

Greta Nyman 'Nyward Cattery'



In 1973 the addition to her family of two female Seal Point Siamese kittens, was to be the beginning of Greta Nyman's passion for Pedigree cats, unbeknownst to her at the time! Within two years, she was breeding and showing Siamese under the prefix, 'Nyward', and quickly became involved in Stewarding at shows, developing a continuing association with the Cat Co-ordinating Council of Australia.

In 1983, Greta obtained her Group 2 Judges License and also at about the same time, began breeding Balinese, becoming totally besotted by them. Two years later she had decided to also breed Burmese; specialising in the Brown Burmese; and was smitten by their affectionate and playfully mischievous manner. She no longer bred Siamese, choosing to concentrate on the Balinese and Burmese, becoming more and more interested in the genetics and variety of these breeds, especially the Balinese.

The year 1988 saw Greta become a Group 3 Judge, continuing to judge regularly interstate, which she had been doing during the previous few years. Her first International judging assignment came in 1993 when she was invited to Judge in the New Zealand National Show in Christchurch, which was a great thrill for her and an exceptionally memorable experience.

More recently, in 1998 she obtained her Group 1 license, thus enabling her to judge all breeds. Greta is also a Tutor Judge with Governing Council of the Cat Fancy of Victoria and Australia. She is still very much involved in breeding her beloved Balinese and Burmese and spends most of her time involved in one way or another, in the "cat world". As well as being a Life Member of the following clubs including, the Balinese Cat Club, Greta is also the President of the Burmese and Other Shorthair Cat Club, Secretary of the Peninsula Cat Club, and Show Secretary and Show Manager of all three of these Clubs. In fact she is so immersed in her passion for Pedigree cats, she has little time for much else!

But Greta does in fact find time to spend with her family and friends and even manages to squeeze in the odd precious moment pursuing another of her long-time loves; gardening.

Greta has also been involved in the breeding of Tonkinese cats. She was invited by the CCCA to do a presentation of these cats to the CCCA Judges. Within a short time of this the Tonkinese breed was accepted by the CCCA.