



Newsletter

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Editorial

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After the bumper June newsletter it has been difficult finding suitable material (members where is your input!!!) for this issue. The Trophy Stakes took up a lot of time to finalise and type out and these are printed herein. The owners of the winners have proudly provided write-ups of their cats. Congratulations to all the breeders and owners of the winners. I am far, far from being a computer boffin and although the points are done on an Excel spreadsheet, I manually copy it over into the Word Document (I said I was

not a computer wizz!!). As my eyesight is not what it used to be I have difficulty reading the print on the Excel document so my apologies for any errors especially in names/titles/breed codes etc. However, please let me know of any errors you do pick-up so that I can make sure my computer records are correct. Thanks to Elizabeth van Renen who tidied up my setting out of the results. Charlotte and Charlene have provided write-ups of their weekend at COTY in Kimberley. We were all pleased

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on hearing that Charlotte's Black Oriental boy, Sup Ch Xtreme Dream Sultan Chan *SK of Mai-Thai was adjudged joint best exhibit at COTY. Congratulations Charlotte and Mamba.

The Fab CatCare journal has again come to the rescue with an article on the 'Feeding behaviour of cats' as well as a few bits and pieces which I felt were of interest. Hope that you enjoy them.

Thanks again to Charlotte, who with her extremely busy schedule has again kindly set out and collated this Newsletter.

I again ask whether there is a



Sup Ch San-Shing's Baby Tjoklits NQ RW, Chocolate Point Siamese female, owned and bred by Paul & Tania Prime Photo: Krystle Callaghan

member out there willing to take on the task of Editor. PLEASE give me a call.

In closing I must mention Paul and Tania's amazing feat of taking best Entire, Neuter and Kitten (and then obviously Cat of the Day) with San-Shing Siamese at the Western

Province Cat Club show on 25/8/2012. Congratulations to them on a wonderful feat and a fitting end to a very successful show season for San-Shing.

Till next time!

Temp 'Ed

New Members

The following new member was welcomed into the Group since the last newsletter. Michelle, we trust that you will enjoy a long and mutually beneficial association with the Group.

Michelle Nicholson (Durban)

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Create a virtual mog-gie

A new free iPhone app, launched by Cats Protection, allows you to create and play with a virtual feline friend. My-Mog is also available for iPod Touch and iPad. You create your own digital cat with your chosen colours, style and facial expressions and can then kit it out with accessories, such as glasses or a top hat, and place it in different locations. Stroking the cat by running your fingers across the screen will result in a purr (if you do it properly) or a hiss (if you do don't). Your virtual cat can be uploaded onto Facebook or Twitter to share with friends.

Fast response eyes

Cats' eyes are amazing instruments – they enable cats to pick up tiny movements to locate their prey and give them great night vision for hunting. One of the keys to this is the pupil which can be wide open or closed down to a very thin slit. In this way the eye can control the amount of



World first: Crystal the African black-footed cat

light which falls on the very light-sensitive retina. It was thought that the opening and closing of the iris was controlled by nerve signals between the eye and the brain to resize the pupil. It has now been found that a light-sensitive pigment can do this job as well. Scientists traced the effect to melanopsin, a pigment which is already known to play a similar role in other mammals that are active at night and has also been found in birds, fish and amphibians. It may provide such mammals with an additional method of making the pupil smaller and protecting the eye if suddenly exposed to light.

Saving a species

A kitten called Crystal made history in February this year. She is an endangered African black-footed cat, but her mother was an ordinary housecat who was used as a surrogate. Nine-year-old frozen sperm from wild cats was used to create embryos which were transplanted by IVF into the domestic cat. The African black-footed cat is not only the smallest of the continent's cats, it is also one of the rarest, with fewer than 10,000 remaining, due to loss of habitat in their native Southern Africa. The experiment was carried out at the Audubon Centre for research of Endangered Species in New Orleans.

Show Results Roundup July - August 2012

Detailed below are the Siamese, owned or bred by members, which were the top Siamese exhibits at the shows during the second half of the 2012 show season. Congratulations to all the owners and breeders.

EASTERN CAPE CAT CLUB 11/7/2012

Cat of the Day & Best Siamese Neuter

Sup Pr Wizz Billy the Kid

Seal Point Neuter
owned & bred by Rita Wiseman



Runner-up Cat of the Day & Best Siamese Kitten

Ch Taldi Alaska

Lilac Point Female owned & bred by Ian Taylor & Johan Groenewald



PROVINCIAL CAT SOCIETY 7/7/2012

Best Siamese Adult

Ch Michele's Muckle

Lilac Tabby Point Female
bred by Michele Fleischman



Best Siamese Neuter

Sup Pr Michele's Motaza of Quizzipaws



Chocolate Tabby Point Neuter
bred by Michele Fleischman

Runner-up Cat of the Day & Joint Best Siamese Kitten

Michele's Mozilla

Blue Tortie Tabby Point Female
Owned & bred by Michele Fleischman

ALL BREEDS CAT CLUB 14/7/2012

Cat of the Day & Best Siamese Adult

Sup Ch San-Shing's Baby Tjoklits

Chocolate Point Female
owned & bred by Paul & Tania Prime

Best on Show Neuter Qualifier

Gr Pr Mutti's Stripe It Lucky

Caramel Tabby Point Male Neuter
Owned & bred by Marlene van Dyk



Best on Show Kitten Qualifier
San-Shing's Ravens Pass

Seal Point Male Neuter
bred by Paul & Tania Prime

Best on Show Kitten Qualifier & Best Siamese Kitten on Show

San-Shing's Fidel Castro

Seal Point Male Neuter
owned & bred by Paul & Tania Prime

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WORLD OF CATS AND DOGS 20/7/2012

Best Siamese Adult

Sup Ch Siamlove Lexie

Seal Point Female

Owned and bred by Elizabeth van Renen

8th Best Cat on Show & Best Siamese Kitten

Siamlove Kwan-Jai

Seal Point Male Kitten

Bred by Elizabeth van Renen



WORLD OF CATS AND DOGS 21- 22/7/2012

10th Best Cat on Show

Mokee Bibi of Westwood

Seal Tabby Point Female

Bred by Jane Vermeulen



WESTERN PROVINCE CAT CLUB 25/8/2012

Cat of the Day & Best Adult on Show & Best Siamese Adult

Sup Ch San-Shing's Baby

Tjoklits NQ

Chocolate Point Female

owned & bred by Paul & Tania Prime

Best Kitten on Show

San-Shing's Shinji

Caramel Point Neuter

bred by Paul & Tania Prime

San-Shing's Ravens Pass

Seal Point Neuter

bred by Paul & Tania Prime



Best on Show Kitten Qualifier & Best Siamese Kitten

San-Shing's Fidel Castro

Seal Point Neuter

bred by Paul & Tania Prime



PROVINCIAL CAT SOCIETY TOP SHOW CAT 1/9/2012

Second Place

Ch Michele's Muckle RQ

Lilac Tabby Point Female

bred by Michele Fleischman

EASTERN CAPE CAT CLUB 29/9/2012

Cat of the Day & Cat No.1 & Best Siamese Neuter

Sup Pr Wizz Billy the Kid

Seal Point Male Neuter

owned & bred by Rita Wiseman

Cat No.3 & Best Siamese Adult

Ch Taldi Alaska

Lilac Point Female owned & bred by Ian Taylor & Johan Groenewald

Cat No.4

Sup Ch Pretty von Hestemaas of Taldi (Imp)

Seal Tortie Point Female

owned by Ian Taylor & Johan Groenewald



Cat No.5

Sup Pr Wizz Sundance Kid

Chocolate Point Male Neuter

owned & bred by Rita Wiseman



All show results and photo's at <http://siamesebreedersgroup.weebly.com>

Cat of the Year 2012

by Charlotte van der Riet

I am writing this as a very proud breeder of my second COTY qualifier Tr Sup Pr Mai -Thai's Catsanova NQ RQ aka "Katzo". Katzo's owner, Charlene Du Toit and I drove up to Kimberly to compete in Cat of the Year on 11 August. My Black Oriental stud Sup Ch Xtreme Dream Sultan Chan *SK of Mai-Thai (Imp) aka "Mamba" qualified as one of the top 8 Entires in the Western Cape so Charlene and I decided to make it a road trip!

The venue was the Horse-shoe Inn, not too far from the city centre and airport. We arrived a day early so that we could settle the "boys" and go visit the vets – Charlene selling her Chic-Katz toys and myself as sales representative for a veterinary wholesaler company. My main concern was trying to finish my COTY charms – black snakes sewn on my faithful Elna sewing machine which I brought along as I had not finished my charms before the run-up to COTY. Charlene and I spent the evening before COTY frantically trying to get these finished . . . On the morning of COTY, we benched our boys into the lovely new Royal Canin show cages, which we were allowed to take home at the end of the day. I helped Charlene set up her Chic-Katz stall in the foyer.

Judging went well with each exhibitor presenting their cats to each of the judges – Gail Nel from SACC, South Africa, Andreas Kretschmer-Kraiczek from WCF Germany, Aline Noel-Garel from TICA Canada and Ngaio Crawley from SACC, South Africa. We also had professional pics taken by Theresa Fouche for the magazines.



In the evening we attended the gala dinner and awards ceremony. Here are the results of the Siamese owned/bred by SBG members:

21st Neuter – Tr Sup Pr Mai-Thai's Catsanova NQ RQ (Seal Tabby Point male neuter) owned by Charlene Du Toit and bred by Charlotte van der Riet

3rd Neuter – Gr Pr Wizz Sundance Kid (Chocolate Point male neuter) owned and bred by Rita Wiseman

2nd Neuter – Sup Pr Wizz Billy the Kid (Seal Point male neuter) owned and bred by Rita Wiseman

15th Entire – Sup Ch Taldi Mi-Kayla-Rose of Von Lee's (Lilac Point female) owned by Lee-Ann Driessel and bred by Johan Groenewald & Ian Taylor

7th Entire - Sup Ch San-Shing's Baby Tjoklits (Chocolate Point female) owned and bred by Paul & Tania Prime

13th Kitten – San-Shing's Kings Best (Caramel Point male neuter) bred by Paul & Tania Prime

11th Kitten - San-Shing's Ravens Pass (Seal Point male neuter) bred by Paul & Tania Prime

9th Kitten - San-Shing's Gallant Man (Seal Point male neuter) bred by Paul & Tania Prime

Congratulations to all those members who made it to COTY and for flying the Siamese flag high once again!

On a personal note, my "Mamba" went on to win Best Entire and joint overall COTY winner to my absolute amazement! Thanks to his breeder Andrea Bednarova (Slovakia) for this achievement. A true honour for me to be able to own a COTY winner

Cat of the Year 2012 by Charlene Du Toit



After just missing COTY 2011 I thought that Katzo had reached the end of his show career. However, in the run-up to Cape Top Cat 2011 he did extremely well and started 2012 on enough points to make me reconsider. He eventually qualified 3rd out of the 8 neuters that represented the Western Cape at COTY.

Charlotte van der Riet and I travelled to Kimberley together - in a car packed to the roof with Chic-Katz toys, cats and luggage! After four hours of typical Siamese moaning and groaning I gave in at Beaufort West and in desperation opened the door of his carrier. He spent a few minutes on my lap and eventually set-

tled on top of Mamba's carrier, counting the white lines being spit out by the car!

We had no idea how the two cats - a neuter and a stud - would get along, and we were prepared to have them caged for the weekend, which is exactly what we did on arrival at the Horseshoe Inn. But we soon realised that we could probably let them out. Mamba



went straight in under the nearest bed and Katzo happily explored every corner of the room. In the early hours of the next morning Mamba finally ventured out from underneath the bed and decided that he would like to know Katzo better. Apart from the odd hiss or slap when Mamba tried to examine Katzo's backside too closely, the two boys became best buddies within no time and ended up cuddling together in the same bed!



The event itself was a wonderful experience and the Northern Cape crowd pulled out all the stops to ensure an amazing day. Katzo was eventually placed 21st out of the 30 neuters participating at COTY and I was particularly pleased with the fact that he was placed 12th and 13th respectively by the two overseas judges!

Although Katzo is now retired he might be back in the ring at some stage during the new year to get him those extra two certificates that will take him to 50 Supreme Certificates. My sincere thanks to his breeder, Charlotte van der Riet, for entrusting me with this wonderful child!



Cape Top Cat 2012

This year Cape Top Cat was a more muted affair, with no late night awards party. This was mainly due to the booking of the chosen venue, the Claremont Civic Centre, being lost at almost the 11th hour. The organising committee, however, got the show on the road and everything ran smoothly. The theme, musical cats/cats and music, was well presented in the hall decorations and the decorated cages. The results were announced shortly after the show closed and this was followed by an enjoyable and relaxing cocktail party.

Congratulations to Paul, Tania and Matthew Prime who rounded off an immensely successful show year with their Chocolate Point girl, Sup Ch San-Shing's Baby Tjoklits NQ RW, being adjudged best entire. Their breeding also did very well. San-Shing's Raven's Pass (Seal Point) was best kitten, San-Shing's Kings Best (Caramel Point) was 3rd best kitten and San-Shing's Gallant Man (Seal Point) was 4th best kitten. Charlene du Toit's Seal Tabby Point, Tr Sup Pr Mai-Thai's Catsanova NQ RQ, was placed 8th in the neuter section.

Well done to you all!

AND THE WINNERS ARE . . .

BEST KITTEN



San-Shing's Ravens Pass
Seal Point Male neuter
owned & bred by Paul & Tania Prime

BEST ENTIRE



Sup Ch San-Shing's Baby Tjoklits
Chocolate Point Female
owned & bred by Paul & Tania Prime

3rd BEST KITTEN



San-Shing's Kings Best
Caramel Point Male neuter
owned & bred by Paul & Tania Prime

2012 CAPE TOP CAT

8TH BEST NEUTER



Tr Sup Pr Mai-Thai's Catsanova NQ RQ
Seal Tabby Point Male Neuter
Owned by Charlene Du Toit
Bred by Charlotte van der Riet

4TH BEST KITTEN



San-Shing's Gallant Man
Seal Point Male neuter
owned & bred by Paul & Tania Prime

In Memoriam

SUP PR MUTTI'S PINKIE BOY NQ

4 June 2000 - 14 May 2012



He was bred from Gr Ch Tamarind's Fabian and Gr Ch Mutti's Sno-Petal. I had no intention of keeping him. He was booked to go to a couple who had to cancel as they were relocating to the UK, so Pinkie Boy stayed. He did surprisingly well on show and made Cat of the Year twice. He had the most endearing nature, very affectionate and friendly. He loved to do somersaults on the carpet probably for attention which he loved. The day he passed away was horrendous. I was out for half an hour and on returning found him dead on the floor. There was nothing wrong with him when I left. My vet came down immediately when I phoned him, and the cause was a heart attack. It was such a shock. He is sorely missed in my house and will never be forgotten.

Rest in Peace Pinkie Boy.

Marlene van Dyk

Trophy Stakes 2012

Western Cape Stud of the Year

CH SHERLAH MAFDET JACK THE LAD (IMP)

Being an admirer for many years of the Siamese type produced by a select few in England, I extensively researched those breeders with lines compatible with what we already had. I then went to visit them and was not disappointed! Jack was genetically and phenotypically selected from years of lengthy careful planning.

His offspring have proved his worth and have achieved the highest awards and status in all spheres, too many to list here.

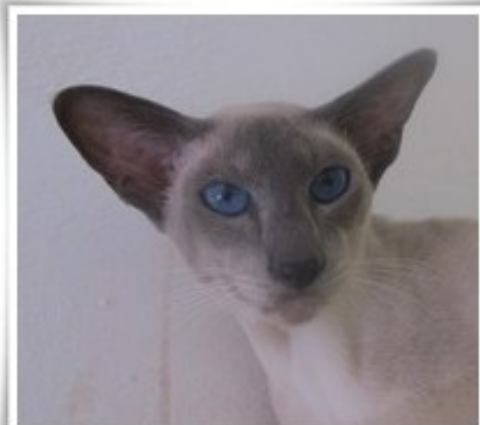
He is the most laid back gentle pale coated Seal Point boy who loves to snuggle in the sun with his kittens!

Lynel Du Toit

Stud of the Year

	NAME OF CAT	BREED	OWNER	TOTAL SCORE	NO OF SHOWS
1	SUP CH Lucca von Hestemaas of Taldi (Imp)	SIA06Pt	J Groenewald/ I Taylor	426	6
2	CH Sherlah Mafdet Jack the Lad (Imp)	SIA05Pt	L du Toit	380	6
3	SUP CH Taldi Okonor Hermes (Imp)	SIA05Pt	J Groenewald / I Taylor	306	4
4	GR CH Mafdet Marchello of San-Shing (Imp)	SIA05Pt	P & T Prime	284	6
5	CH Samoa Gem's Catonic of Michele's	SIA7Pt	M Fleischman	174.5	4
6	Wideskies Sailor Boy of Michele's	SIA05Tp	M Fleischman	158.5	3
7	SUP CH San-Shing's Prince of Jewel (dec)	SIA05Pt	C Coutinho & B Webber	124.5	5
8	SUP CH Mai-Thai Koosje van Tutte's Alive and Kitting (Imp) (dec)	SIA05Tp	C van der Riet	106	6
9	SUP CH Roysterer Snowfun of Mutti's (Imp)	SIA08Pt	M van Dyk	100	6
10	GR CH Michele's Merritt	SIA12Pt	M Fleischman	78.5	3
11	SUP CH Michele's Manville	SIA05Pt	M Fleischman	69.5	3
12	SUP CH MyEden's Mauritius of Dell O'reade (Imp)	SIA06Pt	T & I Perestrelo	67	6
13	CH Catkin Thunder Cloud of La Montanara (dec)	SIA06Pt	H Hoffman	60.5	3
14	SUP CH Taldi Arhantin Shambe (Imp)	SIA05Pt	J Groenewald / I Taylor	42.5	2
15	Sherlah Gypsy King	SIA08Pt	L du Toit	27	2
16	Taigha leo da Vinci	SIA05Pt	L Arends-Wagner	20	2
17	Paddy Paws Stallone	SIA08Pt	D Enslin	12.5	1
18	SUP CH Mi-A Imraham (dec)	SIA06Pt	T & I Perestrelo	8.5	2

Stud of the Year SUP CH LUCCA VON HESTEMAAS OF TALDI (IMP)



Lucca, bred by Dirk Seidel of Germany, was born on 28 January 2010. He joined the Taldi household in November 2010 as his permanent home. Lucca was understandably shy in the beginning but soon afterwards we found out that he is a real lover boy. He loves cuddles and when you stroke him his ears fall flat on his head, so funny to see. He has sired some lovely Siamese for us as well as for Ronnie Gerber, Rita Wiseman and Lee-Anne Driessel. Lucca's run is always clean as he does not spray at all. During his short show career he never missed an award. We ended his show career early as we do not like to show studs too long as they don't always like it.

Johan Groenewald and Ian Taylor

Broodqueen of the Year

	NAME OF CAT	BREED	OWNER	TOTAL SCORE	NO OF SHOWS
1	SUP CH San-Shing's Che Sarà-Sarà	SIA05Pt	P & T Prime	292	6
2	GR CH San-Shing's Betty Blue	SIA06Pt	P & T Prime	233	6
3	SUP CH Ashway's Lil Miss Muffett	SIA05Pt	R Wiseman	178	3
4	GR PR Taldi Fallon	SIA05Pt	L-A Driessel	134	4
5	SUP CH Catkin Montana of Siamlove (dec)	SIA15Pt	E van Renen	124.5	5
6	SUP CH Taldi Mystikue	SIA08Pt	J Groenewald / I Taylor	123	4
7	GR CH MyEden's Coco Chanel	SIA05Pt	C van der Riet	106	6
8	CH Quizzipaws Purr-Sona	SIA05Pt	M Fleischman	105	3
9	CH Sherlah Bella Rosa	SIA05Pt	L du Toit	96.5	4
10	SUP CH Mutti's Anna Sui	SIA07Tp	M van Dyk	95	6
11	SUP CH Taldi Mi-Kayla Rose of Von Lees	SIA08Pt	L-A Driessel	74	3
12	CH Michele's Moraine	SIA06Tp	M Fleischman	72	3
13	CH Lentia Capri of Michele's	SIA15Pt	M Fleischman	69.5	3
14	SUP CH Taldi Dame Delta	SIA06Pt	R Gerber	64	4
15	SUP CH Siamlove la Petit Belle Fleur	SIA05Pt	E van Renen	63	6
16	La Montanara Rosante	SIA06Pt	H Hoffman	60.5	3
17	SUP CH Ikin's Davron Soundofmusic	SIA08Pt	J Groenewald / I Taylor	60	4
18	SUP CH Taldi Petula	SIA08Pt	J Groenewald / I Taylor	42.5	4
	Wideskies Mosaic of Michele's	SIA15Pt	M Fleischman	42.5	4
20	SUP CH San-Shing's Baby Tjoklits	SIA07Pt	P & T Prime	41	2
21	SUP CH Michele's Milly	SIA05Pt	M Fleischman	37	3
22	Michele's Melani	SIA15Pt	M Fleischman	35	2
23	CH Westwood Chloe of Michele's	SIA05Tp	M Fleischman	30	3
24	GR CH San-Shing's A Slightflirtation	SIA05Pt	P & T Prime	27	2
25	CH San-Shing's Gossip Girl	SIA05Pt	P & T Prime	25	3
	GR CH Michele's Maybet	SIA07Pt	M Fleischman	25	1
27	SUP CH Siamlove Lexie	SIA05Pt	E van Renen	24	3
28	CH Pittipat Sabrina	SIA07Pt	B Nieberg	23.5	4
29	SUP CH Mai-Thai's Charlies's Angel of Taigha (dec)	SIA07Tp	L Arends-Wagner	20	2
30	Mai-Thai's Absolutely Fabulous (dec)	SIA05Pt	C Tennison	17	2
31	CH Michele's Memorable	SIA05Pt	M Fleischman	16.5	1
32	CH MyEden's Briseis	SIA05Pt	T & I Perestrelo	15	1
33	Paddy Paws Moana Lisa	SIA05Pt	D Enslin	12.5	1
34	Michele's Miyori	SIA15Pt	M Fleischman	8.5	1
	Mutti's Boogie Woogie	SIA08Pt	T & I Perestrelo	8.5	2
36	Pittipat Snow Goose	SIA08Pt	B Nieberg	5	1
	Mai-Thai's Just Magic	SIA05Pt	T & I Perestrelo	5	1
	Mutti's Flutterby	SIA08Pt	M van Dyk	5	1

Broodqueen of the Year **SUP CH SAN-SHING'S CHE SARÀ SARÀ**

Sup Ch San-Shing's Che Sarà Sarà (aka Sara), produced Baby Tjoklits on 16 December 2010. Tjoklits followed in her mother's footsteps on the show bench and was the daughter that contributed mainly to her being brood queen of the year. Sara has always bred top notch kittens of which some do not even attend the shows. We are so proud of our girl for taking the title of Brood Queen of the year.

Paul, Tania and Matthew Prime

Female of the Year

	NAME OF CAT	BREED	OWNER	TOTAL SCORE	NO OF SHOWS
1	SUP CH San-Shing's Baby Tjoklits	SIA07Pt	P & T Prime	292	6
2	SUP CH Pretty von Hestemaas of Taldi (Imp)	SIA15Pt	J Groenewald / I Taylor	110	5
3	GR CH Sherlah Jay Natalie	SIA06Pt	M Cannell	81.5	3
4	SUP CH Siamlove Lexie	SIA05Pt	E van Renen	80.5	4
5	CH La Montanara Tiffany of Taigha	SIA08Pt	L Arends-Wagner	60.5	3
6	SUP CH Taldi Mi-Kayla-Rose of Von Lee	SIA08Pt	L-A Driessel	58.5	3
7	GR CH Von Lee's Dazzling Arctic Abigail	SIA06Pt	L-A Driessel	51.5	3
8	SUP CH Ashways Lil Miss Muffett	SIA05Pt	R Wiseman	50	2
9	SUP CH Ikin's Davron Soundofmusic	SIA08Pt	J Groenewald / I Taylor	49	2
10	SUP CH Siamlove La Petit Belle Fleur	SIA05Pt	E van Renen	44	2
11	GR CH Mai-Thai's Glamorous	SIA05Tp	L Sherwood	43.5	2
12	CH HU*Okonor Levendula of Taldi (Imp)	SIA08Pt	J Groenewald / I Taylor	36.5	2
13	CH San-Shing's Gossip Girl	SIA05Pt	P & T Prime	27	2
14	GR CH Rimchar Mafdet Jackass of San-Shing (Imp)	SIA05Pt	P & T Prime	26.5	1
15	SUP CH Michele's Mantle	SIA08Pt	M Fleischman	25	1
	CH Taldi Alaska	SIA08Pt	J Groenewald / I Taylor	25	1
17	GR CH Pittipat Snow Goose	SIA08Pt	B Nieberg	23.5	4
18	CH Von Lee's Icy Breeze	SIA06Pt	L-A Driessel	16	1
19	CH Taigha Valentino Rock 'N Rose of Mai-Thai	SIA07Pt	C van der Riet	15	1
	CH Siamlove Seal'd with a Kiss	SIA05Pt	E van Renen	15	1
	Sherlah Jade Julia	SIA06Pt	L du Toit	15	1
22	CH Mai-Thai's Vanity Fair	SIA05Pt	D Enslin	12.5	1
	CH Paddy Paws Kit Kat	SIA07Pt	D Enslin	12.5	1
	CH Westwood Chloe of Michele's	SIA05Tp	M Fleischman	12.5	1
25	CH Von Lee's Frosty Rayne	SIA06Pt	L-A Driessel	12	1
26	CH Michele's Moraine	SIA06Tp	M Fleischman	4	1

Female of the Year
SUP CH SAN-SHING'S BABY TJOKLITS

You need no introduction to Sup Ch San-Shing's Baby Tjoklits who did so well in 2011 taking SBG Best Kitten Award, CTC Best Kitten and Best Adult 2012 and placed 7th in COTY this year. She has the ideal show personality and all the judges that handle her, fall in love with her immediately. She championed at her first adult show in March and won Best Siamese Adult and Best Adult on Show and attained her Supreme title four months later. Her accolades are just too many to mention as she has had numerous Best in Show Adult and Cat of the Day wins during 2012. Tjoklits has since retired from showing and will now concentrate on being a full-time mother.

Paul, Tania and Matthew Prime

Male of the Year

	NAME OF CAT	BREED	OWNER	TOTAL SCORE	NO OF SHOWS
1	GR CH Michele's Merritt	SIA12Pt	M & D Fleischman	66.5	3
2	GR CH Mafdet Marchello of San-Shing (Imp)	SIA05Pt	P & T Prime	16.5	1

Male of the Year
GR CH MICHELE'S MERRITT

Merritt was born on the 10 December 2010. His sire is Sup Ch Michele's Manville, a sealpoint, and his dam is Ch Michele's Lentia's Capri, a seal tortiepoint. He was one of a litter of six, 3 boys and 3 girls. The boys were all redpoints and the girls were seals and torties. He has had two very successful show years and only needs one more certificate to become a Supreme. He has sired six litters so far and has produced some beautiful babies. One of his progeny (bred by Faye Corcoran, Pietermaritzburg) qualified for COTY in Kimberley this year. He has an excellent profile and chin, a lovely dense, cream, close-lying coat and brilliant blue eyes. He is very easy to handle and is well-mannered with the girls!



Michele and Dudley Fleischman

Neuter of the Year

	NAME OF CAT	BREED	OWNER	TOTAL SCORE	NO OF SHOWS
1	SUP PR Wizz Billy the Kid	SIA05Pt	R Wiseman	105	3
2	GR PR Mutti's Stripe it Lucky	SIA11Tp	M van Dyk	95	6
3	GR PR Von Lee's Delightful Cody Storm	SIA05Pt	L-A Driessel	82.5	4
4	SUP PR Wizz Sundance Kid	SIA07Pt	R Wiseman	73	3
5	GR PR Taldi Fallon	SIA05Pt	L-A Driessel	42.5	4
6	PR Mai-Thai's V for Vendetta of Pittipat	SIA05Tp	B Nieberg	40	3
7	SUP PR AbFab's Andy's Bandit	SIA05Pt	C Tennison	17	2
8	PR Von Lee's Desert Storm	SIA06Pt	L-A Driessel	15	1
9	GR PR MyEdens Goddess	SIA08Pt	T & I Perestrelo	8.5	1

Neuter of the Year SUP PR WIZZ BILLY THE KID

Sire: SP CH Lucca Von Hestemaas of Taldi (SIA06Pt)

Dam: SP CH Ashways Little Miss Muffet (SIA05Pt)

After many years of not breeding I finally had a litter of kittens which were all boys, 2 Seal-points and a Chocolatepoint. I just had to keep one kitten as I have not shown any of my own breeding for many years. Billy was always the kitten with the most character and often led his brothers into mischief. They were named after cowboys but boy if I knew what I was doing I would have named them after something more calming. He lives up to his name. When it's time to play, he tends to come out with both guns blazing. Fortunately for Billy the house has a long corridor and he often enjoys chasing his brother in a 'catch me if you can' game. I have never owned a naughtier, active cat than Billy, but I love him to bits especially for all the mischief he gets up to. He loves bells on his shakers and can be called to attention with the slightest tingle. Billy just loves the garden and enjoys playing tag under all the shrubs. This last show year Billy has done extremely well and won many Best in Shows. One of our highlights was being placed 2nd at COTY 2012 in the Neuter of the Year section. He also won the best Siamese Trophy at COTY.



Rita Wiseman

Western Cape Neuter of the Year **GR PR MUTTI'S STRIPE IT LUCKY**

Lucky was born on the 20th October 2010 from Sup Ch Roysterer Snowfun of Mutti's (Imp) to Sup Ch Mutti's Anna Sui.

I had no intention of keeping a kitten from the litter but then I tragically lost Tasi, my wonderful exhibition cat. Lucky's nature was just superb and the first time I put a leash on him he walked around quite happily so I decided to keep him for exhibition work. He is a very friendly boy and loves attention. I put him on show not expecting too much but he has surprised me by doing quite well. He Granded and has 5 Supreme Certificates. He does have some very nice qualities one being his beautiful body and another his very Siamese expression.

Marlene van Dyk

Kitten of the Year

	NAME OF CAT	BREED	OWNER	TOTAL SCORE	NO OF SHOWS
1	Siamlove Seal'd with a Kiss	SIA05Pt	E van Renen	44	6
2	San-Shing's Shinji	SIA11Pt	P & T Prime	41	2
3	Taldi Alaska	SIA08Pt	J Groenewald / I Taylor	35	3
4	Hu* Okonor Levendula of Taldi (Imp)	SIA08Pt	J Groenewald / I Taylor	25	3
5	MyEden's Alaska	SIA08Pt	T & I Perestrelo	15	1
	Ilkins Davron Lord Flappio of Taldi	SIA06Pt	J Groenewald / I Taylor	15	3
	Kriss-Kross Flaming Lamborghini	SIA14Pt	K Callaghan / J Allsopp	15	3
	Mai-Thai's V for Vendetta of Pittipat	SIA05Tp	B Nieberg	15	3
	Connemara Mitsouka of Michele's	SIA05Pt	M Fleischman	15	3
	Michele's Mozilla	SIA16Tp	M Fleischman	15	3
11	Von Lee's Icy Breeze	SIA06Pt	L-A Driessel	11	2
12	Michele's Mushka	SIA15Pt	M Fleischman	10	2
13	Michele's Manzetta	SIA05Pt	M Fleischman	9	2
14	Michele's Manannan	SIA05Pt	M Fleischman	6	2
15	MyEden's Baby Boogs	SIA08Pt	T & I Perestrelo	5	1
	Mutti's Love Bug	SIA08Pt	M van Dyk	5	1
	Siamlove the Great Catsby	SIA08Pt	E van Renen	5	1
	Mai-Thai's Vanity Fair	SIA05Pt	D Enslin	5	1
	Von Lee's Gayle Wind	SIA06Pt	L-A Driessel	5	1
	Von Lee's Aurora Lights	SIA06Pt	L-A Driessel	5	1
	Von Lee's Desert Storm	SIA08Pt	L-A Driessel	5	1
	Von Lee's Frosty Rayne	SIA06Pt	L-A Driessel	5	2
23	Michele's Manitoba	SIA12Pt	M Fleischman	3.5	1
24	Michele's Mackie	SIA07Pt	M Fleischman	3	1

Kitten of the Year **SIAMLOVE SEAL'D WITH A KISS**



After many months of several attempts at a name (one can hardly call "Seal'd with a Ki-iss!" into the sunset!) my regular cat sitter finally came up with Mies Daisy, and so it is that finally madam has a name. A strong-willed little character, takes no nonsense from anyone, not even her mother. A real "Siameeze if you pleeeaze".

Mies Daisy is the result of a match made in heaven, both for looks and purrsonality. She comes from Lynel du Toit's well-known Sherlah Mafdet Jack the Lad (Imp), mated to Siamlove La Petit Belle Fleur (fondly known as Blompot). See, Daisy fits perfectly with a Blompot as mother. I am very grateful and much indebted to several breeders for having over the years being allowed to build such a lineage, containing other well-known cats from the Sherlah, San-Shing, Catkin, Mi-A, Mari Bar Bet and La Montanara lines.

Elizabeth van Renen

Western Cape Kitten of the Year **SAN-SHING'S SHINJI**

Shinji was born on 17 January 2012 from Gr.Ch. Mafdet Marchello of San-Shing (Imp UK) and Sup.Ch. San-Shing's Baby Tjoklits. The minute we laid eyes on Shinji, we could see that this kitten had a lot of potential, broad rounded top of head and large low set 'floppy' ears, all boding well for super development. He is our first lilac-based caramel which we are very proud to have bred. Shinji was sold as a pet but we persuaded his owners to show him under our name. On the WPCC show in August, he was nominated for Best Kitten and went on to win Best Kitten on Show. The highlight of that show was that he competed against his mother, Tjoklits and a San-Shing neuter for Best on Show. We look forward to seeing him at the shows in 2013 and hopefully he will follow in his mother's footsteps.

Paul, Tania and Matthew Prime



Breeder of the Year

	NAME OF CATTERY	BREEDER	TOTAL	NO OF SHOWS
1	San-Shing	P & T Prime	584.5	6
2	Michele	M & D Fleischman	440.5	4
3	Taldi	J Groenewald/ I Taylor	225.5	5
4	Von Lee	L-A Driessel	208	4
5	Siamlove	E van Renen	198.5	6
6	Wizz	R Wiseman	178	3
7	Mai-Thai	C van der Riet	106	6
8	Sherlah	L du Toit	96.5	4
9	Mutti	M van Dyk	80	6
10	Ilkins	R Gerber	64	4
11	La Montanara	H Hoffman	60.5	3
12	Kriss-Kross	K Callaghan/ J Allsopp	30	4
13	MyEden	T & I Perestrelo	28.5	1
	Pittipat	B Nieberg	28.5	4
15	Taigha	L Arends-Wagner	20	2
16	AbFab	C Tennison	17	2
17	Paddy Paws	D Enslin	12.5	1

Breeder of the Year SAN-SHING SIAMESE

Being acknowledged as SBG Breeder of the Year 2012 is indeed gratifying. We are a relatively small cattery and this award is proof that quality rather than quantity can 'deliver the fruits' with consistency of earned awards.

Our beautiful home bred chocolate point, Sup Ch San-Shing's Baby Tjoklits contributed largely to the Breeder of the Year award. We are also grateful to all the other San-Shing progeny and their respective owners, who have shown our breeding throughout the year with pride. A touching moment for us was when we produced a 'hat trick' on the WPCC show in August, when the Best Kitten, Best Adult and Best Neuter on show were all San-Shing bred Siamese. We certainly could not have wished for a better acknowledgement of our breeding.

Paul, Tania and Matthew Prime



Understand the unique feeding behaviour of cats

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When dietary management is an important part of veterinary treatment, finicky eaters can be a problem. Senior scientists and veterinary nutritional experts at Nestlé Purina Pet Care, Sandra Lyn, Clémentine Jean-Philippe and Jean-Christophe Bouthegourd, help explain the feeding behaviour of cats and how it can be influenced for successful dietary therapy.

With a deeper understanding of the factors influencing the feeding behaviour of cats, one could help them to be less restrictive in their food choices. Cats which accept a wide range of foods are easier to treat should a veterinary therapeutic diet be required as an adjunct to medical treatment.

Four main parameters influence a cat's feeding behavior:

- obligate carnivore being intrinsic nature,
- early feeding experiences,
- variety or constancy in feeding regimes you offer and living environment.

The unique facial anatomy and dentition of the cat is a factor in food and fluid acceptance. Food shape and bowl shape, bowl placement, number of bowls, other pets in the household and water delivery systems, can all influence food and water intake. Cats have difficulty seeing the meniscus of liquid surfaces in bowls. Thus, fluid consumption can often be increased by providing alternative watering devices such as water fountains.

If you are the owner of a frail, elderly cat, increasing the number of bowls from one to two in the house could help increase food intake and meet energy needs.

Obligate carnivores

Cats have a unique morphology, metabolism and drivers that make them enjoy protein-rich foods.

Cats are obligate carnivores and have a high protein requirement compared with other domestic animals. This has been attributed to their unique metabolic adaptations. Indeed, cats' high body glucose demand (required to fulfill the high needs of the brain tissue) is met through the breakdown of amino acids in protein to generate glucose. Interestingly, it is not the protein requirement per se that is elevated in cats, but rather their endogenous need for glucose generated via limited metabolic pathways. This in turn drives the imperious need for replacement amino acids from the diet. When given a dietary choice, cats will self-select macronutrient

content, preferentially choosing food rich in protein rather than foods rich in fats or carbohydrates. The protein content of a manufactured pet food can be used as a criterion of choice by the owner of a finicky cat.

The taste buds of the cat are predominantly sensitive to amino acids. The amino acid receptors of the cat's taste buds are strongly stimulated by amino acids considered as 'sweet' by human sensory descriptors, while inhibited by those described as 'bitter'. Monophosphate nucleotides, which are nitrogen compounds that increase in tissues after death, are also potent inhibitors of the food intake via the amino acid receptors of the cat's taste buds. This may explain, in part, why cats are so sensitive to the freshness of meat and fish.

The experience effect

Early feeding experiences in kittens strongly influence food choices in the beginning of life, but the influence may lessen with time.

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Pre- and post-natal exposure to strong flavours influences both olfactory orientation to the selected flavour in very young kittens and diet selection in weanling kittens. However, exposure to novel flavours post-weaning has mixed effects on long-term food choices. Early experience with only one kind of food is more likely to predispose cats to neophobia (dislike of new foods) and to having a narrower range of neophilia (like of different foods). Conversely, early food variety can increase acceptance of new foods, but even cats exposed to variety will avoid novel foods that are extremely different from foods which they have been exposed to previously.

Variety or consistency?

Feral acts are used to eating a diet with variety but if the circumstance presents itself they can become specialists. For domestic cats, offered 100% nutritionally complete and balanced manufactured pet food, there are advantages and disadvantages in feeding a variety or a single food. The choice should be made based on both the needs of the cat and the owner. The main advantage of feeding variety is that the cat will be more accepting of novel foods than if it was exposed to one food its entire life. There is the concern that variety will lead to



finicky behavior and obesity, but neither have to occur if the pet owner manages food intake as well as taking care not to change the food because the cat 'asks' for change. Cats that are maintained on a highly palatable food long term may still enjoy novel foods for a few days, but then consumption of the new food will decline and, if given a choice, cats will resume consumption of the original highly palatable food provided both foods are similar in type.

Environmental influences

While feral cats expend significant amounts of energy in obtaining their meals (and not every single hunt results in a meal), cats in a home are not expected to expend any energy in order to obtain their food. Most cats would benefit from reintroducing some form of activity in order for them to obtain their food.

Working for their food, depending on the type of task, can provide cognitive, emotional and physical benefits for cats. Indeed feeding puzzles may be particularly indicated for owners whose acts are overweight. Care should be taken to ensure that the puzzles start out being very easy to solve and gradually increase in complexity because some cats can quickly learn to give up if a task is too difficult and soon the owners will find themselves working the puzzle to provide the food for the cats!

Age, illness, drug therapy and environment can all affect a cat's sensory abilities and ultimately consumption of food. The household situation can also influence food intake and acceptance, particularly in multi-cat households or in stressful living situations. Moving food and water bowls to an area of low light and pri-

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vacy may stimulate food and water intake in cats. This may be especially important for shy or timid cats that may be unwilling to approach a bowl which is located in a busy area or if they do approach the food, will eat fitfully because they are constantly vigilant in case they may be approached by others in the household.

Summary

The complex feeding behaviour of felines leads numerous cat owners to perplexity when confronted with a food refusal from their cat. With better understanding of the drivers of cats' dietary behaviour, it is possible for a motivated cat owner to influence his cat's food choice. In sum-

mary, healthy cats may select for diets according to their composition and primarily protein content, while their early food experience as well as continued exposure to either a diet that provides variety or consistency can have profound effects on overall food acceptance.

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