



Cats Qld Inc

Code Of Ethics



MEMBERS

Members who are found to be in breach of any part of the Code of Ethics listed below may face disciplinary action, which could include suspension and/or expulsion from Cats Qld Inc.

Members who sell any kittens whatsoever (Including companion or domestic kittens) **MUST** comply with all regulations contained within the Breeder's Code of Ethics.

- M. Co. 1** I / We understand that I /we cannot hold membership with any other feline registering body. [1/10/22]
- M. CoE.2** Ensure at all times that all cats and kittens are hygienically housed, properly fed, watered, groomed and receive prompt veterinary attention if and when required.
- M CoE 3.** Observe the rules and regulations of the Cats Qld Inc pertaining to any outbreak of infectious disease, for example, Ringworm, Rhinotracheitis, Calicivirus, or Herpes.
- M. CoE 4.** Not knowingly misrepresent the characteristics of the breed, nor falsely advertise or mislead any person regarding the pedigree or performance of any cat/kitten on the show bench.
- M.CoE 5.** Not allow any entire cats under that member's care to roam free, except under supervision, to prevent mis-matings and spread of disease.
- M. CoE 6.** Ensure that the Certificate of Registration is transferred by the breeder/ current owner to the new owner's name when the cat or kitten has been sold.
- M. CoE 7.** Not mate or breed cats unless the member becomes a breeder member by obtaining a breeder's prefix issued by the Association. The breeder's prefix will be noted on the member's membership card.
- M. CoE 8.** Members shall not knowingly exhibit or officiate in any capacity at any show when an infectious disease is present at their own cattery.
- M. CoE 9.** Members cannot show for 60 days from the onset of the disease, and a vet clearance must be produced.

BREEDERS

All CQI breeders sign and agree to be bound by the Cats Queensland Inc. Code of Ethics. To implement this aim, each member / breeder shall adhere to all of the items listed in this document. Additionally,

Each breeder member shall:-

- B. CoE.1** Ensure that **all** surviving kittens in a litter are registered.
- B. CoE.2** Take care not to mate a female under 10 months or to over-breed a queen, ensuring that she has no more than a maximum of two litters each 12 months, except under exceptional circumstances. It is recommended that a queen not have more than three litters in any 24 month period.
- B. CoE.3** Ensure that a pedigreed cat is not mated to a pedigreed cat of another breed unless Cats Qld Inc approves such mating / approved program.

- B. CoE.4** Ensure that breeding only occurs between cats that have been health tested and are free from any known genetic issues – i.e. It is not permitted to use cats for breeding that come from genetically unsound lines e.g. monorchidism or cryptorchidism. Ensure that no matings are accepted between cats unless both cats are owned by registered breeders. [Updated 3/6/22]
- B. CoE.5** **Ensure that the Certificate of Registration is transferred by the current owner to the new owner's name when the cat/kitten has been sold as a pet, or for show and/or breeding.** The pedigree and vaccination certificate are the birthright of the cat or kitten and **MUST** be given to the new owner.
- B. CoE.6** Ensure that a kitten shall not leave the breeder's premises under the age of 12 weeks, thus allowing vaccination to be commenced before date of sale.
- B. CoE.7** **Breeders are required to have their kittens desexed** before sending them to their new owners, unless they are going into a Registered Breeder's* program. This procedure, while not without risk, is considered safe and long-term adverse effects are rare. **Copies of desexing certificates MUST be sent with Applications for Litter Registration.**
- **Applicable to ALL litters born AFTER JULY 1ST 2017.**
- B. CoE.8** Ensure that MICROCHIPPING of all kittens in litters is carried out. The Queensland State Government has mandated that all kittens and puppies **MUST** be microchipped by 12 weeks of age. This is best done while kittens are anesthetized during desexing. Please be aware that this includes all kittens **and breeding adults** kept by breeders as well. Please provide these details when completing your paperwork as omissions may cause delay in processing.
- CQI also reminds breeders that **NO** cat over 9mths can be sold entire unless they are going into a Registered Breeding Program. These cats **MUST** be desexed and microchipped [if not already done] prior to rehoming.
- *Details of the breeder – Full name, address, prefix, registering body and member number need to be provided on the Application For Registration / Back of Transfer Form.
- B. CoE.9** Ensure that a kitten does not leave before that kitten is fully weaned, healthy, vaccinated, desexed, microchipped and litter-trained as required by Cats Qld regulations and local government statutes.
- B. CoE.10** Provide all purchasers of cats/kittens sold or placed by a member with all dietary, grooming techniques, immunisation certificates and micro-chipping details.
- Accept reasonable financial responsibility for the health status of kittens for at least one week after the date the new owner takes possession of the kitten.
- B. CoE.11** Be aware that the sale of cats/kittens to commercial wholesalers or retail pet dealers is **strongly discouraged**. A member shall not directly allow a cat/kitten to be given as a prize or donation to a contest of any kind.
- B. CoE.12** Breed cats for the purpose of improving the standard of the breed and **not** primarily for the pet market.

JUDGES

All Cats Qld Judges sign and agree to be bound by the Cats Queensland Inc. Code of Ethics.

- J. CoE.1** Judges shall hold membership with Cats Qld Inc.
- J. CoE.2** Judges must belong to **at least one** Cats Qld Inc affiliated club but may belong to specialist clubs affiliated with another controlling body. Should a Cats Qld Inc Judge be a member of a specialist club affiliated with another controlling body, the Judge shall not hold a position on the Executive of that club.

- J. CoE.3** Judges shall register all of their cats and kittens with Cats Qld Inc.
- J. CoE.4** Judges must always present themselves and their cats at shows and cat-related functions in an exemplary manner.
- J. CoE.5** Judges shall strive to achieve standards of professional conduct and display attitudes that will create mutual respect towards their colleagues and others. This may include providing constructive feedback to one another as Judges.
- J. CoE.6** Cats Qld Inc. Judges are to be completely unbiased in their judging.
- J. CoE.7** Judges shall endeavour to promote relationships that will contribute positively to the cat fancy.
- J. CoE.8** Judges should possess a manner that promotes educating about, listening to and advising on cat related matters.
- J. CoE.9** Judges shall make themselves available to any exhibitor or member of the public to provide information on breeds of cats, including constructive criticism of exhibits.
- J. CoE.10** Judges shall not solicit judging assignments.
- J. CoE.11** Judges may not cancel appointments to take up other appointments after a contract has been signed.
- J. CoE.12** Judges should be aware of the requirements of Cats Qld Inc and inviting clubs when accepting appointments if there is a time rule in place, noting that such rules are developed to ensure variety of judges for exhibitors. (The current position is that Judges may judge at alternate Cats Qld Inc shows or judge alternate groups at successive shows.)
- J. CoE.13** Judges shall notify the **Honorary Secretary Cats Qld Inc.** of all appointments accepted.
- J. CoE.14** Cats Qld Inc Judges may only judge at a show operated by a recognised body in Australia, i.e. bodies affiliated with either ACF or CCC of A. **Please check recognition status for newer organisations.**
- J. CoE.15** Judges may only judge at overseas shows conducted by recognised bodies. Judges should check with the CCC of A Secretary if they are unsure of the status of overseas bodies.
- J. CoE.16** Judges shall not judge any exhibit that has been domiciled with them during a period of three months prior to a show.
- J. CoE.17** When exhibiting at show at which they are also judging, Judges should bench their own cats with discretion.
- J. CoE.18** There should be no conflict of interest with any decision made on the floor or with your governing body on a personal or affiliate level.
- J. CoE.19** Judges should be able to justify all judging decisions made when questioned by either an exhibitor or a show official.
- J. CoE.20*** It is the responsibility of each Judge to ensure that their qualifications remain current and that they are up to date with new or uncommon breeds.
- J. CoE.21*** To remain on the active CCCA Judges list, each Judge must complete at least three assignments annually, averaged over three years, including at least one assignment per year within their own control body. The three annual assignments required will not include judging of any companion animals, domestic or household pets
- J. CoE.22*** Each Judge should also attend the annual CCCA Judges Conference as well as at least one compulsory seminar or a total of seven hours of training annually, whichever is the greater, as assigned by the tutor judges of the control body to which they are accredited. If the judge is unable to attend either the CCCA Judges Conference or the locally assigned seminar, the judge must complete either an open-book examination, prepare a presentation on a specific or new breed of cat, or attend a refresher course.

***Taken directly from the CCCA Minimum Requirements for Judges Document.**

REGISTRATION RULES

1: MEMBERSHIP

[a] Applications for membership are available for both breeders and non-breeders, singles or partnerships / families where all junior membership covered by the family membership are UNDER the age of 18 years and reside together with the other partners in the membership.

[b] Applications must be submitted on the relevant form, with all sections completed in full, declarations signed and accompanied by the required fees as set from time to time. Memberships are presented to the next meeting of the Management Committee for acceptance. Acceptance is not automatic, and Cats Qld Inc reserves the right to not accept such applications.

[c] Applications for a breeder membership must also provide the completed Application for Prefix [see below please]. The cost of the prefix is covered in the membership Application Fee.

[d] Memberships become due on the first [1st] of January each year. Memberships which have not been renewed using the prescribed form, with signed agreements and accompanied by the relevant renewal fees, by the end of March in any year, shall be deemed to have lapsed. 'Renewal' will then need to be in the form of a new application which will require approval at a Management Meeting of Council. Acceptance is not automatic, and Cats Qld Inc reserves the right to not accept such applications.

[e] Membership applications received after the first [1st] or October in any year shall be deemed to be covered for the remainder of the year PLUS the following year.

[f] All members, whether breeder or non-breeder members, are required to abide by the Cats Qld Inc Code of Ethics in its entirety and the Cats Qld Inc Constitution which are sent, as part of the membership package, to all members of Cats Qld Inc upon acceptance.

[g] Membership of Cats Qld Inc requires resignation from any previous Queensland body.

2: PREFIXES

[a] Prefixes may be applied for by individuals [sole breeding prefix] or within a partnership [[dual breeding prefix]

[b] Sole breeding prefixes are available for individuals from 18 years of age. Dual prefixes may include younger members under the guidance of a senior breeder member within that prefix.

[c] All Queensland breeders are required to register a breeding [cattery] prefix with a recognised Cat Registering Body affiliated with CCCA, ACF or ANCATS. In the case of a breeder holding more than one prefix, renewal for each ADDITIONAL prefix is \$10 per year, payable with membership renewal.

[d] Applications for a breeding prefix must be made on the prescribed form. A list of FOUR [4] names are to be submitted, in order of preference, to the Registrar together with the prescribed fee. These will be sent to the Central Prefix Registry for checking and approval. Should none of your selection be acceptable to the Central Registry, you will be required to select 4 more choices. Choose your names carefully as changes cannot be made once the prefix has been registered.

[e] Prefixes must consist of only ONE word and be a maximum length of 12 letters. NO apostrophe, dash or hyphen is permitted to be used in a prefix.

[f] No breeder is permitted to use another's cattery prefix as part of the name of any of their kittens. Breed names are also not to be used in the common name of a cat.

[g] Prefixes are renewed annually with membership renewal which is due on the first [1st] of January each year. Memberships which have not been renewed using the prescribed form, with signed

agreements and accompanied by the relevant renewal fees, by the end of March in any year, shall be deemed to have lapsed. 'Renewal' will then need to be in the form of a new application which will require approval at a Management Meeting of Council. Acceptance is not automatic, and Cats Qld Inc reserves the right to not accept such applications.

[h] Breeders need to ensure they follow the Cats Qld Inc Breeder's Code of Ethics.

[i] If a written complaint is received regarding any Cats Qld Inc breeder, Cats Qld Inc may withdraw services to that breeder until the complaint has been investigated and resolved.

[j] When a breeder chooses to cease breeding, the breeding prefix may be cancelled, and that prefix will not be able to be used again for a period of 20 years.

[k] A prefix is automatically considered to lapse when the holder of that prefix dies. A prefix can however, in this situation, be transferred to a family member who applies in writing to Cats Qld Inc, subject to membership fees and prefix renewals being paid and acceptance of the membership application at a meeting of the Cats Qld Inc Management Committee.

[l] Joint prefixes - in the case of a joint prefix, should one member of the partnership have any complaint filed against them upheld, it must be understood that the other prefix holder in the partnership will also be held responsible and may be subject to disciplinary action, if warranted.

[m] Cats Qld Inc shall be entitled to refuse any application for registration of a prefix without stating a reason.

3. **REGISTRATION**

[a] ALL living progeny from the mating MUST be registered. Such registrations MUST be received by the Hon. Registrar before the kittens attain the age of 12 calendar months. No registration applications can be processed once kittens have reached twelve [12] months of age.

[b] Litter Registration forms must be completed FULLY - otherwise they may be returned which will result in processing delays. ALL fields must be completed – this includes the microchip numbers of the sire and dam. Please check carefully before sending. **Copies of desexing certificates MUST also be sent with Applications for Litter Registration**

[c] In the case of dual breeder memberships, only one member is required to sign relevant documentation.

[d] Once registration has been processed, no changes to the kitten's details can be made with the exception of:

[i] The kitten was registered as the wrong sex - change of sex is permissible [and a suitable change of name which is similar to the original name if necessary. - e.g. Princess XXX to Prince XXX]

[ii] The kittens registered colour is incorrect - this can be changed BEFORE the kitten has been shown without the need for assessment for colour change. Once the kitten / cat has been shown, then it will require assessment by a panel of 3 Cats Qld Inc or other recognised judges who must complete and sign the Application for Change of Colour form. This form must then be sent to the Hon Registrar, along with the original pedigree and the appropriate fee.

ALL applications for ALTERATION as listed above must be submitted with the required fee for processing.

NOTE: The Hon Registrar will correct any clerical errors in certificates free of charge if notified and returned within 14 days of receipt.

- [e] LITTER KITTENS may be registered in the name of the breeder OR directly into the new owner's name. All certificates of pedigree will be returned to the breeder following processing, except in the case of kittens being registered for OVERSEAS destinations.
- [f] Kittens may be registered as **ENTIRE** or **ALTERED** or **NOT TO BE TRANSFERRED AGAIN ENTIRE**. The designation of **PET ONLY** can also be included in the certificate of pedigree but kittens so registered cannot be exhibited in either the Pedigreed section or the companion section of any shows, Cats Qld Inc or others.
- [g] All kittens / cats intended for breeding will only be registered into the new owner's name if the new owner holds a registered cattery prefix which is registered with an affiliate of either CCCA, ACF or ANCATS. **This information MUST be included on the litter registration form OR when transferring, on the back of the Certified Pedigree.**
- [h] The Breeder must be the registered owner or lessee of the Queen at the time of the birth of the litter. The Queen **MUST** be registered with Cats Qld Inc and the breeder must also be a registered BREEDER member of Cat Queensland Inc.
- [i] The sire of the litter, if owned or leased by the breeder, **MUST** be registered with Cats Qld Inc. If the stud is not owned / leased by the breeder, he **MUST** be registered with a recognised registering body and the litter application **MUST** include a clear copy of the Sire's registration/certified pedigree [Fees apply to process the stud into the CI database]. Additionally, the **SIRE** section must be completed and signed by his owner.
- [j] The purchase of breeding stock from another recognised registering body from Queensland, interstate or overseas must be transferred into the new owner's name in the body of current registration BEFORE it can be accepted onto the Cats Qld Inc Registration database. Applications for registration into Cats Qld Inc must be submitted within 3 calendar months of purchase of the kitten / cat. The ORIGINAL registration / certified pedigree must be forwarded with the completed application form and fees to the Hon Registrar. The original certificate will be returned to the new owner once the transfer into Cats Qld Inc has been completed and a clear copy made for our records.
- [k] **MICROCHIPPING:** Cats Qld Inc reminds breeders that all kittens transferred to a new owner **MUST** be micro-chipped before they leave your care. Microchip details must be included on the registration certificate at time of transfer. If you are selling an older cat, they must also be microchipped before leaving your care. **Check the Queensland Government rules on microchipping.**

DNA Results: DNA results can be included on the Certificate of Pedigree providing samples sent for testing were collected using the correct CCCA Collection Protocol. Test results obtained from tests carried out yourself cannot be included on the Certificate of Pedigree.

- [l] **Reclassification of colour** [Adult] - Where colour reclassification has been carried out by 3 Cats Qld Inc or other approved Judges, the cat's original certificate of pedigree must be returned, with the completed form and fees for alteration to pedigree. If the cat is titled, any challenges / titles gained prior to the change will be forfeited.
- [m] **Transfers of ownership** - Applications for transfer of ownership must be completed on the back of the **original** certificate. Entire cats **CANNOT** be transferred to a new owner for breeding unless the new owner is a registered breeder with an affiliate of either a CCCA, ACF or ANCATS body [within Australia]. FULL details of the breeder to whom the cat is to be transferred **MUST** be provided at the time of application. It is the responsibility of the seller to ensure all details are correct and included on the form.

PLEASE NOTE: It is the responsibility of the current owner to send the transfer application / pedigree to the Hon Registrar, with fees, for processing into the new owner's name.

LEASES

[n] Notice of Lease must be submitted to the Registrar by the current registered owner of the cat. It must state the length and/or conditions of lease [including an expiry date] and needs to be lodged within one month, with the appropriate fees. An application for transfer back to the original owner must also be lodged, with appropriate fees, within one month of the expiration of the lease. A sample lease agreement form is available in the Cats Qld Inc website for use, if preferred.

TRANSFER OF OWNERSHIP / LEASE

[n] **NO ENTIRE CAT MAY BE TRANSFERRED MORE THAN THREE [3] TIMES.** The initial transfer from breeder to the new owner is considered the first transfer. Sales, gifts, leases and loans are all considered transfers.

4. TITLES Cats Qld Inc Members

[a] When applying for title upgrades, the **ORIGINAL** certificate of pedigree **MUST** be sent along with payment and either originals or copies of challenge certificates. A new certificate with the updated title will then be returned along with a POINTS CREDIT SLIP detailing the number of points held towards the next title. Please return the slip when applying for the next title.

NON Cats Qld Inc [GOLD DGC and ABOVE]

[b] A COPY of the cat's latest certificate of pedigree must be sent along with payment and either originals or copies of challenge certificates. A certificate showing the title will then be prepared.

[c] When applying for titles, requests can also be made for title certificates as well as sashes for the particular level attained. Fees apply.

[d] TITLES - All pedigreed cats can attain the following title levels by winning the required number of challenge points shown.

- [i] Champion [60 points]
- [ii] Grand Champion [60 points]
- [iii] Double Grand Champion [60 points]
- [iv] Bronze Double Grand Champion [100 points]
- [v] Silver Double Grand Champion [100 points]
- [vi] Gold Double Grand Champion [100 points]

From Gold DGC, cats need to collect ten [10] awards -i.e. signatures on a single or multi challenge certificate, to become a PLATINUM DOUBLE GRAND CHAMPION.

Once this level has been attained, the cat requires a further 10 PDGC certificates to become a SUPREME CHAMPION. Levels are available above Sup. Champion. These additional titles are Sapphire Supreme, Emerald Supreme, Ruby Supreme and Diamond Supreme.

HOW ARE THESE TITLES ACHIEVED?

All cats with the title CQ PDGC and above will compete by group together for a Platinum Challenge in each ring. Males, Females, Altered Males and Altered Females will compete in their classes for a challenge per class [4 certificates awarded per ring / group].

The winning cats must have been placed in the top five in show to receive the award. Platinum DGC and above who receive 10 awards may apply for the title of CQ Supreme Champion. 10 additional certificates each are required to elevate to each subsequent level. Certificates and Sashes are available at ALL levels. Fees apply **CCC of A AWARDS**

All titled registered cats are eligible to complete for CCCA Awards. 10 certificates are required to attain the title of CCCA Champion. A further 10 challenges are required to progress through the CCCA Levels. A completed application form with original or copies of challenges are required to be submitted to the Registrar for processing and forwarding to CCC of A for completion. Payment should be made to Cats Qld Inc please. **ONLY TITLED CATS ARE ELIGIBLE TO COMPETE FOR A CCCA AWARD. WINNING EXHIBITS MUST ALSO BE PLACED IN THE TOP 10 IN SHOW.**

CATS QUEENSLAND INC

BREEDING FOR HEALTH!

Breeders all need to be aware of the important tests that they can do to ensure that the cats they are breeding with are in the best health they can be. Some breeds, more than others, have specific health issues that need to be screened for before the cats are bred with.

All breeding cats should have had a blood test to ensure they are FeLV and FIV clear. Once a pair of cats has been cleared, and providing they have not had any opportunity to become infected [put to an outside stud, in a cat fight with a stray cat etc], then all progeny will be clear at birth so you won't need to test the kittens.

There are many DNA tests available to breeders as well which can identify cats with specific risk factors – i.e. they are PKD positive – this means they are positive for Polycystic Kidney Disease. Breeds such as Persian and Exotics, British S/H and related breeds can be affected by this disease. There are many other tests available as well. Please check sites such as Orivet in Australia or UC Davis in the US for the list of tests that are available for your specific breed/s.

When you are getting your cats DNA tested, this should be done by a registered collecting agent – your Vet can of course do them as can registered collectors with Orivet. If you go to their website, you should find a list of people that can do this for you. If your tests are done by a Vet or Registered Collector, then they can be recorded on your pedigrees. If you do them yourself, then they cannot be recorded.

Some breeds have specific restrictions on how they are bred – in particular, breeds such as Scottish Folds, Munchkins and Manx. All of these breeds must follow an approved breeding program. If you are planning to breed one of these breeds, you need to work with Council to ensure you are following the guidelines which are put in place to ensure the best health outcomes for the kittens you breed.

There are some breeds where knowing the blood group of the parents is vital. Blood incompatibility can and does cause the early loss of kittens, sometimes referred to as Fading Kitten Syndrome. Specifically, blood incompatibility syndrome is called “neonatal isoerythrolysis” which means the kittens have a different blood type from their mother and the antibodies in her milk attack those kittens' red blood cells. The symptoms are jaundice, brown urine and rapid deterioration and death. In less severe cases, the affected kitten's tail-tip drops off. The diagnosis is confirmed by blood-typing the mother and affected kittens.

BREEDS and the likelihood of experiencing blood incompatibility

Type B frequency	(Due to different gene pools, frequency within breeds differs between USA, UK/Europe and Australia)
None	Siamese and related breeds, Burmese, Tonkinese, Russian Blue
1-10%	Maine Coon, Norwegian Forest Cat, Ragdoll, random-bred domestic cats
11-20%	Abyssinian, Birman, Himalayan, Persian, Somali, Sphinx, Scottish Fold, Japanese Bobtail
21-50%	Exotic Shorthair, British Shorthair, Cornish Rex, Devon Rex
Type AB	Scottish Fold, Birman, British Shorthair, Somali, Bengal, Abyssinian, Ragdoll, random-bred domestic cats

Taken from Messy Beast

<http://messybeast.com/bloodgroups.htm>

Gaining the knowledge of issues` that can occur within your breed is your responsibility. There is a vast amount of information available on the internet. Long term breeders will also have a great deal of knowledge of their particular breed so don't be afraid to ask.

Recommended Breeding Practices

Selection of breeding stock

Animals should be:

- healthy
- of good temperament
- of lines free from any known genetic fault
- not displaying any generally accepted genetic fault.

General care of breeding stock

- Entire female cats must not roam free unless under supervision.
- Calling females must be confined.
- Entire male cats must not roam free.
- Cats must be groomed regularly and handled daily.
- Cats must be given facilities for climbing and scratching.
- Cats must be given a balanced and varied diet.
- Cats must be housed in hygienic conditions.
- Cats must be provided with hygienic toilet facilities that are kept clean and disinfected regularly.
- Food and water bowls are to be changed daily.
- Cats must receive prompt veterinary attention if, and when, required.
- Cats must be vaccinated in accordance with the current veterinary advice.
- Cats must be treated on a regular basis for internal and external parasites, in accordance with current veterinary advice on various Parasitic Cycle controls.

Minimum dietary requirements

- Cats should be fed a varied diet, except on veterinary advice to the contrary.
- Adult should be offered food **twice a day**.
- **Fresh water must always be available.**
- The following guidelines for suitable meals should be followed:
 - raw meat (no preservatives)
 - kidney, heart, raw liver (not more than once weekly)
 - tinned food
 - cheese, cottage cheese, egg yolk (not egg white)
 - dried food.

Minimum housing requirements

- Outdoor units must protect cats from rain, wind, and extreme heat and cold, and must be partially enclosed to provide a sheltered sleeping area.
- Units must be designed and maintained to avoid injury and/or escape.
- The structure must be non-porous or coated with non-toxic materials to facilitate easy cleaning.
- Units must be kept clean.
- Cleaning and disinfecting agents should be used only in the recommended concentrations. Where a disinfectant solution has been applied, the area should be allowed to dry before the animal/s is/are allowed to return, as some solutions can be absorbed through the skin and paw pads. PHENOLS, PINE OIL, EUCALYPTUS OIL must not be used.
- The minimum cage size for a single cat confined at nighttime only, or for no longer than eight hours, is 1.2m long x 1.2m wide x 1.8m high.
- The minimum permanent unit size for a single adult cat is 2.4m long x 1.8m wide x 1.8m high or equivalent area.
- The minimum permanent unit size for two to four cats is 3.6m long x 2.4m wide x 1.95m high. No more than four cats to be housed on a permanent basis in a unit this size, as cats are territorial animals and over-crowding causes undue stress.
- Animals housed in units within homes, garages, etc. must have access to sunshine and such areas must be well ventilated at all times.

- Where cats are permanently confined to units, adequate scratching posts and high-level shelving for exercise must be provided. (Also see Section 8: Stud Quarters and Care.)

Care of the pregnant queen and kitting

- Queens shall not be over-bred. A maximum of two litters every 12 months is recommended.
- All breeders must familiarise themselves with the kitting process prior to breeding a litter.
- Food amounts to the queen must be increased as pregnancy progresses and/or as the queen requires. Ensure that the queen receives adequate calcium supply during pregnancy and lactation.
- Provide a clean, adequately-sized box and bedding at least one week prior to expected kitting.
- Assist the kitting process where necessary.
- Queens must not be left unattended for lengthy periods during labour and, when labour is deemed to be unproductive, veterinary advice must be sought immediately.
- Once all kittens are born, replace bedding and/or box and change bedding at least every two days.
- Queen and kittens must be kept in a draught-free, but well ventilated, area.
- Check the queen daily for undue bleeding and signs of mastitis.
- Check all kittens daily for weight gain.
- Seek veterinary advice on sickly or deformed kittens.
- Small kittens' eyes should be checked daily and, if eye infections occur, veterinary treatment should be sought immediately.

Kitten care and weaning

- Kittens shall not be taken away from their mother until such time as they are fully weaned.
- Between four and six weeks kittens should be introduced to suitable foods, for example:
 - cereal
 - baby food (chicken, fish, beef broth)
 - specially prepared commercial kitten food
- **Fresh water must always be available**
- Between six and 12 weeks, or when ready, kittens may be introduced to:
 - finely chopped or minced meat, chicken and rabbit
 - grated cheese, cottage cheese, egg yolk
 - tinned food.
- Provide shallow litter trays suitable for kittens as soon as they are mobile.
- Kittens must be fed a minimum of three times a day until three to four months of age, after which they may be fed twice daily.
- Kittens' quarters must be safe, to avoid injury from falling.
- Kittens shall be vaccinated in accordance with the current veterinary advice. **At least one vaccination must be given by a registered veterinarian.**
- Kittens must be treated on a regular basis for internal and external parasites, in accordance with current veterinary advice on parasite cycle controls.

Sale of kittens

- No kitten may be sold or given under 12 weeks of age.
- It is the breeder's responsibility to ensure that the new owners are provided with current vaccination records and fully informed of the requirements. Kittens can, and should, have their first vaccination at less than 10 weeks but will not be fully vaccinated until 12 to 16 weeks.
- Kittens shall be healthy, fully weaned, and litter tray trained.
- No kitten with any infectious disease shall be sold or placed.
- The breeder shall provide purchasers with diet, grooming and care information.
- It is required that all pet kittens be altered (i.e. neutered or spayed) before going to their new homes.
- It is not recommended that cats and/or kittens be sold to commercial cat wholesalers or retail pet dealers. They may not be given as a prize or donation for a contest of any kind or be advertised as a give-away.
- A breeder shall not misrepresent the characteristics of the breed, nor falsely advertise or mislead any person regarding the pedigree or performance of any kitten on the show bench or as a pet.
- Kittens sold as breeding stock must only be sold to registered breeders.
- Breeders shall keep record of the names and addresses of all purchasers.

Stud quarters and care

- Stud quarters must be as roomy as possible with the minimum size being 2.4m long x 2.4m wide x

- 1.8m high with an area set aside within the enclosure for the introduction of visiting queens.
- Quarters shall be kept clean in order to keep the odour to a minimum.
- Climbing and scratching facilities must be provided, plus a high shelf for the stud to retreat to after mating.
- Studs require plenty of companionship, both human and feline. On a daily basis, some time should be spent grooming and handling the stud. A feline companion such as an altered (i.e. neutered or spayed) cat is usually beneficial.
- Each stud must have individual quarters.
- Current vaccination certificates must be sighted before accepting a visiting queen.
- It is recommended that certificates for FIV, FeLV, PKD and any breed-specific conditions be sighted before accepting a visiting queen
- Visiting queens should be examined for cleanliness and state of health prior to introduction to the stud.
- Matings shall only be accepted from cats owned by registered breeders.
- Queens should be permitted to remain with the stud for a reasonable time after mating and not be removed from the Stud Quarters before a minimum of three matings have been witnessed.

Disposal of breeding stock

- *Entire cats over nine months of age.* No breeding cat shall be excessively passed around, leased, loaned or sold in total more than three times in its breeding life before being altered (i.e. neutered or spayed). It is the owner's responsibility to ascertain the acceptability of the premises and standard of care of the prospective owner [lessee, borrower, purchaser] before the cat is relocated. The prospective owner must be a registered breeder.
- *Altered (i.e. neutered or spayed):*
It is the owner's responsibility to neuter or spay all stock no longer required or unsuitable for breeding.
- Altered breeding stock may be found homes, if necessary, to avoid overcrowding in the cattery.
- No cat over the age of 9 months is to be sold, leased or given to anyone as an entire cat for breeding unless that person is a registered breeder with a recognized cat registering body. The Hon Registrar will not complete any transfers of entire cats to non-registered breeders.

Registration of breeders

- All breeders must be registered with an approved Governing Cat Control Body (Council)
- No person may knowingly cross-breed two breed groups without having applied to a recognised Council and being granted an experimental license to do so.

DEFINITION OF CLASSES

ADULT: An entire exhibit 9 months and over on show day.

KITTEN: An exhibit over 12 weeks and under 9 months on show day.

LITTER: All living progeny of the same birth, over 12 weeks and under four (4) months on the day of the show, belonging to one or joint breeders.

ALTER: Male or female cat/kitten that has been desexed.

COMPANION: An exhibit that has not been entered in any classes other than domestic pet classes. It is judged on the CCC of A official standard which includes condition, quality of coat and temperament only. All exhibits **MUST BE DESEXED BY 6 months of age.**

OPEN: All exhibits (except PLATINUM DGC and higher) 9 months and over must be entered in this class. Challenge certificates are awarded in the Open class.

CHAMPION: An exhibit that has been granted Champion status by a recognised governing body. This title is gained by being awarded 60 or more challenge points.

GRAND CHAMPION: An exhibit that has been granted Grand Champion status by a recognised governing Body. This title is gained by being awarded an additional 60 or more challenge points.

DOUBLE GRAND CHAMPION: An exhibit that has been granted Double Grand Champion status by a recognised governing body. This title is gained by being awarded an additional 60 or more challenge points.

BRONZE DOUBLE GRAND CHAMPION: An exhibit that has been granted Bronze Double Grand Champion status by a recognised governing body. 100 challenge points are required to attain a title at this level.

SILVER DOUBLE GRAND CHAMPION: An exhibit that has been granted Silver Double Grand Champion status by a recognised governing body. A further 100 challenge points are required to attain a title at this level.

GOLD DOUBLE GRAND CHAMPION: An exhibit that has been granted Gold Double Grand Champion status by a recognised governing body. A further 100 challenge points are required to attain a title at this level.

PLATINUM DOUBLE GRAND CHAMPION: Exhibit that has been granted Platinum Double Grand Champion status by a recognised governing body. **10 Gold Certificates** won at **Cats Queensland Inc Shows** are required to progress to PDGC level.

SUPREME CHAMPION: Ten awards won at Platinum DGC level are required to progress to Supreme Champion. [Amended December 2014]

SAPPHIRE SUPREME, EMERALD SUPREME, RUBY SUPREME AND DIAMOND SUPREME all require an additional 10 awards for each level.

ALL exhibits with a title of Platinum Double Grand Champion and above compete together in their groups – Longhair and Shorthair, for one award per ring / per male, female. Alter male and alter female – i.e there is ONE AWARD per ring in the longhair group for males with titles Platinum DGC and above, ONE AWARD per ring for females with titles Platinum DGC and above and the same for Alter Male and Alter Females – therefore 4 awards per ring, per group.

CCC of A AWARDS: Only pedigreed exhibits with the title of CHAMPION or above can compete for this award. There is ONE awarded per ring, per group for eligible males, females, alter males and alter

females. Therefore, per ring and per group, 4 awards can be given. The cat requires 10 awards to progress to CCC of A Champion. Each subsequent level requires a further 10 awards. **ONLY BREEDS THAT ARE FULLY RECOGNIZED BY CCC OF A ARE ELIGIBLE TO WIN SUCH AWARDS.**

COMPANION AWARDS

Companions also receive awards to allow them to gain titles in a similar way to pedigree exhibits. Companions DO NOT receive points but rather have to win a number of points for each level.

COMPANION OF MERIT requires 10 awards won at Cats Queensland Inc Shows.

COMPANION OF HONOUR requires 10 awards won as a COM at Cats Qld shows.

COMPANION OF EXCELLENCE requires a further 10 awards won as a COH at Cats Qld shows.

HOW ARE SUPREME LONGHAIR AND SHORTHAI R DETERMINED AT OUR SHOWS?

As you all know, we have a Supreme L/H and S/H in each ring which is awarded a rosette. Then we award the overall Supreme L/H & S/H of the show which is determined by points. This is the process:

The judges ALL have their best Kittens, Adults and Alters in, for example, longhair. We ask them to rank those exhibits from 1st to 10th. So this means that they can choose, in first place, either the best kitten, adult or alter. Next, to determine 2nd, they look at the other 2 bests they had plus the exhibit that placed behind the one they have chosen as their best overall. And so it goes on until they fill the 10 places.

So, in LONGHAIR for example, we now have the 3 judges' results in TOP 10 order. The exhibit placed highest receives 10 points, second receive 9 points and so on, until we get to 10th which receives 1 point. When you put all of the judge's results together, and award points as outlined, you end up with an exhibit that has scored more than the rest, usually, so it is then awarded SUPREME LONGHAIR for the show.

The same process is followed for shorthair. So, while you might, for example, have an exhibit receive 2 BIS and say a 3rd, it all depends in where the judges place this exhibit in their TOP 10 as to whether it receives the Overall Award.

Why is it done this way? Well, over the years, there have been many instances where an exhibit in a section of say 5 exhibits, gets 3 BIS and because the other 2 sections didn't have that happen, the one with 3 BIS gets the supreme, even though the other 2 sections may have had much higher numbers of exhibits in them. Now our multi BIS exhibit may very well deserve the award – no question about that, but if it does, it will get it regardless when the judges place the Kittens, Adults and Alters together in the way described above as they will probably place it in first place anyway and then, there can be no argument. There was often grumbling about exhibits that won in a small section beating those exhibits in much larger sections so the Top 10 avoids that issue. If the exhibit is the best in the Longhair or shorthair section, then it gets placed at the top.

Is it possible for an exhibit that placed say 2nd, 2nd and 3rd in its classes be included in the Top 10 list? YES. Is it possible for that exhibit then to win the Supreme – YES. This will depend on where the Judges rank each exhibit. In this example, the cat placed in all 3 Judges' Top 10 lists giving him the most points – demonstrating consistency of opinion across all 3 Judges. Were there other cats that had BIS placings? Yes, but they may not have placed in all 3 rings, so perhaps a BIS and a 6th. That would mean they could only be placed, at best, in 2 Judges' Top 10s.

This means that at the end of the day, it is the Judges' opinions that are being awarded – they have collectively decided that the exhibits that have placed are ranked to reflect their opinions of ALL longhairs and ALL shorthairs judged that day.

SOCIAL MEDIA POLICY AND GUIDELINES

Commencement Date - This Policy has a commencement date of 5/10/19. Purpose This Policy is intended to provide members or employees of Cats Queensland Inc. (CQI), with clarity on the constructive and appropriate use of social media platforms to achieve CQI's objective of promoting in every way, the standing and improvement of purebred felines in the wider Queensland community.

What is Social Media?

'Social Media' is online media that allows for interaction and/or participation. It is any conversation or activity that occurs online where people can share information about matters that might impact on, Cats Queensland Inc., its members or members of any Affiliated bodies who use our services or participate in the events run by our organisation or any of our Affiliated bodies. It includes, but is not limited to:

- Social networking sites – for example Facebook, Twitter, MySpace, Pinterest, LinkedIn;
- Video and photo sharing websites and applications – for example Flickr, Instagram, YouTube, Tumblr;
- Blogs, including corporate blogs and personal blogs – for example SharePoint;
- Blogs hosted by media outlets – for example comments or 'your say' feature;
- Micro-blogging – for example Twitter;
- Wiki's and online collaborations – for example Wikipedia;
- Forums, discussion boards and Groups – for example Google Groups, Facebook Groups, Whirlpool;
- VOD and podcasting – for example SoundCloud;

Who does this Policy apply to?

This Social Media policy applies to all members, volunteers, exhibitors and employees of Cats Queensland Inc.

Guiding Principles

Whenever Cats Queensland Inc. members, volunteers and employees are interacting on Social Media, whether in an official or personal capacity, the following guiding principles must be followed at all times in any interaction concerning the feline community. This means:

- They are required to abide by the Constitution and Rules of Cats Queensland Inc., including the Code of Ethics;
- They must act in a way which falls within the community expectations of good and appropriate manners;
- They must be polite and respectful to Cats Queensland Inc., its staff members, its members, its volunteers, its affiliates of and any other related parties, including Judges.
- They must not criticize, disparage or make derogatory or negative comments about Cats Queensland Inc., its staff members, members, volunteers or affiliates, or any domestic or international Judges, either expressly or implicitly;
- They must respond to others' opinions respectfully and professionally;
- They must not harass, bully or intimidate, nor will they create a perception of harassment, bullying or intimidation towards any person or organisation;
- They must not make negative or adverse comments about any person on the basis of their race, religion or sexual preference;
- They must not make derogatory or negative comments pertaining to the cats of another member of Cats Queensland Inc. or any of its affiliates, or create such comment that would be perceived as being derogatory or negative against cats of another member of Cats Queensland Inc. or any of its affiliates;
- They must not utilize abusive, profane, obscene or sexually explicit language or material;
- They must obtain written permission from Cats Queensland Inc. before posting any content on any Social Media platform or using any I.T. service to make statements or comments on behalf of Cats Queensland Inc. or otherwise which may be construed to be attributed to Cats Queensland Inc. or using the Cats Queensland Inc. logo.

- They must obtain written permission from any member of Cats Queensland Inc. or any visiting judge whose photo or video they plan to publish on social media. Request and permission may be via email.
- No photos, videos, or results shall be posted until the conclusion of show.

Constitution and Rules

The Constitution and Rules of Cats Queensland Inc., includes prohibitions on engaging in various forms of conduct by the members of Cats Queensland . Member or exhibitor at a show must not engage in any conduct that could reasonably be considered to be:

Dishonest, malicious, vexatious, scandalous or contrary to law;

Discreditable to the member concerned or any other member;

Prejudicial or injurious or tending to prejudice or injure any person interested in feline affairs;

Prejudicial or injurious or tending to prejudice or injure the interests, image or standing of Cats Queensland Inc.,

Contrary to the spirit and intent of the Constitution, Rules and Code of Ethics or any other code, resolution policy or direction of Cats Queensland Inc. or any Committee.

The Constitution and Rules also contains a prohibition on members conducting themselves in such a way as to bring Cats Queensland Inc. into discredit or to bring themselves as a breeder, owner, exhibitor or member into discredit.

Policy Non-Compliance

Misuse of Social Media can have serious consequences for Cats Queensland Inc., its volunteers and members. All reports of misuse of any I.T. service or Social Media by Cats Queensland Inc. members will be investigated.

Where parties do not comply with the Policy, disciplinary action will be taken. Disciplinary action may include:

Referral of the matter to the Management Committee of Cats Queensland Inc. which may result in warning, suspension or termination of membership; and/or

Information being provided to the Queensland Police Service.

Disciplinary action that may be taken includes, but is not limited to, issuing a formal warning and/or suspension of membership from Cats Queensland Inc.

Reporting of Policy Non-Compliance

Cats Queensland Inc. has a formal Complaints Procedure which must be followed in relation to the reporting of any misuse of I.T. services or Social Media. The applicable Rules dealing with Cats Queensland Inc. Complaints Procedure must be followed. Any queries regarding the complaints procedures or investigative powers can be directed to the secretary of Cats Queensland Inc., or may also be found in the Cats Queensland Inc. Constitution and Rules.

Cats Queensland Inc.

SHOW RULES

General

1. **All** shows are conducted under the Rules and Regulations of Cats Queensland Inc.
2. **Entry** fees must accompany the entry form, and the Declaration must be signed by the exhibitor. Entries not shown **MUST** be paid for. No refunds will be made. Cheques etc **MUST** be drawn in favour of the club or body conducting the show.
3. **The** club reserves the right to refuse any entry without stating a reason.
4. **The** club reserves the right to replace contracted Judges, or appoint additional Judges if required, for any reason.

Entering Our Shows

5. **All** pedigreed exhibits, including kittens aged four months or older, **MUST** be registered and a copy of their current registration certificate attached to the entry form. All exhibits domiciled in Queensland, **MUST** be registered with a recognised Queensland governing body. Interstate exhibits **MUST** be registered with a recognised council in the state in which those exhibits are domiciled.
 - 5a. Cats that have been shown in pedigreed classes, whether entire or desexed are permitted, where appropriate, to be shown in the Companion section however, once shown in Companions, they can **NEVER** be shown in the pedigrees section again. Cats that have been shown in Companion classes **CAN NOT** be shown subsequently in Pedigree classes.
 - 5b. CQI Registered / Pedigreed exhibits that have "PET ONLY" on their pedigrees **CAN NOT BE SHOWN** in ANY class.
6. **Registration** 'pending' **WILL NOT** be accepted for exhibits over four months of age.
7. **All** entries for kitten exhibits and **ALL** Companion exhibits must include a copy of their current vaccination certificate with its sticker attached when entered in a Cats Queensland show for the first time. Vaccinations must occur at least 2 weeks before the show. **One must have been administered by a qualified veterinarian.**
Entries for ENTIRE ADULT EXHIBITS will not be accepted unless they are owned by registered breeders.
8. **All** exhibits **MUST** include a copy of their most up to date pedigree to be entered in the show. Exhibits **CANNOT** be reclassified for colour or pattern during judging **BUT ONLY AFTER** all the judging is completed. Reclassification may then be made after completion of examinations by, and the agreement of, three qualified judges. A pedigree must be provided when reclassification is sought.
9. **All** exhibits must have front and back claws clipped. It will be at the judge's discretion whether any exhibit in breach of this rule will be penalised.
10. **All** exhibits must be brought to the show in a suitable carry cage, not on leashes or carried in arms.
11. **Only** exhibits that have been entered are permitted in the show hall, unless prior arrangement has been made with the show manager. If prior arrangements have been made, a vaccination certificate must be sighted.
12. **The** age of each exhibit will be calculated to be the actual age on the day of the show and shown on judges' slips.
13. **When** benching time is listed on the schedule, exhibits **MUST** be benched by advertised time. If an exhibitor arrives after stipulated time, and judging has commenced, the exhibitor must forfeit being judged in that ring and wait until the judge has completed the finals in that particular ring, before benching their exhibit/s.
14. **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. Judges are not required to restrain or judge any exhibit showing any signs of aggression. Owners are not permitted to handle their cats while judging is occurring.
15. **Female** cats obviously in kitten and lactating queens without their Litters **MUST NOT BE SHOWN.**

16. **Unilateral** or bilateral cryptorchids over the age of nine months may not be shown. Any person who knowingly contravenes this Rule may have their exhibit disqualified and all entry fees forfeited.
17. **No** exhibit can be removed from the show or from its designated cage to another, without the consent of the show manager. **EXHIBITS CANNOT LEAVE THEIR SHOW CAGES UNTIL ALL JUDGING IS FINALISED**. Challenges WILL be withheld if exhibits are removed from their show cages. No exhibit or exhibition kitten/cat can be removed from the show hall until the close of the show, without the EXPRESS PERMISSION of the Show Manager.
18. **Each** exhibit is to be presented in its own cage, with the exception of litters.
19. **All** reasonable care will be taken of exhibits. Cats Queensland Inc and organising clubs, their officials and members accept NO responsibility for any loss or damage to any person, feline or property.
20. The placing of any and all items into another exhibitor's cage is strictly prohibited without the exhibitor's express consent. [3/4/2021] **NO BEHAVIOUR MODIFYING ENHANCEMENTS OR MEDICAL PRODUCTS ARE PERMITTED TO BE USED IN THE SHOW HALL.**
21. Cage decorations – no dangling lights are permitted in or on the exhibits cage and only one 'dangling' toy or decoration is permitted at the rear of the cage so that it does not interfere with the handling of the exhibit out of the cage. One small, flat light may be securely connected to the top, on the outside, of the show cage. Also, please ensure no feathers are within reach of exhibits as they often ingest them. [1/10/22]
22. **Any** person/s, who by their actions or words intimidate, harass or abuse any judge or show official are liable to disciplinary action.
23. **The** behaviour of all Exhibitors and Show Personnel is expected to be acceptable at all times, with good sportsmanship in evidence. Cats Queensland Inc reserves the right to take disciplinary action against any person in breach of this rule. **CQI Has a ZERO TOLERANCE to Bullying, in any form.**
24. **Smoking** on school grounds is not permitted. Where shows are not held on school grounds, smoking is not permitted within 4 metres of the entrance to the show hall. The consumption of alcohol is not permitted at any Cats Queensland show venue.
25. **No** ribbons, rosettes, prize cards, certificates, business cards, brochures, etc are to be displayed on show cages during judging. No identifying signage should be evident on show officials clothing. All awards placed on cages are the responsibility of the exhibitor and should be removed after each ring is completed.
26. **Cages** must be kept clean by exhibitors prior to and after judging. Food and water may be given to exhibits but must be removed from the cage prior to each ring being judged.
27. **No** powder, aerosol sprays, methylated spirits, or scented herbs, etc. are allowed in the vicinity of the cages. Exhibitors or handlers must not use talcum powder or other like substances on an exhibit in the show hall. **NO BEHAVIOUR MODIFYING ENHANCEMENTS OR MEDICAL PRODUCTS ARE PERMITTED TO BE USED IN THE SHOW HALL.**
28. **Ear** tattoos (on altered exhibits only) or microchips under the skin will not penalise an exhibit. An exhibit that has been shaved for the purpose of PKD testing or blood testing may be shown, if a veterinary surgeon's letter stating that was the purpose is provided.
29. **The** entry form must contain an Exhibitor's Declaration that states: "I hereby declare that the particulars contained herein are true and correct to the best of my knowledge and I enter exhibits at my own risk. I declare that I am the bona fide owner / lessee and agree to abide by the Rules of Cats Queensland Inc. under which this show is conducted. My exhibit/s have not been in contact with infectious/contagious diseases within 60 days prior to the date of this show. I understand & accept that **ALL** Cats Queensland Inc shows have a **ZERO** tolerance stance on bullying. I consent to the use, reproduction or editing of any photos taken for or on behalf of CQI at shows, without compensation to me. All negatives and positives, prints, video recordings etc. shall remain the property of Cats Qld Inc.
- This MUST be signed by the exhibitor prior to bringing cats into the show hall.**

30. **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.
31. **No** exhibitor may enter a ring while judging is in progress to attend to an exhibit, unless asked to do so by either the judge or the steward.
32. **No** photographs of exhibits may be taken without the prior permission of the owner. No flash photography is permitted while judging is in progress and not without the permission of the owner.

Kitten Exhibits

31. **No** kitten under the age of 12 weeks is permitted to be shown or should be in the show hall for any purpose.
32. **Altered** (neutered/spayed) kittens under the age of nine months will compete with entire kittens in age classes and for Best in Show Awards.
33. **Litter** trays without identifying marking may be left in cages for litters or young kittens during judging.
34. **Litters** will automatically receive a double cage at no extra cost where required. If the dam of such litter is being exhibited, she will be allocated a separate cage in her group and the judges slips will note that she has a litter entered in the show. She may be placed in with her litter only after judging or between Rings.
[updated]

Companion Exhibits

35. **Companion** exhibits over the age of six months MUST be altered (neutered or spayed).
36. **Companion** kittens will compete with companion adults for Best In Show awards.

Vetting

37. **When** a schedule states that there will be no vetting at the show, the Show Committee may reserve the right to refuse entry to, or judging of, any exhibit it considers NOT IN SHOW CONDITION. When schedule states vetting, then the vet's decision will be final.

Pedigreed Awards

38. **All** adult cats regardless of title will compete for challenges in Open Classes for each breed/colour (male, female, altered male, altered female). However, in the case of a PDGC, four Platinum challenges are available to be awarded – one each for Males, Females, Altered Males and Altered Females. The winning cats must have been placed in the top five in show to receive the award. Platinum DGC who receive **10 awards** may apply for the title of CQ Supreme Champion. Higher titles are also available. [Updated 2015]
39. **CCC of A** Certificates may only be awarded to the best titled Male, Female, Altered Males and Altered Females of each in Group [i.e. Longhair or Shorthair] if they are placed in the final Top 10.
40. **In** the event of a withheld challenge in an open class or first place declined in a kitten class, no Best in Section or Best of Breed will be awarded if that exhibit is the sole entry in its breed/colour section, nor can it be placed in the Top 10.

Judging

41. **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 judge's opinion, the exhibit does not possess sufficient merit.
42. **An** exhibit which is unable to be judged / assessed will receive a UTJ and will be disqualified from that ring only. This only applies to the ring in which it was applied. It does not have a cumulative effect towards disqualification. A yellow UTJ card should be affixed to the front of the cage as a warning to following judges, one copy is to be made available to the owner and one given to the Show Rep.
43. **If** an exhibit is marked **BFL** in any ring in a multi-ring show, it is automatically disqualified from subsequent rings on that day. The judge will place a RED CARD on the exhibit's cage so following judges or personnel will not attempt to handle the exhibit. A second copy of the RED CARD will be handed to the exhibit's owner. A third copy of the RED CARD showing all details of the exhibit will be handed to the show manager, who in turn will advise the Cats Queensland Inc Management Committee with regard to the issuing of the RED CARD.

Notification shall also be sent to CCC of A detailing the exhibit that was deemed BFL. Any cat that shows aggression towards people, particularly any cat that bites or deliberately scratches someone, is to be automatically declared **BANNED FOR LIFE [BFL]**. Any cat that is ruled **BFL** must not be removed from its cage until it is transferred to its carry cage to go home. Any cat declared **BFL** is unable to be shown again, either in CQI shows or any other show, anywhere in Australia. [Updated March 2018]

44. Judges shall be instructed to disqualify an exhibit on which there is colouring matter or excessive powder or evidence of the exhibit having been dyed.

Complaints

45. All complaints regarding the show must be in writing, accompanied by a fee of \$20.00, and in the hands of the show manager within seven days of the show. Fees are refundable if upheld. No complaint against the running of the show will be considered by Cats Queensland Inc unless lodged in accordance with this Rule and accompanied by the full fee.

Show Personnel Information

46. A well-stocked first-aid kit will be provided at every show. The show manager will know its location and should be approached by any exhibitor, official or judge requiring first-aid materials.

47. A laminated copy of the Show Rules and Regulations will be displayed in a conspicuous position at every Cats Queensland Inc show.

48. Following the holding of a show by a Cats Queensland Inc affiliated club, the complete set of Judge's slips from each show along with 2 UNMARKED CATALOGUES are to be given to the Council Secretary or Registrar on the day of the show. A fully marked catalogue will be kept by the Secretary and the Registrar of Cats Queensland Inc for a minimum of 12 months from the completion of each show year.

49. The name of the Cats Queensland Inc representative will be listed in the catalogue. The Show Representative will notify Council of any BFL cards awarded and shall be responsible for notifying Council of any noteworthy practices or problems identified.

50. The following awards MUST be noted on judges' slips at Cats Queensland Inc shows in each Group: BEST, RESERVE, 3rd, 4th and 5th placed CATS, KITTENS and ALTERS. Reserve CCA winners should also be noted.

51. A judge may not judge an exhibit bred by her/him unless a period of three months has elapsed since the exhibit has left the judge's residence.

52. Any judge who is judging at the show on the day, may exhibit in any section or ring other than the one in which she/he is judging. Judges may act as stewards at shows at which they are not officiating in their capacity as a judge.

53. At Cats Queensland Inc, we are committed to providing the best possible learning opportunities for our training and probationary judges. At our shows, you are likely to see judges in training "shadowing" visiting judges and learning as much as possible from these differing opinions. While we do not want to slow judging down, please be aware that some discussion may take place about features of a breed and/or a specific exhibit. This will be an open discussion and should not be seen as anything more than a training opportunity. You will be made aware, prior to judging, that shadowing is occurring in the ring. We thank you for your understanding.



CATS QUEENSLAND INC VETERINARY SHOW RULES

These are also available for download from the Cats Queensland Inc website.

A copy of the complete show rules, downloaded from the web site, must be included in every show schedule.

A complete copy of the Cats Qld Inc Rules will be available at the Show for exhibitors' perusal.

VETERINARY RULES AND REGULATIONS

Inspection of exhibits at Cats Queensland shows by a veterinarian is at the discretion of the club. If a club chooses to have exhibits examined by a veterinarian, this is done at the door either prior to benching or after exhibits have been placed in cages. Whichever option is chosen needs to be stated on show schedules.

Cats that are, in the opinion of the veterinarian, unfit for exhibition must be removed from the hall immediately. This may extend to all exhibits from the same cattery if so determined by the vet in attendance. **THE VETERINARIAN'S DECISION IS FINAL.**

When exhibitors arrive after the specified time for veterinary inspection, the show manager or show representative may permit the exhibits to be examined by a veterinarian, if still in attendance. This may incur a charge to the exhibitor.

Alternatively, depending on circumstances, an approved Cats Qld Inc. representative may be permitted to examine the exhibits. If cleared, the exhibit shall be eligible to compete.

Any exhibit which is found to have ear mites, external parasites, appear to have any contagious skin lesions or other obvious contagion or to be under the influence of drugs at any time during the show, will be subject to expulsion from the show. This expulsion will result in the expulsion of all exhibits from the same cattery.

Female cats obviously in kitten or lactating queens without their litters must not be shown.

If an exhibit shows evidence of distress at any time during the show, it may be removed at the discretion of the show committee.

The owner agrees to indemnify the club and the veterinarian against all damages, claims and demands of whatever nature arising out of any action taken under this rule.

In the event that a Cats Queensland Show has no vetting, the show committee reserves the right to remove any exhibit that is NOT IN SHOW CONDITION.

DISQUALIFICATION UNDER ANY OF THESE RULES WILL RESULT IN ALL ENTRY FEES BEING FORFEITED.