

Felis Britannica's Executive Committee's Monthly Newsletter

December 2006



The Show Hall
at the World
Show in
Maastricht
2006

Special events

- *FIFe World Show 2006*
- *Felis Britannica's
Winners Show 2006*
- *Felis Britannica's Stand
at the GCCF Supreme
& National shows*

Welcome to the first monthly newsletter from the EC

The purpose of this and subsequent newsletters is to inform the members of Felis Britannica about the working and decisions taken by the Executive Committee throughout the year. We on the EC hope you find it informative. If you have any suggestions or comments on the newsletter please email secretary@felisbritannica.co.uk.

There have been two resignations within the Felis Britannica organization; Mrs. T Clark has resigned from the position of Deputy General Secretary due to other work commitments. The EC wish to thank her for the work she undertook in her position.

Mr. T Turpin has resigned his position of Chairman of the Disciplinary Investigations Commission; however he has stated that he will still help in the re-writing for the Disciplinary procedures. The EC thank him for his continued support of the Disciplinary Commissions.

The EC would like to thank Royal Canin for their support as official sponsor over the past year, however the EC have not extended the sponsorship agreement into 2007.

Royal Canin may still sponsor individual clubs but the EC have decided to produce a sponsorship prospectus and look into other sponsors for FB as an organization. Royal Canin will be included in this as well as several other cat related retailers. The EC are considering the possibility of having either a main sponsor or several small sponsors.

Mrs P Bydlinski will be resigning as the Chair of the Show Commission the beginning of 2007. The EC would like to thank Mrs. Bydlinski for all the hours of hard work she has put into the Show Commission.

*"The Executive
Committee would
like to wish all the
members and their
families, a Merry
Christmas and a
Happy New Year."*



A winner parades at the World Show 2006.

Club News

The Heart of England Chairman Frederick Linden-Wyatt decided due to his health and the lack of members coming forward for the various positions on the committee. The Heart of England would step down as a Full member club to become an Associate member. With the view that if in the future, circumstances change the club can once again become a Full member club.

All the Full member clubs now have Pedigree checkers in place, some still awaiting to take their exams, however this should aid the FB Registrar in the processing of the pedigrees. Currently due to re-checking some of the pedigrees and work commitments there is a delay causing the turnaround time for issuing pedigrees to be approximately 6 weeks.

The new Show List for 2007 is available, again this year the show commission has worked with the clubs to ensure more shows within the North of the UK. The EC are currently working on ways in which they can support the clubs hosting shows in the North as these shows are not as well supported as our Southern shows but are a vital part of progressing FB forward. Mr. Kitching is heading up this project, which includes a decision on which areas are to be considered north. An update on the progress of this will be in subsequent newsletters.

FB Advertising

The EC are currently considering the advertising activities for the coming year, the main advert for FB within 2006 has been placed in Our Cats each month. The EC are considering other avenues to increase the awareness of FB within the GCCF in particular. To this end the EC are looking at placing adverts in the most appropriate GCCF show catalogues advertising a forthcoming FB show in that catchment area. Another idea being investigated is other publications that reach the Cat community.

Again this Year, FB have taken stands at the GCCF Supreme and National shows. The Supreme stand on the 25th of November was considerably busier than 2005; the requests had changed from information on what we were, last year, to information on how to show this year, the stand even ran out of show lists! The EC would like to thank Graham Taberer, Linda Johnstone, Fiona Herman, Jean and Ron Brown for doing their bit for their clubs and FB on the stand

The National will be on the 9th of December at Olympia, the EC hope that this will be just as successful for FB. If you are attending the show do have a look at the stand and say a quick hello to the club representatives manning it. A full report will be in the next newsletter.

FB Outlook

The EC wish to work towards producing two 'Outlooks' a year, this does throw up some obstacles such as cost and content. It has been discussed the possibility of reusing an idea from the old CA magazine and that is full, in depth, breed features including adverts from the appropriate breeders. This coupled with relevant articles, poems and reports. If there are any members that have anything to contribute, however small please get in touch or email the item for inclusion.

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Felis Britannica Accounts

Since the last AGA Mrs. JA Harris has resigned as FB Treasurer. Mr. E Kitching has been co-opted by the EC into the position of Deputy Treasurer and has over the past four months been sorting out the paperwork with regard to the 2005 accounts. This has not proved easy at times, as the paperwork was not handed over in one installment and has taken until recently to receive it in its entirety and certain pieces are still not accounted for. However Mr. Kitching has done a superb job and the 2005 accounts are now ready to be put before an accountant to be certified.

Mr. Kitching has ensured that the 2006 accounts have been kept up to date at all times, with regular reports to the EC. The current Balance sheet along with a statement from the EC will be circulated to you via your clubs. Felis Britannica is in good financial shape moving forward into 2007. A full report on the 2005 and 2006 accounts will be given by Mr. Kitching at the forthcoming AGA.

FB AGA 2007

You should all have had the notification of the date and venue of the FB AGA 2007 from your clubs.

The Venue this year is the Great Barr Hotel in Birmingham on the 17th and 18th of February 2007. There will be as usual the 'point's awards gala dinner' on the evening of the 17th within the Great Barr Hotel. Those members lucky enough to have won an award will receive an invite to the dinner in due course.

However if you wish to attend the Gala dinner and join in celebrating with the winners you are more than welcome. Details of how to buy tickets will be in the January newsletter.

Date for the Diary!

Felis Britannica Annual
General Assembly 17th
and 18th of February 2007

The EC would like to remind members of the microchipping rule that becomes mandatory on the 1st of January 2007. The Rule in full can be found in the breeding and registration rules which are downloadable from the website found in the library section.

Felis Britannica's Store

The EC have decided to collate all material that pertains to FB in one place. This includes things such as the Stand, leaflet racks, tablecloths and the stewarding coats. To this end a storage space is to be rented and Mrs. T Clark has volunteered to co-ordinate this.

This store will also, long term, contain archive material from the FB Registrar.