



CAT TALK

The Newsletter of the Bristol & District Cat Club



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FOR YOUR DIARY

20 April 2008 - Deadline for sending in articles for publication in the May 2008 Newsletter.

16 February 2008 - The Club's fifth Championship Show

9 March 2008 - The Club's AGM, Lincombe Barn, Downend, Bristol 2.30 pm in the Grace Room

CHAIRMAN'S FOREWORD



There are a few of us still left who remember the very early days of the Bristol and District Cat Club and who can look back and reflect on how far we've come and how come it only seems like 5 minutes since we attended the inaugural meeting in Lincombe Barn - Downend all those years ago!

And then there was our first non-pedigree show, also in Downend, where we seemed to muster an impossible number of cats and put on a tremendous show on a very hot day!!!!

I have to say that the day was not without its problems but we overcame them and everyone seemed happy to consider a very bright future although running a championship show seemed a very long way off!

Your Club has a great bunch of people on its committee all of whom are making a real contribution one way or another and it has been a particular pleasure for me to see Roy Williams back on the committee to give us the benefit of his specialist 'rules' knowledge and his attention to detail from which we will benefit greatly. Kay and I sat behind Roy and his wife Sheila at the inaugural meeting!

Downend, Chipping Sodbury, Yate, Shepton Mallett and last year Melksham have all been homes to B&DCC cat shows and of course February 2008 sees us back in Melksham but this is for the last time, in April 2009 we move to the Thornbury Leisure Centre.

This is of course a well tried and tested venue known to hundreds of cat lovers and exhibitors alike and it is my sincere hope that we can make it our permanent home.

Changing venues and dates is not as easy as it might seem and I would like to thank various members of the committee for spotting some opportunities and being keen to see the Club move on.

In the meantime we are back in Melksham in February and we have to apply ourselves to the job of running yet another extremely successful show so, we all need to spread the word and encourage all our friends to enter or at least visit and keep the momentum going - helpers are always welcome!!!!

We are also in need of new members so please encourage other cat lovers and breeders to join the Bristol and District Cat Club where we are planning to work even harder for cat welfare and where your contribution can make a difference.

The Club has had a good year and is in an excellent financial position and I look forward to the future with confidence and anticipation.

Best wishes to you all.

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MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL REMINDER

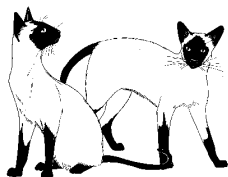
Membership renewal is due on 1 January 2008 a renewal reminder form can be found on the back page of this newsletter, just fill it in, tear it off and return it to me together with your membership subscription.

Please continue to support your Club by renewing your membership and encouraging others to join.

Please forward your renewal subscriptions to me at 34 Stafford Road, St Werburghs, Bristol BS2 9UN. Thank you.

Please note that only fully paid up members are eligible to attend the next A.GM in April 2008.

Ann Bresnan
Membership Secretary



BRISTOL & DISTRICT SHOW 2008

The annual Bristol & District Cat Club show will be held on Saturday 16th February 2008 at the Christie Miller Sports Centre, Melksham, Wiltshire. For the first time this year there will be Imperial Grand classes in all sections and winners and reserves will receive rather special rosettes. We will again be holding Best in Show with special prizes for Best in Show adult, kitten and neuter in each section. Members are reminded that we have a lovely selection of silverware with cups and trophies for many of the breeds present. Our non-pedigree cousins are always very popular with visitors and we will be continuing to hold the Royal Canin Western Challenge competition as well as our own Best in Show. Please support your Club's show and do come and join us what ever the weather!

Ian & Kym Jarvis
Joint Show Managers

TROPHY WINNERS FROM OUR 2007 SHOW



If your cat was lucky enough to win a trophy at our last show, many congratulations to you.

Trophies won at the show are held for a period of one year and they must be returned to the Club.

Now is the time to return the trophies your cats won.

Please can all trophies be returned to me, your Trophy Secretary:

Mrs Jackie Steele
70 Thornwell Road
Bulwork
Chepstow
Monmouthshire
NP16 5NS

If you will be attending the 2008 show, you can bring the trophies to the show, but you must let me know that you are doing so.

TROPHIES FOR OUR 2008 SHOW

The Bristol and District Cat Club has made a decision that it will award trophies only to members winning Best of Variety.

Please can anyone who donated a trophy to the Club kindly get in touch with me on 01291 629793 or email me at jackie.steele@btinternet.com before the end of December, if you would like your trophy returned to you.

Any trophies not claimed will be given to members winning open classes at our next championship show on 16 February 2008.

Thank you.

Jackie Steele
Trophy Secretary

BRISTOL & DISTRICT CAT CLUB A.G.M.

The A.G.M. will take place on **Sunday 9 March 2008** Lincombe Barn, Overndale Road, Downend, Bristol, in the Grace Room commencing at 2.30 pm.

The following Members of the Committee are due for re-election at the A.G.M.

Vice Chairman - Paul Rogoll, Secretary - Sue Rogoll, Kitten Register - Dot Thomson, Yve Crook and Vice President Roy Williams who was co-opted onto the Committee for one year.

All are willing to stand again.

Nominations for the Committee should be received by 31st January 2008, they must be signed by the Nominee, the Proposer and Seconder. New Nominees are reminded that, according to rule, they must provide a curriculum vitae which will be circulated with the A.G.M. papers.

Anyone wishing to be nominated has to have been a member of the Bristol and District Cat Club for a minimum 12 months.

Notification of the A.G.M. with an Agenda will be sent to each member however, due to escalating postage costs the minutes from the 2007 A.G.M will appear on the Club website. Members who are unable to attend the A.G.M. can obtain a copy by sending a stamped addressed envelope to me at: Avonlea, 101a West Town Lane, Brislington, Bristol BS4 5DX.

Sue Rogoll
Secretary

WELFARE NEWS



Once again the Club held a Tombola stall at The West of England and South Wales Cat Society show in August. A huge thank you to Ken & Yve Crook, Jackie Steele & Mary Donlin who ran the stall on the day. Together they raised £177 for our welfare fund.



PERSIAN RESCUE UPDATE OCTOBER 2007

Persian Rescue Bristol
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20/10/2007

www.persianrescue.co.uk

Since our last newsletter update Persian Rescue has continued to be busy with Persian cats coming in to us. We seem to have had a run of cats coming into us over the age of three that have not been neutered, and vaccinations not kept up to date. Of course we do all of this prior to the cat being re-homed. This adds to the cost of each cat while in our care that need the additional veterinary treatments. We continue to do our own fund raising as and when we can which goes towards Vet bills.

We are constantly full with a number of cats waiting to come into the rescue. The majority of cats that we take in are from genuine situations, such as marriage split ups, bereavements, and home repossessions as well as people moving abroad. We also continue to take in cruelty and neglect cases, along with cats that have been abandoned across Britain.

We would like to thank the committee for their continued support and kind donation of £100 which we have put towards paying for the winter protection of the new outdoor exercise pen. This allows it to be used through the winter months of snow ice and rain, enabling the cats to have more freedom and fresh air.

We would finally like to thank Mary and John for their continued support of donations for fund raising and their assistance in fund raising events.

Once again we would like to thank Bristol & District Cat Club for all their help and support since we opened.

Since we opened in May 04 we have met many lovely people who have given homes to rescued Persians and without their help we would not be able to continue to rescue and re-home Persian cats.

Take care & best wishes.

Isabel & Keith

THE MISSING KITTEN MYSTERY



Inspector Thomson and his trusty side kick, Dot, decided that the study, where 7 kittens and 1 mum were living and which was in need of a thorough clean had to be entered and the occupants arrested.

A knock on the door and the declaration that we had a warrant to enter the joint gained admission. Mum and 4 kittens were arrested and then put in jail (the conservatory) for the duration of the cleaning process, but the other 3 were AWOL. Where had these three feline vandals got to? Had they had a tip off about the raid and made a quick getaway? This didn't seem likely as the others had been captured and would surely all have had the same informant.

It seemed impossible that they could have escaped. All the furniture was duly removed. It was expected that the kittens would give themselves up and could join the rest in jail. Alas after moving everything out, there was still no sign of the three. Where could they have gone? Did they have outside help to escape? Did the puppy, Sasha aid and abet? Sasha was duly interrogated, but refused to talk, giving the Inspector a good wash instead! Once the room had been sanitised, all the furniture was restored and as the Mum and 4 kittens had served their time, they were paroled and sent back home.

Where were the missing three? All sorts of escape mechanisms were considered. There was discussion about bringing in Inter-Pol, but it was considered best to keep the search local. The house was searched from top to bottom with no joy. The panels in the loft conversion were removed to search behind them (just in case) and every nook and cranny investigated. As the day progressed, the search team was feeling extremely despondent and eventually stopped for a cuppa. (Well, it happens in the best of



detective stories.) The search team sat in silence to see if they could hear anything, but not so much as a meow!

Later, mindful of the loss, the Inspector decided to field any escapees while his side kick went into the room to recover an item of possible evidence from the desk, were the remaining kittens could be heard scampering around happily. Screams from within "there are 6 kittens in here" alerted the Inspector.

Where had they been and where was the other one now? The door had remained shut and one was still AWOL. There were several recounts, but there were definitely more than the four that had been put back! The room was raided for the missing vandal and it was during this search that a drawer was opened and the last one of the seven was found hiding in a drawer!!! The missing threesome must have been there, throughout the whole moving and cleaning process!

The drawers were closed, so how had they gained access? It appears that they had discovered a small space between the back of the drawer and the inner aspect of the desk pedestal leg and scrambled in. Wow! What a relief to see them all alive and well!

The moral of the story is that kittens can and will get into more impossibly small spaces than we would think.

Fortunately, this was a case of all's well that ends well!

I hope your felines are being better behaved than our kittens!

Inspector Thomson and his trusty sidekick Dot.





**BRISTOL & DISTRICT
CAT CLUB ROSETTE
WINNER**



TO

Elaine Richardson's
Black Oriental female
CHAMPION METEXA BLACK SABBATH
on gaining her **CHAMPION TITLE**
by winning Challenge Certificates at
Kernow Cat Club show on 1 April 2006
Midland Counties Club Show on 31 May 2006
and
Erin Cat Club show on 15 September 2007
her third CC after she had raised a litter of
kittens earlier this year



JUST FOR FUN

Most of you will have seen this one before - as they say - an old one but a good one!

Stephen

HOW TO GIVE A CAT A PILL

1. Pick up the cat, and cradle it in the crook of your left arm as if holding a baby. Position right forefinger and thumb on either side of the cat's mouth, and gently apply pressure to the cheeks whilst holding the pill in the right hand. Gradually ease the cat's mouth open in this fashion. Pop the pill into it's mouth and allow the cat to close it's mouth and swallow.



2. Retrieve pill from floor and cat from behind sofa. Cradle the cat in left arm again and repeat process.

3. Retrieve cat from under the bed in the main bedroom, and throw away the soggy pill.

4. Take new pill from foil wrap, cradle cat in left arm, holding rear paws tightly with the left hand. Force jaws open and thrust pill to the back of it's mouth with right forefinger. Hold cat's mouth shut for count of ten.

5. Retrieve pill from goldfish bowl and cat from top of wardrobe. Call spouse in from garden to assist.

6. Kneel on floor with cat firmly wedged between knees. Hold front and rear paws. Ignore growls emitted from cat. Get spouse to hold cat's head firmly with one hand, while forcing wooden ruler into mouth. Drop pill down ruler, and rub cat's throat vigorously.

7. Retrieve cat from curtain rail. Get another pill from foil wrap. Make a mental note to buy a new ruler and repair curtains. Carefully sweep shattered figurines and vases from floor, and set aside for gluing later.

8. Wrap cat in large towel and get spouse to lie on cat with cat's head just visible from below armpit. Put pill in end of drinking straw and force cat's mouth open with pencil. Blow forcefully down straw.

9. Check label on cat's pills to see if they are harmful to humans. Drink beer to take away the taste and apply band-aid to spouse's forearm. Remove blood from carpet with soap and water, and discard shredded towel in waste bin.

10. Retrieve cat from neighbour's shed. Get another pill. Open another beer. Place cat in cupboard and close door on cat's neck so as to leave only the head protruding. Force mouth open with spoon, however much force it takes. Flick pill down throat with elastic band.

11. Fetch screwdriver from garage to put the cupboard door back on hinges. Drink beer. Pour scotch and drink in one gulp. Apply cold compress to cheek and check date of last tetanus jab. Apply whisky compress to cheek to disinfect, and toss back another shot for good measure. Throw T-shirt in bin next to shredded towel.

12. Ring the fire brigade to retrieve cat from tree across the road, and apologise profusely to neighbour who crashed into his pool whilst swerving to avoid the cat. Take last pill from foil wrap.

13. Tie the front paws and rear paws tightly to legs of metal garden chairs with twine. Find heavy pruning gloves from shed. Push pill into cat's mouth, followed by a large piece of fillet steak. Hold cat's head vertical, and pour two litres of water down cat's throat to wash down pill.

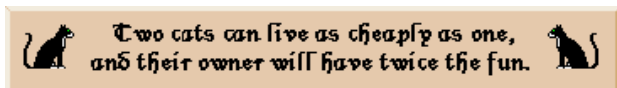
14. Consume remainder of scotch. Get spouse to drive you to emergency room for stitching of your fingers and forearm, and removal of pill from your left nostril. Call in at garden centre on way home to get new garden chairs.

15. Arrange with the RSPCA to collect mutant cat from hell, and find out if they have any hamsters that need good homes.



HOW TO GIVE A DOG A PILL

1. Wrap it in bacon.



FUN QUIZ

Here are the questions plus answers (in bold) to the fun quiz in the last newsletter.

1. Name the one sport in which neither the spectators nor the participants know the score or the leader until the contest ends. **Boxing.**

2. What famous North American landmark is constantly moving backward? **Niagara Falls.** (The rim is worn down about two and a half feet each year because of the millions of gallons of water that rush over it every minute).

3. Of all vegetables, only two can live to produce on their own for several growing seasons. All other vegetables must be replanted every year. What are the only two perennial vegetables? **Asparagus and rhubarb.**

4. What fruit has its seeds on the outside? **Strawberry.**

5. In many liquor stores, you can buy pear brandy, with a real pear inside the bottle. The pear is whole and ripe, and the bottle is genuine; it hasn't been cut in any way. How did the pear get inside the bottle? **It grew inside the bottle.** (The bottles are placed over pear buds when they are small, and are wired in place on the tree. The bottle is left in place for the entire growing season. When the pears are ripe, they are snapped off at the stems).

6. Only three words in standard English begin with the letters "dw" and they are all common words. Name two of them. **Dwarf, dwell and dwindle.**

7. There are 14 punctuation marks in English grammar. Can you name at least half of them? **Period, comma, colon, semicolon, dash, hyphen, apostrophe, question mark, exclamation point, quotation marks, brackets, parenthesis, braces and ellipses.** Now what on earth is an ellipse?

8. Name the only vegetable or fruit that is never sold frozen, canned, processed, cooked, or in any other form except fresh. **Lettuce.**

9. Name 6 or more things that you can wear on your feet beginning with the letter "S". **Shoes, socks, sandals, sneakers, slippers, skis, skates, snowshoes, stockings, stilts.**

WHERE?

Another fun quiz. Can you guess the place names from the clues?

1. Lots of dogs need lots of these when going for a walk.

2. Played with a funny shaped ball.

3. Or is it snooker?

4. The main part of a ship.

5. Why everyone flocks to Epsom.

6. Before April.

7. At the end of this cat's foot.

8. The place to get clean.

9. A poetic way of saying under, in Wales.

10. Sometimes difficult to get rid of, from shirts for example.

11. Card players should live here.
 12. What bank robbers expect you to do with the money.
 13. Female elephants are these, other species as well.
 14. Did these 3 singers live in Yorkshire.
 15. British currency.
 16. A woollen item of wearing apparel. in Wales.
 17.or dat, but I don't think it's with a Suffolk accent.
 18. Fancy standing on this river shovelling coal.
 19. Applied with pressure.
 20. Definitely not wild, in Oxfordshire.
- Answers will be in the next newsletter.

EMAIL & WEBSITE REMINDER



The Club's website is up and running.
The address is:
www.bristolanddistrict-catclub.co.uk.

If you wish to add anything to the website, eg adverts, pictures of your cats etc, please email Stephen at: stephen@dentify.co.uk

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Each email address we receive really makes a difference and helps keep the cost of our membership fees down.



JAZIMEWS PUBLICATIONS



FROM YOUR EDITOR



Hello everyone, I do hope you like this edition of the newsletter.

It can be difficult to know if you enjoy the newsletters that I put together, so please let me know if you do, and also let me have your ideas for articles that you wish to see in the newsletter. It would be even better if you could let me have contributions for the newsletter from you - I'm sure there are many budding writers amongst you.

The deadline for the next newsletter is 20 April 2008, which gives you plenty of time to send in your articles, show wins, recipes, quizzes, pictures, stories, jokes etc. It doesn't have to be cat related, but can be on any subject that you think our members would enjoy.

Also, don't forget that if your prize winning cat is made up to Premier, Champion, Grand Premier, Grand Champion, or Imperial, you can gain a special rosette from the Club.

All you need to do is send details of your cat's wins stating where and when he or she gained their certificates and title, their full name and breed details, together with a large, (at least A4 size), stamped (large letter stamp), addressed envelope to me your Show Support Secretary: **Mary Donlin at 9 The Willows, Bradley Stoke, Bristol BS32 8HJ** and a beautiful rosette will be sent to you.

All contributions for the newsletter should also be sent to me, either at the address shown above, or you can email me at: mary.donlin@tesco.net Email is great for sending in pictures of your beautiful cats.

Finally, I'd like to wish you all a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Mary



BRISTOL & DISTRICT CAT CLUB

CAT SHOW

(Held under GCCF License)

Saturday 16th February 2008

at

The Christie Miller Sports Centre

Lancaster Road, Bowerhill

Melksham, Wilts SN12 6QU

Open to the public 12.30 to 4.30 pm

Over 450 beautiful pedigree and non-pedigree cats on exhibition. Trade stands selling gifts, cat toys, pet food, clothing & much more.

For further information contact the

Show Managers, Kym & Ian Jarvis

Tel: 01306 713152



BRISTOL & DISTRICT CAT CLUB

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Telephone number _____

Email address: _____

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I/we confirm that I/we would like my/our newsletter and other Club correspondence to be sent to me/us by email at the email address shown above.

Please forward this form together with your subscription amount to:

Mrs Ann Bresnan, (membership secretary), 34 Stafford Road, St Werburghs, Bristol BS2 9UN