



Russian Cat Interest Group of South Africa

Russian Blue. White. Black. & Spotted Tabby

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RCIG NEWS SNIP-Bits

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Dear RCIG Members,

Welcome to 2018, and welcome to our new RCIG Members. Sincere thanks must go to everyone sharing their Russians on our Facebook Group, which is a VIP or VIC Group.

The last Newsletter that we sent out was in February 2017, usually we send out Newsletters in February, June and October of each year, however my year was so incredibly busy. Overseeing the build of our new home and keeping the pressure on the sub-contractors and suppliers was a full-time job. My sincere apologies for not producing anything for our members in 2017.

Personally, I find Newsletters a tad boring, as some of them just go on and on and on. So to try and avoid boredom, I will try and keep our Newsletters to 2 or 3 pages and if there is really a whole lot to talk about and info sharing to do maybe 4 to 5 pages but no more.

Wishing you all a good 2018!

November 2017 Online Cat Show

For the very first time we decided to hold an Online SA Russian Cat Show. Australia did something similar mid 2017 and I thought, well why not try this here? But again, I was running out of time with many personal pressures weighing my down, yet in October 2017, I got a gap to make it happen, and together with our RCIG members, we pulled it off! To every single member who entered your Russians, thank you and well, well, done.

It was certainly not easy, but we had 3 incredible judges, one from South Africa, one from England and another from New Zealand. What a fabulous team! I cannot thank them enough, for guiding us and assisting with the judging. What a great bunch.

Our Top 5 ended up being more than just 5 Russians. We had 3 Russians sharing 5th place. Let's introduce you to the winning Russians.



Esky Nagasaki - 1st Place - Winner

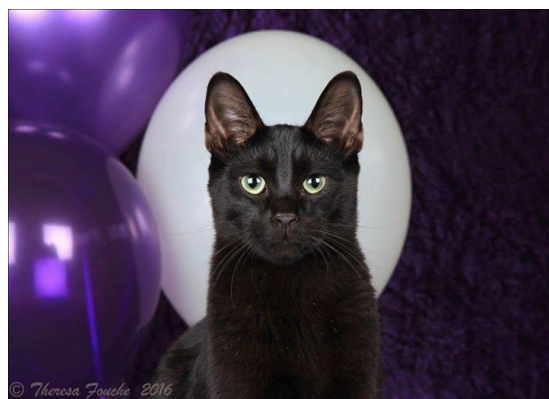
Continuation of Top 5



Alyona Lazurnaya Leena of Azreal – 2nd Place



Azreal Ayla Amour Aurora – 3rd Place

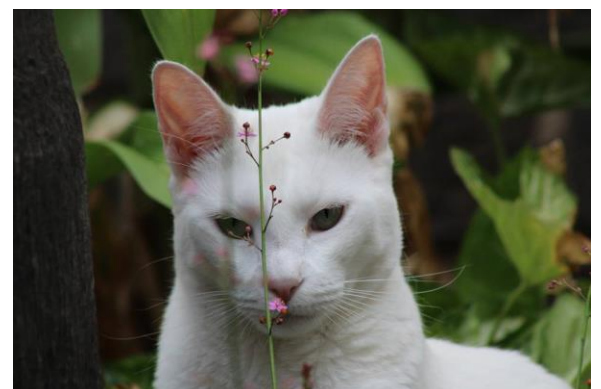


Azreal Eragon Einan – 4th Place



Azreal Lascivious Lyanna – 5th Place

Continuation of Top 5



Esky Bronwyn – 5th Place



Silversheen Alaska Ciara – 5th Place

A personal favourite



*How beautiful is this Russian Blue Spotted Tabby?
Davante Chantilly*

Cat Hotels & Vaccines

With the Easter Weekend not being too far off, please ensure that you have booked your kitties into a cat hotel and that their annual vaccinations are up to date. Cat hotels, **will not** allow, any cat onto their premises, that has not been vaccinated.

“Please always ask your vet, to take a look at your kitties teeth and also to check, if the Microchip is still active”.

If you are able to leave your kitties at home, with an arranged pet sitter, to assist and care for your kitties whilst you are away, well done, as this is the less stressful option for your cats.

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Paying It Forward

One of our members, Martin van den Berg, mistakenly paid a second life membership, to which we alerted him. We asked him whether he wanted us to refund him the R400.00 or whether he wanted to pay the money forward to an Animal Welfare or Animal Charity Organisation.

Martin asked whether we could pay the money over to Wollies Animal Project in Pretoria. Thank you Martin, your money will be donated to Wollies.

2018 RCIG Memberships

May we take this opportunity, to thank all our members, who have renewed their 2018 RCIG Memberships, thus far. We have a number of new members, including 5 New Life/10 Year Members (41) in total now..... wow!!!! and some of our annual members have also paid their 2018 subs. This is amazing, we really appreciate your on-going support. Well done to everyone!

SACC Cat Shows for 2018

We have posted the SACC Cat Show Calendar to our RCIG Facebook Group, the document can be found in the Files section.

The first show of the season kicks off on Cape Town on the 17th March 2018 followed by Port Elizabeth on the 24th March 2018 and Johannesburg on the 31st March, 1st April and 7th April 2018.

Cape Town's second show will be on the 14th April 2018 hopefully the taps will not be dry by then. On the 21st April 2018 is Pietermaritzburg's turn.

Usually we send out the Cat Show Entry Forms by e-mail and also load them to our Facebook Group. Those of you keen on showing and our regular show people, you can join the SA Cat Show Calendar Group on Facebook, this is their link:-

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/1014762975205784/>

Karen Pepler is responsible for posting all show forms on this group, but take note, we show with SACC. So it needs to be a SACC show that you enter. The clubs associated with SACC are as follows:- SAASA, WPCC, ECCC, TCS, BRS, CFC, ABCC, PCS, RCC, NCFS, and WODAC

Hope to see more Russians on the show benches going forward, than in the past.

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Scammers

The scammers are still out in full force and we would like to remind everyone, their families and friends to be vigilant. Please always visit the SACC website <http://www.tsacc.org.za/> and or the CFSA website <http://www.cfsa.co.za/> to find out who the South African All Breed Breeders are. With regards to the South African Russian Breeders, please visit the Russian Cat Interest Group website <http://rcig.weebly.com/>

There are so many stories about people being scammed and who think that they will be able to find pedigree cats on OLX, Gumtree, JunkMail, Ananzi etc. Unfortunately, this is not the case. If you are looking for a breed specific cat, your only chance will be to do research on that specific breed and refer to our Cat Governing Councils, who All Breed Breeders register with.

Doing your research is most important and never forget, that there are scammers around every corner, ready to fleece you of your money.

Cat Food & Health Benefits

There are so many different brands of cat foods on the market and sometimes it becomes confusing. What food should my cat be on? Must Kittens have different food to Adult cats etc????

Many kitty owners are opting to RAW FEED their kittens/cat's nowadays, which cannot be faulted. It is a very good option when done correctly.

Below is a link to a website where you can read up on feeding raw and also purchase your kitty and doggy food, if you wish to change your Russians diet from the standard packet food.

<https://www.rawlovepets.co.za/products/ingredients/>



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Cat Humour



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