



# THE ABYSSINIAN BREEDER



**ABYSSINIAN BREEDER CLUB of AUSTRALIA'S 2017 SHOW Supreme Cat & Supreme Exhibit, the Shawn's Tawny Cat, Osiris(V) Black Beauty with Sue & judge Marg Sim**

*(Photo: W. Newton)*

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# **The Abyssinian Breeder 33<sup>rd</sup> National Show**

**Sydney, 21 May 2017**

## **The Show**

Moving The Abyssinian Breeder Show to Sydney wasn't just a matter of moving cities. It brought with it countless hours of organisation and communication through official channels to create the Club and become affiliated with NSW CFA. Many thanks go mainly to George Kennedy and Wendy Newton for putting in the leg work to get this achieved so we could have the show in Sydney this year.

The three ring show welcomed two international judges: Pam DelaBar and Satu Hamalainen and NSW CFA judge, Marg Sim. The number of exhibits entered was 50 which was similar to the previous year and consisted of 35 Tawny, 8 Cinnamon and 7 Blue. The Aby Somali proportion was 39-11. There was excellent quality and a range of older exhibits with the oldest being a 9-and-a-half year old Abyssinian Tawny spay.

This year, we have been lucky to have major sponsorship from Blackhawk, Fibre Cycle and Chemical Essentials along with Swift Abyssinians and Narleekatz Abyssinians providing a ring each of prizes. Also, we received prizes and monetary donations from exhibitors and members, some of who were unable to make the show; however, they still wanted to be able to help make the show a success; we thank them wholeheartedly for their contributions. Carol Collins worked tirelessly to produce the catalogue and paperwork for the show and also sourced some of the sponsors for which we are grateful. Wendy Newton must be thanked for producing the schedule, organising the prizes and for taking photographs on the day, including those used in this article. Thank you to our stewards, Chris Buckley, Lenita Gill, Suzie Hudson and Chrissy Mangin and show workers who all helped to make the show run smoothly.

It was great to see George, Julie and some of their family attend the show for a couple of hours when George was granted leave from the hospital. He was able to introduce himself to the judges, meet new breeders, catch up with friends and pat his beloved cats, Holly & Shirley, who kindly were brought to the show by Kaylie Goodrick.

Supreme Exhibit was the Supreme Cat, Michael and Sue Shawn's Tawny male, Osiris(V) Black Beauty. Runner Up to Supreme Exhibit, and Supreme Desexed Cat was Kaylie Goodrick's Cinnamon spay, ACF Silver AOE, CCCA Ch, CCCA National Show Ch, Gold Ch & Gold PN Narleekatz Roxy (Hons).



**George Kennedy with CCCA Dia Tpl Gr Ch  
& Dia Dbl Gr Ch Nile Holly Ghost at the  
2017 Abyssinian Breeder Show.**



**Judge Pam Delabar with Osiris(V) Black Beauty, Supreme Cat & Exhibit**



**ACF Sil AoE, CCCA Ch, CCCA Nat Show Ch, Gold Ch & Gold PN Narleekatz Roxy (Hons), Supreme Desexed Cat & R/U Supreme Exhibit**



**Supreme Kitten, Tijah Tipperchina with judge Satu Hamalainen & owner, Carol Collins**

Runner Up to Supreme Desexed Cat and Supreme Somali Exhibit was Janet Chrobok's Tawny Somali spay, Ikati Jupiter. There was a tie for Runner Up Supreme Cat with the Shawn's Tawny male, Osiris(V) Batmobile, and Tawny female, Osiris(V) Marilyn Munro, sharing the win. This year, Supreme Kitten went to a Blue female kitten, Tijah Tipperchina, who is owned by Carol Collins and was bred by Suzanne Hatcher. Runner Up to Supreme Kitten was Lee Caldwell's Cinnamon male, Merindalee Hugh Jackman, who was bred by Eileen and Karel Pittaway.

Thanks to all the exhibitors who came from around the country to make the first Sydney show a success; we couldn't have done it without you. We hope to see you all in Sydney on April 29<sup>th</sup> 2018 for the 34<sup>th</sup> Show.

*Ben White*

President  
The Abyssinian Breeder Club of Australia

# Top 10 Exhibits Tables

## Ring 1 – Pam DelaBar [CFA] Finland

| Pos.             | Cage | Name                   | Type     | Owner/Breeder            | Comments   |
|------------------|------|------------------------|----------|--------------------------|--|
| 1 <sup>st</sup>  | 21   | Osiris(V) Black Beauty | TWN MC   | M. & S. Shawn/Exh        | R. 1 Best Cat, <b>Supr Cat, Supr Exh</b>                   |
| 2 <sup>nd</sup>  | 46   | Narleekatz Roxy        | CIN SC   | K. Goodrick/Exh          | R. 1 Best Dsx, <b>Supr Dsx, R/U Supr Exh</b>               |
| 3 <sup>rd</sup>  | 20   | Osiris(V) Batmobile    | TWN MC   | M. & S. Shawn/Exh        | R. 1 2 <sup>nd</sup> Cat, <b>R/U Supr Cat</b>              |
| 4 <sup>th</sup>  | 32   | Osiris(V) Blue Twist   | BLU FC   | M. & S. Shawn/S. Hatcher | R. 1 3 <sup>rd</sup> Cat                                   |
| 5 <sup>th</sup>  | 9    | Johari Persuasion      | TWN FK   | Carol Collins/Exh        | R. 1 Best Kit  |
| 6 <sup>th</sup>  | 48   | Ikati Jupiter          | TWN\$ SC | J. Chrobok/Exh           | R. 1 2 <sup>nd</sup> Dsx, <b>R/U Supr Dsx, Supr Somali</b> |
| 7 <sup>th</sup>  | 34   | Shilabo Kokola         | TWN\$ MC | J. Chrobok/D. Plummer    | R. 1 4 <sup>th</sup> Cat                                   |
| 8 <sup>th</sup>  | 15   | Tijah Tipperchina      | BLU FK   | C. Collins/S. Hatcher    | R. 1 2 <sup>nd</sup> Kit, <b>Supr Kit</b>                  |
| 9 <sup>th</sup>  | 26   | Johari El Tango        | TWN FC   | Carol Collins/Exh        | R. 1 5 <sup>th</sup> Cat                                   |
| 10 <sup>th</sup> | 1    | Osiris(V) Dior Sauvage | TWN MK   | M. & S. Shawn/Exh        | R. 1 3 <sup>rd</sup> Kit                                   |



**Equal Runner Up Supreme Cat, Osiris(V) Batmobile**



**Supreme Somali Exhibit & Runner Up Desexed Cat, Ikati Jupiter with owner Janet Chrobok**



**Equal Runner Up Supreme Cat, Osiris(V)  
Marilyn Munro**



**Runner Up Supreme Kitten, Merindalee  
Hugh Jackman with owner Lee Caldwell**

## Ring 2 – Satu Hamalainen [FIFe] Finland

| Pos.             | Cage | Name                    | Type     | Owner/Breeder               | Comments                                      |
|------------------|------|-------------------------|----------|-----------------------------|---|
| 1 <sup>st</sup>  | 21   | Osiris(V) Black Beauty  | TWN MC   | M. & S.<br>Shawn/Exh        | R. 2 Best Cat, <b>Supr Cat, Supr Exh</b>      |
| 2 <sup>nd</sup>  | 25   | Osiris(V) Marilyn Munro | TWN FC   | M. & S.<br>Shawn/Exh        | R. 2 2 <sup>nd</sup> Cat                      |
| 3 <sup>rd</sup>  | 1    | Osiris(V) Dior Sauvage  | TWN MK   | M. & S.<br>Shawn/Exh        | R. 2 Best Kit                                 |
| 4 <sup>th</sup>  | 5    | Allerbeste Lili Marlene | TWN FK   | L. Caldwell                 | R. 2 2 <sup>nd</sup> Kit                      |
| 5 <sup>th</sup>  | 46   | Narleekatz Roxy         | CIN SC   | K. Goodrick/Exh             | R. 2 Best Dsx, <b>Supr Dsx, R/U Supr Exh</b>  |
| 6 <sup>th</sup>  | 20   | Osiris(V) Batmobile     | TWN MC   | M. & S.<br>Shawn/Exh        | R. 2 3 <sup>rd</sup> Cat, <b>R/U Supr Cat</b> |
| 7 <sup>th</sup>  | 32   | Osiris(V) Blue Twist    | BLU FC   | M. & S. Shawn/S.<br>Hatcher | R. 2 4 <sup>th</sup> Cat                      |
| 8 <sup>th</sup>  | 15   | Tijah Tipperchina       | BLU FK   | C. Collins/S.<br>Hatcher    | R. 2 3 <sup>rd</sup> Kit, <b>Supr Kit</b>     |
| 9 <sup>th</sup>  | 34   | Shilabo Kokola          | TWN\$ MC | J. Chrobok/D.<br>Plummer    | R. 2 5 <sup>th</sup> Cat                      |
| 10 <sup>th</sup> | 26   | Johari El Tango         | TWN FC   | Carol Collins/Exh           | R. 2 6 <sup>th</sup> Cat                      |



**ACF Sil AoE, CCCA Ch, CCCA Nat Show Ch, Gold Ch & Gold PN Narleekatz Roxy (Hons), Supreme Desexed Cat & R/U Supreme Exhibit with rosettes and sponsors' products.**

### Ring 3 – Marg Sim [NSW CFA]

| Pos.             | Cage | Name                    | Type     | Owner/Breeder                | Comments   |
|------------------|------|-------------------------|----------|------------------------------|--|
| 1 <sup>st</sup>  | 46   | Narleekatz Roxy         | CIN SC   | K. Goodrick/Exh              | R. 3 Best Dsx, <b>Supr Dsx, R/U Supr Exh</b>               |
| 2 <sup>nd</sup>  | 15   | Tijah Tipperchina       | BLU FK   | C. Collins/S. Hatcher        | R. 3 Best Kit, <b>Supr Kit</b>                             |
| 3 <sup>rd</sup>  | 21   | Osiris(V) Black Beauty  | TWN MC   | M. & S. Shawn/Exh            | R. 3 Best Cat, <b>Supr Cat, Supr Exh</b>                   |
| 4 <sup>th</sup>  | 11   | Merindalee Hugh Jackman | CIN MK   | L. Caldwell/E. & K. Pittaway | R. 3 2 <sup>nd</sup> Kit                                   |
| 5 <sup>th</sup>  | 9    | Johari Persuasion       | TWN FK   | Carol Collins/Exh            | R. 3 3 <sup>rd</sup> Kit                                   |
| 6 <sup>th</sup>  | 48   | Ikati Jupiter           | TWN\$ SC | J. Chrobok/Exh               | R. 3 2 <sup>nd</sup> Dsx, <b>R/U Supr Dsx, Supr Somali</b> |
| 7 <sup>th</sup>  | 25   | Osiris(V) Marilyn Munro | TWN FC   | M. & S. Shawn/Exh            | R. 3 2 <sup>nd</sup> Cat                                   |
| 8 <sup>th</sup>  | 32   | Osiris(V) Blue Twist    | BLU FC   | M. & S. Shawn/S. Hatcher     | R. 3 3 <sup>rd</sup> Cat                                   |
| 9 <sup>th</sup>  | 8    | Swift Dusty Rose        | TWN FC   | B. White & W. Newton/Exh     | R. 3 4 <sup>th</sup> Kit                                   |
| 10 <sup>th</sup> | 2    | Tijah Hang On Sloopy    | TWN MK   | M. & S. Shawn/Exh            | R. 3 5 <sup>th</sup> Kit                                   |

**Notes:**

- Cats are Abyssinian unless otherwise stated;
- \$ = Somali; TWN = Tawny; CIN = Cinnamon, BLU = Blue; FWN = Fawn
- M = Male; F = Female; N = Neuter; S = Spay; Dsx = Desexed Cat; C = Cat; K = Kitten
- Supr = Supreme (across the three rings); Exh = Exhibit; R/U = Runner-up to.



# RISING STARS



## New Champions

| WHO                          | WHAT | WHERE | WHOSE                |
|------------------------------|------|-------|----------------------|
| Ch Abytawe Shirley Bassey    | TF   | NSW   | G. & J. Kennedy      |
| Ch Allerbeste Clara Bow      | TF   | SA    | L. Caldwell          |
| Ch Charlbury Izzadorable     | TF   | SA    | L. Ervin             |
| Ch Charlbury Kubla Khan      | TN   | QLD   | G. & M. Clignett     |
| Ch Charlbury Qetesh          | TF   | QLD   | G. & M. Clignett     |
| Ch Ikati Zelda               | T\$F | VIC   | J. Chrobok           |
| Ch Merindalee Dustin Hoffman | TM   | NSW   | W. Newton & B. White |
| Ch Osiris(V) Black Beauty    | TM   | QLD   | M. & S. Shawn        |
| Ch Shilabo Kokola            | T\$M | VIC   | D. Plummer           |
| Ch Swift Aztec Rose          | BF   | NSW   | W. Newton & B. White |
| Ch Swift Savannah            | TF   | NSW   | W. Newton & B. White |

## New Grand Champions

|                                 |    |     |                       |
|---------------------------------|----|-----|-----------------------|
| Gr Ch Abytawe Shirley Bassey    | TF | NSW | G. & J. Kennedy       |
| Gr Ch Amahle Moves Like Jagger  | TN | NSW | J. Marshall Jefferson |
| Gr Ch Charlbury Kubla Khan      | TN | QLD | G. & M. Clignett      |
| Gr Ch Merindalee Dustin Hoffman | TM | NSW | W. Newton & B. White  |
| Gr Ch Osiris(V) Black Beauty    | TM | QLD | M. & S. Shawn         |

## New Double Grand Champions

|  |    |     |                      |
|--|----|-----|----------------------|
| DbI Gr Ch Charlbury Kubla Khan         | TN | QLD | G. & M. Clignett     |
| DbI Gr Ch Charlbury Qetesh             | TF | QLD | G. & M. Clignett     |
| DbI Gr Ch Johari Shaka Zulu            | TN | NSW | T. Jack              |
| DbI Gr Ch Kemenkat Razzmatazz (Imp NZ) | CM | NSW | W. Newton & B. White |
| DbI Gr Ch Osiris(V) Black Beauty       | TM | QLD | M. & S. Shawn        |
| DbI Gr Ch Swift Dr Pepper              | CN | NSW | W. Newton & B. White |



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## New Higher Titles

| WHO  | WHAT  | WHERE | WHOSE                 |
|--|-------|-------|-----------------------|
| <b>Brz</b> Dbl Gr Ch Charlbury Kubla Khan  | TN    | QLD   | G. & M. Clignett      |
| <b>Brz</b> Dbl Gr Ch Charlbury Qetesh  | TF    | QLD   | G. & M. Clignett      |
| <b>ACF Nat Gr Pr, CCCA Nat Show Ch</b> , ACF Brz AoE & <b>CCCA Dbl Gr Ch</b> , Supreme Gr Pr & Triple Plat Gr Pr Joylinear Sun God Amun Ra | T\$N  | WA    | L. Moorman            |
| <b>Brz</b> Dbl Gr Ch Kemenkat Razzmatazz (Imp NZ)  | CM    | NSW   | W. Newton & B. White  |
| <b>Brz</b> Gr Ch Merindalee Endeavour  | TM    | VIC   | E. & K. Pittaway      |
| ACF Nat Pr, <b>CCCA Nat Show Ch</b> , ACF AoE & <b>CCCA Ch</b> , & Plat Gr Pr NAREIRA CALVIN CLINE   | T\$N  | WA    | L. Moorman            |
| <b>Brz</b> Dbl Gr Ch Nareira Gypsy babe  | T\$\$ | NSW   | B. Mitchell           |
| <b>Brz</b> Dbl Gr Ch Nareira Whispering Jack   | B\$N  | NSW   | S. Hudson             |
| <b>Sil</b> Dbl Gr Ch Nareira Whispering Jack   | B\$N  | NSW   | S. Hudson             |
| <b>Gld</b> Dbl Gr Ch Nareira Whispering Jack   | B\$N  | NSW   | S. Hudson             |
| <b>ACF AoE Slv</b> PN Narleekatz Bazinga   | TN    | VIC   | K. Goodrick           |
| <b>ACF Gld AoE &amp; Gld</b> PN Narleekatz Elusive Diamond (Hons)  | TS    | VIC   | K. Goodrick           |
| <b>ACF Sil AoE, CCCA Ch, CCCA Nat Show Ch, Gld Ch</b> & Gld PN Narleekatz Roxy (Hons)  | CS    | VIC   | K. Goodrick           |
| <b>ACF Sil AoE CCCA CH &amp; Ruby</b> Dbl Gr Ch Osiris(V) Bear's Jive Talker   | TN    | QLD   | A. Ashby              |
| <b>Gld</b> Gr Ch Osiris(V) Maid In Australia   | TF    | QLD   | M. & S. Shawn         |
| <b>Brz</b> Dbl Gr PN Osiris(V) Minecraft Warrior   | TN    | WA    | V. Cayley             |
| <b>Sil</b> Gr PN Shilabo Jupiter   | T\$N  | VIC   | S. Brooks             |
| <b>Brz</b> Dbl Gr Ch Swift Dr Pepper   | CN    | NSW   | W. Newton & B. White  |
| <b>Sil</b> Dbl Gr Ch Swift Dr Pepper   | CN    | NSW   | W. Newton & B. White  |
| <b>Gld</b> Gr Ch Vivace King Amonasro  | TN    | SA    | E. & R. Bruche        |
| <b>Gld</b> Gr Ch Vivace One Vision   | T\$M  | SA    | E. & R. Bruche        |
| <b>Gld</b> Dbl Gr Ch Wyangan Bee Keeper  | TN    | NSW   | J. Marshall Jefferson |



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Note 1: T = Tawny; C = Cinnamon; B = Blue; F = Fawn; Sil = Silver; \$ = Somali; M = Male; F = Female; N = Neuter; S = Spay

Note 2: Usually this listing is produced by George Kennedy (GK) from show results submitted by correspondents, who don't always show cats' titles. If any of your cats have missed out, and you want to prevent that in the future, highlight "promotions" if you are a show results contributor, or let me know by e-mail if one of your cats gets a new title.

Currently, please contact [TheAbyBreeder@bigpond.com](mailto:TheAbyBreeder@bigpond.com) to submit title updates.

Note 3: New titles higher than Dbl Gr Ch are shown **bold**.

# Cats' Cradle

## LITTERS BORN

**NOTE: T = Tawny, C = Cinnamon, B = Blue, F = Fawn, Sil = Black Silver, \$ = Somali; M = male, F = female**

**AKILA** Born 2-Feb-17; 3TM, 2TF; Sire: Gold Dbl Gr Ch Osiris(V) Kathmandu (TWN); Dam: Dbl Gr Ch Charlbury Qetesh (TWN); Contact: Gail Clignett, Brisbane Metropolitan Area, ' 07 3312 7274 e\* [atgail@optusnet.com.au](mailto:atgail@optusnet.com.au)

**CAIROCATS** Born 4-Feb-17; 3TM, 2TF; Sire: Cairocats Enter Sandman (TWN); Dam: Cairocats Lulu Bliss (TWN); Contact: Jeanette Cook, Dayboro, Qld ' 0417342524 & 07 3425 2491 e\* [jeanette@cairocat.com](mailto:jeanette@cairocat.com)

**CAIROCATS** Born 10-Feb-17; 3TM, 3TF; Sire: Cairocats Enter Sandman (TWN); Dam: Cairocats Cleo Patra (TWN); Contact: Jeanette Cook, Dayboro, Qld ' 0417342524 & 07 3425 2491 e\* [jeanette@cairocat.com](mailto:jeanette@cairocat.com)

**CAIROCATS** Born 26-Mar-17; 1TF, 2CM; Sire: Nile Asterix The Gaul (TWN); Dam: Cairocats Mystic Sands (TWN); Contact: Jeanette Cook, Dayboro, Qld ' 0417342524 & 07 3425 2491 e\* [jeanette@cairocat.com](mailto:jeanette@cairocat.com)

**JOHARI** Born 29-Jun-17; 1TM, 1TF, 1BM; Sire: Zahari Easy Rider (Imp NZ) (TWN carr BLU); Dam: Johari Rhythm Dancer (TWN Carr BLU); Contact: Carol Collins, Sydney Metropolitan Area ' 0412029687 & 02 9724 4202 e\* [joharicats@optusnet.com.au](mailto:joharicats@optusnet.com.au)

**MERINDALEE** Born 5-Apr-17; 1TM, 1TF; Sire: CCCA Gd Ch Diam Gd Ch Merindalee Harrison Ford (TWN Carr CIN); Dam: Ch Cenglow Ray of Sunshine (CIN); Contact: Eileen & Karel Pittaway, Melbourne Area, ' 0419325521 & 03 8202 6963 e\* [abycat@iprimus.com.au](mailto:abycat@iprimus.com.au)

**MERINDALEE** Born 5-Apr-17; 1TM, 1TF, 1CM, 2CF; Sire: BRZ Gd Ch Merindalee Endeavour (TWN Carr CIN); Dam: Gd Ch Merindalee Madmazel Fifi (CIN); Contact: Eileen & Karel Pittaway, Melbourne Area, ' 0419325521 & 03 8202 6963 e\* [abycat@iprimus.com.au](mailto:abycat@iprimus.com.au)

**OSIRIS(V)** Born 25-Feb-17; 3TM 4TF Sire: DGC Highgaitpaws American Edition (Imp USA) (TWN) Dam: DGC Osiris(V) Ozzie Ozzie (TWN); Contact: Michael & Sue Shawn, Brisbane Metropolitan Area, QLD ' 0405 104 260 or 0428 672 256 e\* [osirisabys@bigpond.com](mailto:osirisabys@bigpond.com)

**SWIFT** Born 16-June-17; 2TF; 1CF; Sire: Gr Ch Merindalee Dustin Hoffman (TWN carr CIN); Dam: Ch Swift Savannah (TWN carr CIN); Contact: Wendy & Ben, Sydney Metropolitan Area 02 9398 4998 e\* [swiftabys@bigpond.com](mailto:swiftabys@bigpond.com)

## LITTERS EXPECTED

**ABYSROK** Due End-Aug-17; Sire: Osiris(V) Blue Spot (BLU carr CIN); Dam: Abysrok Lollapalooza (TWN carr CIN & BLU); Contact: Chrissy Mangin, Brisbane Metropolitan Area, ' 0467 667 416 e\* [abysrok@bigpond.com](mailto:abysrok@bigpond.com)

**JOHARI** Due 16-Sept-17; Sire: Zahari Easy Rider (Imp NZ) (TWN carr BLU); Dam: Johari El Tango (TWN); Contact: Carol Collins, Sydney Metropolitan Area ' 0412029687 & 02 9724 4202 e\* [joharicats@optusnet.com.au](mailto:joharicats@optusnet.com.au)

# 2017 45th ACF NATIONAL SHOW

10th & 11th June

It was a frosty winter morning in an outer north Melbourne suburb as exhibitors started to line up for vetting at the 2017 ACF National Cat Show. The venue was the very airy and well lit, although rather cold, Community Bank Stadium in Diamond Creek. After progressing through the vetting lines exhibits from Groups 1 and 2 were situated in the main stadium while the Group 3 area was located to the side in a smaller, and ever so slightly warmer, basketball hall. A variety of judges had been invited from local, interstate and international locations to make their assessments of the fancy felines.



*Dr Kerry Fowler signing her book, 'Meow – A Genetic Concert For Cats', for Lynne Moorman.*

Apart from being engrossed in the judging and catching up with friends and breeders from around the country, there were plenty of interesting stalls selling cat related wares to keep the exhibitors and public entertained. Major sponsor Royal Canin had a stand with samples, demonstrations and freebies for exhibitors. On Sunday, Victorian judge, Dr Kerry Fowler was spruiking her recently

published cat genetics book, *Meow – A Genetic Concert For Cats*.

The Group 3 contingent was dominated by the kittens with 100 entries, male, female and desexed all being judged together. The entire adult section consisted of 59 exhibits while the Desexed Group 3 Cats had a good combined entry of 35 neuters and spays. Abyssinian and Somali exhibitors had travelled from across the country, some from as far away as Western Australia to show their cats, while others flew in with their cats from South Australia, New South Wales and Queensland. As well as the interstate exhibitors, there were plenty of locals from Victoria. There were five Somali exhibits and 10 Abyssinian exhibits, including two Cinnamons, present at the show with two absentees.



*Joylinca Sun God Amun Ra on the judging table.*

The competition was hot in the desexed section with two Tawny Abyssinians, one Cinnamon and three Tawny Somalis parading on the show bench. There were some oldies but goodies in

this line up including the very dapper and multi-titled Tawny Somali, Joylinear Sun God Amun Ra (Tarek), coming in at 10 years of age. He was up against his buddy, Nareira Calvin Cline, another multi-titled Tawny Somali owned by Lynne Moorman and the spritely Shilabo Jupiter, a two year old Tawny Somali, owned by Sarah Brooks, who gained four of the



*Shilabo Jupiter being judged.*

six Best of Breed awards. Shilabo Jupiter went on to be 8th Best Group 3 Desexed Cat in Ring 5 under the South African judge, Kaai du Plessis. Tarek won the other two Best of Breed awards and was lucky enough to be placed in two of the Top 10s gaining a 5th in Ring 1 under Victorian judge, Kerry Fowler and 4th in Ring 6 with South Australian judge, Kingsley Schmidtke.



*Judge, Cindy Grimes judging Narleekatz Roxy.*

There were some well aged exhibits in the Abyssinian section too with the seven year old Cinnamon spay, Narleekatz Roxy, up against the much younger, at only a year old, Tawny neuter Amahle Moves Like Jagger and Narleekatz Elusive Diamond (Lucy). Jagger took out four of the six Best of Breeds with Roxy and Lucy each gaining one of the remaining two. The Abys placed higher in the Top 10s than the Somalis with Jagger placing second in Rings 2, 5 & 6 and in Ring 4, under judge, Scoot Andresen, he placed 7th. Kaylie Goodrick's Roxy and Lucy were each awarded a Reserve in Show too, in Ring 1 for Roxy and Ring 3 for Lucy under Victorian judge, Cindy Grimes.



*Vivace Amali being awarded Reserve in Show.*

Of the 100 Group 3 kittens at the show, four were Abyssinians and one was a Somali kitten. The very vivacious, Vivace Amali, a Tawny Somali owned by Lisa Rhyne had no other Somali competition and gained all the Best of Breed awards. She danced and delighted on the show bench and went on to be placed 4th in Ring 3 under Kingsley Schmidtke and Reserve in Show with Tasmanian judge, Sue Barr. The well coloured Swift Dusty Rose gained four of the six Best of Breed awards and achieved a Reserve in Show in Ring 2 under NZ judge, David Scadden, Best in Show in Ring 3 and 6th in Show in Ring 6. She was the most highly placed Abyssinian or Somali kitten at the show.



*Allerbeste Lili Marlene being judged by Fiona Cooper.*

The other Best of Breed awards went to Osiris(V) Eye Candy who was Reserve Group 3 Kitten in Ring 5 under Scoot Andresen, and Allerbeste Lili Marlene, a promising young Tawny kitten, who gained a 3rd in Show with Cats NSW judge, Fiona Cooper.



*Best in Show: Swift Dusty Rose.*

Shilabo Gentleman Jack was the only entire adult Somali at the National and was awarded all the Best of Breeds. He placed in three rings gaining a 4th in Ring 1, 9th in Ring 5 and 5th in Ring 6. A Tawny female Abyssinian, Osiris(V) Russian Love attended the show but was beaten

out for the best of breeds by the males. Tawny male Abyssinian, Osiris(V) Black Beauty, took out four of the six Best of Breed awards and placed in two of the Top 10s gaining a 3rd under judge Cindy Grimes and a Reserve in Show with American judge, Darrell Newkirk. Eileen and Karel Pittaway's stylish Tawny male, Merindalee Endeavour, gained the other two Best of Breed awards and placed highly in the Top 10s with Kerry Fowler giving him Reserve in Show and Scoot Andresen, a Best in Show, going on to be Best Group 3 Exhibit in Ring 4.



*Ring 1 – Merindalee Endeavour*

The 45th ACF National Cat Show came to a close with many of the Abyssinian and Somali exhibits having performed very well. Ben White and Wendy Newton's Tawny female kitten, Swift Dusty Rose and the Pittaways Tawny male cat, Merindalee Endeavour, were the only Abyssinians or Somalis to receive Best in Show awards. Endeavour was the most highly placed Abyssinian or Somali exhibit at the show having made it to the Best of Group awards which was an amazing achievement especially with the large entry numbers for Group 3.

*Wendy Newton*

*Swift Abyssinians – Sydney*

# Kimara's Last Abyssinian Litter

Lucy & John Nikiforos



Lucy and John Nikiforos have been breeding Silver Abyssinians under the Kimara prefix in Perth since the late 1990s. This year saw their last litter of Silver Abyssinians born on the 24th February 2017 to parents: Bronze Grand Champion Kimara Heart N Soul and Kimara Ataiga Oceanic Melody. The litter consisted of two Tawny and two Blue Silver Abyssinians who have all found their forever homes. Kimara's Silver Abyssinian lines will live on with several breeders around Australia.

# State of Show Scene in South Australia

As we go into 2017, South Australia has three active Aby breeders and two active Somali breeders. Despite the small number, they seem to be 'punching above their weight' in the local awards, and the trend has continued for the last few years.

Some context and history may be useful here. At the beginning of our cat fancy adventure, in 1998, we were among several other Abyssinian and Somali exhibitors and breeders. The top Aby breeders were the Radcliffes with prefix Tosca and Phoenix prefix by the Pettingills, whose cats regularly topped the group awards. There were several Somali breeders in the 1990s, including Phoenix again, Philtra, Twillingate, King's Mead and Biegatti, who bred our first Somali neuters. At this time, it seemed to me that Abyssinians were regular winners of Best in Group awards; however, Somalis rarely did so and seemed to be regarded as 'poor cousins' to the Abyssinian. There were a few other breeders who came and went during that time.

At the Royal Show in Adelaide all the Somalis and Abys in South Australia would come out of the woodwork, even folks who usually didn't show for the rest of the year. There was a great line up of cats in all colours. It used to serve as a general measure of how many breeders and exhibitors were actually out there.

Success of the cats at the Royal was a different matter, while Abyssinians had been supreme exhibit at this one-ring show, Somalis had never managed to make it into the Top 10. This changed in 2003 when a young Silver Somali female was placed 5<sup>th</sup> in Show, a truly historic occasion. From this

point onwards it seemed that Somalis started to come into their own in South Australia, becoming Best in Group and Top in the end of year standings. Finally, in 2010, a South Australian Somali cracked it to be Supreme in Show at the Adelaide Royal. Nowadays, the breed is seen as being as competitive as any other, rather than a minority breed.

Breeder numbers fell off during the 2000s, while few came to replace them. At the time of writing there are three active Abyssinian breeders, Charlbury, Allerbeste and Serendity, the last two who both got their foundations from Charlbury; and two Somali breeders, Vivace and Silamos [silvers only]. This may reflect a general downturn in cat fancy participation; however, this doesn't seem to affect other Group 3 breeds. For most states two Somali breeders is actually quite a lot.

Abyssinian exhibitors of neuters have come and mostly gone after a year or so. For some reason the breeds don't seem to have the same appeal to exhibitors such as Burmese. However, most exhibitors comment on the great crowd appeal of the Abyssinian cat. Lori Fergusson, long-time Somali exhibitor has all but retired. On the horizon is a new Somali exhibitor and we can hope that there will be more attracted by the new exhibit, shown by a junior.

While there may be fewer breeders, the fact that in the FASA end of year awards the Group 3 section was dominated by Somalis and Abys; namely Best Entire: a Somali, Best Neuter: an Abyssinian and Best Kitten: an Abyssinian, it would appear that what is lacked in quantity is made up for in quality.

**Rita Bruche**

Vivace Somalis, Adelaide South Australia

*Subeditor: Rita had submitted this article to GK for the January 2017 issue.*

# **Akila Abyssinians – A New Journey Begins**

Our love of the Abyssinian breed started mid-2015. We have a very good friend of ours, Beth, who we purchased two Burmese cats from a few years ago. Beth had Elijah, a beautiful desexed Abyssinian. We met Elijah on several occasions, when visiting Beth and immediately fell in love with him. He was not like any other cat we had ever met before. Eli was stunning, very regal, intelligent, and had personality plus.

We were at a stage in our lives where we were trying to think of a hobby we could do together. Many years ago Mark used to show dogs as a hobby, but he found another interest, me! We talked to Beth about this on one of our visits; she had always bred and shown Burmese cats and also was showing Eli. She put us in touch with her best friend, Anne, in Adelaide who bred first class Abyssinians; this is from whom she purchased Eli. This is how our Abyssinian journey began.

Beth had let us know that Anne had a really nice boy kitten that was already showing potential and that we might like to start off with a neuter. We adopted Charlbury Kubla Khan (Khan) from Anne. Khan joined our family in November 2015 and as suggested by both Anne and Beth, after a couple of weeks of show training his show career began. Eli is a full brother to our beloved Khan. We had intended starting off with an entire girl we could show and breed so a few months later we purchased our little lady Charlbury Qetesh (Tesh).

We had a super first year. Both Tesh and Khan did exceptionally well as kittens obtaining quite a few Best of Breed and Best in Show awards. At an ANCATS show, Tesh won a Reserve to Supreme award.

Once they both progressed to adult class they still continued to do exceptionally well, with Tesh receiving a Supreme Shorthair Exhibit at a British Speciality show and Khan receiving a Supreme Shorthair Exhibit at a Cats Qld show. During the year, Khan and Tesh also managed to place in the Top 10 or 15 more often than not.

We had a lot of fun at the shows with both of them, by the end of our first show year Khan obtained the title of Bronze Double Grand Champion plus QFA 3<sup>rd</sup> Best Desexed Shorthair Cat of the Year. Tesh achieved her Double Grand Champion status.

It wasn't just about the showing and awards for us; we were also given so much support from the Aby breeders. As new breeders and exhibitors it can be a bit daunting starting out. From our first show everyone we met was so obliging and helpful, we have met some lovely people during our first show year and they continue to help us.

Tesh is now pregnant and we are expecting our first litter on the 3<sup>rd</sup> of February 2017. We have received an abundance of advice and ongoing support from so many people in the Abyssinian Breeder community. This is very refreshing, as new breeders it is good to know that there are always people around interested in our cats, and us and are so passionate about their breed. We hope one day also to be able to help new breeders and pass on the knowledge we have learnt from the Abyssinian breeders. Without this support, especially from Anne at Charlbury Cats who got us started on this path, this journey would have been a much more difficult road to travel.

**Gail and Mark Clignett** January 2017

Akila Abyssinians, Brisbane Qld.

# **Akila Abyssinians – A New Journey Begins**

Subeditor note: Gail and Mark contributed this article before their first litter was born.

A note from Akila Abyssinians:



Our first litter was born on the 2nd of February 2017 consisting of five beautiful, happy, healthy babies: two boys and three girls. Three of which have found wonderful furever homes. One girl, Annie (Akila Anne's Legacy), is staying with us and has already excelled winning three Best in Show awards, following in her mum's footsteps. There is one girl remaining called Jazz who would make someone a very loving companion.

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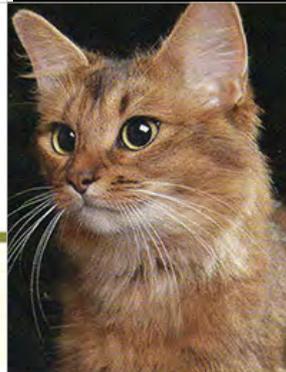
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## **Happi's Story - Part 2**

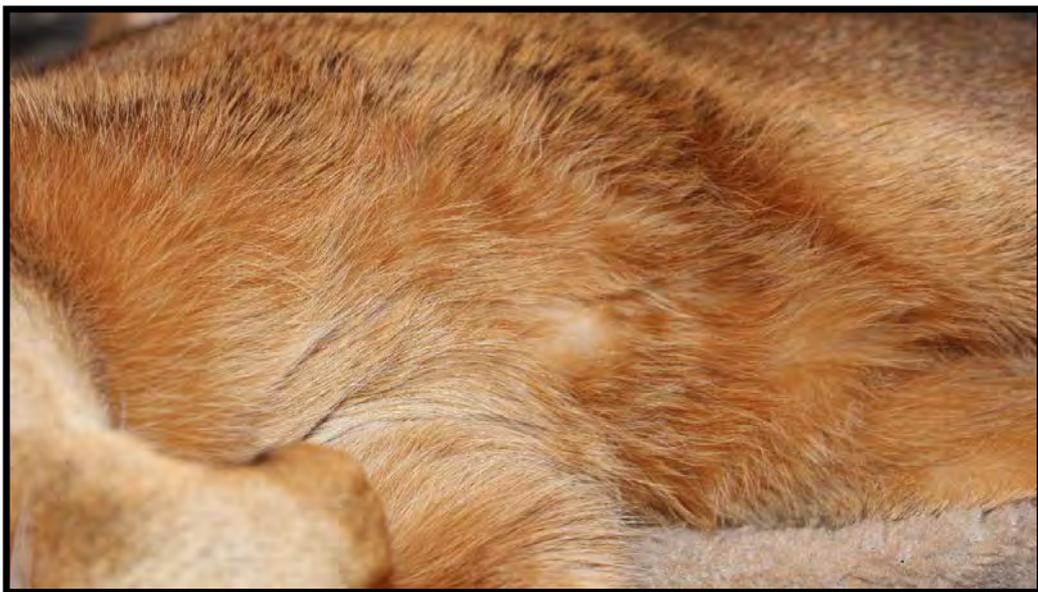
Happi's Story - Part 1 was the introduction to the discovery of why I had a chronic over groomer (Vol. 34. January 2016). Happi's Story - Part 2 is an update on her progress since she commenced her treatment, for chronic atopic dermatitis, house dust mite hypersensitivity, and cutaneous adverse food reaction.

Happi is now 15 months in to her Rush Immunotherapy Programme and the transformation has been an incredible journey. Happi has very much returned to her fun-loving, happy self. The days of itching and licking herself raw until her skin bled have gone.

*From this... (when her fur was starting to grow back)*



*To this... in 15 months*



*Photograph taken December 2016*

In November last year, after her three monthly check up at Murdoch University, it was decided she was doing so well that her sub-cutaneous injections that contain her allergens would be reduced to once every five weeks, a change from the monthly regime. Her Prednisolone (steroid medication) dose was kept at 0.4ml daily.

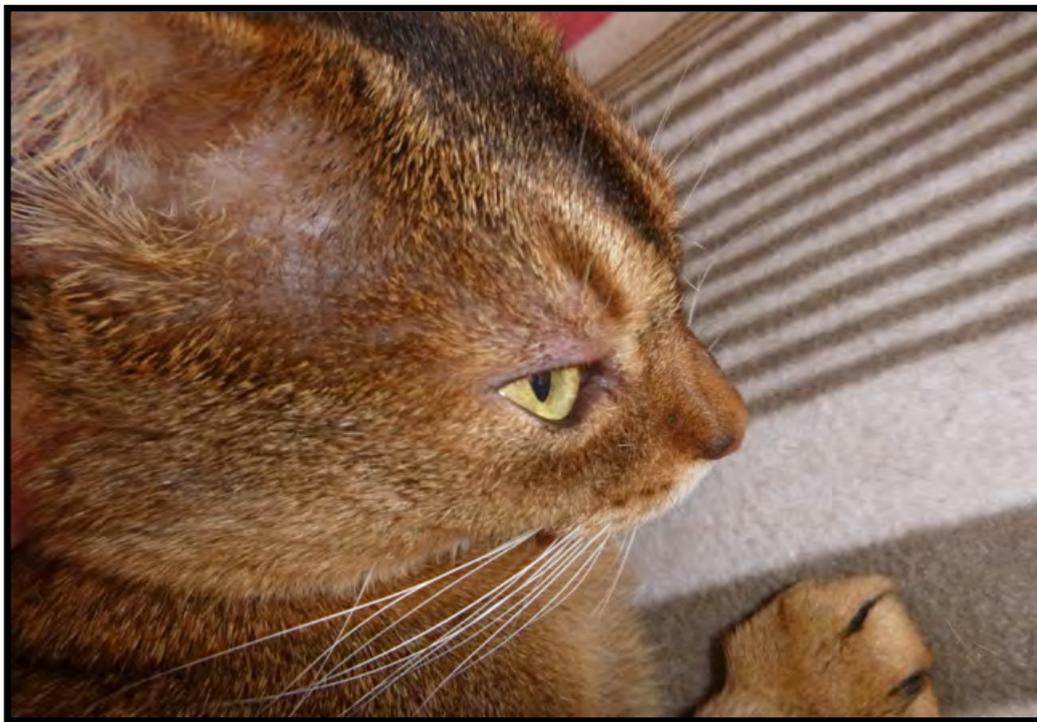
It was thought if she could get through the summer with no flare ups, by late March or April her injections would be reduced to once every six weeks. The Prednisolone dose would remain the same until she reaches the 2-year mark of her treatment, then gradually, it will be reduced with the aim of having her off it completely by the end of the treatment period (three years).

Happi has full blood work and urinalysis performed every six months, as there are risks with the long term use of Prednisolone (specifically early onset Diabetes), to date she has produced 100% normal results.

She has coped well with the inclusion of Hills J/D (joint care) biscuits into her diet, although they must be frozen for 48 hours prior to her having them, to ensure any storage or grain mites (allergens) are not present. She remains on a diet of fresh kangaroo meat, cooked chicken and fish, as she has been challenged enough times for us to establish she is highly allergic to bovine products, so commercial pet food is off the menu.

Happi returned to Murdoch University in April 2017. It was decided that the injections every five weeks would remain, and we would trial her on a reduced Prednisolone dose of 0.3ml per day.

Unfortunately, and with some disappointment she started to show some flare up relatively quickly. Within a week she was rubbing at her eyes. The fur disappeared relatively quickly, above her eyelid. Now that I am so aware of the symptoms, and how quickly they can flare, I was able to get advice about increasing her Prednisolone dose back to 0.4ml.



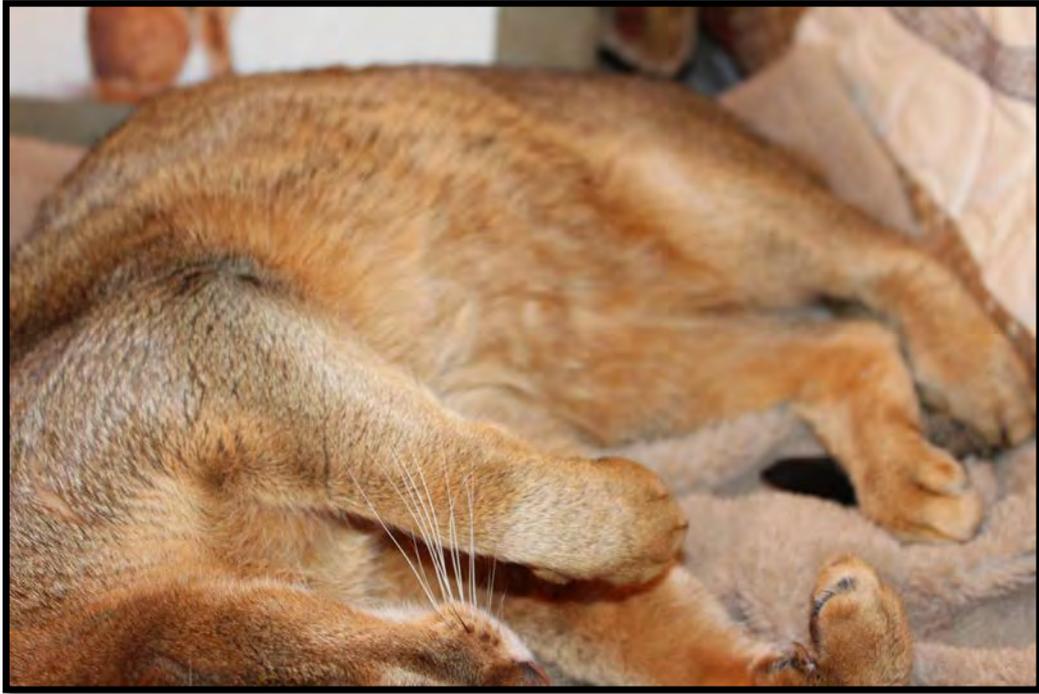
*The reduced Prednisolone dose resulted in Happi rubbing her eyes causing fur loss.*

Gradually, she has been challenged to spending more time in the enclosed patio; however, on days when the pollen count is extreme she does need to remain inside, again this will be challenged as she moves through her treatment.

As the dust mite was very high on her allergen list I was very disciplined about cleaning but more recently I am not quite so OCD with cleaning so boiling all bedding is now done once a week, not daily, although vacuuming is still done every day.

We will challenge her again after her visit to Murdoch University in September 2017, which will be nearly two years into her treatment. It may be the case, that she will require the dose, throughout the high pollen count months, for the rest of her days.

I am hopeful Happi's Story - Part 3 will see further improvement. It has been such an incredible learning experience and for any of you that have read her story, please remember, a cat may be over grooming for a variety of reasons even if they are desexed and in a pet home.



*Happi-cat completely covered in fur 😊*

**Selen Norwood** 2017

# Life Membership

George & Julie Kennedy



At the 2017 AGM of The Abyssinian Breeder Club of Australia, George and Julie Kennedy were awarded Life Membership to the Club. George founded The Abyssinian Breeder, and in 1983 produced the first magazine followed by the first show in Canberra. George and Julie have been passionate and dedicated to the Abyssinian breed in Australia and around the world for over forty years. They have endeavoured to keep the breed community informed and up to date on various matters related to Abyssinians and Somalis. George has several databases and a myriad of information about the breeds that he has shared generously with breeders. Throughout the years, George and Julie were instrumental in importing new Abyssinian lines to Australia which they shared willingly with breeders to enhance the Abyssinian gene pool.



*Ben White*

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