









**Present our Annual 4-ring Cat and Kitten Show** 

# Safari Soiree



## Saturday 30th August 2025



South Tweed Sports Club, 4 Minjungbal Drive, Tweed Heads South

Ring	Longhair	Shorthair	Companions
1	Rita Wiseman	Rita Wiseman	Rita Wiseman
Rosettes	(South African CC)	(South African CC)	(South African CC)
2	Irene Brooks	Irene Brooks	Irene Brooks
Advance food	(NZCF)	(NZCF)	(NZCF)
3	Barbara LaRocca	Crystal Maher	John Sandercock
Oz-Pet Litter	(ACF QFA)	(Cats NSW)	(FCCQ)
4	John Sandercock	Alison Moore	Alison Moore
Prizes	(FCCQ)	(Cats NSW)	(Cats NSW)

Awards: Top 10 Kittens, Cats, Desexed and Top 10 Companions (subject to entry numbers)

**Entry Fees:** 

First 2 exhibits \$45.00

Litters: Under 4 months \$ 35.00 Catalogue: Hard copy \$ 8.00

Subsequent exhibits \$ 35.00 Individual litter kittens \$ 5.00



Hire of show cage \$ 10.00 Exhibition space (must provide own cage or hire a show cage) \$ 10.00 Advertising (completed copy must be sent with entry) \$ 10.00 full page, \$5.00 half page

## All entries via www.catshowsonline.com

#### Entries close Monday, 18th August 2025 – Limit 95 exhibits

Show Manager: Liz Robinson <u>sarikamajik957@gmail.com</u> 0403 157 790 (before 8 pm) Show Secretary: Jenny Weekes <u>jenny.weekes57@outlook.com</u> 0400 210 857 (before 8 pm)

Cats NSW Rep: Corinne O'Connell

The show will be conducted under the Rules/Show Procedures of Cats NSW Inc.

#### Please note there will be NO VETTING at this show

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#### **Show and Club**

#### Information

The venue will open at 7:30 am with vetting from 8:00 am. Judging will commence at 9:00 am. Public Entry will be from 10:00 am. No flash cameras are to be used at the show without the permission of the Show Manager.

#### **South Tweed Sports Club**

The Club's Cafe will be open from 8:00 am on show day, offering tea, coffee, some breakfast and morning tea options and an afternoon recharge. The restaurant and bar will be open for lunch.

There is ample parking at the rear of the venue and a convenient drop-off area at the front entrance on Minjungbal Drive. All exhibitors will need to sign into the club upon entry.

The Club courtesy bus is available for exhibitors having dinner before or after the show.



## **Cats NSW Committee**

President	Jenny Weekes	president@catsnsw.com.au
Vice President	Peta Sperduty	psperduty@outlook.com
Junior Vice President	Di Stokes	membership@catsnsw.com.au
Secretary	Alison Moore	secretary@catsnsw.com.au
Treasurer	Crystal Maher	treasurer@catsnsw.com.au
Committee	Fiona Cooper, Corinne O'Connell, Rebekah	
	Darmody, Colleen Blair	
Affiliate Delegates	Joanne Greentree, Suzette Greentree, Liz Robinson,	
	Rosie Rogers, Sharon Black, Lyn Keevers, Tracey	
	Carabetta, Corinne O'Connell	

#### **Borderline Cats Inc.**

Borderline Cats Inc. is a fun, easy-going group with a common interest in pedigreed and companion cats. We hold most of our meetings via Zoom, so distance is no barrier to being involved. If you would like to join, please contact us via email – borderlinecats@gmail.com

President	Crystal Maher	
Vice President	Elaine Vincent	
Secretary	Pam Veness	
Treasurer	Liz Robinson	
Show Manager	Liz Robinson	
Show Secretary	Crystal Maher	
Stewards	Leonie Scowen, Dennis Morrison, Nadine Savage, Chrissy	
	Mangin	
Veterinary services	King Street Vet Clinic	







## **Introducing Our Judges**

#### Rita Wiseman - SACC

I have been involved in Cat Fancy since 1985. I was first a cat handler/steward, then became a Show Manager in 1988. One of the founder members of CJI Judges Panel in 1996. My first judges course started in 1996 (Siamese/ Oriental/Balinese). Qualified as All Breeds Judge in 2006.

I have shown many cats throughout my career. My Cats achievements: SACC Cat of the Year in 2001 Turkish Van, 2018 my Burmese won Neuter of the Year and then Cat of the Year in 2019. My own breed Siamese came 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Neuter of the Year in 2015.



#### **Irene Brooks - NZCF**



My first memory of having a cat was when a friend and I called into her shed on the way home from school about the age of 9, I tucked a delightful Tortoiseshell kitten under my jumper taking it home. My introduction to showing was at a very early age when the family entered that kitten into a Cat show in Dunedin, she gained first place. I still have that certificate in my memory box today.

I started breeding in 1990 after being introduced to the cat world by a friend.

I have bred Persian and Exotics with an emphasis on the Van and Harlequin patterns.

After two years I was offered a pregnant LaPerm Cat to help with a new breed to New Zealand. These cats are in my opinion the most underrated cats in the feline world, suitable as a constant companion with a somewhat dog nature, they also tend to be low allergenic with low care needs.

My breeding program continued for 10 years until my career (Human Resources)

became such that I could not afford to spend the time that was required to keep the number of cats I had, in a manner they deserved.

My Judging journey began in 2008. I live in Taupo New Zealand, which is a great central location.

#### Barbara LaRocca - ACF QFA

Barbara was introduced to and instantly fell in love with the Burmese breed in 1979 and began breeding under her Riokay prefix. In 1988 she decided to bred Abyssinians as well. She has also imported Somalis and bred Burmillas, Tonkinese and Maine Coons. Barbara bred Supreme Exhibit winners in both Burmese and Abyssinians and has had numerous Best Kitten and Cats of the Year with QFA. She has twice proudly achieved Group 3 Prefix of the Year with QFA.

Barbara began training with QFA as a Shorthair judge in 1988. After judging for a couple of years she started training in Longhairs and in 1998 became an All Breeds judge with QFA. She has judged and continues to do so throughout Australia and New Zealand and has also judged in Kuala Lumpur, Germany and the Netherlands.

In 2017 Barbara returned as President of QFA Inc. Barbara was President of QFA Inc. from 2002 – 2015. She is also currently President of Burmese Cat Fanciers

Club of Qld and previously held the positions of President of the Abyssinian & Somali Cat Club of Qld and is currently the President of the Gold Coast Cat Club.



#### **Crystal Maher – Cats NSW**



I have been a cat lover for most of my life. I started out breeding and showing Birmans in 2014 and in 2016 I took up an opportunity to train as a Steward/Ring clerk with the Queensland Feline Association as a way of giving back at shows. I later started the Borderline Cat Club and have been the club President and Show Manager for a number of years.

I completed my Group 1 Judge's training with Cats NSW in 2022 and was appointed to the ACF Judges Panel. I have also just completed my Shorthair Judges training and look forward to completing my Junior judging assignments. This is a wonderful new adventure and I'm excited to be applying what I have learnt.

Outside of the cat fancy, I keep busy lecturing at University and assisting my partner with his cabinet making business. I also teach faceting at my local gem club.

#### John Sandercock - FCCQ

John grew up on a dairy farm where he looked after the farm cats. He always had a rescue cat from the RSPCA until he acquired his first pedigree cat, a blue point Birman breeding girl in 1997 and joined the Birman Cat Fanciers of Queensland Inc (BCFCQ).

He has been an active member of the BCFCQ, participating in many cat shows as a ring clerk, steward, show secretary and show manager. An interest in computer programming led him into writing a computer program to aid in the task of organising a cat show and printing show catalogues. He fell in love with the red point Birmans when he saw them at a show, and started breeding for that colour. He currently has several red point and tortie point Birmans who allow him and his wife to live with and look after them.



#### Alison Moore - Cats NSW



I have always been an animal lover and had numerous pets as a child. I was 16 when my first cat arrived, a gorgeous black silver tortie tabby and white spay, who started life in our backyard shed where her (stray) mother gave birth to her litter. My first pedigree cat was a blue point birman neuter I purchased in 1992 and my journey in the cat fancy began soon after with him and a then still new colour female, a chocolate point. My first litter came along the following year and I have bred birmans in all colours and patterns since.

I qualified as a steward in 1993 and have had the opportunity to steward at shows in Russia, Belarus and France. I have held many positions in cat clubs and participated in all aspects of managing and running cat shows, from local club shows, to Canberra and Sydney Royal Shows and ACF National Shows.

I joined Cats NSW in 2014 and, after covid delays qualified as a Group 1 judge in 2024.

I am now undertaking a shorthair judging course with the aim of becoming an all breeds judge. I am also the current Cats NSW Secretary.

My retirement in late 2023 means I now have more time to spend attending cat shows, visiting my family in Victoria, walking around local Canberra parks and lakes, and cooking. Hopefully there will also be time to resume some overseas travel.

**Accommodation options** Please enquire about Pet-Friendly rooms. Owners may insist on cats being housed in bathrooms and a cleaning fee may apply.

Blue Pelican Motel – 115 Wharf St, Tweed Heads – Ph: 07 55361777. Located 3 km from the venue. https://www.bluepelicanmotel.com.au/.

Best Western Kennedy Drive Airport Motel – 203 Kennedy Dr, Tweed Heads West – Ph: 1800 887 746. Located 4.4 km from venue. https://www.kennedydrivemotel.com.au/

Ingenia Holidays Kingscliff – 46 Wommin Bay Road, Chinderah 2487. 1 & 2 bedroom pet friendly cabins. Located 6.3 km from venue. https://www.ingeniaholidays.com.au/our-parks/new-south-wales/north-coast/kingscliff/

Tropical Coast Retreat – 249 Duranbah Road, Duranbah NSW 2487 – Ph 0434 141 796. Three pet-friendly suites only, so book early. Located 17 km from the venue. https://www.tropicalcoast.com.au/









#### **Conditions of Show Entry**

Exhibits are divided into three groups for judging. These groups are:

Longhair Birman, Exotic, Maine Coon, Nebelung, Neva Masquerade, Norwegian Forest Cat, Persian, Ragdoll,

Siberian, Turkish Angora & Turkish Van.

Shorthair Balinese, Foreign White Shorthair, Foreign White Longhair, Oriental Shorthair, Oriental Longhair,

Peterbald, and Siamese, Abyssinian, American Curl Longhair, American Curl Shorthair, American Shorthair, Australian Mist, Bengal, Bengal Longhair, Bombay, British Shorthair, British Longhair, Burmese, Burmilla Longhair, Burmilla Shorthair, Cornish Rex, Cymric, Devon Rex, Donskoy, Egyptian Mau, Japanese Bobtail Longhair, Japanese Bobtail Shorthair, Korat, La Perm Longhair, La Perm Shorthair, Lykoi, Mandalay, Manx, Munchkin, Ocicat, Pixiebob Longhair, Pixiebob Shorthair, Russian, Scottish Fold Longhair, Scottish Fold Shorthair, Scottish Shorthair, Selkirk Rex Longhair, Selkirk Rex Shorthair, Singapura,

Snowshoe, Somali, Sphynx, Tonkinese, Toyger

Group 4 Desexed Companion Kittens and Desexed Companion Cats. Companion exhibits are permitted to show for

the first time without classification and up to three times without being registered. All Companion exhibits

must be at least 10 weeks of age and be desexed.

Exhibits will be judged under the standard of points of the Australian Cat Federation Inc. however should such standard of points be not available the appropriate standard will be issued by Cats NSW.

Longhair and Shorthair groups are divided into 3 main classes. The classes are Entire Cat, Desexed Cat, and Kitten. Entire Male Cats, Entire Female Cats, Neuter Cats and Spay Cats will compete in open classes by group, breed and colour and maybe awarded challenges at the Judge's discretion.

Kittens under 4 months of age may be entered as 'Registration pending'. All relevant details must be included on Catshowsonline.

ACF Award of Excellence maybe awarded at the Judge's discretion to the best placed Male Cat, Female Cat, Neuter Cat and Spay Cat in Longhair and Shorthair groups in all rings. For a cat to be considered of sufficient merit the judge needs to certify "I deem this cat to be of a standard of excellence of not less than 95%.

Group 4 are divided into 2 main classes, Desexed Cat and Desexed Kitten. An Award of Merit maybe awarded at the Judge's discretion to the best placed Companion Neuter Cat and Companion Spay Cat in all rings. The exhibit must be placed in the Top 5 to be considered for this award.

Where the Judge feels the quality of the exhibits merit such awards, ribbons and/or product will be awarded in each ring to the Top 5 Entire Cats, Top 5 Desexed Cats, Top 5 Kittens in Longhair and Shorthair groups, and Top 5 Companion Cats and Top 5 Companion Kittens in Group 4.

A Supreme Pedigreed Exhibit in Show in each ring will be awarded. Supreme Companion will be awarded on points.

All Cats NSW Inc. Member's exhibits are eligible to compete for Cat of The Year Awards. All Cats NSW Inc. Associate Member's exhibits are eligible to complete for Associate Member Cat of the Year Awards.

For the purpose of COTY point scoring, the Top 5 placings for kittens, entire cats and desexed cats in groups 1, 2, & 3 for each ring will be awarded, should the judge feel the quality of the exhibits merit such an award.

Cats NSW Inc. representatives and officiating judges reserve the right without prejudice, to expel any exhibit from the show that appears to be in ill health or condition (including the presence of external parasites). Such decisions are final.

All entries must be completed on the Catshowsonline webpage. The show committee reserves the right to reject any entry without explanation.

For each exhibit, a legible electronic copy of its current Certificate of Registration must accompany the show entry. The Certificate of Registration must be in the name of the exhibitor and be issued by that person's governing body. Incomplete entries will be returned to the exhibitor. All exhibit's Certificates of Registration must be issued by the Governing Body to which the exhibitor is a member.

Female cats obviously in kitten will not be judged. No kitten under the age of 10 weeks will be allowed entry to the venue. The age of each exhibit will be calculated to be the actual age on the day of the show or the first day of a multi-day show i.e. Kittens must be born between 29 November 2024 and 21 June 2025. Cats must be born on or before 30 November 2024. Lactating queens shall not be benched without their litters.

KITTEN - Each kitten exhibit must have had at least one (1) Feline 3 vaccination not less than 14 days prior to the show. Documentary evidence i.e. a valid vaccination certificate from a veterinarian must be produced to the veterinary officer. Failure to do so shall result in rejection of the exhibit concerned.

It is highly recommended that all kittens have at least their 2nd vaccination not less than 14 days prior to the show due to the recent outbreak of Feline Panleukopenia Virus (FPV) in New South Wales

ADULT - NEW VACCINATION RULES APPLY Each adult exhibit must have a current vaccination certificate. The certificate must indicate that the exhibit has received a valid vaccination 12 months from the last kitten vaccination then at least once every 3 years after this.

NEW RULE - In the event the committee of Cats NSW becomes aware of a feline communicable illness following a cat show, an email notice advising all show exhibitors is to be sent within 24 hours, where practicable.

A Veterinarian or Veterinarian Nurse will be present at all Cats NSW shows. All exhibits entered in show including those on exhibition must be examined by a Vet, Vet Nurse or an appointed Steward before being benched into the show cages.

The Veterinarian shall disqualify any exhibit, which in their opinion is showing symptoms of any contagious disease or not be in show condition. The Vet's decision is final. If any exhibit is rejected because of an infectious or contagious disease they will disqualify all the other exhibits from the same cattery.

If a Vet is not present or has left the hall the Show Manager shall appoint two accredited stewards to check on exhibits and request the removal of any exhibit that is deemed not to be in show condition. All exhibits must have all their claws clipped prior to entry to the show hall and must be brought to the show confined in an appropriate container.

Exhibits cannot be removed from the Show or from the cage designated by the Show personnel without the consent of the Show Manager. All exhibits must remain in the venue until the conclusion of the show at the advertised time

If, at any time an exhibit shows itself to be difficult to handle or threatening, the Judge may call for the owner to remove the exhibit from its cage and place it on the Judge's table. The Judge will then decide if she/he wishes to judge that animal. This procedure protects your cat from any unnecessary handling. Should your exhibit be marked "Unable to be Judged" then it is automatically withdrawn from any other rings and cannot be shown again on the day. Should the judge consider the exhibit to be of poor temperament or in their opinion sufficiently difficult to handle, including excessively timid, the judge may withhold any awards at their discretion.

Poor sportsmanship will not be tolerated. The comfort of all exhibitors and judges is of paramount importance. One warning will be issued and if any further offences occur the exhibitor and their exhibits will be asked to leave the show.

An entrance fee may be payable by all members of the general public i.e. not an exhibitor or invited guest of Cats NSW Inc. If a member of the general public is deemed to be acting in a disruptive manner, that individual will be required by the Show Representative, to leave the show immediately. Cats NSW Inc. reserves the right to refuse entry to any member of the general public they feel may cause discomfort to their exhibitors.

Awards and prizes: All such cards, trophies placed on cages are the responsibility of the exhibitor and the Club regrets that it is not possible to replace any that may subsequently disappear from unattended cages. The Show Committee reserves the right to vary the prize list if necessary.

All complaints regarding a show must be submitted in writing and be accompanied by a fee of twenty dollars (\$20). All complaints must be in the hands of the Show Manager or Show Secretary within seven (7) days following the Show. Complaints regarding the running of a Show will not be considered by Cats NSW unless lodged in accordance with this rule.

All reasonable care will be taken of exhibits. Cats NSW and its affiliate Clubs, their officials and members cannot accept any responsibility for any loss or damage to any person, feline or property.

