



NEWSLETTER

SNOWSHOE CAT SOCIETY



Winter 2008

Winter Report

A message from your chairman

Well here we are in December, and another year has flown by. The breed continues to grow and win more converts. We are seeing more Snowshoes on the show benches, on one occasion there were six in competition.

This is good news as it means that the general public are able to see them.

We have just come back from the Supreme show which is the highlight of the year for those of us who enjoy showing our cats. The Snowshoe breed was well represented with many of them achieving their merit awards. It was great to be able to see 10 Snowshoes at one time, there were some beautifully decorated pens on display. Two of these were awarded with official Supreme rosettes. No mean feat when you realise that there were over 1200 cats present. Well done.

Several of the Snowshoe cats were already quad merit winners (4 merits from 4 different judges). One kitten notched up her sixth merit award and one female adult qualified for her quad merit status at the Supreme, having taken time off in the summer

to attend to maternal duties. Congratulations to all the successful cats and their owners. In 2009 we hope to be able to progress to the next level of recognition with these wonderful cats, so we will need all your support please.

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We have some new ideas for the year ahead to help us achieve this and 2009 promises to be eventful if hard work. It just

remains for me to wish you all a happy and successful New Year.



Coldenufforsnow Villars won her 6th Merit at the Supreme

In an effort to reduce club expenditure we are trialling sending the newsletter by electronic means. If you would prefer to receive the newsletter as a hard copy please mail Mollie to this effect.

Important Announcement: AGM 2009

The AGM is scheduled to take place on Saturday February 28th 2009 at 2:00 pm at The Coventry & Leicester Cat Show to be held at Bingley Hall, County show ground, Stafford, ST18 OBD.

This gives you the opportunity to attend the meeting if you have cats competing at this well attended show. There is also an antiques fair taking place in an adjacent hall so could be a

Photo Competition

We are launching our first photo competition, and would like as many of you to send in your snaps and shots of your cats doing what they do best (posing for the camera!).

Co-coordinated by new member, Kate Bailey who is also a freelance photographer!

You may remember in a previous newsletter, that we asked you to start taking photographs of your beautiful, and handsome furry purrry cats. Well without further ado, we'll tell you why!

Bob Fox has kindly agreed to judge the competition and there will be a rosette for the winner of each class.

Bob will then select one photo as the overall Best In Show, and the winner will have their photo enlarged to a 12"x16"

framed print, kindly donated by Chas Halsey of Focal Point Imaging.

We have 6 classes for you to enter,

1. **Glamour puss**, one for the sexy ladies

great day out.

Please respond by e-mail to me, Mollie, at coldenufforsnow@hotmail.co.uk

URGENT

We need to know how many people will be attending the AGM to enable us to book a room. Please respond by return.

Mollie Southall (Chairman).

Subscriptions 2009

Annual subscriptions are now due. As we hope to apply for breed progression in 2009 we need to be sure that we have included all our members in our accounts. If you pay them now you won't have to remember to pay them later.

in your life! So get those feather boas out, flutter those beautiful lashes and make love to the camera. Here come the girls!!

2. **Handsomest boy**, the dapper chaps are lining up for this one. Put on your best bib & tucker, comb those whiskers and charm those girls.

3. **Cutest kitten**, ahhh, aren't they sweet! Catch them whilst they're napping in the washing basket, or putting that cute little paw in your aquarium, or up to any of their lovely tricks.

4. **Longest whiskers**, a kind of self-explanatory class.

5. **Best friends**, after the fighting for



**Not just for Snowshoes!
Moggies, other breeds and even
other kinds of pets welcome!
Get Snapping!**

Supreme Snowshoes



Coldenufforsnow Villars

There was a super turnout of Snowshoes at the Supreme, with the majority of them gaining their much prized Merit awards.

join Kelly's breeding programme she was thrilled. This was the first time that Kelly had shown at the Supreme too.

- Sensay Squadron Leader, Mollie's Oriental pointed bicolour male neuter who won his open and was awarded Best Of Breed.

What excellent results. Well done. With over 1200 cats (all of whom have to qualify to be entered) in competition awards at the Supreme are hard won and much prized.

A Supreme Day Out

Kelly Grimmett had a busy Supreme with her Snowshoe, Sassy and her Havana, Dillon. She reports:



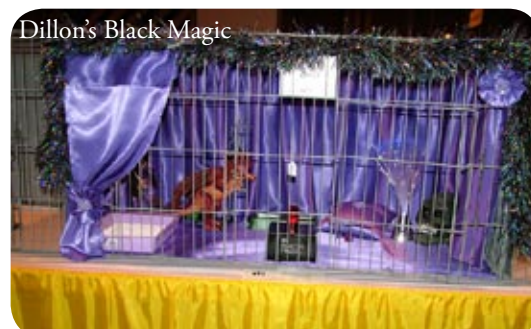
Sassy's Magical Fairytale

Sassy did really well at the supreme. She knew she was good and entertained the stewards and Judge, by talking, parading up and down and purring. She has a shining critique report and has since come

home full of herself.

We decorated her pen with pretty pink and girly decorations including a paper castle- which took us hours to build. Surprisingly Sassy didn't dismantle her decorations. We called her pen "magical fairy tale"

I also Showed Dillon my Havana brown boy and he gained 1st in his open. His pen was called "Black Magic"



Dillon's Black Magic

Congratulations to the following cats and kittens.

- Tashunka and Tecumse, blue male neuters owned by Theresa Grant.
- Valloir, blue female kitten belonging to Kelly Grimmett.
- Osage, seal female owned by Anne Jones. Hartly, seal male neuter belonging to Pauline Kilburn.
- Villars, blue female kitten belonging to Mollie Southall.

Three of these Snowshoes had come to the show with other pedigree cats who also acquitted themselves very well on the day, namely:

- Tahira Freespirit, a beautiful male Tiffanie who won his open class and took Best Of Breed much to the delight of his owner Theresa, first time Supreme exhibitor.
- Shangrila Excalibur, a delightful Havana male kitten, playmate of Valloir who won his open class. As this boy is destined to

NEW! Member Profile

Josie Mackenzie

Name?

Mrs Josie Mackenzie.

Location?

North Lincolnshire.

How many Snowshoes do you own?

Two, Bonnie and Boots.

What attracted you to the breed?

Similarity to old style Siamese - eye and coat colour even temperament.

Do you have any other cats?

Five Devon Rex - Eric, Loulou, Bella, Poppet, Leon.

Do you show any of your cats?

Don't show Devon Rex much now, but Erik is a Grand Champion and Grand Premier and Loulou is a Grand Premier. Snowshoes Boots and Bonnie are doing well collecting their merits.

How long have you been owned by cats?

Just over 40 years - I've had 4 1/2 household cats, Persian 1 1/2 (one cat was 1/2 persian and 1/2 household cat), Siamese 1, Manx 1, Devon Rex 6, Russian 2, Snowshoe

Have you any other pets?

I've had 2 German shepherds, 2 Rhodesian ridgebacks, 4 Greyhounds, 1 Lurcher, 1 Whippet and regularly accosted by two Rottweilers.

If your snowshoe was a famous person who would they be and why?

Bonnie - Cleopatra - because she is so - to quote Blackadder - "whose queen?". Boots - Casanova - because he thinks he is irresistible to everyone.

What is your favourite snowshoe trait?

Being Siamese like.

Do your snowshoes have any unusual tricks or ways?

Boots - lugs my 'boots' down the stairs by the laces. Bonnie - pushes toys downstairs, takes them back up the stairs in her mouth, then does it all over again numerous times - in the middle of the night.



Bonnie and Boots

What are your other hobbies?

Carriage driving and showing a pony and four donkeys.

[Note: While many of us show our Snowshoes, not many of us have shown Donkeys and Ponies! Read on to learn more about Josie's hobby!]

Member Profile Continued...

My late husband expressed a wish to learn to carriage drive and we thought donkeys would be easier than ponies so we acquired two through the Donkey Breed Society re-homing scheme.

A friend and I then spent time walking them out to get them used to traffic and then found a driving instructor who kept us one week ahead of the donkey's lessons. There are now four donkeys ranging from 25 to 2 1/2 years old. The youngest, Missy, is being trained but will not be able to be shown pulling a carriage until she is 4 but she is allowed to be shown In Hand and takes part in the Achievement Donkey Awards (ADA) which involves eight miscellaneous activities.

Missy is serving her apprenticeship and has stood just outside church whilst John-Barleycorn (John-Jo for short) went inside for the Palm Sunday service. She led children from school to church for the end of term service.

The oldest donkey is Kingcup. One of his ADAs was to attend a Garden Party arranged by a neighbour to commemorate completion of a fabulous chicken house for his rare breed poultry as well as raising monies for Brooke Hospital for Animals. Kingcup was accompanied by Saracen our biggest donkey at 12.3hhs. Saracen, age unknown, doesn't enjoy showing but is excellent with youngsters, other donkeys and children, giving rides wearing his western saddle or pulling a carriage.

John-Jo, who is white and our most experienced donkey, does Palm Sundays, drives Father Christmas about or carries Mary through the village for the Christmas 'tree and lights' celebrations. He also stands in church with live sheep, goats, birds and watches over a real baby at the church's

Nativity. We all reckon if the pastor could get hold of one, the Wise Men would come in with a camel.

John-Jo's real claim to fame was to be one of the four donkeys to appear in York Minster when HRH, The Princess Royal attended the Pageant of the Donkey service. Each donkey carried a disabled child the length of the Minster, up onto a stage depicting a period of the life of Jesus. The Princess Royal then spent a considerable time fussing over the donkeys after the service ended and then the Riding for the Disabled children and other children at the service were allowed to spend time with the donkeys.

All in all the donkeys spent a least three hours in the Minster by which time their legs were well and truly plaited. Next day John-Jo's photo with The Princess Royal and a write-up appeared in the Yorkshire Post.



Josie and friend with John-jo the donkey!

Photo Competition

the radiator bed has finished, ^{continued from page 2}
snap the little darlings curled
up in total harmony together.

6. Caught in the act! Now what have they
done? Keep your camera handy to grab that
guilty face as they drag the roast off the work
surface and on to the floor!

Conditions of entry: The entry fee is 50p
per photo, to a maximum of 10 photos per
entrant. You may enter prints or digital photos.

For digital photos please
include the following details
in the title of each individual
photo. 1. Your initials (so
we can identify your shots).
2. The class number, i.e. Cl5
to enter the 'best friends'
class, or Cl3 to enter the
'cutest kitten' class.
3. The title of your photo.
You will also need to resize
the photo file to email it to
us. Please resize to 6"x4" @
300dpi.

Any problems, please contact me by email,
katebailey80@hotmail.com

Please make sure you keep a copy at the
original file size. (If your photo wins we'll
need the large file to make the prize from).
Please email your digital files to katebailey80@
hotmail.com, put "SCS photo comp" in the
subject box.

Don't forget to send the entry fees by post to
Kate Bailey, SCS photo comp, 84 High Street,
Crediton, Devon, EX17 3LB. Please make
cheques payable to 'Snowshoe Cat Society'.

For those of you entering prints, please put the
following details on a sticker and then attach

it to the back of the photo. (Please don't write
on the back of your photos, it marks and spoils
the photo side.)

1. Your name & phone number.
2. The class number, i.e. Cl5 to enter the
'best friends' class, or cCl3 to enter the 'cutest
kitten' class.
3. The title of your photo.

Please do not send in your negatives, but do
make sure you know where they are, in case
you win!

*Closing date is
January 31st!*

*Any questions, email
katebailey80@hotmail.com*

*Digital & Printed
Photos accepted.*

Don't forget to send
your entry fees with
the photos! Entry fees
& photos should be
sent to Kate Bailey,
SCS photo comp, 84
High Street, Crediton,
Devon, EX17 3LB.

*The closing date for
entries is Saturday 31st
January 2009.*

*The winning photos
will be displayed in
the Easter/April SCS*

*newsletter; winners will be notified by the end of
February 2009. The entrant must have taken the
photographs themselves. The competition is not
open to professional photographers. The judge's
decision is final. No correspondence regarding
the photographs entered, and or their judging
will be entered in to. Postal entries will only be
returned if you supply a self-addressed, stamped
envelope. All entries must be accompanied by the
appropriate entry fee. By entering the competition,
you give the Snowshoe Cat Society permission to
use the photos in the societies newsletter. Copyright
of images remains with the photographer. The
society cannot accept responsibility for loss, damage
or delay to entries. The society reserves the right to
reject any entries which it deems inappropriate.*