



Rex and Burmese Cat Fanciers of
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The **Rex and Burmese Cat Fanciers of South Australia Inc** is a **GCCFSA-affiliated club** for lovers of Devon Rex, Cornish Rex, Selkirk Rex and Burmese. 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 third 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.

Cat Show Results

Astracan Cattery

Gd.Ch. Astracan Kirlee Temple won Best Devon Rex entire, also 4th Best entire in Group at the Cat Fanciers Society show on Sunday 6/5/12. Kittams Mr Magic won Best Devon Rex kitten, also 7th Best kitten in Group. Br.Db.Gd.Pr. Astracan Toblerone won Best Devon Rex neuter.

At the SA Cat Breeders Show 20/5/12 Db.Gd.Ch. Astracan Candy Floss was best Devon Rex entire ring 1, Reserve entire in Group. Gd.Ch. Astracan Kirlee Temple was Best Devon Rex entire ring 2, 4th Best entire in Group ring 1. Astracan Destin To Dream was Best Devon Rex kitten Ring 1 & 2, Reserve kitten in Group ring 1 & 2, Br.Db.Gd.Pr. Astracan Toblerone was Best Devon Rex neuter ring 1 & 2, 3rd Best Neuter in Group ring 1 & 2.

At the Persian Breeders Cat club all breeds Championship cat show 3/6/2012. Astracan Pearly Queen was Best Devon Rex entire & 6th best entire in group, ring 1. This was her first show as an Adult cat. Gd.Ch. Astracan Kirlee Temple was Best Devon Rex entire in group ring 2.

Brookside Cattery

At the Breeders show Ring One. Best Burmese 4th in top 10 of Group 3 entire's. Best Eye Colour and Shape. Group 3 also Best Coat Colour and Texture. Muffin.aka. Brookside Shot Silks Glow who has not been at a show since last November she was home having babies.

Ring One. Best Burmese Kitten and Best Coat Colour and Texture Bobbie aka Brookside Choc SweetSpice...

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Ring One. Brookside Choclet Cassan. Best Burmese Entire, Reserve Burmese Entire Brookside Shot Silks Glow. Reserve in Group 3 & 4 Brookside Choclet Cassan. Brookside Shot Silk Glow was 10th in the top 10 in Group 3 & 4 and Cassan took out the Challenge and a CCA award nothing but a 2nd placing in Ring 2 and Shot Silks Glow was again Reserve Best Burmese entire and took out her 2 challenges so she is now a Champion.

The Rex and Burmese Cat Show 2012

The Rex and Burmese cat show will be held on 19th August 2012 at Clovelly Park Primary School gymnasium, 1 Renown Place, Clovelly Park SA 5042.

As a club fundraiser we held a raffle at last year's cat show and wish to replicate that success this year. To do so, we would love prizes to be donated by club members, businesses or sponsors.

Member Profile

Get to know the members of the Rex and Burmese Cat Fanciers of South Australia. This edition we talk to **Judith Jordan**.

Q - What is your favourite breed of cat?

Hard question as I love all 3 breeds that I own - I can't just pick one but what I can say is that I am intrigued by the coat and texture of my Bengal Ronon; I love the smoochiness, energy, grace and inquisitive personality of my Russian Blue's Zeus, Mikhail and Nikon and although my short hair Selkirk Rex Walter looks like a curly cuddly cat, I respect his ability to command tickles and attention when and only when he wants it and I think he really does look amazing with his cream curls.

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

I love my son's Labrador puppy Ace as he reminds me of the the labs my Aunt bred when I was a child - smelling his waxy ears takes me all the way back to childhood.

Q - How long have you been showing cats?

I love my sleep too much to get into breeding - I leave that for the others! I have been fortunate enough to be allowed to own my neuter boys by their breeders, Rhonda Jenkins, Fiona Hawking and Bec Kuss and I have been showing for 4 years

Q - What has been your favourite holiday?

Holidays - what are those!? Stephen and I took Connor to Melbourne when he finished his cancer treatment because he wanted to see the MCG, Ned Kelly's amour and the marine life close up in a big aquarium. WE travelled by train there and back and stayed in the Melbourne CBD. Seeing his wonderment at how big the MCG really was and watching him kick his footy around in the pre match training room the Crows had the week before made it a great trip. At the Melbourne Library we had to go into this amazing old building that was circular and Connor went ahead of us and we heard the loud "OH!" when he rounded a corner and there was Ned's amour. It was a holiday about getting our family back to some sense of what is now our families new 'Normal' following his long illness and for that reason alone it is memorable.

Q - What is your ideal day?

Up at dawn with time to play with the cats and then taking the dog outside to water the garden and so some work in it with the cats directing me from their outside run. Followed by breakfast cooked using our own chickens eggs and as much time to read the paper and peruse some cook books as I like! No business work for the day and just family time doing what we want. Bliss!

Q - Do you have a favourite book or movie?

I love any film that has Meryl Streep in it but I found *Sophie's Choice* too hard to watch all the way through. Any Cookbook can keep me amused for hours of reading!

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

Billy Connolly; Whoopie Goldberg; Gough Whitlam; Maggie Beer; JFK and Martin Luther King as a reserve if any of the others couldn't make it!

Feline Asthma

The following article is from:

[Animal Planet](#)

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Feline asthma is a respiratory disease that is described as involving hyper reactivity, inflammation, and airflow obstruction of the airways that will spontaneously reverse or respond to treatment. In other words, one of the characteristics of feline asthma is that it comes and goes and responds very well to steroid treatment. This article will explore the cause and treatment of this disease that appears to be very similar in both humans and felines.

Who gets it?

Cats between the ages of one and eight years are the most likely to develop asthma. Female cats are twice as likely to get it as male cats. Siamese and Himalayan breeds appear to get it more frequently than other breeds. It can occur any time of the year and there does not appear to be an increased incidence in any one season. It is estimated that less than one percent of all cats will ever develop feline asthma.

What are the symptoms?

The symptoms vary widely in severity and range from an occasional episode of coughing and wheezing to chronic and persistent coughing and wheezing. Cats often stand with their head stretched forward while they cough. Sometimes it may appear that they are coughing something up. In more severe attacks the cat may suffer from acute respiratory distress and open

mouth breathing. In cases where the coughing is severe, the cat may vomit after coughing spells.

What causes feline asthma?

There appear to be several different factors that may be involved in the development of feline asthma. Studies are currently being done to help further pinpoint the exact cause. It is felt that cats with feline asthma have a chronic inflammation of the tissues that line the bronchial walls in the lungs. The tissues may hyperreact to certain allergens, viruses, or infections, causing inflammation and increased mucous secretion. The increase in inflammation and secretions causes a decrease in the size of the airways and the symptoms worsen as a result. Allergens that have been linked to an increase in symptoms of asthmatic cats include smoke, insect and hair sprays, dust (flea powders, litter, carpet fresheners) feather pillows, perfumes, and Christmas trees. Other studies have shown that ragweed pollen may cause attacks. In addition, some cats may have asthma attacks in response to food allergies, particularly fish-based foods that may be higher in natural histamines. Bacterial infections, mycoplasma, and viruses may also contribute to attacks of feline asthma.

How is feline asthma diagnosed?

Asthma is diagnosed through a combination of presenting symptoms, chest x-rays, and response to treatment. The chest x-rays can show inflammation of the bronchioles in the lungs. Improvement of the symptoms when injectable or oral steroids are used usually confirms the diagnosis if the symptoms and x-rays are indicative of feline asthma. Because there are many other diseases that can cause similar symptoms, a complete diagnostic workup is usually performed. A blood count and chemistry profile are usually performed in addition to a heartworm check. Occasionally, a bacterial or mycoplasma culture is also performed.

How is it treated?

The mainstay of feline asthma treatment continues to be corticosteroid treatment. Most animals need to be on an every other day oral dose of steroids for the remainder of their lives. Others may only need treatment occasionally during flair ups. Long-acting injectable steroids can be used in

animals that are too difficult to pill. Because of the potential long-term side effects of steroids, the minimum effective dose given every other day is the goal with this treatment.

In addition to steroids, some veterinarians are using injectable or oral terbutaline to aid in bronchodilatation. Another drug that is also being used is cyproheptadine (Periactin), an antihistamine that blocks serotonin and smooth muscle contraction in the bronchioles.

There are also several drugs that are experimental and may be used in the future. Cyclosporine is an immunosuppressive drug that may have benefits in feline asthma. Another drug is Anti-Interleukin-5 Antibody. This experimental drug blocks the action of eosinophils and reduces clinical signs of feline asthma.

Summary

Feline asthma is a respiratory condition of young and middle-aged cats. It causes wheezing and coughing of varying intensities. Allergens are the prime suspect in the cause of feline asthma. The diagnosis is based on x-rays and response to steroid treatment. Afflicted animals that are kept on the lowest effective dose of prednisone often lead normal, healthy lives with only an occasional flair up.

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Pincher

Pincher was the WW1 mascot of HMS Vindex, which was one of Britain's first aircraft carriers. He is seen here sitting on the propeller of one of the seaplanes the ship carried.



<http://www.purr-n-fur.org.uk/featuring/war02.html>

Little One

Little One is seen with his owner Mrs Day, London, 1941. He is wearing a NARPAC collar, standing for 'National Air Raid Protection for Animals Committee'. This was described officially as an 'animal lovers' voluntary wartime organisation that ensures, should he stray in blitz or blackout, he will be returned safely to his owner'.



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business
of life is
to enjoy it.



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

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