

NORWEGIAN FOREST CAT



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The Norwegian Forest Cat Club est 1987



The Norwegian Forest Cat is truly a natural breed and really does originate from Norway.

The exact origins of the Forest Cats will never be precisely established, but one thing is certain; NFCs can be found in Norwegian Folklore, where it is said that these cats were the family pets of the Vikings. As early as the sixteenth century such cats were described as being large, with long legs, big ruffs and ear tufts. Just like the Forest Cats of today, they had a particular liking for water, with the ability to catch fish in lakes and streams. In some folk tales they are referred to as the “Fairy Cat” – it is easy to imagine them appearing supernatural as they flitted amongst the trees with their long, elegant bodies and flowing, bushy tails.

The Norwegian Forest Cat as we know it today has developed through natural selection, as only the toughest cats with the thickest waterproof coats and other special features would be able to survive in Norway's harsh climate. However, they probably crept in to keep warm by the farmer's hearths when they could, and have always been known to like being around people. Eventually, as the remote areas of Norway became more heavily populated the breed was in danger of dying out, so a special breeding programme began. Since then the breed has gone from strength to strength and is now extremely popular in many countries, particularly Scandinavia, where as many as 200 Norwegian Forest Cats can be seen at a cat show, second only to the Longhairs.

The Norwegian Forest Cat Club was founded in 1987 when the first breeding cats were brought to Britain from Scandinavia. We welcome as members all who love this wonderful breed whether here or abroad. Our aim is to widen public knowledge about this natural breed, and to help any NFC in distress. We encourage responsible ownership, breeding and showing of Norwegian Forest Cats. Each February we run our own G.C.C.F Show.

For up to date information regarding the Club's Annual Show please visit our website.

www.nfcc.co.uk

NORWEGIAN FOREST CAT
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Chairperson's

Chat



An update from our Chairperson, Tony.

Since the last newsletter we have had the Supreme Cat Show this time at its new venue the NAEC. The general consensus seemed to favour this venue which apparently is also a lot less costly than the NEC.

Our Club had a table once more, which was looked after by Fiona and Ian Hermon and cats, for which I am sure would all like to thank them. A lot of interest was generated and new members recruited.

We ourselves had an excellent show with Noynarock Harald getting his second UK Grand Premier certificate to become Ch and UK Imperial Grand Premier, our third cat to make the UK title.

Pr Engeljord Gabriel got his third Grand certificate to make him up to Grand and Engeljord Penelope his sister, who is already Grand, gained her first Imperial certificate.

It was great to see a really good number of Norwegians at the Show and to catch up with so many exhibitors who attended, most of whom we have not seen in the last few years.



The next event for the Club is our own show which will take place on 18th February 2023 at Wythall. It would be great if we could have a good turnout, our first show since 2019!
Best wishes for Christmas and the New Year,
Tony Brewood

Committee News

Your Club News



New Volunteers....

We fortunately have 3 new recruits for the Committee. Nicola Carrick, Vix Rose and Michelle Davison, have kindly volunteered to serve on the Committee and we have co-opted them until we can confirm their appointment at next year's AGM. Their specific roles have yet to be determined but we are grateful for their kind offers to assist the Committee.

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Fond Farewell...

It is with regret we advise you that Amanda and Brian Benner have resigned from the Committee as unfortunately Amanda is unwell, battling recurring ill health and Brian's continued support is needed. We thank them both for their services to the Club in the roles of Webmaster and Kitten List Co-ordinators. Brian redesigned and modernised the site when first taking over the role some years ago and ironed out many of its persistent problems.



Latterly they handed over this role to our new Webmaster: Annie Rees but continued to serve as valued members of the Committee. We hope Amanda's health improves soon and allows them to move forward with their plans for the future. We thank them for their help and wish them well.
The NFCC Committee

More volunteers would be welcome. If you think you have something to offer the Club by serving on the Committee please contact the Club Secretary, Fiona Hermon, details are at front of this newsletter.





GCCF SUPREME

The NFCC at the GCCF Supreme 2022



This year's Supreme was at a new venue, the NAEC at Stoneleigh Park in Warwickshire, which personally I must say was more preferable than the NEC at Birmingham. It is straight forward to get to and is still fairly central for most exhibitors. The venue has plenty of free parking and the halls were easily accessible. There is a large cafeteria off the halls and another café/farm shop a short walk away. We had been here before for the special anniversary show and had liked the venue.

Ian and I had volunteered to have the Club Table at the Supreme show to raise the profile of the club. It was a good opportunity to show what we offered our members and for them to feedback to us what they would like to see from the club in the future, as well as for visitors to learn about us.

One of our members, Nadine, kindly offered one of her lovely cats for Exhibition on the table and he proved to be very popular with the visitors. Loki, a handsome black and white Norwegian Forest Cat, proved to be a great ambassador for our breed; especially when he came out of his pen on his harness and lead!

Thanks also go to Kathryn who provided the Exhibition pen with lovely new drapes which showed off Loki to his best advantage and Kathryn had also dressed the club table prior to our arrival. Ian and I arrived at the show hall just after 7am and proceeded to the Meet the Cats area where we then finished setting up by putting up one of the Club's Banners and setting out information sheets and a small amount of club merchandise. We then hurried off to grab some breakfast before the Show opened to visitors from 9am.

We had a steady stream of exhibitors and visitors throughout the day and chatted to lots of people about our very friendly breed. Loki came out of his pen from time to time and sat on the table and was much admired, not just for his looks but also for his friendliness. Ian and I took turns to go and see how our exhibitors were doing and it was good to see so many being shown, especially as there hadn't been a Supreme Show due to COVID for over 2 years. We sold some calendars and signed up a couple of new members too which was a bonus. The show overall had a good feel to it and I think most people were happy with the new venue. It was certainly busy!



All in all, I think it was a worthwhile day for the Club; it was just a shame though that there were not as many Club Tables out, as there was at the last Supreme and I do hope that changes next year. It was also a bit chaotic for exhibitors admin wise on the day but I am sure that too will be sorted for next year.

We had an opportunity to feed back to the Supreme Show organisers after the show via an online survey, which I did complete as I thought it was important to feed back how we thought the day had gone and what we thought could be improved. The venue is good but I thought that it would have been better to spread out the 6 sections plus Household Pets through the two halls rather than having all the sections and judging in one, apart from Best in Show, which was in the hall where we and the trade stands were located. I would also liked to have seen club tables associated with their sections as I know some visitors had difficulty in locating the club table they wanted to visit.



The NFCC at the GCCF Supreme 2022



Members Review



Jen Digweed at the Supreme

I've attended the Supreme show many times as a visitor, and it is a great opportunity for the general public to come along and see pedigree cats and talk to their owners. I never wanted to show there as I didn't like the thought of bringing my own cats to the NEC, so when the venue shifted to the smaller and more user friendly NAEC in Warwickshire this year, I thought I'd give it a try. The format is very different to every other GCCF show, with pen decoration encouraged and the chance to actually see your cat being judged and hear comments live on the day.

As for most exhibitors it was a very early start and a drive up in the dark. We seemed to have a lot more to bring than usual but managed it in one trip. The vetting in queue was long but quick, and we were set up with cat in pen by 8:00 am. A challenge with the Supreme is that you don't know what time your cat will be judged, but need to follow their judge's list of classes on the day and get your cat up on time. My judging eventually took place at around 11:30, with any cats who won their class staying up for Best of Breed, so we were there for about an hour. The time went quickly with being able to watch all the other tabby NFCs being judged, and hearing the judging commentary was really useful. You also get a written report immediately, with the judge posting the final report on the GCCF website as normal. As there are no side classes, we were then done for the day, with lots of time to talk to visitors, have a look at the shopping stalls and catch up with friends.

I'm really glad I gave it a go, but I don't think showing at the Supreme is for everyone. I wouldn't recommend it to a new exhibitor as it is more complicated than a standard GCCF show, or to anyone with a nervous cat as there is much more noise than usual, plus the judging stations are more intimidating than the normal pen judging. I'd definitely recommend it as a visitor experience to anyone who wants to see a particular breed up close, get some advice on choosing between breeds or just do some cat-related shopping.

Our Next Newsletter will be out just after the NFC Club show in february. If you would like your cats to feature please email Annie at Seidrkatts@gmail.com and we will include all of your photos and reviews. We hope that you have enjoyed all of the photos, reviews and commentary from this years GCCF supreme.

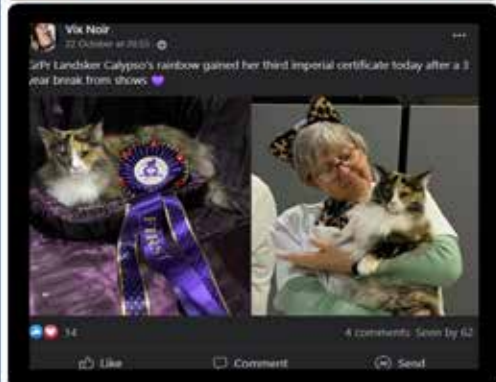
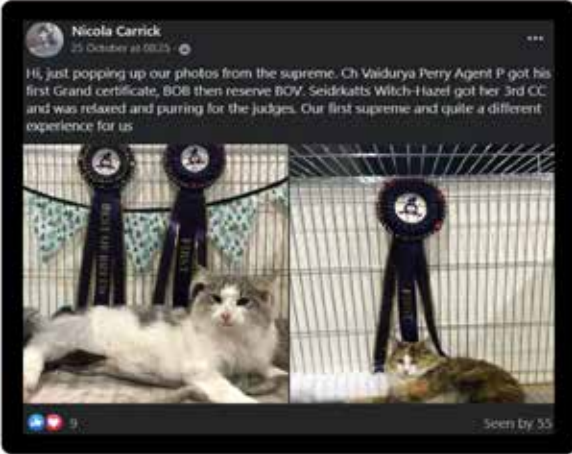
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A quick round up from our social media group on the GCCF supreme and some of our weegee exhibits



Liz Bee

22 October at 20:47 · 🌐

GrPr Norsvana Arne Solskinn. Enjoying his day at the supreme with his Viking tribute to Queen Elizabeth II.



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3 comments · Seen by 73



TICKETS ARE ON SALE ONLINE AND ALSO ON THE DAY, FOR ALL OF OUR MEMBERS TO HAVE THE CHANCE OF WINNING A CAZAMI EXERCISE WHEEL
Tickets are £2.15 each.



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PHOTO COMPETITION WINNERS

well done to our winners you will receive your prize in the mail!

Nicola Carrick
Ch Vaidruya Perry Agent P



Rachel Gaskell
Ch Normagikatt Duchess



Stewarding

for the GCCF



GCCF Stewarding Scheme By Nicola Carrick

I've recently joined the GCCF stewarding scheme after finding the information on the GCCF website. I'm fairly new to breeding and showing but have been a vet nurse for almost 25 years. I applied for my practice to become part of the ISFM cat friendly clinic scheme and make sure we maintain the silver standard. I work with a team of 5 Veterinary Nurses and although I'm now the practice manager I'm frequently called upon for my cat handling abilities! We promote cat friendly handling and aim to reduce stress with any feline patients whether they're hospitalised or just in for an appointment. Of course we see plenty of unwell, stressed and painful cats which can be a challenge but they are restrained in a safe and sympathetic way.

So stewarding seemed like good use of what I've already learnt but in a completely different environment! We tend to see mostly DSH or DLH so quite a small percentage of our patients are pedigrees. The most popular breed at the moment in my practice are Bengals, then British short hairs.

My first show this year after joining the scheme was nerve wracking. I'm mentioned on my paperwork I was happy to help so packed my white coat and headed over to the show manager. I was asked to help a lovely lady Judge and quickly explained it was my first time stewarding. The Guild has lots of information on show to handle the cats, how to remove them from the pens safely and how to present them. We mainly worked through the HHP section, I had no previous experience with the HHP and had totally overlooked them before so this was a great introduction to understanding why cats enter this group. I was getting used to routine for the titles classes and we worked through different breeds in all of the sections. The afternoon was different however, handling cats in a busy hall with visitors and owners I found a bit more a challenge and less confident. The cats were absolutely fine, much less fazed than I was!

My second show was with the same judge, she went into quite a lot more detail this time. Why she thought one cat's coat was better than another, tabby patterns, Abyssinian coats, colours, faults and recommended I look though the standard of points for those I'm less familiar about. Most of the cats I handled were lovely, used to being held and shown which was great, some preferred the comfort of their bed so I brought the bed out with them so they could be judged without causing unnecessary stress. I've learned so much already, after the show I have a form to complete and once signed by the Judge, is sent back to the Guild of Stewards.

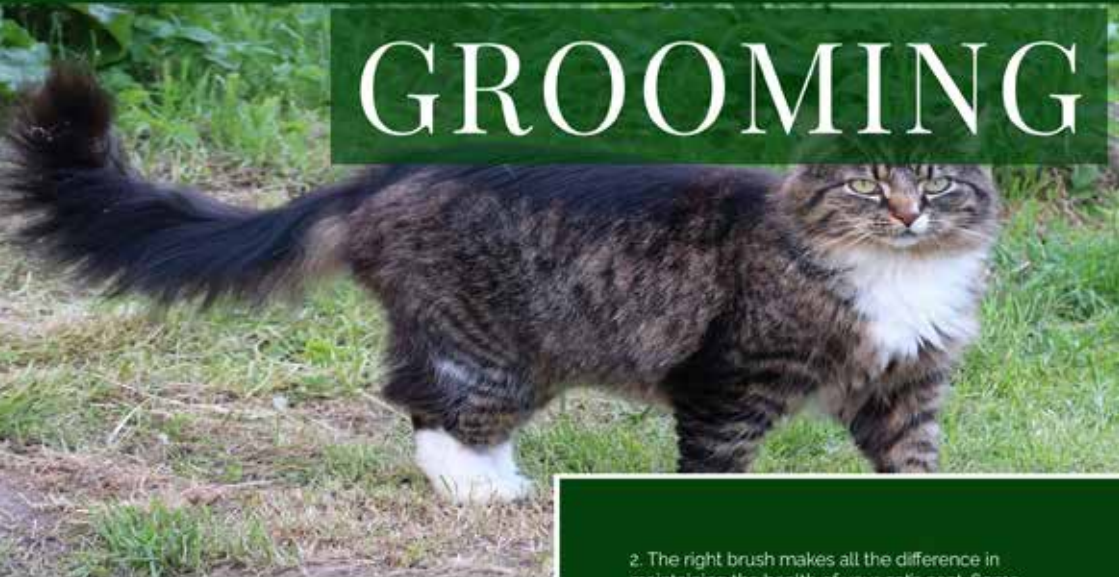
My aim now is to steward at more shows next year, we're based in Devon so tend to stick to the South West apart from the NFCC club show!

So far it's been a great way of meeting new people, lovely to be have the opportunity to get to know many more breeds and get to hold all of the beautiful cats. As well as having a much better understanding of the whole show process.

Thanks
Nicola



GROOMING



Norwegian Forest Cat Grooming

Norwegian Forest cats are dignified and elegant cats known for their thick, full coat. While they are fantastic cats well-loved by the people who keep them, their thick coats can be a surprise for people who aren't used to this coat.

Bringing home a Norwegian Forest cat requires a commitment to providing thorough and routine grooming, and here are some of the best tips to help you keep your cat's coat healthy.

TOP 4 TIPS grooming your weegie

1. The Norwegian Forest cat benefits from daily brushing. This ensures all dead and loose hairs and skin cells are removed, which helps reduce the chance of mats and skin infections. Brushing also helps distribute the oils that naturally occur on your cat's skin. When these oils are distributed, they help to keep the skin and coat healthy and shiny. It also helps reduce oiliness from building up in areas that your cat grooms the least, which can occur if your cat is overweight, has medical conditions, is becoming lazy, or is elderly.

Daily brushing is a big commitment, and it isn't an absolute necessity to maintain the health of your Norwegian Forest cat's coat, although it's beneficial. However, a commitment to brushing your cat at least two or three times a week is necessary for maintaining the health of your cat's skin and coat.

Having a cat means spending a good chunk of your time grooming your fur baby, which you may not mind but they likely don't particularly enjoy!!

2. The right brush makes all the difference in maintaining the health of your cat's coat. Some brushes may snag and pull hairs, while others may not be able to get through the thick coat of a Norwegian Forest cat and remove loose skin cells and fur. A wire-bristle brush or a metal comb are the best types of brushes to brush this type of coat with. These brushes are able to grab loose hairs and remove them, but they are unlikely to snag on the healthy parts of the coat. A de-shedding coat will damage the delicate top layer.

3. If you're struggling with the upkeep of your cat's coat, talk to a professional groomer in your area. Shaving these cats is not ideal, but some cats may need little trims on occasion. Older cats and those with poor grooming habits may need to have specific areas shaved for hygiene purposes.

4. High-quality nutrition is important for a variety of reasons for your cat, and their skin and coat health is one of those reasons. High-quality food can decrease shedding and enhance the overall health of your cat's skin and coat. If your cat is on a low-quality food, it may have a dull coat or excessive shedding.

Healthier foods support healthy levels of oil production in the skin, which keeps the coat shiny and the skin moisturized. Moisturized skin has a lower likelihood of becoming flaky and irritated, and improved skin health reduces the risk of skin infections and irritations. Your cat's vet is a great resource to help you determine what type of food your Norwegian Forest cat would benefit from.

HALF PRICE!

Calendar

SALE



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Winter QUARTERS

Look at me here in my mistress's muff;
My proper name is Vanity Puff;
My striped coat is, of course, very fair,
But silver-fox has a stylish air.

The muff, you see, is jolly and warm,
And suits a cat that's afraid of storm.
Snow is a nuisance, and cold I hate;
It suits me exactly to sit in state.

On a damask chair with a robe silk-lined,
And comfort take with an easy mind,
While I feel myself an aristocrat,
And not a commonplace household cat.



"Cold is a state-of-mind." But nevertheless, I thought that today would be a fitting time to re-print a poem about a very warm cat from the January 3, 1882 issue of Harper's Young People. The poem, titled Winter Quarters, comes with no named author (we will have to assume the cat wrote it) and an illustration of a cat in a muff. The cat's poem requires no introduction or additional commentary.

CAT REHOMING

The Club has a welfare co-ordinator who is here to help match up Norwegian Forest Cats in need with the right new home. Unwanted cats become available spasmodically and for many different reasons. Sometimes they have a behavioural problem which needs to be dealt with; sometimes their previous owners are simply unable or unwilling to look after them any more. Circumstances change, and often the people looking for a new home for their beloved cat are very sad to give them up but are acting for the welfare of the animal. On other occasions, cats have been abandoned. Sometimes we have several cats looking for a home and sometimes there are none for quite a long period.



“ *He is vocal and responds to a conversation with himself* ”

Steve is looking for **NEW HOME** can you help?



This is from his family: “I have a 15 year old cat called Steve who I am looking to rehome. It has been an incredibly tough decision but myself, my wife and my 4 children are going to live on a sailboat in the Mediterranean from April 2023.

It would not be fair to Steve to take him with us as he is a very homely cat. We had plans for a family member to look after him but it is not possible anymore.

Steve is in really good health. No signs of getting old. He is really affectionate and loving. He is not used to being around other pets. He is vocal and responds to conversation with him. He is good round children.”

Steve is currently in the Wigan & Bolton area.

The Norwegian Forest Cat Club is a registered charity, as part of our club we work to ensure that all cats are cared for, and we are often tasked with finding new homes for cats and kittens due to unforeseen circumstances. The costs of welfare includes housing, bedding, food, vaccination costs and vets fees to name a few. To ensure that we can care for the cats we rely on donations from our members and the public and are often raising funds to ensure that we can meet our obligations.

We rely on **Donations to our welfare fund**

If you would like to make a donation to the Welfare arm of the NFCC you can do so via our paypal

For all up to date information on the NFCC Welfare scan the QR code.



We rely on genuine cat-lovers coming forward to offer homes for the cats, so if you are able to help give a Norwegian Forest Cat the life he or she deserves, please contact our Welfare Co-ordinator:
Fiona Hermon

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07581216294

Email:
fiona.hermon@btinternet.com

CAT REHOMES

Two more cats have now found their forever home... by Fiona Hermon

A few months ago, I was contacted by a gentleman in Wales whose wife had sadly passed away a couple of years previously. The two cats were really hers and had not settled since her passing and he was finding it increasingly difficult to care for them, especially as his house had recently been flooded and that had upset them even more! The house had dried out, but now he was facing several months of renovations and didn't know what he was going to do with the cats whilst the work was taking place. He originally rang me to see if I could help with fostering them until the work was completed and I managed to find a place near him with a good friend that could take them for a short time.



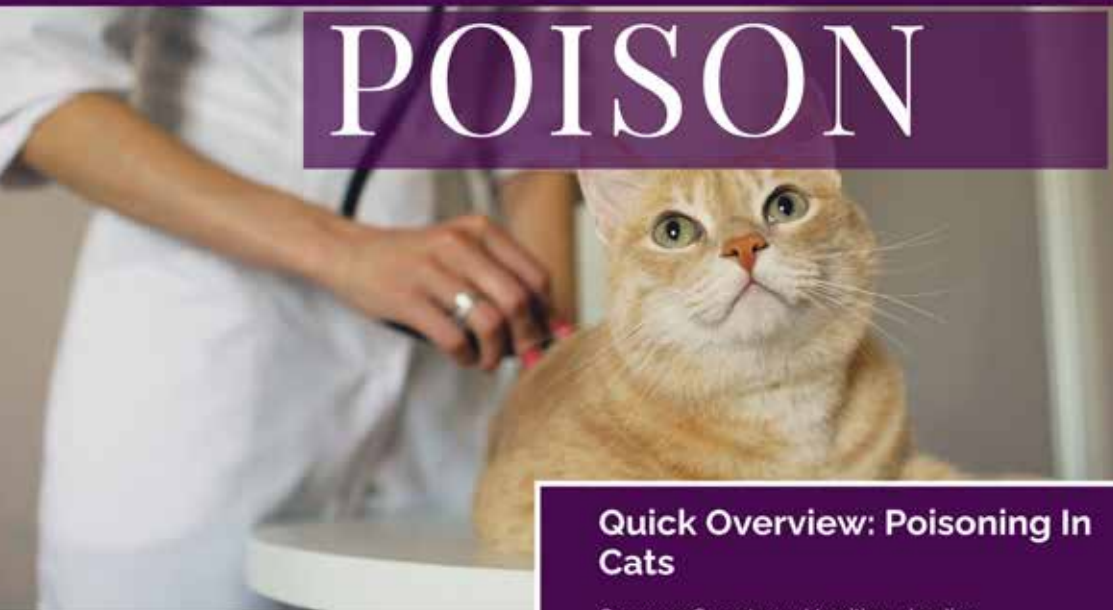
Dolly Mixture

The two cats went to my friend in mid-November but in the meantime, their owner decided that he really needed to find a new permanent home for them, for very good personal reasons.



Fortunately, I had just been contacted by a lady in North Wales looking for 2 rescue cats! She came to visit us to meet our cats and we went through her background and why she wanted to take on 2 Wegies. She showed me photos of her home and how it would be set up for the cats and it was perfect for them. Then she did a zoom call with my friend so she could see them and learn a bit more about them. As a result, they are going off to their new home at the end of this month. Their owner is relieved and very happy that they are going off to a new home where they will get the care that he cannot give them but wished he could.

CAT POISON



Poisoning In Cats: Causes, Symptoms, and Treatment

Just like humans, cats can come into contact with toxic substances that are hazardous to their health.

Cats encounter poisonous substances by swallowing them, chewing on them, inhaling them, or coming into physical contact by brushing against or walking through them. When dealing with suspected poisoning in cats, it is important to recognize the signs of poisoning and know what to do if you see them. Many substances can cause poisoning in cats. Some of the most common causes of cat poisoning include:

What Causes Poisoning In Cats?

Poisonous plants such as lilies (day, tiger, japanese show), tulips, and rhododendrons, azaleas
Ingesting or physical contact with common household products like bleach, disinfectants, and other cleaning products, antifreeze, insecticides, pesticides, and rodenticides (rat poison)
Common drugs like Ibuprofen, acetaminophen (also called paracetamol), antidepressants, cannabis products, and over-the-counter non-steroidal anti-inflammatory painkillers
Topical insecticides designed to kill fleas and ticks and all products containing permethrin
Ingestion of human foods, especially anything that contains xylitol, garlic, onions, alcohol, chocolate, black tea, coffee, excessive levels of fat, raw fish, grapes, and raisins, or any other dried fruit

Quick Overview: Poisoning In Cats

Common Symptoms: Vomiting, drooling, difficulty breathing, tremors, seizures, poor appetite, lethargy, drinking and urinating excessively.

Diagnosis: History of toxin ingestion or application, bloodwork, urinalysis, cat

Diagnosed in Cats: Moderately often
requires Ongoing Medication: No

Vaccine Available: No

Treatment Options: Depends on the toxin. Ingested toxins may need induction of vomiting, activated charcoal to bind a toxin, and intravenous fluid therapy. Topical toxins may also require bathing to remove the substance. Some specific medications are needed to counteract the effects of certain toxins.

Home Remedies: Bathing with dishsoap if something topical was applied. Immediate veterinary care is best for any ingested toxin as most have time limitations for treatment.

**ALWAYS SEEK MEDICAL ADVICE
IF YOU SUSPECT YOUR CAT HAS
BEEN POISONED**

BREED STANDARD

The Norwegian Forest Cat is a large, heavy boned, yet elegant semi-longhaired cat, the most important features being type and coat quality. Originating in harsh natural conditions, the breed became an outdoor working cat on Norwegian Farms. The appearance of the Norwegian Forest Cat should reflect this natural heritage. The Norwegian Forest Cat matures slowly, and full development of the cat and its coat can take up to four years. A distinctive double coat is required. Coat colour is irrelevant. A cat should not be penalised if apparently wrongly registered, as there are no points for colour. The cat should have an alert expression, be in good general condition and well presented.

Head- Triangular, where all sides are equal. Long straight profile without break in line. Forehead slightly rounded. Strong chin.

Ears- Large, not rounded, with good width at base. Ear placement high, and open set so that the lines of the ears follow the line of the head down to the chin. With Lynx-like tufts and long hair out of the ears.

Eyes- Large, oval, well opened, obliquely set and alert expression. All colours allowed.

Body- Big and strongly built, long and muscular with solid bone structure. Having a deep chest and powerful neck.

Legs (and Paws)- High on legs, with back legs longer than front legs. Paws large and round, in proportion to the legs. Tufts of fur between toes.

Tail- Long and bushy, should reach at least to the shoulder blades, but preferably to the neck.

Coat- Semi-long, the woolly undercoat being covered by a smooth, water repellent overcoat; which consists of long, coarser and glossy guard hairs covering the back, sides and tail. A fully coated cat has a shirtfront, a full ruff and knickerbockers. (A shorter coat in summer is acceptable).

Faults- Cobby, small or delicate build. Break (stop) in profile. Round or square head. Short tail (not reaching to back of shoulder blades.) Short legs. Dry, knotted coat or too soft a coat. Small ears. Round eyes. Any defect as listed in the preface to the SOP booklet.

Colour- currently in GCCF all listed colours are allowed; except Chocolate, Lilac, Apricot, Caramel, Cinnamon, Fawn and Siamese pattern. Any amount of white is allowed, i.e. white on paws, chest, belly or blaze, locket etc.

SCALE OF POINTS

Head- including general shape, length of nose, profile, chin. 20 Points

Ears- including shape and placement. 10 Points

Eyes- including shape, size. 10 Points

Body- including overall shape, size, bone, legs, feet and paws. 25 Points

Tail- including length and fur 10 Points

Coat- including quality and texture, length. 25 Points

However, one of the most endearing characteristics of the Norwegian Forest Cat is its temperament - intelligent and fun-loving yet gentle and laid-back, energetic and sociable yet not too demanding - a "Wegie" makes an excellent and rewarding friend for life. As for grooming, this is easily dealt with by means of occasional combing - for their natural coats are largely self-maintaining.

NFCC CONSTITUTION

The Club shall be called the "Norwegian Forest Cat Club". The objects of the Club shall be:
To promote interest in the Norwegian Forest Cat and to provide a focal point and guidance for all people who share an interest in the breed.
To foster good practice in the breeding and exhibition of the Norwegian Forest Cat.
To propose a Standard of Points, registration policies and judges for Norwegian Forest Cats to the relevant Breed Advisory Committee, with whom the Club will liaise on a regular basis.
To encourage the protection and welfare of all cats.

2. Affiliation

The Club is a member of the Governing Council of the Cat Fancy (GCCF) and shall abide by the Rules and representation set down by the Governing Council of the Cat Fancy (GCCF) and as amended from time to time in a constitutional manner.

The GCCF shall have disciplinary powers according to its Constitution over the Club and the Members thereof.

3. Membership

The Club shall consist of an unlimited number of Ordinary Members. There shall also be Honorary Members, the number of whom will be decided from time to time by the Members in General Meetings.

Persons shall be eligible for election as Honorary Life Members if they are recommended by the Committee. Their election shall be ratified at the Annual General Meeting. Honorary Members shall be entitled to the same privileges as paying Members, except for the right to vote.

The classes of Membership shall be:

Ordinary Adult

Ordinary Junior

Ordinary Joint - two persons from the same household

Associate - for GCCF Judges

Life - discontinued in 1998

Ten year Membership (application may only be made after three years' continuous Membership).

Payment is due on joining the Club. Subscription renewals are due on 1st January.

Application for Membership shall be on the Club's application form and shall be submitted to the Membership Secretary with the appropriate fee.

Applicants must be approved by the Committee who may withhold approval at their discretion. The Committee shall not give reasons for refusal of Membership.

If, in the opinion of the Committee, the conduct of any Member has been prejudicial to the welfare, breeding or exhibiting of cats, or to the interests of the Club, the Committee may, after giving that Member an opportunity of being heard, suspend the Member for a given time, or expel the Member from the Club. Anyone convicted in the courts of cruelty to any animal shall be automatically suspended. Notice of any Meeting when the question of suspension is to be discussed must be given to the Member concerned, and the Member, if he or she so desires, may attend to state his or her case. Not less than seven days notice of such a Meeting must be given. Any Member suspended shall have the right to appeal to the Annual General Meeting of the Club and to attend to state his or her case, and if the appeal is allowed by a two-thirds majority of those present and voting, he or she shall be re-instated. Any Member (including Life and Honorary Member) suspended under Article 12 of the Constitution of the GCCF and wishing to rejoin after expiration of the suspension, must apply for re-election to the Club.

4. Club Year

The Club Year shall commence on 1st January in each year

5. Subscriptions

The entrance fee and annual subscription shall be as agreed by the Annual General Meeting annually. On the 1st January.

Non-payment (after a written reminder) by the date of the Annual General Meeting shall invalidate the Membership which shall be deemed lapsed and the person shall be required to re-apply for Membership and pay the registration fee as well as the appropriate Membership fee, unless the registration fee is waived by the Committee.

No Member shall be entitled to vote at any Meeting or to enjoy any privilege of Membership whilst his or her subscription remains unpaid.



6. Officers and Committee

The affairs of the Club shall be managed by a Committee consisting of a Chairman, Vice-Chairman, Secretary, Treasurer and nine other elected Members.

If any Member of the Committee shall be absent from three consecutive Meetings without reasonable cause, he/she shall be deemed to have resigned from the Committee.

The Chairman shall be elected at the Annual General Meeting of the Club, to serve until the following Annual General Meeting. Other Members elected to the Committee will serve for three years before retiring from the Committee. Co-opted Committee Members will retire from the Committee at the AGM following their co-option. All retiring Committee Members shall be eligible for re-election.

Nominations for Committee shall be invited from the Members who have paid their subscription for the current year. All nominations, except in the case of existing Committee Members who are agreeable to stand for re-election, shall be in writing and must be signed by the nominee, proposer and seconder, all of whom must be fully paid-up Members. All nominations should reach the Secretary four weeks prior to the Annual General Meeting. The Secretary, Treasurer and the Vice-Chairman shall be elected by the Committee Members at a Meeting following the Annual General Meeting. Candidates for these offices shall be proposed and seconded by the Committee Members.

The Honorary President and up to two Honorary Vice-Presidents shall be nominated by the Committee and elected annually at the Annual General Meeting. They may be invited to Committee Meetings, but they shall not have the right to vote. Up to two Patrons (who will be Honorary Members) may be nominated by the Committee, and will then be elected at the Annual General Meeting for life.

The Committee may co-opt any Member onto the Committee, with full voting rights, to fill a vacancy arising during the Club Year. Any co-opted Member may stand for re-election at the following Annual General Meeting, if they wish to continue serving on the Committee and providing there is a vacancy. The Committee may also co-opt a Member to temporarily fill an existing elected Committee Member's position, for the length of the temporary absence or until the next Annual General Meeting, whichever is sooner. The Committee may appoint any sub-Committee to carry out any specific functions of the Club and persons serving on such sub-Committees need not be Members of the Committee or the Club.

The Committee is empowered to deal with any matters not specifically provided for in this Constitution. The Club is entitled to representatives on the Norwegian Forest Cat Breed Advisory Committee together with deputy representatives (for deputising at BAC meetings where a representative or representatives is/are unable to attend). These representatives and deputies will be elected annually at the AGM.

7. Duties of Officers and Committee

The Officers shall act generally under the authority of the Committee and their duties shall include the following:

The Treasurer shall:

Hold all monies received on behalf of the Club in accounts opened on the authorisation of the Committee.

Defray on behalf of the Club all expenses properly and necessarily incurred by any Member of the Committee and so authorised by the Committee.

Render annually at the Annual General Meeting a ratified statement of income and expenditure and a balance sheet covering the Club's financial year to December 31st, and to make a copy available to all fully paid up Members.

Manage the Club's funds held in a bank or building society, as decided by the Committee. All cheques must be signed by two officers (Treasurer and/or Chairman and/or Secretary.)

The Secretary shall:

Conduct correspondence on behalf of the Club.

Call Meetings.

Keep minutes of the proceedings of all Meetings.

Sign GCCF prefix application forms for all Members.

The Committee shall:

Maintain a register of Members.

Send a reminder to Members whose subscriptions are outstanding.

Inform new Members of their acceptance to the Membership and supply them with a copy of the Constitution.

Arrange show support.

Maintain records of all Club trophies.

8. General and Committee Meetings

A General Meeting of the Club, to be called the Annual General Meeting, shall be held not later than the last day of May in each year. Members will be notified at least eight weeks prior to the Annual General Meeting. All items for the agenda should reach the Secretary six weeks prior to the Annual General Meeting.

The Committee shall have the authority to summon an Extraordinary General Meeting at any time and must do so within one month of the receipt by the Secretary of a requisition signed by not less than seven fully paid up Members, specifying exactly the business for which such a Meeting is required. At a Meeting summoned under this clause, no business other than the business on the Agenda shall be transacted. The cost of the Extraordinary General Meeting must be defrayed by those Members requesting that it take place.

The time and the place of every Annual General Meeting shall be fixed by the Committee and specified in the notice convening it.





In the absence of the Chairman or Vice-Chairman of the Club, a Chairman of the Meeting is to be elected by the Meeting, and should be either an Officer of the Committee, or a Member of the Committee. At all Meetings the Chairman of the Meeting shall have a casting vote only.

A quorum at any General Meeting shall consist of nine fully paid-up voting Members, including at least one Officer of the Club. If a quorum is not present, relevant parts of the minutes will be posted on the GCCF website. The Club will email those Members that have registered their email with the Club to inform them that the information is on the GCCF website. Members will be given 28 days to raise any objections. In the absence of any objections. In the absence of any objections, then the decisions made at the meeting shall be considered ratified.

Resolutions shall be passed by a simple majority either by show of hands or by a paper ballot, as directed by the Chairman. Postal ballots will not be allowed. Matters relating to the Constitution must be clearly stated on the AGM agenda sent to all Members, and for approval must obtain a two-thirds majority of those present and voting.

At least three Committee Meetings shall be held annually at dates and times to be decided by the Committee. A quorum at any Committee Meeting shall consist of six Committee Members (excluding the Chairman), at least one of whom must be an Officer of the Club. Matters resolved at Inquire Meetings must be ratified at a subsequent Meeting.

Minutes of General Meetings and Committee Meetings shall be recorded by a person appointed to that task, and shall be approved at subsequent Meetings and signed by the Chairman.

An independent person, who shall not be an Officer or a Committee Member of the Club, shall be appointed by the Membership at the Annual General Meeting to examine the accounts for the Club.

9. Delegates of the Governing Council of the Cat Fancy

So long as the Club has the right to representation to the GCCF, it shall be represented by a Delegate/s, or the nominated substitute Delegate, who shall be elected by Members at the Annual General Meeting and shall serve for one year (June to May commencing with the GCCF Electoral Meeting) and shall be eligible for re-election.

All ordinary Members shall be eligible to stand for election as Delegates and Substitute Delegates.
A Delegate, if not already a Committee Member, shall be invited to attend Committee Meetings, but shall not have the right to vote.

In the event of a vacancy for a Delegate occurring between Annual General Meetings the Committee may appoint a Delegate to serve until the following Annual General Meeting.

10. Trophies

The Club shall have two types of trophy, both relating to UK GCCF shows unless otherwise stated: Annual Points Trophies and Show Trophies. These will be accepted from donors as and when they are offered, on the basis that ownership of the trophy passes to the Club with immediate effect, and any trophy may be re-assigned when the Committee decides it is appropriate.

11. Amalgamation or Winding-Up

A motion for the winding-up of the Club or for amalgamation with another Club must be included on the Agenda of a General Meeting. If those present and voting agree to wind up or amalgamate the Club by a two-thirds majority, the total Membership shall then be balloted by post, and the amalgamation or winding-up will take place if two thirds of those voting by post are in favour of the motion.

Final disposal of the Club's assets, other than assets received for cat welfare, shall be determined at this General Meeting, and be approved by a two-thirds majority of those present and voting.

Assets including monies received by the Club for cat welfare shall be donated to a dedicated fund or funds for domestic cat welfare, as agreed at this General Meeting and approved by a two-thirds majority of those present and voting.



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HOW TO?

How to Scan QR Code on Phone Screen

Help with QR CODES



TECH SAVY?

In an attempt to simplify things, we have used a QR code: here are some tips on how to use a QR code you can still access our website at www.nfcc.co.uk

The QR (Quick Response) code has simplified our life in many ways. Its a simple technology that has gone mainstream and has become a vital tool for a fast and convenient way to perform specific tasks. If you have noticed, its found almost everywhere around us. You can use it to share Wi-Fi, make a payment, open specific websites, etc.

Whether you are an Android or iOS user, all these platforms have an in-built QR scanner. Even your mobile phones camera app has the ability to scan the QR code. Besides that, we will guide you through other different ways to scan the QR code from your phone.

How to Scan QR Code on the Phone Screen

Scanning a QR code is easier than you think. Just simply point your camera to the code, and it will do its job. Moreover, you can use Google lens, an in-built scanner to scan the code.

Using In-built Scanner

Most recent mobile phones have the in-built option to scan the QR code without needing to depend on third-party apps. You can utilize the in-built QR scanner to perform most QR-related activities like connecting to Wi-Fi, opening the Website, etc.

ANDROID OR IPHONE

On Android

1. Open your default Camera app.
2. Point the camera towards the QR Code. Then the QR code icon will appear in small size.
3. Tap on that QR code icon and the QR result will be shown on your device.
4. You will find Connect or Go to Website depending on whether the QR Code is related to the Website, Wi-Fi network, or others.

On iPhone

1. Open the iPhones camera app.
2. Point the camera towards the QR code.
3. Then, a QR notification will pop up on the top.
4. Simply, tap on it to connect or go to that Website.

GOOGLE LENS

Using Google Lens

Google Lens is a powerful image recognition tool that helps to identify objects. You might have even used it to translate texts, find images, etc. Not just that, you can also use this app to scan a QR code. If you dont have the app, you can freely install it from your respective store.

However, if you dont want to install it, you can also use the Google app. The Google app has the in-built Google lens feature. The below steps are shown from the Google app using Google Lens.

Open the Google app.

Click on the Google lens icon.

Click-on-the-Google-lens-icon

Tap on Search with your camera.

Now, point your device to that QR Code.

The QR code information will load on it. Simply, Tap on it to open that link.



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NORDLIGDROM	BERKSHIRE	FIONA PEEK	www.nordligdrom.co.uk
BUCKS	NYNORSK	SARAH TYLER	www.nynorsk.co.uk
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DUMFRIESSHIRE	LUNARAINÉ	DIANE HENDERSON	www.lunarine.co.uk
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SOUTH YORKSHIRE	GALDRKATT	ROBERT WESTMORLAND	www.galdrkatt.co.uk
WEST MIDLANDS	ZIVANNAZ	ANN MORGAN and JULIE GRAHAM	www.zivannaz.co.uk
WEST MIDLANDS	BOSTINFOREST	RACHEL AND STEWART GASKELL	www.bostinforestcats.simplesite.com
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 ALL BREEDERS ON THIS LIST AGREE TO ABIDE BY THE GCCF CODE OF ETHICS WHICH CAN BE READ ON THE GCCF WEBSITE AND ALSO ON THE BREEDERS' LIST APPLICATION FORM. UNFORTUNATELY IT IS NOT POSSIBLE FOR THE NFCC TO POLICE BREEDERS ON OUR LIST, AND IT IS UP TO INDIVIDUALS TO SATISFY THEMSELVES THAT ANY BREEDER THEY CONTACT IS ADHERING TO ACCEPTABLE STANDARDS. THERE IS MORE ADVICE ON OUR KITTEN PAGE.



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