



# WELCOME

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United Kingdom Ragdoll Breeders Society

## Chairman's Welcome

Who would of guessed that one little fluffy kitten we bought back in 2003 would of taken me on a journey with the Ragdoll that would become one of extreme passion and also in becoming the chairman of a new Ragdoll breeders club where the health and welfare of the Ragdoll is foremost!

It is with most pleasure and I am most definitely very proud to welcome all our members to our very first news letter for the club.

The Officers and the committee have been working very hard in the background trying to make the foundations of the club strong so we can build the club on that, and I must take this opportunity to thank them all for their hard work on this. We now have a very good set of rules, Breeders criteria and code of ethics and are working on our HCM guidelines to make sure the Ragdoll Breed is and stays a healthy breed.

Over the coming months we have many things planned including a seminar, Garden party and promoting the Ragdoll Breed where we can.

It is my personal aim to make this a club that members can be proud of and do our bit to protect the ragdoll that we all know and love. It has been fantastic the overwhelming response we have had over the past month or so and I can only thank you all for your support and I look forward to meeting you all over the coming months at the many events we will be at.

The UKRBS the club at the heart of the matter.

Matt

## Hon Secretaries News

A big hello to all,

I would like to welcome and to thank everyone for their support in setting up the new club and becoming a part of our vision for the future of the Ragdoll breed. I would also like to thank you all for your patience while we have been putting things into place, appointing the Committee and setting out our policies.

I am sure that everyone will be pleased to hear that we have now set out our breeders criteria and code of ethics. Both of which are enclosed. I would ask that you read over them, sign the code of ethics and return it to me along with your cats pedigree's and certificate's for the seminars that you have attended. You will see in the breeders criteria, you must attend a seminar before you can become a probationer breeder, but don't panic if you haven't attended any yet, what we would ask is that you attend our first seminar which is going to be held in August (details of which are enclosed) to keep your link on the breeders page of our website.

I hope everyone has a great Summer and look forward to meeting up with you all at the events we have planned over the following months.

Zoe

## A message from our Presidents

.. Allen and I were honoured when we were approached and asked if we would help set up a new Ragdoll Cat Club. We felt that there was a place for a 'breeders' club. A club that would nurture and educate new Ragdoll breeders and to support and care for the older established ones! We had a vision of a new, upbeat, enthusiastic club. A club that would help take the Ragdoll breed into the 21st century. A club that would be there to help in every way that it can, not only to help new Ragdoll breeders to be responsible and reputable but also to be caring and informed in all aspects of the Ragdoll breed. A Ragdoll club which would encourage all of its members to breed healthy cats and to maintain a healthy gene pool so that the breed can progress in a strong and positive way.

The UKRBS has a young, passionate Committee, exactly what is needed for the future. The Aims and Objectives of the club are sensible and attainable. The health of the Ragdoll is paramount and we must strive to protect it in every way that we can.

We both are proud to be associated with the UKRBS and to have been asked to become the Presidents of the club. We will help in every way that we can to make it the most successful, helpful and friendly Ragdoll club in the UK.....'

Chris & Allen



Venue details;

42 Cherry Tree Green

Hertford SG14 2HP

## Garden Party

Please join us at our annual Summer Garden Party on  
September 5th 2009

Chris & Allen have kindly agreed to host the party

Tickets are priced at £10 per adult, £7.50 per child.

1 pm till late!

For more information see our flyer



## Congratulations



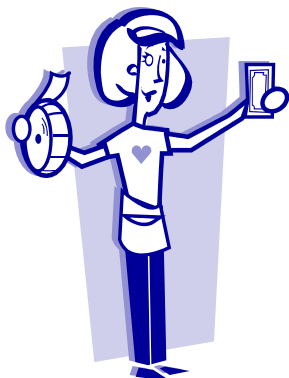
To Harriet & Ian

on the birth of baby Charlie



## Show news

UKRBS club table will be in Club Row at The Supreme Cat Show on **21st November 2009**. For those of you who have never attended, this is the largest cat show in the UK, held at the N.E.C. in Birmingham (Halls 17 & 18) and is an ideal place to stock up on all the essentials that a Ragdoll addict needs! Club row is where most breeds have their tables and it is an ideal opportunity to see in the flesh (fur!) the different breeds of cats that are now available in this country. If you do attend, don't forget to come along and say hello to us and if you are exhibiting, 'Special' rosettes will be given out to every club member on the day.



## Helpline Numbers

<u>Rehoming:</u>	Gail Looker-Williams- 01216 025886
	Kerrie Collins- 01634 270496
<u>Kittenlist::</u>	Zoe Matthews- 01495 200089
	Michelanne Cann- 01932 561617
<u>General Helplines:</u>	Matthew Griffiths- 01928 787866
	Chris Powell- 01992 504411
	Helen Sallows- 01872 571574
<u>Merchandise:</u>	Gail Wild- 01226 290494
<u>Health &amp; Welfare:</u>	Gail Looker-Williams- 01216025886



## Raffle Prizes

If anyone has any good quality items that Liz, our fundraising secretary, can use for future Raffle Prizes, they would be very gratefully accepted.

You could hand them over at the club show, at seminars or any other events that are held around the country through the year.

## Show Support

Please check our website for details of our trophy points to win trophy's at our first AGM in 2010



## Breeders Seminar

Please join us at our first seminar at Wilmcote Village Hall, Wilmcote, Nr Stratford-Upon-Avon on Sunday 16th August. The cost of a ticket is £12.50 for a full day and £10 for the afternoon only. You can bring a guest for £2.50 but attending as a guest does not count towards becoming a full or probationer breeder. We have enclosed our flyer and application form along with this newsletter. Please reply soon as spaces will be limited. We look forward to seeing you on the day.

Raffle donations are welcomed!



## Raffle

We are raffling this one off framed original watercolour artwork of Addeilo Butler. Tickets will be on sale at £1 each at our breeders seminar in August, at our Garden party in September and at our club table at the Supreme in November where the raffle will be drawn. For more information or to purchase tickets, call Liz on 01384 459289 or email her at [ukrbsfundraising@googlemail.com](mailto:ukrbsfundraising@googlemail.com)



## Kitten List

To add kittens to our kitten list on the website, Please email the kitten list holder

[ukrbs@btinternet.com](mailto:ukrbs@btinternet.com)

## Who's Who on the Committee

Chairman/Breed Recorder	Matthew Griffiths	Honorary Secretary Kitten list/webmaster	Zoe Matthews
Vice-Chairman	Heather Sabine	Advertising/Publicity	Michellanne Cann
Honorary Treasurer Merchandise	Gail Wild	Fundraising/Stud Registrar	Liz Hipkiss
Re-homing	Gail Looker-Williams	Social Secretary	Heather McConaghie
Show Support	Kerrie Collins	Publications	Harriet Gledstone