

Russian Cat Interest Group of SA

BLUE. BLACK. WHITE. BLUE SPOTTED TABBY.

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RCIG NEWS

Dear RCIG Members,

No no no!!!! The time has flown, we are in the middle of winter and so much has happened since our last newsletter.

On a personal note, May and June have been testing months and I have been battling to keep head above water on occasion, but as with everything, there will always be light at the end of the tunnel.

We have quite a bit to talk about in this edition of our RCIG Newsletter, some of our news is happy, some is sad and then there are also quite a lot of interesting topics that we will be covering.

Rather pleased to know that a number of Russians have been entered into the next Cape Town show which will be held in Durbanville on the 9th July and obviously we are rooting for the Russians.

One Russians Blue has already been selected to participate in COTY 2016 (Cat of the Year)! Well done Spirit, Saskia and Chris Vet, huge thanks and a note of congrats must also go to Spirit's breeder in Australia, Lucy..... well done, we are so proud.

Regards
Solveig

Consolidation of our Russian Breeders

Over the past couple of months we have consolidated our Russians Breeders under the Russian Cat Interest Group. It is better to have a smaller group of people who are passionate about their breed and take pride in the work they do with the breed,... in this case the Russian. We are also expecting an import or two between now and early 2017.

Our 5 breeders will be embarking on a rotation breeding schedule to increase our current genepool as unfortunately the Russian genepool is becoming smaller and smaller throughout the world. This schedule will be implemented before our 2016/2017 kitten season begins.

We would also like to take the opportunity to introduce you to all our breeders again. They are as follows:-

Leanne Hewitt – Azreal Russians – Western Cape
Vanessa Howell – Davante Russians - Gauteng
Alma Preorius – Esky Russians - Gauteng
Saskia Vet – Ruskia Russians – KwaZulu Natal
Joelene Draper – Zingara Russians – Western Cape

The Russian Breeders and the Russian Cat Interest Group of South Africa, take Ethical, Responsible and Reputable breeding very seriously.

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Russians Rule!

COTY 2016

Our Natal boy Spirit has qualified for COTY 2016. Thank you Lucy for breeding such a magnificent boy, and Saskia for showing him so diligently.



Sp Pr Kimara Silvana Spirit of Diablo (imp) – picture taken by Theresa Fouche

Supreme Champions

Two of our Cape Town Russians became Supreme Champions in our two May shows, congratulations to Vlad and Vader! Both boys were bred by Leanne Hewitt. Joelene, thank you for showing the boys.



Sp Ch Azreal ZaVladimire Zingara – picture taken by Ursula van der Riet

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Sp Ch Azreal Sirius Swart – picture taken by Ursula van der Riet



Vader's twin, "Other Swart" 😊- but do we agree that Vader has the better looking ears? Vader is the very first Russian Black Supreme Chamion in the South African ever.

Russian Blue - Russian Black - Russian White

Russian Blue Spotted Tabby

Continuation.....

Vader is only the third Russian Black to ever Supreme in South Africa, but since he is an entire boy he is the first Russian Black Supreme Champion. History was made this year.....

Tr Sp Pr Azreal Gucci Koshka R.Q aka. Marmite became the first Russian Black Supreme Premier in 2009, 50 years after the first Russian Blue was awarded a Champion certificate in South Africa. Marmite's little sister, Sp Pr Azreal Wasilei Black Diamond aka. BiDi became a Supreme Premier in 2012.

Truly a proud moment, well done Vader boy!

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Bubbles

Bubbles came to Leanne from Bev and Mike Allan in Australia in 2007. She was the only one of her kind that could still produce offspring. Bubbles is a Russian Blue Spotted Tabby and sadly, the Russian Blue Spotted Tabby is not recognized for Champion status anywhere in the world. Yet very precious lines sit behind her pedigree and if we allow the BST colour to die out, that is it. South Africa decided to keep the colour alive for future generations to decide whether to continue with the BST or not.

Bubbles had 6 litters in her breeding career, with her last mating to Freddie our English import that produced a litter of 5 kittens, including the ever so famous, Azreal "V" vir Vendetta aka. Vallie. Vallie lives with Vanessa in Johannesburg and has big shoes to fill as he is now the only entire Russian Blue Spotted Tabby in the world.

His beautiful mom Bubbles has recently been retired to Bernadine in Johannesburg who also owns a black Vader son, who happens to be a show cat in Gauteng.

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Ch Azreal Riverlight Hinezka (imp Australia) aka. Bubbles
Thank you Bernadine Geldenhuys for the Bubbles picture!

We wish the Bubbles a very long, healthy and happy life with Bernadine, her daughter and all the other Geldenhuys kitties and old pooches.

Enjoy your retirement pretty girl.

Many of Bubbles offspring live in Johannesburg.

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***All Russian's are Neutered/Spayed, Vaccinated and
Micro-chipped before they go to their new Pet
Home.....***

Lilies and Your Cat

If you receive a bunch of flowers that contain lilies, ANY type or colour, THROW that bunch into a black plastic bag and into the dustbin!!!! Don't allow any lilies to enter your house in any way or form. PLEASE????!!

WARNING - LILIES KILL CATS!!!!

One of our recent kitten owners just lost a youngster (new Russian kitten) to lily poisoning in May 2016. It is heartbreaking to see a kitten/cat losing their life to these toxins. Avoid any contact between these flowers, plants, leaves, pollen or water and your pet cat.



Lilies kill cats.

Most cat owners don't know it, but lilies are lethally toxic to cats. In fact, they're so poisonous that a cat can suffer fatal kidney failure just from biting into a lily leaf or petal, licking lily pollen from its paws, or drinking water from a vase with cut lilies in it.

All members of the *Lilium* group produce a chemical—present in all parts of the plant—that can damage cat kidneys, but Easter lilies, stargazer lilies, and Asiatic lilies seem to be the most hazardous. (Calla lilies and peace lilies are not of the *Lilium* group, and are harmless to cats.)

Some cats appear to be more susceptible than others to lily toxicity, and the severity of the resulting kidney failure also varies from cat to cat. Some poisoned cats recover with minimal therapy, while others require costly dialysis to live long enough for the kidneys to repair themselves. Many cats never recover kidney function following lily toxicity, and die or are euthanized within days of becoming ill.

If you think your cat may have chewed on or ingested lily, don't wait for signs of illness—seek veterinary care immediately.

If you live with cats, keep lilies out of your home

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Feline Calicivirus (FCV) aka. Snuffles

One has to be careful not to confuse the Feline Calicivirus (FCV) with Feline Herpes Virus (FHV), both are opportunistic feline upper respiratory diseases and are infectious diseases. Both diseases are common in multi cat homes, breed homes or kennels.

The snuffles virus is particularly bad this year as the strain mutates and changes from year to year just like the Flu Virus people are faced with every year. If your immune system is strong enough to cope with the virus and you look after yourself, by eating healthy, hydrating yourself properly, taking your vitamins, ensure that you get proper rest and keep warm, your body will be able to fight the virus and 7 days later you feel a lot better.

Please kindly read up on the Calicivirus as the information will assist you in either identifying the virus or preventing it altogether in your kitty homes.

<http://www.catbreedsjunction.com/feline-calicivirus.html>

Prevention is always best, ensure that your kitty's food and water is freshly put out every day. Clean and disinfect the litter trays and the area they are kept. F10 is a fabulous solution. Wash their kitty beds and blankets twice a week.

Feed your kitties with good quality food, supplement them with a daily dose of Moducare and ProKolin and if you wish Felisine Paste. You can mix the Moducare into their food, the ProKolin and Felisine Paste you can allow them to lick off your finger or from a teaspoon.

I will attach a slide to the email when I send the newsletter out done by Raise 'n Rescue on the Snuffles/Calicivirus.

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RCIG Website

We do regular updates on our website please feel free to visit from time to time.

<http://rcig.weebly.com/>

Russians make good babysitters.....

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

Also if we can do things better, your suggestions are so welcome.

Regards your RCIG Team

Cat Humour



Picture watermarks

NB. I would like to make each of you aware that I have decided to put a RCIG Logo watermark onto all pictures that we use in our Newsletters going forward. The watermarks don't suggest that the images were photographed by me, but rather by the RCIG members and breeders. We need to protect the images of your Russians or other kitties, from scammers using them as their own.

Please feel free to add your own watermarks to your images in future.....<https://www.watermark.ws/>

Our Newsletter is made available every February, June and October, by e-mail, Facebook and Issuu.com

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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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