

Parvostory and remarks

**current informations and additional remarks / 2009 November 05th
and last update of our parvo-story :**

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Dear catfriends, breeder-friends and breeder colleagues,

unfortunately we had to state lately that **BRAINLESSNESS** and **IRRESPONSIBILITY** as well as **ENVY** and **MALEVOLENCE** probably do not know any **BARRIERS** !

It came us to ears that unfortunately irresponsible cat-producers spread rumors that cats from catteries, in which cats were sick of panleukopenia in the past, will pass this disease to its children and child children and that one doable should take distance from such breeding-lines ! How can it be possible, that one can be so unbelievably **STUPID** - as alleged 'breeder' !? We think the fact that even the detractors among the resonsible and serious breeders give us right in this points that it is necessary to stop such unbelievable bullying and mischief-making !

All cat breeders and cat-pet lovers must know the following : **PANLEUKOPENIA** is a disease which is **NOT RELATED ON GENETICS**, as some 'cat producers' like to make believe to everybody, in their brainless **ENVY** . Animals which were sick from the virus **FPV** (FelineParvoVirus = panleukopenia virus) and which were healthy again verifiable, **THEY CANNOT PASS THIS DISEASE TO THEIR OFFSPRINGS ! PANLEUKOPENIA IS A VIRUS** and it can hit everybody (please have a look at our whole parvo-story; below). It is not a genetical problem ! The problem panleukopenia, caused in the malfunction of the often publicized and promoted living vaccines, it is known at the different races. Too a study of the German institute **PEI** (Paul-Ehrlich-Insitut) has shown that it is **NOT** only a **PROBLEM** of the **NORWEGIAN FORESTCATS !!!** Each race can be involved in this problem, but most of the breeders they don't talk about it, cause of the fear of such unbelievable reprisals !

Too it is proven, that all cats from our cattery and particularly our breeding cats which are living in Middle and North of Europe and in South-America , all have shown a positive parvo-virus-antibody-titer and so they all have a complete protection against this virus !!!

Since the last news of the **PEI** (Paul-Ehrlich-Insitut) to the theme panleukopenia and cause of our own knowledge of the last years we came to the conclusion and decision, that in future no cat leaves our home without being tested for the parvo-virus-antibody-titer. The same procedure for the cats which should go for cat shows, for the protection of all cats and especially for our own beloved cat community !

For details please have a look at our complete parvo-story ! **PARVO-story** , last update below !

Many thanks to those, which first overreacted in cause of our first informations about panleukopenia, and which did attack us and other involved breeders. They now apologized and distanced themselves from their former behaviour. Even if they didn't apologize to ourselves, we give them credit for their change – **MANY THANKS**.

Best catfriendly greetings
Michael **BALDA** with family and cats

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current informations / 2008 June 26th / additional REMARKS , 2008 June 30th :
Why ? Warum ?

Dear catfriends, dear breederfriends,

on the occasion of the current discussions, we want to say **THANK YOU** to all cat-friends and breeder-friends and to all which want to become breeders, for the encouragement and the understanding, which you gave us in the case of our parvo-story/panleukopenia-story (please see below) und further too for the words of comfort to the **UNBELIEVABLE INFLAMMATORY CAMPAIGN** which is entailed with these problems. Too we want to say very special **THANKS** especially **TO ALL THOSE**, beginning-'breeders' as well as the long-standing 'breeders', even some friends, from which we didn't think so and from which we are disappointed now, which embraced this inflammatory campaign to their own thing. **THERE IS NO BETTER WAY TO DO US SUCH AN EXCELLENT SERVICE** for this theme ! It's the **BEST PROMOTION**, we and all other involved breeders in the whole of Europe ever can have, for ourselves and for the problem itself. Perhaps, there are some people getting awakened finally ! But it was clear from the starting, that such a virulent campaign finally hits themselves ! That are only some human depths of their soul !

**THOSE WHO DON'T TALK ABOUT THE PROBLEMS,
ONLY THOSE PEOPLE DO HIDE SOMETHING !**

It's frightening, that there are some people who call themselves 'breeder', which are so arrogant and ignorant to this theme in general and specially to our situation, not only our own, but in Europe in general. They should be involed too, to work together with all others against this problem, instead of initiating such inflammatory campaigns. They really didn't think only **ONE TIME** about the possibility, neither to talk to us by **PHONE CALL** or by **eMAIL**, to be well informed personally, nor that they tackled this theme by themselves. **ONLY ONE PHONE CALL** or **ONE eMAIL** could minimize their loss of money (caused by their own fault) to the trifling costs of a phone call and then they would be informed about the current status immediately. [Only a security information for those who want to use this possibility for the future : the **FPV (FelineParvoVirus)** is not coming through the phone and it's not possible to attach it to an eMail ! ;-)] . Those 'breeders' which offer a lot 'medical informations' at their webside, often they offer a lot of superficial knowledge, which is not good for the theme in general and it's only bad for the situation. It only causes hysteria and panic. They parrot web-informations and do link to those informations, **WITHOUT** any **MEDICAL BACKGROUND** and without the assurance if this is right and if it doesn't cause misunderstandings. Often they themselves don't understand the medical connections – and they only repeat the 'spoon-fedded' information without having any own knowledge about it, not really.

IT BACKFIRES !

Now, here again, very briefly our parvo-story and all details, to whom which haven't read and which haven't understood it already : (the complete parvo-story, with all details : please see below, update will follow soon).

The status of the three cats, EVITA, AGNETHA and ANNI-FRID, which became sick of panleukopenia :

EVITA , highly pregnant, got sick and she died unfortunately on February 12th in cause of panleukopenia. And so did her two kittens of the premature birth in the first days. First, prenatal the FPV goes to the foetus's brain and first with about three weeks it arrives at the colon. So the kittens couldn't excrete the virus. Further they were isolated completely, as well as all involed cats were. **AGNETHA and ANNI-FRID, they got sick on February 15th (disease recognized), they were healthy again by medical certificate from our vet since March 24th !!!** IT'S NOT O.K. when there are informations at the web, where one told, our parvo-problems did last until end of April ! AGNETHA and ANNI-FRID are very well in the meantime and they didn't have any late sequelae. They are chirpy and did obtain their original weight and even they did increase it already. Furthermore there is NO OTHER CAT from our cat-household which HAD ANY SIGN of PANLEUKOPENIA ! Neither our long-standing companions, nor our new females ARTEMIS and SISSI !!! Too, not our (single) kitten PHOENIX, born from our female DESIRÉE on March 24th (gg-litter). Cause of the decreasing of maternal antibodies, this kitten first must build up an own immune system and so it had no protection for a short time, until it got his basic vaccinations and the weeks after it, until end of May. But it's still healthy.

WE OURSELVES took A MUCH LONGER QUARANTINE PERIOD, THAN it was NECESSARY in cause of medical reasons, until End of May 2008. This only was in cause of protection to our cats, which first must be revaccinated and boosted again. Further we wanted to quieten down our family and our cat-gang.

By the way, our recovered cats AGNETHA and ANNI-FRID, they relish their protection, rest and the calmness at home - and they don't have any cat shows for the moment, NO STRESS !!!

NONE of our other CATs, neither ARTEMIS nor SISSI, which were at the cat shows (31.05.2008 - 21.06.2008) WAS SICK BEFORE ! ALL WERE PCR-negative (blood-test) !!!

The risk to be infected at a cat show, is always one of the most important things; we must know – and we must accept it. That's one reason why we do vaccinate our animals. Many cats, many people – and perhaps the most important : kittens and/or cats which were freshly vaccinated resp. revaccinated again with living vaccines, so they are excreting the virus for some time !!! We won't talk about the cats which are going to show, although they are sick, BUT unrecognized sick ! Too we don't know, which viruses the visitors do bring to the show from home !? Perhaps their old cat died just now in cause of an unrecognized disease ?

The risk to be infected by OUR cats, is absolutely minimized, cause we have disinfacted our complete home(s), at Schnaittenbach as well as at my flat at the Black Forest, from the floor up to the ceiling, and ALL accessories too, NOT ONLY TWICE, BUT MUCH MORE, with formaldehyde, TAD CID (containing formaldehyde) and VIRKOS S (containing dipotassiumperoxodisulfate) !!!

Each exhibitor is protected resp. his cats, only when they have a stable and active immune system. Furthermore the organizing cat club should disinfect with the best

compounds they ever can get. But the exhibitor himself, he must take special care of this at home as well as at his cages at the show.

ONLY HE HIMSELF IS RESPONSIBLE for this !

At the cat show from 31.05. to 01.06.2008 we sponsored the right disinfectant for the organizing cat club (not our cat club !), without any costs, only for the best protection for our cats and all the other cats. **YOU NEVER KNOW**, what viruses and bacteria the other cats are carrying, unrecognized !!! Too we have shown our health-certificates to the organizing cat club. At France most of the cat clubs already use **VIRKON S** for disinfection, on the other side, at Germany there are often used inactive disinfectants for the shows, which do not protect against all viruses. So we should change to the best we can get. **BUT** there is **ALWAYS A RESIDUAL RISK**, even at the best disinfection. All people which are busy in health care, they do know this and they can confirm this ! All other discussions only are producing panic and hysteria !!! Those who don't know this and who don't accept this, those people close their eyes in front of reality !

Informations about the vaccination-status and the protection by vaccinating, will be updated soon here at our parvo-story. Unfortunately there are a lot of more important things at the job, more important than personal problems. **MANY THANKS** to my employer, **FOR THE UNDERSTANDING** and in giving me the time for my sick cats in February and March, and further in April and May. So I could take best care of them and that's the only reason, why they did survive. The time of April and May was very stressful too, cause the recovered cats **AGNETHA** and **ANNI-FRID**, were at the final convalescence and they didn't get any late sequelae, fortunately. All the more now it's my duty to work as hard as possible at my job, to solve the unfinished problems at my work. That's the reason why some of our private updates will be in delay, and therefore I beg your pardon.

The current vet-certificates and examination reports will inform you personally about the good health status of our animals. But we won't send it by eMail or fax, only **PERSONALLY**, cause of avoiding an improper use !

Otherwise we only can remind you of the title of the current song of the German pop-group 'Die Ärzte' which is called : 'Lasse Redn !' (= 'Lass' sie reden' => 'let the people tattle and don't worry')

**Best catfriendly greetings
Michael BALDA with family and cats**

OUR PARVOSTORY

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IMPORTANT VACCINATION - NEWS
especially against
PARVOVIROSE / FELINE PANLEUKOPENIA / FELINE INFECTIOUS ENTERITIS
February - April 2008

update 1 / 5

(Sorry, but I can't guarantee that there are no translation errors / Michael)

We ourselves, as well as other concerned breeders - take the view that the following problems tackle to all catlovers and catbreeders. That's the reason why we updated our web-site with our experience about our own parvovirus-story. If you have any questions, don't hesitate to email us and ask. If we can answer your request, we will mail as soon as possible. In the following we updated our web-site with the emails, we've sent to our catfriends and friendly breeders.

**Only in being open to everyone and talking about,
we can solve problems and change things - and that's counting !**

All of us can be involved suddenly !

(for all stressed and hurried internet-surfers the following service :
at the bottom you can find a summary, very briefly !)

Monday, 2008 March 10th

Dear catfriends, this email is to all of you, which we have informed about our current problems, partly by personal information ! So now we want to inform you all together about the current status !

**NOW WE TOOK IT VERY HARD TOO !
... and nobody is free and safe from this danger !!!**

First of all we want to say THANK YOU to all of you, which were with us in thoughts and who pray for it, that the story will find a lucky end - THANKS ! Many hugs to you all ! In the following it may be possible, that I repeat some facts, I've already written to some of you, but, sorry I cannot remember all of these informations I've told to some of you, and not to all. At the time I don't know if I'm a male or a female and that's the reason why I can't remember all informations I've already told to some of you - sorry ! At Easter, we wanted to make a big surprise to you all, with two new females at our cattery

BUT - mostly things went straight another way !

At Sylvester we had a look at a new female for our future plans in our cattery and we fall in love with a wonderful and typical black-tortie/white female and further to another black-silver-tortie-tabby/white female. But the last one was already promised to a family as pet. Then about 15th of January we got the information about another lovely female, again in black-silver-tortie-tabby/white. Dear Christine, many thanks for your valuable hint and the link. Very briefly, at February 09th and 10th we drove to Denmark

to pick up our new black-tortie/white cat and perhaps a second one too, but first we needed to learn to know this (second) cat and it's breeders and to see, if they would accept us for her female as new owner. The weekend was wonderful, full of fine weather and Spring was in the air and over the Sea. Another date was not possible, cause the weekend after, our EVITA should get her first babies from our SNURRY. We stayed over night at Jørgen and Marian, their family and cats. ARTEMIS, 27 weeks old, black-silver-tortie-tabby-spotted/white female, she always was very particular in finding her catfriends. With calmness and our experience with TTOUCH we found the right way to her heart and to cuddle her, and finally the breeder and ARTEMIS herself could come to an agreement with us and we were so lucky about that. On Sunday we drove to Charlotte and Leon, to pick up our first chosen female in black-tortie/white, SIDSE (spoken: 'sisse') - 17 weeks old. Immediately she was very smoochy too, from the beginning. In the evening, back at Jørgen and Marian, we still had a very nice evening together and with the cats. For night SIDSE was at a special travelingcage at our spare room. In the early Monday morning we drove back home again. It was a calm and good travel back to Schnaittenbach and at 5 o'clock p.m. finally we were back at home ! The kittens did enjoy the travel as well as possible. At home they came into a prepared separate room for themselves, to come together and to find some calm moments after their travel to Bavaria and not to be confronted with all the other barnedroem cats at once. **THAT WAS QUITE GOOD**, because then the unbelievable tragedy began !

Just at home, we recognized, that our pregnant EVITA was a little bit nervous. Then in the evening she gave birth to one black male, one week before the planed date of her kittens' birth ! So we decided that Roswitha stayed at her for the night and I stayed at the new females. So, EVITA as well as ARTEMIS and SIDSE, they were not alone for the night, which was quite calm. In the early morning of Tuesday, EVITA gave birth to a second male, in black-tabby. Then only a few hours later, she lost her strength and did leave us for ever, suddenly ! :-(((

We were shocked so much !

But Rosi tried to feed the kittens by hand, it won't be the first kittens, she would feed without mother's milk. So we decided, that Rosi should take care of the kittens and I myself would take care of the new females in taking them to the Black Forest, where I'm at work and where I'm living at a flat. So I took them with me, together with AGNETHA and ANNI-FRID, to the Black Forest. Mostly I've two or three cats with me, for compagnion or for special cat shows at France or at Switzerland. AGNETHA and ANNI-FRID should go to a cat-show at 16th/17th of February at Ludwigsburg-Möglingen near Stuttgart, so SIDSE and ARTEMIS could come together first with two cats of our barnedroem-family

Just back in the Black Forest, the facts did hit us : Our EVITA died in cause of feline infectious enteritis / panleukopenia, although she still had full protection against this virus !!! She never was outside and too she didn't have contact to an unfamiliar cat. Further since November 2007 she wasn't at any cat-show, where the risk of infection is the maximum ! Fortunately she did retire herself to our bedroom, which mostly is our litter-room. So we thought that only EVITA and her kittens would be infected. But to see if the kittens are infected, it takes time to see if there are any neurological defects. At foetuses the virus first is at the cerebric (cerebrospinal fluid) ! So Roswitha tried to feed the kittens devotionally.

At the end of January EVITA did vomit herself a little bit inconspicuously. But Roswitha did go with her to our vet anyway. He, as well as we ourselves, thought, that the situation was clear again after giving her a little bit antibiotics and in addition

some homöopathic medicaments - we all thought so. Only on our departure to Denmark EVITA seemed to be a little bit nervous. Today we know, that this was not a really good sign, but first we thought, she won't be alone, as females do so always in her pregnant situation. But our oldest son came for a visit back home to take care of her and all seemed to be o.k. at our phone calls over the weekend.

Then, when I was back in the Black Forest, on Friday, February 15th, suddenly AGNETHA did vomit a yellow-greenish liquid (bile!!!). Immediately I took my four cats and drove to my vet ! The result of the diagnostics : AGNETHA and ANNI-FRID too, both were infected and were sick life-threatening in cause of feline infectious enteritis too !!! Parvovirus-antibody-titer less than 1:20 and parvo-PCR-test positive !!! SIDSE and ARTEMIS were still o.k. (parvo-PCR-test negative and further FIV-test negative) and they had a quite good parvovirus-antibody-titer of about 1:40/SIDSE and 1:320/ARTEMIS. Further their leucocytes from both kittens were much more than 12.000 ; while AGNETHA only had 2.300 and ANNI-FRID even only 700 (!) leucocytes. NONE of the both cats, neither AGNETHA nor ANNI-FRID, did show any presign of sickness - it is a very insidious disease !!! Sometimes you can recognize it in loss of appetite or in loosing weight, but nothing of this could be seen at these both cats before !

At an amount of 1500 leucocytes (and less) a cat won't survive this disease, normally. IMMEDIATELY we stopped all cat events for the nearer future, and I took special care of my sick cats in the Black Forest. Immediately I separated them from the new and still healthy females which was no problem at my flat, fortunately. As a chemist engineer, it was no problem to take a formalin-solution from my laboratory to mix up a 2%-solution for disinfecting all things which could and can be in contact with the sick females, even till my own total body disinfection ! Formalin is one of the only substances which are active against the parvovirus ! Then an anxious night began and in the morning again a total body disinfection and complete new and clean clothes, cause I wanted to visit our friends at the cat show at Möglingen and cause I wanted to tell them what has happened. Further I wanted to meet BJÖRN and BENNY, the brothers of AGNETHA and ANNI-FRID. First it was planed, to show the oldest complete litter, our ABBA-litter, one year old, but now, unfortunately it couldn't function. But our boys BJÖRN and BENNY are healthy until today ! Now, both new owners did revaccinate their males suddenly, as soon as possible !

In the late Sunday evening I heard from Roswitha, that the two kittens from EVITA did follow their Mum and are no more alive - - - in this situation it would be the best, but it hurts a lot.

EVITA was our great white hope for our breeding future. She was the only offspring of our beloved female 'KITTY' and our beloved male 'CASIMIR', further she was the only one with WHITE. Furthermore the breeding lines of EVITA were at some ancestors GSD IV-free until the 5th generation. That will demonstrate, that they and their kittens were already GSD IV-free in the past !

Now there was the question, where did EVITA get the virus and where did AGNETHA and ANNI-FRID get it ? In all discussions with our different vets there was the ONLY result : AGNETHA and/or ANNI-FIRD must be infected at their last cat show on January 19th/20th. In the following time they must infect EVITA with the parvovirus which was undermined in cause of her pregnancy; so she didn't have any chance, really ! The reason, why they could be infected probably causes in the three following main facts :

1) latest since last Autumn it is known, that always cats were infected with feline infectious enteritis although they still have enough vaccine-protection ! Known is this

too by the problems at the cattery EARL GREY's NFO ; please see there at the updates (only in German)

http://www.earlgreys.de/f_set1_k.html

There first the vaccine manufacturer Merial was the critical one and it is known that this vaccine could not give enough protection ! But cause we didn't use this vaccine at our cats, we thought we are safe for this problem, but this was a big fault !

2) in the meantime this problem is known too from the manufacturer Intervet /(see Earl Grey's NFO - report). But now we think that the speculation is allowable that other vaccine manufacturers are involved in this problem too, cause we didn't use Merial or Intervet, but we used Pfizer ! Furthermore there may be the fact, that the parvovirus did mutate and changed its properties. Such things are already known from the human influenza virus and from others too. So we think, that it could be a mutation of the feline parvovirus too.

3) last but not least, there is the fact, that all responsible breeders, which offer the best protection to their cats, in vaccinating them every year, they are in the situation to do an own goal ! Since 2006 it is known from dog breeders, that it is recommended to do a third vaccination/= 2nd revaccination against parvoviruses. The reason why is the following : females, especially the older ones, which were vaccinated every year, have such a high level in their antibody-titer, that they give too much antibodies to their puppies. So the first vaccination can be at too early time and the second vaccination/=1st booster maybe not enough and finally it's in vain. So there is not enough protection for the puppies. That's why the manufactures of the vaccines recommend to do a third vaccination/=2nd booster. In my investigation(!), I've found, that this realization for the dog breeders is published for cat breeders too, first in January 2008 ! (WIKIPEDIA.de)

So it seems to be clear, why our three cats EVITA, AGNETHA and ANNI-FRID got infected ! Both mothers (SERAFINA and QUO VADIS) are older ones and they were vaccinated every year for years. So it seems to be the same situation as it is known from dog breeding, that too much maternal antibodies from the mother were given to their kittens. And that's why the basic vaccination couldn't give enough protection to the kittens ! That doesn't mean, that we won't give the best protection to our animals in future, NO, we will do it more than ever !!! You only must realize, that the protection by the maternale antibodies is not always the same, even in the same litter. At one kitten the protection by the maternal antibodies is better than at another kitten, it varies between the kittens of one litter. Further the protection by the kitten's build up immune system is not so far as at another kitten. Statistically the critical time is about 4th to 6th week, but it can come earlier or even later !!! That SIDSE and ARTEMIS are still o.k. may cause in the fact, that their mothers are still very young females ! So there are a lot of facts responsible for the bad situation at our cattery, maybe ! Further, in future we won't put a cat of our own into a cage behind the judges, which we didn't disinfect by ourselves and we would use disinfectants which are active against parvoviruses too.

In nature it won't be possible to eliminate those viruses, like parvoviruses, in vet-medicine as well as in human-medicine other viruses like poliomyelitis virus, pox virus or tetanus-virus, for example ! That's the reason why we are vaccinating our children and our pets ! There always will be viruses which mutate and which can break the protection in human-medicine as well as in vet-medicine. With this facts the human community must live for ever. Nevertheless for the people concerned it can hurt a lot.

EVITA - our great white hope for the heritage of KITTY and especially of CASIMIR - we will miss her so much !!! Now there is only our female PUPPI/=QUO VADIS which is the last offspring of our KITTY, but without WHITE.

Back to our both sick cats and the situation at our cattery : At our home at Schnaittenbach, fortunately all other cats are still healthy until now ! Roswitha is controlling every 2 to 3 days their weight and their temperature - until today, all is still o.k. at home ! So we think that there won't occur any further problems at home. Too Roswitha did disinfect everything, what was in contact to EVITA and further she too disinfecting ALL ROOMS, all furniture, the walls and the floors, more than twice. ALL with a disinfecting agent called TAD CID, which contains formaline too. And she did wash all clothes and similar things more than twice. At my flat in the Black Forest now I had some anxious weeks of waiting and of desperate bids to bring the cats to a healthy status again with medicaments as well as in mental condition and in feeding them with all tricks. DAILY, Saturday and Sunday, visits at my vet together with four cats, measuring fever, high doses of serum and antibiotics and infusions up to 200 milliliters for each, AGNETHA and ANNI-FRID. The two new females were still healthy and did get serum too, PRECAUTIONARY !!! Worried waiting for a little wonder ! I pulled out all the stops : hot-water bottle, feeding them with high quality kitten food, special 'chemical' food which is nearly like the old one, called BOVISERIN, which unfortunately is no more available, selfcooked stock, curd cheese with boiled egg yolk, all these things were applied to the both sick cats in small portions, nearly every hour, and they accept it well and didn't vomit it. Last but not least my TTouch sittings. But AGNETHA and ANNI-FRID are still decreasing their weight ! After one week of diarrhoea (AGNETHA yellowish-mushy and ANNI-FRID dark and bloody, further massive loss of weight), the both cats finally are clean again. So I need not to bath them anymore, only the handwashing in the washbasin and endless turns of disinfections. But they do loose more and more of their weight, although AGNETHA shows interest in eating for the first time, but only very very few ! But this is a first glimmer of hope for AGNETHA. For ANNI-FRID I don't have any further hope, at this time. I think that AGNETHA and ANNI cling only tenuously to life. More than once a time I thought to put them out of their misery. But either my vet nor I myself did give up. As long as the cats don't get too low temperature, we still have a chance and I tried with all possible aids to reactivate their will to live - the cats themselves must want to live too ! The only ray of hope is, that AGNETHA, and ANNI-FRID too, suddenly are in a better mental condition. They are smoochy in my bed and are looking for contact and communication to me and for the warmth of my bed, very closely. I used each pause in the morning and at lunch to have a look at the cats and drove back from my job (4km) to my flat. After two days, while AGNETHA did eat a little bit, again loss of weight. ANNI-FRID too had further loss of weight. Both are just skin and bones and I feel very depressed in my doubts, that my vet and I are doing the right one; I'm at the lowest point ! Then on February 28th, AGNETHA did pass the bottom of the valley : 2.200 g - suddenly she's eating again, more and more, her most favourite food and her weight is increasing again ! THANKS GOD !!! :-))) But ANNI-FRID won't; only still 2.300 g. Then on last Friday, March 7th, finally weekend again and I have more time to take care of my cats, I found ANNI-FRID in sniffing at AGNETHA's bowl and she did eat, only very few crumbs, but she did it. Did we reach a turning point ? Suspiciously I'm looking at them on Friday, on Saturday and now on Sunday; does this trend succeed ?! Both cats are eating again, AGNETHA more, ANNI-FRID only very few, but she's eating and not vomiting. In addition they get special food for convalescence into their mouth. LET'S HOPE THE VERY BEST, but we aren't over the worst !!!

All the more it was good to my own mental condition, to go to church yesterday after all, as usual - typical the lection of this Sunday was the revival of Lazarus (of Bethania) by Jesus Christ. Perhaps the quick prayers to the Lord and to St. Francis (of Assisi) did help us - I believe in this ! Incidentally, our new females are still healthy and I pray for it, that they will remain o.k. . They are playing and chasing each other through my living-room and they are turning all things upside down; but never mind. The little damaging of my living-room is out of all proportion to the sentimental loss of EVITA, nothing to say of the immense vet costs, which we would bear some day, we hope so !

Dear friends at Denmark, we are pleased about the fact, that at your home Jørgen and Marian as well as at yours Charlotte and Leon, all is o.k. with the family and the cats. But we did report to you already that we always took care of our clothing, when we were visiting other catfriends or other catteries, since we have cats. Dear Jørgen and Marian, dear Charlotte and Leon, again many thanks for your hospitality and for the wonderful time we could spend with you, your families and your cats. So many thanks too, for entrusting us your darlings - SIDSE and ARTEMIS . We think, that they would appear at our website about Easter. Dear Charlotte, the books I've promised to send to you, will arrive, when they are complete. But I'm still waiting for the delivery by amazone. Dear Cecila and family, we are so sorry of all this circumstances and we can understand, that you won't take AGNETHA in this situation; so sorry for you Patrik, I know, it should be your cat, I think so, to your birthday, today - nevertheless , all the best and our congratulation to you. We cannot appreciate enough that you still want an amber/amber-tabby female from our next litter from DESIREÉ × CARLOS or from the planed mating from PUPPI × CARLOS . Many thanks for your confidence.

For safety reason, it will be better, that I'm not at home at Easter and so I will be alone in the Black Forest together with my sweet Ladies. That's why, when AGNETHA and ANNI-FRID will become healthy again, they will be virus-carrier still for some time and that's why I must still separate them from the healthy ones. So I will have the time to update our homepage with the new females. Further we are waiting for the litter of STERNI/=Desireé × CARLOS/=Black Cola. The tests for that are still in analysing the parameters. Let's hope, that the (cat's) Lord, will give us a healthy and typical litter and let it grow up very well. In Summer of 2007 we already lost our last litter from Nita, cause she didn't have enough mother's milk. After three weeks of feeding them all around the clock, we finally lost the struggle for their lifes.
Dear friends, we will keep you informed.

In deep friendship and thankfully for your sympathy and your thoughts and prayers.

Best catfriendly greetings from the Black Forest and many hugs to you all
Michael and from home from Roswitha

update 2 / 5

Thursday, 2008 March 20th / Friday, 2008 March 21st

Dear friends, again, ONE email to all of you, which remembered us all the days and which did cross their fingers for us and for our cats, THANKS ! Again we want to inform you all together about the current status !

**It happened, a little wonder ...
... all our prayers to the Lord and to St. Francis did help, finally**

... in actual fact, we are not over the worst, but we can draw a deep breath again and we are so grateful for all !

Since my last email to you all we can confirm the positive trend. It's true, not only AGNETHA but ANNI-FRID too is eating by her own and both cats again are increasing their weight. It will take time to get the last healthy status they had before this drama, but it increases, so we can wait. In the moment it seems that we got over the actual clinical pattern, but we must be patient for about 3 to 4 weeks to see, if there will be left some organical defects. That may cause new complications again. The parvovirus did attack at those areas, where the cell division is the highest one. But likelihood the situation is sure, relatively.

ARTEMIS and SISSI are still o.k. and by the time they are mixing up my living room at the Black Forest - but THIS damaging - NEVER MIND ! :-)))

To be on the safe side, first in 4 or 6 weeks I can travel home again with my females. It's a hard time, but we can solve this problem, when there are no others ! Special thanks to you, dear Sabine and Thilo, for the very positive and valuable link to the University of Munich , you've sent to us

http://deposit.ddb.de/cgi-bin/dokserv?idn=974022128x_var=d1x_ext=pdfx=974022128.pdf

(unfortunately I only found it in German language).

This informations should be known to ALL breeders. We too, even after nearly fifteen years of breeding, we found new informations in this scientific work, which we supposed for years and now we got the confirmation. So we could find the clearing up for some problems of the past. We call your's attention to the fact, that it's critical to vaccinate kittens resp. cats with living vaccine (please have a look at the list in this scientific work) , ESPACIALLY if you're expecting further kittens or if there is another pregnant female in your community. The cats which are vaccinated with living vaccine ARE CARRIER for this virus and they can excrete the virus for about 4 to 6 weeks. That was stated by different vets and the scientific work. So the other cats and kittens can be infected in this time ! Not only in our opinion it will be better to vaccinate with an inactivated (killed) vaccine (see list in the scientific work). It will be better to vaccinate with an inactivated vaccine and so to activate the immune system SLOWLY, and reactivate it by time in boosting the vaccination by a second or better a third time, or even more ! One of the youngsters or of the kittens at the cat show in January must have been carrier by this way, we AND OUR VETS think so. And there AGNETHA and/or ANNI-FRID must have got it at the cage behind the judges. So we got it into our cattery and our highly pregnant EVITA must be infected by them, cause of the pregnancy her immune system was down.

In future we must have a SPECIAL look at our four sweet ladies, cause they got SERUM as medicament. If they must get serum again in future, it can result in an anaphylatic shock reaction, which is life-threatening !!! Therefore the vet must take special care of this cat(s) for an amount of minimum 30 minutes (or even more) and he must react immediately if something will be wrong. It's the same situation as in human medicine, if someone must be treated with serum against tetanus-virus after an tetanus infection; it's similar at rabies infections. Best would be, to remark it at the pet's passport for the vets and to tell it to all vets, you're visiting. In the circle of the addressee of this email, there should be a case of a serum-manufacturer, who was willing to pay a lot of money for keeping secret to this fact (the risk of anaphylactic shock reaction). Unbelievable !!! The fatal problem at the feline infectious enteritis is the fact, that a cat can be infected and it can be sick WITHOUT HAVING ANY

SYMPTOMS and it can be healthy again, too !!! So the owner of such a cat cannot recognize the strange situation and that his cat is excreting the virus without any evidence; that's really a big problem !!! So we and our vets think, was the situation at the cat show of January ! Further there are the problems with the immune system in cause of a high level of maternal antibodies and the changed properties of the virus itself. Unfortunately we must be prepared for the worst, that **DESIREÉ's** kittens from the near Easter, may be sick too, cause her mother could be in contact with the parvovirus of **AGNETHA / ANNI-FRID** resp. **EVITA** too. **DESIREÉ** loved the same places, like **EVITA** did. In this case the virus went into the brain of the foetuses and could damage it. At the moment we can do nothing, but we are prepared for this possibility. The precautious analyses of **DESIREÉ** takes time and are not ready at the moment ! In regarding all these facts and the experiences we all made with this and similar problems, we think about establishing a community of interests for vet medicine/cats or similar, for the well-being of our beloved cats. Perhaps we can do free serial meetings, only if we can meet us by emails for exchanging our different experiences and for brainstorming. Finally it will help all of us and especially for our cats. In the different discussions with some of you, we could see that already there were various problems in the past which were quite similar and the exchange of experience would help to avert loss. Obviously there must be vets, to whom this was more than they could handle and they only believe in the protestations of the veterinary pharmaceutical industry without regarding the hygienic aspects of breeding. **I WON'T ATTACK AND BLAME ANY VET !** We too have a little bit insight into human medicine, cause we are friends with some physicians and we too have physicians in our family, further Roswitha is working at our family doctor as doctor's assistant. We know very well how complex human medicine can be. And what a lot more must a vet know for the different animals; horses, dogs, cats and all the the other pets !? However could they master the flood of new publications in this hectic time of life ? Nevertheless **IT WOULD BE GREAT** to get answers to all our questions, we are asking again and again in the different or similar problematic situations, answers from the vets **AND ESPECIALLY** from the veterinary pharmaceutical industry and the institutes too. Not to everyone, that cannot be realised, but to the involved and engaged cat breeders. **THAT SHOULD BE POSSIBLE**, we think so ! That's the only lobby our beloved cats have ! Unfortunately there are some vets which cannot master problematic situations, that's what I've recognized at some of your experiences of the past. All the more this is the reason, why our exchanging of experiences is much more important than ever. How do you think about that ?

Last but not least, currently I've got very good news : our beloved **DESIREÉ**, highly pregnant, has a parvovirus-antibody-titer of 1:80 and she is tested parvo-PCR negative (by blood) !!! Further she has a very good blood count for a cat which is aged nearly 8 years ! So, let's hope for the best for herself and her upcoming kittens !

Dear catfriends, now we send you our best wishes for a **HAPPY EASTER** - God with you and your pets, keep healthy !

In deep friendship and thankfully for your sympathy.
Best catfriendly greetings from the Black Forest and lots of hugs to you all
Michael and cats
and from home from Roswitha with kids and cats

update 3 / 5

Sunday, 2008 April 06th

Hello dear catfriends, among you there was a question about the disinfection in using formalin. Sorry, but it was not possible to me to answer you immediately in cause of logistic problems at work. But now it's weekend and I took care of my cats. So now I've the time to do other things, finally, for example to answer the recieved emails.

The handling with formalin is not as easy as some of you may think. The usual formalin which is available, normally is a water-based solution of 36% formaldehyde, and it's downright toxically ! Normally it is mixed with the toxic methanole for stabilising it. That's the formalin which is available for chemical laboratory. In former times one used formalin to conserve animals. Perhaps you can remember your schooldays and that you've seen some glasses with a conserved ring snake in it, or perhaps another animal. The glass is closed hermetically, cause usually the liquid is formalin.

My profession is chemical engineer, and cause I know how to handle this chemical substances, so it's no problem for me to get formalin from my laboratory. When the disaster with the parvovirus began, I couldn't get an usual disinfectant, immeditaely so I took the formalin. Then I mixed one part of the 36%-solution of formaldehyde with 20 parts of water, so I got a 1,8%(ca. 2%) solution of formalin for disinfecting. Perhaps this was a bit too much, but it was quite sure ! And I know how to handle it surely.

To use formalin at cat shows, won't be possible, cause then there would be too much vapour of formaldehyde in the air ! This would be too much , even if you use a solution of 2% or less ! Alternatively, there are other disinfectants in usual trade. Lot of them do use formaldehyd/formalin too, together with other substances. Others use hypochlorite or peroxodisulfate or similar substances. But always : a special handling is required ! I myself organized the disinfectant TAD-CID from the company Interhygiene GmbH Cuxhaven/Germany, partially it does contain formalin too and so it is also against parvovirus.

Which extreme exposure of viruses or bacteria you ever have : it's always necessary in cleaning exhaustively all rooms, implements and toys, if you can't trash it. Further you need to wash exhaustively ALL your clothes (best all complete stages of washing programmes) !!! With this procedure you are diluting all viruses (and bacteria) and the danger of infection will be reduced distinctly. It's a principle in medical hygiene :

THE BEST CLEANING IS HALF OF DISINFECTION !!!

But after an additional disinfection you always need to know, that there will remain some very few viruses or bacteria ! Human society will NEVER kill all those teasers, as viruses and bacteria. In case of illness, you can get the usual antibiotics against the bacteria, while there is no direct medication against the viruses (it may depend on the special virus). You only can help to stabilize the immune system to fight against the symptoms with different drugs. Then the additional antibiotics are only for prevention that there won't be additional (bacterial) infections, in human medical sience as well as in veterinary medicine. Also it is known that viruses can change (mutate) and so they change their properties. This is always known from the human influenza virus. All years there must be generated new vaccines against the influenza. But always we must live with viruses, and that's why we are vaccinating, sometimes without success, unfortunately ! **AND THIS MUST BE CHANGED !**

Dear friends, I hope I could deliver you some insights of the complex coherences, even if you know about it already.

Our new females, ARTEMIS and SISSI, are still o.k. and the 'sick' ones, AGNETHA and ANNI-FRID, are on the mend again. Since Monday after Easter, the vet told us, that the four cats can communicate together again in playing and chasing each other. AGNETHA and ANNI-FRID are still increasing their weight, but it will take time to get the former status. No doubt, the parvovirus infection we did overcome already. But we still worry about the both cats, cause there is still the possibility of damage of an internal organ. Cause the parvovirus did attack at those areas with the highest cell division rate. So there can be defects at the heart too, for example.

So there can be heart rhythm disturbances, as it is at HCM, but this is not from genetics. Sometimes the feline infectious enteritis will proceed without any omen and any symptoms, as it is known today, and so the owner can't recognize it. It may be possible, that some cases of supposed 'genetic' HCM of the past could be an aquired type of 'HCM' by parvovirus-infection and not by genetic. Further the current HCM-tests are very critical at the time. In genetical test it's only possible to check two of seven HCM-mutations. The ultrasonic-diagnostic too is difficult and it can not be solved always, if HCM-symptoms, which maybe found, are based in genetics or in an overcomeed disease ! Genetical causing or not, it's only possible to clear up in investigating the ancestors over generations ! Nevertheless it's necessary to test the animals, if there is well-known of any case of genetical HCM.

Dear catfriends, so far our current news.

Best catfriendly greetings to you all.
Michael with ARTERMIS, SISSI, AGNETHA and ANNI-FRID
and from home Roswitha with kids and cats

update 4 / 5

Sunday, 2008 April 20th

Dear catfriends, again, ONE email to you all. for keeping you well informed.

..... (almost) we've got over the problems !

Now it's eight weeks ago, that we lost our beloved EVITA - with lots of tears ! With this, an area did finish, irrecoverable !

However, we have a ray of hope for the future and we must look forward, after all what has happened. Special thanks to my vet here in the Black Forest, for the excellent care of our problematical children.

Since Easter Monday, again my four sweet Ladies play together and chase each other all arround my flat here in the Black Forest. First the frightening amyosthenia at AGNETHA and more at ANNI-FRID, especially at her behind legs, it did change very fast, the more training they have in chasing and playing. Both cats already did reach their old status of weight, and even more, they did exceed it. Nevertheless, in regarding their age, now they must still increase. They are well again and we hope, that our problem children can be vaccinated again next week.

Since Easter, I spent the last weeks in preparing our story for our webpage, in German as well as in English. Too we must answer to different feedbacks and sometimes we should give an advice to other breeders, but that was self-evident to us.

At Easter Monday, our beloved STERNCHEN /=Desireé got the expected Easter-litter. A GREAT one

ONLY ONE KITTEN : PHOENIX av Barsedroem

a sweet male in amber-tabby-blotched, like BJÖRN av Barsedroem or better, quite like his Dad CARLOS /=Black Cola . Now, nearly four weeks old, it seems that he is very well. Precautionary we did retain him for the first weeks, but now we won't hide him anymore, cause his development looks very good. Until now we couldn't find any dysfunction. Since last week you can find our 'Eastern Bunny' at our webpage.

Dear Cecilia and family, unfortunately at this litter there is no amber/amber-tabby-female for you. But we still hope, for the next litter we've planed, again with our female PUPPI and our male CARLOS. Further we've planed a repetition of the current litter between STERNCHEN and CARLOS. Cause DESIREÉ has only one kitten to raise up, we think over that she will be mated again by CARLOS, when PHOENIX av Barsedroem will grow up very well and when he did leave us. The health-status of DESIREÉ is very good and so we think that we can account for this plan without any guilty conscience.

Further it's still planed, to mate our PUPPI /=QuoVadis by CARLOS again. But we must wait, cause the examinations of PUPPI did show, that her parvo-PCR-test is o.k.(negative) but her parvo-antibody-titer is too low in our opinion, only 1:20(!!!). This although she was vaccinated nearly every year, with living vaccines. Only the last year she had a vaccination break, cause she need not to go to cat shows any further and cause it's told by the vaccine manufacturers as well as by our vets, that the vaccine will protect the cats for about three years (parvovirus too). Now we've tried to organize killed virus vaccines by our vets, but it's very difficult to get it. There is only ONE manufacturer which can deliver killed virus vaccines, but at the moment they are not able to deliver those vaccines (suddenly increased demand !???). That's why I wrote 'almost' at the headline of this report. And that's why we must wait for revaccinating our problem children and our other involved cats, like PUPPI. Then, when she's in heat again, she can be mated by CARLOS.

So now we have the question, why the titer of PUPPI is as low as it is ? Does this show, that the living vaccines, she always got, decreases much faster, than the manufacturers always want to tell us and how they mostly describe it ? Or does there building up of the immune system does not function as well as they mean ? And when YES, why ? Further we are in the opinion, that this shows, the maternal antibodies can not be the reason at PUPPI and at our DD-litter(BENNY / BJÖRN / AGNETHA and ANNI-FRID) ! (But sometimes it can be too, that's sure). In fact, this shows, that this casts doubts on the building up of the immune system by live vaccines, as fast as often discribed and told. All the more we don't see why it's necessary to use living vaccines with all its risks ! Some of the vaccine manufacturers negate it in discussing with the vets (we ourselves cannot communicate with them) that there is any danger of disease by the living vaccine (panlokenia). Sometimes they even deny adverse reactions. But at different package inserts there are adverse reactions known !!! From the experiences of the last years we cannot believe to the answers of the manufacturers. The scientific work at the Veterinary University of Munich (see link above and below) does reinforce our experiences. The knowledge at human medicine, that there is a risk to fall ill in using living vaccines, is not only important for humans, but for other mammal animals too, in our opinion and the opinion of some vets too (have a look at

the link to the statement of PEI about the vaccinations /German). Finally our beloved cats are liable to the same medical conditions as humans do too.

That's why in future we will try to use consequently only killed vaccines. Unfortunately we only found ONE manufacturer who offers such vaccines (and in addition living vaccines too). Also we must recognize, that there are vets at our breeding friends which told them that they use killed virus vaccines already for years ! But when we tried to find the ingredients of this vaccines, we must realize the vet was completely wrong !!! The vaccine we told about, was a living vaccine and only a part of it (rabies and/or chlamydia) is killed virus vaccine !!! ASK YOUR VET and have a look yourself at the PACKAGE INSERT or the ORIGINAL PRODUCT INFORMATION !!! Unfortunately this vet was not informed completely !!! Details for the most used medicaments and vaccines you can find at the links I've listed below. But there will be other links at the world-wide-web too.

Dear Marian and Jørgen, dear Charlotte and Leon, your princesses are so magical. They did survive the hectic time of sickness of our older ones very well and they did enhance very well. They go along with them, AGNETHA und ANNI-FRID, so fine ! Cause ARTEMIS and SIDSE got serum too, they must be revaccinated too. All the more I must take special care in using some hygienic rules, until they all are revaccinated again. At the time ARTEMIS is in heat. She's such a sweet and charming mice. She's very quite and full of tenderness, only curring gently and calling very calmly. When it's over, we will decide, if she will get the pill, or if we will try it without any pill. It too will depend on ARTEMIS herself, how she did cope with this situation. AGNETHA does console and spoil her. ;-) When our cats are revaccinated completely, we can plan for the next cat shows.

Dear friends, if there are any further news, we will inform you as soon as possible. Have a good time and keep healthy.

Best catfriendly greetings from the Black Forest to you all
Michael with AGNETHA, ANNI-FRID, ARTEMIS and SISSI
and from home from Roswitha and our barnedroem-clan.

last update 5 / 5 _ 2009 November 05th

Due to many other important interests (e.g. illness/broken arm; the intensive cooperation in the Amber theme and publication, vocational reasons and others more), lasted it for a long time, until we found now the time to **write a small final update to the theme panleukopenia at cats.**

After our gotten sick cats were healthy again, AGNETHA and ANNI FRID, as well as all other cats of our population as can be proven, that they are tested parvo-virus-free, we have decided, from the made experiences, that all animals in future only will be vaccinated with inactivated/killed vaccines (from FORT DODGE). Also with the young animals of the last year and of this year we ensured a good and safe vaccination and protection with three corresponding vaccinations.

On pressure of the breeders concerned, the cat panleukopenia problem had resulted in a study from the German PEI (Paul Ehrlich Institut). There were included Norwegian Forestcats as well as domestic cats. Norwegians, because first one thought that it might be a race-specific problem, domestic cats, because they exhibit the most different genetical pool. The most criticized living vaccines were tested, as there are the living vaccines from Merial and Intervet. Unfortunately our idea to include also

the living vaccines from PFIZER, which were used at our animals, the PEI did not confirm. Also on the proposal, to use at the tests the inactivated vaccines from FORT DODGE as countercheck with the living vaccines, **even at our own expense**, was not entered by the PEI unfortunately. In the meanwhile we (and we not alone) are in the persuasion that the animals

a) vaccinated with inactivated vaccines show not any side effects (our experience) and

b) also after the third vaccination they show a parvo-virus-antibody-titer, completely contrary to the animals of the study, with which neither the animals vaccinated three times nor the control group had developed an acceptable parvo-virus-antibody-titer and so they had no protection. The scientists are helpless, why the living vaccines do not build up any protection ! Everywhere embarrassment !

Not only after our researches and experiences, it is insignificant to which method of analysis (different possibilities) is determined the parvo-virus-antibody-titer. Most IMPORTANT is, that a titer is developed at all, which lends then the famous memory ability to the immune system and so that this can react to a virale attack ! In this case, the immune system can answer also to easily changed viruses with an appropriate protective function.

From our view and from our experiences, we can recommend only the inactivated vaccines from FORT DODGE (unfortunately only one manufacturer). Neither in the past, nor at the still current parvo theme we made any negative experiences regarding compatibility (side effects) and regarding for developing the inoculation protection : all animals developed a protecting inoculation titer. From these realizations we recommend to each cat lover and in special to breeders only to use inactivated vaccines for the kittens. We cannot give another advice ! Also the scientists do not know the mystery solution.

For the future we only can hope, that the scientists of the PEI and the different vaccine manufacturers act in the sense of the animals and do not bend by hook or by crooking their living vaccines, which do not develop any effective protection. Let us hope that all is done to any lengths, in order to find the mystery solution. Here above all the vaccine manufacturers are demanded, because the PEI, as national institution, here only can give advise, examine and test, however not intervene in the autonomy of the vaccine manufacturers.

In this sense a cat-friendly MEOW at you all.
Roswitha and Michael BALDA
with kids and cats

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SUMMARY (updated : 20.04.2008/15.11.2009)

01) Fact is, the current vaccination (against feline infectious enteritis) did faile.

02) Fact is, that there are NO FURTHER CATS from our cattery which were involved, than those I've told/written above (EVITA+ ; AGNETHA and ANNI-FRID). All other cats still remained healthy and since at the latest of March 15th 2008 the current phase of danger of infection is gone !

03) Too, fact is, that not only the vaccine manufacturers, which were known first, are concerned.

04) That's the reason why we think, that there must be a mutation of the parvovirus and a change of its properties. And the current vaccinations, which are available, are not adjusted to the new properties and so they did faile in a lot of cases (different

catteries) ! Further it is known, that there is minimum one case, where it did fail at an infection by a well known virus-mutation (an older one). Further it's known from dog breeding that since the open European frontiers, there appeared new parvovirus-mutations from the Eastern part of Europe, where the current vaccinations are not updated and so they did fail; why not at the cats too ?

05) It is known, that there CAN BE a certain influence of the maternal antibodies, BUT IT MUST NOT TO BE !!!

06) Further it is known, that the decrease of the maternal antibodies does not function in the same procedure, or better in the same time, at one kitten, than at another kitten of the same litter, and that it does not increase the building up of the own immune system of the kitten(s) in the same manner.

07) Independent of the assimilation of the maternal antibodies (normally ca. 72% of the mother's antibody-titer) by the colostrum, after the first vaccination with living vaccine (attenuated vaccine) the kittens did show the same symptoms of sickness (vaccinating reaction as there are vomiting, diarrhoea, fever and sometimes loss of weight, like it can be found at panleukopenia).

08) The assertion of some vaccine manufacturers, that this would be a problem only of the Norwegian Forestcats, this statement is disproved unequivocally by the scientific work at the Veterinary University of Munich (link see above), cause there was not even one Norwegian Forest cat involved ! And **too it is proven by the PEI-study, that it's not a norwegian-problem.**

09) In future **WE ourselves WON'T USE ANYMORE LIVING VACCINES** (attenuated vaccines), although the vaccine manufacturers will tell us that the building up of the immune system will grow up faster, than with inactivated vaccines.

10) Further it is known, often living vaccines do show plain vaccine reactions at the cats, which you won't find in using inactivated vaccines and it is known, that kittens which were vaccinated with attenuated vaccines, are excreting the virus for some time. Regarding this fact, it will be a very high risk, cause other cats of the same household (for example pregnant cats or other new litters) could be infected with the parvovirus by this way and it can result in developmental disorders of the fetuses !

11) Young cats (kittens) which were vaccinated with attenuated vaccines often have the symptoms of sickness of which the consequence is, that their weakened immune system must fight against secondary (bacterial or viral) infections too, sometimes with lethal result. This is known over years of a lot of different catteries !

12) In our opinion the following does speak against attenuated vaccines too : tests of our cats did show, that cats which were vaccinated for years with living vaccines, don't have a better vaccine protection, than the others which were vaccinated by inactivated vaccines. Mostly the last ones show a better parvovirus-antibody-titer, even after a break of vaccination, than those which were vaccinated with living vaccine !!!

13) Clarification of the parvovirus-antibody-titer of a female, before it will be mated, perhaps revaccination, if necessary.

14) Imperatively clarification of the parvovirus-antibody-titer, if a cat will go to cat-shows or to another cattery, perhaps revaccination, if necessary. BUT THAT CANNOT BE SERIOUS for the FUTURE !!! This is the point where the vaccine manufacturers are requested to update their vaccines with the current mutations !!! All cat-breeders are willing to bring in their knowledge of the last 15 (or more) breeding years, cause we ALL are concerned. Not only in our own opinion there must be done something to optimize the current vaccines immediately by the vaccine manufacturers themselves !!!

15) We want to try to change the vaccine manufacturers yearly, if possible, to be better prepared against other mutations of the parvovirus in future.

16) For the cat shows it will be necessary to clean and disinfect consequently the cages and the tables of the judges, with substances which are against parvoviruses

too (for example TAD-CID ; VIRKON S or one of the others) if it's not done already. But always you must remember : even after the best disinfection then there can still remain some very few viruses or bacteria.

Dear catbreeders and catfriends, perhaps you're concerned too : It costs quite an effort to publish those problems, even if oneself is concerned. But trust fidelity and candidness. **ONLY** by making things transparent, **WE ALL TOGETHER CAN CHANGE THINGS** for our beloved animals, perhaps even in an upper scale. Don't hesitate and contact us, either Gisela and Bernd GORITZKA (Earl Grey's ; please see below) or mail to us, if you're concerned in the same or similar problems. We all are willing to help you, if we can and we estimate for the confidence shown to us. Self-evident we will observe secrecy, if you wish so.

- MEOW -

Roswitha and Michael
2008 April 20th / 2009 November 15th

further concerned catteries :

KIT – a summary of all known parvo-virus-titers at the different catteries AND at the different breeds !

<http://www.katzengesundheit.hcm-info.de/katzenseuche/katzenseuche.htm>

http://www.earlgreys.de/f_set1_k.html

<http://www.byglandsfjord.de/html/katzenseuche.htm>

<http://www.vom-gahlenhof.de/>

http://www.nesis-tierwelt.de/tl/Unser-Parvovirose_Hollocaust.htm?PHPSESSID=78480723b258acff5c799ada42adf825

<http://norwegerlis.chapso.de/parvovirus-s316955.html>

http://www.vom-wotanswald.de/Html/Sonstiges/die_tragoedie.htm

further a lot of breeders concerned, which won't publish their problems , understandable !

further important and very interesting informations about this theme **PANLEUKOPENIA** and other additional informations :

Scientific work about PANLEUKOPENIE at the Veterinary University Munich (pdf-file of about 167 sides !) (German; a summary in English is available at the www)

http://deposit.ddb.de/cgi-bin/dokserv?idn=974022128x_var=d1x_ext=pdfx=974022128.pdf

List of vaccines from Paul-Ehrlich-Institutes; partially with details of the vaccines (German/partially multilingual)

http://www.pei.de/nn_154718/DE/arsneimittel/vet-mittel/katzen/katzen-node.html?__nnn=true

Preface to vaccinations (of human medicine; valid also for veterinary medicine !) (German)
<http://www.wissen.swr.de/tatort-mensch/deutsch/kurse/kurs1/>

http://www.wissen.swr.de/tatort-mensch/deutsch/kurse/kurs1/kurs1_4.html

detailed vet-informations (English)

<http://www.emea.europa.eu>

detailed informations about the veterinary medicin (English)

<http://www.emea.europa.eu/index/indexv1.htm>

detailed informations about the veterinary medicamentx / drugs (English)

<http://www.drugs.com/vet/>

detailed informations about the veterinary medicamentx / drugs (English); especially cats :

<http://www.drugs.com/vet/cats-a.html>

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