

THE SIAMESE CAT SOCIETY OF SCOTLAND

Welcome

Welcome to our first newsletter of 2009! As a club are always trying to give our members that bit more... Contributions for the next Issue gratefully received. Email: athelstansiamese@btinternet.com

Supreme Show November 2008

Written by George Shand

Nov 21st 8:00pm – Loaded up the two cats **Grand Champion Andalyn Amadeus (Max)** and **Palmira Sulaweisi (Sula)** and all the show gear. Set off early because the roads are tricky with Ice and Snow.

The roads are really treacherous so down to 30mph. The conditions are terrible with cars, vans and lorries skidding off the road. One lane closed off the dual carriageway and not a gritter in sight! Finally near Brechin 60 miles further south roads are clear.

Now I can speed up and make up for lost time. We reached Dundee in 3½ hours, a journey that usually takes 2 hours. Now no problems so we should reach Strathclyde by 1:30am to catch the coach.

Nov 22nd – Made the coach with 30 mins to spare. Transferred the cats and gear to the coach and can now relax. We set off at 1:45am. First comfort stop is Gretna Services. Two cups of tea £5.80 – what a rip off, but welcome. After a ½ hour break we set off with no further stops to Birmingham. The coach is almost full so Pamela Read the organiser is delighted with some new and many well known faces on board.

Nov 22nd 6:00am – Must have had a sleep stretching out in the reclining seat. Traffic is now building up with 50 miles now to go to Birmingham. Daylight is breaking around 7:00am and signs for the NEC are now appearing! **7:45am** – Arrived at the main door of the NEC, disembarked and joined the already long queues. Pat went to decorate the two pens, while I vetted in the two cats. We got safely through vetting in so now the cats can at last enjoy some comfort, food, water and litter tray before judging starts.

9:30am – **Grand Champion Andalyn Amadeus – 24 Seal Point (Max)** is first up for judging under the scrutiny of Judge Di Brown. He did well being second to the winner of the UK Grand 1GR CH Mylnn Montoya.



10:00am – Next up for judging under the scrutiny of Judge Di Brown, He did well and came second to the winner of the UK Grand – 1GR CH Mylnn Montoya.

10:00pm – Next up for judging is **Palmira Sulaweisi – 24b Chocolate Point (Sula)**.

Her first adult show, 9 months and 1 week old, under judge Lynne Studer. She was awarded 1st cc and Best of Breed. Well done Sula! More judging, and nail biting for us, as Sula goes up for best in section. After a lot of deliberation by Jenny Jones out of B.O.B. Cats, all in all she placed 1GR CH Johpas Seniorita Rumbalita best in section. Great for Sula appearing in her 1st adult show. Now cats and owners can relax, go for a drink and trek round the many and varied stands and spend our pocket money.



Seminar and A.G.M.

Sunday 26th April 2009
Glenfarg Hotel • Main Street
Glenfarg • Perthshire
PH2 9NU

11:30 Talk by Mary Key –

One of Scotland's most established Breeders

12:30 Buffet Lunch @7.00 per person
(must be prebooked – see booking form below)

14:00 A.G.M.

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A coffee at the Royal Cannin stand and collect a beautiful piece of crystal won by Sula as Best of Breed. Now is the chance for us to meet and enjoy the company of our many good friends from the 'South'. A really enjoyable show with Max and Sula being much admired by breeders and visitors from home and abroad.

5:30pm – Taking the decorations down off the pens, the cats get put in their baskets and we start to make for the coach that is waiting at the entrance.

6:00pm – We set off North and the coach is buzzing with talk of the show. Pamela Read is selling Raffle Tickets and Pat is lucky enough to win a bottle of wine! Now its snooze time again after a long day.

8:30pm – Arrived at West Cumbria service station for a meal and comfort stop. After $\frac{3}{4}$ hour we set off again - time for another nap!

11:30pm – Arrived at Strathclyde Park. A good and uneventful trip North.

11:35pm – Back to the car again for the Journey home. $3\frac{1}{2}$ hours of driving and we reached Aberdeen at 2am. Roads are clear with gritters now working.

3:00am – Sunday we just got home and it started to snow again, big flakes and lying thickly. We got to bed around 3:30, tired by happy. We must be mad or very dedicated or both I guess. Here is to the next Supreme – its a special show to visit.

Siamese Cat Society of Scotland A.G.M. 2009
Seminar and Lunch Booking Form

Name: _____

Address: _____

Tel: _____

No. of people attending seminar:

No. of lunches: @£7.00 = Total £ _____

Please return form with £5.00 deposit
per person to Hon. Secretary:

Pina Bruno-Grieve
11 Glebe Crescent, Athelstaneford,
North Berwick, East Lothian, EH39 5BG

Oriental Mania!

From the tip of its nose to the end of its long whip like tail, the Oriental is a study in sleek design. These spirited cats remain playful and loyal and will no doubt grace your life constantly – from melting your heart when looking at you with their sparkling green almond shaped eyes, to 'helping you' in your busiest moments. Orientals will always find a way to 'interrupt' whatever you are doing to 'supervise and give assistance' – whether its tying your shoelaces or brushing your teeth they're there making sure you're doing it the right way. Equally when the quiet times are spent with them on your knee or lying next to you in bed purring and nuzzling you know that you are very lucky indeed.

Dr Bruce Bennett one of Scotland's premier Siamese and Oriental judges has written for our newsletter and has Siamese and Oriental Breed Information on our website

[www.siamese-scotland.co.uk/
Breed Information.htm](http://www.siamese-scotland.co.uk/Breed%20Information.htm)

Breeders attracted by the lithe elegant type of the Siamese cat removed the gene for Siamese colour distribution by selective breeding, producing a whole new breed of animal we now know as the Orientals. These retain the lovely length and elegance of the Siamese type but have no contrasting body pallor. And whereas the Siamese eyes are a striking deep blue, that of the Orientals is green, which at its best is quite stunning. They come in all the colours that Siamese exhibit in their points though the analogue of the Siamese seal appears as deep true black in the Oriental. There is also a white variety with blue eyes (due to a gene that is quite different from the partial albino that codes for Siamese pattern), the Foreign White. There are Tortie and Tabby varieties of Oriental, but the presence of pattern on the body allows us to distinguish between spotted, classic and ticked forms of tabby, not the case with the Siamese in which pattern is confined to the points where these distinctions are not easily made.



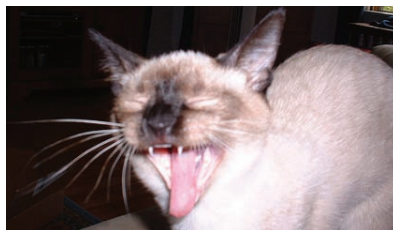
**Imperial Grand Premier
Eireachdail Plum Macduff**

Oriental Genes not seen in Siamese.

Into the Orientals other genes have been introduced, that are not permitted in the Siamese breed. These restrict the pigment in each hair shaft to varying degrees. One such type produces the 'smokes' that have pigment in a fair proportion of the terminal hair shaft, while another is responsible for the 'shaded' pattern, where the terminal pigmentation is restricted to closer to the tip. Again all the colours and patterns available in the Siamese points may appear in the pigmented areas of these cats' coats. Two further genes expressed in the Orientals but not the Siamese are the Silver gene which turns the background colour of the tabbies and the undercoats of the smokes and shadeds to a bright silvery white that produces striking contrasts, and the gene for patching, quite recently seen in this country, which has produced a stunning new breed in the Oriental section that is starting its progress toward Championship status in GCCF Shows. This patching gene has produced the new Bi-colour Orientals, some of which are very beautiful and whose progress will be interesting to watch. As in the Siamese, the long hair genes have been introduced to the Oriental breed, producing the Oriental Longhair (originally named the Angora), the Oriental equivalent of the Balinese, currently seen in all the colours and patterns of the Oriental Shorthairs with the exception of the Bi-colour one. No doubt this will soon be introduced. It is interesting to consider how the enormous number of Siamese and Oriental breeds have evolved or been developed from a relatively small number of seal pointed Siamese imported from the East in the nineteenth century. When you consider the number of pattern variations and then factor in those for colour and hair length, the number of possible variations is impressive indeed. Perhaps you would like to calculate how many are possible.

Joke Corner

Funny stories and pictures required to help us make this the best club newsletter!



Honey its me!

Several men are in the locker room of a golf club. A cell phone on a bench rings and a man engages the hands free speaker function and begins to talk. Everyone else in the room stops to listen.

MAN: "Hello"

WOMAN: "Honey, it's me. Are you at the club?"

MAN: "Yes"

WOMAN: "I am at the mall now and found this beautiful leather coat. It's only \$1,000. Is it OK if I buy it?"

MAN: "Sure, go ahead if you like it that much."

WOMAN: "I also stopped by the Mercedes dealership and saw the new 2009 models. I saw one I really liked."

MAN: "How much?"

WOMAN: "\$90,000"

MAN: "OK, but for that price I want it with all the options."

WOMAN: "Great! Oh, and one more thing... the house I wanted last year is back on the market. They're asking \$950,000"

MAN: "Well, then go ahead and give them an offer of \$900,000. They will probably take it. If not, we can go the extra 50 thousand if it's really a pretty good price." WOMAN: "OK. I'll see you later! I love you so much!"

MAN: "Bye! I love you, too."

The man hangs up. The other men in the locker room are staring at him in astonishment, mouths agape. He turns and asks: "Anyone know who this phone belongs to?"

This is a true story!

Overheard in a restaurant a group of Church of Scotland ministers were chatting, one of them started to tell a story about visiting a patient in a Psychiatric ward, after chatting to the patient for a while he turned to another patient and said to him 'Hello what's your name then' the patient replied 'Jesus' the minister said 'who gave you that name' the patient replied 'God' at that a wee voice in the corner replied NAW A DIDNAY!

A right Royal to-do

- 1 Which English King was rewarded with the title 'Defender of the Faith' by the Pope for his criticism of Martin Luther?
- 2 Which Babylonian King is merited with building the famous 'Hanging Gardens of Babylon'?
- 3 Which Queen Consort of France, and later England, had Henry II as her second husband?
- 4 The 3rd King of the 19th Egyptian dynasty was responsible for the building of the temple at Karnak. Who was he?
- 5 Who was the first King of Belgium and uncle to Queen Victoria?
- 6 Which daughter of Francis I of Austria married Louis XVI in 1770?
- 7 Which king of Israel was the second son of David and Bathsheba?
- 8 Which King, uncle of Queen Victoria, was nick-named "silly billy"?
- 9 What was the former house name of the Windsor family, altered by King George V in 1917 due to anti-German sentiment?
- 10 Which Royal household came between Lancaster and Tudor?

1 Henry VIII 2 Nebudchadnezzar II
3 Eleanor of Aquitaine 4 Ramesses II 5 Leopold I
6 Marie Antoinette 7 Solomon
8 William IV 9 Saxe-Coburg-Gotha 10 York