that had had a number of Korats attend which had proven popular. Clare thought it was doing well to help advertise the club.

14. Any Other Business

None.

Julie thanked everyone for attending and the meeting closed at 17:20.



Taro (Silver Lightning) at home sleeping in the sunshine - Courtesy of Margaret Hull

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Korat & Thai Cat Association

Accounts – Year Ending 31st December 2023

Membership

2023

2022

Advance Subscription Payments (2024)	£ 7.00	£ 79.00
Subscriptions for 2023	<u>£ 323.00</u>	<u>£ 446.00</u>
Total	<u>£330.00</u>	<u>£525.00</u>

Income

Subscriptions total	£ 330.00	£ 525.00
Donations	£ 63.00	£ 101.00
Merchandise & Knitted Toy Sales	£ 0.00	£ 30.50
Show Entries	£ 475.20	£ 658.89
Sponsorship & Exhibition Pen	£ 64.00	£ 54.00
Show Merchandise Sales	£ 50.00	£ 0.00
Show Raffle	£ 95.00	£ 64.00
Zoom Income from other clubs	£ 30.00	£ 0.00
Top up Main account from savings account	£ 200.00	£ 0.00
CHQ from BAC deposited in Current Account	£ 30.00	£ 0.00
Savings Account Interest	<u>£ 58.34</u>	<u>£ 3.40</u>
Total	<u>£1395.54</u>	<u>£1436.89</u>

Expenditure

Newsletter Printing & Posting	£ 0.00	£ 80.29
GCCF Affiliation Sub	£ 13.40	£ 14.10
GCCF Welfare Support – Cats of Ukraine	£ 0.00	£ 300.00
Supreme Sponsorship	£ 60.00	£ 0.00
Shared Show Expenditure 2022	£ 438.33	£ 0.00
Show Licence	£ 25.00	£ 0.00
Show Catering	£ 0.00	£ 162.52
Show Printing	£ 0.00	£ 74.23
Show Managers Expenses	£ 192.35	£ 75.94
Show Returns	£ 5.60	£ 10.00
Show Prizes - Fleeces	£ 31.70	£ 60.93
Show Rosettes	£ 180.49	£ 119.62
KTCA Website	£ 202.56	£ 0.00
Richardson Designs - Club Rosettes	£ 101.03	£ 0.00
PayPal Fees	£ 1.62	£ 1.95
Office Expenses / Postage / Zoom Licence	£ 143.88	£ 130.72
Gifts	£ 50.00	£ 0.00
Yearly Donation to Charity	£ 100.00	£ 0.00
Payment to KBAC account for J Williams promotion	£ 30.00	
Top up Current Account from Savings Account	£ 200.00	£ 0.00
Total	<u>£1775.96</u>	<u>£1030.30</u>

Analysis

Income	£ 1395.54	£ 1436.79
Expenditure	<u>£ 1775.96</u>	<u>£ 1030.30</u>
Profit / (Loss)	<u>(£380.42)</u>	<u>£406.49</u>

Closing Balance/Assets

Current Account	£ 516.30	£ 900.06
Savings Account	£ 6521.37	£ 6663.03
Petty Cash	<u>£ 195.00</u>	<u>£ 50.00</u>
TOTAL ASSETS	<u>£7232.67</u>	<u>£7613.09</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.

The Club Accounts & Balance sheet have been prepared by the Treasurer on behalf of the Officers, Committee and Members of the club. Explanations have been provided where appropriate to accord with the details provided within these records.

Signed: 

Mrs D Hillier-Kidston - K&TCA Treasurer

Dated: 7th April 2024

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 2023.

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: 17/04/2024

The Thai Variant – Jen Lacey



No, this little cutie is not a Thai Blue Point! If you're familiar with our Thai Pointed cats, or any of the breeds that have a Himalayan pattern from the Siamese to the Persian Colourpoint, at just eight weeks old their eyes are bluer and there's more contrast between the colour of the points and the body.

Chai (who belongs to Jane Couch in South Wales) is a Thai-Tonk, a variant to the Thais because of instead of having two copies of the Himalayan pattern gene (*cs*) he has one copy of *cs* and one of *cb* (the Burmese colour restriction) just as traditional Tonkinese do.

So, why is he a Thai? His father is a Thai Blue Point and his mother a Korat. As with the chocolate and pointed genes responsible for our other Thais (lilac and pointed) the answer lies in what their ancestors brought with them from Thailand.

Chai's great-grandmother K Preecha Saothai (aka Grace) carried the Burmese gene (as verified by DNA testing at Langford), despite her parents and grandparents being on record as Korat. She passed it to her son, and it went down the line to at least two granddaughters, one of whom is Chai's mother. As a TBP his father always will pass on *cs*, and kittens have a 50% chance of inheriting *cb* from a Korat or Thai Lilac carrier. The photograph shows the attractive result (TAI a 32 v) which unpacks as a Thai variant with a blue Tonkinese colour restriction.

The notation is as designated by an amendment to the Korat and Thai registration policy made in February 2023. It was thought far preferable to define any kittens born to a legitimate mating of KOR and/or TAI than XSH, which GCCF now reserves for the progeny of deliberate or accidental crossbreeding.

However, the Korat & Thai BAC has no plans for any more formal recognition, and DNA testing allows for breeders to remove *cb* from their breeding lines if unwanted. It means testing the kittens of a known carrier and choosing non-carriers for active registration. There is no association with disease and carrying the gene does not change the appearance of a blue or lilac parent in any way.

Although there can be unexpected surprises it's still very important to encourage the import and use of new foundation bloodlines. As well as *cb* Grace passed on sturdiness, good health and a loving temperament. She still thrives (14 this year) and it's good to know she has descendants who have done well on the show bench and the bloodline has recently travelled to Europe. The variant is a small part of a bigger picture, but very special to those who are privileged to own one, of course.

A grown-up Chai, with his parents behind him. →

(Photos by courtesy of Jane Couch).



Korat & Thai Cat Association 16th Championship Show

Saturday 7th October 2023

**OVERALL BEST IN SHOW
PEDIGREE**

JUSARKA FOLLOW-THE-DREAM (TAI a 33)



**OVERALL BEST IN SHOW
HOUSEHOLD PET**

IGMC RUPERT (NPL a)



	Adult	Kitten	Neuter
Pedigree	JUSARKA FOLLOW-THE-DREAM (TAI a 33) 	CATTLEYA ETOILE (TAI a 33) 	GR PR JUSARKA ASTERIA (TAI c) 
	Non Pedigree Pet		Pedigree Pet
Household Pets	IGMC RUPERT (NPL a)		GMC MIDNIGHT SHADOW (PPS n)

Olympian Classes

AV Imperial Grand Premier Neuter Female – Judge: Mrs M Buckeridge

Oly – IGR CH SALUAY SAENG LALI SAWAN (KOR)

ADULTS

Imperial Grand Champion Classes

Grand Champion Adult Female – Judge: Mrs M Buckeridge

Imp – GR CH CATTLEYA CLEMENCY (KOR)



IGRCH Saluay Saeng Lali Sawan

Grand Champion Classes

Korat Champion Adult Female – Judge: Mrs M Chapman-Beer
Grand – CH JASUMIK MYFANWY (KOR)

Thai Lilac Point Champion Adult Female – Judge: Mrs M Chapman-Beer
Grand – CH JUSARKA ZEFIR (TAI c 33)

Breed Classes

Korat Adult Female – Judge: Mrs M Chapman-Beer
CC & BOB – JUSARKA BIBA BRIGHT-STAR (KOR)

Thai Blue Point Adult Female – Judge: Mrs M Chapman-Beer
CC & BOB – JUSARKA FOLLOW-THE-DREAM (TAI a 33)

Thai Lilac Point Adult Female – Judge: Mrs M Chapman-Beer
BOB – CH JUSARKA ZEFIR (TAI c 33)

KITTENS

Breed Classes

Thai Blue Point Kitten Female 6 – 9 months – Judge: Mrs J Williams
1st & BOB – CATTLEYA ETOILE (TAI a 33)

NEUTERS

Imperial Grand Premier Classes

AV Grand Premier Neuter Female – Judge: Mrs M Chapman-Beer
Imp – GR PR JUSARKA ASTERIA (TAI c)

Grand Premier Classes

Korat Premier Neuter Male – Judge: Mrs S Woodley
Grand – PR JUSARKA MERCURY (KOR)

Breed Classes

Korat Neuter Male – Judge: Mrs M Buckeridge
BOB – PR JUSARKA MERCURY (KOR)

Korat Neuter Female – Judge: Mrs M Buckeridge
PC – SERENNOL JENANCA-CHINDA (KOR)

Thai Lilac Neuter Female – Judge: Mrs M Buckeridge
BOB – GR PR JUSARKA ASTERIA (TAI c)



CH Jusarka Zefir



Jusarka Biba Bright-Star



Cattleya Etoile



GR PR Jusarka Asteria



£Treasurer's Notes

Hi Everyone,

Hope you are all keeping safe and well!

It's been a while since the last time we caught up. One significant change for Mark and me, was the house move. We decided to move our little furry family from Dunstable to Liverpool in February 2023. We are in a village called Rainhill and my sister lives 10 doors away and we've all settled in nicely. We are very much enjoying our new life in the north.



Meanwhile in Treasurers Corner....

Our accounts are healthy, and we currently have 54 paid-up members. Thank you to all those that have paid and continued to support our wonderful breeds.

The 2023 Accounts are complete, have been examined, and they are now with the GCCF.

We were also able to donate £100 again this year to the club's chosen charity, Kittie Cats & Co. So, thank you to those who bought merchandise and raffle tickets at our breed show.

Ways to pay your membership subscription:

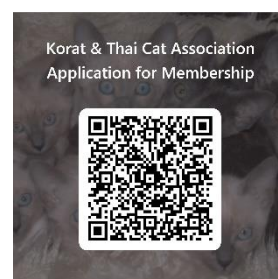
- You can pay by **PayPal**; membership@korats.org.uk. **To avoid paying a fee**, please remember to **choose friend, family or gift** NOT goods and services when paying by this method.
- You can still pay by **cheque**, payable to: Korat & Thai Cat Association and send your remittance to the Treasurer's address on Page 5.

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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 form. The form is secure and will only return to me. I will only use the info on the form to update your details that we hold for club communications.

If you have received the paper version of the newsletter, you can scan the QR code, and it will take you to the form.



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Overseas	No Paper Option	£7 Single £9 Joint/Family

If you prefer to post the membership form, you can download a copy [here](#) or email me direct and I will send you a copy you can print out.

Lastly, a big welcome to our new member: Mrs Wendy Russell - Greater Manchester

Have a fabulous summer, if it ever arrives 😊

Dee >^..^<

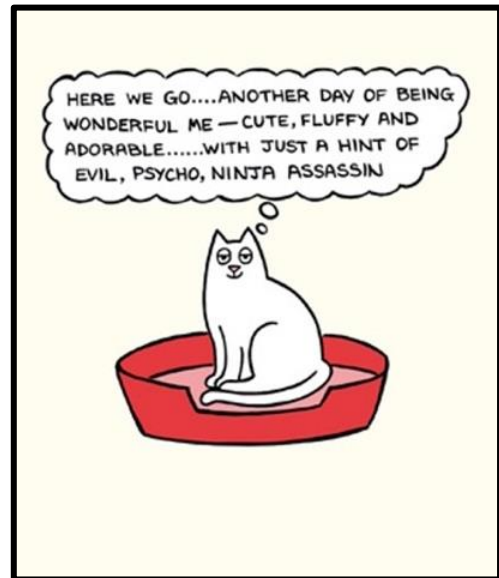
Meet the Cats

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 the Newsletter Editor (see page 5 for contact details) for inclusion in Meet the Cats.

Name	Ch Jusarka Zefir	
Pet Name	Zefir	
Breed	Thai Lilac Point	
Age	1 year 9 months	
Breeder	Julie Cherkas	
Owner	Julie Cherkas	
Favourite food	Literally anything! She never stops eating or asking to be fed!	
Favourite toy	Zefir loves feather sticks	
Show achievements	Now a Champion, Zefir has been awarded one Grand Champion certificate but is now taking a break from showing to hopefully have her first litter of kittens.	
Favourite past times	Eating, talking and tripping me up! Not to mention her incessant calling to be mated. Fingers crossed, the latter pastime will take a break once she is mated.	
Interesting fact	Her Mum was the Overall Best in Show at Bugbrooke in October 2023 so I'm hoping that Zefir might follow in her footsteps once back from maternity duties.	

Name	Cattleya Etoile	
Pet Name	Ivy	
Breed	Korat	
Age	1 year	
Breeder	Louise Portsmouth	
Owner	Louise Portsmouth	
Favourite food	Scrumbles Kitten & Queen kibble	
Favourite toy	Skineeez Flat Mouse	
Show achievements	First ever show, Three Counties, she was awarded Overall Best in Show, Section 4!	
Favourite past times	Playing with her toys and generally getting up to kitten mischief. She spends hours flicking her mice under my bed as do I retrieving them!	
Interesting fact	Daughter of Grand Champion Cattleya Clemency and Jane Couch's Jasumik Oliver.	

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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