



REGIONAL QUEENSLAND



## CAT CLUB INC

(AFFILIATED WITH QFA INC)

### Presents

A Championship All-Breeds Show on Sunday 16 May 2021 at the Townsville Orchid Society Hall (385 Charles St, Kirwan)

**Hall Opens/Benching 7.00am – 9.00am - Judging starts 9.30am, Limit of 60 entries in show.**

This Event is a Category 3 COVID Safe Event, strictly follows the COVID Safe Events Checklist, and has been issued with a COVID statement of compliance. More details can be found at:

[https://www.covid19.qld.gov.au/\\_data/assets/pdf\\_file/0018/132570/industry-framework-covid-safe-events.pdf](https://www.covid19.qld.gov.au/_data/assets/pdf_file/0018/132570/industry-framework-covid-safe-events.pdf)

By entering this show, you are agreeing that you have read the COVID Safe Plan and that you will comply with the requirements described in it. (Pages 3, 4 and 5 of this Schedule.)

- All participants will be required to answer a questionnaire and have their temperature taken on arrival (This will be a non-contact activity.)
- If you would like to request a large cage for your exhibit, you will need to contact the Show Secretary for approval prior to entering. See COVID Plan for more details.

Closing Date Friday the 30<sup>th</sup> April unless sold out prior.

|  | <b>Longhair</b>                 | <b>Shorthair</b>                | <b>Companions</b>               |
|--|---------------------------------|---------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| <b>Ring 1</b>  | Janis Christison (ACF-QFA)      | Jo-Anne Frank (ACF-QFA)         | Marisa Thistlethwaite (ACF-QFA) |
| <b>Ring 2</b>  | Marisa Thistlethwaite (ACF-QFA) | Janis Christison (ACF-QFA)      | Jo-Anne Frank (ACF-QFA)         |
| <b>Ring 3</b>  | Jo-Anne Frank (ACF-QFA)         | Marisa Thistlethwaite (ACF-QFA) | Janis Christison (ACF-QFA)      |
| Best Overall Longhair and Best Overall Shorthair as judged by the Ring 1 Judge respectively.<br>Best Overall Companion |                                 |                                 |                                 |

**Awards: Top 10 Cats and Desexed, Top 10 kittens and Top 5 Companions (subject to entry numbers)**

Individual Entries (1-2 cats): \$40 per entry for 3 rings

Subsequent Entries: \$38 per entry for 3 rings

Catalogues \$10

Hire of Cage: \$15 include disinfecting (please contact show manager if required)

**Use of cage and curtains FREE if this is your first show.**

Stalls : Please contact Show Manager

Management Advertising Catalogue: Full Page B & W \$15.00 Colour \$30.00 Half Page \$10.00 Bus Card \$5.00 Website: Show Page Entry Advertising: \$20

Show Manager: Reece Wilkie 0431 171 400

Show Secretary: Naomi Wilkie 0437 588 943

QFA Rep: Mary West

ALL ENTRIES TO BE SUBMITTED VIA [WWW.CATSHOWSONLINE.COM](http://WWW.CATSHOWSONLINE.COM) SCANNED COPIES OF REGISTRATION CERTIFICATES FOR EACH EXHIBIT MUST BE UPLOADED TO THE ENTRY'S CATSHOWSONLINE PROFILE.

The only exception is for kittens under the age of 4 months where registration is pending.

This event is not catered, please arrange your own food and beverages.

## QFA SHOW RULES

This Show is conducted under the Rules and Regulations of the QFA Inc

Complete copy of the QFA Inc Rules will be available at the Show for exhibitors' perusal

### GENERAL SHOW ADMINISTRATION

1. Entry fees must be paid when entering exhibits. No refunds will be made.
2. An exhibit which is withdrawn after entries close, up to and including on show day, must be withdrawn from all rings.
3. The Club reserves the right to refuse any entry and refund any fees paid.
4. The Club reserves the right to replace contracted judges or appoint additional judges if required.
5. When entering a show the exhibitor agrees to the following Exhibitors Declaration: "I hereby declare that the particulars contained herein are true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief and enter exhibit/s at my own risk. I declare that I am the bonafide Owner or Lessee and agree to abide by the Rules of QFA Inc. under which this Show is conducted. None of my exhibits or any of the cats/kittens residing in my home and/or cattery has been affected by, or in contact with, an infectious/contagious disease or illness within thirty (30) days prior to this Show."
6. Clubs must nominate a Member of the Executive or Delegate or a judge of QFA Inc to act as QFA Inc Representative at QFA Inc. Shows, such representatives to be noted on Show Schedules.
7. All complaints regarding the Show must be in writing and accompanied by a fee of twenty (\$20.00) dollars and in the hands of the Show Manager within seven (7) days of the Show. Fees are refundable if upheld. No complaint against the running of the Show will be entertained by QFA Inc unless lodged in accordance with this
8. If a cat is "NE" (Not Entered) in a ring on the day of a show and is judged by mistake then the top 10/15 placings can be adjusted immediately by the show secretary on the day. If the error is picked up later at any stage in that show season then the COTY points must be altered accordingly within that show season, being Jan – Nov.
9. No exhibit can be removed from the Show or from their designated (by the Show Manager) cage, to another without the consent of the Show Manager. EXHIBITS CANNOT LEAVE SHOW CAGE UNTIL ALL JUDGING IS FINALISED AND THE SHOW IS DECLARED CLOSED BY THE SHOW MANAGER.
10. All reasonable care will be taken of exhibits. QFA Inc and organizing Clubs, their Officials and Members accept NO responsibility for any loss or damage to any person, feline or property.
11. Any Judge appointed to judge at QFA Inc sanctioned shows may not judge an exhibit bred by them self unless a period of six (6) months has elapsed since the exhibit left their residence.
12. Any judge who is active on the floor of the Show may exhibit in any Section or Ring other than the one in which they are judging. Judges may act as Stewards at OPEN SHOWS only. Judges are permitted to bench their own exhibits but must bench early and leave the cage area immediately.

## REGISTRATION OF EXHIBITS

13. A photocopy of the certificate of registration and pedigree for each exhibit must accompany the completed entry. The only exception is for kittens under the age of four (4) months where registration is pending. In this situation, the relevant details must be filled in on the entry.

14. All exhibits (except Companions) over the age of four (4) months MUST be registered, and registration number included with the entry. All pedigreed exhibits domiciled in Queensland (except in joint interstate prefixes), MUST be registered with a recognized Queensland Governing Body. Only the Queensland registration number will be accepted. (ACF Inc/CCCA Inc recognized throughout Australia). For local, interstate or overseas transfers "Upon the sale, exchange, lease or gift of a cat for breeding/exhibiting, the transfer of ownership section on the original certificate must be lodged with the Registrar WITHIN TWO (2) CALENDAR MONTHS of such disposition".

15. Entries to QFA Inc sanctioned shows for exhibits registered with any other Australian body other than ACF or CCCA affiliates must be accompanied by a 4, generation pedigree. Entries must be received in sufficient time to allow the registrar to verify that the exhibits pedigree conforms to ACF breeding guidelines

16. All Burmese and Tonkinese entries to QFA Inc sanctioned shows (including kittens under 4 months of age) registered with a body other than QFA must be accompanied by a 4, generation pedigree. Entries must be received in sufficient time to allow the registrar to verify that the exhibits pedigree conforms to ACF breeding guidelines.

17. Age of each exhibit will be calculated to be the actual age on the day of Show or the first day of a multi-day show.

18. No kitten under twelve (12) weeks is permitted to be shown.

19. Kittens may be reclassified before judging or during the first ring of judging with the owner's consent on the understanding that the kitten cannot be changed again for the duration of the show.

20. All exhibits must be entered in Show with information (including colour and pattern) as detailed on their registration certificate. Exhibits must be judged according to this information. Adult exhibits (9 months and over) CANNOT be reclassified for colour or pattern prior to judging on the day or during judging BUT ONLY AFTER all the judging is completed. Reclassification may then be made after examination and agreement by three (3) QFA Inc judges.

21. Companion exhibits over the age of four (4) months must be desexed.

22. Exhibition of Breed Development Program exhibits to be in accordance with the current QFA Inc Regulations and By-laws. HEALTH, SAFETY AND WELFARE OF CATS

23. All exhibits must be currently vaccinated to enter in a QFA Inc. sanctioned show. Every kitten entered in the show or on exhibition must have had at least one F3 (or equivalent) vaccination not less than 7 days prior to the show and a copy of its current vaccination certificate must be provided with the entry. The vaccination certificate or documentation must be signed by the person who administered the vaccine and include the vaccine sticker label with date given and the kitten's breed, colour, sex and DOB.

24. All exhibits must have claws clipped (front and back).

25. All exhibits must be brought to the Show in suitable container, not on leashes or carried in arms.

26. When benching time is listed on Schedule, exhibits MUST be benched by advertised time. If exhibitor arrives after stipulated time, and judging has commenced, exhibitor must forfeit being judged in that Ring and wait until the judge has completed the Finals in that ring, before benching their exhibit/s.

27. Where a QFA Show has no vetting; the show committee reserves the right to remove any exhibit that is NOT IN SHOW CONDITION.

Or

28. Where a QFA show has vetting any exhibit, which is, in the opinion of the veterinarian, unfit for exhibition, will be removed from the hall immediately. If, in the opinion of the veterinarian, it is so desirable, all exhibits from the same cattery shall be banned from attending the show. THE VETERINARIAN'S DECISION IS FINAL.

29. Female cats in kitten or lactating queens without their Litters MUST NOT BE SHOWN.

30. Unilateral or bilateral cryptorchids over the age of nine (9) months, vasectomized males, or females which have undergone tubal ligation, must not be shown. Any person who knowingly contravenes this Rule will have their exhibit disqualified and all entry fees forfeited.

31. Litter trays may be left in cages for kittens up to 4 (four) months of age during judging.

32. There must not be any objects in the cage that will identify the owner of the exhibit.

33. Litter Classes at QFA shows are optional and is up to individual clubs.

34. Litters requiring hire cages will automatically receive a second adjoining cage at no extra cost. If the Dam of such Litter is being exhibited, she may only be placed in with her Litter after judging or between Rings.

35. Only one exhibit may be benched per cage unless entered in a litter.

36. Tattoos (on desexed exhibits only) or microchips under the skin will not penalize an exhibit.

37. Cages must be kept clean by exhibitors prior to and after judging. No food to be left in cages until judging is completed for the day.

38. Exhibitor owned cages must be fitted with suitable solid barriers on both sides and back to prevent direct contact between benched cats.

#### COMPETING FOR AWARDS

39. Exhibits registered as AOC/AOV in accordance with current ACF standards may be entered in QFA Inc shows but will not be eligible for challenges, best of breed, ACF awards, Top 10 placings or COY awards.

40. Breeds and or colours and or patterns that are not recognised by QFA Inc may not be entered in a QFA Inc show.

41. Neuter or Spay (desexed) kittens under the age of nine (9) months will compete with entire kittens in age classes and for Best in Show Awards.

42. Any unregistered kittens under 4 months shown without a name will not be eligible for QFA COTY or Best of Breed points.

43. All adult cats with the exception of Gold Double Grand Champions, Platinum, Sapphire, Ruby, Emerald, and Diamond Double Grand Champions, compete together for one challenge in the Open Class for each breed/colour, Male-Female- Neuter Spay.

44. Companion exhibits will compete in colour classes. Companion adult exhibits must be registered as Companions to be eligible for award certificates towards titles of Champion and higher which will be attained in the same manner as pedigreed exhibits. Adult Companions will compete in Neuter-Spay classes only.

45. Gold Double Grand Champions of each Group (Longhair and Shorthair and Companion in metropolitan shows; Groups 1, 2, 3 and 4 for northern shows) compete together for one certificate in Male-Female-Neuter-Spay. Platinum, Sapphire, Ruby, Emerald and Diamond Double Grand Champions of each Group (as above) compete together for one challenge in Male-Female-Neuter-Spay.

46. ACF Award Certificates may only be awarded to the Best Male – Female – Neuter – Spay of each Group (Groups 1, 2 and 3 for both metropolitan and northern shows)

47. ACF Companion Award Certificates may only be awarded to the highest placed adult exhibit in the Top 3 that comply with their registering body's companion rules and where there is a minimum of 3 adult companions present.

48. In the event of a 'Withheld Challenge' in an Open Class or first place declined in a Kitten Class, then no Best in Section or Best of Breed shall be awarded if that exhibit is the sole entry in its' Breed/Colour Section.

49. The judge's decision as to the quality of the exhibit is final. The judge is empowered to withhold any award in any class or Special Award if, in the judges' opinion, the exhibit does not possess sufficient merit.

50. The following Awards MUST be made at QFA Inc Shows in each Group - BEST - RESERVE - THIRD BEST CATS, KITTENS and DESEXED. RESERVE CHALLENGE winners should also be noted in the event of a protest or other Show Rule anomaly.

#### FRACTIOUS CATS

51. No cat is to be entered in Shows if it has a history of fractious behaviour. It is the Exhibitors' Duty of Care not to expose any judge or official to injury by any exhibit. Judges are not required to restrain or judge any exhibit showing any signs of aggression.

52. Exhibits may only be handled by the owner, at the invitation of the judge unless the show has been approved as an owner/handler show. All exhibitors at these shows must record their name and sign the insurance book provided by the club to ensure they are covered under the QFA Voluntary worker's insurance policy.

53. An Exhibit which is unable to be handled due to aggression and therefore marked Barred for Life (BFL –Barred for Life): deliberate biting or attacking of a judge, steward or any other person. No further judging or showing of the exhibit will take place. The steward must immediately report this to the Show Manager and the QFA Inc. Representative who will immediately record this by completing and signing a QFA Inc. BFL Notification Form which the judge and owner/exhibitor must also sign immediately. One part of the form must then be handed to the owner/exhibitor and the other part must be attached to the QFA Inc. Representative's Show Report. A red BFL tag will be immediately attached to the exhibit's cage by show personnel so that no following judge or show

personnel will attempt to handle the exhibit. The exhibit will be banned from showing for life and the owner will also be notified in writing by QFA Inc. following the show and no appeal will be considered. This is for reasons of insurance as well as the cat's welfare. QFA Inc. will notify ACF, CCCA and all Queensland councils.

54. An exhibit which acts less aggressively but is not able to be effectively judged/assessed and therefore marked Unable to be Judged (UTJ – Unable to be Judged) must be immediately reported by the steward to the Show manager who will ensure that a yellow UTJ tag is immediately attached to the exhibit's cage to warn following judges and show personnel. An exhibit marked UTJ is not automatically disqualified from further rings and such warnings alone will not result in barring from shows.

#### EXHIBITOR BEHAVIOUR AND ETIQUETTE

55. Unless the owner is called upon by the judge to do so, exhibitors must not discuss with the judge their exhibit whilst it is being judged on the table.

56. Any person/persons who, by their actions or words, intimidate any judge, show official, or any other person/persons at or in the vicinity of the show hall are liable to disciplinary action.

57. Mobile phones must be in Silent Mode during judging.

58. No flash cameras to be used within the show hall without the express permission of the Show Manager.

59. No ribbons, prize cards, certificates etc. are to be displayed during judging, or any won at previous shows displayed.

60. No alcohol is allowed to be consumed in the show hall

#### GROOMING IN SHOW HALL

61. No powder, aerosol sprays or Methylated Spirits are allowed in the vicinity of the cages. Exhibitors or handlers must not use talcum powder or other like substances on an exhibit while it is caged or in vicinity of othercages.

62. Judges shall be instructed to disqualify an exhibit upon which there is colouring matter or powder residue.

63. Exhibits cannot be groomed during judging while the judge is in the Ring (Stewards cleaning after an exhibit's mishap not included in this Rule). If mishap occurs QFA Inc Show Representative must be informed. Updated July 2020

## **COVID SAFE PLAN - IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT THIS SHOW**

1. This show is being run as a Category COVID Safe Event. The COVID Safe plan significantly changes the way in which the show will be conducted.
2. By entering this show, you are agreeing that you have read the COVID Safe Plan and that you will comply with the requirements described in it.
3. Any exhibitor who at any time does not comply with the requirements in the COVID Safe Plan or fails to comply with a direction of a show official during the show, will be asked to leave to show hall with their exhibit(s) immediately, with all awards and prizes forfeited.
4. There is a limit of 60 exhibits in this show. Once this limit is reached, no further entries will be accepted.
5. There is a limit on the number of people allowed in the show hall, in line with Queensland government requirements. The show will be open to the public up to the permitted number. If an exhibitor needs to leave the hall please request a Pass Out from the door attendant.
6. The show committee reserves the right to change any requirements or processes relating to the show at any time and without consultation with exhibitors. Exhibitors will be advised if any requirements change.
7. If instructed by the Queensland Government, the show can be cancelled at any time up to and including the day of the show, or while the show is underway. Should the show need to be cancelled for any reason, entry fees will be refunded in full. Before you enter any exhibits, we would like you to consider the following information that we have put together in order to make the show pleasant for everyone. This will be an open show and exhibitors will be allowed in the show hall throughout the day and will be able to watch their exhibit(s) being judged. We will be operating in a completely different environment from shows prior to the outbreak of COVID19. Please follow the guidelines in the show hall to comply with requirements relating to physical distancing.

### **PLEASE:**

1. Display patience at all times during the show to EACH and EVERY person in the hall
2. Follow the directions of the Safety Inspectors at all times
3. Remain seated unless you are using toilets, viewing your cat being judged or attending to your cat (at the direction of the Safety inspector)
4. Observe physical distancing and sit only in the areas allocated
5. Sanitise your hands regularly You may find that the new requirements are frustrating and that show participation is not the same as before. It WILL take longer to set up at the start of the show and to leave at the end of the day and time spent with your cat to groom for presentation will be limited to a small window. – REFER POINT 1 If you feel that you cannot work with the new requirements then you should not enter this show. We need your patience and cooperation. This is the first time any of us have done this! There will be issues, please provide suggestions if things are not going smoothly.

The Show Manager reserves the right to ask any exhibitor at any time to leave the show hall with their exhibits if they are not complying with the new requirements. In this event the exhibitor's exhibit(s) will be disqualified.



## **General**

1. Exhibitors are requested to bring their own fold out chairs and set their chair up in the allocated seating areas.
2. The 2 square metre rule applies in the show hall – The Orchid Society Hall is limited to 140 people at the show.
3. Judging Bay will be assigned a Safety Inspector who will be in a White Coat. The Safety Inspector will be available to ensure that benching, judging, cat welfare and departure after the show are managed in accordance with show rules Covid Safe requirements and physical distancing requirements. You must follow their direction at all times.
4. Before entering and exiting the hall exhibitors will sanitise hands – hand sanitisation stations will be set up throughout the hall, and also marked clearly on the map.
5. As per COVID Safe Events checklist, the toilets will be regularly cleaned throughout the day, please remain patient if the cleaning is in progress.
6. The event is not catered, please bring your own food and beverages or visit local shops/cafes.

## **Entries**

1. Exhibitors are limited to the name/s on their pedigrees and one other person if pre-arranged.
2. All entry payments will be via [www.catshowsonline.com](http://www.catshowsonline.com), pay on the day will not be accepted.
3. Owing to spacing and distancing restrictions, only very large cats will be allowed large cages. No other exhibits will be permitted in large cages – NO EXCEPTIONS.
4. All participants (exhibitors, judges and volunteers) will need to “check in” upon arrival. Non-Contact Temperature will be taken. All entering will confirm their name, physical address/phone number and declare that:
  - They have not had any flu like symptoms within the last two weeks
  - They have not been overseas or in Victoria or New South Wales within previous two weeks (subject to change)
  - They have not been in close contact within anyone diagnosed with Covid 19 withing last two weeks
  - They do not feel unwell

## **Benching and set-up**

1. Exhibitors will be emailed their cage numbers, a floor plan and an arrival time within 2 days prior to the event. Please ensure your email address is correct on [www.catshowsonline.com](http://www.catshowsonline.com)
2. Benching for exhibitors will be scheduled in 15 minute blocks. Exhibitors will be admitted to the hall and if queueing occurs exhibitors must comply with 1.5m physical distancing. There will be markers on the floor both inside and outside of the venue to ensure that the distancing rule is applied. Exhibitors will be asked to bench their cats as quickly as possible to allow next exhibitors to

bench their cats in satisfactory time. As a guide, exhibitors should spend no more than 10 minutes benching their cat (per cat).

3. There will be no grooming of cats in the show hall. Please bench your exhibit within 10 minutes (per exhibit). Exhibitors will be given a short period of time to make final preparations for their cat before judging commences.

4. After benching their cat(s) exhibitors must leave the area and sit in their allocated space.

5. 15 minutes prior to judging exhibitors will be allowed into the area to make final preparations for their cat. Exhibitors will need to maintain 1.5m from other exhibitors at all times – as a guide, there should be at least one double cage between exhibitors at all times. The Safety Inspector will manage this process to ensure that all exhibitors are fairly able to access their exhibits during this time.

### **Judging**

1. Judges are required to steward their own cats.

2. The Safety Inspector will assist the Judge with any queries relating to the exhibits or judging processes; to provide refreshments such as water and hot beverages; and to provide any other assistance the Judge requires. The Safety Inspector may assist, or arrange assistance for, the Judge in the handling of a fractious or otherwise difficult exhibit.

3. The Safety Inspector will undertake any attention to the cats in the bay during the day. This includes placing or removing a litter tray or similar requirement. Only the Safety Inspector and the Judge may be present in the bay throughout the day once benching is complete until departure at the end of the day. This includes when there is no judging occurring in that bay.

4. At their discretion, the Safety Inspector may permit an exhibitor to enter the bay to attend to a cat. This includes cleaning a soiled cat, to place or remove a water bowl in the cage, or to quickly refresh an exhibit between judging rings. If permitted into the bay by the Safety Inspector, the exhibitor will be expected to attend to their cat quickly – within minutes.

5. Exhibitors need to seek approval of the Safety Inspector if they wish to enter the bay for a purpose as above, at any time during the day after benching – this includes while there is no judging in that bay.

6. Consistent with current practice, the Judge may, at their discretion, call exhibitors into the bay to present their cats for their top awards. The judge should call no more than three (3) exhibitors into the bay at any time, and all should ensure that the exhibitors and judge remain 1.5m apart at all times.

7. Lunch breaks for Judges and workers will be staggered and all will be required to adhere to 1.5m distancing while seated for lunch.

### **End of show and departure**

1. Challenge certificates, Award of Merits and ACF Awards will be emailed to exhibitors within 24 hours of the end of show,

2. All prizes will be placed on cages as usual then handed to the exhibitor

3. Departure – removal of cats from the show hall – will also be staggered. The Safety Inspector will manage exhibitors in their bay and will call in exhibitors as soon as the previous exhibitor departs the bay.

4. Exhibitors are not permitted to depart the show hall till the completion of show presentations