

THOR'S OAK OCICATS

GCCF & FIFe registered Ocicat Classic and Ocicat Breeders



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To whom it may concern.

In support of my application for a position of the Felis Britannica Breeding Health and Welfare Commission.

I am an Honorary Secretary of Ocicat and Classic Society, I am also an Honorary Secretary of the GCCF Ocicat and Ocicat Classic Breeders Advisory Committee.

I came to UK in 1984 from then Czechoslovakia, where I studied Medicine. I have a degree in Human Genetics.

During my working life, amongst other jobs, I worked for a major investment bank and was, directly, involved in the negotiations which ended with Skoda becoming part of the VW Audi Group.

It was due to the death of my first pet, Tigga, who I sort of inherited, that I started breeding 14 years ago. I had been told he was a pedigree cat but the breed was unknown to the person was looking after him following his owner's death. He had strange habits, for a cat. He also had an unusual walk. So, I started looking into what breed he could be. After a lot of research, I have found out that he might have been Ocicat.

I acquired my first breeding Queen in October 2010. Since then I have bred over 150 cats.

When I discovered that the inbreeding ratio in Ocicats in UK, was often around 22 percent over 5 generations, alarm bells rang in my head. I, therefore, took on a quest to decreasing the inbreeding ratio for a very rare cat breed. I decided to import and use lines from outcrosses to Abyssinians. Using these methods, I have managed to get an inbreeding ratio below 5% percent, and often below 2% over 10 generations.

While requesting Ocicats for breeding from Scandinavia and Europe, I found resistance to the Classic patterned Ocicats. This resistance was caused by the fact that I breed Oci 22.

As you may be aware, I think the Classic Tabby Ocicat should receive recognition for Showing. This is because, apart from loving the Classic Tabby Ocicat, without show success, many breeders are at least wary of using Classic patterned Ocicat of good healthy and type in their breeding programmes. This can only be detrimental to the genetic pool of Ocicats.

I believe breeders of all breeds should be encouraged to decrease the inbreeding ratio in their lines and to share

their lines for the genetic strength of pedigree cats.

All of my breeding cats and their offspring are both FIFe and GCCF registered.

As a member of the GCCF BAC, I have been involved in genetic issues within Ocicats.

With my genetic knowledge, knowledge gained in my working life and from breeding, I believe I can positively contribute to the Breeding Health & Welfare Commission.

Yours Sincerely,



Monika Maudlin

