

Inge Reid

I am very sad to announce that Inge Reid died on 31st May. Inge was a former committee member of the Wessex Cat Club and a breeder of Abyssinians under the Satusai prefix. When I started showing in the 1980s Inge was exhibiting her Abys and had a usual boy Ch. Satusai Brandy Snap at stud. She bred most colours of Abys including silver and I expect Satusai cats will be in the background of many of today's Abyssinians.

Inge lived in Ringwood, Hampshire for many years and she hosted several garden parties on behalf of the Wessex. This was in the days before social media and they were busy affairs with lots of members attending and catching up with all the news in the Cat Fancy. The Wessex held other social gatherings too and some of the current committee members fondly remember the day we held a session on stewarding. We used the most awkward cat carriers we could find and stuffed toys to illustrate the problems of stewarding at the Supreme. Inge had everyone in hysterics as she battled to get a carrier open, flung a toy cat inside and then found it wouldn't fit as there was already another toy in there!

Sadly those days are gone and Inge is no longer with us. Condolences to her family and friends.

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