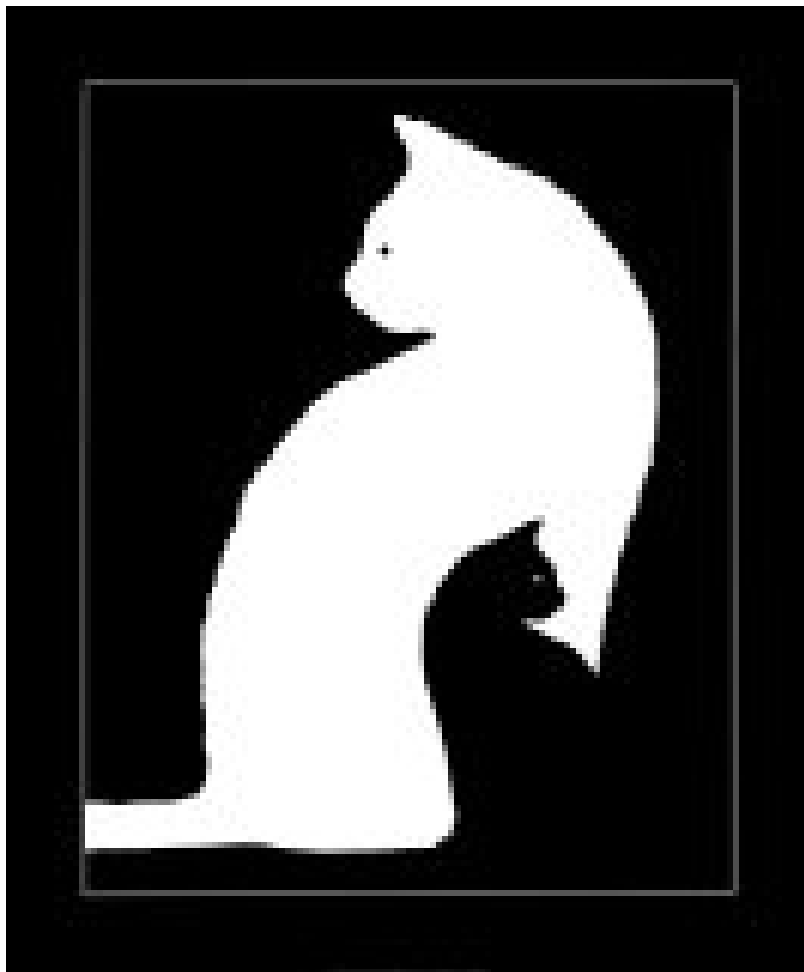


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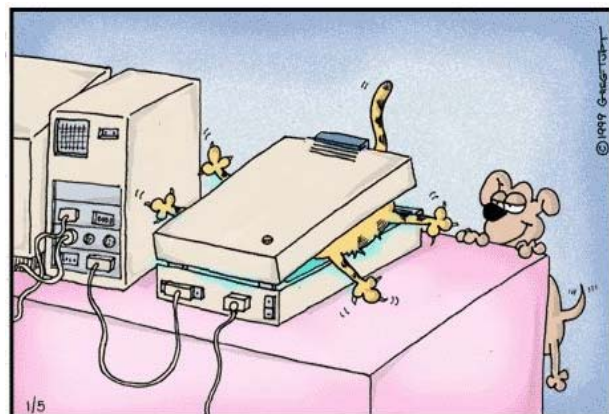
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Two things are aesthetically perfect in the world - the clock and the cat'

Emile Auguste Chartier



"Cat Scan"

Editorial

Welcome to the October 2008 issue of The Scratching Post.

The Scratching Post is now on the SABCCI website www.sabcci.com in colour, under the menu heading 'News'. Let us know if you would prefer to read The Scratching Post on the website instead of by receiving it by post.

Breffni House Pets in Dundrum once again has given us sponsorship so many thanks to them.

So if you're ready, sit back, have a Champagne Cocktail and ENJOY! Karen and Gloria ^..^

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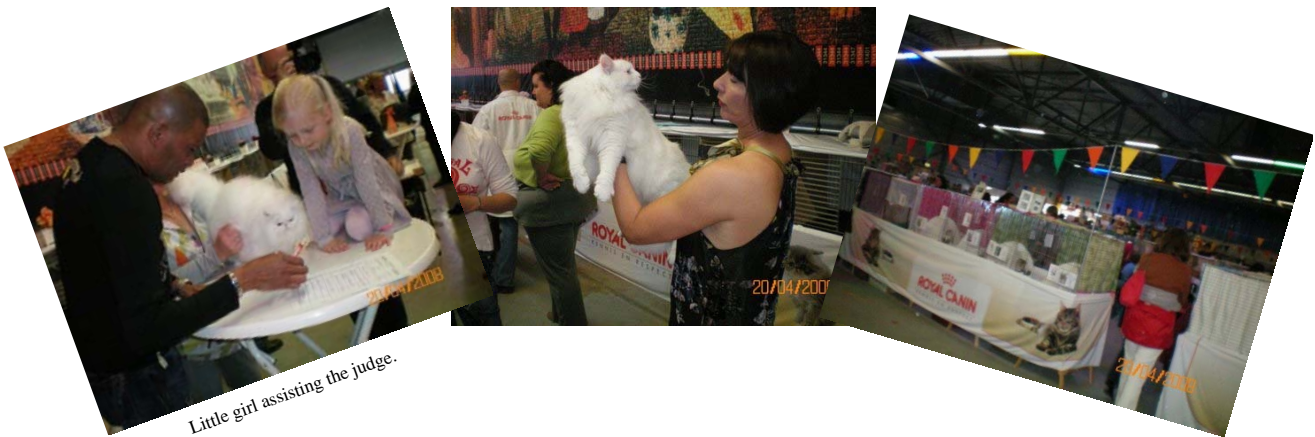
Show Reminder

The 55th SABCCI Championship Show will be held earlier than usual on Sunday the 5th of October in Knocklyon Community Centre, Knocklyon.

Doors open to the public at 12:00 and Best In Show judging from 4:00pm
See you there!

Cat Show in Alkmaar Holland

The Cat Show was in the 'Meent' in Alkmaar in the North of Holland in April 2008. This is an International Cat Show organized by Felikat. There were about 400 cats at the show, which was lively. The cats were judged in rings by 12 judges, some from Holland, others from Sweden, Norway Finland, Belgium and Czechoslovakia.



Little girl assisting the judge.

Competition

Margaret Baker is offering a small prize to the reader who can spot an omission in her article 'The Pedigree - Siamese' in the last issue of The Scratching Post.

Study the captions above these photos and see if you can guess the **show title** which was inadvertently left out.

If you know the answer, send an email to the Editors (email address above) or a post card to 55 Casimir Road, Harolds Cross Dublin 6w. First correct answer received wins the prize!

Pictured below left Ch. Wankee, the first Siamese champion in England, middle the modern Siamese, exemplified by this beautiful Blue Point and right the ultra-modern, Sup. Imp. Gr. Pr. Tianlex Full Monty



The Pedigree - Russian Blue

One is not really sure, where the Russian Blue originated from. Some say it came from Archangel in Russia, hence the name. It is believed that sailors docking at Archangel on the White Sea collected grey cats for sale in Britain. Cats similar to today's breed were often seen at British shows in the late 1800s.

They had yellowish eyes, were heavier and bigger than the modern Russian Blue, and were known not only as Russian Blues but also as Archangel cats and Maltese cats.

At the turn of the century all blue short-haired cats were judged together.



The Russian Blues of those days had deep orange eyes and were distinguished by having longer heads, larger ears and longer bodies than the 'British' Blues. In most cases they were beaten by the cobbler cats, many of whom had been bred from crosses between Russians and Persians and the breed almost disappeared. In 1912 the Russian Blues were granted their own classes and the breed reappeared but this time with green eyes.

Russians should be medium to large-sized shorthair cats that exude elegance. They are most graceful and have been likened to ballerinas, as they appear to be walking on 'points' when they move. Their fur is unusual as it is short, thick and lustrous- like a seal's pelt. It is a typical double coat; this probably derived from the cat's need for warmth in the cold Russian winters. It's head is a short wedge with upright ears, prominent whisker pads and a strong chin. It's eyes almond-shaped and vivid green. Quiet, shy and gentle is probably the best way to sum up the breed.

Russians don't like noisy households as they are somewhat thoughtful and pensive. They tend to become very attached to their owners and are quite content to be confined indoors as long as they have the company of their preferred human.

Test Your Knowledge

1. Who declared the cat to be a 'Diabolical Creature'?
2. Which breed of cat is also often referred to as the swimming cat?
3. Which breed of cat is also referred to as the living room leopard?
4. Which breed of cat was once described as An unnatural, nightmare kind of cat?
5. Nearly all breeders of which cat breed, name their cats according to which year they are born?
6. Which breed of cat is said to possess a non fighting instinct?
7. Which gene do all breeds of domestic cat carry?
8. On which island was a jawbone of a cat, dated to 6000 BC, found?
9. Which foodstuff contains the compound theobromine, safe for humans, possibility deadly for cats?
10. Which large, fearsome, now extent members of the cat family are best known as Smilodons?



Answers on page 13



After scolding one's cat, one looks into its face and is seized by the ugly suspicion that it understood every word and has filed it for reference'

Charlotte Gray



Habits of Highly Effective Cats



Ankle Surfing - Once your human is up and about, attach yourself to his or her ankles as they go about their tasks. Your side or tail must remain in contact with his or her ankle at all times. This has the following effects:

- a) Wherever they go, you go - thus ensuring nothing is hidden from you.
- b) You are demonstrating your devotion and attachment
- c) If he or she treads on you, you can exploit their guilt
- d) It says, loud and clear, "I need something!" - it's then up to you to identify what exactly it is that you need.

Take care that you don't trip your human - it is a wise precaution to temporarily detach yourself from ankles while he or she negotiates stairs.

Tail Flirting - In this respect, tailless or bobtailed cats will be at a disadvantage while those gifted with long fur will have an added advantage. It is well known by cats that humans are not too good at reading our more subtle tail signals. However, most of them can recognise the upright, slightly a-quiver tail of greeting. Take care that it cannot be mistaken for spraying - a trait they dislike greatly, being cursed with a poor sense of smell unable to appreciate scent messages. Practice tail fluttering when greeting your human, when being fed and when ankle surfing. If possible, practice walking, trotting and bounding (to greet your human) with tail aloft.

Looking Cute - Never underestimate the power of looking cute! Wide eyes and pricked ears and whiskers with your head cocked slightly to one side is almost guaranteed to provoke the "ooh" reaction, especially from younger members of the household. Learn from kittens - they frequently get away with all manner of misdeeds on the strength of being unspeakably cute. Mature cats should, of course, avoid misdeeds (as far as is felinely possible), but accidents can and do happen. Many a canny cat has avoided chastisement by simply being "too cute to be cross with".



Musical Cats



The normal night-time caterwauling of cats is not generally considered a musical experience, but nevertheless cats are known to have inspired several great musicians. When the Italian composer Domenico Scarlatti left the lid of his harpsichord raised one day, his cat Pulcinella walked up and down the keys, giving him, so the story goes, the idea for the sonata that is now popularly known as "The Cat's Fugue".

Sometimes cats themselves took part in musical performances – a "Cat's Opera" was presented in London in 1758 featuring cats trained by a man called Bisset. Similarly, groups of cats have been exhibited at various times as felines choirs, or *miaulique* shows, as one Paris showman billed them. We can only speculate as to how they sounded.

The best known musical cats are probably the pair of females heard singing in Rossini's *Duetto Buffo dei due Gatti* (Comic Duet for Two Cats), meowing their way up and down the scales. Maurice Ravel had many cats and in his opera *L'Enfant les Sortilèges*, the Tom Cat and She Cat sing a bravura love duet in an authentic sounding feline language, that had been devised by cat loving French author Colette. Paul Bunyan, the American opera by Benjamin Britten and W.H. Auden, is another that features cats – these two are called Moppet and Poppet, and although gifted with human speech, they have a very feline way of singing it. Hans Werner Henze presents his cats anthropomorphically in his opera *The English Cat* so that they do not really sound like cats, and nor do Andrew Lloyd Webber' in the well known songs of his musical, *Cats*, although Gillian Lynne's choreography for the show reflects cat movements.

But what do cats themselves think of all this music? Some certainly have very personal musical tastes. Cody, a cat belonging to composer Henri Sauget was enraptured whenever he heard music by Ravel played on the piano. First he would roll on the floor, then leap into Sauget's lap to lick the pianist's fingers.



The 18th Supreme Cat Show



RDS, Ballsbridge Dublin 4 - the 27th of April, 2008

The 18th Supreme Cat Show took place in the RDS on 27th April 2008. We had an excellent response to our plea for help in running the show and thank most sincerely those exhibitors who responded, especially those volunteering for the first time. It is our hope that this co-operation will be extended to Ronnie Brooks who is the Show Manager for the 2009 Supreme.

The attendance was not as good as the previous year but that is often the way it happens, good one year and not so good next time. Some of our usual exhibitors were unable to attend because of kittens expected or just newly born. It begs the question is this maybe the wrong time to hold the Supreme but then is there a right time? For the organisers there are many considerations such as not breaking the 13 day rule with regard to shows in Northern Ireland and our own club shows. Also Bank Holidays and big events that might detract from the attendance have to be considered.

With thanks to all who joined us in making the 18th Supreme an enjoyable event and apologies for the very poor catering service which was totally beyond our control.

Betty & Sue, Joint Show Managers

Best of Variety Adults

Persian	Hilary Mc Keague's Int.Gr Ch TROUILLORD CORZNA COMOTION
Semi-LH	Trudy Walsh's GR CH KLASSYKLOGS KELTIC KISS
British	Martin O'Sullivan's CH SLIABH XAVNAT
Foreign	Mary Little's PREFERE SYMPHONY
Burmese	Ken & Lorna Taylor's GR CH KYMIAN HENRIETTA
Oriental	No entry
Siamese/Bali	Georgina Goodison's CH CALVOS MYSTIC BELLE

Best of Variety Kittens

Persian	Heather Craig & Alan Bell's SHEERBLISS FINN McCOOL
Semi-LH	Sharon Saville's ISHCUS CAMILLATHECHICKEN
British	No entry
Foreign	Stephen Long's ISMISHA YES VIRGINIA
Burmese	No entry
Oriental	No entry
Siamese/Bali	No entry

Best of Variety Neuters

Persian	Heather Craig & Alan Bell's SHEERBLISS CLOUD DANCER (PR)
Semi-LH	Michael Kierans' CARRICKFERN FIRECRACKER
British	Leah Tennant's PR. CRAIGAN CAMEO (GR PR)
Foreign	Grace Weldon's PONTABY FIAMMA
Burmese	Jennie Finlay's ISHCUS SUGARAND SPICE
Oriental	No entry
Siamese/Bali	Joan Earl's KALISTE NICODEMUS



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Supreme Adult

Trudy Walsh's GR CH KLASSYKLOGS KELTIC KISS

Supreme Kitten

Heather Craig & Alan Bell's SHEERBLISS FINN McCOOL

Supreme Neuter

Jennie Finlay's ISHCUS SUGARAND SPICE

Supreme Exhibit

Jennie Finlay's ISHCUS SUGARAND SPICE

Supreme Non Pedigree

Clodagh O'Leary's BAILEY



Important Notice to Buyers

Issued by the GCCFI
Governing Council of the Cat Fancy of Ireland

It is **strongly** recommended that anybody purchasing a Pedigree kitten should visit the home of the breeder prior to doing so, in order to inspect the mother cat together with her kittens.

When collecting a new kitten, the new Owner **should receive a full set of official papers** from the Breeder, comprising:-

- A **signed** 3 generation Pedigree
- GCCFI – Transfer of Ownership form (pink)
- Vaccination card signed by the Breeder's Veterinary Surgeon confirming that the kitten has been fully vaccinated.
- Copy of Official GCCFI "*Code of Ethics*" (advice for new Owners).

If any new Owner is in doubt about a kitten's Registration status they may contact the GCCFI Registrar at (01) 494 3751

**It Is Recommended That You Do Not Accept
A New Cat/Kitten Without The Correct Documentation**

From Head to Toes



Yoda the 4 Eared Feline

The owners of Yoda, a cat with four ears, could use a couple of extra hands to answer their telephones.

Ted and Valerie Rock said they've been inundated with television offers and media inquiries since their son posted a photo of their smoke-coloured cat on a Web site. That turned the four-eared feline from a suburban animal oddity into an instant Internet celebrity.

The Rocks, from the Chicago suburb of Downers Grove, have fielded calls from TV stations all over. The cat's photo has graced the London Guardian and a British tabloid. The Daily Mail said if Batman had a cat, it would be Yoda.

"It's amazing," Ted Rock said. "For the past few days, our phone has just been ringing off the hook."

Yoda's extra ears give him a hint of a devilish appearance. The Rocks said they found him in 2006 while watching a Chicago Bears game at a Blue Island bar.

Some in the bar were passing the then-eight-week old kitten around, making fun of his extra set of ears, mocking his appearance and calling him names such as "Devil Cat" and "Beelzebub."

It wasn't quite love at first sight, but the Rocks felt sorry for the cat and offered to adopt the kitten from the bar's owner, who kept the animal caged atop the bar for his customers' amusement.

Associated Press.

Extra's a Puss with 26 Toes

Extra the kitten has been aptly named by her owners - she has 26 toes that give her a distinct advantage over her naturally climbing moggie mates.

Her human family noticed there was something different with the 3-month kitten when she started scratching more than the other cats.

'You would sort of want to wear boxing gloves when you play with her' says owner Kaelene Gerrard.

She examined the frisky feline's paws and did a double take at what she found. 'We counted and then recounted but we had it right the first time.'

Extra has 7 toes on each front paw and 6 toes on each back paw. Extra's mother Star is normal but her grandmother and her brother have 6 toes on each paw as well.

Extra is a good climber and runs really fast. Staff at a veterinary clinic in Auckland said Extra's trait is relatively common and an inherited genetic condition called polydactyly. It usually produces six toes, so Extra is that little bit special.

Polydactyly in cats is most common on parts of the United States' east coast and in southwest England. It is a naturally occurring genetic variation and has been found in fossil reptiles. Polydactyly varies from the classic 'mitten cat' - unevenly numbered toes on each front paw - through to those that simply have more toes than normal but no thumbs.

Some cat owners say the innermost extra toes on the front paws are often opposable and some use them quite startling proficiency to manipulate small objects and with almost human dexterity. Others joke that because of the condition their animals are more intelligent, while others feel their cat represents the next stage in feline evolution - the ability to open cartons and tins unaided.

In times past, cats with polydactyly were favoured ship cats and were considered to be the preferred familiars of witches.



Associated Press

The Cat's Amazing Sense of Hearing

To succeed as a hunter the cat developed super-sensitive senses. Just as it is blessed with a superb ability to scent prey, so too does it possess sharp hearing - hearing that has evolved to help it hear the faintest squeaks and rustlings of the rodents it hunts.

Hearing in cats has been studied more than perhaps any other animal. Almost forty years ago it was already known that cats could hear two octaves higher than the human can. Sounds consists of vibrations and these reach the ears as pressure waves of air; it is measured according to the number of vibrations or cycles per second. The higher the number, the higher the pitch, although the pitch also depends on the size or amplitude of the sound.

Once these vibrations reach the cat's ear, they trigger nerve cells in the hearing apparatus, the cochlea, which send messages to the brain where the sounds are analysed. Human beings hear sounds vibrating up to 20,000 cycles per second; dogs her sounds up to 40,000; cats hear sounds vibrating at up to at least 55,000 cycles per second. To be technically accurate, cats have the theoretical ability to hear sound at up to 100,000 cycles per second sounds, that only bats, among the terrestrial mammals, can hear.

To help gather sound the cat's ears are equipped with a dozen special muscles to assist them in rotating through 180 degrees and to cock the ears towards the source of the sound. Each ear catches the tiniest of vibrations and funnels them down the ear canal to the ear drum. In turn the ear drum's vibrations are transmitted through three tiny bones which strengthen the vibrations and pass them on to the cochlea and then into the brain for analysis.

Within their range of sound sensitivity cats can discriminate one tenth of the tone. They can discriminate with 75% accuracy between two sounds coming from sources that are only 5 degrees apart. They can do this because their brains can calculate that sounds are arriving at slightly different times or with slightly different intensities at each ear. The brain doesn't actually measure the delay but rather simply detects the difference between the two nerve signals it receives. Turning the ears in different directions helps the cat to pick up the faintest of sounds.

The fact cats can hear over ten octaves and can distinguish between two notes differing by only one tenth of a tone could be the reason why so many writers describe the 'ecstasy of purring', that certain cats emit as they settle into a lap and apparently listen to music. Their hearing ability also enables cats to tell the sound of one car from another.

Just as in the case of human beings, cat's ability to hear high notes diminishes with age, although they might be able to compensate by becoming extra sensitive to touch vibrations felt through their feet. Cats readily and easily learn to recognize certain sounds, a knock on the door, the squeak of the fridge opening, the sound of a can opener and, of course the names we give them. It's a sort of language. Language recognition can apply in both directions.

The Cat's Mind - Dr B Fogle

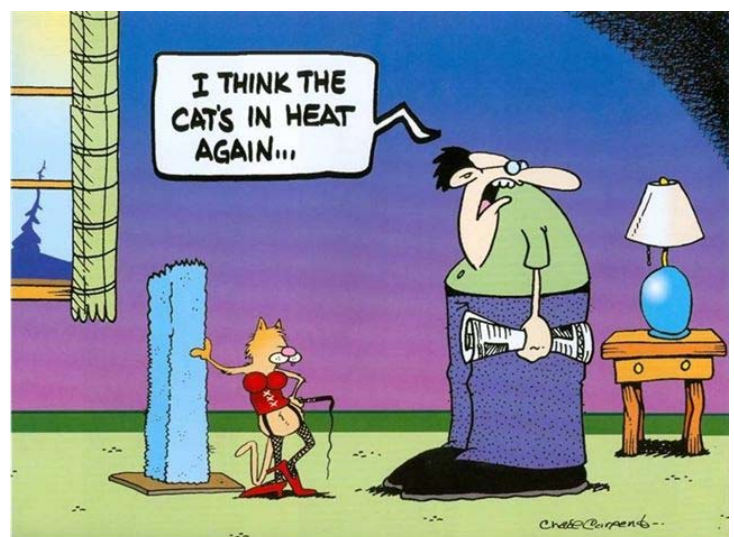


Cat Legend

There is no Cat in the Chinese zodiac. However, as the Chinese legend goes, the Rat had the task of inviting the animals to the Jade Emperor's palace, where it was to be decided which of them would be chosen for the zodiac. Unfortunately, the Rat forgot to invite the Cat, with the result that the Cat has been the Rat's sworn enemy ever since.

The clever cat eats cheese and breathes down rat-holes with baited breath.

WC Fields



The Catwalk

Elsie -

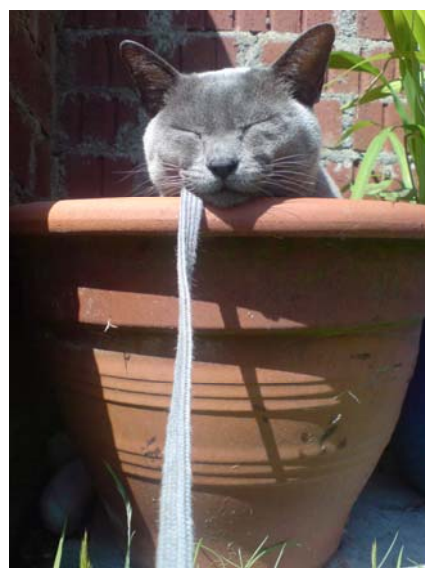


My Fair Lady
of the garden

T. Forshaw, Dublin

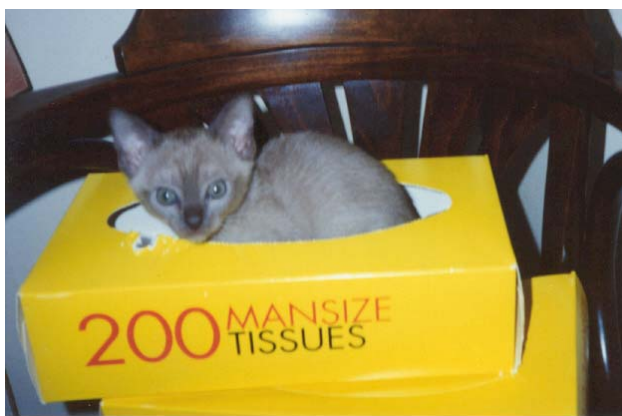
Yoko -

Cat in a pot - the new
variety in Blue Burmese.



A. Smith, Dublin

Boom -



Your not having
these tissues, they
are mine!

K. Sluiters, Dublin

The Catwalk



Midge -

Do you really think you are going to get anything out of my drawer?

A. Rosse, USA



Zena -

A real warrior. Zena, a rescue kitten, is blind in one eye and only slight vision in the other. But things have turned around for her with her new human Erica, feline friend Pippin and Mr Rabbit.

E. McKerrow, Dublin



Reina -

When the going gets tough, the tough go shopping

V. Labrada, Dublin



Obesity in Cats

Lately tone sees more and more about obese cats. Below is an article from petstyle.com on obesity.

Obesity is the number one nutritional disease in cats. Approximately 40% of cats are medically obese. Obesity is defined as being 20 percent or more over the ideal body weight. The best way to tell if your cat is obese is by feeling the ribs. You should be able to touch the sides of your cat and feel each individual rib. Not to the point that the rib is jutting out, but to the point that you can feel the ribs underneath the skin and a small layer of fat. You should also be able to follow each rib up to the spine. If you can't feel your cat's ribs or follow them up to the spine, your cat is overweight.

Being overweight can cause a pet to be at risk for medical problems such as diabetes, cardiovascular disease, respiratory disease, liver disease, greater surgical/anaesthetic risk, and musculoskeletal/joint dysfunction. Cats eat a certain number of calories per day. They also exercise (play etc.) to burn a certain number of calories per day. If they take in more calories than they expend they will gain weight. As it is difficult to put your cat on a diet (especially if you have multiple cats in the same household) it is always easier to not let your pet get obese in the first place.

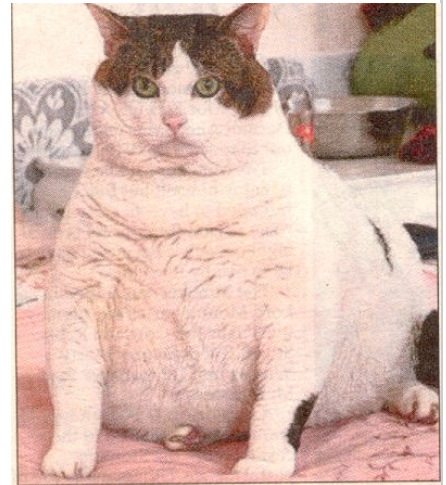
Cats who are obese are usually overweight for 1 or more of the following 4 reasons;

- Overeating or improper eating
- Lack of exercise
- Genetic predisposition
- Hormone imbalances

If you think that your cat has a hormonal condition, such as hypothyroidism, which is causing the weight problem you should take your cat to the vet for a diagnosis.

Symptoms to look for;

- Unable to feel ribs to the touch
- Fat deposits over back, tail, thorax and spine
- Absence of discernable waist
- No abdomen tuck
- Abdominal distention



If your cat is overweight for a hormonal or medical reason your veterinarian will propose treatment to deal with the disease first, which should help the weight problem.

If your cat is obese due to simply overeating or under exercising then it is time for a diet! Please note that you should consult your vet before beginning any diet program for your pet. Here are some types of diets that your pet might be put on: 1) Put your cat on a low-calorie high-volume food. This will help fill your cat's stomach while giving him/her less calories. 2) Start giving your pet smaller portions as well. This may be more difficult if you have multiple cats or if your cats are allowed to eat using a self-feeding method. 3) Try to cut back on treats and table food. If you do still want to give occasional treats you may want to have your vet recommend some lower calorie ones. Just as people still like an occasional treat while on a diet, so do cats! 4) Make sure your cat gets plenty of exercise and play time. You may even want to give your cat some extra exercise and playtime to help burn a little more of that fat and those calories!

It is easiest if your cat never gets overweight in the first place so try to keep your cat at a healthy weight at all times. Feed him/her a high quality, low-calorie, high-fiber food and make sure that your cat gets plenty of exercise.

“A Cat’s Little Instruction Book” No 174 -

Always make sure the lid is down on the toilet before jumping on it.

The Herbert Street Gang

Just before Christmas 2007, I got a phone call from a member of Cat's Aid. Apparently there was a colony of feral cats living at the back of an apartment block in Herbert Street, they were being fed by a lady called Nicky, but Nicky was going down the country for Christmas and they were looking for someone to feed them over the holiday and as I was the nearest member, I was volunteered.

I rang Nicky for more information on the cats, she thought there was about 2 or 3 adults and a litter of 5 kittens, when she described the adults they sounded like a couple of wild cats that sometimes came to my garden at night looking for food, I had named the black and white female Mother P, (she had previously brought an adult kitten with her occasionally) and the tabby and white tom cat I had named Charlie.

I duly fed them over the Christmas and realised there were a lot more than Nicky realised, Mother P, Charlie, 3 semi adult tabby and white kittens about 8 months old, a very large much battered black and white tom and a litter of five approximately six week old kittens, so quite a lot of mouths to be fed.

Being Christmas they did well on lots of leftovers and I fed them every day for about two weeks until Nicky came back, I could not afford to feed them full time as I already have 3 cats and a dog myself, but agreed to feed them each weekend.

I now have got to know them as individuals and of course they each have their own personalities, Charlie is the laid back Big Daddy type, he holds back from the food till the others get their share.

Mother P seems to be very good mother as her kittens look really well; the battered old tom looks like he has been in the wars, lots of battle scars. The three semi adult tabby and white kittens are very wild and shy, very handsome cats with beautiful coats. The younger kittens have become used to me coming and don't run away now, they even know the sound of my car and come running out to greet me.

My favourite is Eric, he is the friendliest, almost a twin for Erica, they have identical markings on the face, Eric has a little more white on his nose and is now bigger being male. Eric will allow me to pet him now and will chat back to me, with a bit of effort he could be tamed for re-homing. The runt of the litter is Timmy a solid black exotic looking male, he is very timid and hangs back at feeding time till I have gone to come out for his share. Nine months on, they know me well and come when called for their food, sometimes there is food left for them by someone unknown, so they are doing really good and looking in terrific condition.

Nicky and a friend of hers have been trapping the cats since Christmas and getting them spayed at her own expense, a couple of the litter of five have been tamed and re homed, the others have been put back with a nick in the ear to show they have been spayed.

Two of the larger Tabby and white ones seemed to cope well with the trapping and spaying, but one in particular obviously holds very bad memories of the experience, as she has turned in to Hellcat, I never saw such a display of temper in any cat before, she really means business, when I go to feed her she hisses and spits and flies at me, I certainly wouldn't like to have to catch her.

I worry about them going out onto the road but can't do anything about that, they seem to hang around the grounds of the apartments and sleep under the ivy and undergrowth in the corner of the garden, as wilds cats go; they have a good life, plenty of food and no more unwanted litters. Thanks to Nicky and her dedication to cats.

Valerie Reynolds

A California family says the unusual markings on one of their kittens, proves the kitty's love for its mother. Take a close look at the side of the cat -- on its fur you can see the message "I Love Dot." The family says the name of the kitten's mother is Dottie -- and the message of love is for her. The unique kitten was one of a litter of six.

Press



Answers to Quiz on page 4

1. Pope Gregory IX
2. Turkish Van
3. Bengal
4. Siamese
5. Birman
6. Ragdoll
7. The tabby gene
8. Cyprus
9. Chocolate
10. Saber Toothed Tiger

Cats' Tails



The Grand Entrance

Friend or Foe?



Foe!



Well, I'm waiting

A cat's tail is used primarily to maintain balance, and it contains almost 10% of the total number of bones in its body. The domestic cat is the only species of a cat able to hold its tail up vertical while walking.

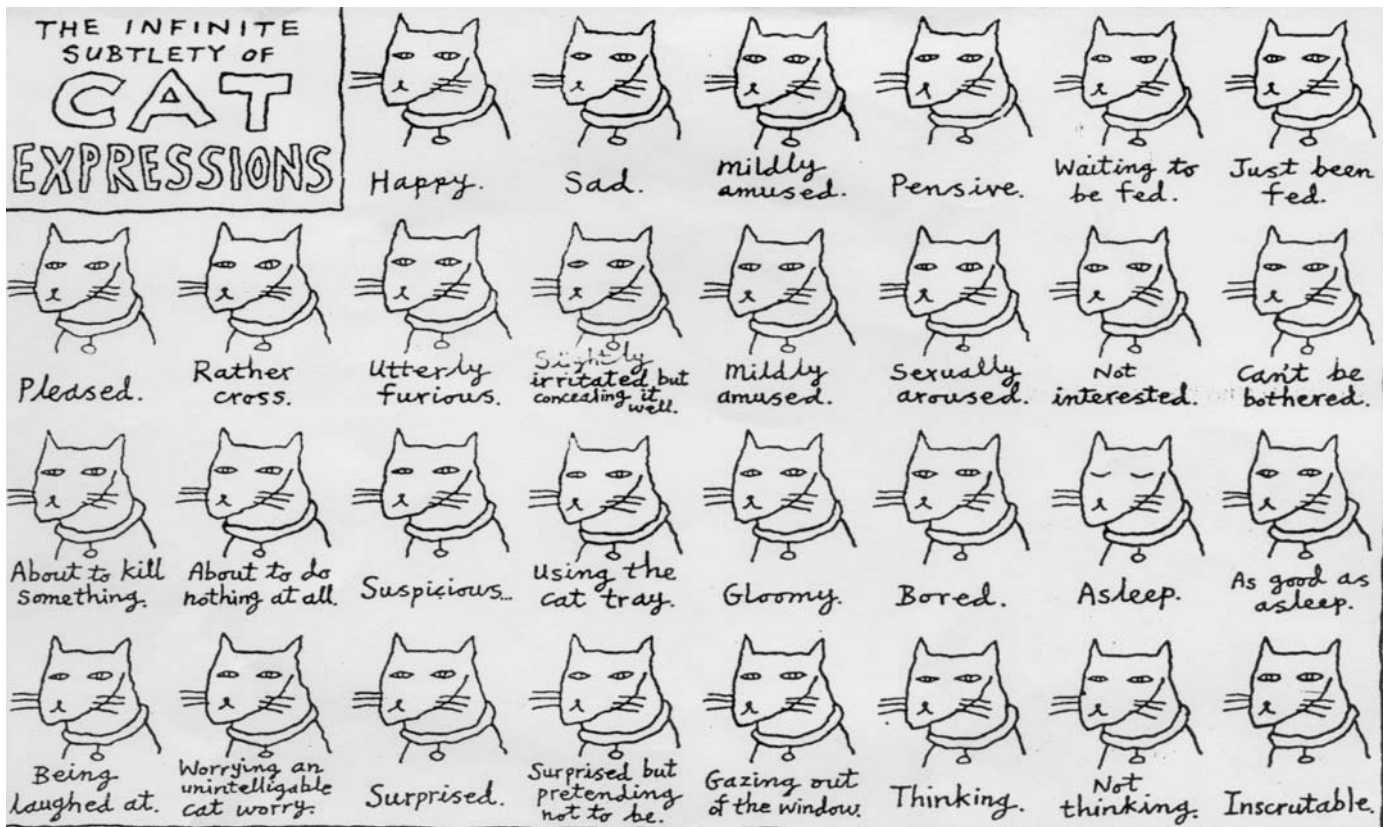
When a cat winds its tail around something or someone, it is a sign of affection.

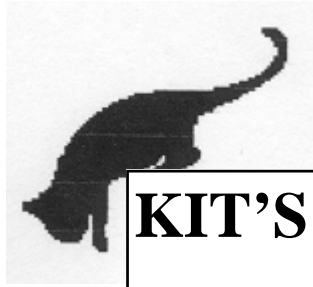
The tail plays a vital role in the 'righting reflex', the instinctive ability that allows a cat to rotate whilst falling and enabling it to land on its feet.

Something of a cat's mood can be read in its tail. A tail held high shows happiness, while twitching tail is a warning sign, and a tail tucked close to the body is a sign of insecurity or fear.

Top Ten Signs That You Are A "Crazy Cat Person"

1. Your colleagues no longer ask how your weekend was. Instead they ask how your cats are doing.
2. People at work have stopped offering you their lint brushes. They realize it's hopeless anyway.
3. When you get your latest roll of film developed, there's not a single human being in the pictures.
4. There are kitty litter boxes in every room of your apartment.
5. Your personal motto is: "You can never have enough cats."
6. You buy more than 60 pounds of cat litter a month.
7. You'd rather watch hours of boring infomercials than disturb the cat sleeping on the remote
8. You choose your friends based on how well your cats like them.
9. You are lost for conversation with non-cat people.
10. You introduce your cats by name to the pizza delivery guy.





KIT'S KORNER



Colour Me

The Final Miaow

As you can see we have come to the end of our newsletter and we hope you found it interesting and enjoyable. Many thanks to everyone who sent us material and photos for the CATWALK.

We can always do with more photographs and stories, so please keep sending us more.

Many thanks to our sponsor **Breffni House Pets** who will be at SABCCI Show on the 5th of October. Don't forget to come and pay his stand a visit.

**Remember - The SABCCI 55th Championship Show on the 5th of October
at the Knocklyon Community Centre, Knocklyon**

Doors open to the public 12:00 to 5:00 - Best In Show starting at 4:00

See you all at the show! ^..^

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See You on the 5th of October!



Good Luck to All Exhibitors on Show Day

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