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From The Committee

We've Moved!



The Siamese Cat Society has moved from **TFA to Cats NSW**

At its 2013 AGM it was decided that for the 2013 calendar year affiliation would be transferred from NSW CFA to TFA (The Feline Association of NSW). There were a number of SCS breeders/members who had already joined TFA.

Things were going well for six months and then a faction of the members of the Management Committee decided that they were going to get rid of one of the Committee who was also the Registrar of the TFA.

This was done without consultation of the full committee, explanation, right of appeal nor replacement. It was certainly not in accordance with their Constitution. Other matters primarily that several members of TFA namely, Di Stokes, Brad Curtis, Fiona Cooper each had put in nominations for the Management Committee and knowing what was going on, registered that letter which was received and signed for by the TFA President.

The faction that had taken over did not want the "ex CFA members" as they called them to be on the Committee and denied that the letter was received and signed for, even though those members had the Post Office signed receipt.

Those nominees complained to the Australian Cat Federation (ACF) re the lack of fair and proper process being applied by its affiliate. ACF who functions as CCCA does with NSW CFA the umbrella organisation that those bodies have to answer to.

The ACF sent a letter to the President of TFA requesting the TFA to its August AGM until mid-October thereby allowing TFA to follow proper process and its Constitution. The ACF in that letter, brought up the fact that one of the members of the Management Committee had been wrongfully ousted from the Committee without any recourse and several other omissions and total disregard to both the TFA and the ACF Constitutions.

The TFA was warned of the consequences, possible expulsion of the TFA, and asked to give a full explanation of all the matters outlined. The ACF attached a letter agreement to their letter which they asked TFA to sign agreeing to be mentored by ACF among other things.

The TFA Management Committee did not accept the validity of that letter and went ahead with the AGM. Six members of our Society attended that meeting.

Our application for affiliation had been with the TFA for months by this time and our application fee banked. It was asked at the rogue AGM by one of our members when our affiliation would be approved as we had been told that we had been accepted and fobbed off with excuses why we had not received written confirmation. We were told it was just waiting for the Secretary (when appointed) to write and confirm our acceptance.

Subsequently, the TFA decided that they would not accept the Society as an affiliate after months of indicating that they would. On the same day, the Hilltop Club which was an affiliate of TFA, was expelled from membership.

We had arranged our annual Show for Saturday 9 November but as we were not an affiliate of TFA we had to cancel that.

Di Stokes, Brad Curtis, Terry Goulden and myself signed the ACF undertaking letter and applied for the formation of a new governing body, Cats NSW. ACF eventually agreed to the formation of the new registering body.

With expulsion looming as a consequence of TFA's actions, many existing TFA members, some of whom were also SCS members, resigned. With the common agreement between CCCA and ACF that any former member or former affiliate of an expelled organisation NOT be accepted, time was of the essence.

A steering committee was formed to expedite the process of incorporating and having recognised, both lawfully and by ACF, Cats NSW Inc.

Cats NSW is now underway with the following office bearers:

President	Di Stokes
Vice President	Brad Curtis
Junior Vice President	Penny Richardson
Secretary	Terry Goulden
Treasurer	Theresa Imboden-Johnson
Committee members	Fiona Cooper (Registrar), Brad Stokes and Tony Hurry, the Highlands Club representative Sharon Curtis, Siamese Cat Society representative Grant Richardson.

Our show has been postponed until Saturday 15 March 2014. We were lucky enough to retain our sponsors for that date and the venue, The Wilberforce School of Arts hall. We are really hoping that all members will get behind us for this show.

All of this occurred very recently and our apologies for the delay in informing you all of this however, it would have been foolhardy to inform members when we ourselves did not know what was going on.

Importantly, ACF has been very supportive of the Siamese Cat Society and the Registrar of Cats NSW is also accommodating the SCS' request to provide a description on Certificates of Registration identifying our pure, one breed Siamese by incorporating the American CFA codes.

Penny Richardson
Secretary

IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER



SCS Renewals— By 1st January

FELIS Advertisements & Stud List—By 31st January

Committee Nomination Forms—11th January

To the Secretary by 11th January

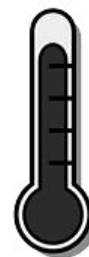
SIAMESE CAT SOCIETY AGM—Saturday 18th January

Winston Hills Hotel

Caroline Chisholm Drive *Winston Hills* NSW 2153



Boy it's hot outside!



Heatstroke

You know the drill: the sun is blinding, relentlessly beating down reminiscent of a Stephen King novel. If you don't have air conditioning, you seek out shady spots and sigh in relief from the slightest breeze, otherwise you huddle inside.

Your thirsty body craves fluids, and the beverage of choice suddenly becomes water. If you stay in the sun too long you may become dizzy, have heart palpitations, and increased internal temperature, all signs of impending heat exhaustion.

Consider this: before you ever reach that point, your cat may also be showing signs of heat exhaustion or heat stroke. Although heat stroke is more commonly discussed in dogs, because of people's propensity to leave them in parked cars, cats can be affected too.

Cats can't always tell you they're not feeling up to par, but they sure can show you. Early symptoms of heat stroke and the accompanying dehydration are:

- **Panting**
- **Anxiety**, possibly demonstrated by pacing
- **Increased heartbeat**
- **Respiratory distress or hyperventilation** (Breeds with flat noses may exhibit this earlier because of compromised airways.)
- **Dark red gums**
- **Lethargy**
- **Increased internal body temperature.**

Your cat's internal temperature should be between 37.7 and 38.6 C. A temperature

Rubbing him down with a damp towel will help; so will immersing his feet in a tub of cool water.

Wrapping a cold compress under the cat's neck will also help cool him off. He may fight at first, but most likely will appreciate it once he gets used to the idea

Try wrapping a plastic bag of frozen peas in a towel, and placing in in his bed for a cool spot to lie. The peas will rearrange themselves to fit his contours and he'll have a "custom spa" for cooling off.

Make sure he has several bowls of cool water available. It doesn't hurt to drop an ice cube in once in awhile, not only to cool the water, but to pique kitty's interest in drinking.

Strangely enough, cats affected by external heat may refuse to drink water, exacerbating the problem of dehydration, so you may want to "force" water by using an eyedropper or syringe.

Be careful not to shoot the water down his throat as it can enter his lungs and/or cause choking. Just dribble a drop or two at a time in the corner of his mouth, which will help hydrate him and draw his interest to drinking on his own.

If your cat exhibits any of the signs above that lead you to think he is suffering heat exhaustion,

cool him down as quickly as possible by immersing him in cool water, and then wrapping him with wet towels.

Then get him to the veterinarian immediately. This is a serious, potentially fatal condition.



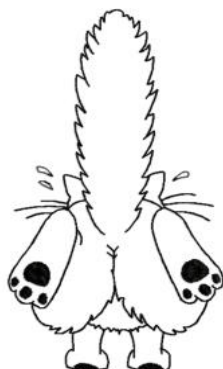
**I think a Southerly's
Come up.**

HOW TO TAKE YOUR CAT'S TEMPERATURE



What You Need:

- Thermometer
- Vaseline or KY Jelly
- Timer
- Towel
- Catch the cat



Here's How:

- ◆ Assemble supplies on your kitchen counter: human rectal thermometer, Vaseline or KY Jelly, watch or clock with second hand, and towel.
- ◆ Shake the thermometer down with a quick snap of your wrist to 35.5°C, then lubricate the thermometer with the Vaseline.
- ◆ Stand the cat on the counter and hold her securely with your left arm. Her face should be resting in the crook of your elbow with her tail end toward your right hand. If necessary, wrap her in the towel with her butt end protruding.
- ◆ Lift the cat's tail with your left hand while in-serting the thermometer slowly and steadily into her anus, to a depth of ½ to one inch, with your right hand. You will feel her sphincter muscle tighten, then relax.
- ◆ Hold the thermometer there for two minutes while softly talking to her.

Remove the thermometer and record the temperature.



Wash the thermometer well with warm water and disinfectant soap, then store separately.

Wash your own hands with an anti-bacterial soap.

TIPS:

This project will be much easier if you have

Someone to hold the cat and pet it while you lift her tail and insert the thermometer.

A temperature of 40.4C is a dangerous level and your cat should be seen by a vet immediately.

If it's between 39 C and 40.2 C, you should call your veterinarian for advice.

A digital thermometer will be easier to read, and will beep when ready to be read.

Jacques Grenot

***It is with great sadness we
offer our deepest condolences
to Elizabeth Grenot
on the
passing of her husband
Jacques last August.***

***The Committee & Members of
the Siamese Cat Society will
always remember Jacques
with fondness, and miss him at
our shows.***

May he rest in peace.

12 Days of Catsmas...



On the first day of Christmas when I brought home my tree
My 12 cats were laughing at me
On the second day of Christmas I saw beneath my tree
2 mangled garlands
and my 12 cats laughing at me
On the third day of Christmas I saw beneath my tree
3 missing Wise Men
2 mangled garlands
and my 12 cats laughing at me

On the fourth day of Christmas I saw beneath my tree
4 males a-spraying
3 missing Wise Men
2 mangled garlands
and my 12 cats laughing at me

On the fifth day of Christmas I saw beneath my tree
5 shredded gifts
4 males a-spraying
3 missing Wise Men
2 mangled garlands
and my 12 cats laughing at me



On the sixth day of Christmas I saw beneath my tree
6 fallen angels
5 shredded gifts
4 males a-spraying
3 missing Wise Men
2 mangled garlands
and my 12 cats laughing at me

On the seventh day of Christmas I saw beneath my tree
7 half-dead rodents
6 fallen angels
5 shredded gifts
4 males a-spraying
3 missing Wise Men
2 mangled garlands
and my 12 cats laughing at me



On the eighth day of Christmas I saw beneath my tree
8 shattered ornaments
7 half-dead rodents
6 fallen angels
5 shredded gifts
4 males a-spraying
3 missing Wise Men
2 mangled garlands
and my 12 cats laughing at me



On the ninth day of Christmas I saw beneath my tree
9 chewed-through light strings
8 shattered ornaments
7 half-dead rodents
6 fallen angels
5 shredded gifts
4 males a-spraying
3 missing Wise Men
2 mangled garlands
and my 12 cats laughing at me

On the tenth day of Christmas I saw beneath my tree
10 tinsel hairballs
9 chewed-through light strings
8 shattered ornaments
7 half-dead rodents
6 fallen angels
5 shredded gifts
4 males a-spraying
3 missing Wise Men
2 mangled garlands
and my 12 cats laughing at me



On the eleventh day of Christmas I saw beneath my tree
11 broken branches
10 tinsel hairballs
9 chewed-through light strings
8 shattered ornaments
7 half-dead rodents
6 fallen angels
5 shredded gifts
4 males a-spraying
3 missing Wise Men
2 mangled garlands
and my 12 cats laughing at me



On the twelfth day of Christmas I looked at my poor tree
12 cats a-climbing
11 broken branches
10 tinsel hairballs
9 chewed-through light strings
8 shattered ornaments
7 half-dead rodents
6 fallen angels
5 shredded gifts
4 males a-spraying
3 missing Wise Men
2 mangled garlands

and my 12 cats laughing at me!





It's Show Time



SATURDAY, 15TH MARCH, 2014

A reminder for your show calendar that our Siamese Cat Society Show is now on Saturday, 15th March, 2014.

This will be our first ever

- * ALL BREEDS CHAMPIONSHIP SHOW INCLUDING
- * COMPANIONS &
- * 1st PET RESCUE Event

And of course it will include the very prestigious **Joyce Selby Memorial Class** for our "Pure, one breed" Siamese along with the inaugural **LJ Hooker Picton Award** for the Best "Pure, One Breed" Exhibit bred by an exhibitor.

The show is to be held at the first time venue, the Wilberforce School of Arts Hall.

To continue the firsts ... it will be our first show as CATS NSW affiliate under the Australian Cat Federation umbrella.

OTHER SHOW EVENTS ...

Show Calendar.

Date	Club	Schedule	Contact	Type
2 February	Federal Cat Club of Australasia		6654 2000	Kitten Show
8 February	NSW CFA COTY Lunch		9834 6577	COTY Lunch
22/23 February	Royal Canberra Show (1)			All Breeds
8 March	Siamese & Shorthair Cat Club		6495 0198	Groups 2 & 3
16 March	Burmese Cat Society of Australasia		4920 7961	Burmese/Companion
22 March	Goulburn AP & H Society		4872 4132	All Breeds
29 March	Murrumbidgee Irrigation Area Cat Club		6962 6151	All Breeds
5/6 April	NSW CFA State Show		9834 6577	All Breeds
12/13 April	Sydney Royal Cat Show – Cat & Kitten Carnival (2)			All Breeds
18-21 April	Sydney Royal Cat Show – Championship Show (2)			All Breeds
26 April	Maclean Show Society		6645 1532	All Breeds
3/4 May	Bathurst Show Society		9153 6870	All Breeds
17/18 May	Coffs Harbour Show Society		6563 1294	All Breeds
17/18 May	ACT Birman Club (1)			All Breeds
24 May	Kempsey Kat Klub		6563 1294	All Breeds
31 May & 1 June	CCCA Meeting		9834 6577	

Managing Fussy Eaters



Courtesy of Purina

Fussy eaters are common in the cat world. Unlike dogs, who devour everything edible and some non-edible items too, cats are far more discerning in their tastes. This can be a source of frustration for their owners.

Your feline friend may be fussy if he or she:

- only eats certain flavours or textures of cat food
- likes you to feed her by hand
- only eats foods made by you

only eats a mouthful and then demands feeding every hour.

When pickiness becomes a problem

For many owners feline fussiness is not a problem. They are only too willing to feed their cat morsels of warm food from their hands 10 or more times a day. For others, their cat refusing to eat just one meal is intolerable. To understand this problem it helps to look at the natural diet and nutrition of our feline friends... Cats are natural carnivores, eating predominantly a meat-based (high protein) diet, little and often. Their sense of smell enables them to eliminate inedible or less preferred foods and their tastes are different to dogs and humans (cats have no sweet tastes).

Your fussy cat may instinctively be trying to eat the best diet he can. Or he may have trained you to provide only the foods he likes. If you are concerned about your cat's nutrition, his health or his weight, it is best to consult your vet prior to making changes to your cat's diet.

HOW TO AVOID A FUSSY EATER

Kittens should be exposed to a variety of foods and this practice continued throughout life. Feeding only one type food may result in them only eating one type or flavour.

Most cats respond well to variety in their diet and will often seek out novel foods where they can (Case Study Kofi). Indeed today, obesity is as big a problem (pardon the pun!) as fussiness.

Case Study Kofi

Kofi was a 2yr old grey cat who suddenly became fussy just after the Xmas holidays. Kofi's owner Jenny discovered that Kofi had been visiting the neighbours and eating their turkey leftovers. He preferred this food, so turned up his nose at anything else. Gradual mixing dry food with turkey enabled a switch back to his usual diet.

HOW TO CURE A FUSSY FELINE

Here are some tips if your cat has become too fussy:

- Try mixing the preferred food with the one you would rather your cat was eating. Then gradually increase the proportion of the desired choice.
- Warm wet (canned) food up a little or add a few drops of warm water to the dry food. This helps release the aromas and flavours.
- Look at the nutritional quality of the food you are feeding. Could your cat's preferred diet be a healthier choice (Case Study Sooty).

Decide how to feed your cat and be consistent but remember that cats prefer food at room temperature and they like to nibble regularly



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Half Page:	\$18.00 per annum
Quarter Page:	\$12.00 per annum

Kitten Web: \$10.00 per annum



CATS AT STUD: Entries for the stud list are **FREE TO MEMBERS**. A charge of \$2.00 per entry is applicable to non-members and Subscribers. The Stud List is available for **SIAMESE** only.

MEMBERSHIPS: The Application Form to join the Society can be found and downloaded on our web page or apply to the SCS Treasurer, c/o "Garthowen", Attunga, NSW 2245 or email at

www.siamesecatssociety.org.au

NOTE: All renewals must be to the Society by January for the new year.

Advertising & subscriptions run from January-December each year only.

Please make cheques out to the **"SIAMESE CAT SOCIETY OF NSW"** (Not including the "Inc.")

Membership:

Full Membership: \$15.00 (plus \$5.00 joining fee) = \$20.00 is restricted to owners of Pure Siamese Cats. Applications for full membership must be accompanied by a copy of the Pedigree of the cat or kitten named on the application.

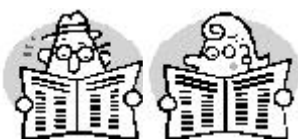
Membership Renewals: \$15.00

Joint Membership: \$25.00 (plus \$5.00 joining fee)

Associate Members: \$10.00 (plus \$5.00 joining fee)

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24 Cat Of The Year (COTY) Awards

**Don't forget to save your
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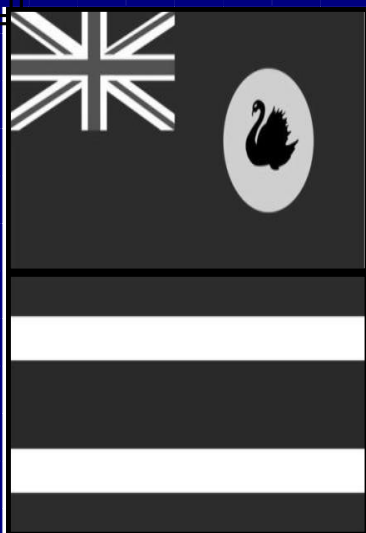
**Please make sure you forward your
points only to the Secretary, Penny
Richardson, after the last show of the
year.**

**Entries need to be received the 1st week
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**Payments should be included with your
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