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Schedule

ADVANCE™ Sydney Royal Cat Show

2-13 April 2026
Sydney Showground
Sydney Olympic Park
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Proudly presented By Cats NSW Incorporated Good Friday 3 April 2026 Sydney

Showground Sydney Olympic Park



Entries via www.catshowsonline.com

If you experience issues or would like assistance with entries please
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**Welcome to the 2026 ADVANCE™ Sydney Royal Cat Show
proudly presented by
Cats NSW Incorporated**

Thank you for entering the 2026 ADVANCE™ Sydney Royal Cat Show. Now in our fifth year at the Sydney Royal Easter Show, this special event proudly showcases some of the finest pedigreed cats from across NSW and interstate. It provides exhibitors with a wonderful opportunity to present their cats and share their achievements with a large, appreciative audience. Cats NSW Incorporated is delighted to once again present the Royal competition and the 2026 ADVANCE™ Sydney Royal Cat Show.

Our 2026 three-ring show will feature a point-scoring system to determine the overall Best in Show. To be eligible for Best in Show consideration, an exhibit must have been awarded a Supreme in its ring.

We extend our sincere thanks to all exhibitors, sponsors, judges, and stewards whose support and participation make this event possible.

Jenny Weekes

**Jenny Weekes
President, Cats NSW Inc**

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AWARDS PERPETUAL TROPHIES

The purpose of competition at the Sydney Royal Easter Show is to encourage agricultural and pastoral excellence, ensuring the continual improvement of standards. In the 1870s the Society introduced regulations to govern judges and judging to ensure that competition was consistent and fair, and the tradition of Perpetual Trophies dates back to this time. The Perpetual Trophies are the most prestigious of all RAS awards. They have a dual function in recognising superior effort in competition and commemorating people and organisations that have had a long and meritorious connection with the Society. Some of the trophies currently competed for were first won in 1911. Winners of Perpetual Trophies are permanently honoured, taking their place alongside past winners and becoming part of the ongoing tradition of the RAS. The Perpetual Trophy Collection of the RAS is unique. It comprises a wide range of beautiful and elegant trophies that illustrate an extraordinary history of agricultural judging and the pursuit of excellence.

Perpetual Trophies remain the property of Cats NSW Incorporated and the RAS of NSW. Ownership of the Trophy does not pass to the winning Exhibitor.

The annual winner's name will be engraved on the Trophy. A medallion will be awarded to the winner in recognition of its achievement.

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The Searson Perpetual Trophy for Best in Show

will be presented on Good Friday 3rd April 2026
by Cats NSW Incorporated.

The Best Exhibit in Show will be decided on a points system and will include only those exhibits who receive a Supreme in Ring. The points will be allocated as follows:

PEDIGREE

The Best Exhibit Overall in each Ring will compete for BEST in SHOW. Winner will be decided using the following points scoring system:

For each Best Exhibit in Group in each Ring	10 points
For each 1st placing in Top 5 in each Ring	5 points
For each 2nd placing in Top 5 in each Ring	4 points
For each 3rd placing in Top 5 in each Ring	3 points
For each 4th placing in Top 5 in each Ring	2 points
For each 5th placing in Top 5 in each Ring	1 point

The highest point scoring pedigree exhibit will be declared the
BEST in SHOW

COMPANION

The Best Exhibit Overall in each Ring will compete for BEST in SHOW. Winner will be decided using the following points scoring system:

For each 1st placing in Top 5 in each Ring	5 points
For each 2nd placing in Top 5 in each Ring	4 points
For each 3rd placing in Top 5 in each Ring	3 points
For each 4th placing in Top 5 in each Ring	2 points
For each 5th placing in Top 5 in each Ring	1 point

The highest point scoring companion exhibit will be declared the
BEST in SHOW

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The Dr Yvonne L McIntyre Memorial Trophy

For

Best Burmese Cat In Show

A medallion, supported by the RAS, for Best Burmese Cat in Show will be presented

The following Rosettes jointly sponsored
by CATS NSW Incorporated & RAS will
be presented”

1st Place Top 5

All Rings Groups 1, 2, 3, 4

Rosette/Sponsorship Prizes

2nd – 5th Place Top 5

All Rings Groups 1, 2, 3, 4

Rosette/Sponsorship Prizes

Best In Group

All Rings Groups 1, 2, 3

Rosette/Sponsorship Prizes

Supreme Companion Exhibit

Rosette/Sponsorship Prizes

Supreme Pedigree Exhibit All Rings

Rosette/Sponsorship Prizes

Best Pedigree Exhibit In Show

Rosette/Sponsorship Prizes

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We would like to acknowledge the following sponsors for generously supporting our show

NAMING SPONSOR



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2026 ADVANCE™ SYDNEY ROYAL CAT SHOW

Held under the Rules and Regulations of Cats NSW Inc, in conjunction with the Australian Cat Federation. Entries are limited to 150.

DEFINITION OF GROUPS

Group 1

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

Group 2

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

Group 3

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Abyssinian, American Curl Longhair, American Curl Shorthair, American Shorthair, Australian Mist, Bengal, Bombay, British Longhair, British Shorthair, Burmese (American), Burmese, Burmilla Longhair, Burmilla Shorthair, Cornish Rex, Cymric, Devon Rex, 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 Longhair, Scottish Shorthair, Selkirk Rex Longhair, Selkirk Rex Shorthair, Singapura, Snowshoe, Somali, Sphynx, Tonkinese, Toyger.

Group 4

Companion Cat or Kitten

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JUDGING

Judging will commence at 9am sharp.

PAVILION

The 2026 ADVANCE™ Sydney Royal Cat Show will be held in Hall 3 - Pet Pavilion. The Pavilion will be open to the public from 9am to 7pm.

EXHIBITION OF CATS

Cages are provided at the show, these are cleaned and disinfected. Please do not use any disinfectants in the cages as it may react with the material of the cage, which is fibreglass. All Exhibitors must supply a base of towelling or cotton measuring 560mm x 510mm. Plain coloured bases are permitted. Items such as lace, ribbon, cord, food bowls or soft toys must not be left in cages. Any items that could become entangled will be removed by the Chief Steward.

All Exhibits must remain in the Pavilion until 5pm. Only the Owner, or their representative, may remove the Exhibit at the end of the day.

VETTING

Vetting will be conducted from 6.30am to 8.15am. No late vetting will be conducted.

AMENDMENT TO JUDGING TIMETABLE

Cats NSW Incorporated reserves the right to change the Judging Timetable if necessary.

PARKING

Parking is not included with your ticket purchase. Parking must be purchased directly from Sydney Olympic Park Authority. The P1 car park is the only car park that can be used for access to the showground if you are walking in with your cats. We recommend that you book a spot early to avoid missing out.

<https://www.sydneyolympicpark.com.au/parking/>

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CONDITIONS OF ENTRY

Exhibitors must adhere to the Conditions of Entry to Sydney Showground located at www.rasnsw.com.au. The Application for Entry constitutes the whole agreement upon which Entries are submitted and the Exhibitor agrees that all representations and statements not appearing on the Application for Entry, are excluded. The Exhibitor certifies that each animal Exhibited by them or by their child/children/guardian is duly registered and either their property absolutely or is under their absolute care and control. The Exhibitor holds CATS NSW INC exempt from any liability in the event of any loss or damage from any cause whatsoever. A refund of Entry Fees shall not be made unless a notification of withdrawal is received by CATS NSW INC in writing before the closing Day of Entry. A refund will not be issued until all unused passes have been returned to Cats NSW INC. The RAS has the power to evict any Exhibitor from the Showground.

1. Fees must be paid with Entry. Fees are not refunded for Exhibits not shown.
2. All Exhibits must be under the Owners name. Cattery prefixes will not be accepted as Owners.
3. A copy of the registered pedigree must accompany the Application for Entry for each pedigree Exhibit entered. This includes online entries.
4. Exhibits will be judged under the breed standards of the Australian Cat Federation Inc. It is not however a requirement for Exhibitors to be a member of the Australian Cat Federation Inc.
5. COLOURS; Agouti is defined as Tabby.
6. Any protests must be in writing and lodged with the Cats NSW Inc, together with \$25 fee, within seven (7) days of the Show. Fee returnable if protest upheld.
7. A cat/kitten must be entered in all rings of the Show in the OPEN CLASS for adult cats and an AGE CLASS for kittens subject to the Schedule as classified.
8. A cat/kitten, other than an Exhibit, shall not be allowed in or within the precincts of a Show during the conduct of the Show, except on Exhibition.
9. All cats Exhibited at the Show must be fed by the Exhibitor and no foodstuffs are allowed in the cages prior to Judging.
10. Cats must be at Hall 3 - Pet Pavilion from 6.30am on Friday 3 April 2026 to 5.00pm Friday 3 April 2026.

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VETTING

11. No cat will be admitted to the Pavilion after 8.30am for examination by the Official Veterinarian of the RAS.
12. The vetting examination will take place in the Veterinarian's room in the Pavilion. Cats will not be examined inside the Pavilion. If approved, the cat must be benched at once. No person, except the Owner or their representative will be allowed in the Pavilion until after the cats have been examined and benched.
13. All Exhibits must be vaccinated. Vaccination must have been carried out no less than 14 days prior to the date of the Show. Exhibitors must have the current vaccination record available for each Exhibit at vetting.
14. Any Exhibit which shows symptoms of any disease, is flea infested and/or dirty must be removed from the Showground at once.
15. All Companion cats over the age of 6 months must be desexed.
16. Challenges will be awarded to Best Entire, Best Desexed in each colour section, only one Challenge or Best in Section will be awarded to Entire and Desexed cats or kittens in Other Colour Class.
17. No Exhibit shall be removed from the Pavilion between the hours of 9am and 5pm, unless a veterinary certificate be produced stating that the cat is not fit to remain on the bench, or is given special permission from the Chief Steward.
18. No cat or kitten shall be removed from its cage during the Show for any purpose whatsoever without the authority of the Chief Steward. If a cat is to be removed from the cage it must have a harness or leash attached at all times (except during judging).
19. Cats NSW Inc will not, under any circumstances, hold itself responsible for any loss or mis-delivery of Exhibits at the ADVANCE™ Sydney Royal Cat Show or any damage thereto.
20. Any Exhibit which is unable to be handled or which is found to be under sedation will be disqualified. An Exhibit which cannot be handled by an Official of the Cats NSW Inc at any time at the Show shall be deemed to be fractious and shall be reported.
21. The age of all Exhibits will be the actual age on the first day of Cat judging at each Show. A kitten is defined as being 12 weeks (born on or before 9th January 2026) and under 9 months of age (born after 2nd July 2025) on the first day of show (3rd April 2026)
22. No entries will be accepted for kittens under the age of 12 weeks.
23. Kittens shall not be eligible to compete in Classes other than for kittens.
24. Desexed Exhibits shall not compete against entire Exhibits except where Special Regulations apply. For example for Supreme Exhibit. For Top 5 Kittens, desexed and entire kittens will compete together.

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JUDGING

25. Judging of Exhibits will be Australian Open Championship style where the Judges officiate in front of Exhibitors and the general public and speak with the audience about the cats being judged.
26. Australian Cat Federation (ACF) Awards (where merited) will be awarded at the Open Championship Show only in all rings to the best placed Exhibit Male, Female, Neuter, Spay in Groups 1, 2, 3. For a cat to be considered of sufficient merit, the judge needs to deem that the cat be of a standard of excellence of not less than 95%.
27. Cats NSW Inc may, in any circumstances which it thinks fit refuse to accept the Entry of an Exhibit, or may at any time cancel any Entry already accepted and may disqualify the relative Exhibit from competing or Exhibiting in any specific Class or Classes or Events and without prejudice to the generality of the foregoing the RAS shall so act if a report of the Veterinarian upon the relative Exhibit discloses that the Veterinarian considers or finds that the Exhibit:
 - a. is affected with any contagious or infectious disease, or is obviously in kitten, or is known to have or is suspected of having been brought onto the Showground from a cattery in which an animal is affected by or suffering from a contagious or infectious disease or which an animal was affected by or suffering from a contagious or infectious disease within 30 days or the relevant incubation period whichever is the shorter, prior to the date upon which the relevant Exhibit was brought onto the Showground.
 - b. shows any signs of any surgical or other artificial interference which is calculated to deceive or is capable of deceiving either Judge or spectators.
28. All Exhibits must be brought into the Pavilion securely contained in an adequate carrying receptacle.
29. Exhibit Unworthy of Award. The Judge may in his/her absolute discretion and without assigning any reason therefore, decline to make an Award in respect of any Exhibit.
30. If any Exhibit is not in its cage when the Judges are called to the floor, the Exhibit will be automatically disqualified.
31. All Exhibits (local, interstate or overseas) must comply with the Full Register rules and Regulations as applicable in NSW. Any breach will render Exhibits liable to disqualification.

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PENALTY: NON-EXHIBITION OF CATS

32. An Exhibitor making an entry may be subject to a fine of \$50 for each entry not Exhibited, unless notification under the hand of the Exhibitor or his authorised agent be lodged with Cats NSW Inc prior to the commencement of Judging the Class in which the Exhibit is entered to the effect that such non-Exhibition is caused either by:
 - a. the death of the animal or animals,
 - b. contagious or infectious disease confirmed by a veterinary certificate, or
 - c. any other reasonable cause acceptable Cats NSW Inc
33. All Exhibits must be registered with a body recognised by ACF or CCCA.
34. Use of methylated spirits or atomiser sprays in the hall are not allowed.
35. An Exhibitor or handler of an Exhibit shall not use talcum powder or other like substance on an Exhibit whilst an Exhibit is caged or whilst in the vicinity of the cages.
36. No cat obviously in kitten is allowed to be entered.
37. All experimental Exhibits entered must be from an experimental program from a body recognised by ACF or CCCA. The type of cat for which the breeder is experimenting in such program and the generation must be stated on the Application for Entry.
38. Breeds and colours/patterns that are not recognised by the ACF are not eligible for entry.
39. All breeds accepted by ACF are eligible to enter the Open Championship Cat Show on Friday 18th April 2026.
40. 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 Groups 1, 2 and 3, and Top 5 Companion Exhibits in Group
41. Group 4 is inclusive of Desexed Cat and Desexed Kittens. An Award of Merit maybe awarded at the Judge's discretion to the best placed Companion.



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EXHIBITOR CONFIRMATION ADVICE & DASHBOARD SLIPS

The Exhibit Confirmation Advice, otherwise known as a bench slip, indicates the Class in which your cat/s have been entered, and is required for access to the Showground. A Dashboard Slip will also be issued to Exhibitors with the Showtime Authorised Contact Person's mobile number printed on the slip. A Dashboard Slip must be displayed on the dashboard of each vehicle at all times while on the Showground.

EXHIBITOR PASSES

2 x One-Day Entry Passes per one (1) to three (3) cats

3 x One-Day Entry Passes per four (4) cats or more



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JUDGES Ring 1 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 2nd and 3rd Neuter of the Year in 2015.

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Ring 2 Jenni McKernan ACF (FCCQ)



Jenni's obsession with cats started at a very early age and this passion has continued throughout her life. She has always been owned by several cats and has bred and shown Abyssinians since 1989 under the "Asmara" prefix. She successfully bred many Best in Show Abyssinians, specialising in dilutes and she bred Abyssinian of the Year in 2000, 2005, 2006 and 2009. More recently, Jenni has also bred and shown Ocicats, using "Asmara OCI" for naming her Ocicat progeny. Asmara Ocicats have also gained Best in Show and COTY awards.

Jenni is a Feline Control Council of Queensland Inc All Breeds Judge. She completed steward training in 2003 and continues to enjoy that role as it allows her to handle many different breeds and to continue to learn from all the judges with whom she works. She is also an experienced show manager who likes the challenges associated with running a successful cat show. Jenni began her judge's training in 2006, became a Companion judge in 2007 and was licenced as an Open Group 2 judge in 2011. She extended her licence to include Group 3 and became an Open Shorthair judge in 2013. Jenni completed Longhair training in 2016 and is now an All Breeds Open judge.

Jenni is currently the Vice President of Feline Control Council of Qld Inc. and an active member of the Siamese and Shorthair Cat Club of Queensland Inc. and the Classy Cats Cat Club Inc. She has a special interest in feline behaviour, genetics, and health and welfare issues.

Jenni has been a qualified veterinary surgical nurse for over 25 years and, while still enjoying that role on a part-time basis, now manages the Queensland operation of a national veterinary products distribution company.

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Deborah Cameron
Ring 3
ACF (Cats NSW)



I have been involved in the cat fancy for over 40 years being introduced to the cat fancy by my mother. I bred and showed Persians including silvers, pointed varieties and bi colours and of course like many others, devoted time working in all roles for cat shows and in cat clubs. I have worked leading 2 National cat shows with a team of people and am active in responding to changing legislation supporting responsible cat ownership to ensure the varying needs of cat owners, exhibitors and breeders are reasonable and not out of their reach.

My house has had the bounce of the shorthair Singapura and the beauty of the Persian. I have been involved in many Judges panels supporting new and emerging judges and supporting Judges conferences. I am an All-Breeds Tutor Judge and have judged all over Australia and NZ sharing the skills and knowledge I have gained since working as a steward from when I was 16 years, helping my mother from primary school with cats, through to varying roles at cat shows and later as a trained experienced judge.

Sharing and imparting information about breeds on Judges Panels is rewarding with cadet Judges learning about breeds, the aspects of judging and accepting that like any field, continual learning about all facets of cat breeds is important to keep updated and knowledgeable. My passion is to support the Cat Fancy as a whole, to support interested exhibitors in developing a better understanding the ideal standards of excellence for breeds and to help the broader community understand cat behaviour. Striving for excellence and breeding or owning healthy cats is important as it brings with it so many great experiences, learning's, friendships, and wonderful memories.

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Cats NSW Officials and Stewards ADVANCE™ Sydney Royal Cat Show 2026

Chief Steward	Crystal Maher	Show Manager
Assistant to Chief Steward	Jenny Weekes	Assistant Show Manager
Steward	Alison Moore	Debbie Thomas
Steward	Tayla Munro	
Steward	Jessica Cameron	
Stewards – Ring 1	Alison Moore Rita Wiseman - Judge	
Stewards – Ring 2	Tayla Munro Jenni McKernan - Judge	
Stewards – Ring 3	Jessica Cameron Deborah Cameron - Judge	
Steward	Di Stokes	Photos
Steward	Brad Stokes	Judges transport/Runner
Steward	Fiona Cooper, Colleen Blair	Trophy Steward/Reserve Steward

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Entry Costs

Pedigree Cats	\$40.00
Pedigree Kittens	\$40.00
Companion Cats & Kittens	\$40.00
Catalogue	\$10.00

YOU MUST BRING YOUR VACCINATION CARDS ON THE DAY FOR ALL EXHIBITS, CATS AND KITTENS

Please include with your online entry copies of the pedigree of each exhibit, pedigrees must be in the name of the Exhibitor.

Entries Close

Friday 6th March 2026

Late entries will NOT be accepted due to POSTAGE requirements for tickets and passes.

Enter by www.catshowsonline.com

