

Chris Stalker

We are very saddened to have heard today (22nd Dec) that a former Editor of the Burmese Cat Club News, Chris Stalker, has passed away unexpectedly today.

Further details will follow when known.

I was shocked and saddened to learn of Chris's passing, we had only exchanged comments on Facebook the day before and I had seen her just 3 weeks ago when I dropped off some virtual show prizes to her. She was chirpy and looking forward to her plans for her garden next year. I just cannot believe she is gone. Chris was such a lovely person, she was my "lucky" vetting in "vet", when she vetted Dream in, Dream invariably won BOV/BIS and Chris was always happy, always smiling, and loved her cats, especially Jacob, with a passion. We first became friends many years ago when Chris was a reporter for Our Cats magazine and she roped me in to do a show report – "A" show report, just the one – when she was incapacitated following a tumble down the stairs. That "one" show report lasted until Our Cats ceased to be published and I lost track of how many I did in the end, and I went on to be one of the reporters and results collators for the GCCF website thereafter. All because of Chris. It is hard to believe that I will no longer see her smiling face or hear her happy chat at shows when they resume and my thoughts are with Anne-Marie and David. A lovely, lovely lady, gone way too soon, now reunited with her beloved Mike. RIP dear friend.

Carol Walker

It is with much sadness that the Burmese Cat Association pays tribute to Chris Stalker who passed away on Tuesday 22nd December. She was the main admin on the club's Facebook page and her expertise and cheerful help with any queries on there will be dreadfully missed. We are so grateful to her for all her care and dedication to the club.

Chris was an experienced editor, veterinary nurse and breeder, and she had a wealth of knowledge in many fields that helped our correspondents no matter what their question was.

On a personal note Chris was always a pleasure to be with, her sunny smile was often the first thing to greet me as we arrived at a show. Her love for cats was truly inspiring. A bright light in the cat showing world has been lost with her passing.

Our thoughts are with her daughter Anne-Marie and her son-in-law David.

**Penny Akehurst,
Hon Secretary.**