



Autumn Whiskers in the Capital



Three Ring All Breeds & Companions Cat Show With Junior Handler Class

Sunday 19th April 2026

**WESTON CREEK COMMUNITY HUB
CNR Hilder & Gritten Street
WESTON ACT 2611**

This show will be conducted under the Rules and Show Procedures of Cats NSW Inc
Enter at www.catshowsonline.com

Entries Close Friday 10th April 2026

**Vetting from 8.00am to 9.00am
Strictly No Late Vetting
Judging will commence at 9.30am sharp**

Please contact Jenny Weekes email: jenny.weekes57@outlook.com if you are having any difficulties using the catshowsonline portal or to add litter kittens or enter Junior Handler Class.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT THIS SHOW

1. The show committee reserves the right to change any requirements or processes relating to the show at any time and without consultation with exhibitors. Exhibitors will be advised if any requirements change.
2. Should the show need to be cancelled for any reason, entry fees will be refunded in full.

Benching and set-up

3. Vetting will be in line, in accordance with restrictions and guidelines. Please upload copies of your vaccination certificates onto your Catshowsonline profile."

Prizes

4. Award cards, certificates will be placed on cages as usual.
5. Prizes will be given out in accordance with advice from the Show Manager.

PRIZES

The following prizes will be awarded in Top 5 – All Breeds and Companions

Ring 1 - Rosettes

Ring 2 – Prizes – Generously sponsored by Tofu Cat Litter Australia

Ring 3 – Prizes – Sponsors and Cool Country Cat Club



Introducing our Judges



Ring 1 – Michelle Ristuccia (GCCFSA) All Groups

I am probably not as well known for my Burmese as I am for my Burmilla which I started breeding with GCCFV approval in 2000. As far as I am aware I registered the first Burmilla's in Victoria. I am passionate about development of the Burmilla breed in Australia, having supported 3 new breeders in a mentoring program and developing contact with Burmilla breeders in Australia and Internationally alike, enabling me to import two males from Europe after sending two over to Europe myself. Eventually I also exported to the USA, where they are the fastest tracked breed into Championship in CFA USA history.

My Burmilla's have achieved excellence here in Australia as well as overseas, and I am proud of my achievements with this breed. I started breeding cats because my husband bought me a brown Burmese to keep my company during the long hours while he was at work as a chef. You know the story, "we'll just have one litter and see if we like it" Well we did, and we were hooked.

I have bred Burmese since 1989, and they are still one of my favourite breeds. Silver is my passion, New Breed Development, and health a consuming interest, always questioning and wondering about the possibilities. I have contributed to many judges' conferences over the years, especially with regards to the development of our two new breeds, the Burmilla under the Miamber prefix and the Mandalay, which my husband and I breed under the joint Blackglama prefix. Our Blackglama Mandalay are not bred in large numbers but have had a modicum of success at local as well as National show level. I have also given myself the challenge of breeding a show quality Griffon Bruxellois dog, having had my first litter at the end of 2015. I am an adherent of breeding for conformation, the ideal of beauty and functionality.

I qualified as a steward with GCCFV in 2004, stewarding or helping in some way at a lot of shows, I was a long-term member of the Burmese and Other Shorthair Cat Club. I have served on Executive, and various Committees. I finished training as a Group 2 and 4 Judge in December 2005. I qualified in Group Three in 2010 bringing me to All Shorthair and have since completed quite a few Judging Assignments around Australia including a Group 2 and 4 assignments at the 2009 CCCA National Show in Perth and several Shorthair assignments in New Zealand since 2012.

I am also a Royal Canin Ambassador and enjoy representing this major stakeholder in feline health through nutrition at feline and canine events around Australia. Hopefully I will be able to contribute many more years to the Cat Fancy yet and maybe I will meet up with you at a show soon.



Ring 2 – Jo Dennington (FCCQ) All Groups

Jo has always had a love for cats. In the year 2000 Jo started showing Siamese and Orientals in Northern NSW, and went on to breed Siamese and Orientals for some years. In 2006 Jo became the proud owner of a desexed British Shorthair and began to breed British Shorthairs a short time after. Jo moved to Queensland in 2011 and has been involved with the Queensland cat fancy since moving. Jo is the current President of the British Shorthair and Feline Friends.

In 2014 Jo imported her first American Shorthair and is continuing to bred British and American Shorthairs and more recently Scottish Folds



Ring 3 -Carol Cootes (CCI) Groups 1 and 4

Nearly 30 years ago I managed to talk the family into taking me to a cat show. It was amazing to see the cats sitting in cages, it certainly was something different. When I saw my first Birman cat I fell in love. I was able to purchase my first Birman with no white feet but managed to bring a brother and sister. I joined the Birman Cat Club and the rest is history. I was given my first breeding cat from Liz Robinson. I then started my prefix Bindura Birmans. I started learning all I could about the cats, how shows were run and made good friends along the way. I started breeding in a small way as we had twin boys, one had a disability so we were busy with our young men. I started working in the disability field as a shift worker plus breeding the Birmans. My next adventure was starting a new prefix in 2014, Babuschka Siberians. I acquired a Siberian girl from Marie Mahoney and a boy I imported from Irina Petrenko, to start breeding these very interesting cats. I have been a senior steward for CCI for 25 years. I hold the position of President of the Birman Cat Club, committee member of CCI, and treasurer for Canberra Forest Cats Club. I qualified as a Group 1 Judge in 2024.



Ring 3 – Sandra Dukes Groups 2 and 3

I have always had a love of cats growing up with them and collecting strays to bring home. In 1992 I got my first pedigree cats, a Turkish Van girl for breeding and a Birman neuter to show. I decided to change breeds and in 1999 I imported two Norwegian Forest Cats and bred them until 2021.

I have been a steward for many years and held positions in all facets of show management for a few clubs. I also produced the NSWCFCA journal for 8 years. I became a Group 1 judge in 2017.

My other love is photography, and I am often found taking photos after judging is finished.

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Ring Co-Ordinators		
Group	Type	Co-Ordinator
All Breeds	All Exhibits	Jenny Weekes

Fee Schedule

1st and 2nd entry \$38 per entry
 Subsequent entries \$32 per entry
 \$5 benching fee
 \$8 Catalogue
 Junior Handler - Free

Litter entry \$38 (includes 2 kittens judged individually) Additional kittens entered individually \$10 per kitten.

Please contact the show manager for assistance with litter entries and Junior Handler

Junior Handler Class. Full details can be seen at the end of this schedule.
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Conditions of Show Entry

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

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| Group 1 | Birman, Exotic Shorthair, Maine Coon, Nebelung, Neva Masquerade, Norwegian Forest Cat, Persian, Ragdoll, Siberian, Turkish Angora & Turkish Van. |
| Group 2 | Balinese, Foreign White Shorthair, Foreign White Longhair, Oriental Shorthair, Oriental Longhair, Peterbald, and Siamese |
| Group 3 | Abyssinian, American Curl Longhair, American Curl Shorthair, American Shorthair, Australian Mist, Bengal, Bengal Longhair, Bombay, British Shorthair, British Longhair, Burmese (American), 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 Longhair, 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 issued by Cats NSW is to be used.

Groups 1, 2 and 3 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.

ACF Award of Excellence may be awarded at the Judge's discretion to the best placed Male Cat, Female Cat, Neuter Cat and Spay Cat in Groups 1, 2 & 3 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%".*

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 compete for Associate Member Cat of The Year Awards.

Junior handlers are eligible to compete for Junior Handler of the Year Awards in 5-12 years and 13-17 years categories.

Kittens to be born on or before 8th February 2026

Adults to be born on or before 19th July 2025

Kittens under 4 months of age may be entered as "REGISTRATION PENDING".

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. Failure to do so shall result in rejection of the exhibit concerned.

ADULT 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.

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.

For full details of **Show Rules** and **Show Organisation Procedures** please visit our Cats NSW website catsnsw.com.au/forms/

Junior Development Program



Our Vision

To achieve an increased participation by youth within Cat Fancy.

Our Mission

To encourage youth to participate in elements and activities within the Cat Fancy that further enhance their appreciation for felines and feline inspired professions, and their understanding of tasks and roles associated within the Cat Fancy.

Our Goals

The program is open to all children aged five to seventeen. Each participant will develop as an individual and will strive to increase their knowledge of felines and their care, and their awareness primarily of the Cats NSW but also the greater Cat Fancy around the World, putting them on a path of life-long learning.

Participants will be encouraged to learn about good sportsmanship, cat care, health and hygiene whilst working with cats, breed standards, grooming and presentation, and all aspects of being an exhibitor at a cat show thereby providing them with the tools to become a valuable asset in the promoting of responsible cat ownership, cat breeding and exhibiting cats.

By introducing young persons to the basic requirements for proper feline care, and the concepts of breeds and standards, as well as the qualities of sportsmanship and interacting with the general public, this program will provide the basis for a lifelong love of the cat and the enjoyment of the sport of showing purebred and companion cats.

To provide a safe, risk-free environment for both participants and felines to best be able to fully enjoy their experience within Cats NSW and the greater Cat Fancy both in Australia and throughout the World.

By regulating that it is a requirement for each and every participant to be accompanied by their parent/guardian during Junior Handler Assessment on Show Day, the program will provide an opportunity for developing family enjoyment of felines and the sport of showing purebred and companion cats.

To provide tutors/judges of exemplary character who are trained in many facets of the Cat Fancy and who hold a current Working with Children Check to best provide leadership and training to each and every participant.

To best ensure the success of our Junior Development Program we will aim to provide at each and every Cats NSW show the opportunity for participants to train and for assessments to be undertaken and completed through the avenue of a Junior Exhibitor Class.

For more details, please feel free to view our Show Organisation and Procedures on the Forms page of the Cats NSW Website.