

# Showtime!

## Supreme Champion

**M**eet Boodles, the winner of The Supreme Cat Show. The 17-month-old white Persian was bred and is owned by Jenny Nicholas of Gemkin Persians in North Wales.

His official title is now Supreme Imperial Grand Champion Gemkins Starwind but at home he's known as Boodles, "as in the jewellery," Jenny tells us. Boodles has enjoyed a wonderful career so far, with his Supreme win being the icing on the cake. "He has done this before with six overall best in shows but to win at the Supreme is every breeder's dream. I haven't been to the Supreme for about ten years so this was a great comeback."

Jenny has been breeding Persians since 1984 but was able to take her hobby more seriously after 1996 when her three children were older.

"My first love has always been the magnificent white Persian and ever since he was little I knew Boodles was something special. I called him my little bulldog because he was so square and robust looking. I think it's down to his multi-national ancestors; his



Photo: Robert Fox

father's a grand champion!

"I wasn't looking at keeping another white boy but he used to come and sit on my leg and make out I had to keep him.

"He has oodles of personality and is an amazing pet. He is such a people cat and such a comedian. Everyone who sees him just wants to touch him and he laps it up. He sits at the front of the pen at shows and draws people in."

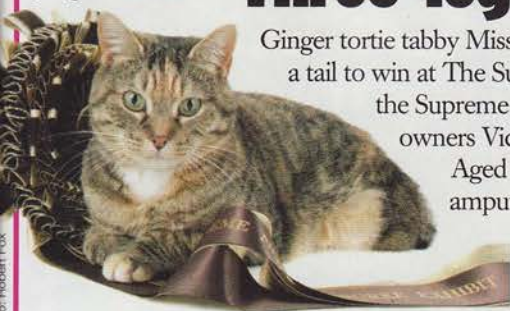
"He sees me packing his show bag and he knows what's coming. His grooming routine takes about two hours and he loves it; it's attention after all!"

Missy stole the judges' hearts.

### Three-legged star

Ginger tortie tabby Missy proved a cat doesn't even need four legs and a tail to win at The Supreme. The five-year-old former rescue took the Supreme Household Pet title, much to the delight of her owners Vicky and Steve Fletcher.

Aged two, Missy had to have her hind leg and tail amputated due to a suspected road accident after straying from her home in Kings Lynn, Norfolk. Since then Missy has become an indoor pet, joining the family's Birman on the show circuit.



Research and attention to detail paid off for Kay Percival and her daughter Grace whose decorated pen won them the top award in this section. A highlight of The Supreme Show is the Decorated Pen Competition, and this year's theme was 'Diamonds Are Forever'. Many owners had gone for sparkle and glamour and James Bond themes. Kay and Grace of Hexham, Northumberland, took a different approach, researching the origin of the slogan and tracing it back to the De Beers mining company when the slogan was first used in their advert in 1947. They created a mining scene for their handsome laid-back Russian Blue, Melkeltter Luka Nikolai, to reside in for the day. Their prize came courtesy of Agria Pet Insurance.



### Cat show etiquette tip #6

If a judge approaches your cat's pen while you are present, move away and keep a reasonable distance until they are finished.



## SHOW DATES

12

### GOVERNING COUNCIL OF THE CAT FANCY (GCCF)

5 JAN

1) Asian Group Cat Society, Singapura Cat Club, Snowshoe Cat Society, Korat & Thai Cat Association, The Russian and Abyssinian Cat Club of Scotland, Short Haired Cat Society & The British Ragdoll Cat Club, The Sports Connexion Leisure Centre, Leamington Road, Ryton-on-Dunsmore, West Mids. CV8 3FL

2) Capitol Long Hair Cat Association & Eastern Long Hair & Semi Long Hair Cat Club, Wodson Park Leisure Centre, Wadesmill Road, Ware, Herts. SG12 0UQ

3) Exotic Cat Society, Tydd St Giles Community Centre, Broad Drove East, Tydd St Giles, Wisbech, Cambs. PE13 5LN

12 JAN

1) West Country Cat Club, Hutton Moor Leisure Centre, Hutton Moor Road, Weston-super-Mare, North Somerset BS22 8LY

2) Colourpoint Cat Club, Ettington Community Centre, Rogers Lane, Ettington, Stratford-upon-Avon, Warks. CV37 7SX

13 JAN

Cameo, Pewter & Smoke Society, The Memorial Village Hall, Lowfield Lane, Gnosall, Staffs. ST20 0ET

19 JAN

1) Central Longhair and Semi Longhair Cat Club, Perdiswell Leisure Centre, Billford Road, Worcester. WR3 8DX

2) Notts & Derbys Cat Club, Hermitage Leisure Centre, Silver Street, Whitwick, Leics. LE67 5EU

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19-20 JAN

RagtimeTICA, Bushfield Leisure Centre, Orton Goldhay, Peterborough, Cambs. PE2 5RQ

### SNOWSHOES PROMOTED

The Snowshoe breed has been promoted to provisional status in the Governing Council of the Cat Fancy (GCCF), effective from February. The cats will now be able to compete for intermediate certificates and when sufficient numbers of these have been won, an application can be made for the final progression up to full championship recognition.



**NEXT MONTH:**  
More show news!