

MONTHLY Meow

The Official Monthly Mewsletter of the NSW Cat Fanciers Association

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A MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Welcome to our first newsletter for 2021.

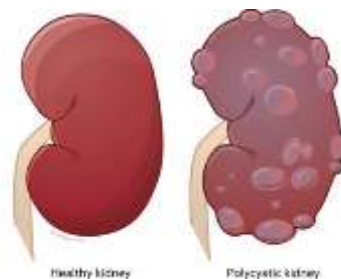
I wish you all a happy new year! I hope you have recovered from Christmas and are now settling in for the year ahead.

While it may be some time before we are returned to a fully “normal” year for shows, we are especially looking forward to holding our CFA shows this year subject, of course, to any continuing COVID-19 safe rules placed upon us by the NSW Government at the time of our shows. We will continue to ensure that our members, judges and workers are protected under our COVID-19 safe practices.

Something that I have witnessed and about which I *personally* am really concerned, is the number of Gumtree advertisements for kittens that are being advertised as available for rehoming at 8 weeks of age. I feel it is important to take this opportunity to remind our breeder members, that rehoming kittens under 10 weeks of age is contrary to our Code of Ethics and I would especially ask you to ensure that you are familiar with and abide by our Code. ([NSW CFA Code of Ethics](#)). These additional health safeguards are part of what distinguishes us from unregistered breeders. The other result of this early rehoming practice is that most of these kittens are being sold un-desexed, and usually with only a single vaccination. This early rehoming practice allows for the backyard breeder to pop up.

On a positive note, our Group 1 Judges course is recommencing on 6 February, and it will be wonderful if we have no further outbreaks of Coronavirus to slow us down with this Course.

An article that you may find of interest this month is [Polycystic Kidney Disease \(PKD in Cats\)](#). Polycystic kidney disease is an inherited disease. Unfortunately, PKD has become very common in certain cat breeds.



Best wishes,

Sue Thomas



FROM THE “EDITOR’S” DESK

The genesis of the Monthly Meow was COVID-19 and the need to keep our members informed and engaged during a period when so many things that formed the structure of the world - including the cat world - as we have known it, disappeared almost overnight.

As I have never been involved in the production of a newsletter prior to the Monthly Meow, this has been a learning curve for me, and it was a challenge at a time that life in general was a huge challenge. Thanks should go to everyone who has contributed to the production and content of the newsletter, but my particular thanks to Joy Marshall, who patiently formats the newsletter every month - usually at very short notice - and makes it look like a newsletter should look.

Although we are hopefully moving towards a more normal resumption of show and other activities and therefore seeing each other face to face rather than just remotely, we believe that a monthly newsletter - in combination with “Catching Up”, Facebook and other social media, will continue to play an important part in keeping our members informed and up to date.

This is **your** newsletter and we really welcome feedback and input from you.

IN THE PIPELINE – what the Management Committee has been doing this month

As you may be aware, the Management Committee has one month in the calendar year - January - when we do not have a scheduled meeting. However, we will be back on deck in February (scheduled February meeting is on Wednesday 10 February) and we have many things planned for this year to continue to not only provide a great service to our members but to improve that service.

Note: Management Committee meetings are now being held on the second Wednesday of each month - previously the second Tuesday of each month.

Note: Please remember that the cut-off for submission of Management Committee meeting agenda items is 10:00 am on the Wednesday morning of the week prior to the scheduled meeting date.

ASSOCIATION NEWS

ZOOM LICENSE: As some of our members may be aware, NSW CFA purchased a ZOOM license to assist in continuing to operate our Association as smoothly as possible in view of the many restrictions imposed during the continuing pandemic and to overcome some of the many obstacles created. We have used the license to successfully conduct general interest seminars, Management Committee and other meetings and sessions for the current Group 1 Judges training course.

We would like our members and affiliates to know that the ZOOM facility is available to our affiliated clubs, at no cost, to conduct AGM’s and potentially other meetings.

If you are interested in discussing possibly using this facility, please contact our office administrator. Any use of the NSW CFA ZOOM license will be by agreement with NSW CFA and must be conducted through the Office.

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“LET’S TALK SHOW BIZ”

As advised in the December issue of the newsletter, the 2021 show calendar is now up on the website.

Upcoming Shows

- **Goulburn A P & H Society** - 6 and 7 March 2021 - closing date 12 February 2021.
Note: the schedule has been amended slightly to allow for “in-cage” vetting this year due to the continuing COVID-19 related restrictions.
- **Federal Kitten and Desexed Show** - 20 March 2021
- **NSW CFA Autumn Show** - 24 April 2021

The Management Committee are excited to announce that “Cherish” (*Advanced Petcare of Australia*) will be joining us as a major sponsor for our Autumn show.



Please be aware that shows will continue to be run in accordance with any existing COVID-19 restrictions. If you have any queries or concerns about what those restrictions entail, please contact our Office Administrator on office@nswcfa.asn.au or call 02 9834 6577.

UPCOMING EVENTS

CCCA NATIONAL JUDGES CONFERENCE 2021

We have been advised that the Feline Association of South Australia (FASA) will be hosting this conference on 25 September 2021 (10:00am - 4:00pm). Details will be advised as they become available. The conference is open to ALL CCCA members.

2021 NSWCFA Calendar

Have you purchased your calendar yet ?

The cost is \$15.00 including postage & all cats featured are NSWCFA Members cats.

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Email your receipt to office@nswcfa.asn.au



COMPETITIONS



JANUARY COMPETITION

In 2021 we will continue conducting these competitions online. A post will be created for each competition for you to add your photos on *the NSW CFA Members Only Facebook Page*. Please contact our Office Administrator if you need assistance or information.

The pedigree section this month will be for: *"Cutest litter photo"*. The category for the Companion section is *"prettiest eyes"*.

JUDGING will again be in separate sections for each of Groups 1, 2, 3 and Companions. However please note the following rules:

- You can enter as many times as you like and you can enter more than one photo of the same litter (pedigree) or cat (companion);
- This is a fun competition and although the classes are split by group, the entries are not judged according to breed standards, they are judged on general appeal.
- The litters (groups 1 - 3) do not have to be complete - as long as there is more than one kitten in the photo; and
- The photos do not have to be current photos or current or even recent litters (pedigree section) or cats/kittens (Companions).

The judges will be Christine Tomlinson (Group 1); Sharon Hodge (Groups 2 and 3); and Lavina Anderson (Companions).

The winners will be announced in the February issue of the Monthly Meow.

There will be prizes for the winners of each section.

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REMINDERS

MEMBERS ONLY FACEBOOK GROUP: Members are reminded that we now have a Members Only Facebook Group and we encourage you to post articles, photos, ideas, information, events etc. It is one way you can support our Association and encourage, get to know and help our members and is there for the benefit of our members.

WANTED!!

POWERPOINT SLIDES/PRESENTATIONS

The Judges Sub Committee aims to commence producing a library of educational PowerPoint Presentations on all the pedigree breeds. These will be primarily for judge education but could also be used to assist new breeders/owners and stewards among others. We would like this to be a “home grown” product - primarily using photographs and information about our cats and the history of their development in Australia.

We are asking for any photos (including developmental changes), information etc. that you may have in relation to your breed. Please contact our office administrator or speak to someone on the Judges/Breeds subcommittee if you feel you can assist in any way.

We can't do this without YOU, the breeders.

ARTICLES OF INTEREST

[Cat Superstitions by Country](#)

Throughout history cats have been seen as magical mystical creatures that are often feared and sometimes revered.

Most cat superstitions came into being during the 12th and 13th centuries.

This article gives the reader a list of cat superstitions organized by country





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