



# 51<sup>st</sup> ACF National Cat Show And 2023 World Cat Congress

Hosted by ACF & TFA

## 10<sup>TH</sup> & 11<sup>TH</sup> JUNE 2023

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**CLOSING DATE FOR ENTRIES: Fri 12<sup>th</sup> May 2023**  
**UPDATE OF TITLES BY: Fri 19<sup>th</sup> May 2023**



#### EVENTS TIMETABLE

##### WELCOME FUNCTION

**Friday 9<sup>th</sup> June**

7.00pm – 8.00pm

**Hotel Grand Chancellor Launceston**

29 Cameron Street

Launceston 7250

##### ACF NATIONAL SHOW

##### SILVERDOME

**Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> June & Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> June**

Benching 7.00am - 8.00am

Show opens – 8.30am

Supreme Panel Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> - 3.30pm

##### OFFICIAL ACF DINNER

**Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> June**

**Hotel Grand Chancellor Launceston**

7.30pm for 8.00pm

##### WCC SEMINAR

**JUDGES, BREEDERS & EXHIBITORS**

**Monday 12<sup>th</sup> June**

**Hotel Grand Chancellor Launceston**

8.30am – 5.00pm

##### WCC BUSINESS MEETING AND OPEN MTG

**Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> June**

**Hotel Grand Chancellor Launceston**

8.30am – 5.00pm

##### OBSERVERS WELCOME

##### ACF JUDGES GUILD AGM

**Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> June**

**Hotel Grand Chancellor Launceston**

1.00pm-5.00pm

##### OBSERVERS WELCOME

##### ACF Inc. AGM & GM

**Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> June**

**Hotel Grand Chancellor Launceston**

8.30am – 5.00pm

##### OBSERVERS WELCOME

## Judging Assignments

		<b>Ring 1 Saturday</b>	<b>Ring 2 Saturday</b>	<b>Ring 3 Saturday</b>
Group One	Kittens	Kathy Calhoun CFA (WCC delegate)	Annette Sjödin FIFe (WCC delegate)	Vicki Jo Harrison TICA (WCC delegate)
	Entire	Kathy Calhoun CFA (WCC delegate)	Annette Sjödin FIFe (WCC delegate)	Jan van Rooyen SACC (WCC delegate)
	Desexed	Kathy Calhoun CFA (WCC delegate)	Annette Sjödin FIFe (WCC delegate)	Jan van Rooyen SACC (WCC delegate)
Group Two	Kittens	Rachel Anger CFA	Anneliese Hackman WCF (WCC delegate)	Vicki Jo Harrison TICA (WCC delegate)
	Entire	Rachel Anger CFA	Anneliese Hackman WCF (WCC delegate)	Vicki Jo Harrison TICA (WCC delegate)
	Desexed	Rachel Anger CFA	Anneliese Hackman WCF (WCC delegate)	Vicki Jo Harrison TICA (WCC delegate)
Group Three	Kittens	Rachel Anger CFA	John Hansson GCCF (WCC Delegate)	Kingsley Schmidtke ACF (GCCFSA)
	Entire	Rachel Anger CFA	John Hansson GCCF (WCC Delegate)	Jan van Rooyen SACC (WCC delegate)
	Desexed	Vicki Jo Harrison TICA (WCC delegate)	John Hansson GCCF (WCC Delegate)	Jan van Rooyen SACC (WCC delegate)
Group Four	All	Kathy Calhoun CFA (WCC delegate)	Anneliese Hackman WCF (WCC delegate)	Vicki Jo Harrison TICA (WCC delegate)
		<b>Ring 4 Saturday</b>	<b>Ring 5 Sunday</b>	<b>Ring 6 Sunday</b>
Group One	Kittens	Erin Brown ACF (FCCQ)	Rachel Anger CFA	Kingsley Schmidtke ACF (GCCFSA)
	Entire	Erin Brown ACF (FCCQ)	Vicki Jo Harrison TICA (WCC delegate)	John Hansson GCCF (WCC Delegate)
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*NOTE - The Show Committee reserves the right to alter assignments, without notice, should the need arise, while endeavouring to provide one overseas judge for each section in each group. ACF By-Laws limits the number of exhibits to be handled by any judge to approximately 90.*

Reserve Judges: Scoot Andresen, TBA

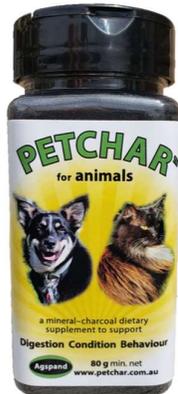


**Kathy Calhoun – CFA Delegate**

Kathy Calhoun was born and raised in Chicago, where she still lives. A CFA judge since 2007, Kathy founded her cattery, 5800 Dreams, in 1991, with her son. Her primary breed has always been the Maine Coon, but she has also bred American Shorthairs, American Wirehairs, and recently began to breed Lykoi. Other breeds she has worked with include Persians, Orientals, Abyssinians, Chartreux, and Devon Rex. She has achieved national wins with both her Maine Coons and her American Wirehairs.

Her resume in CFA is extensive; she is not only a member and a Secretary for several show producing clubs but serves as the treasurer for the Maine Coon Breed Council, the CFA Foundation, and the CFA organization itself. She also served as Midwest Regional Director.

Recently retired from her job as a Product Manager with Pepsico, Kathy has been a CFA judge since 2007. She has judged across the United States, Asia, Europe, Latin America, Canada, Russia, New Zealand, South Africa, and Australia. When not involved with cats, judging, or her many organizational responsibilities, Kathy has been known to play the bagpipes.



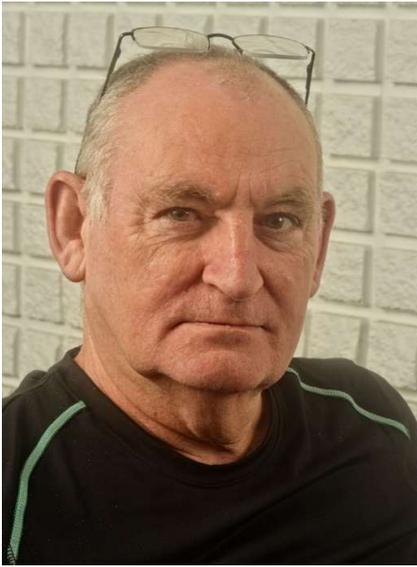
**Rachel Anger – CFA Advisor**

Rachel Anger is currently serving her eighth term as Secretary on the Cat Fanciers' Association (CFA) Board of Directors. She is an all-breed judge in CFA and the past Chair of the CFA Judging Program. Rachel continues to participate on the faculty of the CFA Breed Awareness and Orientation Schools as an instructor. She currently breeds Persians and Sphynx at her Camberwell cattery. Rachel also owns and shows Papillion dogs.



**Annette Sjödin – FIFe Delegate**

Annette Sjödin is currently the President of the Fédération Internationale Féline (FIFe). She is also the President of Sweden's FIFe member, Sveriges Kattklubbars Riksförbund (SVERAK), a position she has held for several years and President of the Swedish club, Västsvenska Kattklubben. Annette has also been active on several commissions within SVERAK. She is a FIFe International all-breed judge and has bred Persians, Exotics and Burmese.



**John Hansson – GCCF Delegate**

John Hansson is currently the Chairman of the Governing Council of the Cat Fancy (GCCF). He is also Event Co-ordinator for the GCCF Supreme Show, a member of GCCF Genetics Committee, Chair of the Breed Advisory Committee Review Group, President of the Rex Cat Club, RagaMuffin Cat Club, Progressive Ragdoll Cat Club and Vice-president of the Red Point and Tortie Point Siamese Cat Club. John breeds primarily Siamese, Oriental and Cornish Rex under the prefix Pannaduloo.



**David Colley – NZCF Delegate**

David Colley has been a Shorthair Judge with NZCF for over 15 years. He and his wife have bred Cornish Rex, Russian and Devon Rex starting in 1999. He has been on the NZCF Executive Council for 6 years.



**Jan van Rooyen – SACC Delegate**

Jan van Rooyen is currently the Treasurer of the Southern African Cat Council (SACC) and a Judges Council Delegate. He is also a former President of SACC, having held that post from 2009 – 2012. Jan started his judging course in 1995 and became an all-breeds judge in 2001. His involvement in the cat fancy started in 1989 when he started breeding and showing Burmese, which he continues today under the cattery name Zion.



**Vicki Jo Harrison – TICA Delegate**

Vicki Jo Harrison is the current President of The International Cat Association (TICA). She is an approved Allbreed Judge and Ring/School Instructor. Vicki Jo served 2 terms on the TICA Board of Directors as the South-Central Regional Director prior to being elected President. She breeds Siamese and Oriental Shorthair cats under the Radiance Cattery and is the current Siamese Breed Group Committee Chairperson. She has been actively involved in the cat fancy and has been a member of TICA since 1983.



**Anneliese Hackmann – WCF Delegate**

Anneliese Hackmann is currently President of the World Cat Federation (WCF), an organization she founded in 1988. She is also President of the German WCF member, Deutsche Edelkatze e.V. Anneliese is a WCF All-breed judge and for some time was one of the few breeders of the German Rex. She has written several books about cats, the most successful being Birmankatzen. Anneliese—as President of WCF—was one of the founder members of the World Cat Congress.



**Kingsley Schmidtke ACF (GCCFSA)**

Kingsley has been involved in The Cat Fancy since 1980, showing his first Burmese whilst starting High School. It wasn't long until his involvement included running annual shows, stewarding and being active in a variety of cat clubs, whilst doing his HSC. In 1998 he obtained his OFS Judging licence, followed soon after with BFM in 2002, to complete the national Group 3 class.

Having bred Burmese, British, Scottish folds and being owned by two Turkish Vans, he retired from breeding in 1999.

In 2022 he extended his Judging Licence to include the beautiful Group 1 Breeds and is currently undertaking his Group 2 training with GCCFSA which will enable him to become an all-breeds judge.

To quote Kingsley “ I feel privileged to share my love of felines with other like-minded people and truly appreciate the friends I have made all over the world”.



**Erin Brown ACF (FCCQ)**

Erin was licensed to judge Group 2 in 2001 and became an all-breeds judge in 2008. She is also an all-breeds dog judge and judges all over the world in both capacities.

Erin has judged cats in the USA, the Philippines, China, The UK and New Zealand as well as in most states of Australia. She believes strongly that we have a responsibility to put some effort back into the animal fancy; to make it a better hobby for everyone.

In partnership with Penny Dunkley, Erin ran a very successful dog and cat boarding facility in Brisbane before retiring to Beechmont where she now has more time to follow her passions in life.

*Eye Envy*

## INTRODUCTION TO THE WORLD CAT CONGRESS

In 1994 the Italian cat club, Associazione Nazionale Felina Italiana, organised a major event in the cat fancy under the title 'Cats and Man'. This event took place in Venice in June of that year and consisted of a seminar in which some distinguished Italian scholars from the fields of art, literature and science took part. There was also an international cat show and a meeting between the representatives of several of the world's major cat associations from the United States, Don Williams, President of the Cat Fanciers Association (CFA); from the United Kingdom, Brenda Wolstenholme, Chairman of the Governing Council of the Cat Fancy (GCCF); and from Europe, Alva Uddin, President of FIFe, and Anneliese Hackmann, President of the World Cat Federation (WCF). Most of those taking part in this first meeting saw the importance of international co-operation and it was decided to establish a regular meeting of the presidents of the associations, to study and to seek solutions for problems of common interest. Subsequent meetings have followed the pattern established in Venice: seminars, an international show at which the participating heads of organisations are invited to judge and a meeting of representatives of the world's cat associations.

## ABOUT ACF (Inc.)

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

It's not just the show on the National weekend. It's the Annual General Meetings of ACF and its Judges' Guild and a seminar to which all are welcome and in 2023 are the hosts for the World Cat Congress

## ABOUT TFA (Inc.)

The Tasmanian Feline Association is a full affiliate member of the Australian Cat Federation (ACF), with over 70 members and breeders from all over Tasmania.

Our mission is to promote the responsible breeding of pedigree cats and their health, raise public awareness about responsible cat ownership and encourage member participation in all aspects of the association.

We also believe that cat shows are an important part of the breeding process for our breeders, so to facilitate this, we hold regular shows in both the North and South of the state.

All Functions, Meetings and Seminars will be held at the

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29 Cameron Street

Launceston 7250

Special dietary requirements can be catered for so please let us know in advance.

## WELCOME FUNCTION

**Friday 9<sup>th</sup> June**

7.00pm – 8.00pm

ACF would like to extend an invitation to all exhibitors and attendees to the WCC Welcome Function on Friday evening, a social evening to catch up with friends and to meet new people and welcome the WCC delegates & judges to Launceston.

The cost to attend is **\$35.00** which includes a welcome drink served with canapés.

Cash bar facilities, bookings essential. ([Bookings via Catshowsonline](#)).

## OFFICIAL ACF DINNER

**Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> June**

7.30pm for 8.00pm

Buffet dinner consisting of Cold & Hot dishes and dessert - **\$65.00** per head.

Cash bar facilities, bookings essential. ([Bookings via Catshowsonline](#)).

## WORLD CAT CONGRESS - SEMINAR AND OPEN MEETING

**JUDGES, BREEDERS & EXHIBITORS** (\$30.00 per head, Bookings via Catshowsonline)

**Monday 12<sup>th</sup> June**

8.30am – 5.00pm

Continuous coffee & tea, morning & afternoon tea

**Buffet Lunch supported by Royal Canin**

Please check the website for seminar topic updates.

### **Seminar Speakers**

- **Professor Leslie Lyons** PhD - Gilbreath-McLorn Endowed Professor of Comparative Medicine, University of Missouri  
**Genetic updates & advancements**
- **Associate Professor Heather Lorimer** PhD - Genetics Department of Biological Sciences, Youngstown State University  
**Subspecies view, genetic diversity, and health implications.**
- **Dr Richard Malik** PhD - University of Sydney, Consultant for the Centre for Veterinary Education  
**Feline infectious diseases with major focus on FIP and the treatment thereof.**
- **Professor Jan Slapeta** - University of Sydney, Professor of Veterinary and Molecular Parasitology, Associate Head of Research  
**Toxoplasmosis and Toxoplasma: what is really going on?**
- **Dr Justine Schellekens** - Royal Canin Presentation

## WCC BUSINESS MEETING

**Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> June**

8.30am – 5.00pm

**OBSERVERS WELCOME** (\$55.00 per head, Bookings via Catshowsonline)

Continuous coffee & tea, morning & afternoon tea

& Buffet lunch with WCC delegates

## ACF JUDGES GUILD AGM

**Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> June**

Hotel Grand Chancellor Launceston

1.00pm-5.00pm

**OBSERVERS WELCOME**

(For catering, please book into the WCC Business Meeting via Catshowsonline)

## ACF Inc. AGM & GM

**Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> June**

Hotel Grand Chancellor Launceston

8.30am – 5.00pm

**OBSERVERS WELCOME** (\$55.00 per head, Bookings via Catshowsonline)

Continuous coffee & tea, morning & afternoon tea

& Buffet lunch

## SHOW VENUE



### Silverdome

[www.silverdome.com.au](http://www.silverdome.com.au)

[55 Oakden Road, Launceston Tasmania 7250](#)

Close to facilities, this venue offers ample parking for exhibitors and the general public.

## SHOW FORMAT

The show will be judged in 3 pedigree groups as detailed in the section titled ACF Approved Breeds. The show will be six rings Australian Open Style with top ten or fifteen placings for each group in each section, kittens, entires, and desexed, four Rings on Saturday and two on Sunday. Medallions will be awarded to all Best of Breed. Reserve of Breed will be awarded sashes if warranted subject to entry numbers.

All top place exhibits, best in group winners and Supreme winners will receive rosettes in every ring together with prizes.

## CONTACT INFORMATION

Contact for general queries:

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**Enter online [www.catshowsonline.com](http://www.catshowsonline.com)**

WCC Liaison – Robbie Walker

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### SATURDAY SHOW Timetable

<b>7.00am - 8.00am</b>	Benching and random in-cage Vetting – Own cages must be setup by 8.00am
<b>8:00am</b>	Welcome to Country – TBA Welcome to Launceston - TBA
<b>8:30am</b>	ACF President – introduce judges and open show
<b>8.45am</b>	Judging commences
<b>9.00am – 3.30pm</b>	Show open to public
<b>11.00am &amp; 1.00pm</b>	Breed presentations

### SUNDAY SHOW Timetable

<b>7.00am - 8.00am</b>	Benching and random in-cage Vetting – Own cages must be setup by 8.00am
<b>8.30am</b>	Judging commences
<b>9.00am – 3.30pm</b>	Show open to public
<b>11.00am &amp; 1.00pm</b>	Breed presentations
<b>3.00 – 4.30</b>	Supreme Panel Judging & Presentation of Overall in Group & Overall Supreme Awards

**ENTRIES OPEN: Wed 1<sup>st</sup> March 2023**  
**CLOSING DATE FOR ENTRIES: Fri 12<sup>th</sup> May 2023**  
**UPDATE OF TITLES BY SUNDAY: Fri 19<sup>th</sup> May 2023**

**Please, for the Show Coordinators sanity, no late entries!**

### Assistance on show day

**We can't do it without help from you!**

If you can assist with Setup, Steward, Runner, Front Desk or Pulldown would you email [acfnational2023@gmail.com](mailto:acfnational2023@gmail.com)

**Your help will be very much appreciated.**

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

If you have any questions regarding working at the show, contact the Show Coordinator or the Chief Steward as noted above.

### ACF Approved Breeds

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

#### Group 1 Breeds

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

#### Group 2 Breeds

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

#### Group 3 Breeds

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

#### Companion

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

### ACF Awards

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

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

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## Best of Breed

Best of Breed Kitten, Entire Cat and Desexed Cat will receive a Best of Breed award. Reserve will be awarded if warranted, subject to entry numbers.

## Definition of Classes

Kittens will be automatically entered in the appropriate age class & cats in the appropriate class based on the information as supplied in the online entry system (catshowsonline.com). There will be no litter class at this show.

**Kittens must be a minimum of 12 weeks of age on the day of the show i.e. - Born no later than 18 March 2023** (Show Rule 3).

## Vetting

- Random in-cage vetting by duly qualified veterinary professionals who will examine each cat, whether entered for competition or exhibition only. The chief veterinarian shall order any cat to be removed from the show if, in his/her opinion, it is suffering from any infectious or contagious disease or has external parasites. Their decision in this regard shall be final. Should the veterinarian reject one of an exhibitor's cats or kittens all the exhibitor's entries may be rejected. If the exhibitor has travelled with another exhibitor their exhibits may also be disqualified from exhibiting.
- No exhibit or exhibitor (other than veterinary professionals) may enter the hall if, at any time during the period of 30 days immediately preceding the day of the show, they have been in contact with or affected by a disease infectious to cats.
- All inspected exhibits must pass the Veterinary Inspection.
- A veterinary professional shall be present at the show from 7:00 am until midday.
- Should the need occur at any stage of the day the vet may be consulted and may ask that an exhibit be removed from the hall. The Veterinary professional's decision is final.
- Should any exhibit be vetted out on the first day, they will not be permitted to return the following day.
- Vaccination certificates showing appropriate vaccinations with first vaccination no less than 14 days prior to the show **must be available for inspection** for exhibits under nine months of age.

## Show Raffles

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

## Rosettes Sponsorship

We would like to invite your sponsorship of rosettes for the show.

Please refer to the information page of the ACF website for further information or contact [acfnational2023@gmail.com](mailto:acfnational2023@gmail.com)

**Rosette sponsorship is also available through [catshowsonline.com](http://catshowsonline.com)**

## Cages Sizes and Curtain Colours

You are encouraged to bring your own show cages to the show provided they meet the requirements of the ACF National Show rules.

- A small MAY NOT be any wider than 63cm (24.5") and no deeper than 46cm (18.5").
- A large MAY NOT be any wider than 80cm (31.5") and no deeper than 49cm (19").

Cages must have solid sides attached to prevent cats coming into contact with each other. These can be made from corflute or other solid material and must be OPAQUE and WATERPROOF.

At this show we will have cages for hire in the following sizes.

- 76cm long x 57cm high x 53cm wide

Hire Cages can be booked through the entry portal at [catshowsonline.com](http://catshowsonline.com)

## Stalls

If you would like a stall, we would love to hear from you. We can provide an area for you to set up a display or sell products.

**Stall bookings are available through the entry portal at [catshowsonline.com](http://catshowsonline.com)**

**If you need to talk to someone – we do have a Stall Coordinator. See the Who's Who on Page 7**

## Catalogue Advertising

Advertising is available in the Catalogue - see schedule of costs.  
Please email print ready copy electronically to the show coordinator.

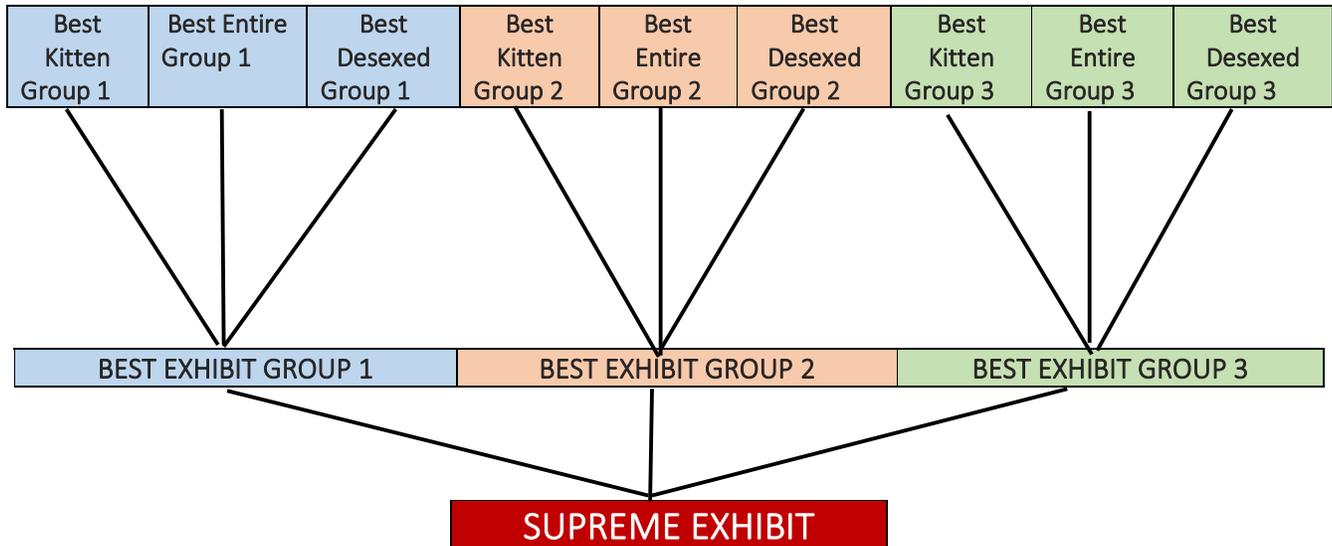
## BEST IN GROUP

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

## BEST EXHIBIT IN GROUP & SUPREME EXHIBIT IN SHOW

will be selected as shown in the following

Best Overall in Group awards will be determined by an open panel vote, from each best in Group kitten, entire cat and desexed Cat the panel will vote to determine the Best Exhibits in each of the three Groups, from these exhibits the panel will determine the winner of the prestigious Supreme Exhibit in Show.



## Supreme Companion Exhibit

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

## BREED Talks

Our show will feature breed talks where ACF All Breed judges will present and describe various breeds and their history.

This is an excellent opportunity for breeders to promote their breed to the public. Spaces are limited. Exhibits must have excellent temperaments and be able to cope with crowds.

The breed talks will be presented at the following times: 11.00am and 1.00pm. If you would like to sign up to be part of the talks, contact the show coordinator.

## Important things to note

### **Before the show**

- Entries to this show must be accompanied by a full copy of the certified pedigree (minimum: exhibit plus 4 generations) for verification that the exhibit's pedigree conforms to ACF breeding & registration guidelines. **(see rule 1) Please make sure you upload a digital copy of the registration certificate/pedigree with your entry.**
- The show secretary will email a confirmation of your entry.
- **Function passes** will be available at the Welcome Function and at show entry on Saturday. Check your confirmation email carefully and advise ASAP of any changes necessary.
- This is a six-ring show over two days. Your cat may be handled at least three times each day. **Please consider your cat's temperament when entering!**
- All exhibits must have front and rear claws clipped.
- Desexed and entire kittens will compete against each other in their relevant age classes.
- Please note at this show exhibitor identification will be issued at the front desk. Exhibitor identification must be worn at all times otherwise an entry fee may be charged.
- Entries will not be accepted for breeds or colours/patterns not recognised by ACF Inc.
- Exhibitors names will be recorded as per the certificate of registration/pedigree.

### **At the show**

- All exhibits must remain in their cages until the show closes.
- No powders or sprays are to be used within the show hall; this will result in the disqualification of the exhibit/s. There will be a designated Grp 1 grooming area.
- Please be aware of the closing time of the show. Any exhibit left in the hall unattended at the close of show will be removed and taken to a boarding cattery overnight at the owner's expense.
- Cat litter must be disposed of ONLY in the marked bins. Please don't use the judge's bins as the odour is unpleasant and will upset other exhibits.

## General Public Entry Prices

\$7.50 Adults

\$5.00 Children (under 15) & Pensioners

Families \$20.00.

Ample car parking at the venue plus street parking nearby.

## AUSTRALIAN CAT FEDERATION (INC.) NATIONAL SHOW RULES

### PLEASE READ THE ACF SHOW RULES BELOW CAREFULLY.

1. All exhibits, local and Interstate, excepting unpedigreed must be registered with and issued with an approved registration number by a recognised controlling body or be eligible under By-Laws 1.3 and 1.4
2. All litters must be recorded with the recognised controlling body and must be a minimum of 12 weeks of age on the day of the show.
3. Kittens will not be eligible for individual kitten classes below the age of 12 weeks on the day of the show.
4. Litter is all living progeny of one birth. The number of kittens in each litter must be stated on the entry form. The Show Secretary must be notified prior to the show date if any kitten(s) included in the litter have died since the entry.
5. All cats and kittens must be vaccinated as per current veterinary protocols.
6. All adult cats entered for competition, including titled cats, must compete in their appropriate Open class (whether entire or desexed). Kittens must be entered in their individual age classes (under 5, 7 and 9 months) unless entered as litter only (under 4 months).
7. No cats obviously pregnant may be exhibited. No cats obviously nursing a litter may be exhibited without her litter. No vasectomised cat may be exhibited. No female cat desexed by tubal ligation may be exhibited.
8. Entries must be made on the appropriate entry form and must be in the hands of the Show Committee by the stated closing time. All entry fees must accompany the entry form. Entry fees will not be refunded under any circumstances.
9. The Show Committee reserves the right to refuse or return any entry or entries. Exhibitors, whose entries are refused, are to be notified in writing by registered mail within seven (7) days of close of entries. A Copy of such letter to be forwarded at the same time to the Secretary of the ACF Inc.
10. The age of all exhibits shall be computed from the day of their birth to the day of the show,
  - a. Kittens: exhibits under nine (9) months of age, and
  - b. Cats: exhibits nine (9) months of age and over on the day of the show.
11. An exhibit must be the bona fide registered property of the owner or lessee in whose name it is entered. If owned by more than one person, the names of all part owners must be shown on the entry form.
12. One free pass will be issued to the exhibitor. These passes are not transferable. Where the exhibitor is a partnership, whether owner or lessee; additional free passes may be issued, at the discretion of the Show Manager/Show Secretary
13. While ACF (Inc.) takes every care of animals entered in a show, all exhibits are entered /exhibited at the owner's/lessee's risk. It must be strictly understood by all exhibitors, and all other persons, that ACF will not accept responsibility for the loss of or damage to any exhibit or property, whether arising from accident or other causes by its officers, agents or any other person. All personal property left in the hall is the owner's responsibility.
14. No cat or other animal, other than exhibits, shall be allowed within the precincts of the exhibition for the duration of the show.
15. All exhibits must be brought to the hall in suitable carry-boxes or containers. No exhibit will be accepted if on leads, wrapped in towels, etc.
16. No exhibit or exhibitor (other than veterinary professionals) may enter the hall if, at any time during the period of 30 days immediately preceding the day of the show, they have been in contact with or affected by a disease infectious to cats.
17. All inspected exhibits must pass the Veterinary Inspection.
  - a. A duly qualified veterinary surgeon may examine each cat, whether entered for competition or exhibition only, or
  - b. A veterinary surgeon shall be present at the show from 7:00 am until midday, inspecting animals of his/her selection during that period. Entry to bays during judging is not permitted except at show manager's request. The veterinary surgeon shall order any cat to be removed from the show if, in his/her opinion, it is suffering from any infectious or contagious disease or has external parasites. Their decision in this regard shall be final. Should the veterinarian reject one of an exhibitor's cats or kittens all the exhibitor's entries may be rejected?
18. Member bodies hosting a National may elect to have no vetting at shows.
  - a. This must be shown on the Show Schedule
  - b. The show committee may remove an exhibit from the show if, in their opinion, the exhibit is not in show condition. Their decision in this regard will be final
19. If an adult male cat entered as an entire male is found to be monorchid or cryptorchid it will be disqualified.
20. If during the course of the show, an exhibit should be found to be ailing, or distressed through any cause, the Show Manager may at his/her discretion request the exhibit be removed from the hall.
21. Exhibitor Owned Cages: All cages brought by exhibitors must comply with the approved standards and sizes. The small cage will have a maximum size of 61cm (24.5 +/- 1inch) on its longest side (front). The large cage will have a maximum size of 91cm (36 +/- 1inch) on its longest side (front). The cage shall be of a wire mesh type construction with one or two doors. No top opening cages will be permitted. The cage must be fitted with suitable waterproof and opaque (non -see through) solid barriers on both sides and back to prevent direct contact between benched cats.
22. Curtains (if used) and a towel or blanket must be in cages prior to the commencement of judging. No other objects are allowed until judging is completed, except for devices used for warmth. Nothing in cages shall identify owner.
23. No foodstuffs are allowed in cages prior to and/or during judging but drinking water may be provided.
24. Litter trays may be provided by exhibitors
25. Grooming of exhibits benched may be continued until exhibitors are requested to leave the judging area prior to judging. No sprays or powders used to groom exhibits are to be used in the show hall. Transgression will result in the disqualification of the exhibit.
26. Carry-boxes, etc. must be placed out of sight after the exhibit is benched.

27. Late arrivals will only be accepted at the discretion of the Show Manager but exhibits not in their cages when the judges are called to the floor will automatically be disqualified.
28. No cat or kitten may be removed from the vicinity of its cage without special permission from the Show Manager.
29. No exhibit may be removed from the hall before completion of prize-giving without the permission of the Show Manager.
30. The Show Committee reserves the right to amend prize lists and to alter judging assignments if necessary.
31. All exhibits at ACF Inc. shows are judged according to the Standards of the ACF Inc. All breeds and colours and patterns will be fully written.
32. The ACF Inc. show will contain the following sections for competition: -
- GROUP 1* Aphrodite Longhair, Aphrodite Shorthair, Birman, Exotic Shorthair, Maine Coon, Neva Masquerade Norwegian Forest Cat, Ragdoll, Persian, Siberian, **Turkish Angora**, Turkish Van,
- GROUP 2* Balinese, Foreign White, Foreign White Longhair, Oriental Shorthair, Oriental Longhair, Peterbald, Siamese,
- GROUP 3* Other Shorthairs and Cymric, LaPerm Longhair, **Lykoi**, Pixiebob Longhair, Scottish Fold Longhair, Scottish Longhair, Selkirk Rex Longhair, Somali, **Toyger** and other breeds as listed in ACF Standards
- GROUP 4* Companion Pets.
- EXPERIMENTAL/ASSESSMENT*  
All new and developing breeds/varieties.
33. Desexed exhibits shall not compete against entire exhibits except where special regulations apply as in side classes such as eye colour etc. or for Supreme Exhibit. For Top 5/10 Kittens, desexed and entire kittens will compete together.
34. Challenge and Award of Merit certificates will be awarded for Best Male, Best Female, Best Neuter and Best Spey in each colour (A.O.C. and non-pedigreed exhibits excepted or where special regulations apply – see Rule 42) irrespective of the number of entries, provided the exhibits reach the required standard Challenge and Award of Merit certificates awarded to Supplementary Register exhibits must be marked with the letters "S.R.". However, Sub-register status will not be indicated on the judges' slips. Companion Merit Awards will be allowed for Best Neuter and Best Spey Companion Cat.
35. A Judge's decision on the merit of an exhibit shall be final unless such decision is contrary to the rules under which the show is conducted. Judges shall be empowered and instructed not to award any prize, Challenge or Award of Merit Certificate or Companion Merit Award to any exhibit which they consider is not of sufficient merit. The judge may award a second place and may withhold a prize altogether where the exhibits are not, in his opinion, of sufficient merit.
36. Any exhibit which is unable to be handled by the judge will not be judged. Any exhibit found to be under sedation will be disqualified. If an exhibit behaves in an aggressive manner, or injures a handler, it will be marked UTH (Unable to be Handled) and disqualified from further competition in the show.  
If an exhibit is less aggressive but is unable to be taken from the cage to the judging table or be handled sufficiently to be effectively judged/assessed, it will be marked UTJ (unable to be judged) for that ring.
37. Officiating judges may enter exhibits in competition, but not judge their own exhibits. Such judges are excluded from conferring with judges of cats in sections in which they are exhibiting and from sitting on any panel including for Supreme Exhibit in the event that any exhibit owned by such judges should be presented to such panels.
38. Panel judging may be used at the discretion of the show committee. Panel should be of an odd number.
39. In the event of a split decision during panel judging, the panel will be instructed to determine between two of the exhibits, and then between the winner and a third exhibit and so on until an overall winner is established.
40. Any complaint regarding the management of the show must be made in writing to the ACF Inc. Secretary together with a fee determined by ACF Inc., within two days of the show. The fee will be refunded if the protest is upheld.
41. No cards or ribbons, other than those won at the show, may be displayed.
42. Supplementary register exhibits shall compete against full register exhibits in their appropriate classes if they are, or have been, part of an approved program aimed at producing cats of an established breed/variety and standard in the Open Classes where Challenges and Award of Merit certificates are awarded. Exhibits of an unrecognised variety (colour, marking, or coat quality) of an established breed shall compete in Open Classes for AOC/AOV exhibits. The proposed standard of points must be forwarded with the entry. Supplementary Register exhibits are eligible for Best of Breed/Variety and Best in Show Awards.
43. All cats entered for competition shall have all claws clipped.
44. Judges are instructed to ignore tattoo marks and other similar forms of identification (e.g. reaction to microchip insert) in show cats.
45. A list of all past Supreme Exhibit winners will be recorded in each national show catalogue.
46. It is the responsibility of exhibitors to ensure exhibits' certification is correct before the show.
47. If a judge is of the opinion that colour or pattern is incorrect, and entry form is checked and error is confirmed to be by the exhibitor, then the judge will withhold.

**Effective January 2016**

## SCHEDULE OF COSTS

51st Australian Cat Federation (Inc.) National Cat Show 10<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup> June 2023



DETAILS	PRICE
Entry fee	\$75.00
Benching Fee Per Exhibitor	\$10.00
Hire Cage	\$10.00
Waterproof cage barrier (purchase)	TBA
Catalogue	\$25.00
<b>Catalogue Advertising</b> Full Page \$100, Half Page \$60, Quarter page \$35	
Additional Exhibitor Pass	\$7.50
<b>Friday</b> - Welcome Function (Includes one drink)	\$35.00
<b>Sunday</b> - Official Dinner (Buffet – Hot and Cold plus assorted desserts)	\$65.00
<b>Monday</b> – World Cat Congress Seminar Lunch will be sponsored by Royal Canin	\$30.00
<b>Tuesday</b> – WCC Business Meeting & ACF Judges Guild AGM	\$55.00
<b>Wednesday</b> ACF AGM & GM - Observers Only	\$55.00
<b>Stalls</b> - Single \$150.00 (3m frontage), Double \$200.00 (5m Frontage)	\$ _____
ACF Yearbook 2023	\$15.00
Rosette Sponsorship, 1 section (i.e.10 rosettes) Your name goes on the rosettes	\$150.00
Donation to Trophy Fund	\$ _____

**Payment for entries and functions must be done through [catshowsonline.com](http://catshowsonline.com)**

Online Entries [www.catshowsonline.com](http://www.catshowsonline.com)

**ENTRIES OPEN: Wed 1<sup>st</sup> Mar 2023**

**CLOSING DATE FOR ENTRIES: Fri 12<sup>th</sup> May 2023**

**UPDATE OF TITLES BY SUNDAY: Fri 19<sup>th</sup> May 2023**

All correspondence is to be via email to [acfnational2023@gmail.com](mailto:acfnational2023@gmail.com).  
Please do not contact the Show Coordinator or Show Secretary through  
Social Media.

**NO LATE ENTRIES WILL BE ACCEPTED**

**EARLY ENTRIES VERY MUCH APPRECIATED!**

## Entering the 2023 ACF National Online.

Entries to the Show will be online.

The National will use the [Catshowsonline.com](http://Catshowsonline.com) entry system for entries as well as show administration.

For those unfamiliar with [Catshowsonline.com](http://Catshowsonline.com), and as a refresher for those who have used the system before, here are instructions on how to enter.

Before Entering:

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

Registering and Setting up “My Cats”:

Prior to entering a show, you need to create an online profile in [Catshowsonline.com](http://Catshowsonline.com) and then add your cats and kittens to the profile.

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

## ENTERING THE SHOW

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

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

## PAYING FOR THE SHOW

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

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

\* Date of Birth Defines a Kitten or Adult Class:

Birthdate on Pedigree	Class
19 <sup>th</sup> March onwards	Too young to compete
11 <sup>th</sup> Sept 2022 – 18 <sup>th</sup> March 2023	Kitten Class
Before 10 <sup>th</sup> Sept 2022	Open Class

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

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

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

**GOOD LUCK!**

**We would like to sincerely thank our valued Sponsors who make this event possible**

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*Thank you!*

