



Rex Files



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The **Rex Cat Fanciers of SA** is a **GCCFSA-affiliated club** for lovers of Devon and Cornish Rex. The club aims to promote these breeds in a fun and friendly manner. We welcome breeders as well as pet owners and show exhibitors. Members get together on a regular basis for meetings and social events. The club brings out a quarterly magazine and holds a show every year.

Joining is easy: just fill in one of the membership forms and return it with the fees.

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Welcome to the last newsletter for the year. Any suggestions on what you want to read about or any comments are welcome.

If you want to know when and where the next meeting is, please contact us and we look forward to seeing you soon.

Merry Christmas

The Rex Club hopes you have had a safe and wonderful Christmas followed by a great New Year.



Why Santa doesn't use cats.

Name change for our club

Exciting news for the Rex Cat Fanciers of South Australia Inc. Recently at a Governing Council of the Cat Fancy of South Australia Inc. meeting a name change to our club was adopted. Our new name will be the **Rex and Burmese Cat Fanciers of South Australia Inc.**

We will be keeping our code of ethics that will apply to all members not just the breeders of the Rex variety of cats.

We have spoken to Consumer Affairs incorporation section and all that will be required is the change of our Constitution and to pay the lodgment fees.

The club felt it was a good move to open up our club to others, to take in the Burmese as there is no longer any official Burmese breed club in South Australia.

Even though that Burmese Club was FASA affiliated, it was the only Burmese Breed club in South Australia and as we have a good Burmese membership we think it is prudent to enlarge our club in this manner.

We feel that as the Rex is a very small gene pool and very small membership that by bringing in a further breed we may also enlarge our membership.

Cat Show Results

Astracan Cattery

Db.Gd.Ch. Astracan Candy Floss Won best entire Devon Rex for 2011, also reserve country owned exhibit for 2011. Ch Astracan Kirlee Temple won reserve best Devon Rex entire for 2011, also group 3 Debutante of the year 2011. Gd.Pr.Astracan Toblerone won best Devon Rex neuter for 2011.

Photo: 2 kittens from Db.Gr.Ch.Astracan Candy Floss and Ch Astracan Armani, look out for these babies this show season.



Case Study: Feline Chlamydia

The following article is from:



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Patient: Dudley

Species: Feline

Age: 10 months

Signs: Left eye: squinting, yellow discharge, red, painful and swollen conjunctiva (the lining of the eye)

After a veterinary examination, Dudley was found to have an elevated temperature (fever), he was also sneezing and had a clear discharge from his nostrils. Due to his stuffy nose, he couldn't smell his food very well so he didn't feel like eating.

All of Dudley's signs were indicating that he was suffering from Chlamydia. This can be confirmed with an eye swab that is sent to the laboratory for testing.

Dudley probably contracted the infection from his mum during birth but adult cats can also become infected if they come in to contact with a cat that is shedding the bacteria from their respiratory tract.

Antibiotic treatment in the form of an oral paste helped Dudley feel better in no time at all. Dudley was also kept away from other cats to prevent spread of the infection.

Chlamydia can cause recurring infections so the most important measure for preventing disease is regular vaccination. Vaccination is especially important in groups of cats or for cats visiting catteries. Ask us for more information about Chlamydia.

Breeder Profile

Get to know the members of the Rex Cat Fanciers of South Australia. This edition we talk to **Dianne Dolman**, Burmese breeder.

Q - What is your favourite breed of cat?

Burmese of course but as a Judge of Group 2 and Group 3 I appreciate all breeds of cats, some we do not have in Australia. Like Chartreux and the Kurilean Bobtail. The Kurilean Bobtail is a native of parts of Russia.

Q - Do you have a favourite animal (other than cats of course)?

I love most animals, although I have a huge dislike of snakes & spiders.

I have bred many different birds and now our Cockatiel Dougie is a great source of amusement. He is talking now and I wonder why I am trying to teach him at the moment "Are you thirsty. Dougie wants a beer".

Q - How long have you been a breeder?

I have been in the cat world for over 47 years. I always have had a cat and my first pedigreed cat was a Chocolate Point Siamese Sabre GdPN Lenora Lia Aracaim in 1964, who I showed and so the bug had bitten I bred Seal Point Siamese. Then my Mother and I bred and perfected the Tonkinese. In 1974 I got my first Burmese a Blue Torti. She was the first Burmese entitled to be an Australian Champion but she was a TORTI not a solid colour and because she was then just under the age of 2 Years the rules got changed. All the same at the ripe age of 8 she was Best Burmese at the A. C. F. National show held in the former International Pavilion at Wayville. PHYA Anastasia went to the title of Silver Db Gd Ch and was 14 years of age when we lost her and I still miss my Sissy.

Q - What has been your favourite holiday?

Heron Island, Darwin and Broom. 3 Months overseas touring around India, Hong Kong and Judging in U.K. Denmark - and Stewarding in Amsterdam and Vienna. I guess it would be easier to say where I did not go whilst in Europe and the U.K.

Q - What is your ideal day?

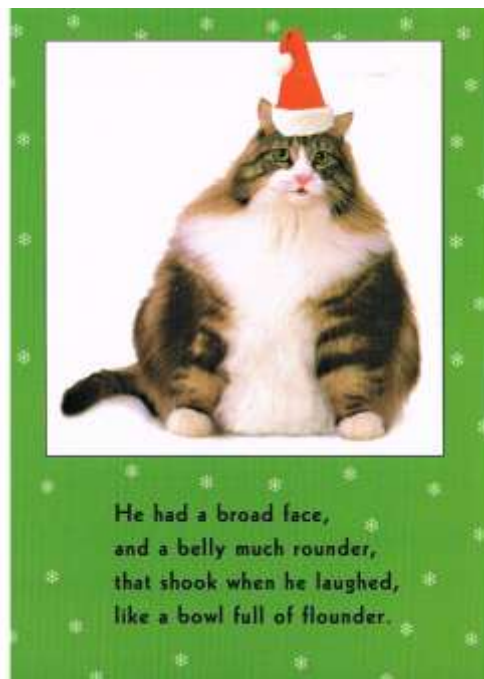
Good weather, good company with friends, good food and good drink. Perhaps a good show at the theatre.

Q - Do you have a favourite book or movie?

I do not read much these days other than the paper but I love good musicals, westerns, cops and robbers and a good comedy.

Q - If you could invite 5 people dead or alive to dinner who would it be?

John F. Kennedy, Madam Curie, Dr. Weary Dunlop, Ben Chifley and Indira Gandhi. I know they are all long time gone but they all made changes to the world. If it was people who were alive - Gabriel Gate, Peter Howard, Sir James Hardy, Karl Stefanovic and Kerri-Anne Kennerley.



2012 will hold new and exciting times for our club. We all hope you have had a rewarding 2011 and look forward and an exciting 2012.

Once again if you have any suggestions or comments please let us know.

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