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Annual Newsletter



Jersey Cat Club's Overall Best in Show 2010  
Grand Premier Adfursh Meric  
*Owned by Miss S Brown*

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## About The Jersey Cat Club

The Jersey Cat Club is the oldest Cat Club in the Channel Islands and was formed on 28th February 1973. The aims of the Club are to encourage and promote a greater interest in the welfare of cats, both pedigree and non-pedigree.

### Chairman's Notes

For several years we have produced an annual newsletter and this is another for 2010. It would be nice if we could encourage members to have more input in future publications. Articles about their cats, show successes or other related items are always warmly welcomed.

My thanks are due to Elaine and John Robinson for compiling this year's newsletter – and for reading my writing!!

Paul Tomlinson  
Chairman of the Jersey Cat Club



## A Visit to the Vets

A lady awoke one morning and discovered her dog was not moving. She called her vet who asked her to bring the dog in. After a brief examination, the vet pronounced the dog dead.

"Are you sure?", the distraught woman asked. "He was a great family pet. Isn't there anything else you can do?"

The vet paused for a moment and said, "There is one more thing we can do."

He left the room for a moment and came back carrying a large cage with a cat in it. The vet opened the cage door and the cat walked over to the dog.

The cat sniffed the dog from head to toe and walked back to the cage.

"Well, that confirms it." the vet announced. "Your dog is dead."

Satisfied that the vet had done everything he possibly could, the woman sighed, "How much do I owe you?"

"That will be £330." the vet replied.

"I don't believe it!", screamed the woman. "What did you do that cost £330???"

"Well", the vet replied, "its £30 for the office visit and £300 for the cat scan."



## Pet Insurance - good or bad?!

*Written by Paul Tomlinson*

Over the past few years there has been a massive increase in the number of companies offering pet insurance. Presumably, there must have been a corresponding increase in the number of owners taking out this insurance.

Judging by the number of advertisements for pet insurance it must be a profitable business. Obviously there are some differences in the types of cover offered and differing premium rates but some things are generally not covered; these include neutering, vaccinations, flea treatments and teeth cleaning. While discounts are given for insuring two or more cats the total cost would be prohibitive for multi cat households. Many in the veterinary profession appear to have embraced pet insurance with enthusiasm, obviously commission is earned on premiums paid and so provided the treatment is covered they are guaranteed to be paid.

We have always been fairly small breeders and originally when selling a kitten we did the free first few weeks insurance for the new owner. However, I have had second thoughts about pet insurance because I don't like what appears to be happening - the need for pet insurance appears to have been exaggerated. Insurance companies often quote expensive treatments and operations for animals, in order to convince owners of the need for insurance.

However the question here to be asked – should animals be put through the expensive and perhaps painful treatments? I understand the love that owners have for their pets and a decision to have your pet put down is never easy.

However, recently I have heard of several insured cats having expensive treatments before still having to be put down. Prolonging an animal's life by a few weeks while undergoing expensive treatment is not an option I would entertain.

Unfortunately the animal concerned does not have a choice!



## What should I feed my kitten / cat on?

*Written by Paul Tomlinson*

Firstly I should say that I don't have any qualifications on cat feeding – only years of experience. Secondly, I do have a connection with a dried food firm. It may be interesting to look back on how cats were fed many years ago. I persuaded my mother to let me have a beautiful black and white kitten when I was about 6 years old (70 years ago). It was then the fashion to be giving cats milk which he drank with no problem. I use to cycle once a week to the fishmongers where I bought fish for our own use, and the fishmonger would give large amounts of waste fish for the cats. This fish was cooked for him and so the cost of feeding the cat was virtually nothing – the cat also got leftovers from fish meals, roasts and anything else he would eat. He prospered on this menu! How things have changed! There is now a massive variation of foods available – all obviously at a price.

Perhaps we should start to think what a breeder should feed young kittens on, and I like to offer them some food quite early. The only product I will mention by name is LIQUIVITE which is a liquid complete food I offer them quite early. Also diluted evaporated milk can be given and this is also popular. The first solid food I offer them is always cooked chicken and coley fillets; under no circumstances do I offer tinned or dry food to kittens. Obviously as they get older both can be offered.

For older cats my policy has always been to feed dried food during the day and coley fillets/or chicken, plus tinned food in the evening. One advantage of feeding dried food in the day (especially in hot weather), is that it does not attract flies and can be left down all day. I remember at least one dried food manufacturer use to advise that cats should only be fed on their dried food, and as a consequence of this the cat's stools would be very solid. Personally, I think this advice is stupid and cats should be offered a varied diet. I have no



hesitation in saying that top of my list would be natural foods – cooked chicken, coley fillets, mince or cooked steak (all good examples).

Dried food has become the favoured choice of many owners. Many in the veterinary profession have played their part in this by advising owners to use one particular type of dried food they sell. Recently there have been some articles about dried food causing problems in cats, and I would certainly be wary of feeding dried food only to cats. Claims are made by dried food manufactures about the benefits of feeding their food. At least one manufacturer has a brand of food for every type of cat. Perhaps given the claims made about the benefits of feeding dried food it is surprising that cats do suffer illnesses.

I do use tinned food but it is my least favoured option, but older cats may benefit from eating tinned food in gravy because they may find it easier to eat. Fish or chicken mashed up could also be fed to older cats.

I always avoid feeding shellfish, foods in brine and salty foods to cats. Difficult feeders could be offered pilchards or sardines in tomato sauce whilst LIQUIVITE is another option.



## Jumble Sales!

During the course of the year we held 12 jumble sales at St Bernadette's Parish Hall, St Brelade. As usual they have been very successful and without them we would not be able to function as we do.

The club is extremely grateful to the large band of helpers who attend these sales. The club will be indebted to John and Marion De Gruchy, Dorothy Perriot, June Brown, Claire Jepson, Val le Blancq, Odette Touzel, Mary Skinner, Stella Auges, Brenda Swann, Geraldine Hamelin, Penny and Jon Foster, Vi Lawrence and Suzanne Tomlinson, all of whom help on a regular basis.

It is the intention to hold a jumble sale every month in 2011; all dates can be found on the club's website [www.jerseycatclub.co.uk](http://www.jerseycatclub.co.uk)

More helpers are always needed and I am always ready to collect jumble across the island, if you have any jumble you wish to be collected then please contact me on 01534 863730.

*Paul Tomlinson*



## Show Retirement

GRAND CHAMPION and IMPERIAL GRAND PREMIER  
PELLARN GAIETY GIRL (6f)  
*Owner breeder Suzanne Tomlinson*

Gaiety Girl was born on the 28<sup>th</sup> June 1997 and had a long and distinguished show career.

A beautiful cream smoke she soon became a Grand Champion. After neutering, her show career continued and she eventually became an Imperial Grand Premier.

It was decided that we would retire her from the show bench and her finale was on exhibition at the April 2010 Jersey Cat Club Show when she was almost 13 years old.

Unlike some breeders we keep all our cats after showing and she is now enjoying her retirement at home where she sleeps on our bed every night.



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## Animal Obituary

GRAND CHAMPION NOIR MERVEILLE (I)

“Koko”

20.05.94 – 19.11.10

*Owner breeder Sarah Tomlinson (now Le Fustec)*

It is with great sadness that we record the death of our wonderful black boy on the 19<sup>th</sup> November 2010. Bred by us he had an excellent show career quickly becoming a Grand Champion. Koko had the distinction of winning Best in Show Longhair at a Jersey Cat Club show some years ago. His show career was shorter lived than we would have liked because his eye colour faded at a comparatively young age. He was a large true black with a wonderful head. He did sire some lovely kittens and after neutering he lived with our other neuters and females in our house. Immediately he made himself at home and though never a good jumper he loved to get on our kitchen work top next to the sink. Anybody using the sink would have him rubbing his head against you while purring loudly.

Around 4 weeks before he died we noticed a change in him and though eating well he began to lose weight, he had always been a healthy cat but we were sure he had cancer. My experience with cats has taught me that they soldier on with great dignity before quickly resigning themselves to the inevitable. Koko was no exception for this and though his condition was getting worse he still summed enough energy to jump to the kitchen work top the day before his death - no doubt he made a supreme effort to do this! The next day his condition was getting worse and our vet Hugh Forshaw came home later in the day to put him down. Koko died peacefully in my own arms. I spent virtually the whole afternoon with Koko stroking and cuddling him. Amazingly I was rewarded with plenty of purrs whilst the tears flowed freely down my cheeks.

Koko was buried in our garden with due ceremony.

Rest in peace Koko – the kitchen work top looks empty without you.



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## Obituaries

FRANCIS JOHN PERRIOT (BOB)

31.08.1927 – 23.08.2010

It is with great sadness that we record the death of Bob, who left us on 23<sup>rd</sup> August 2010. His wife Dorothy has for many years organised the lunches for judges at our annual show. Behind the scenes Bob was always ready to help and often attended our jumble sales. Taking an active interest in club affairs Bob always attended our A.G.M.

Mary Skinner, Vi Lawrence, Susanne and I attended the funeral at Grouville Parish church on the 6<sup>th</sup> September 2010. There was a good attendance to say a final 'goodbye' to Bob who was a true Jersey man. A lovely service was conducted by the reverend Mike Lange-Smith followed by interment at La Croix Cemetery, Grouville. Afterwards light refreshments were served in the Mews Gallery at Radier Manor.

Rest in peace Bob.

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RON SKINNER

Passed away 20.10.2010

The club also sadly records the death of Ron Skinner who passed away on the 20<sup>th</sup> October 2010. The funeral service was held on the 29<sup>th</sup> October 2010 at the crematorium chapel. Vi Lawrence, Geraldine Hamelin, Suzanne and I attended the service

Husband of Mary, Ron had a distinguished life holding several prominent positions in the States of Jersey civil service.

The club offers sincere condolences to Mary and all the members of Ron's family.



## The Annual General Meeting 2010

The annual general meeting of The Jersey Cat Club was held on the 18<sup>th</sup> November 2010 at St Bernadette's parish hall with a fair number of members attending.

The Treasurer's report showed that the club was in a reasonably healthy financial state.

The election of officers resulted in the following:

**President**

Paul Tomlinson

**Vice President**

Suzanne Tomlinson

**Hon Secretary**

Claire Jepson

**Trophy Secretary**

Mrs Julie Riley

**Committee**

Penny Foster / Geraldine Hamelin / Natalie Pounds / Madeline Silvester /  
Emma McCue / Sue Lewis

**G.C.C.F Delegate**

Jackie Nicholson

**Hon Vets**

New Era Veterinary Hospital

**Hon Auditors**

Paul Tomlinson (Jnr) and Sue Lewis.

*Everybody that attended the A.G.M was reminded that the club's annual show would be held on Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> April 2011, and that all trophies should be returned in a good time.*



## 2010 Jersey Cat Club Show Report

We held the 18<sup>th</sup> Championship Show at the R.J.A.H Society Building on the 24<sup>th</sup> April 2010.

The club was very pleased to welcome Elaine and John Robinson as our new show managers.

Prior to the show we had to face the disruptions caused by the Icelandic volcanoes ash cloud that caused chaos to airline flights, despite some advice that we should cancel the show I determined that we should go ahead. We had tremendous support from John and Elaine who were also keen to pursue. Our thanks are due to them because rescheduling flights etc must have caused them plenty of problems!

Under the supervision of Tony Lawrence the setting up of the show took place on Friday and was completed in good time.

Vetting in was done as usual by New Era Veterinary Hospital and special thanks are due to John Mather who was duty vet.

This year we were also rewarded with increased entries plus 5 cats on exhibition.





John and Elaine presented an extremely well run show with the show finishing on time.

As usual, Dorothy Perriot and her band of helpers provided lunches for judges that surely cannot be bettered elsewhere! Geraldine Hamelin and helpers ran a successful cafeteria for visitors and exhibitors. The show hall looked a lovely picture with flowers arranged by Natalie Pounds. As usual Madeline Silvester ran a successful raffle, and there were several stall holders present who did good business.

Special mention must be made to Simon and Zillah Howard of Howard Law who generously provided £500 sponsorship, some of this money was used to purchase a results board which was put together by Tony Lawrence. Our thanks are due to other sponsors, especially Royal Canin who provided cat food and other prizes for all major award winners.

The show hall was cleared by 7:00pm and as usual the club held an after show dinner at the Beachcombers Hotel, and it was pleasing to see an increased attendance at this function. Nothing is too much trouble for hotel manager James, and our thanks are due to them for looking after us so well.

The club is grateful to all exhibitors who exhibited their beautiful cats. A lovely evening passed all too quickly - we look forward to seeing you all next year!



## 18th Championship Show Results 2010

### Best in Show Pedigree & Best Foreign Exhibit



#### Grand Premier Adfursh Meric *Owned by Miss S Brown*

Judge Mrs V. Anderson's report for Grand Premier Adfursh Meric

*"My take home adult of the show - a really stylish Cornish Rex who showed himself to perfection. Super head shape with lovely straight profile with expressive eyes. For perfection I would have just liked a little more strength to his chin but that really is a nick pick. Solid muscular body with long legs and oval paws. Tail in balance to both his body and legs. Super rexing to his coat which showed his superb silver undercoat colour. He went on to become Overall Best Exhibit in Show. A well deserved win and I could have cuddled him all day long. Just Superb!"*



## 18th Championship Show Results 2010

### Best of Breed

The following Best of Breed winners were awarded gifts donated by sponsors  
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#### **Best British Exhibit**

Grand Champion Kolinga Mersadies  
*Owned by Mrs M Le Monnier*

#### **Best Siamese/Balinese Exhibit**

Premier Mafdet Macathur  
*Owned by Mrs M Hutchings*



#### **Best Persian Exhibit**

Champion Pellarn Pollyanna  
*Owned by Mrs S Tomlinson*



**Best Semi-Longhair Exhibit**

Premier Woodypaws Wyatt  
*Owned by Mrs S Lewis*



**Best Burmese Exhibit**

Catamarian Toxotis Koffee  
*Owned by Mrs D Cornhill*

**Best Oriental Exhibit**

Champion & UK Imperial Grand  
Premier Willhavetodo Ouija Board  
*Owned by Mrs. S Lee*





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30 April 2010

Dear Paul & Sue,

What can we say? After all the trials and tribulations leading up to the show, we were very relieved that the actual Show day went off very well indeed – we hope you all agree!

We have to say a Huge 'Thank You' to all the committee & helpers who worked their socks off! I have said this before, we can put a show together but without the help & support of the committee, it can be very difficult. It was so very obvious that we did have the support of the committee & what a difference that made!

Thank you all for making us feel so welcome, it was a little disconcerting at first, as the only one we knew was Sue, but you all made us feel really at home.

Could you also pass on our sincere thanks to the 'Ladies who Catered', the food was wonderful & they also were so friendly & cheerful – we could do with them over on the main land!

James, at the Beachcombers, also made us feel very welcome, nothing was a problem for him or his staff.

We have had some lovely cards & emails from Exhibitors saying what a Fun & Happy Show it was – always nice to receive something in writing isn't it?



Have to make mention about the two budding show managers Dominic & Courtney, what a joy they were, a pleasure to have around & they both worked so hard, all day!

We really do look forward to next year with great anticipation & thank you for asking us to be your Show Managers, even though we refused in the first place – how silly was that???

Kind regards

Elaine & John  
Show Managers





## Meet the new club secretary - Claire Jepson!

I have loved cats all my life, we had a tabby cat when I was very young and we had to leave him with my aunt when we moved to Jersey. We did not have a cat in our family until I had a family of my own and then we had a rescue black and white cat called Chloe. She passed away at a grand age of 20. We were very lucky to be able to have Robby a cream smoke Persian from Paul in 2005.

I joined the cat club soon after and have shown Robby over the last 5 years - he is now a premier champion! He is the best cat ever, loves being groomed, bathed and generally being pampered. A few weeks ago he was due a visit to the vet, but the evening before he slipped outside and was lost for a very worrying 28 hours. Thankfully he came home at 2:30am safe and sound (this was the first time he had ever been outside) and what a clever boy to find his way home.

I enjoy helping with the cat club jumble sales, and also help with setting up the showground under Tony's careful guidance. On show day I help with vetting in and then onto the rosette table and help take down the show at the end of the day.

I have two children, my eldest Heather was married 3 years ago and has recently moved into her new house and has a ginger kitten called Brian (my grand kitten!) whilst our son Chris still lives at home. In January, my husband Derek and I will be celebrating 30 years of marriage. I am a dental nurse and have been a scout leader for the last 17 years; I also help training new leaders in scouting.

My hobbies include knitting, sewing including patch work quilts, counted cross stitch. I also enjoy hiking, camping, geocaching, swimming, cooking, eating out, travelling and many more!



## Membership Form

Joining Fee (one off payment) ...	£1.00
Single ...	£4.00
Joint (same household) ...	£6.00
Junior (under 16) ...	£2.00

*Subscriptions: (Payable annually, on or before January 1st)*

I enclose a cheque / postal order made payable to the  
"Jersey Cat Club"

In the sum of £..... in respect of a single/joint/junior (*pls delete*)

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## Newsletter Feedback!

The Jersey Cat Club values the support from all its members, fund raisers, exhibitors, and friends! If you have any feedback or wish to submit any comments to the club then please contact us – we would be delighted to hear from you!

We also warmly welcome comments in relation to our annual newsletter, what do you want to read about (or not want to read about!). All newsletter related enquiries can be directed to Emma McCue at [emma\\_jane\\_mccue@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:emma_jane_mccue@hotmail.co.uk), or speak to her directly on 01534 611180.

Thank you all for your continued support, we wish you all every success for the 2011 showing season!

Warm Regards,

The Jersey Cat Club