

Carole Phillips

Carole unfortunately passed away on 23rd November following a long illness which she battled bravely and still attended and worked at cat shows up until the end of September.

Her funeral will be taking place at 4pm on Friday 6th December at East Devon Crematorium, and then on to The Cranberry Farm (opposite the garage on the Rockbeare Road, a short distance from the Crematorium) for light refreshments afterwards. The invitation is open to all who wish to attend and remember what an incredible woman Carole was, and to celebrate her life.

Family flowers only please, but donations can be made to Hospiscare or Force.

Claire Carlton Eileen Fryer

It was with great sadness that we learned that Carole had died after a long battle with cancer; a diagnosis that she bore with both dignity and without complaint to the very end.

Carole had been associated with the Cat Fancy for some twenty years, breeding and showing Exotic Short Hairs under her Citoxe prefix. Although perhaps better known amongst show managers for her readiness to work on the table – an essential but often neglected function for a well-run show – either as table lead or more usually pulling together the Best of Breed and Best of Variety results so that Best in Show could proceed without apparent effort on the part of the Show Manager. Working with Carole on the preparatory work that she put into this latter function I learnt a great deal that prepared me for having to do it myself at our last show in November when she was too ill to come. Even then she phoned me before hand to ask if I wanted her to prepare the sheets for me.

When Carole was diagnosed some two years ago her first thoughts were for the future and security of her cats and dogs for which she found loving homes and I was more than happy to be able to help transfer some for her.

We will miss Carole's infectious vitality and intent to live life to the full to the end. She was quite simply an inspiration. We have been enriched by having her as a friend and will be diminished by her loss. Sleep well dear friend, we will miss you.

Keith Scruton
on behalf of the Blue Persian Cat Society