

# ***Russian Cat Interest Group of SA***

## ***BLUE. BLACK. WHITE. BLUE SPOTTED TABBY.***

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Leanne Hewitt from Azreal Russians in Cape Town with her winning trophy.

### **RCIG News & Our Breeders**

Our Group has turned 1 year old. We were accepted by SACC as a new breed group in October 2012. For a better overview on what we stand for please visit our website <http://rcig.weebly.com>

Our four breeders in South Africa are:-

- Leanne Hewitt – Azreal Russians in Cape Town. SACC Breeder of the Year 2011 and 2013.
- Alma Pretorius – Esky Russians in Gauteng.
- Saskia & Chris Vet – Raskia Russians in Durban
- Carol & Roy Wood – Silversheen Russians in Amanzimtoti

To meet the breeders and obtain their contact information, please visit our website, everything you need to know is available there.

Leanne Hewitt won the SACC Breeder of the Year 2013 at the Cat Of The Year Function in August 2013.

This year was almost a repeat of 2011 when Leanne won the Award the first time. Well done Leanne and thank you to all the amazing Azreal Show Russians and their slaves for attending as many shows as possible.

We would like to see many more Russians on the show bench next year, but would like to see more of the Esky, Ruskia and Silversheen Russians. So those of you that just got your kittens and expecting your kittens to join your family between now and end of January, please do show them next year.

## ***Russians Rule***



### *2013 Russian Supreme Title Changes*

A number of Russians Supremed this year, they are as follows:-

Sp Ch Kimara Silvana Spirit of Diablo (Imp) - 01/06/2013

Sp Pr Azreal Calamity James - 15/06/2013

Sp Ch RU\* Swaldiphary Kashira Kristal of Azreal (Imp) - 06/07/2013

Sp Ch Azreal Izzie Innuendo - 06/07/2013

Sp Pr Azreal Huckleberry Hush - 17/08/2013

Sp Ch Kimara Zaris Evelina of Azreal (Imp) - 07/09/2013

Sp Pr Azreal Enzo Evpraksiia - 07/09/2013



Some of the above Russians made it into SACC COTY 2013 but had to be withdrawn by their breeders due to it being kitten season and other pre-arrangements.

However the Russians that made it into the Regional shows, did all attend . Well done to the Russians in South Africa.

To meet some of our famous Russians, please visit our website:- <http://rcig.weebly.com> for more information please do not hesitate to contact us or the breeders directly.



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#### **A Russian Black Stud on the way?**

Azreal Russians has confirmed that **Sp Ch Kimara Zaris Evelina of Azreal (Imp)** is indeed pregnant to **Silversheen Black Panther**. Ruskia Russians is hoping with bated breath, for a Russian Black son to be born to continue the Russian Black in South Africa safely into the future.

**We are waiting for HRH The Russian Czarina, to be safely delivered of her kittens.**



*BoJangles and Spirit*



***News from Ruskia Russians in Durban  
Written by Saskia Vet***

2013 has been a busy year for the cats and humans of Ruskia!

Sp Ch Kimara Silvana Spirit of Diablo (imp) became a Supreme Champion this year. Spirit qualified for the national Cat of the Year show but unfortunately we were unable to attend. He was also selected for the regional KZN Top Cat show and was placed 7th best cat overall at the PCS show held in June. A huge thank you to Lucy Nikiforos in Australia for this stunning boy!!



Silversheen BoJangles of Ruskia, a Russian Black kitten bred by Carol Wood, joined our cattery in January. What a special cat he is! We have enjoyed showing him and he has received many 1st awards and impressed all the judges who have laid eyes on him. Unfortunately Bo will not be used for breeding as initially planned and has thus joined his black brother BatCat, owned by Charlene

Vos, to continue his days as a pet! Bo will however be back on the show bench next year! We are holding thumbs that a black breeding boy will be born at Azreal for us, before the end of the year.

Ch Raska Blu Sashenka (imp) has been a vital part of our breeding program in SA this last season. He has been a busy boy, fathering three litters this season with another lot of kittens on the way in October. Sashenka does not enjoy being on show and thus has had a year off from being judged! He is a very loving cat and thus has several Russian friends living with him in his run, when possible. Thank you Di Stokes of Raska cattery in Sydney for Sashenka!!

Sp Ch Silversheen Tinka Bella Mia (RQ) is officially pregnant after a very dry spell!! Bella is a beautiful queen with a light silver coat and the straightest of profiles. We look forward to welcoming her kittens into this world soon.

Gr Ch Silversheen Zina Jade will be retiring from breeding. She has had five gorgeous litters and her daughter, Ruskia Dizzy Delilah (Sylvie) will remain with us to continue her breeding line. We are so grateful that Bonita Brooks in Mossel Bay, who owns a daughter from Jade, has agreed to give her a home.

***Cats are People too!***


## ***Competition Time***

Esky Eleganza (aka Nonsi) was a new addition to the cattery this year. She has matured into a breath taking girl and has the most amazing temperament. We look forward to showing her in 2014 and hopefully seeing her have her first litter of kittens.

Esky Abracadabra (aka Magic), our first Russian Black girl bred by Alma Pretorius, has joined Galen Grassi and his Russian Blue girl, Jalayla, in Johannesburg. Magic was the clown of the house and we miss her a lot!

And last but not least, Tr Sp Ch Silversheen Levi Aleksander RQ NQ, our neuter boy has enjoyed a quiet year after retiring from showing. He has done us extremely proud in the past, being placed 11th best overall cat at Cat of the Year 2011, where he was competing against cats from all over the country.

We will do a similar write-up on each Russian Breed home for every Newsletter.



We would like to encourage everybody to renew their RCIG Memberships for 2014, if you send in your renewal membership forms including proof of payment by the 30<sup>th</sup> November 2013, and the best picture you can take of your Russian(s), we will get our breeders including international Breeder Judges to choose the Top Russian out of the entries, and will announce the winning Russian on our Group as well as e-mail the owner of the winning Russian. The owner of the winning cat will win a bottle of wine to enjoy and a large pkt of Greenies for the kitty or kitties to enjoy. The Renewal RCIG Membership Application Form will be sent on the same e-mail as the Newsletter, or you can download the form from our website

<http://rcig.weebly.com>

## ***General News***

A few of our SA breeders are working together on a FB page to educate the Public, Vets, other Breeders on Ethical & Reputable Breeding in South Africa as well as Responsible Pet ownership. Feel free to join the page it is called Ethical & Reputable Breeders Form of South Africa.

Please also join Hello Breeder – [www.hellobreeder.com](http://www.hellobreeder.com) and rate your kitty breeder.



## Kikki

Visually Impaired . Needs a loving home

We would like to find Kikki, a 5 month old visually impaired Russian type kitty a loving forever home. She should only go to a home that understands her condition and will lovingly and gently care for her. Please please help us find Kikki a home. If you are able to give her a home, please contact Dr Shelagh Hahn's office at Co-Sanc short for Co-operative Cat Shelter & Adoption Sanctuary 011 462 5839



## Home Wanted for Russian Blue Girl Azreal Chynishka

Azreal Chynishka from Leanne's 3<sup>rd</sup> litter is looking for a new forever home. She is 7 years old spayed female who is looking for a quiet loving home. Her owners are moving to Australia at the end of the year and cannot take her along. The quarantine process is way too harsh on animals over there and if an existing Russian pet home would like to offer Chynishka a home, it would be great. Please contact Leanne on 021 685 3360 or [leanne@perform.co.za](mailto:leanne@perform.co.za) or Lorraine Reed on [lreed@live.co.za](mailto:lreed@live.co.za) for more info on Azreal Chynishka. Chynishka is based in CT and her current owner would prefer it if she was adopted by Capetonians.

### *Kitten Joy in the Wood's household*



2 Russian Black and 2 Russian White Kitties bred by Carol Wood.



*Very Important to take note of:- If you own a Russian and circumstances change for you. Please remember to contact the breeder who will gladly take the cat back or will help you rehome your cat. Ensure that this clause is in the kitty contract before you sign it off.*

*There is always somebody on the waiting list that is willing to take an adult Russian whilst waiting for a kitten from the breeders. Please always keep that in mind.*



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