

Russian Cat Interest Group of SA

BLUE. BLACK. WHITE. BLUE SPOTTED TABBY.

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RCIG NEWS

Hello all RCIG Members,

Since our last RCIG Newsletter it feels like someone pushed the fast forward button. So much has happened since June/July 2014.

In July 2014, Cat of the Year 2014 was held in Johannesburg, since then all the Regions had their Top Cat shows as well, many Russians had title changes and are all doing well on the show bench.

We had a special visitor, Maartje Schoemaker a Russian Blue Breeder in Holland, who attended the Cape Top Cat with us on the 13th September 2014, at which

"Sp Ch Kimara Zaris Evelina of Azreal NQ RW (IMP) - Bred by Lucy Nikoforos and Owned by Leanne Hewitt won Best Entire Cat". Eviee gained the title RW – Regional Winner in the Entire Section. This is the first time in South African Cat Show History, that a Russian won at a show.

Huge **C O N G R A T U L A T I O N S** to Lucy for breeding the most beautiful Russian we have set eyes on, Leanne for diligently showing Eviee, and to Eviee for doing so well.

SACC COTY – (Cat Of The Year) & CTC

On the 12th July 2014 COTY was held in Johannesburg at which ***"Sp Ch Kimara Zaris Evelina of Azreal NQ (IMP) - Bred by Lucy Nikoforos and Owned by Leanne Hewitt was placed in the Top 10 Entire Cats in South Africa in 7th place.***

The meaning of this all is as follows:-
Eviee is the 7th Best Entire Cat in South Africa, and is the Best Entire Cat in the Western Cape.



Leanne Hewitt with Eviee at Cat of the Year 2014

Russians Rule!



Maartje Schoemaker and Leanne Hewitt at Cape Top Cat



Sp Ch Azreal Nikimara Narzulah R.Q. Placed 7th in the Entire Section
Also known as Kimi the son of Eviee



Sp Ch Kimara Zaris Evelina of Azreal NQ RW (IMP) Placed 1st in the Entire Section - Bred by Lucy Nikoforos and Owned by Leanne Hewitt



Leanne Hewitt of Azreal reacting on hearing that Eviee won Best Entire Cat at Cape Top Cat.

WELL DONE!

Russian Blue - Russian Black - Russian White
Russian Blue Spotted Tabby

KZN Show News

In 2014, the Provincial Cat Society, governed by SACC, held three Championship shows in and around the Durban area.

We were excited to welcome a new exhibitor to our Russian group, Alexei Spangenberg and his kitten Vladimir, who took part in all three shows. Thank you to Alexei and his mom, Yvette, for the enthusiasm and commitment you have shown this year.

Carol Wood's Kimara Keerah Blu and Ruskia Dizzy Delilah owned by Saskia Vet, qualified for KZN Top Cat held in August.

Thank you and congratulations also go to Lucy Nikiforos from Perth, Australia, for allowing us to have a very special cat, Kimara Silvana Spirit of Diablo, who won the award of Best Foreign Male at the CFSA show held in July!

By Saskia Vet



Kimara Silvana Spirit of Diablo

The Russians just continue to make us proud!

Southern Cape Top Cat Show

This year Brownen McClelland Wickens was invited to participate at the Southern Cape Top Cat with her beautiful Ruskia Classic Carlito aka. Jasper who was bred by Saskia Vet – Ruskia Russians. Well done to you and Jasper for doing so well on the show bench in your province.



Ruskia Classic Carlito aka. Jasper

We would like to thank every single person who showed their Russians this season. You make us proud, you give credit to your Russian and Breeder and you promote your breed.

The Cat Show season has come to an end but will commence again from Feb/Mar 2015. Gauteng show people, Vanessa & Cyril Howell will start showing their Russians from 2015 onwards.

A little more about Vanessa & Cyril later in our Newsletter.

All Russian's are Neutered & Spayed before they go to their new Pet Home.....

Russian Title Changes

It is always better to start showing your cat from kitten to adult. Kittens cope with shows much better than trying to introduce an adult cat that is already set in their ways, into the Cat Show World.

A kitten may NOT be younger than 4 months of age when attending her/his first kitten show. Once your kitten is 9 months old or older s/he starts participating in the adult section and your cat will be entered into the Open Class. Here your cat has to obtain 3 CCC or PCC awards from 3 different judges in order for your cat to become either a Champion or Premier.

The next class is the Grand Class and for your cat to achieve the Grand Champion or Grand Premier Title, 6 GCC or GPC awards by 6 different judges need to be awarded.

The Supreme level is similar to Grand and once again, 6 SCC or SPC awards by 6 different judges need to be awarded for your cat to become a Supreme Champion or Supreme Premier.

The following Russians achieved title changes and we would like to congratulate them and their owners on this achievement.

Db Sp Ch Kimara Zaris Evelina of Azreal NQ RW (IMP) is now a Double Supreme Champion

Sp Ch Azreal Nikimara Narzulah R.Q. is now a Supreme Champion

Gr Pr Azreal Jazzi Jeff Jager is now a Grand Premier

Ch Azreal Pavlina Pinot is now a Champion

Ch Esky Gaia Gazelle is now a Champion

Pr Azreal Quisilla Querida is now a Premier

Pr Azreal Quisby Quinn is now a Premier

Ch Ruskia Dizzy Delilah is now a Champion

Ch Kimara Silvana Kheerah Blue (IMP) is now a Champion

Pr Ruskia Classic Carlito is now a Premier

Well well done!!!!!!!

Grey Domestic Cat Rocky



Rocky

10 Year old Rocky (a grey domestic shorthair) came to our attention in early September 2014, when his current owners contacted Krystle one of our breeders for help in trying to rehome Rocky. Unfortunately they had to move out of their current home and into a complex which does not allow pets.

We started networking Rocky on the Russian Cat Interest Group on Facebook. Janet Joos a current Russian Cat owner and member of our group ran with him far and wide. Promoted him to all the cat lovers she knows and as luck has it, one of her friends, Joy Minnaar Smith has offered to adopt Rocky into her family and home upon meeting him and his current family this past weekend. Rocky will join his new family at the end of September 2014 and we wish them joy, love and happy days.

Thanks must go to all who helped network Rocky especially Janet, Krystle and the Minnaar family for adopting him. WHAT A VERY HAPPY ENDING.

In my opinion, it is a disgrace that people are not allowed to have indoor pets in complexes and I believe that this attitude by complexes needs to be questioned and on all accounts be taken on. These complexes are the cause of so many pets being put to sleep unnecessarily!

***Russians are indoor cats only and need
SUPERVISED outdoor visits.....***

RCIG Committee Members



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Our committee members & breeders are as follows:-

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Should you wish to contact us, please do not hesitate.

Our Constitution and RCIG Website need to be updated and the work is planned to commence in October 2014 and completion in November 2014.

New Russian Breeder in Johannesburg

We have some very, very exciting news to share with all our Russian Cat Owners. Vanessa and Cyril Howell from Johannesburg in Gauteng are going to become Novice Breeders of the Russians under the guidance of Leanne Hewitt and our current Russian Breeders.

Vanessa & Cyril owing two neuter Russians, were part of our regular Russian show group in Gauteng between 2009 and 2011. They stepped away from the show scene for a while to have a little human family of their own, which were readily accepted by the furry family.

Vanessa is eager to get back into the cat show world and desperately wanted to add a new kitty to her family. As such, Cyril contacted Leanne to discuss the possibility of getting onto the waiting list for a Russian kitten. One thing lead to the next and the Howell family discussed the possibility of breeding the Russian on a small scale. Vanessa and Cyril are the very lucky owners of the only entire Russian Blue Spotted Tabby Male kitten, in the world. His mother Bubble was spayed 12 weeks after Valient and his siblings were born. Soon two Blue unrelated girls and another Blue boy will join the family.

Once Vanessa and Cyril have registered their Cattery and Cattery name with SACC we will share more with you and update our Website with their details.

We wish them fun and success in their new Russian venture.



Vanessa & Cyril Howell

Russians Rule.....

Cattery of Excellence

The Western Provence Cat Club is currently piloting the Cattery of Excellence Project. This is a scheme which identifies breeders who adhere to standards, gives them recognition and makes it possible for the general public to identify them too.

A Cattery of Excellence breeder is a highly ethical breeder who cares deeply about cats in general as well as their own cats, has a good working knowledge of their own breed genetics, cat care and breeding. S/he is willing to educate the public (especially kitten buyers) and to mentor newer breeders or to be mentored if s/he, is inexperienced.

Entrance to the scheme is by means of an application form in which the breeder sets out details of their breeding operation, and a written examination designed to show that the breeder has a reasonable knowledge of their breed, cat care with specific reference to breeding and feline genetics. Successful applicants will receive a certificate and a banner which they may display in their advertising, e-mail correspondence or social media page. Members details will be displayed on the WPCC website and Facebook page.

SACC are hoping to roll this out throughout the rest of South Africa once this project proves successful in the Western Cape.

Now, as for the Cattery of Excellence and the Russian Interest Group, we are super super proud to announce that we have two Western Cape Russian Breeders that have successfully achieved this very high status!

Congratulations Krystle Callaghan and Leanne Hewitt!

It is a huge honour to have 2 out of our current 3 CoE breeders in our Russian domain.

May I add, I took the challenge and did the examination just to understand what is involved. As a non-breeder it's not that simple, but an ethical breeder who understands the genetics, cat care and breeding as a whole should pass with ease.

Cat Humour

What has been seen cannot be unseen? Really? Oh bumper!



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- ¼ Page ads

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Russians own you – You are their slave.....

Before you purchase a pedigree kitten/cat, please spend time researching the breed and make sure that you approach an Ethical, Reputable & Responsible Breeder. Purchase cat magazines, visit the website <http://www.kittensandcats.co.za/> and see who the registered breeders are or call the SACC Registrar Johan van Rooyen to find out who the Ethical breeders are. 011 616 7017- <http://www.tsacc.org.za/> Please ask as many questions as you can possibly think of when dealing with the breeder of your chosen breed. We want to stand together against BYB as they breed "fruit salad" cats, harm their breeding cats, and simply don't care about anything as long as they make money of often sick, unaltered and underage kittens. Share this info with your family and friends.



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Thanks must go to Janet Joos & Krystle Callaghan for helping find Rocky his new family.