

## **Biography – Debbie Downham**

### **Re-standing for election for Felis Britannica President**

I am sure that almost everyone within Felis Britannica probably knows me, I have been involved on many levels since I started showing with FIFe in 2006. I have shown and bred Cornish Rex since 2005 under my Celexa prefix, originally with GCCF but I now register solely with FIFe. I have also bred and shown Peterbalds since 2018.

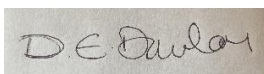
I have held positions at Club level with the Viking Cat Club, as their Chairman and Show Manager. I stood down from my Chairman role due to work and personal commitments but took this mantle back up in 2024 and continue as their show manager. I am also one of the Pedigree Secretaries for my club.

I have held many positions within Felis Britannica since 2008, including Deputy General Secretary, General Secretary, Vice President and then President since 2015. I believe myself to have considerable experience and knowledge of the cat fancy in general and specifically the running of Felis Britannica and the rules of FB and FIFe.

I am a qualified nurse with 35 years' experience. I have a full-time challenging job, our company was acquired in 2022 and we are now part of a larger group (HCML) offering Personal Injury rehabilitation case management services for clients that have suffered catastrophic and life-changing injuries, as well as Occupational Health services, in the private healthcare market. Since the acquisition I am now Director of Clinical Governance and Health & Safety for the Group, work is extremely busy and challenging.

I have a busy personal life as well, whilst most of our 5 children (between us) are now almost all grown up and independent, we of course have our cat commitments and we are also now involved in the Project Galgo charity. We have 3 dogs, a whippet and 2 rescue Galgo's, we also foster from time to time and get involved in fund raising events for the charity as well.

I constantly find it challenging to give the President role within Felis Britannica the time and commitment it requires, but believe that my experience is still valued and endeavor to balance all my commitments to the best of my abilities. I am therefore prepared to re-stand for a further three year term and hope that the clubs and members feel that I am still the right person for this position and will support me.



**Debbie Downham**  
**Member Viking Cat Club**