

Wendy Wallace

I am sorry to say that Wendy lost her battle with cancer last week, 16 June 2020. She was a very dear friend of mine and I will miss her hugely.

Wendy bred and exhibited many wonderful Persians and Exotics, in lots of different colours. I am sure many will remember lovely cats with her Vivaldi prefix. And she was a great help to me when I started breeding goldens and silvers - I still have many cats from her lines.

We spent many happy hours discussing our breeding programmes and where we would show. She will leave a big gap in my life.

Caroline Turner-Russell **26.6.2020**

The first time I remember speaking with Wendy was many years ago when I was stewarding for the Best in Show for the Chinchilla, Silver Tabby & Smoke Cat Society. There was a loud voice just as I held up an excellent silver Exotic boy (this was GrCh Vivaldi Bugatti Baby): "My cat does not like men!" He then shot back into his carrier at great speed. I felt very worried that I had spoilt his chances, but had wondered why no one wanted to handle such a gorgeous boy!! It turned out a number of stewards before had found him a bit feisty! From that day on, I always enjoyed speaking to Wendy as once you got to know her you soon understood what a nice lady she was, always pleased to share her expert knowhow of breeding, handling & love of showing her gorgeous cats.

It was so very sad when she shared with me that she was suffering with cancer, she was so very brave as she was in great pain but still worked through everything she had to go through.

When she was in one of the very bad spells, her close friend Caroline told me about Rainbow, a super black tortie Persian. I went to meet Rainbow at Caroline's, she had super large copper eyes, a stripe down the middle of her face and a long flowing coat. I had many lovely days out at shows with Rainbow, making her up to Champion & achieving two grand champion certificates.

After I had Rainbow Wendy did improve, she very much wished she had not parted with Rainbow, so she brought a replacement, a lovely girl called Owletts Zandra Rhodes. I had the pleasure of judging a number of Wendy's cats over the years - she always pulled my leg about whether I could handle them after the first time I nearly let her boy go!!

I made a promise that I would never part with Vivaldi Rainbow and it is my hope to keep a Rainbow kitten, if she ever breeds a girl, to go under the Swingletree prefix. That was why I felt so honoured to have Rainbow.

The last time I recall speaking to Wendy in length was when I judged Zandra at the Cameo show, which was one of the best shows to remember Wendy by.

I was very lucky to call Wendy a friend & enjoyed judging her wonderful cats. The cat fancy is a much poorer place without Wendy's expertise of Persians & Exotics. RIP Wendy

Jonathan Emery