

32nd Abyssinian Breeder Show – 2016

The Abyssinian Breeder show this year will be held on Sunday, 22

May, at the Yarralumla Woolshed, 208 Cotter Rd, Weston. It is a reasonably centrally located venue for hire, and you can see what it looks like at

https://www.google.com.au/search?q=yarralumla+woolshed&rlz=1T4GZAG_enAU453AU453&tbm=isch&tbo=u&source=univ&sa=X&ved=0ahUKEwiFoKL1xqXKAhUQ12MKHbW1Cv0QsAQIJw&biw=1681&bih=889 !

There will be one judge from New Zealand, Chris Lowe, one from Victoria (Cheryle U'Ren), and one from Queensland (Val Harney). Cheryle and Val have judged for us before. The three CVs are below

Christine (Chris) Lowe

All Breeds International Judge

I fell in love with Blue Persians at a young age and it was not long before I wanted to get involved in the breeding of these beautiful cats, and I was lucky enough to be mentored by Joyce Peace (Lynndell Cattery). I am now breeding Exotics & Persians, predominantly Bi-colours with well established lines which have brought some wonderful show moments for me and my daughter, including Best in Show at a number of National Shows.

NZCF Role: All Breeds Tutor Judge

Executive Council Secretary

World Cat Congress Delegate

In 2010 I was honoured to receive Life

Membership of the NZCF

Club Affiliation: Currently President of Patches & Pointed Inc (an all breeds club specialising in broken coloured cats) pleased to say that this is a very successful and innovative club (first to hold a dinner show – a concept that other clubs are now working with).

Judge Training: In 1979 I entered NZCF Judges Training Programme and qualified as Longhair Judge in 1981 extending my licence to all breeds in 1989. I went onto breed Siamese & Orientals – at that time you actually had to breed in the division that you were seeking a judge's licence in. A short time after I qualified, this requirement was removed. I, however, have never regretted the involvement in another breed and as you can imagine the difference between a Persian & Siamese was rather huge to say the least, with Siamese & oriental babies opening their eyes at 4 days and clambering out of their nest box by the time they were 7 days old, compared to the rather sluggish

Persian who would rather remain as long as possible in the security of the box and mum of course.

International All Breeds Judging: I thoroughly enjoy the judging scene, the forward thinking of exhibitors working with improvement of lines and of course the interaction with exhibitors and cat lovers from all walks of life. I have judged in most Australian States, Netherlands, South Africa, United Kingdom and Florida, USA.

Cheryle U'Ren

I have been a member of the Feline Control Council of Victoria since its inception in 1962. I was first licensed to judge in 1965 and qualified as an All breeds judge in 1979.

Over the past 48 years I have gained broad experience with judging invitations throughout Australia and New Zealand plus Hong Kong, Singapore, Thailand, Malaysia, USA, Europe, South Africa, Indonesia, Japan, United Kingdom, Taiwan and many provinces in China thus gaining valuable knowledge into international variations of standards.

I am an FCCV and CCCA National Tutor and Examining All Breeds judge and am involved in lecturing and conducting of judges' seminars for both organisations.

Over the years I have shown my preference for breeding and showing top quality Persians in Solid, Himalayan and Marked colours, and more recently Singapuras, under the Sublime, Lavendel, Firnbank. Preview and Ithaca prefixes.

I am a foundation member and Life Member of both the FCCV and the Pedigreed Persian Cat Club of Victoria

I am currently serving as President of the FCCV plus holding positions on many sub-committees relating to judging, breeding, showing and standards matters.

I have also been a regular FCCV delegate at our national Cat Co-Ordinating Council of Australia's conference since the FCCV became a member, and am privileged to be serving at this time as ILO. I believe strongly in the principle of such a group and am proud of the unity that exists within from all the Member Bodies.

I am honoured also to be currently serving as the Vice President of the World Cat Congress. It is a great

privilege to represent the CCCA as this level and exchange ideas with such knowledgeable and enthusiastic delegates from the major international Feline organisations

Val Harney

Prefix: Meisha.

Breeds: Siamese and Oriental

I have been an All Shorthair/Semi-longhair judge since 1976 and an All longhair/Semi longhair since 1987, making me an All-Breeds Judge in 1987. Throughout each year since attaining my licences, I have travelled throughout Australia and in several overseas locations including Malaysia, Japan and the United States. I am also on the All Breeds Guest Judges Panel of ACFA USA.

I have held many positions on committees throughout the years, including Minutes Secretary, Secretary and Chairperson. I have also been secretary and vice president of various clubs and until recently, I have managed several shows each year.

Hobbies include attending cat shows, meeting cat lovers, cross-stitching, sewing. I just adore being with Cat People talking "Cat" and sharing the world wide love of the cat with all who care to listen.

The introduction of the 'Australian Open Judging' method brought great joy to me as a judge because it allowed exhibitors, show personnel and the general public to share the judging of the cat.