



## FCCQ Show Rules

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### GENERAL:

Receipt of a Show Entry does not constitute an invitation to enter this show. The Show Manager reserves the right to refuse entry to any members of the public that they deem necessary.

1. Any Entry may be refused without stating a reason.
2. No exhibit shall enter the hall if it has, at any time during the period of 30 days immediately preceding the show, been in a cattery affected with feline enteritis or any other infectious or contagious disease.
3. By entering the show, the exhibitor agrees to the exhibitor declaration as per the show schedule.
4. Any person whose entries are unacceptable to the Feline Control Council of Queensland Inc. is excluded from benching exhibits on behalf of other show exhibitors.
5. The Council has adopted Longhair, Shorthair and Companion cats as the nomenclature of breed groups. These are equivalent to ACF Groups 1, 2, 3 & 4. The groups are constituted as follows: -
  - i. Longhair as specified in ACF Group One breed standards
  - ii. Shorthair as specified in ACF Group Two & Three breed standards
  - iii. Companion Cats, Household Pets, Companions, Domestic cats of indeterminate ancestry, preferably not pedigreed; referred to in the ACF standard book as Companion Pets
6. Kittens may have a litter tray. No foodstuffs are to be allowed in cages before judging.
7. All cats and kittens 4 months and over must be registered, this does not apply to domestic exhibits.
8. All exhibits will be judged according to the age on the first day of the show. No kitten under twelve (12) weeks of age may be shown.
9. Any kittens/cats on exhibition must observe the rules of the show.
10. All entries must provide a clear copy of their registration/pedigree, this does not apply to companion entries.
11. All kitten exhibits must provide vaccination certificate with their entry.
12. Companion exhibits over nine months must be altered (desexed) and, where possible, have a registration number.
13. Change of status must be uploaded prior to the closing date of the show.
14. All entry fees must be paid in full prior to judging. Fees must accompany the completed Show Entry. Fees for absent exhibits are forfeited by the exhibitor. Fees are not refundable.

15. All reasonable care will be taken of exhibits. FCCQ Inc and the organising club, their officials and members accept no responsibility for any loss or damage to any person, feline, or property whatsoever, resulting from, or arising out of, any accident, incident, or happening while the person, party or property is in the Show Hall and surrounding vicinity, or while in travelling to, or returning from, the show hall.

16. Mobile phones MUST be in "silent mode" inside the show venue during judging. No judge or exhibitor may answer or converse on a mobile phone in the show ring while judging is in progress.

### VETERINARY INSPECTION

17. Where a club elects to have veterinary inspections, or a vetting-in committee, it must be stated on the schedule.
18. If Veterinary inspections are to take place, the following rules shall apply: -
19. All cats and kittens must pass veterinary inspection before being placed in cages.
20. The Veterinary Steward must immediately inform the Show Manager of any cat which has been vetted out. The veterinary surgeon shall order any cat to be removed from the show if, in their opinion, it is suffering from any infectious or contagious disease or has external parasites. Their decision in this regard will be final. Should the veterinarian reject one of an exhibitor's exhibits, all the exhibitor's entries may also be rejected. Exhibits of another exhibitor whose exhibits travelled with the exhibitor whose exhibits were rejected, may also be rejected.
21. Any male cat over nine months of age found by the officiating veterinarian, on the day, not to have two testicles of approximately equal size and normal texture, permanently positioned in the scrotum, is not eligible to compete for Challenges, Best of Breed, or Best in Show.
22. Where an exhibit is fractious at the vetting table, it must be withdrawn.
23. The show veterinarian's decision is final.

### CAGING

24. All exhibits must be brought into the show hall securely contained in an adequate carrying container. In the case of adult cats there may be no more than one animal per container; kittens are exempted.
25. Hire Cages will be disinfected by the Club at set up.
26. Exhibitors are required to bench their exhibits in their own cages
27. Exhibitors may not use their own disinfectant in the hall or other substances, e.g. Lavender, Glen 20.
28. Exhibitors must check that cage numbers and catalogue entries pertaining to their exhibit/s are correct. Exhibitors must notify the Show Manager of any errors prior to the advertised judging start time. Exhibits cannot be re-judged after judging has ended.
29. Any exhibit not in its designated cage at the commencement of judging will not be judged in that ring. All exhibits must be placed in cages prior to judging.



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30. No exhibit may be removed from the cages before the close of the show without the express permission of the Show Manager. Failure to adhere strictly to this rule may result in forfeiture of prizes and/or awards. Exhibitors are expected to collect their own Challenges and prizes.

### GROOMING

31. Exhibits upon which there is any colouring matter or powder will be disqualified.
32. The front and back claws of all cats and kittens must be clipped prior to the show.
33. Atomiser Sprays, Essential Oils, or Methylated Spirits are not to be used in the Show Hall. Stewards may confiscate such materials or products including lavender, until the conclusion of the days judging at their discretion.
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### JUDGING

35. The Show Manager/Committee reserves the right to alter Judging Assignments where necessary.
36. Any exhibit which has been domiciled at the home of a judge within the preceding three (3) months may not be shown under that judge.
37. Exhibits will be judged in accordance with the ACF breed standards.
38. Sedated exhibits must not be shown. If detected, the exhibit will be disqualified.
39. Exhibits obviously in kitten will be disqualified
40. The Judge is empowered to withhold any award in any class if the exhibit does not, in his/her opinion, possess sufficient merit. Exhibitors may ask the Judge their reasons/opinions only after judging of the ring has been completed but always must maintain a civil demeanour. No tolerance will be afforded to exhibitors (or anyone) who in any way try to intimidate or harass a Judge, an official, or another exhibitor.
41. Judges' decisions are final. Exhibitors are required to maintain a courteous manner; any unseemly, aggressive, or disruptive conduct and/or comments may result in disqualification. In this regard, the Show Manager has complete discretion to disqualify exhibits from further judging and/or expel exhibits and exhibitors from the Show Hall.
42. **UTJ** - An exhibit will be disqualified as UTJ (Unable to be Judged) when it cannot be handled sufficiently by a Judge to allow proper assessment.
43. **UTH** - Any cat that shows aggression towards people, especially any cat that bites or deliberately scratches someone, is automatically declared UTH (Unable to Be Handled)
  - I. If an exhibit is declared UTH in one ring in a multi-ring show it will be automatically withdrawn from further judging on that day.
  - II. A readable sign will be displayed on the cage and the owner notified.

44. No cat is to be entered in shows if it has a history of fractious behaviour. It is the exhibitor's duty of care not to expose any judge or official to injury by any exhibit.
45. Judges are not required to restrain or judge any exhibit showing any signs of aggression.
46. An exhibit is barred from being shown all FCCQ shows if marked UTJ on three different occasions. All other Queensland Councils will be notified.
47. An exhibit is barred from being shown at all FCCQ shows if marked UTH on two different occasions. All other Queensland Councils will be notified.
48. No awards will be given once the cat has been made UTH.

### BEHAVIOUR

49. Exhibitors and visitors are expected to behave in an orderly fashion and are also responsible for the orderly behaviour of their children. Failure to comply will result in expulsion from the show.
50. Exhibitors are expected to abide by the FCCQ Code of Ethics for Exhibitors and the FCCQ Inc. Social Media Policy.
51. Disciplinary action shall be taken by Council against any person or persons, who by their actions insult, abuse or intimidate any judge, steward, or show official officiating at an FCCQ Show
52. Protests or Complaints must be made in writing to the Show Manager on the day of the show or within 7 day, a \$50 fee must be included, which shall be returned if the protest is upheld.