



World Cat Congress
promoting harmony in the cat fancy



**WORLD CAT CONGRESS
SEMINAR, 2010**



FRIDAY 30TH APRIL 2010

to be held in the Conference Room of
RASV Centre, Melbourne Showgrounds, Gate 5, Langs Rd Ascot Vale
Hosted by Feline Control Council (Victoria)



Registration 9.00am

Commencing 9.30 am

Booking essential, limited places.

\$55/head, includes lunch, coffee on arrival and afternoon tea.

TOPICS

DELEGATE PRESENTATIONS

BREEDING CATS TO IMPROVE CAT WELFARE & HUMAN WELL BEING

CAT LEGISLATION – PREACHING TO THE CONVERTED

TRANSLATING LEGISLATION INTO PRACTICE
VICORIAN HERITABLE DISEASES CODE

AUSTRALIAN MIST - AUSTRALIA'S ONLY HOME GROWN BREED

BREEDER'S BEST CAT

OPEN FORUM

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION ENCOURAGED THROUGHOUT THE DAY.

Bookings may be made through Shirley Sargent, Feline Control Council (Victoria) Inc,
c/o PO Box 347, MACEDON, Victoria 3440

Make cheques payable to: FCCV\CCCA National Show Account

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ABOUT THE SPEAKERS



Steven with Harmony

Mr Steven Moore "Cat Legislation - Preaching to the converted"

Steven holds a Degree in Applied Science from Monash University and has been employed with the Bureau of Animal Welfare for six years; his primary roles are audit Domestic Animal Businesses for compliance with the mandatory Codes of Practice; administer legislation surrounding microchipping of dogs, cats and horses; provide advice to Animal Management Officers on legislation and perform the role of Executive Officer role for the Department of Primary Industries' Domestic Animal Management Implementation Committee (DAMIC) and Minister for Agriculture's Restricted Breed Dog Review Panel.

Steven worked to establish best practice in domestic animal management in Victoria and assisted in the development of the Domestic Animal Management Planning and DAMIC's Animal Control Benchmarking Exercise. From 1996 through to 2003 Steven worked in two metropolitan Councils in Victoria as an Animal Management Officer before starting his role with the Bureau.

Dr Kerry J Fowler "Feline Health Research Fund"

Foundation Trustee of Feline Health Research Fund; licensed Feline Control Council of Victoria and Coordinating Cat Council Australia Judge; Member of Feline Control Council of Victoria Heritable Diseases subcommittee; Author and co-author of over 50 peer reviewed scientific publications; Lecturer in the fields of feline genetics, animal welfare and laboratory technology; Scientist who co-discovered the genes responsible for two different wavy coated mouse mutants; Scientific Services Manager at Murdoch Childrens Research Institute located at Royal Children's Hospital, Victoria; Associate Fellow, Department of Paediatrics, University of Melbourne



Dr Carole A Webb,
"Translating Legislation into Practice"
Victorian Heritable Diseases Code

Carole has been practising as a feline veterinarian for the past 32 years, and holds degrees in Veterinary Science, and Veterinary Medicine. She has her own feline practice in Melbourne and joined Cat Protection Society as veterinarian in 1986. Since this time, she has established a feline practice and health program for CPS, reorganised and renovated the shelter and actively lobbied for effective and humane legislative measures to address the cat overpopulation problem. In 1990, she became the Society's Executive Director and is now responsible for the Society's overall operation. She has a deep love and respect for the feline species, extensive experience in cat welfare and management issues and has been involved in media and educational programs on responsible cat ownership. In the early 1990's, Carole pioneered early age feline desexing in Australia, seeing it as a cornerstone in solving the cat overpopulation problem. The Cat Protection Society is now the largest cat welfare organisation in Australia, receiving some 16,000 cats and kittens annually, one of the three main Victorian shelters and is recognised as the peak cat welfare body in Victoria. In the broader animal welfare field, Carole is the spokesperson for the Cat Crisis Coalition, a member of the AAWS Companion Animal Sectoral Working Group, the Victorian AWAC and DAMIC, RSPCA (Vic) State Council, and a Category C member of several AECs. Carole gives unstintingly of her time and expertise to Pedigree Cat Governing bodies, and 'keeps in touch' with pedigree breeders by arising very early on many a Sunday morning to 'vet in' cats at Championship Shows.



Dr Truda M Straede
"Australian Mist
Australia's only home grown pedigree cat."

Truda has been breeding cats since 1976, starting with Burmese and Abyssinians. As a practising biological scientist, (with a PhD in Plant ecology) she had not been breeding very long before she perceived both the need for a breed of cats which were happy to live indoors, but also a cat which was predictably people friendly and companionable. Knowledge of genetics, the challenge of creating something new, and a chance missmating enable these perceptions to blossom into an idea, and subsequently into a life long endeavour. Along the way Truda turned her skills as a scientist, and teacher to the observation and recording of the whole cat breeding enterprise, resulting eventually in her writing and publishing 'Breeding Cats ... a Practical guide', in which she shares with all breeders her understanding of and insights into being a cat breeder. Truda's concern for cats in general, particularly at the interface with Government regulation of cats led to her being involved in developing the NSW Companion Animal Act, and being a Member of the first Companion Animal Board. Truda has been an Editor of Cat magazines, and a member of Pedigree Cat Management Committees in both NSW and Victoria. She currently belongs to the FCCV Management Committee, and represents the Pedigree Cat Fancy on DAMIC. Truda is also a Cat Judge, and maintains a very large breeding cattery where she continues to refine the breed which she founded.



Dr Pauleen Bennett Breeding cats to improve cat welfare and human well-being

Pauleen has studied human and animal behaviour for many years and is director of the Anthrozoology Research Group at Monash University. Members of her group study human-companion animal relationships with the aim of improving both animal welfare and human well-being. She is a member of the Animal Welfare Science Centre and developed Australia's first graduate certificate in animal welfare. She also developed a course about animals in society for the Ohio State University and travels annually to the USA to teach this course. When Pauleen is not working, she chills out on the family farm with a very large pack of companion dogs, a large herd of alpacas and one lovely black cat.



Breeders Best Cat Presenters:

Sue Jentsch Abyssinian
Fiona Stokes Singapura
Claire Gore Siamese
Sarah Sypher Devon Rex
Clare Delf-Graham Persian
Maria Cave Birman
Pamela Lanigan British
Leigh Voogd Scottish Fold
Troy & Kristine Willems Bengal
Dianne Bayliss Domestic
Truda Straede Maine Coon

