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**CATSWA / FELINE CONTROL COUNCIL OF WESTERN AUSTRALIA  
(INC)**

**MINUTES OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING HELD MONDAY 19  
FEBRUARY 2018 IN THE FCCWA OFFICE, UNIT 3 / 8 ROYAL  
STREET, KENWICK, COMMENCING AT 7PM**

**WELCOME BY THE CHAIRMAN / PRESIDENT - CAROLE GALLI** who opened the meeting at 7.15pm

**1. ATTENDANCE**

Maree Carle, Carole Galli, Susan Game, Michelle Harris, Judy Kluczniak, Diana Nixon, Betty Payne, Julie Pickens, Janis Thompson, Monique Whitty  
Apologies: Ann Chandler, Linda Horton, Lee anne Pitman Pryde, Phil Whitty.

**2. CONFIRMATION OF THE MINUTES.**

MOVED M Carle, Seconded Janis Thompson that the Minutes of the last AGM held on 12<sup>th</sup> January 2017, as circulated in Cat Call, be confirmed subject to the correct spelling of Diana Nixon's name. CARRIED

**3. GOVERNING COUNCIL 2018**

**3.1 Election of Council Members**

The Chairman advised that there were three vacancies on Council, and three nominations had been received. Therefore those persons were duly ELECTED AND WELCOMED. New Council Members are Julie Pickens and Monique Whitty, and returning Janis Thomson. Council would set the respective terms at its next meeting.

**3.2 Office Bearers 2018.**

The office bearers APPOINTED by Council for 2018 would be:

President: Carole Galli

Vice President: Janis Thompson

Secretary: Susan Game

Treasurer: Monique Whitty

THANKS to outgoing office bearers Maree Carle (Secretary) and Michelle Harris (Treasurer) were included in the President's Report and ENDORSED by those present.

**4. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES Nil**

**5. REPORTS**

The following reports were circulated and read to the meeting and will be published in *Cat Call*.

**5.1 President - Carole Galli**

MOVED July Pickens, Seconded Maree Carle that the President's report be accepted. CARRIED

**5.2 Secretary – Maree Carle**

MOVED Sue Game, Seconded Diana Nixon that the Secretary's report be accepted. CARRIED

**5.3 Treasurer – Michelle Harris.**

Michelle circulated her Report as well as the Profit and Loss Statements for 2016 and 2017 and the Balance Sheet for CastsWA as at 31 October 2017, plus the Audit Report from Susan Whittle. Questions were raised and answered by the Treasurer. MOVED: Betty Payne. Seconded Janis Thompson that the Treasurers report be accepted. CARRIED

**5.4 Judge Training Conveners – Betty Payne & Sue Game**

MOVED Julie Pickens, Seconded Michelle Harris that the Judge Training Conveners' report be accepted. CARRIED

**6. APPOINTMENT OF AUDITOR FOR 2018**

It was AGREED that although, constitutionally, CatsWA need only have an Audit Report undertaken every three years, it was a worthwhile exercise and was of assistance to the Treasurer to do this annually. Also, Ms Whittle had charged a very minimal rate for the two years' audit, which was noted with appreciation.

MOVED: Carole Galli, Seconded Maree Carle that we seek to appoint Ms Susan Whittle CPA as CatsWA Auditor for 2018. CARRIED

**7. GENERAL BUSINESS**

7.1 *Cat Call* Editor – It was NOTED that Phil Thompson had agreed to take this on for another year.

7.2 Betty Payne extended her compliments to the Governing Council members for their ability to work together well to keep CatsWA running smoothly, and on their achievements during the year.

**8. CLOSE AND THANKS**

There being no further business, the Chairman thanked everyone for attending and closed the meeting at 8.15pm

Confirmed

Date

President / Chair

**FINANCIAL REPORTS**

CatsWA 2016 & 2017 Financial Report Attached.

## Presidents Report 2017

I have been honoured to complete another year as President of CatsWA. Thank you to members of the Governing Council who have supported me throughout the year and worked so hard to keep CatsWA functioning. A special thanks to Maree Carle who took on the huge job of coordinating the shows run by CatsWA to keep our show calendar strong.

Although some members do not show it is fact that shows are our public face and the only opportunity we have to promote pedigree cats to the public and encourage responsible pet ownership. Most importantly they provide an opportunity for breeders to meet with potential kitten owners. The Animal Rights movement is campaigning to reduce pet ownership and in particular stop pedigree breeding. The Adopt Don't Shop campaign has had a significant effect on many of our breeders.

I cannot report on 2017 without acknowledging the loss of our colleague and friend, Lucy Nikiforos. Lucy showed enormous strength and determination participating in shows and judges training throughout her illness. The battle came to an end on 8 October as the sun was rising. I am enormously proud of the support shown for Lucy by our show exhibitors. Your patience allowed Lucy to participate in her passion. Her final show was the Royal, a very emotional day for everyone who attended the finals, the only day that Lucy could manage. I must make special mention of Pamela Lanigan for her support transporting Lucy and her cats to shows and home again. Pamela placed no limits on Lucy which meant that she had to bring a trailer to fit all their cats and show equipment. Thank you Pamela. Those who attended the ACF National rallied to support Lucy, especially her friend Maree who managed Lucy, 14 cats and all the luggage! This is the end of a momentous chapter in the history of the Cat Fancy in WA. Lucy touched many around the world as tributes after her passing showed. She will be honoured this year with awards for Best Russian Adult, Kitten and Desexed at this years ACF National. There will also be awards for Abyssinians to honour Lucy, Kirstin Jones and George Kennedy.

CatsWA has continued to operate on a strong financial basis supplements by fundraising by Janis Thompson and her team. Most fundraising is supported by exhibitors at shows. Funds raised do not just support the shows and I would like to see more support from breeders who benefit the most from the registration for the kittens and cats. Kitten registrations remained at approx. 850 and re-registration at approx. 100. We have attracted several new breeders this year and also several keen exhibitors who show desexed. The group we really need to encourage is Group 4 as this is our best opportunity to engage the general public. Any suggestions?

The expectations of the Government of breeders and CatsWA as a registering body have increased since the introduction of the Cat Act. Local Govt are now actively checking that cats are registered and taking action against pet owners and breeders who do not comply. It is not acceptable to try to stay under their radar. Animal activists and sadly fellow breeders will 'dob' you in and that means the Council Rangers or RSPCA turning up on your doorstep. Several breeders, this year, have had vexatious complaints lodged against them this year.

Consumer Protection has also reviewed the responsibilities for sellers of puppies and kittens. Breeders should be aware that they are required to take much more responsibility for the health of animals sold for a longer period. The Department has produced a new pamphlet that all breeders should read on their website.

The Government has been drafting the Puppy Farms legislation. Many pet shops have already stopped selling puppies and kittens. Stronger legislation for Dogs is planned and this will inevitably flow on to the Cat Act when the review is done in 2019. There may be some subsequent amendments to the Cat Act when the Puppy Farm Bill is passed. I have spoken to the office of Lisa Baker who is leading the committee drafting the legislation. The shelters and rescue groups are having a huge input into this Bill and no input has been sought from any of the cat registration bodies. This is a major concern. Members MUST take every opportunity to respond to discussion papers to protect your hobby. A response from CatsWA is considered ONE response we need many people submitting responses, not on behalf of CatsWA but as a personal opinion. The rescue groups are very organised and they will flood the Govt with submissions.

The 2018 show calendar is exciting with international and interstate judges invited. The judges training program continues and thanks must be passed on the Betty Payne and Sue Game who put so much time into training and assessing new judges. I hope you all like the new membership cards. This is another strategy to improve the professional presentation of our association. Maree Carle has also put together a new Welcome Pack for new members to ensure they understand their rights and responsibilities.

I wish you all success for the upcoming show season and in all your breeding endeavours.

Carole Galli

19 Feb. 2018

### **CatsWA Secretary Report to AGM 19<sup>th</sup> January 2018**

By Maree Carle

2017 has been a very good year for CatsWA with quite a few new members as well as members transferring from another association. Last years shows did make a loss, but I think it is import to run good shows with lots of different judges for our members and I think this showed last year in the numbers that we were getting at shows- both our members and non-members supported our shows and would like to thank them all for their support. This year is going to be even bigger and better and hope to see all our members and non-members there.

Last year saw new membership forms as well as new forms for the renewal, which we hope will make it easier for existing members as well as new members.

This year we have improved our membership service with brand new plastic membership cards and a printer to write on them. Brand new Computer and printer for the office staff as the old one was getting very tired. Also the bringing back of information packs for new members to be posted to them with their new card.

Council meeting have been very proactive with meetings being held once a month, with lots of discussions, quite a few laughs and lots of decides to better the club.

This year sees a reshuffle of the council members, with two new council members Monique & Julie, a warm welcome to you both.

Thank you to Sue Goodall who was on the council last year but had to resign because of family. Thank you very much for all Michelle's Harris work as Treasure. She will be stepping down to concentrate on her judges training, and shows, and thank you Monique for stepping up to be our new Treasure. Thank you Michelle- we really appreciate your hard

work.

I will also be stepping down from Secretary so that I can concentrate on the Shows as well as I will be in charge of all new memberships. Thank you to Sue Game for her willing to take back the roll of Secretary.

Thank you also to our existing council members: Janis for all her hard work with the kitchen at all of CatsWA shows as well as the hard job of fundraising. Thanks to Judy for all her work in the office every Wednesday, for answering all the emails that come in, as well as doing all the titles and new and old memberships. We would also like to thank Linda Horton for ensuring our website is always up to date, as well as Phil Thompson for his work with the Cat Call Magazine

Carole Galli Our President, Registrar and ACF Secretary- what a lot of hats she wears, but I must say she does a tremendous job of them all. As president, Presiding over the meetings and making sure we all keep on track, and all goes smoothly. As Registrar doing all pedigrees and transfers. As ACF Secretary keeping us updated as to any new rules or changes that we need to know about. Thank you very much for all your hard work.

On that positive note, I would like to also thank all my fellow councillors for their continuous support and I look forward to 2018 being an exciting year for CatsWA

## **REPORT FOR CATSWA ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 22 JANUARY 2017**

### **JUDGE TRAINING CONVENORS**

**SUSAN GAME AND BETTY PAYNE** : ACF (International) and National All Breeds Judges

Council appointed Susan Game as joint Training Convenor with Betty Payne at the beginning of 2017, and this has been great with two of us to work together and support each other.

To clarify, the Training Convenors are the interface between our judges and trainees and Council. We keep Council informed on progress, assignments, exams and so on, and make recommendations to Council in regard to elevation of our judges to additional Groups, commencement of training, appointment to ACF Panel, interstate assignment for trainees. Council makes final decisions on all these things.

Our training is conducted under the guidelines of the ACF Judges Training Scheme. Our CatsWA Judges are members of the ACF Judges Guild which group circulates information about new breeds and changes to standards, receives feedback from individual judges and makes recommendation to the ACF General Meetings. The Guild conducts a judging seminar and meeting in conjunction with the National Show in June each year and all our judges are encouraged to attend

**Jane Horstman** our veteran Group 1 and Group 3 Judge reluctantly retired from her 37 years of Judging for CatsWA, COAWA, ACF and FIFe. Jane says “ *She has enjoyed her many years of sharing the love, enthusiasm and dedication of cat owners, breeders, exhibitors and other judges, but she feels that younger and very capable judges are now carrying the fancy forward, and this is as it should be*”. Best wishes and a big thank you to Jane, who will keep in touch with us.

**Group 1:** Early in the year, Michelle Harris commenced her training as a Cadet Judge in Group 1, which is great to see – Michelle Breeds Ragdolls and has much experience in show management and stewarding. Good luck Michelle !



Kirsty Connell returned to finalise her Group 1 training, which she commenced back in 2012. Kirsty has since passed her General Exam (Judging Protocol) and her Group 1 Exam with flying colours and has commenced her Junior Judging Assignments. **Congratulations** Kirsty

Carole Galli and Pamela Lanigan began their Group 1 training assignments late in the year as Cadet Judges in this group. Lee-anne Pitman Pryde has been an ACF National Group 1 Judge for many years.

**Group 2:** We have had Lee anne Pitman Pryde and Nick Skeet mainly training in this Group, and as well as show assignments we organised a second 'in house' show on 21 May 2017 at Chicas Cattery, with some 18 Group 2 cats to be assessed and ranked. (Some a fair bit fatter than they should be !) Carole Galli participated as our more Experienced Group 2 Junior Judge, and Betty and I stewarded. Carole Galli, Lucy Nikiforos and Pamela Lanigan have been doing Junior Judging Assignments under our Supervision.

Lucy's last judging assignment was Group 2 at the OSCC Show on 27 August.

Lee-anne passed her Group 2 exam late in August 2017 and commenced as a Junior Judge in Sept 2017.

**Group 3:** We have Lee-anne Pitman Pryde and Jenny Casotti (ACF National Group 3), Carole Galli, Nick Skeet, Lucy Nikiforos, and Pamela Lanigan as Open Judges in this group for the year, and no trainees. **Congratulations** to Carole Galli and Pamela Lanigan who were appointed to the ACF National Panel for Group 3 in October 2017.

In November 2017, following misunderstandings, Betty and Sue issued two formal **Procedure Documents**. One in regard to **Judge Training Assignments at CatsWA Shows** (outlining the procedure we have been following for the past two years or more), and the other for **Invitation of Judges and Production of the CatsWA Championship Show Schedules** (in accordance with our Show Rules).

Our ACF National All Breeds Judge Margaret Bush is recovering from a fall, and although she continues to assist with the marking of exams, sadly we have not seen much of her this year.

We have continued to support Bonus Rings at our CatsWA Show to enable our Junior Judges to get more experience. Thank you to all exhibitors who enthusiastically enter our shows and thank you to exhibitors who allow us to handle their cats with our trainees.

After due process by Council, the Group 2 Junior Judging training for both Pamela Lanigan and Lee Anne Pitman Pryde has been ceased for 12 months minimum, as has Pamela Lanigan's training in Group 1. Also Pamela Lanigan has been suspended from all Judging for 6 months, commencing 1 February 2018.

Betty and Sue would like to say that we personally feel Lucy's loss to the W.A. Cat Fancy as a breeder of beautiful Russians and Abyssinians, and for her many years as a steward and an exhibitor, but especially as a Judge. She was a delight to train, tempering her enthusiasm to get on with patience and courtesy and a great sense of humour. And she was an excellent judge by any standards.

We look forward to a busy and productive 2018 with more accreditations for our terrific team of judges and trainees.

On a personal note from Sue .....*My thanks to Betty for the wealth of knowledge she continues to give us all so generously and for her wise counsel.*

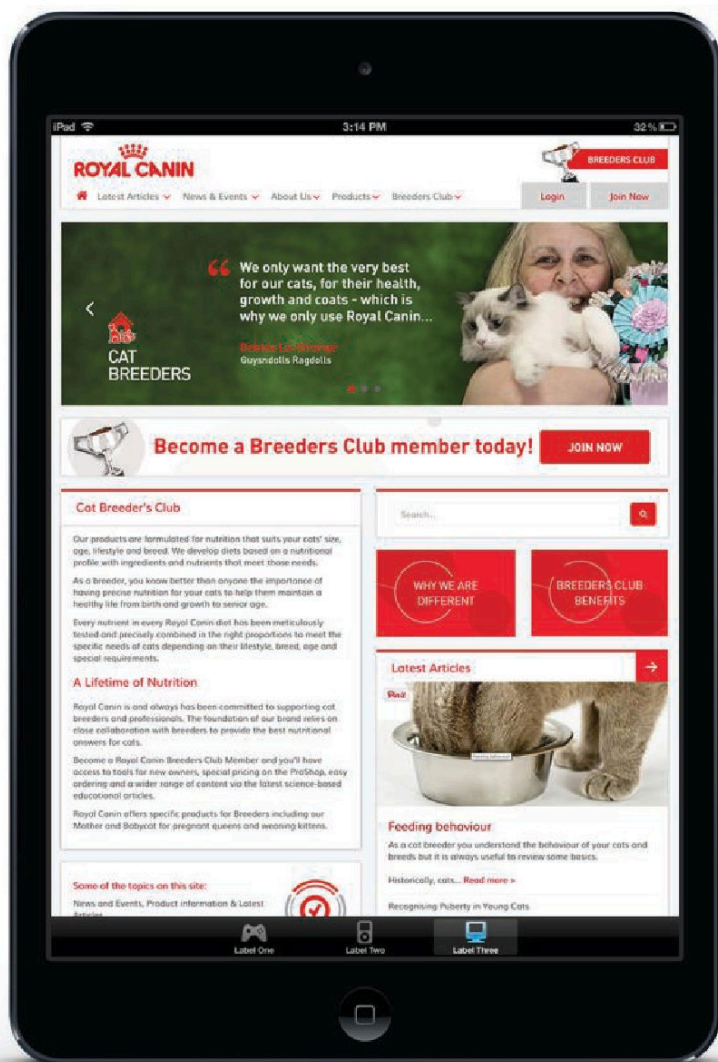
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# Code of Conduct for all members

Did you know that CatsWA has a code of conduct?

A code of conduct is really important because it acts as a guide and reference for all members. It helps to clarify CatsWA's values and principles and is a visible statement to the rest of the world what we stand for. Anyone who deals with CatsWA can look at our Code of Conduct and they will get a sense of who we are and what is important to us. Our Code of Conduct incorporates the standard of ethics that our breeders abide by and provides a reference point for Governing Council when they are dealing with any situations that may arise.

The full code of conduct can be found on our website [www.fcc-wa.com](http://www.fcc-wa.com)

## General Principles of Conduct

General principles to guide the behaviour of CatsWA members include that all members must:

- a) Act with reasonable care and diligence
- b) Act with honesty and integrity
- c) Act lawfully
- d) Avoid damage to the reputation of the CatsWA
- e) Treat others with respect and fairness.
- f) Abide by any rules, regulations or guidelines as determined by CatsWA including Breeding, Showing, membership of Governing Council or any other activity. Such regulations will be available on the CatsWA website.
- g) Comply with the WA Cat Act (2011) and any other relevant legislation.

Don't forget to keep an eye out on our website for news, updates and show schedules. Our kitten page, is an extension of the breeder's directory, and helps to link those breeders who are registering kittens with potential kitten buyers.

[www.fcc-wa.com](http://www.fcc-wa.com)

## Looking for ways to get involved?

Why not join one of the clubs? CatsWA has several clubs, which are a great way to get to know people. Clubs run the shows and are always happy for people to come along and learn how a show works.

<b>British Shorthair Cat Club</b> Sec: Pamela Lanigan 0419 940 025	<b>Oriental Shorthair Cat Club</b> Sec: Susan Game 0409 082 395
<b>Feline All Breeds Society (Inc)</b> Sec: Margaret Bush (08) 9535 3239	<b>Southern and Siamese Cat Club</b> TBC
<b>Paws and Claws Cat Club</b> Sec: Linda Horton Mob: 0431 487 841	<b>W.A. Cat Club</b> Sec: Maree Carle Mob: 0408 925 205
<b>W.A. Shorthair Cat Club</b> Sec: Helen Colleran (08) 9459 8982	

Some of these clubs are no longer active or have changed office bearers. Please contact the editor at [catswa@iinet.net.au](mailto:catswa@iinet.net.au) to update your information.

Any club news? Here is the place to list it.

## Show dates

29 April 2018	CatsWA
27 May 2018	CatsWA
09-10 June 2018	ACF Nationals
24 June 2018	CatsWA
15 July 2018	CatsWA
21/22 July 2018	CCCA National
19 August 2018	OSCC
22 September 2018	British
Sep/Oct	Royal Show
21 October 2018	CatsWA
tba	Osborne Park Show

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## Membership

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Junior (under 18)	\$25	\$100		

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Cat registered outside of Australia	\$50

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Members (5 generations)	\$35
Members (4 generations)	\$20
Non-members (4 generations)	\$30

## 2018 Governing Council Members

**President**

Carole Galli 0407 852 012

**Vice President**

Janis Thompson 0414 563 107

**Secretary**

Susan Game 0409 082 395

**Treasurer**

Monique Whitty

**Councillors**

Judy Kluczniak, Susan Game, Julie Pickens

## **Sub-Committees & Convenors**

Judge Training

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Experimental Breeding

Susan Game

Steward Training

Susan Game

Cat Act 2011

Linda Horton

Fundraising and grants

Janis Thompson

Show Cages

Carole Galli

Cat of the Year points

Linda Horton

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## TRAINEE CATSWA JUDGES

MICHELLE HARRIS	GROUP 1	NICK SKEET	GROUP 2
CAROLE GALLI	GROUP 1		

All judges may judge group 4.

Members wishing to become judges are welcome to contact Judge Training Conveners Susan Game or Betty Payne where they will be given full support and encouragement.

## CATSWA STEWARD TRAINING

Stewards play a very important role in our shows and accreditation courses are conducted during the year. Contact Susan Game – 0409 082 395.

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### Welcome to our New Members



Willow Whitty (Junior Member)  
Briana Guy  
Mandy Rogers  
Cherise & Tracey Day  
Jo Nolan  
Lisa Tyrrell  
Judy Desmond  
Deborah Robinson



“In the **cat health** section we also cover some **health** problems that are common to **cats**, so you don't have to wait for your yearly vet check to pick them up. Things like hair loss, dehydration, fleas, ticks and worms, are all issues that need to be dealt with as soon as possible”.

*CatsWA do-not profess to being health professionals and all of their articles are for information purposes only therefore it is important that your felines health be checked at least once a year by your preferred Vet.*

## HEALTH & WELFARE MATTERS



## The Scoop on Cat Poop

You can learn a lot about your cat's health from his poop. Whether you've just adopted your first kitten or you've shared your home with cats for years, watch for a few key signs when you scoop out the litter box.

### ***Cat Poop: What's Normal?***

Most cats will poop at least once a day. If they're healthy, their poop should:

- Be deep brown in colour
- Feel not too hard or too soft or mushy
- Not smell too foul, though some odor is normal

Some common causes of cat diarrhea include:

- Changes to their diet or food allergies or intolerances
- Inflammatory bowel disease
- Colitis
- Hyperthyroidism
- Worms (intestinal parasites)
- Pancreatic disease
- Cancer

If your cat has diarrhea that lasts more than a day or two, see your veterinarian to figure out the cause. Call your vet right away if the diarrhea is black or bloody, or if it happens along with fever, vomiting, sluggishness, or a loss of appetite.

The treatment your cat will need depends on what's causing his diarrhea. Some will need prescription medications, such as metronidazole or prednisolone, to control inflammation. Your vet may recommend a special diet if she thinks a food allergy or intolerance, IBD, or colitis is the problem.

To prevent diarrhea, don't give your cat dairy products like milk or yogurt -- many cats can't digest them properly. Also, if you switch the brand or type of food you give him, be sure to introduce it over several days by mixing it with smaller and smaller amounts of the old food until he's eating only the new stuff.

## **Diarrhea**

Diarrhea is not uncommon for cats, and there are many reasons why your cat might have it. Sometimes, it comes and goes quickly. Other times, it can last for days, weeks, or months, or come back on a regular basis.

Diarrhea that lasts for 24 to 48 hours probably won't cause a problem, but if it lasts longer, your cat can get dehydrated, which can be dangerous.

## **Constipation**

When a cat is constipated, he'll strain a lot when he tries to poop or won't be able to produce anything for the litter box. You don't need to worry if it only happens sometimes. But if it's more common for your pet, you should contact your vet.

Cats can get constipated for a number of reasons, including:

- Over-grooming, which leads to extra hair in the digestive tract
- Kidney problems
- Feline megacolon -- when the colon gets very large and its muscles no longer squeeze, making hard, dry stool build up inside
- Something blocking their colon, such as string or bones
- Diets that don't have enough fiber
- Problems inside the colon, such as tumors or narrow places
- Spine problems or pain

To ease your cat's constipation, your vet may suggest that you give him more fiber, such as by adding canned pumpkin to his regular food. Or she might tell you to change to food that's easier for your pet to digest.

It also helps to make sure he gets more exercise and drinks more water so that waste will move through his system more readily.

You should talk to your vet about any poop problems your cat has, but this chart may help you figure out what may be causing them:

<b>Symptom</b>	<b>Appearance</b>	<b>Frequency</b>	<b>Possible causes</b>
Constipation	Small, hard, dry poop	Less than once a day	Dehydration, megacolon, dietary issues
Constipation	Small, hard, dry poop that has a lot of hair	Less than once a day	Hairballs, over-grooming

Constipation	Thin, ribbon-like poop	Less than once a day	Colon problems, like a tumor
Diarrhea	Black, tarry, runny poop	It varies	Stomach or intestinal bleeding. Call the vet right away
Diarrhea	Smelly, pudding-like poop	2-3 times daily	Food intolerances, inflammatory bowel disease
Diarrhea	Goopy poop filled with mucus	Multiple times daily	Too little fiber; colitis
Diarrhea	Soft, frothy, greasy poop with mucus	It varies	Parasites

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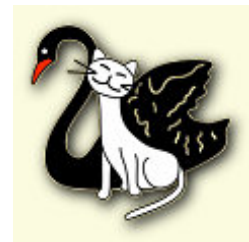
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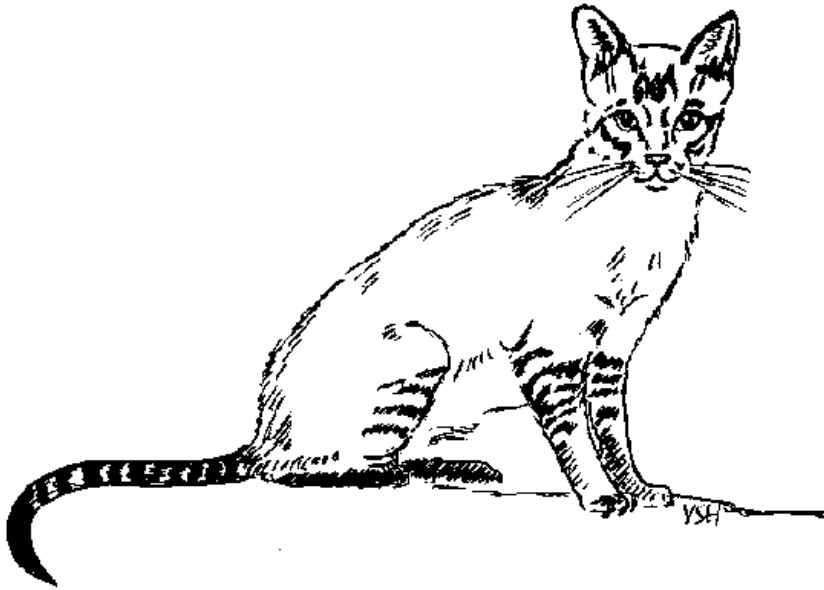
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# FIFTY-ODD WAYS TO PLEASE YOUR SIAMESE

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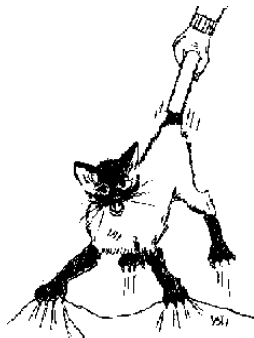


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## 50-ODD WAYS TO PLEASE YOUR SIAMESE

*A HAND BOOK FOR HUMANS*

1. Never say you bought him. Siamese cats are not bought like common goods; they are 'fallen in love with' or 'taken into the family'.
2. Agree to be owned by her.
3. Don't jiggle when he wants to sit on your lap.
4. Leave your blankets loose at night so she can slide in and out of bed easily.
5. Leave a large paper bag open on the floor so he can hide in it to ambush your feet.
6. Don't suck his tail up the vacuum cleaner hose.



7. a) Provide him with a cat door so he does not have to beg to be let in and out. Or b) Don't even consider a cat door; instead be prepared to be at his beck and call all day and night to act as commissionaire. Use telepathy to find out which option he would prefer.
8. Learn cat language so you know what his every 'yow' means.
9. Learn cat language so you can agree with everything she says.

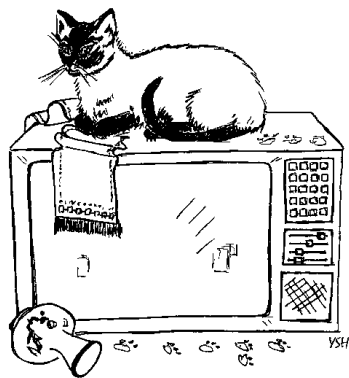
10. Provide him with an endless variety of food.
11. Make sure he has lots of dust to roll in and a nice white cushion to lie on afterwards.



12. Unless you really WANT to be subjected to a hostile blue-eyed stare, never present her with a bowl of ordinary milk. Make it evaporated milk or pure cream and don't be mean with seconds.
13. Make sure you dig the seed bed to the right depth and have the soil at the right consistency for his toilet requirements.
14. When walking, vary your stride so she can weave in and out between your feet.
15. Don't interrupt him when he's chasing dogs.
16. Never give her medicine.
17. When you're reading, allow room for him to curl up in the middle of your book.



18. Leave an old piece of carpet or plastic in the middle of your tidy lawn and pretend not to notice that he's hiding under it.
19. When chopping liver, chicken, steak, kidney or ham, always manage to drop a few bits on the kitchen floor without noticing it.
20. Grow eyes on the ends of your toes so you always be alert for tails left lying around on the floor.



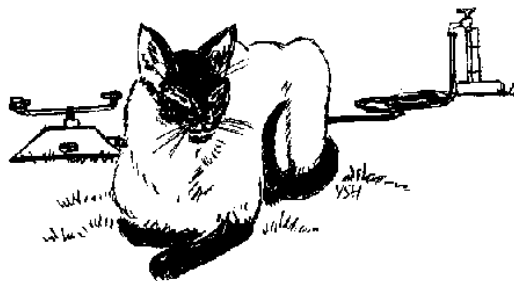
21. Leave all cupboard doors slightly ajar.
22. Do not remove the dead mouse he left in the middle of the kitchen and be prepared to offer extravagant praise for his cleverness in catching the thing.
- 23 Don't put ornaments on top of your television- he likes to lie there on a cold day. 23(update) Get rid of that skinny modern tv and get an old one with a decent space on top.
- 24.Keep little kids with water pistols about ten kilometres away.
25. Keep children with doll's prams and baby clothes about twenty kilometres away.

26. Never call her an 'it'.
27. Never mention the word 'bath' to him. If he likes to prowl round the edge of your bath tub and accidentally falls in, make sure your bed is clean and dry for his use afterwards.
28. Learn to enjoy being woken by a paw in your face.
29. Give an old log pride of place beside the back door so you can pause there several times a day and admire him as he strops his claws.
30. Arrange for the sun to get up early and dry the dew off the grass before he ventures out.
31. Instruct all visitors to pay attention to him
32. Wear dark clothing so that his hairs show clearly all over you, labelling you as his possession.
33. On a wet day arrange for him to have a seat by the window so he can watch the birds flying by and the raindrops sliding down the pane.

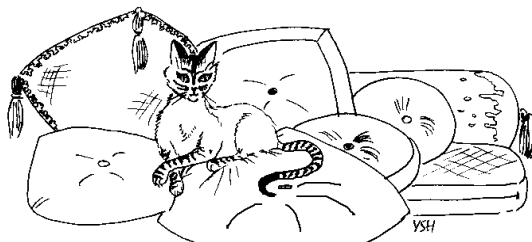




34. Make her feed time ten minutes earlier each day so she will not be kept waiting. And if she turns up for dinner three hours too early- change all your clocks.
35. Set aside the middle of your best rug in the middle of the lounge for feeding him.
36. Never put down newspaper for her to eat from.
37. Make sure all the cardboard boxes in the house are empty; it's uncomfortable for a little cat to have to curl up on lumpy things such as bottles.
38. Don't turn the sprinkler on while he's sleeping near it.



39. Fill your house with beds and couches and lounges all piled high with elegant cushions.



40. Put a ladder up against the side of the house so she can climb up and explore.
41. Lay white carpet and tiles through your house so you can clearly see and admire the delicate pattern of his paw prints.
42. Be prepared to spend fifteen to twenty minutes, several times a day when she wants to be petted. This is a job that must be entered into with full attention and not treated in a cavalier fashion.

43. Don't bother buying cheap cheese for your night time snack. Make it Brie or Tilsit or really mature cheddar. Smoked salmon is nice too.

44. Find a way to kill fleas without the use of combs, powders, pills, washes or collars.

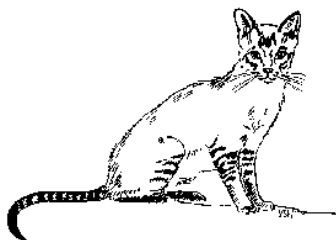


45. If you build something new give her time to thoroughly inspect it and give her approval.

46. Provide him with a large tree or telephone pole he can get stuck at the top of it and become the centre of attention as half the neighbourhood spends all day trying to get him down.

47. Leave your car door open for her inspection. That goes for visitor's cars as well.

48. Learn to make your bed around her, moving her from layer to layer as you proceed.



49. Tell him a hundred times a day that he is the most exquisite creature in the world.

50. Keep your car clean and polished so that her paw marks show up clearly.

51. Never leave her alone for more than half a day.

52. Consult him about the subject of travel. If he loves it, take him out often. If he hates it then arrange your family life so you never have to move and never go on holiday.

53. Don't vary your routine- that's her privilege.

54. Leave room on your desk, workbench, potting shed table etc. so he can sit and supervise.

55. Learn to love acupuncture so she can stand on your thigh and knead it... with her claws out.

56. Love him, respect him and never tickle the little hairs inside his ears.



*Written in 1995 or thereabouts when I had two Siamese cats- a seal point male and a tabby point female.  
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