



Siamese Breeders Group Of South Africa



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Editors' Report - Tony Perestrelo

As another year draws to an end it's great to look back on the achievements of the Siamese Breeders group of South Africa and regroup on the goals for the upcoming year. Some of the highlights of the year were the number of our members who's cats qualified for COTY 2014. It was fantastic to see our numbers being represented and a good set of results overall. For some members it was the first time for them but all in all it was a good way to end the national show season.

Two of our local studs ended the year as SACC Stud of the Year (Gr Ch Mafdet Marchello of San-Shing imp) and Runner up Stud of the Year for 2014 (MyEden's Mauritius of Dell O'Reade imp). So well done to Paul and Tania Prime of San-Shing's Cattery and Tony and Ivone Perestrelo of MyEden's Cattery.

There are a few notable achievements within the Siamese Breeders Group of South Africa that are also worth a mention for the following:

Paul and Tania Prime of San-Shing Cattery for a sterling set of results taking the following SBG awards;

- Stud of the Year,
- Breeder of the Year
- Brood Queen of the Year
- Joint Kitten of the Year

It's also worth acknowledging that San-Shing Cattery also bred the top three Neuters of the Year.

Let's also take the time to remember Jane Vermeulen, a great woman, judge, friend and cat lover who sadly passed away recently. She will be sadly missed by all her friends and fellow enthusiasts.

I would like to take the time to wish all of you and all your four legged extended family members a happy holiday season and may 2015 be a successful year for you all. Remember to drive carefully and be responsible out there.



Gr Ch Mafdet Marchello of San-Shing

*Photo by Paul Prime
SACC Stud of the Year 2014*



Sup Ch MyEden's Mauritius of Del'Oreade RQ

*Photo by Ivone Perestrelo
SACC Runner up Stud of the Year 2014*

Roundup of Cat Show results from June 2014 to October 2014

Detailed below are the Siamese, owned by members, which were the top Siamese exhibits at the shows in the 2nd half of the 2014 show season. Photos are included where suitable ones were available. Congratulations to all the owners and breeders.

THE BIG CAT CLUB Show - 14 June 2014

Best Adult – Sup Ch Sherlah Jay Natalie (Blue point Female) owned by Maureen Cannell & bred by Lynel du Toit

Best Neuter – Db Sup Pr San-Shing's Kings Best (Caramel point N/Male) owned by Michelle Bolton & bred by Paul & Tania Prime

Best Kitten – Mutti's Sweet Dragon (Caramel Tabby point Male) owned & bred by Marlene van Dyk



Mutti's Sweet Dragon

EASTERN CAPE CAT CLUB Show – 28 June 2014

Best Adult – Ch Wizz Crème de Cassis (Bluepoint Female) owned & bred by Rita Wiseman

Best Neuter– Sup Pr Wizz Billy the Kid (Sealpoint N/Male) owned & bred by Rita Wiseman



Sup Pr Wizz Billy the Kid

WODAC Show – 19/20 July 2014

Best Adult – Gr Ch Wizz Crème de Cassis (Bluepoint Female) owned & bred by Rita Wiseman

Best Neuter – Sup Pr Wizz Billy the Kid (Sealpoint N/Male) owned & bred by Rita Wiseman

CAT FANCIERS CLUB Show – 9 August 2014

Best Kitten – Siamlove Jemima Puddleduck (Sealpoint Female) owned & bred by Elizabeth van Renen

ALL BREEDS CAT CLUB Show – 9 August 2014



San-Shing's Sirikit

Best Adult – Ch Taldi Versace of Mutti's (Chocolatepoint Male) owned by Marlene van Dyk & bred by Johan Groenewald & Ian Taylor

Best Neuter – Db Sup Pr San-Shing's King's Best (Caramelpoint N/Male) owned by Michelle Bolton & bred by Paul & Tania Prime

Best Kitten and Cat of the Day – San-Shing's Sirikit (Sealpoint F/Spay) owned & bred by Paul & Tania

Prime

WESTERN PROVINCE CAT CLUB Show - 23 August 2014

Best Adult – Gr Ch Sherlah Gypsy Swan Song (Bluepoint Female) owned & bred by Lynel du Toit

Best Neuter – Db Sup Pr San-Shing's Kings Best (Caramelpoint N/Male) owned by Michelle Bolton & bred by Paul & Tania Prime

Best Kitten – San-Shing's Marlin (Bluepoint N/Male) owned & bred by Paul & Tania Prime



Db Sup Pr San-Shing's Kings Best

ALL BREEDS CAT CLUB Show – 11 October 2014

Best Adult – Sup Ch MyEden's Alaska (Lilacpoint Male) owned and bred by Tony & Ivone Perestrelo

Best Neuter & Cat of the Day – Sup Pr San-Shing's Raven's Pass (Sealpoint N/Male) owned by Grant Bacon & bred by Paul & Tania Prime

Best Kitten – Mutti's Sweet Dragon (Caramel Tabbypoint N/Male) owned & bred by Marlene van Dyk



Sup Pr San-Shing's Raven's Pass

Chairman's overview for 2014

SBG Chairman—Charlotte van der Riet

When Tony asked me to write something as the new Chairperson for the December



Newsletter I didn't quite know what to write. Following the resignation of our former Chairman, Ian Moore, I accepted the challenge to lead the oldest breed group in South Africa. What an honour! And what big shoes to fill! Ian has been Chairman well before I joined the Group in 2004. Marlene van Dyk invited me to join the Group after acquiring what was to be my first Siamese brood queen from her and as they say - the rest is history!

To be honest I never wanted to breed. I loved showing neuters and at the age of 11 attended my very first cat show with our family's Chocolate Point kitten called Picotee.

My first queen was spayed after two caesarians and I kept a neuter to show from each of the litters. However, this bad start never deterred me from continuing breeding and I subsequently acquired new queens and imported my own Siamese studs from Europe.

Over the years the Siamese has evolved from the traditional type to a more modern looking cat and it is indeed pleasing to see so many members' cats competing and winning at shows across the country. It just goes to show that the aim of the group - To encourage the breeding of quality, registered cats and specifically to promote the Siamese Breed in all possible ways - is something we should continue to actively promote as it remains important for the longevity of our breed. One of the surest ways of knowing how your breeding compares to that of other breeders, is to actively show. I would therefore encourage all new breeders to show: get involved in showing your kittens and encouraging new owners to show. Stewarding is another great way to learn about all the cat breeds and what the judges are looking for when judging the different breeds.

I would also like to encourage our members to attend meetings, wherever possible. Since the group is based in Cape Town and our members live all over South Africa, this is not always possible, but I hope that the minutes of the meetings that are held will in some way assist in keeping our members informed.

The Group's current committee found it important to hold separate committee meetings in order to discuss membership applications etc. This has been beneficial and we will continue to convene these in future. However, due to unforeseen circumstances we were only able to convene one general meeting during the course of the year.

During the second part of the year two of our committee members lost parents within a week of each other and this in combination with a range of other demands on me and some of our other committee members unfortunately impacted on the activities of the Group. However, I am confident that we will be giving the Group the attention it deserves in the year to come. The committee.

We have been inundated with kitten enquiries and oftentimes been unable to keep up with the demand for Siamese kittens. In one way this is a good thing as it means our breed remains popular and sought after, but on the other hand it could force buyers to purchase kittens from unfavourable sources. The lack of Siamese kittens might be owing to the fact that some of our members also breed Orientals and with Orientals being more dominant over the Siamese gene, there seem to be more Oriental kittens than Siamese. In these tough economic times breeders also tend to keep fewer queens, only breed a few litters per year or breed on demand for specific colours. The obvious solution is to encourage new breeders and to mentor them in all aspects of breeding and showing.

The sourcing of suitable studs remains a problem. When contacting breeders overseas looking for a “group” stud we are often let down for various reasons e.g. breeders are not interested in selling a kitten for stud that will be overworked and overused by members or the kitten has developed a skeletal or tail fault that would not be suitable. There are not many reputable breeders who would agree to this kind of sale and I would implore all members to put your feelers out and try finding breeders who will be willing to assist the group with new bloodlines. Genetic diversity is so important for the health of the breed and we have now reached the stage where it is critically important to introduce new lines to our shrinking South African gene pool.

As a committee we would like to see the Group holding its own show again in the not too distant future. It is hard work putting on a show but with the commitment of members I am certain we can make it happen!

A BIG Thank you to my committee for being so understanding during the last couple of months since the loss of my dad. To Charlene who lost her mom a mere week before my dad – thank you for keeping me on my toes and getting the minutes out timeously.

Thanks to Tony for successfully publishing and printing two newsletters for our members this year. I know how much time and effort it takes to put it all together. Thanks to our Treasurer, Ian Moore, for keeping track of the finances for the group as well as collating all the trophy stakes points throughout the year. It cannot be easy to keep track of all the members’ Siamese competing at shows all over South Africa, so thank you once again for doing that so efficiently. To our Vice-Chairperson, Marlene, thanks for managing the kitten enquiries and assisting Brenda with Siamese Rescue. Thanks to Brenda for assisting rehoming those special Sia-

mese rescues, who by no fault of their own, have required new homes.

I look forward to seeing new kittens on the show bench in the New Year taking over from the seasoned titled cats who may be retiring after years of regular showing. Congratulations to all members for your continued support at shows and for flying the Siamese flag high this past year. I look forward to seeing you all at our Prize-Giving and final meeting for 2014.

Wishing you all a safe, relaxing festive season among family and friends and a prosperous New Year and successful show season in 2015.

Charlotte van der Riet

COTY 2014

Overview of the SBG member achievements

COTY 2014 was a blast to say the least. There were quite a few SBG members who's Siamese qualified for this prestigious event.

There were two foreign judges that were invited to the event namely Kurt and Tomoko Vlach. Both highly experienced and who judge for approximately 30 week-ends a year. The gala event was joined by all and it was a great time to mingle with other breeders and have some fun. It was truly an amazing event and I'm sure that COTY 2015 will be even better

Below are the SACC results for Breeder of the year, Stud of the year and brood queen of the year for 2014

SACC Breeder of the Year

Placing	Cattery Name	Owner	Points
1	Cracker – Persians & Exotics	Amanda Visser & Pat Williams	35
2	San-Shing – Siamese	Paul & Tania Prime	32
3	Azreal – Russians	Leanne Hewitt	24
	Colorkats – Maine Coons	Debbie Le Roux	
	Mela – Burmese	Jane Goble	
4	Soulmates – Ragdolls, Devon Rex, Burmese & Bengals	Marilyn Schram & Cheryl Moss	23
5	Mai-Thai – Siamese & Orientals	Charlotte van der Riet	19
6	Spandau – Sphynx	Wilma Hyman	16
7	Delilla – Siamese & Oriental	Karen Labuschagne	14
	Taldi – Siamese, Devon Rex & Sphynx	Johan Groenewald & Ian Taylor	
8	Disal – Sphynx	Elizabeth Swart	13
9	Kriss Cross – Siamese & Oriental	Krystle Callaghan	12
10	Von Lee's – Siamese	Lee-Anne Driessel	11
	Waterlee – Ragdoll	Ivo Huisman	

SACC Stud of the Year

Placing	Cat's Name	Breed	Owner	Points
1	Mafdet Marchello of San-Shing (Imp)	Siamese	Paul & Tania Prime	28
2	MyEden's Mauritius of Dell'Oreade (Imp)	Siamese	Tony & Ivone Perestrelo	20
3	Pensfordhill Chasing Midnight of Cracker (Imp)	Persian	Amanda Visser and Pat Williams	18
	Justcoons Peak Neak of Colorkats (Imp)	Maine Coon	Debbie Le Roux	
4	Kikapoo I'm 2 Naked 4 My Tux of Spandau (Imp)	Sphynx	Wilma Hyman	16
5	Xtreme Dream Sultan Chan*SK of Mai-Thai (Imp)	Oriental	Charlotte van der Riet	15

SACC Brood Queen of the Year

Placing	Cat's Name	Breed	Owner	Points
1	San-Shing's Baby Tjoklits	Siamese	Paul & Tania Prime	19
2	Zion Elektra	Burmese	Jane Goble	15
3	Kriss Cross Chiquitita	Oriental	Krystle Gallagher	12
4	Colorkats Russian Bear	Maine Coon	Debbie Le Roux	11
	RU*Swaldiphary Kashira Kristal of Azreal	Russian	Leanne Hewitt	
	Waterlee Suzi of Thaba Nchu (Imp)	Ragdoll	Ivo Huisman	
5	Delilla Queen B	Siamese	Karen Labuschagne	10
	Hasimo Takara	Oriental	Charlotte van der Riet	

Congratulations to all the Siamese Breeders Group members who's cats qualified for COTY 2014 and we hope to see even more represented at COTY 2015



*Tr Sup Ch MyEden's Alaska being judged by
Kurt Vlach at COTY 2014*

Siamese Breeders Group — Trophy Stakes for 2014

Results kindly supplied by Ian Moore

SBG Stud of the Year

STUD OF THE YEAR						
		NAME OF CAT	BREED	OWNER	TOTAL SCORE	NO OF SHOW
1	Gr Ch	Mafdet Marchello of San-Shing (Imp)	SIA05Pt	P & T Prime	509.5	6
2	Sup Ch	Lucca von Hestemaas of Taldi (Imp)	SIA06Pt	J Groenewald/ I Taylor	217	4
3		Sherlah Gypsy King (dec)	SIA08Pt	L du Toit	203	4
4	Sup Ch	MyEden's Mauritius of Dell O'Reade (Imp)	SIA06Pt	T & I Perestrelo	200.5	6
5	Sup Ch	Roysterer Snowfun of Mutti's (Imp)	SIA08Pt	M van Dyk	120.5	6
6	Ch	Sweet Amsterdammertje of Taldi (Imp)	SIA05Pt	J Groenewald/ I Taylor	114	6
7	Ch	Sherlah Mafdet Jack the Lad (Imp)	SIA05Pt	L du Toit	70	3
8	Sup Ch	Michele's Manville	SIA05Pt	M & D Fleischman	63.5	4
9	Sup Ch	Mai-Thai's Koosje van Tutte's Alive & Kitting (Imp) (dec)	SIA05Tp	C van der Riet	60.5	4
10	Ch	Samoa Gems Catonic of Michele's	SIA07Pt	M & D Fleischman	25	1
11	Sup Ch	Michele's Manray of Taigha	SIA05Tp	L Arends-Wagner	20	2
12	Sup Ch	Merindol Roysterer Snowemperor (Imp) (dec)	SIA08Pt	M van Dyk	8.5	1
13	Ch	Michele's Siamese Garden's Zeuss (ASAA)	SIA07Pt	M & D Fleischman	5	1



Gr Ch Mafdet Marchello of San-Shing (Imp) Owned by Paul and Tania Prime

STUD OF THE YEAR: GR.CH. MAFDET MARCHELLO OF SAN-SHING (IMP UK) RQ

Marchello arrived from England just over three years ago. We are very grateful to Carol for entrusting this beautiful boy to us. Marchello has done us proud once again being awarded Stud of the Year for the second consecutive year. We were also very thrilled that he was announced SACC Stud of the Year at COTY this year. His progeny have done exceptionally well achieving the highest awards possible. He is such a loving, sweet natured boy and we could not have wished for better.

Paul, Tania and Matthew Prime

SBG Brood Queen of the Year

BROOD QUEEN OF THE YEAR						
		NAME OF CAT	BREED	OWNER	TOTAL SCORE	NO OF SHOW
1	SUP CH	San-Shing's Baby Tjoklits	SIA07Pt	P & T Prime	253	6
2		Sheriah Jay Gemma	SIA05Pt	L du Toit	183.5	4
3	CH	MyEden's Briseis	SIA05Pt	T & I Perestrelo	150	6
4	CH	San-Shing's Gossip Girl	SIA05Pt	P & T Prime	118	6
5	SUP CH	San-Shing's Betty Blue	SIA06Pt	P & T Prime	109	4
6	SUP CH	Taldi Alaska	SIA08Pt	J Groenewald/ I Taylor	104	6
7	SUP CH	Mutti's Anna Sui	SIA07Pt	M van Dyk	95.5	6
8	SUP CH	Taldi Mystikue	SIA08Pt	J Groenewald/ I Taylor	75	3
9	CH	Ikin's Davron Klarissa	SIA05Pt	J Groenewald/I Taylor	73	5
10	GR CH	San-Shing's Gypsy Rose	SIA05Pt	P & T Prime	60	2
11	CH	Hu*Okonor Levendula of Taldi (Imp)	SIA11Pt	J Groenewald/I Taylor	58.5	6
12	SUP CH	Siamlove Lexie	SIA05Pt	E van Renen	50	2
13	GR CH	MyEden's Coco Chanel (dec)	SIA05Pt	C van der Riet	41	4
14		Michele's Melani	SIA15Pt	M & D Fleischman	35	2
15	CH	Michele's Moraine	SIA06Pt	M & D Fleischman	33.5	2
16	SUP CH	Siamlove Zimbali	SIA05Pt	E van Renen	20	2
	GR CH	La Montanara Fiffany of Taigha	SIA08Pt	L Arends-Wagner	20	3
	CH	Connemara Misouko of Michele's	SIA05Pt	M & D Fleischman	20	2
19	SUP CH	Rimchar Mafdet Jackass of San-Shing (Imp)	SIA05Pt	P & T Prime	19.5	1
20	CH	Pittipat's Sabrina (dec)	SIA07Pt	B Nieberg	16.5	1
21	CH	Mai-Thai's Just Magic	SIA05Pt	T & I Perestrelo	14.5	1
22		Wide Skies Queen Yasmin of Peace (ASAA)	SIA08Pt	M Ulyate	6.5	1
23	CH	Westwood's Chloe of Michele's	SIA05Pt	M & D Fleischman	5	1

Brood Queen of the Year: Sp Ch. San-Shing's Baby Tjoklits RW NQ



Sup Ch San-Shing's Baby Tjoklits

Bred and Owned by Paul and Tania Prime

We are grateful to all the San-Shing owners for showing Tjoklits' progeny thus making this award possible. Tjoklits was also awarded the title of Brood Queen of the Year by SACC at COTY this year. We are so proud of her and her offspring.

Paul, Tania and Matthew Prime

SBG Male of the Year

MALE OF THE YEAR						
	NAME OF CAT		BREED	OWNER	TOTAL SCORE	NO OF SHOW
1	SUP CH	MyEden's Alaska	SIA08Pt	T & I Perestrelo	150	6
2	GR CH	Taldi Versace of Mutti's	SIA07Pt	M van Dyk	69	3
3		La Montanara Canto Gregoriano	SIA05Pt	L Arends-Wagner	11.5	1



Tr Sup Ch MyEden's Alaska

Bred and Owned by Tony and Ivone Perestrelo

Male of the Year: Tr Sup Ch MyEden's Alaska RQ NQ

We are both so proud to have Alaska take the Male of the Year title for the second time. Alaska is the son of Sup Ch MyEden's Mauritius of Dell'Oreade RQ Imp who was the runner up SACC stud of the year.

Alaska is a gentle boy who loves nothing more than to spend time with us as long as we come with a treat. His progeny share the same traits and we are looking forward so seeing them on the show bench in 2015. Alaska is our special boy and we love him.

Tony and Ivone Perestrelo

SBG Female of the Year

FEMALE OF THE YEAR						
	NAME OF CAT		BREED	OWNER	TOTAL SCORE	NO OF SHOW
1	GR CH	Sheriah Swan Song	SIA06Pt	L du Toit	101	4
2	GR CH	Wizz Crème de Cassis	SIA06Pt	R Wiseman	57.5	2
3	CH	Mutti's Lilac Frost	SIA08Pt	M van Dyk	55.5	3
4	CH	MyEden's Juno of Pittipat	SIA05Pt	B Nieberg	20	4
5	GR CH	San-Shing's Gypsy Rose	SIA05Pt	P & T Prime	19.5	1
6	SUP CH	Pittipat's Snow Goose	SIA08Pt	B Nieberg	16.5	1
7	CH	Taigha's Solitaire of Tiffany & Co	SIA0Pt	L Arends-Wagner	15	1
8	CH	MyEden's Baby Boogs	SIA08Pt	T & I Perestrelo	14.5	1
9	CH	Samoa Gems JooLaa of Sjarmante Katte (ASAA)	SIA05Pt	M Ulyate	12	2

SBG Neuter of the Year

NEUTER OF THE YEAR						
	NAME OF CAT		BREED	OWNER	TOTAL SCORE	NO OF SHOW
1	SUP PR	San-Shing's Shinji	SIA11Pt	G Bacon	127	6
2	SUP PR	San-Shing's Raven's Pass	SIA05Pt	G Bacon	109	4
3	SUP PR	San-Shing's Honey Bee	SIA07Pt	B Webber	90	3
4	GR PR	Sheriah Gypsy Prince	SIA06Pt	L du Toit	82.5	3
5	PR	Hasimo Sky	SIA13Pt	D de Villiers	46	4
6	PR	Mai-Thai's V for Vendetta of Pittipat	SIA05Tp	B Nieberg	24.5	4
7	SUP PR	Mai-Thai's Glamorous	SIA05Tp	L Sherwood	16.5	1
8	GR PR	Altmar Belenus	SIA05Pt	C du Toit	8.5	1
9	PR	Sjarmante Katte Wolfram Alpha	SIA06Pt	M Ulyate	6.5	1



Sup Pr San-Shing's Shinji—Neuter of the Year

Bred by Paul and Tania Prime and

Owned by Grant Bacon



Mutti's Sweet Dragon — Kitten of the Year

Bred and owned by Marlene van Dyk



San Shing's Sirikit — Kitten of the Year

Bred by Paul and Tania Prime

owned by the Tetlow Family

SBG Kitten of the Year

KITTEN OF THE YEAR					
	NAME OF CAT	BREED	OWNER	TOTAL SCORE	NO OF SHOW
1	San-Shing's Sirikit	SIA05Pt	P & T Prime	40	2
	Mutti's Sweet Dragon	SIA11Tp	M van Dyk	40	4
3	Taldi Versace of Mutti's	SIA07Pt	M van Dyk	35	3
4	Wizz Crème de Cassis	SIA06Pt	R Wiseman	20	2
	San-Shing's Marlin	SIA06Pt	P & T Prime	20	2
6	Siamlove Jemima Puddleduck	SIA05Pt	E van Renen	15	1
7	La Montanara Canto Gregoriano	SIA05Pt	L Arends-Wagner	5	1
	Taigha Solitaire of Tiffany & Co	SIA05Pt	L Arends-Wagner	5	1
	Michele's Merrydy	SIA08Pt	M & D Fleischman	5	1
	Michele's Malinda	SIA15Tp	M & D Fleischman	5	1

Join best Kitten of the Year: SAN-SHING'S SIRIKIT

When mum said she wanted a Siamese, all I could imagine was some skinny rat of a cat that moans a lot. Instead, we got a beautiful, silky, loving Siamese kitten that meows 'hello' when I arrive home from varsity and doesn't hesitate to show the dogs that she's the boss. Compared to my 6kg furry ragdoll, she's tiny but she's full of attitude. Fearless, she rather enjoys attacking his furry tail and then batting him on the nose when he turns round. She plays fetch better than my dog, appearing out of nowhere when I crumple a piece of paper and then chasing it down the hallway and bringing it back to me. She is the best study buddy and spends all day curled on my lap while I study, as well as staring intently at my laptop screen while I watch series. Then one day mum took her off to a show and next thing I knew, she was crowned "Cat of the Day" and came home rolling in rosettes and prizes. I was so proud of her and she didn't even know what she'd done. Named after Queen Sirikit of Thailand, she certainly acts the part. Before I knew it, she'd crept into my life and now my lap feels empty without her. She is my beautiful little girl and enjoys sitting on her ledge next to my window. She is also a novice hunter, practising her skills on the poor, unsuspecting geckos that dad retrieves from outside. She is my little terror as well as my little angel and I love her to bits. I am so grateful to Tania and Paul Prime for granting us the privilege of owning San-Shings Sirikit, the best little girl in the world.

The Tetlow Family



Mutti's Sweet Dragon — Joint best Kitten of the Year

Bred and owned by Marlene van Dyk

Joint Best Kitten 2014 Mutti's Sweet Dragon

Muttis Sweet Dragon, aka Sweetie Pie, was born on the 29 January 2014 from Sup Ch MyEden's Mauritius of Dell'Oreade RQ Imp and Tr Sup Ch Mutti's Anna Sui NQ. He was booked by one of my cattery clients and in May went off to his new home. 24 hours later I had a frantic call that they couldn't get near him, he had cried all night and they didn't think it was going to work so could they return him. So he came back to me and when I picked him up he just purred and purred. I think he decided then and there that he was not going anywhere. He bonded so well with my new stud that I decided to keep him and let him live with Versace when the time comes to move him to a stud run. I also decided that I may as well show him along with Versace and to my surprise he actually did well being nominated regularly. He has such a sweet nature and is so gentle that I find it hard to believe he was so impossible with his nearly new owners.

Marlene van Dyk

SBG Breeder of the Year

BREEDER OF THE YEAR				
	NAME OF CATTERY	BREEDER	TOTAL SCORE	NO OF SHOW
1	San-Shing	P & T Prime	529	6
2	Taldi	J Groenewald/ I Taylor	214.5	6
3	MyEden	T & I Perestrelo	204	6
4	Sherlah	L du Toit	183.5	4
5	Mutti	M van Dyk	95.5	6
6	Michele	M & D Fleischman	93.5	4
7	Wizz	R Wiseman	77.5	4
8	Siamlove	E van Renen	70	3
9	Hasimo	D de Villiers	46	4
10	Mai-Thai	C van der Riet	41	4
11	Taigha	L Arends-Wagner	20	2
12	Pittipat	B Nieberg	16.5	1
13	Sjarmante Katte	M Ulyate	6.5	1

BREEDER OF THE YEAR: SAN-SHING CATTERY

We are so proud to be acknowledged as SBG Breeder of the Year, for a third consecutive year. Our gratitude is extended to our San-Shing owners, Beryl, Carol and Mike, Grant, David and Michelle, Leigh and Shaun, Jackie and Helene for showing their babies and keeping them in such tiptop condition. This award would not have been possible if our breeding had not been shown throughout the year. One of the highlights of the year was being acknowledged by SACC for runner-up Breeder of 2014 at COTY. We hope to continue promoting this special breed during 2015 and onwards.

Paul, Tania and Matthew Prime

Cats With Bad Breath

By Sheila Calloway

Cats With Bad Breath and a Smile Without Sparkle!

Cats with bad breath and a smile without sparkle is the third in a series of articles specially researched and written for Siamese Cat Breeder relating to dental care and oral hygiene for cats by Sheila Calloway RVN

Sheila is a qualified veterinary nurse and has over 30 years experience working with and keeping pets. Many of you will have seen Sheila at cat shows and she is usually found on the Siamese section with her cats.

What a Pong – Bad Breath and a Smile Without Sparkle!

If your cat has bad breath (halitosis) then it is usually down to two reasons:

The first and least likely is the type of diet you are feeding your cat, as some cat foods, especially softer wet foods, or unprocessed or raw flesh such as fish, can leave a strong odour for several hours after eating. This is usually only temporary, easily recognisable and the obvious and easiest solution is to refrain from feeding smelly foods!

However if the odour is really bad, is present all the time and quite literally causes you to feel slightly nauseous or gasp desperately for fresh air before removing the offending source from your lap, then it is likely to be something much more sinister and needing veterinary intervention – and the sooner the better!

Poor diet, genetics, stress, and age all play a role in the development of feline dental problems. Some cats are genetically predisposed and may develop dental problems at a younger age and lack of a good oral hygiene regime for your cat will most certainly lead to some serious problems.

Gingivitis

Gingivitis is reddening of the gum area around the base of the tooth. Some cats are have sensitive gums and are more susceptible to this condition – in particular Siamese cats. My Chocolate neuter boy, Coco is one of them!

However it is also very common in most cats and it is imperative that a regular oral regime is maintained to prevent and treat the condition before it escalates into something far more problematic.

But, some gingivitis isn't down to oral sensitivity or just poor oral hygiene

Stomatitis is the name given to the process that results in gingivitis. It is an autoimmune disorder in which the cat's gums become inflamed and extremely painful. The cat's body produces an exaggerated immune response to bacteria and plaque.

The cause of this immune response is unknown, though cats with FIV (feline immunodeficiency virus) and FeLV (feline leukemia virus) are particularly susceptible.

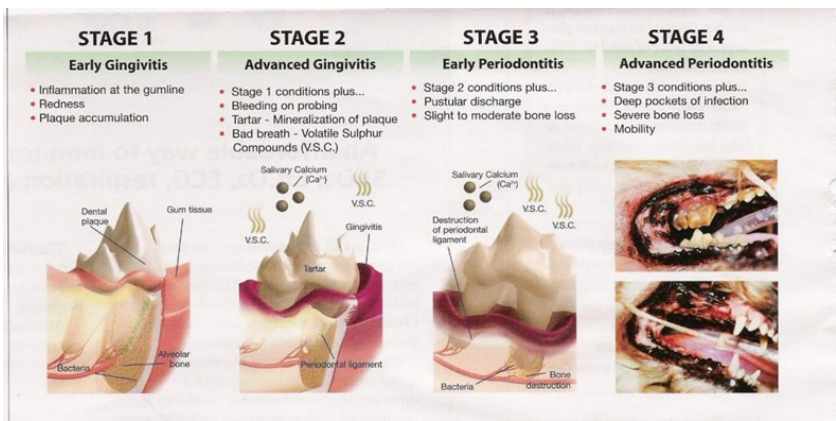


Gingivitis in a Young Cat

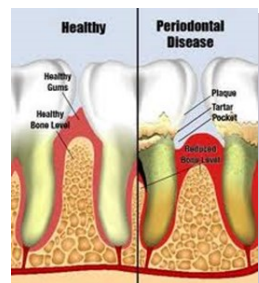
Periodontal Disease is also Known as Gum Disease

Periodontal disease is a serious disease of the teeth and gums and is the most common clinical condition occurring in adult cats, and is entirely preventable.

From Gingivitis to Periodontitis:



Unfortunately, other than bad breath (halitosis), there are few signs of the disease process evident to owners and professional dental cleaning and periodontal therapy often comes too late to prevent extensive disease or to save teeth. As a result, periodontal disease is usually under-treated, and may cause multiple problems in the oral cavity and may be associated with damage to internal organs in some patients as they age. The real problem develops as tartar (calculus) and plaque as they spread



under the gum line. Plaque is a sticky 'biofilm' composed mostly of bacteria (predominantly streptococcus) which forms on the teeth. Bacteria present in the plaque residing in the inner gum (subgingival) area will set in motion a cycle of damage to the supporting tissues around the tooth, eventually leading to loss of the tooth.

Tartar is yellowish in colour & is seen along the tooth where it meets the gum (gingiva).

This leads to inflammation of the gums, which is known as gingivitis.



Note: At this stage, proper treatment can reverse the problem. Very early stages of plaque and tartar building up on a healthy tooth – note reddening of gums is already present. Left untreated the tartar begins to collect under the gum line. Tartar will continue to build up under the gum line, separating the gum from the tooth.



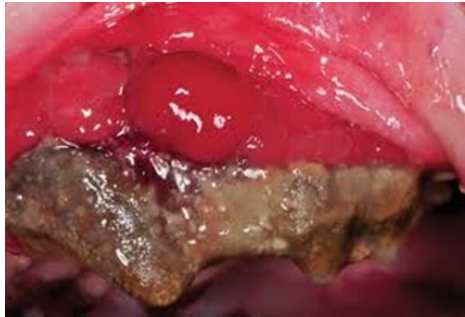
Note: Once this happens, the cat has irreversible periodontal disease. Bacteria under the gum line will secrete toxins, which contribute to damage tissue if untreated. These bacteria also stimulate the animal's immune system. The initial changes cause white blood cells and inflammatory chemical signals to move between the

gum or bone and the tooth (periodontal space). The function of the white blood cells is to destroy the bacterial invaders, but chemicals released by the overwhelmed white blood cells cause damage to the supporting tissues of the tooth. Instead of helping the problem, the cat's own protective immune system actually worsens the disease when there is severe build-up of plaque and tartar.

Periodontal disease includes inflammation or reddening (gingivitis) of the gums and loss of bone and soft tissue around the teeth (periodontitis).

Note: Unhealthy teeth & gums have greater impact on the body than just causing

bad breath, pain & infection. The gums have a rich blood supply and so the bacteria are readily transported to other organs (such as the liver, kidneys etc.) in the body causing damage & even organ failure



Effects of Periodontal Disease in Cats

Effects within the oral cavity include damage to or loss of gum tissue and bone around the teeth, development of a hole ('fistula') from the oral cavity into the nasal passages causing nasal discharge, fractures of the jaw following weakening of the jaw bone, and bone infection ('osteomyelitis'). Bacteria from the mouth can also enter the bloodstream and are carried around the body.

What are the Symptoms of Periodontal Disease in Cats?

Our felines are experts at masking discomfort & pain and many of us may not notice that our cat has a problem.

This is another important reason why regular, annual check-ups with the veterinarian are so important.

Even if you believe your cat is in good health, a thorough physical may uncover a problem in the early stages, thus avoiding unnecessary pain, suffering, expense & prolonged treatment to fix the problem.

Unfortunately, unless you check your cat's mouth regularly, by the time you notice a problem, the disease is likely to be advanced.

Symptoms common to periodontal disease may include

- Bad breath, this is probably the most obvious sign a pet owner will notice
- Unwillingness to eat
- Yellow deposits on the teeth
- Avoiding dry/hard food in favour of softer food
- Drooling
- Pawing at the face
- Pus around the tooth/teeth
- Gums which bleed easily
- Red or swollen gums, especially along the gum line
- Pus around the teeth
- Teeth which are loose or missing
- Stomach or intestinal upsets
- Lethargy, isolating



Picture of cat with periodontal disease – notice the yellow/brown tartar and plaque eating into both gums and teeth and the sore swelling and reddening (*inflammation*) of the gums.

**Table showing the different stages, signs and symptoms of periodontal disease in cats:
How do Vets Treat Periodontal Disease?**

	Grade	Plaque and Calculus	Gum Health	Radiologic Changes	Prognosis
Early Gingivitis	Grade I	Mild amount of plaque	Mild redness	No change	Reversible
Advanced Gingivitis	Grade II	Subgingival plaque	Redness and edema (swelling at gumline)	Little change	Reversible
Early Periodontitis	Grade III	Larger amounts of subgingival calculus	Redness, edema, gums bleed with gentle probing, gum recession or hyperplasia	Subgingival calculus, 10-30% loss of bone support	Irreversible
Established Periodontitis	Grade IV	Larger amounts of subgingival calculus	Severe inflammation, gum recession, loose teeth and/or missing teeth, pus around gumline, gums bleed easily, deep pockets		

Treatment depends upon the grade assigned to the severity of the problem. In all cases, a pre-surgical examination will be conducted by your vet

Grade I or Grade II:

- A routine professional dental cleaning and polishing (*prophylaxis*) under anesthetic will be performed on cats with Grade I or II disease.
- The plaque and tartar build-up will be removed from the teeth, both above and below the gum line.
- The teeth are then polished to remove microscopic scratches that predispose to plaque formation and calculus build-up.
- Each tooth and the entire oral cavity are checked for any disease.
- Fluoride may also be applied.

Grade III and Grade IV:

- After the teeth are scaled, probing and dental radiology will be performed in

order to select the appropriate treatment. Treatment options include:

- Root planing: involves removing residual calculus and diseased bony tissue covering the root of a tooth (*cementum*) and smoothing the root surface.
- Removal of diseased connective tissue below the gum line
- Irritants to the tooth and root surface such as bacteria are removed (*periodontal debridement*)
- Excess gum tissue is removed as the area between this excess tissue and the tooth is a perfect habitat for bacteria (*gingivectomy*)
- Periodontal surgery: These surgeries involve opening a flap of the gum over the root of the tooth to be able to reach the deeper structures.
- Tooth extraction: In some cases, a tooth cannot be saved or the owner elects not to have other procedures performed. In these cases, tooth extraction is the only alternative.

What Aftercare is Required for my Cat Post-Periodontal Treatment?

Cats with Grade I or II disease will be placed on a regular brushing and dental care program to control plaque through the use of chemical (cat toothpaste) and mechanical removal (brushing with a cat toothbrush). The cat may also have a special prescription dental diet recommended.

Cats with Grade III or IV disease will need to be placed on several types of therapy. Owner commitment to this care is crucial.

Pain and anti-inflammatory medication: Medication for pain relief and to decrease the amount of inflammation may be administered post-operatively and for several weeks following the dental procedures.

Antibiotics: Antibiotic therapy is important.

Topical medications: Products containing plaque preventives such as: zinc ascorbate, stannous fluoride or chlorhexidine, may need to be applied to the teeth on a regular basis. Don't panic these are often sourced in toothpastes and /or oral hygiene water supplements or can be prescribed by your vet

Diet: Depending on the situation, it may be necessary to feed your cat only soft food for the week or so after treatment whilst the mouth is still very tender. Your veterinarian may then suggest feeding your cat a specialized dry diet that helps control the build-up of plaque and tartar.

Brushing: Your veterinarian will explain to you the best tooth brushing routine for your cat. You may need to wait until your cat's mouth heals before starting to

brush. Often you will start out with a soft finger brush for the first 2-3 months and then graduate to a bristle brush.

Regular check-ups: Felines with periodontal disease will need frequent check-ups to assess their oral health. For some cats, it may be advisable to recheck gum pocket depth 4-6 weeks after treatment. For others, routine examinations 2-4 times a year will be needed.

Prevention of Gingivitis & Periodontal Disease in Cats

Gingivitis can occur even in cats with an excellent oral hygiene regime, so it is imperative feline's with on-going problems are taken to the vets for treatment and/or further investigation.

Some vets may treat recurrences with intermittent antibiotics and/or occasional steroid injections to support your oral hygiene regime; once all other causes such as FIV (*feline immunodeficiency virus*) and FeLV (*feline leukemia virus*) have been eliminated.

Tips for Prevention Rather Than Cure

- Vaccinations and maintenance of regular annual boosters.
- Regular examinations of your cats mouth and gums by both you and your vet.
- Feeding your cat dry, hard "kibble" type food frequently, will help scrub off plaque and help prevent tartar from forming.
- Feeding your cats semi-wet/dry foods if your cats has over-sensitive gums
- Regular brushing with a toothbrush and mild pastes – pet pastes are available from most pet retail outlets.
- Use of oral hygiene supplements in water e.g., Dentagen.

NB once or twice weekly is usually sufficient, too much may result in diarrhea – you have been warned.

Socialising Kittens - The Sooner the Better

By Guest Author

Socialising kittens while they are young is very important. Read this wonderful article from a breeders point of view on the benefits of early socialisation.

The Importance of Socialising Kittens Early

Finding helpful and reliable information about kitten socialisation proved more difficult than I envisaged. Checking on the internet bought up some really bad information. For example, the Purina site suggests you take your kitten out on to the park to socialise. The PDSA tell us that the critical period of socialisation is between eight and ten weeks. Although there has been little research with kittens there has been plenty of excellent research with puppies, and most animals do develop at the same age, and the importance of early socialisation with our pets is imperative.



The critical time for socialisation is between two and seven weeks. I became aware of this in the early sixties when the Guide Dogs for the Blind opened a new breeding centre and puppy walking scheme. Before this puppies were bought in from various breeders and older dogs were taken in for training, but the pass rate was abysmal, costing a lot of money to produce one good dog. However, with the selection of good temperament and early socialisation with puppy walkers the pass rate moved up to almost one hundred per cent.

Breeding Siamese in the seventies and Labradors in the eighties I used this knowledge to proof the kittens and puppies against everything I thought they may come into contact with in their new pet homes. Now back to breeding Siamese I am even more aware of this crucial period.

Research shows that information going into the brain between two and seven weeks opens up pathways, I call these information highways. Research examining the brains of dogs that are house pets who have had early learning and those reared in kennels that have not received the vital input, shows that the kennel dogs had far less information highways than the house dogs. This research has proved valid in pets and people.

Many breeders I know have their kittens in a place where they will be well socialised but there are still some who believe that they should be kept in a quiet room with no visitors. The kittens bred outside in a cattery situation are also likely to lose out in the early learning period.



My kittens start off in a bedroom because it is convenient but they are exposed from the moment they are born to many different sounds, sights and smells. Bearing in mind recent research that appears to prove babies in the womb can hear music and that brain development can benefit from certain types of classical music. Mozart being one of the most popular. Jasmine (our queen) was exposed to Mozart on a daily basis before the birth.

From birth the kittens were exposed to many different sounds; classical music through to Meat Loaf. Plus a sound effects CD with just about every sound effect you can imagine from plains to thunderstorms, from pigs to people screaming. Although we are largely unaware of the kittens ability to hear at birth, it could be

difficult to assess due to the way the brain develops, so a hearing ability could be present but the ability of the brain to react does not appear for a couple of weeks.

There are some sensible articles; Gwen Bailey is a very good canine and feline behaviourist who has written a good book for new kitten owners. I feel it is very important to start my kittens in a pen, especially good training if you are going to show, but teaching any young animal that there are boundaries is good training. While the kittens are still immobile and in their pen I get lots of people to come and sit in the room bringing babies and toddlers, I try to keep this up until kittens leave for their new home, exposing them to different scents, sounds and voices. Luckily we have lots of friends who do not own cats so no worries about exposing kittens to any disease's that could be carried from other cats.

As soon as the kittens become mobile they are handled by as many visitors as possible. At this point we do have cat owners but if you are worried about anything passing on ask visitors to disinfect their hands. Young kittens should be handled by as many people as possible.

Because my kittens are based in a bedroom, they are exposed as soon as they are mobile to all other areas of the house, kitchens hold lots of noise and activity, such

as washing machines, dogs barking and people coming in and out. Their bedroom must look very odd to visitors as it has all types of things in that the kittens need to see and hear, I put vacuum cleaners on every day, have toy dogs that bark and walk lots of different musical instruments.



Handling daily is so important; we cut nails regularly, clean ears, wipe eyes, brush and get them used to having their tails and mouths touched. Try to think of everything your kitten may come across in their new home and expose them to this early in their life. Eight weeks is too late.

Jasmine had eight kittens for her first litter, a lot to cope with, and visitors were amazed to see them all racing around, and asked how on earth I could keep an eye on all of them. Hard work but it paid off, every kitten owner told me that their kitten was so friendly and outgoing.

Jane Mary Vermeulen - RIP

By Rita Wiseman

"Do not cry, I did not die, my time just came to part, I will always be in your heart."

Jane passed away on the 3rd November 2014 after bravely fighting cancer for over a year since the day of diagnosis. Jane was such a brave lady and never let on just how much pain and discomfort she was in. She just went through all the treatments and took it in her stride. She always bounced back with enthusiasm and was ready to go again. She loved people and enjoyed entertaining and cooking for her friends and family. Nothing was too much trouble. She had such compassion and love for people. She would listen to anyone and would offer some kind words if needed. Her love for cats was very visible and no matter how stressed any cat was she just knew how to calm them down.



Sometime in 1991 Jane and Thys went to a Cat Show at the Rivera Hotel on the Vaal Dam. This is where she met Chereen Arends-Wagner who introduced them to her cats on show. Chereen later introduced Jane to her mom Lucy and from there they set up an appointment for her to go and see Lucy's kittens. Needless to say Jane did not go home with only one but two kittens. Both were Blue Point Siamese kittens. The female was Taigha's Belinda Baloo and the neuter male kitten was Taigha's I Cat Ching. Ching belonged to Thys and Belinda was Jane's pride and joy. Jane wanted to have a litter of kittens as she just loved having them in the house. She just loved watching them getting up to their tricks. She then decided to start

breeding with Belinda but was never going to have many litters. She just loved the kittens. Her granddaughter Tanita, who was a little person at the time, called Belinda "Mokee" because she looked Smoky in colour and hence her cattery name was then registered as Mokee.

Thereafter Jane bought a blue point neuter for me from Lucy as a birthday present.

It was from this point that we decided to become involved with Cat Shows and went on to do a Stewards Course run by TCS at Dil Leask's house. Soon after this we were then brought onto the committee of TCS and became the able body workers. Shortly thereafter we were trained by Dil to become Show Managers of TCS.

In 1995 Jane then went on to get her beautiful Cream Points, and went straight back to Lucy. Jane did exceptionally well at shows with Taigha's Special Request. I guess the name was from Jane wanting a cream point and luckily Lucy produced a beautiful neuter boy for her. Later that year she bought another Cream Point Taigha's Hillibilli Moonshine.

Jane started with her first judging course under the old regime in 1995. She later then moved on to Cat Judges Incorporated and completed her judges course to become an All Breeds Judge. Jane was loved by many exhibitors and it was not long before all the overseas trips started. There were very few places in the world that Jane did not see and get invited to and that is all thanks to cats.

Jane's first love was Siamese cats but she also went on and enjoyed Orientals. Jane's Black Oriental, Wizz Mikki Two, produced a litter of 9 kittens which was not common in those years. All nine kittens survived and went on to special homes. Later Jane imported a White Oriental, Okonor Zuzmara aka "Marie". "Marie" was Jane's soul mate. She loved and treasured this special girl. At the time of Jane's passing Jane owned and loved 4 pointed cats - Diego, Alice, Chelsea and Molly. These 4 babies are now enjoying their new homes. The 3 girls went to Tanya and Jacqui and Diego is now living in PE with me. It is so special to be able to take care of Jane's prized possessions.

Jane, you are sorely missed and no amount of words can ever bring you back to us. We are comforted by the fact that you can no longer feel pain. You deserve the rest and peace and hopefully you will prepare the biggest cat house for us all to join up in at some stage.

Jane, just like a candle in the wind, your candle burned out long before your legend ever will. Goodbye my dear friend, from all of us who loved you.

Rita Wiseman

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