

Letters to the Editor

Katzecure Poles..... They really do work!

I wondered if other owners would like to hear a bit more about the Katzecure pole system from someone who has actually installed them, as it seems that a lot of people are still unaware of how effective they are. As they have really changed my life, and the lives of my six Burmese, I felt I ought to share my enthusiasm.

I've had Burmese for thirty years now, and have never liked keeping them in. However, during that time I have lost four on the road, and my ten year old boy, Charlie Parker, has had two huge operations after



being hit by cars. (In a typical Burmese fashion he took over at the vets and was awarded Braveheart of the month the second time!) When Bebob, my red girl, disappeared for three days while barely more than a kitten, I was beside myself with anxiety. She, also in

true Burmese style, had got locked in the local tool hire centre, but that's another story.

I had had enough, and had to keep them in until I found a solution. Of course, being accustomed to their adventures by then, they weren't at all happy, and life was tricky, until I met Andrew Farmer at a show, and I realised there really was a solution. His system consists of rows of double poles angled on the top of the fence and set on spindles so they rotate when the cats climb on them. They are not unsightly. In fact, my garden looks tidier with them. They are fairly costly though, but I can honestly say it was the best money I ever spent as I can now sleep at night! I was fairly nervous at first, and wouldn't let the cats out unless I was around, and I must confess that we had a troublesome period where they kept on disappearing into next door's garden having tunnelled underneath the fence. (Charlie Parker was leading the way and whistling The Great Escape!) But Andrew Farmer is a determined and inventive individual, and appears to have a solution to everything. He has a solution for trees that are too near to the fence, and sheds and outbuildings simply have the poles around them too. I am sure he can adapt the system to any type of garden. We simply extended the fence downwards with very strong wire mesh in a sort of rabbit proof fence style. I've had no problems since, although I am getting Andrew back in for an update, as I know he is always coming up with new and improved ideas, and, as he has discovered, and we all know, Burmese tend to do the same. My garden took a bit of a hammering in the construction of the fence, but it all grew back, and is still lovely, and SAFE! **Claire Henry**

For further information go to www.katzecure.com

Oh Our Beloved Committee!

In case you have ever wondered what committee meetings are like – see below for a wonderful summary of the proceedings!!

Oh give me your pity, I'm on a committee
Which means that from morning to night
We attend and amend and contend and defend
Without a conclusion in sight.
We confer and concur, we defer and demur
And re-iterate all of our thoughts
We revise the agenda with frequent addenda
And consider a load of reports.
We compose and propose, we suppose and oppose
And the points of procedure are fun,
But though various notions are brought up as motions
There's terribly little gets done.
We resolve and absolve, but never dissolve
Since it's out of the question for us;
What a shattering pity to end our committee
Where else could we make such a fuss?

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Did you hear the one about the??



OLLIE a continuous source of amusement to **owners** Susan & Bruce Padgham



JASPER is not quite so amused although looking very relaxed! **Owners** Derek & Carol Clark