

52nd ACF National Cat Show

Hosted by Cats New South Wales Inc

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8TH & 9TH JUNE 2024

Hawkesbury Pavilion, Hawkesbury Showgrounds
Racecourse Road,
Clarendon, NSW, 2756



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EVENTS TIMETABLE

All functions to be held at
Crowne Plaza Hawkesbury Valley
61 Hawkesbury Valley Way
Windsor, NSW 2756

Welcome Function

Friday 7th June
7.00pm – 8.00pm

National Show

Saturday 8th & Sunday 9th
Benching 6.15am - 8.15am
President opens Show – 8.30am
Supreme Panel Sunday 9th - 3.00pm

National Show Dinner

Sunday 9th June
7.30pm for 8.00pm

Judges Guild AGM

Monday 10th June
8.30am – 12.30pm

Judges Guild Seminar

Monday 10th June
1.30pm – 5.00pm

ALL BREEDERS, EXHIBITORS AND

JUDGES WELCOME

ACF Inc. AGM & GM

Tuesday 11th June
8.30am
OBSERVERS WELCOME

CLOSING DATE FOR ENTRIES: 10TH May 2024

Enter at www.catshowsonline.com

JUDGING ASSIGNMENTS

		Ring 1 Saturday	Ring 2 Saturday	Ring 3 Saturday
Group One	Kittens	Chloe Chung CFA	Michael Schleissner CFA	TBA
	Entire	Paul Henry NZCF	Marisa Thistlewaite QFA	Nadine Savage QFA
	Desexed	Paul Henry NZCF	Marisa Thistlewaite QFA	Nadine Savage QFA
Group Two	Kittens	Helene Lis FIFe	Jennifer Reding CFA	Barbara La Rocca QFA
	Entire	Michelle McGrath NZCF	Kerry Fowler GCCFV	Carole Galli CATS WA
	Desexed	Michelle McGrath NZCF	Kerry Fowler GCCFV	Carole Galli CATS WA
Group Three	Kittens	Helene Lis FIFe	Jennifer Reding CFA	Barbara La Rocca QFA
	Entire	Michelle McGrath NZCF	Kerry Fowler GCCFV	Carole Galli CATS WA
	Desexed	Michelle McGrath NZCF	Kerry Fowler GCCFV	Carole Galli CATS WA
Group Four	All	Chloe Chung CFA	Michael Schleissner CFA	TBA
		Ring 4 Sunday	Ring 5 Sunday	Ring 6 Sunday
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NOTE - The Show Committee reserves the right to alter assignments, without notice, should the need arise, while endeavouring to provide one overseas judge for each section in each group. ACF By-Laws limits the number of exhibits to be handled by any judge to approximately 90.

Reserve Judge: Scoot Andresen (GCCFSA)

2024 JUDGES PROFILES



HELENE LIS – FIFE SWE

I am a FIFE allbreed judge. I have been in the cat fancy scene for almost thirty years. Earlier I used to breed ocicat and my cattery name is S*Lis-Katt. I also have had European shorthair. I am a member of the Swedish FIFE member SVERAK, where I have been active on the board with responsibility for judges and student judges. In FIFE I am very well known as the judge who always wears something spotted. I live in Örebro. I will turn 57 this summer.

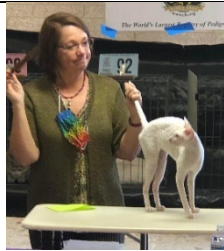
In my private life I work as head of the administration office in the Municipality of Västerås. That means I travel a lot and I also travel wide world due to my judging. When I am off duty I spend some time at the gym, writing some articles in magazines, driving MC and enjoying art of different kinds. This is the first time for me in Australia and I am very grateful for the invitation, and I am so looking forward to meeting you and your beautiful cats!



MICHAEL SCHLEISSNER - CFA GER

Michael Hans Schleissner is from Germany and has judged throughout Europe for nearly 30 years. He has been a CFA judge since 2009, and has also judged in North America, Asia, Africa and Australia. In 1982, working with his wife Brigitte, he started his Atzelhof cattery, beginning with a Persian program. Over the years, they worked with other breeds, including Siamese, Devon Rex, Selkirk Rex, British Shorthairs, and American Shorthairs; they still maintain active breeding programs for the Selkirks, Brits, and Americans. They are very proud of having produced 42 CFA grands, 3 homebred National Winners, and Breed Winners in both the Brits and the Selkirks.

Recently retired, Michael is a former business economist who worked for a major pharmaceutical company. His love of animals and breeding extends well beyond cats; in addition to his cats, he also breeds show canaries, Beijing Bantam chickens, and aquarium fish.



JENNIFER REDING - CFA USA

I had worked with and shown horses as a teenager (mostly Arabians), but after graduating and moving away from home looked to find something to do that was a little less expensive. I attended my first cat show as a spectator in 1986, and having always loved cats, thought it looked like a great deal of fun. I obtained my first pedigreed breeding cat, a Birman, in 1988, and my first Japanese Bobtail, a neuter, in 1990. By 1991 I had gotten a Japanese Bobtail to breed, and had both for several years, breeding under the prefix Janipurr. I had a great deal of better luck with Bobtails, and phased out Birmans after a few years. I showed both CFA and TICA at first, having numerous Grand Champions and Supreme Grand Champions and even a TICA International Winner, but decided to stick with CFA by the mid 90s, and since then I have had numerous Grands, Regional Winners, National Breed winners, and a few National Winners. I was fortunate to be able to import two males from Japan in 1996, and one turned out to be a black smoke. A friend and I with whom I had been working together decided to register a new cattery name—Ginchika—to breed silver and smoke Japanese Bobtails, a color which was accepted but as yet had not obtained any wins. Ginchika had numerous firsts in the silver/smoke division—Grand, Regional Winner, Breed Winner, National Winner, Distinguished Merit. Ginchika has over 100 Grand Champions /Grand Premiers in CFA, and has been awarded a Tier 3 Superior title. I have also bred Oriental Shorthair, having bred the first Bicolor OSH to Grand in CFA. I have shown Cornish Rex, Singapura, Colorpoint Shorthair, Abyssinian, British Shorthair, Himalayan, Persian, Exotic and Maine Coon. I have also agented American Curls and Norwegian Forest Cat. I met my husband Mark (at a cat show!) in 2006, and we married in 2013. With his help I applied to and was accepted into the CFA Judging Program in 2014, and advanced to Approval Pending Allbreed status in December of 2022. I have judged all over the United States, and this year in South Korea and Malaysia! I am excited to visit Australia.

To Be Advised



CHLOE CHUNG - CFA CHINA

Born in Beijing, China, Chloe moved to Hong Kong when she was just 10 months old. While growing up in Hong Kong, she raised and showed several different breeds of dogs, obtaining her first Best of Breed win with a Welsh Corgi in 1993. She entered her first cat show in 2002, began breeding British Shorthairs, and in 2007 had her first home-bred National Winner of her own breeding. As a ring clerk she became interested in many other breeds and showed American Curls, American Shorthairs, Colorpoint Shorthairs, Exotics, Maine Coons, Persians, Russian Blues and Sphynx to various wins. In 2010 Chloe applied to the CFA Judging Program, and since then has traveled throughout Europe, Asia, Malaysia and the United States as a CFA judge. Her Chloeadores cattery continues to produce top-quality British Shorthairs. Chloe graduated from China Agriculture University, and she now lectures on cat behavior, nutrition, medical care and breed standards, splitting her time between Hong Kong and Liaoning, in mainland China.



PAUL HENRY - NZCF

I started breeding Birmans in 1986. I was President of The Birman Cat Club and held other positions as well. In 1995 I became a Longhair judge eventually in 2019 I qualified to be an Allbreeds judge. I have judged all over NZ and in most Australian States. I enjoy my judging very much and am always learning. I am looking forward to being able to judge your fabulous cats and kittens and enjoy meeting old friends and new ones as well.



MICHELLE MCGRATH - NZCF

Breeds owned and/or bred include: Siamese/Oriental, Bengal, Sphynx, Persian and of course the beloved domestic. I have held a number of club positions including Shorthair Registrar, Breeds Standard Council and Breed representative, committee member. I started judging cats in 2007 as a shorthair judge, and I qualified in May 2018 as an all breeds judge licensed with the New Zealand Cat Fancy. I also judge horses, (for example miniature horse sections at the Royal Agricultural Show, and the Horse of the Year show).



BARBARA LA ROCCA - QFA

Barbara was introduced to and instantly fell in love with the Burmese breed in 1979 and began breeding under her Riokay prefix. In 1988 she decided to breed Abyssinians as well. She has also imported Somalis and bred Burmillas, Tonkinese and Maine Coons. Barbara bred Supreme Exhibit winners in both Burmese and Abyssinians and has had numerous Best Kitten and Cats of the Year with QFA. She has twice proudly achieved Group 3 Prefix of the Year with QFA. Barbara began training with QFA as a Shorthair judge in 1988. After judging for a couple of years she started training in Longhairs and in 1998 became an All Breeds judge with QFA. She has judged and continues to do so throughout Australia and New Zealand and has also judged in Kuala Lumpur, Germany and the Netherlands. In 2017 Barbara returned as President of QFA Inc. Barbara was President of QFA Inc. from 2002 – 2015. She is also currently President of Burmese Cat Fanciers Club of Qld and previously held the positions of President of the Abyssinian & Somali Cat Club of Qld and is currently the President of the Gold Coast Cat Club.



MARISA THISTLEWAITE - QFA

Marisa is an All Breeds International judge attaining her Group 1 licence in 2008 and then completed her Group 2 & 3 licence in 2013 with QFA. She has judged in all states in Australia, in New Zealand and is a Guest Judge for CFA.

She entered the cat fancy in 1991 breeding Birmans under the prefix Belshogar. For many years she actively showed her Birmans and a Persian neuter with many COY and National awards. While doing her shorthair judges course she decided to show a Burmese Neuter and was totally captured by the breed. She is now passionately breeding and showing Burmese with some very special cats.

Marisa has always been involved in different facets of the cat fancy from show manager and secretary, at a council level held positions of Vice President, Registrar, and Treasurer. She held the position of Treasurer for the Birman Club for many years and honoured with Life Membership.

As a judge Marisa feels it is one of the greatest honours to be able to handle and judge so many cats at all the shows throughout the year



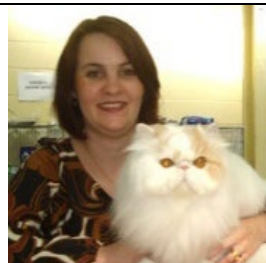
KERRY FOWLER - GCCFV

Good day, I am a fully qualified All Breeds Judge with GCCFV and ACF, having completed training with FCCV for Group 3 license in 1995, followed by Group 1 in 2004 and Group 2 in January 2013. I have been fortunate to have judged in all eight major States and Territories of Australia, as well as North and South Islands of New Zealand. In 2014 and 2022, I was honoured with judging All Breeds at the prestigious Sydney Royal Shows as well as at the iconic Royal Melbourne Shows in 2014, 2015 and 2017. It was my pleasure to judge Shorthair cats at the esteemed ACF National Show in 2017 and being invited to be a Supreme Ring judge for the 2021 GCCFV Virtual Show. My introduction to the cat fancy was through successfully owning, exhibiting, and breeding silver spotted British Shorthair cats under the Cornfield prefix for over ten years. Our British cats were well known winning multiple Supreme and Cat of the Year awards. I am an ACF Tutor Judge and a committee member on the ACF Breeding and Registration Rules sub-committee. My other achievements include author, international speaker, initiator, and member of CCCA working party to establish Feline Health Research Fund: <http://fhrf.org.au>.



CAROLE GALLI – CATS WA

I began breeding Burmese cats in 2000 after falling in love with a very Nortie Brown Tortie. I loved the O gene colours and bred reds and creams in particular along with the torties. In 2003 I met my first Burmilla and fell in love with their delightful temperament and silver coats. I applied for an experimental program to breed Burmillas, beginning with the foundation matings between Burmese and Chinchilla. Working with two other breeders I was able to add higher generation Burmillas into the program. I specialise in short hair Burmillas and occasionally breed a long hair litter. I breed the Burmilla in all colours including the O Gene series. In 2011 I included the Mandalay into my breeding program. I became an All Shorthair judge in June 2018 and I commenced Group One training in 2017.



NADINE SAVAGE - QFA

Nadine entered the cat fancy in 1997 when she started showing desexed Persians but her love of cats started when she was 4 years old when she was given a Persian by her Aunt. Nadine and her husband Luke were granted their prefix Shonstar in 2000 and began breeding Persians in 2001. Since then Nadine's cats have won many best in show awards including Desexed Cat of Year and Supreme Exhibits at national level. Nadine began her judges training with QICC becoming a Companion Cat judge in 2002. She later began Longhair (Group 1) training which was completed with QFA Inc in 2007. Nadine has judged in NSW as well as Queensland. Nadine has much experience in grooming Persians, running cat shows and has held many positions at Council and Club level. Nadine took a break from these positions when she and Luke had their first child Ryan in January 2007, then extended their family in 2011 with the birth of their Twin Daughters Grace & Isabelle. Nadine hopes one day to become an All Breeds judge and apart from Persians she holds a soft spot for Birmans and Burmese.

ABOUT ACF (INC.)

The Australian Cat Federation (Inc.) is a National Governing body with affiliates in all States, Northern Territory and the Australian Capital Territory. The ACF has endeavoured over the years to bring uniformity to the cat fancy in various key areas which have an effect on cat breeding and cat showing.

It's not just the show on the National weekend. It's the Annual General Meetings of ACF and its Judges' Guild and a seminar to which all are welcome.

ABOUT CATS NEW SOUTH WALES INC.

CATS NSW is a cat governing body in New South Wales and the ACT and proudly affiliated with the Australian Cat Federation Inc. CATS NSW is a progressive, welcoming, non-profit organisation and our key mission is to promote the welfare of all cats, responsible and ethical breeding of pedigreed cats, and the showing of pedigreed cats and de-sexed domestic cats. As a governing body, CATS NSW offers its Clubs and breeders advice and guidance where possible.

ALL FUNCTIONS WILL BE HELD AT:

Crowne Plaza Hawkesbury Valley
61 Hawkesbury Valley Way
Windsor, NSW 2756

WELCOME FUNCTION

Friday 7th June 2024
7.00pm – 8.00pm

ACF would like to extend an invitation to all exhibitors and attendees to the welcome function on Friday evening, a social evening to catch up with friends and to meet new people and welcome all our judges to Sydney. The cost to attend is **\$30.00** which includes a welcome drink served with canapés.

Function passes can be collected at the door.

SHOW DINNER

Sunday 9th June 2024
7.30pm for 8.00pm

Dinner will consist of a 3 course menu, set entrée alternate mains and set dessert - **\$72.00 per head**. Special dietary requirements can be catered for so please let us know in advance. Cash bar facilities, bookings essential.

JUDGES GUILD AGM

Monday 10th June 2024
AGM 8.30am – 12.30pm
Full Day Cost \$69.00

Includes: Coffee on arrival, morning tea, lunch and afternoon tea
Special dietary requirements can be catered for so please let us know in advance.

JUDGES GUILD SEMINAR

Seminar 1.30pm – 5.00pm
Afternoon Tea - \$15.00
Limited seating - bookings essential

TOPICS

ROYAL CANIN PRESENTATION

Wild Cat Conservation Centre

Sydney University FIP group

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ALL BREEDERS, EXHIBITORS AND JUDGES ARE WELCOME

ACF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING & GENERAL MEETING

Tuesday 11th June 2024

8.30am – 5.00pm

Full Day Cost - \$69.00

Observers are welcome to attend.

Observer bookings ARE essential, the cost is \$69.00 which includes morning tea, lunch and afternoon tea. Special dietary requirements can be catered for so please let us know in advance.

SHOW VENUE



Hawkesbury Pavilion, Hawkesbury Showgrounds
Racecourse Road, Clarendon, NSW, 2756
Close to facilities, this venue offers ample parking for exhibitors and the general public.

Members of Western Districts Cat Society will provide exhibitor and visitor catering for purchase on both days of the show.

SHOW FORMAT

The show will be six rings Australian Open Style with top ten or fifteen placings for each group in each section (kittens, entires, and desexed). Three Rings will judged on Saturday and three rings on Sunday. Rosettes will be awarded to all Best of Breed; Reserve of Breed will be awarded if warranted, subject to entry numbers. All top place exhibits, best in group winners and Supreme winners will receive rosettes and prizes.

CONTACT INFORMATION

Contact for general queries:

Show Secretary – Jenny Weekes

Mobile: 0400 210 857 (before 8.00pm)

Email: acfnational2024@gmail.com

DATES FOR ENTRIES

ENTRIES OPEN: FRIDAY 1ST MARCH 2024

ENTRIES CLOSE: FRIDAY 10TH MAY 2024

No late entries will be accepted.

Early entries appreciated

Enter at www.catshowsonline.com

ACF NATIONAL SHOW COMMITTEE

Show Manager	Helena Sugar	0425 270 242	arolena6@bigpond.com
Show Committee	Helena Sugar, Alison Moore, Jenny Weekes, Crystal Maher, Joanne Greentree, Suzette Greentree		
Assistant Show Manager/Chief Steward	Alison Moore	0409 980 535	biralibirmans@gmail.com
Show Secretary	Jenny Weekes	0400 210 857	acfnational2024@gmail.com
Show Processors	Jenny Weekes/Peta Sperduty		
Show and Rosette Coordinator	Jenny Weekes	0400 210 857	acfnational2024@gmail.com
Stalls Coordinator	Crystal Maher	0419 275 840	crystal.maher@scu.edu.au
Sponsorship Coordinator	Alison Moore	0409 980 535	biralibirmans@gmail.com
Floor Coordinator	Tony Hurry		
Catering Coordinators	Joanne And Suzette Greentree - Western District Cat Society Inc		
Breed Display & Talks	Jenny Weekes	0400 210 857	acfnational2024@gmail.com

SATURDAY SHOW TIMETABLE

6.45am - 8.15am	Vetting and Benching – Own cages must be setup by 8.00am
8.30am	President opens show and judging commences
9.00am - 3.30pm	Show open to public
11.00am & 1.00pm	Breed presentations

SUNDAY SHOW TIMETABLE

7.00am - 8.00am	Benching. Vetting only for those cats not present on Saturday.
8.15am	Judging commences
9.00am - 3.30pm	Show open to public
11.00am & 1.00pm	Breed presentations
3.00pm - 4.30pm	Supreme Panel Judging & Presentation of Overall Best in Group & Overall Supreme Awards

ASSISTANCE ON SHOW DAY

A number of roles require volunteers to assist with the smooth running of the show. These include Setup, Vetting, Stewards, Runners, Front Desk and Pulldown. If you are able to assist, please advise our Chief Steward, Alison Moore, at biralibirmans@gmail.com

Anyone assisting with setup will also be able to set up their cages for the next day.

Stewards may also request the section and group they wish to steward in.

If you have any questions regarding working at the show, please contact the Chief Steward at biralibirmans@gmail.com

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ACF APPROVED BREEDS

Groups 1, 2 and 3 include all ACF recognised pedigreed breeds and are divided into three main sections: Kitten, Entire and Desexed exhibits. Companion exhibits will be judged as an individual section.

Group 1 Breeds

Birman, Exotic, Maine Coon, Norwegian Forest Cat, Nebelung, Neva Masquerade, Persian, Ragdoll, Siberian, Turkish Angora, Turkish Van.

Group 2 Breeds

Balinese, Foreign White, Foreign White Longhair, Oriental, Oriental Longhair, Peterbald, Siamese.

Group 3 Breeds

Abyssinian, American Burmese, American Curl, American Shorthair, Australian Mist, Bengal, Bombay, British Shorthair, British Longhair, Burmese, Burmilla, Burmilla Longhair, Cornish Rex, Cymric, Devon Rex, Egyptian Mau, Japanese Bobtail Shorthair, Japanese Bobtail Longhair, Korat, LaPerm, LaPerm Longhair, Lykoi, Mandalay, Manx, Munchkin, Ocicat, Pixiebob, Russian, Scottish Fold Shorthair, Scottish Fold Longhair, Scottish Shorthair, Scottish Longhair, Selkirk Rex Shorthair, Selkirk Rex Longhair, Singapura, Snowshoe, Somali, Sphynx, Tonkinese, Toyger.

Companion

Companion Pet includes domestic cats of unknown breed, and cats that may be of a recognised breed that are pets only. Where a Companion Pet appears to be of a recognised breed, there is to be no consideration of that breed's standard of points in the assessment as a Companion Pet; all compete on an equal basis.

ACF AWARDS

Titled or untitled cats from ACF or CCCA member bodies will be eligible for ACF Award of Excellence, award classes under the approved groups listed above.

ACF Companion Award of Honour, awarded to the highest placed adult, so long as it is in the Top 3, where a minimum of 3 (three) adult companions are entered. Maximum of one certificate per RING.

VETTING

- In-line vetting by a duly qualified veterinary surgeon will examine each cat, whether entered for competition or exhibition only. The veterinary surgeon shall order any cat to be removed from the show if, in his/her opinion, it is suffering from any infectious or contagious disease or has external parasites. Their decision in this regard shall be final. Should the veterinarian reject one of an exhibitor's cats or kittens all the exhibitor's entries may be rejected. If the exhibitor has travelled with another exhibitor their exhibits may also be disqualified from exhibiting.
- No exhibit or exhibitor (other than veterinary professionals) may enter the hall if, at any time during the period of 30 days immediately preceding the day of the show, they have been in contact with or affected by a disease infectious to cats.
- All inspected exhibits must pass the Veterinary Inspection.
- Should the need occur at any stage of the day, a vet may be consulted and may if in their opinion ask that an exhibit be removed from the hall. Their decision is final.
- Should any exhibit be vetted out on the first day, they will not be permitted to return the following day.
- Vaccination certificates showing appropriate vaccinations with first vaccination no less than 14 days prior to the show must be available for inspection for exhibits under nine months of age.

SUPREME IN SHOW

Pedigreed Exhibits

Best Overall in Group awards will be determined by an open panel vote. From each best in Group kitten, entire cat and desexed Cat the panel will vote to determine the Best Exhibits in each of the three Groups. From these exhibits the panel will determine the winner of the prestigious Hon. Lance Barnard A.O. Award for **Supreme Exhibit in Show**.

Companion Exhibits

A Supreme judging panel will be used to determine which of the six Best in Show Companion exhibit winners will be **Supreme Companion Exhibit**.

SHOW RAFFLES

There will be exciting raffles at the show with great prizes, including a MAJOR draw.

CAGES SIZES AND CURTAIN COLOURS

You can bring your own show cages to the show as long as they are standard show cages. A **small MAY NOT be any wider than 63cm and no deeper than 46cm. A large MAY NOT be any wider than 80cm and no deeper than 49cm**. You must make sure your cages have solid sides attached to prevent cats coming into contact with each other. These can be made from corflute or other solid material and must be OPAQUE and WATERPROOF.

There will be a limited number of cages for hire available at the show in the following sizes. Preference for large cages will be given to adult cats of large breeds.

Small cages 63cm Wide x 45cm Deep x 45cm High – front opening

Large cages 90cm Wide x 48cm Deep x 52cm High – front opening

STALLS

If you would like a stall, we would love to hear from you. We can provide an area for you to set up a display or sell products. For further information, contact acfnational2024@gmail.com

CATALOGUE ADVERTISING

The following advertising opportunities are available. Please email print ready copy electronically to the show secretary acfnational2024@gmail.com

Full Page \$100,

Half Page \$60,

Quarter page \$35

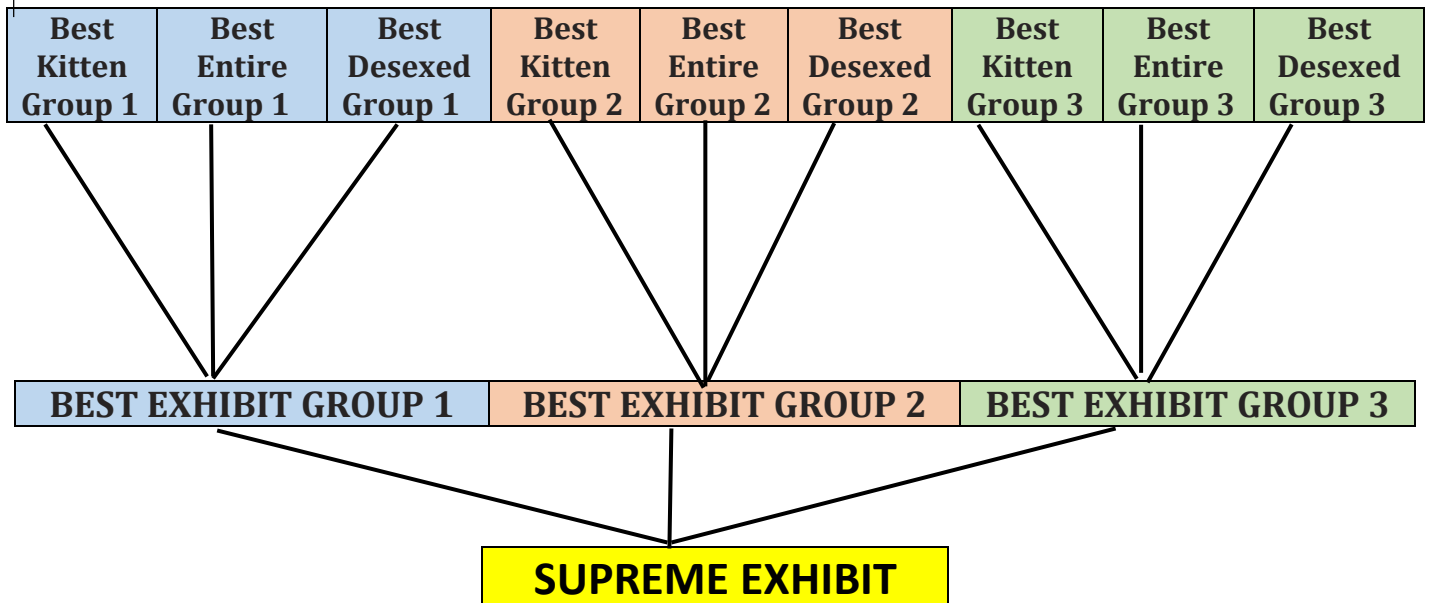
Business Card \$20



BEST EXHIBIT IN GROUP & SUPREME EXHIBIT IN SHOW

The Best kitten, entire & desexed cat in each Group will judged by a panel of judges who have not judged in the Group. The panels will assess the first placed cats, kittens and desexed cats to choose an overall Best in Section to compete for Best in Group.

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SUPREME COMPANION EXHIBIT

A Supreme judging panel will be used to determine which of the six Best in Show Companion Exhibit winners will be awarded Supreme Companion Exhibit.



DEPARTURE PETS

IMPORTANT THINGS TO NOTE

Before the show

- Entries to this show must be accompanied by a full copy of the certified pedigree (minimum: exhibit plus 4 generations) for verification that the exhibit's pedigree conforms to ACF breeding & registration guidelines ([see show rules](#)). Please make sure you upload a digital copy of the registration certificate/pedigree with your entry. (Details about how to enter using catshowsonline can be found further in this schedule.)
- The show secretary will email confirmation of your entry.
- Function passes will be available at the Welcome Function and at show entry on Saturday. Check your confirmation email carefully and advise the Show Secretary ASAP of any changes necessary.
- This is a six-ring show over two days. Your cat will be handled at least three times each day. Please consider your cat's temperament when entering!
- **All exhibits must have front and rear claws clipped.**
- Desexed and entire kittens will compete against each other.
- Please note at this show exhibitor identification will be issued at the front desk. Exhibitor identification must be worn at all times otherwise an entry fee may be charged.
- Entries will not be accepted for breeds or colours/patterns not recognised by ACF Inc.
- Exhibitors' names will be recorded as per the certificate of registration/pedigree.

At the show

- All exhibits must remain in their cages until the show closes.
- No powders or sprays are to be used within the show hall; this will result in the disqualification of the exhibit/s. A designated grooming area will be made available to exhibitors.
- Please be aware of the closing time of the show. Any exhibit left in the hall unattended at the close of show will be removed and taken to a boarding cattery overnight at the owner's expense.
- Cat litter must be disposed of ONLY in the marked bins. Please don't use the judge's bins as the odour is unpleasant and will upset other exhibits.

BREED TALKS

- Our show will feature breed talks where ACF judges will present and describe various breeds and their history. This is an excellent opportunity for breeders to promote their breed to the public. Spaces are limited. Exhibits must have excellent temperaments and be able to cope with crowds.
- The breed talks will be presented at the following times: 11.00am and 1.00pm. If you would like to sign up an exhibit to be part of the talks, contact Jenny Weekes at acfnational2024@gmail.com

GENERAL PUBLIC ENTRY PRICES

Adults - \$7.50
Children under 16/Pensioners - \$5.00
Families - \$20.00

Ample free car parking at the venue.

ACCOMMODATION

OFFICIAL Accommodation (NO Cats permitted)

Crowne Plaza Hawkesbury Valley
61 Hawkesbury Valley Way
Windsor, NSW 2756

Distance to show venue: 2.2km / 4 min

Distance to airport: 65km / 60min

Other accommodation - Cats Permitted

Ingenia Holidays Avina, 217 Commercial Road Vineyard (02) 96271847 (25 mins from venue)

Gateway Motel, Cnr Windsor Road & Boundary Road Vineyard (02) 96276022 (25 mins from venue)

Hidden Valley Retreat Cottages, Cabbage Tree Road Grose Vale 0416 165 646 (25 mins)

Ingenia Holidays Nepean River Mackellar Street Emu Plains 4735 4425 (30 mins)

Ingenia holidays Sydney Hills 269 New Line Road Dural 02 9651 2555 (40 mins) (1 pet per cabin)

Mantra Castle Hill 8 Gladstone Road Castle Hill 02 80726600 (45 mins)

Kurrajong Trails & Cottages, Kirkwood Road Blaxlands Ridge (30 mins) 02 45761417

Hermitage Cottage, 112/112A Horan Lane Grose Vale (20 mins) 02 4721121

Madison's Mountain Retreat at Kurrajong Heights (30 mins) 02 45677398

Quest Apartments North Sydney, Olympic Park, Penrith, Campbelltown
<https://www.questapartments.com.au/pet-friendly-accommodation/sydney>

Other accommodation options

STAYZ HOLIDAY ACCOMMODATION www.stayz.com.au

AIRBNB ACCOMMODATION www.airbnb.com.au

HOMEAWAY www.homeaway.com.au

Camping at Hawkesbury Showground

The Hawkesbury Showground has pet friendly powered caravan sites close to the Hawkesbury Pavilion, and there are showers and toilets within the pavilion for exhibitors to use. Camping is only allowed where there is an event on. Contact acfnational2024@gmail.com for booking form.

There is also a local company who hires vans and will deliver them to the site. They are pet friendly. On Point Caravan Hire – 0413 888 805 or 0447 044 710

<https://www.camplify.com.au/s/sydney/caravan+deliver+pets?seed=85859&page=1>

AUSTRALIAN CAT FEDERATION (INC.) BY-LAWS PART 6.2

NATIONAL SHOW RULES

1. Entries must be made on the appropriate entry form and must be in the hand of the Show Manager by the stated closing time. All entry fees must accompany the entry form. Entry fees will not be refunded under any circumstances.
2. All exhibits, local and interstate, excepting unpedigreed must be registered and issued with an approved registration number by a recognised controlling body and be eligible under By-Law Part 1 Clauses 3, 4 or 5. Each exhibit, excepting unpedigreed, must be accompanied by a pedigree issued from its registered controlling body.
3. Unless otherwise stated on the Show Schedule, no litters will be accepted for competition.
4. All exhibits must be vaccinated as per current veterinary protocols. Vaccination certificates for all kittens must be available for inspection.
5. All adult cats entered for competition, including titled cats, must complete in their appropriate Open class (whether entire or desexed). Kittens must be entered in their individual age classes (under 5, 7 and 9 months).
6. No cat obviously pregnant may be exhibited. No cat obviously nursing a litter may be exhibited. No vasectomised cat may be exhibited. No female cat desexed by tubal ligation may be exhibited.
7. The age of all exhibits shall be computed from the day of their birth to the first (1st) day of the show:
 - a. Kittens: exhibits twelve (12) weeks (84 days) and under nine (9) months (270 days) of age; and
 - b. Cats: exhibits nine (9) months (270 days) of age and over on the day of the show.
8. An exhibit must be the bona fide registered property of the owner or lessee in whose name it is entered. If owned by more than one person, the names of all part-owners must be shown on the entry form.
9. The Show Manager reserves the right to refuse or return any entry or entries. Exhibitors whose entries are refused are to be notified in writing by registered mail within seven (7) days of close of entries. A Copy of such letter to be forwarded at the same time to the ACF (Inc.) Secretary.
10. One free pass will be issued to the exhibitor. These passes are not transferable. Where the exhibitor is a partnership, whether owner or lessee; additional free passes may be issued, at the discretion of the Show Manager.
11. While ACF (Inc.) takes every care of animals entered in a show, all exhibits are entered/exhibited at the owner's/lessee's risk. It must be strictly understood by all exhibitors, and all other persons, that ACF will not accept responsibility for the loss of or damage to any exhibit or property, whether arising from accident or other causes by its officers, agents or any other person. All personal property left in the hall is the owner's responsibility.
12. No cat or other animal, other than exhibits, shall be allowed within the precincts of the show hall for the duration of the show.
13. All exhibits must be brought to the hall in suitable carry-boxes or containers. No exhibit will be accepted if on leads, wrapped in towels, etc.
14. No exhibit or exhibitor (other than veterinary professionals) may enter the hall if, at any time during the period of 30 days immediately preceding the day of the show, they have been in contact with or affected by a disease infectious to cats.
15. All inspected exhibits must pass the Veterinary Inspection.
 - a. A duly qualified veterinary surgeon may examine each cat, whether entered for competition or exhibition only, or
 - b. A veterinary surgeon shall be present at the show from 7:00 am until midday, inspecting animals of their selection during that period. Entry to bays during judging is not permitted except at show manager's request. 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. Refer to form in By-Laws Part 6.1 National Show – Administration Clause 14.
16. Member bodies hosting a National may elect to have no vetting at shows.
 - (a) Whether vetting is to be conducted or not will be shown on the Show Schedule.
 - (b) The Show Manager may remove an exhibit from the show if, in their opinion, the exhibit is not in show condition. Their decision in this regard will be final.
17. If an adult male cat entered as an entire male is found to be monorchid or cryptorchid it will be disqualified.
18. If during the course of the show, an exhibit should be found to be ailing, or distressed through any cause, the Show Manager may at their discretion request that the exhibit be removed from the show hall.
19. Exhibitor Owned Cages: All cages brought by exhibitors must comply with the approved standards and sizes.
 - (a) The small cage will have a maximum size of 62.5cm wide x 46cm deep x 52cm high.
 - (b) The large cage will have a maximum size of 78.9cm wide x 48.3cm deep x 56cm high.
 - (c) The cage shall be of a wire mesh type construction with one or two doors. No top opening cages will be permitted. There must be a door at the front.
 - (d) The cage must be fitted with suitable waterproof and opaque (non -see through) solid barriers on both sides and back to prevent direct contact between benched cats.
20. Curtains (if used) and a towel or blanket must be in cages prior to the commencement of judging. No other objects are allowed until judging is completed, except for devices used for warmth. Nothing in cages shall identify owner.
21. No foodstuffs are allowed in cages prior to and/or during judging but drinking water may be provided.
22. Litter trays may be provided by exhibitors
23. Grooming of exhibits benched may be continued until exhibitors are requested to leave the judging area prior to judging. No sprays or powders used to groom exhibits are to be used in the show hall. Transgression will result in the disqualification of the exhibit.
24. All exhibits entered for competition shall have all claws clipped.
25. Carry-boxes, etc. must be placed out of sight after the exhibit is benched.

26. Late arrivals will only be accepted at the discretion of the Show Manager but exhibits not in their cages when the judges are called to the floor will automatically be disqualified from that ring.
27. No exhibit may be removed from the vicinity of its cage without special permission from the Show Manager.
28. No exhibit may be removed from the show hall before completion of prize-giving without the permission of the Show Manager.
29. The Show Manager reserves the right to amend prize lists and to alter judging assignments if necessary.
30. All exhibits at the ACF (Inc.) National Show are judged according to the Standards of the ACF Inc. All breeds, colours and patterns will be fully written.
31. The ACF (Inc.) National Show will contain the following sections for competition: -
 - (a)

GROUP 1: Birman, Exotic, Maine Coon, Nebelung, Neva Masquerade, Norwegian Forest Cat, Ragdoll, Persian, Siberian, Turkish Angora, Turkish Van.

GROUP 2: Balinese, Foreign White, Foreign White Longhair, Oriental Shorthair, Oriental Longhair, Peterbald, Siamese.

GROUP 3: Abyssinian, American Curl, American Shorthair, Australian Mist, Bengal, Bombay, British (Shorthair and Longhair), Burmese (American), Burmese, Burmilla, Burmilla Longhair, Cornish Rex, Cymric, Devon Rex, Egyptian Mau, Japanese Bobtail Shorthair, Japanese Bobtail Longhair, Korat, LaPerm, LaPerm Longhair, Lykoi, Mandalay, Manx, Munchkin Shorthair, Munchkin Longhair, Ocicat, Pixiebob, Russian, Scottish Fold Shorthair, Scottish Fold Longhair, Scottish Shorthair, Scottish Longhair, Selkirk Rex Shorthair, Selkirk Rex Longhair, Singapura, Snowshoe, Somali, Sphynx, Tonkinese, Toyger.

GROUP 4: Companion Cats.

NOTE: Refer to Clause 43 for exhibits competing from a Breed Development Programme.
 - (b) Member Bodies hosting a National Show may elect to use the following sections: Longhair (Group 1), Shorthair (Groups 2 & 3) and Companion Cats (Group 4).
 - (c) The sections for competition to be used will be shown on the Show Schedule.
32. Desexed exhibits shall not compete against entire exhibits except where special regulations apply as in side-classes such as eye colour, etc. or for Supreme Exhibit. For Top 5/10 Kittens, desexed and entire kittens will compete together.
33. Award Certificates. In each ring:
 - (a) Challenge and Award of Merit certificates will be awarded for Best Male, Best Female, Best Neuter and Best Spay in each colour (A.O.C. and non-pedigreed exhibits excepted or where special regulations apply – see Rule 43) irrespective of the number of entries, provided the exhibits reach the required standard.
 - (b) Challenge and Award of Merit certificates awarded to exhibits from Breed Development Programs must be marked with the “generation Level (i.e., GEN 1 etc.)”. However, the generation level status will not be indicated on the judges’ slips.
 - (c) Award of Excellence (AoE) will be awarded for the Best Male, Best Female, Best Neuter and Best Spay in each Group provided the exhibits reach the required standard.
 - (d) Companion Merit Awards will be awarded for Best Neuter and Best Spay Companion Cat provided the exhibits reach the required standard.
 - (e) Award of Honour (AoH) will be awarded for Best Neuter and Best Spay Companion Cat in Show provided the exhibits meet the required criteria.
34. A Judge’s decision on the merit of an exhibit shall be final unless such decision is contrary to the rules under which the show is conducted. Judges shall be empowered and instructed not to award any prize, Challenge or Award of Merit Certificate or Companion Merit Award to any exhibit which they consider is not of sufficient merit. The judge may award a second place and may withhold a prize altogether where the exhibits are not, in his opinion, of sufficient merit.
35. Judges are instructed to ignore tattoo marks and other similar forms of identification (e.g. reaction to microchip insert) in show cats.
36. If a judge is of the opinion that colour or pattern is incorrect, and entry form is checked and error is confirmed to be by exhibitor, then that judge will withhold.
37. Any exhibit which is unable to be handled by the judge will not be judged. Any exhibit found to be sedated will be disqualified.
 - a) If an exhibit behaves in an aggressive manner, or injures a handler, it will be marked UTH (Unable to be Handled) and disqualified from further competition in the show.
 - b) If an exhibit is less aggressive but is unable to be taken from the cage to the judging table or be handled sufficiently to be effectively judged/assessed, it will be marked UTJ (unable to be judged) for that ring.
38. Officiating judges may enter exhibits in competition, but not judge their own exhibits. Such judges are excluded from conferring with judges of cats in sections in which they are exhibiting and from sitting on any panel including for Supreme Exhibit in the event that any exhibit owned by such judges should be presented to such panels.
39. Panel judging may be used at the discretion of the Show Manager. Panel should be of an odd number.
40. In the event of a split decision during panel judging, the panel will be instructed to determine between two of the exhibits, and then between the winner and a third exhibit and so on until an overall winner is established.
41. Any complaint regarding the management of the show must be made in writing to the ACF Inc. Secretary together with a fee determined by ACF Inc., within two days of the show. The fee will be refunded if the protest is upheld.
42. No cards or ribbons, other than those won at the show, may be displayed.
43. Breed Development Programme:
 - (a) Exhibits from a Breed Development Programme shall compete against full register exhibits in their appropriate classes if they are, or have been, part of an approved program aimed at producing cats of an established breed/variety and standard in the Open Classes where Challenges and Award of Merit certificates are awarded.
 - (b) Exhibits from a Breed Development Programme are eligible for Best of Breed/Variety and Best in Show Awards.
 - (c) Exhibits of an unrecognised variety (colour, marking, or coat quality) of an established breed shall compete in Open Classes for AOC/AOV exhibits. The proposed standard of points must be forwarded with the entry
44. It is the responsibility of exhibitors to ensure exhibits’ certification is correct before the show.

SCHEDULE OF COSTS - SUMMARY SHEET 52nd Australian Cat Federation (Inc.) National Cat Show 8th and 9th June 2024	
ITEM	PRICE
Entry fee per exhibit	\$75.00
Benching Fee Per Exhibitor	\$10.00
Small Hire Cage (limited numbers)	\$10.00
Large Hire Cage (limited numbers) (Adult cats/large breeds)	\$10.00
Catalogue	\$25.00
Catalogue Advertising: Full Page \$100 Half Page \$60 Quarter page \$35 Business card \$20	\$ ____
Additional Exhibitor Pass/es	\$7.50 each
Friday 7 th June - Welcome Function (Includes one drink)	\$30.00
Official Dinner (3 courses - Alternate Plate Drop)	\$72.00
Monday 10 th June - ACF Judges Guild AGM/Seminar (all day)	\$69.00
Monday 10 th June - ACF Judges Guild Seminar (Afternoon Tea)	\$15.00
Tuesday 11 th June - ACF AGM & GM - Observers Only	\$69.00
Stalls: Single \$150.00 (3m frontage) Double \$200.00 (5m frontage)	\$ ____ (please specify)
ACF Yearbook 2024	\$15.00
Donation to Trophy Fund	\$ ____
Total	\$

*Payment for entries and functions must be made through
catshowsonline.com Online Entries at www.catshowsonline.com*

Entering the 2024 ACF National Online.

Entries to the Show will be online.

The National will use the **Catshowsonline.com** entry system for entries as well as show administration.

For those unfamiliar with Catshowsonline.com, and as a refresher for those who have used the system before, here are instructions on how to enter.

Before Entering:

- To enter the show, you will need a PC or Tablet – Mobile phones work as well, however the text can be quite small!! The best experience is on a PC.
- Ensure you have scanned images of your Pedigrees as you will need to upload them.
- Catshowsonline.com utilises online payments, so you will require either a Credit or Debit Card to pay for your entry. Cash on the day and Direct Debit is not available for this show.

Registering and Setting up “My Cats”:

Prior to entering a show, you need to create an online profile in Catshowsonline.com and then add your cats and kittens to the profile.

- Navigate to www.catshowsonline.com and select the “Register Here” button.
- Enter your Details, and also select your ACF affiliated council – for exhibitors registered with other cat associations, please select the “OTHER” option.
- For exhibits owned by more than one person, please enter both names in the name field.
- Click the “Go to Homepage” button.
- Once back on the homepage, Select “Login” in the Top right-hand corner. And enter the email address and password you registered.
- You will now see the word “Login” has been replaced with your name.
- Click on your name and select “My Cats” from the drop-down selection.
- Select the “Add Cat” Button and have your pedigrees ready.
- Add your cats details:
 - Registration Number,
 - Sex, (Male, Female, Male Desexed = Neuter, Female Desexed = Spay)
 - Date Of Birth, (Click on the Month and year to change years/months)
 - Titles,
 - Name,
 - Sire, (Please Omit Titles – Prefix and Name only)
 - Dam, (Please Omit Titles – Prefix and Name only)
 - Class (Select “Kitten” for Under 9 Months. Open for 9 Months and Over, Gold and Platinum are not used at nationals, however feel free to select if you cat is Gold or Platinum+)
 - Select Breed,
 - Select Colour – If your cat’s Colour/pattern is not here, then please send a message to Catshowsonline “contact us” section or email “info@Catshowsonline.com” so it can be added as required.
All Colours and Patterns will comply with correct Easy Mind System (EMS) Syntax.
 - Attach your scanned pedigree.
- Click “Save”
- You should now be back in the “My Cats” page and your Cat should now appear.
- Repeat the “Add Cat” process for all cats to be entered
- Congratulations - You Are now ready to enter the show.

ENTERING THE SHOW CONTINUED

Now, with your profile set up, you are ready to enter the show.

- Return to the Home Page, and select the “Enter Now” button associated to the ACF National. It can be identified with the ACF Logo and Information.
- Review the information regarding the show, then scroll down to accept the rules and regulations of showing. Finally click “Enter Now”
- The Entry page is sorted into 2 sections – Extras and Entries
- Extras: Here you can order items related to the show, or planned events. The items are set out with what they are and how much they cost.
- Entries: Here you enter your cats into the show.
- Click on “Select Cat*”
- A dropdown box will appear with the cat’s names.
- Select the first cat to enter
- You should see the details of the cat, and also a drop-down box with the Size of Cage or a Hire cage if required. Select the correct cage.
- Click on the entered cats name to see the other cats available to enter.
- Enter until all required cats are done.
- Select “Proceed to Payment”

PAYING FOR THE SHOW

- You will now be taken away from the Catshowsonline.com website and to Paypal.com
- If you have a PayPal login, please enter it and pay for the show.
- If you don’t have a PayPal Login – and don’t want one, you can select “Pay with a Card” on this screen to Pay without a PayPal membership. The site takes all Credit and Debit Cards.
- Once you have paid, please wait for the site to automatically return to the Catshowsonline.com website.
- Congratulations! You are now entered. You should soon receive an invoice from PayPal, and a Receipt from Catshowsonline.com – if no receipt arrives in your email box, please check your junk mail. If it is not there, please contact Catshowsonline.com to confirm you are entered.
- Important – The Catshowsonline.com Receipt will arrive in your registered email inbox, and will have all pertinent details regarding your entry:
 - Exhibit name,
 - Date of Birth, *
 - Sex, (Male, Female, Neuter**, Spay**)
 - Breed
 - and Colour/Pattern.

* Date of Birth Defines a Kitten or Adult Class:

** Neuter is also known as “Male Desexed,” Spay is also known “Female Desexed.”

*You **MUST** confirm that this information is correct as it will determine how your cat is classed and entered. This information will not be changed on the day of the show so problems and changes will need to be fixed prior to the show.*

Birthdate on Pedigree	Class
Born after 16 th March 2024	Too young to compete
9 th Sept 2023 – 16 th March 2024	Kitten Class
Born before 9 th Sept 2023	Open Class

COMING TO THE NATIONAL SHOW WITHOUT CATS?

No Problem, you can still Purchase Extras and attend the events.

- Just follow the “Registration” Process and skip the “Add Cat” section.
- Once Registered and Logged in, you can order your requirements and pay as per the above process.

GOOD LUCK!

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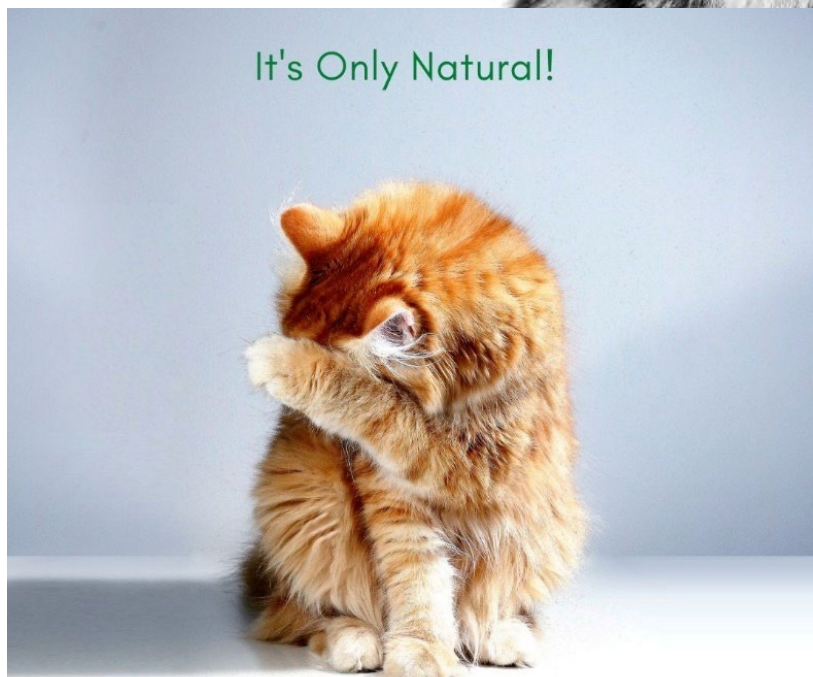
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