



# SOUTHERN AFRICA CAT COUNCIL

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*WCC Delegate: Jan van Rooyen*

### Governing Council Delegates

*ABCC: Colin Bubb*

*CFC: Elizabeth van Renen*

*ECCC: Rita Wiseman*

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*PCS: Jane Goble*

*RCC: Jan van Rooyen*

*TCS: Gail Nel*

*WPCC: Barbara George*

### Editor's Message

So we are at the beginning of 2021 and Lockdown continues! Sure it is only Level 1 but still restricts the normalisation of our fantastic hobby – Cat Shows have been seriously affected in many ways.

Sponsors need exposure and benefit from loads of public at shows. Cat shows are an excellent platform for Breeders to showcase their chosen breed and in doing so help to grow the cat fancy by introducing new owners. Our clubs, committees, judges and stewards thrive by being part of the show scene because of the joy it brings to members and exhibitors. So let's keep our fingers crossed and hope that from now onwards some form of normality will return without jeopardising the health and welfare of our people and our cats.

Following the SACC Governing Council AGM there were a few changes made to the SACC Constitution, the Complaints Procedure, The Code of Conduct Document and The Breed Council Rules- all updated documents have been uploaded to the SACC Website and members have been informed via Club Facebook Groups and the SACC Facebook Group. The Code of Conduct document has also been uploaded to the file sections of the Facebook Groups.



## SACC COMMUNICATION

Website: All updated and/or edited documents which have been received have been uploaded to the relevant website page/s.

Entry Forms for TCS's May show can be found on the Show Calendar (they remain on the calendar until show closing date).

Just a reminder that the SACC Central Office and Registry contact details are as below:

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Google Business Profile: The Oriental profile was well received by viewers – thanks to Charlotte van der Riet for allowing her Cattery to be profiled.

Face book: The SACC Face book Group is still growing- please remember that this is a public group so SACC only related items are not posted. This group may not be used for advertising your cats or kittens – these posts will be removed and “habitual offenders” will have their membership rescinded.

Instagram: Hopefully we will be able to start posting cat show photos soon.

eNews: This will continue to be published 4 times a year (to coincide with the seasons of the year)- sorry this edition is a bit late due to unforeseen circumstances.

Breed Standards: All SOPs are current. Many thanks to Ingrid de Wet for keeping our Breeders and Judges updated.

In the SUMMER 2020 eNews I included an article on the 20 Most expensive breeds in the USA and thought it may be an idea to repeat the exercise with SA Breeds. Only one Breeder gave information- thank you Breeze Swartzberg and the Ragdoll Breeders. Therefore I am unable to do an article on Most Expensive SA Breeds.

## MANAGEMENT VOTING YEAR

2021 is a voting year – this means that you the members may nominate candidates for the positions of President, Vice-President, Secretary and Treasurer. You may only nominate a candidate if you are a member of an Affiliated SACC Cat Club.

The following excerpt is from the SACC Constitution:

*19.3.1 A nomination shall be made in writing on the prescribed nomination form (SACR D14) which is available on the SACC Website. A statement under oath by the Nominee declaring that he/she has no criminal convictions nor is involved in any pending criminal investigations must accompany the nominations. Nominations to be mailed, faxed or emailed to the SACR, to reach the SACR Office on or before 1 June. No nomination will be accepted after the closing date.*

Please refer to the SACC Constitution for the requirements needed for each position.

Form SACR D14 can be found with all the other registration forms on the Communication Page of the website. [www.tsacc.org.za](http://www.tsacc.org.za)

### **Please take special note of the closing date for nominations- 1<sup>st</sup> June 2021**

These are the only positions which are voted on by the entire SACC Membership. You must be a member of a SACC Affiliated Club to vote.

The Club Delegate positions are decided on/voted on by the members of each Cat Club- this generally takes place at the Club AGM.

The Registrar is a permanent position. The Breed Council Secretary is a long term position. The International Liaison Officer is decided at the AGM. Judges' Council elects a delegate to preside over judging matters at the AGM.



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## SACC CAT SHOWS 2021

There is no Official SACC Show Calendar for 2021 BUT there is feedback from Lashan Moodley-Singh, SACC GC Secretary.

### Gauteng

**Transvaal Cat Society (TCS)** will host a 6 Ring Show over 2 days on 22/23 May 2021 at Goldfields Show Grounds, Bedfordview. Entry Forms are now available and the closing date is Friday 7 May, 2021.

Show Managers: Samantha Harrison & Athylle Caw

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**Rand Cat Club (RCC)** has scheduled a Cat Show for 10 July, 2021. Venue is still to be determined.

**Cat Fanciers Club (CFC)** has not made a definite decision as yet.

### Western Cape

**Western Province Cat Club (WPCC)** are hoping to host a show in September. This will depend on venue availability and of course COVID 19 Regulations later in the year.

**All Breeds Cat Club (ABCC)** has not made a definite decision as yet.

### Other Provinces

**Northern Cape/Free State Cat Club (NCFS)** in Kimberley; **Eastern Cape Cat Club (ECCC)** in Port Elizabeth and **Provincial Cat Society (PCS)** in KwaZulu Natal will not be hosting any cat shows in 2021.

Time to rejoice a little bit!



## DIFFERENT CAT BREEDS PART 2

The following cats are recognized by different Cat Fancies worldwide but are not currently registered by SACC.

**LYKOI:** The Lykoi is a fun loving, intelligent breed who loves to interact with humans, cats, and even dogs. They are a medium built cat, with slightly slender legs and muscular body. One of their most striking features is their facial “mask”. Their coat can range from mostly coated, to nearly hairless during times of “molting” which occurs about twice yearly. However, regardless of density of coat, they will always lack an undercoat, giving way to only the top guard hairs. The coat appears coarse, but is actually very soft and silky to touch. Although they have a minimal coat, they are not to be considered hypoallergenic. The most common and striking color is black roan, which is a mingling of black hairs accented with individual white hairs, giving a very vivid appearance to the facial mask and color contrast.



*Photo courtesy of allaboutcats.com*

**MINSKIN:** A breed of cat derived from intentional hybrid cross-breedings between the Munchkin and Burmese with the addition of Sphynx and Devon Rex which all lent to their development. It is a low-riding, rug-hugger breed with short legs and fur-pointed coat. They are described as having a small to medium-sized semi-cobby muscular body, a rounded head, large ears that are wide at the base, a short broad muzzle with prominent whisker pads and eyes

that are large and round, spaced well apart, giving them an open alert expression. Their fur is a sparse rex-coat, which is more dense on their outer extremities, giving them a unique coat description of "fur-points" that defines the mask, ears, legs and tail, with a more sparsely coated cashmere-like torso.



*Image courtesy of tica.org (@Jim Child)*

**MINUET/NAPOLEON:** In appearance, the first thing you notice is the sweet face, and then the short legs. While derived from the Persian and the Munchkin, the Minuet is a distinct breed with its own characteristic look. If a single word would be used to describe the Minuet, that word would be "round." The head is generally round, with big round eyes, topped with smallish ears with rounded tips. The muzzle and nose are short, blending into the forehead with a gentle slope when viewed in profile. While short in stature (Nonstandard), this is by no means a "miniature" cat. The Minuet's boning should be significant and its body sturdy and substantial. The coat of the Minuet, while not as massive as the Persian's can be, is abundant and dense in both long- and short-hairs



*Image courtesy of tica.org*

**NEBELUNG:** A medium-sized cat, the Nebelung is a sturdy, well-muscled cat with a long body draped with a silky medium-length blue coat shimmering with silver at the tips. Nebelungs resemble the type of longhaired cats imported from Russia in the late nineteenth and early 20th centuries. The tail is long with a full thick plume gracefully balancing the long body. The ears are large in proportion to the head and continue the elegant lines of the head. They have wide-set eyes that impart a look of intelligence to the face and range in color from yellowish green to green. The coat is medium in length but dense so regular combing is a must to prevent tangles and mats. The silver tips to the ends of the hair give the cat's silky-soft coat a luminous, misty aura that adds to its allure and the mystery associated with a mythical creature rising from the mists.



*Image courtesy of tica.org*

**OCICAT:** The Ocicat comes in one pattern, spotted, but a number of different colors: Brown (Black), Chocolate, Cinnamon, Blue, Lilac and Fawn plus the silver version of these colors. The rich shades resemble the rich tones of the jungle cats and the shimmering silvers add a touch of glamour. The large thumb-shaped spots cover the body and are arranged in a classic bull's eye pattern. Each hair has several bands of ticking. The mature Ocicat is a large cat with a powerful, sleek semi-foreign body of solid muscle dressed in a short, tight spotted coat. The athletic males weigh between 9 and 14 pounds and the graceful females 6 and 9 pounds. The large almond-shaped eyes are angled slightly adding to the cat's exotic look. The legs are medium in length with a solid feel to them to support

the lithe, athletic body. Overall, the impression is of a cat ready to spring into action.



*Image courtesy of: worldcatcongress.org*

**PIXIEBOB:** Pixiebobs come in longhair and shorthair versions. They have a thick double coat with a woolly texture that stands off from the body giving it a padded feel when petted. Their facial hair grows downward. The ideal Pixiebob is a brown spotted tabby ranging in shade from tawny to a reddish brown. The spots are small and are muted by heavy ticking-the ticking is heavier in the winter months and may be more silvery in tone as well. Their eye color can be golden brown or gooseberry green.

These medium to large cats have substantial boning and muscular, rangy bodies that gives them a rolling gait like a wild cat. They have long heavy legs, with the hind legs slightly longer than the front, and big paws with long thick toes. Their faces are similar to the wild bobcat with the shape of an inverted pear, a thick fleshy chin and puffy nose leather. They also have a heavy brow over a medium-sized soft triangular eye. The minimum tail length of a Pixiebob is 2 inches and can be as long as the hock however some cats will have tails shorter or longer than these proportions. The tail is frequently kinked or knotted but should be completely flexible and move naturally.



*Image courtesy of tica.org*

**SAVANNAH:** The Savannah has many traits that make it stand out. Perhaps the most obvious are the large, tall ears that are set right on top of its head. Another unique trait of the Savannah is its hooded eyes that are flat across the top. This gives it an exotic look unlike any other breed. The body on the Savannah is very long and the legs are quite long as well, creating a false image of a very large or heavy cat, but in reality, most Savannahs are just the size of a large domestic cat, and weigh less than another cat of similar size. It also has a very long neck and a short, thick tail, adding to its distinctiveness.



*Image courtesy of tica.org*

**SNOWSHOE:** The Snowshoe is a well balanced cat; it is firm, muscular without being bulky and deceptively powerful and agile. The body is moderately but not extremely long giving the appearance of a rectangle. The ears are medium-large and continue the triangular shape of the head. The body is muscular without being bulky. The paws are oval tapering to the toes, and are medium in size. The Snowshoe is not to be confused with either a Birman or a Ragdoll and is not related to either of these breeds. The coat is a single layer with no evidence of an undercoat and is usually smooth to the touch.



*Image courtesy of tica.org*

**SOKOKE:** A medium-sized cat with an athletic, lithe body and lean good looks, the Sokoke stands on slender, elegant legs. The hind legs are higher than the front giving them a walk that is described as a “tiptoe gait.” This becomes more pronounced when a Sokoke is excited. Then, he almost seems to prance. The long tail tapers to a point, and the paws are oval shaped. The wedge head looks small in proportion to the body, and the straight nose sits above a firm chin. The medium ears are rounded at the tip and set high back on the head and beautifully erect. The Sokoke’s eyes are arresting shades of amber to green, oval in form, and widely set.



*Image courtesy of worldcatcongress.org*

**THAI:** The Thai is a shorthaired, pointed cat of foreign type. It's moderately long and substantial, supple and lithe, but in no way extreme. The boning is medium. The breed has a short, flat coat. But the trademark of the Thai breed is the unique head shape. The forehead is long and flat. There is good width to the head, and its sides are rounded. From that round-cheeked head projects a distinctly wedge-shaped muzzle. At the cheekbones, there's a slight curve inward to where the muzzle begins. Then, the muzzle tapers gradually toward the nose. The end of the muzzle is somewhat spade-shaped, not pointy but not blunt. The ears are broad-based and set relatively high on the head.



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**TOYGER:** Most Toyger cats come with branching straps and black, orange, or brown colouration that resembles that of a tiger. Furthermore, these cats have a muscular and well-built body, despite their size, which makes them look like tiger cubs. The difference, of course, is that your pet is not going to grow into an adult that will potentially endanger your health. Compared to other breeds, Toyger cats are equipped with shorter legs, which makes them have an overall lower height. Their feet are elongated, which makes them capable of a gait also similar to that of a tiger. With their long bodies, big bones, and high shoulders, they seem quite athletic even though they’re not the biggest cats in the world.



*Image courtesy of tica.org*

## MATCH THE CAT

Can you name the 9 cartoon cats and match them to the year they first appeared in animated cartoons/movies!

Years: 1919, 1920, 1939, 1940, 1950, 1951, 1952, 1967, 1972

A



B



G



C



H



D



I



E



F



### Answers

- A Claude 1950
- B Sam Cat 1951
- C Sylvester J Pussycat, Sr 1939
- D Cool Cat 1967
- E Fritz the Cat 1972
- F Felix the Cat 1919
- G Tom 1940
- H Dodsworth 1952
- I The Debut of Thomas Cat 1920