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2017

ROYAL MELBOURNE SHOW

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CAT
CHAMPIONSHIP
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Royal Melbourne Show Cat Championship

Monday 2 October – Tuesday 3 October

To be conducted under the auspices of The Royal Agricultural Society of Victoria Inc, in conjunction with The Governing Council of the Cat Fancy Australia & Victoria Inc (GCCFV) Member Body of the ACF.

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Open to all members of ACF and CCA affiliates, and ANCATS
Only breeds recognised by ACF may be exhibited
Nicholas Pavilion (Pavilion 18 – Dog Pavilion)
Melbourne Showgrounds
(Melways: 28 F11)

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JUDGES

Ring 1	Ring 2	Ring 3	Ring 4	Ring 5
Allan Raymond (CFA)	Christine Lowe (NZCF)	Marion Cooper (FCCQ)	Kerry Fowler (GCCFV)	Denise Spurrell (FCCV)

Monday 2nd October

Rings 1, 2 & 5 = Group 1
Rings 3 & 4 = Groups 2, 3 & 4

Tuesday 3rd October

Rings 3 & 4 = Group 1
Rings 1, 2 & 5 – Group 2, 3 & 4

FEES

1 to 3 cats - \$40 per cat 4 or more cats - \$35 per cat CLOSING DATE : FRIDAY 8 September 2017	Vetting 7.00am – 8.30 am Veterinarian is an RASV appointee GCCFV Show Rep – Wendy Miegltz PLEASE SEND A STAMPED SELF- ADDRESSED ENVELOPE TO ENABLE YOUR ENTRY PASSES TO BE FORWARDED TO YOU
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ENTRY IN ALL RINGS IS COMPULSORY

GCCFV reserves the right to alter judging assignments without notice.

Please make cheques payable to GCCFV

Direct Deposits to BSB 083125 Acc 810427508

Proof of Payment or monies MUST accompany entries.

Entries must be on an official GCCFV entry form.

GCCFV reserve the right to refuse any entry

NON-GCCFV MEMBERS MUST SUPPLY A COPY OF A CERTIFIED PEDIGREE FOR EACH CAT ENTERED SHOWING REGISTERED NUMBER ISSUED BY THE CONTROLLING BODY OF WHICH THE EXHIBITOR IS A FINANCIAL MEMBER

Show Manager and returning officer

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MEET YOUR JUDGES

Allan Raymond - CFA



I have been a cat lover all my life and in my early teens I always wanted to own one. My love affair with the official Cat World commenced in the 1970's in Tasmania when I purchased and successfully showed a blue Persian kitten in partnership with Michael Woods. This led to the purchase of other Persian colours and a very successful breeding and show career under the prefix "Raywood". In 1980 a move to Melbourne, Victoria continued our breeding and showed a Black Persian Male who was FCCV Cat of the Year for 3 consecutive years. I also showed Oriental Shorthairs successfully.

In the early 1980's I commenced my judges training with the Feline Control Council of Victoria obtaining my Group 1 (Longhair) licence in 1985. In 1990 I commenced my Group 3 training and continued that training with QFA Inc when we relocated to Surfers Paradise in Queensland. I became an All-Breeds Judge in 1997. I have had the honour of judging extensively throughout Australia and New Zealand and have also judged many times in Singapore, Malaysia, Thailand, Belgium, France, Italy, Indonesia, Japan, USA, South Korea, South Africa, Hong Kong, England, Mainland China and Taiwan. I am honoured and humbled to have been accepted into the CFA Judges Program at the CFA Board meeting on 1 October 2011 after many years of guest judging for CFA. I was elevated to Approved All Breeds Judge in December 2012, the first Australian CFA USA All Breeds judge.

I held the position of Vice-President of the QFA Inc for 7 years and an Executive Member of the Australian Cat Federation from 2003 until 2006, and held the position of ACF International Liaison Officer from 2003 until 2006. In the capacity of ILO I was the ACF Inc delegate at the World Cat Congress Conference in Houston Texas in 2004, Christchurch, New Zealand, 2005 and London, 2006.

Christine Lowe - NZCF



I fell in love with Blue Persians at a young age and it was not long before I wanted to get involved in the breeding of these beautiful cats, and I was lucky enough to be mentored by Joyce Peace (Lynndell Cattery).

Now breeding Exotics & Persians predominantly Bi-colours with well established lines which have brought some wonderful show moments for me and my daughter, including Best in Show at a number of National Shows.

NZCF Role: All Breeds Tutor Judge, Secretary NZCF, World Cat Congress Delegate. In 2010 I was honoured to receive Life Membership of the NZCF. Club Affiliation: Currently President of Patches & Pointed Inc (an all breeds club specialising in broken coloured cats)

Judges Training: In 1979 I entered NZCF Judges Training Programme and qualified as Longhair Judge in 1981 extending my license to all breeds in 1989. I went onto breed Siamese & Orientals – at that time you had to actually breed in the division that you were seeking a judge's licence in. A short time after qualifying this requirement was removed.

I however have never regretted the involvement in another breed and as you can imagine the difference between a Persian & Siamese was rather diverse to say the least with Siamese & oriental babies opening their eyes at 4 days and clambering out of their nest box by the time they were 7 days old compared to the rather sluggish Persian who would rather remain as long as possible in the security of the box and mum of course.

International All Breeds Judging: I thoroughly enjoy the judging scene, the forward thinking of exhibitors working with improvement of lines and of course the interaction with exhibitors and cat lovers from all walks of life. I have judged in most Australian States, The Netherlands, South Africa, United Kingdom, United States and Thailand



Marion Cooper – FCCQ



I am Australian Cat Federation (ACF) International All Breeds Judge who began judging in 1983. I have judged extensively in Australia and New Zealand, as well as Asia, South America, and the UK. I am also involved in training students in the preparation and care of cats, both as pets and for show.

I began breeding and showing Persians in 1979. I have successfully bred many Best in Show Persian and Exotic exhibits in Australia and New Zealand under the "Glevum" prefix, including a Kitten of the Year. I have also successfully shown a Black Smoke Persian to Cat of the Year and previously bred Abyssinians.

Currently I am breeding Persians and Exotics in solid, tabby, silver tabby and smoke with the emphasis on chocolate and lilac. I am a member of the Feline Control Council of Queensland Inc. (FCCQ) Management Committee, President of the FCCQ Judges Guild, and one of FCCQ's tutor judges, and have previously been an all-breeds Registrar.

I have designed and been webmaster for several CCCA and ACF Councils, as well as a number of cat clubs and catteries, and enjoy building web pages with the aim of making them interesting, informative, fast-loading and fun. I am an active member of the Siamese and Shorthair Cat Club of Queensland Inc. and am interested in all things to do with cats.

Kerry Fowler - GCCFV



Good day, I am a fully qualified All Breeds Judge with GCCFV and ACF, commencing with my Group 3 license in 1995, followed by my Group 1 and 2 licenses in 2004 and January 2013, respectively. I have been fortunate to have judged in all eight major States and Territories of Australia, as well as North and South Islands of New Zealand. In 2014, I was honoured with judging All Breeds at the prestigious Sydney Royal Show as well as at the iconic Royal Melbourne Shows in 2014 and 2015.

My introduction to the cat fancy was through successfully owning; breeding and exhibiting silver spotted British Shorthair cats under the Cornfield prefix for over ten years. Our British were well known winning Supreme awards including Cat

of the Year.

My other achievements include:

- Author of 8 published articles ranging from feline genetics and genetic counselling for cat breeders, to the skills required for cat judging
- Author and co-author of over 50 peer reviewed scientific publications
- Foundation Trustee of Feline Health Research Fund: <http://fhrf.org.au>, 2000-2015; during this time 14 grants were awarded
- Invited Speaker in the fields of feline appearance, genetics and cat judging
- Scientist who co-discovered the genes responsible for two different wavy coated mouse mutants
- Tutor Judge for All Shorthair cats



Denise Spurrell - FCCV



Since childhood I have always owned and cared for cats and in 1979 cat fancy became a consuming interest when I purchased my first Burmese. This first Burmese, Catani Manikato, became a top show and stud cat taking out Best of Breed at Royal Melbourne Show three years running, becoming a Great Grand Champion.

Within a short time I had purchased a delightful kitten by the name of Adena Tiekara, After gaining her Grand Championship status, Tiekara was mated to Manikato and produced a number of litters, progeny from these litters included Grand Champion Fernhill Crystal Brook and Grand Champion Nikita, from here I continued to breed and enlarge my colony of Burmese. As a matter of course, my interest in Burmese involved me in the Burmese Cat Society for which I served as Secretary during the early eighties and during this time, I also trained to become a steward and served in this post for seven years.

As time progressed, my Burmese stock was growing older and of course, showing with less frequency. In the late 80's with my interest in cats broadening, I applied to become a judge and on the completion of three years of study, I qualified as Shorthair (Group 3) Judge in 1990. An essential pre-cursor to acceptance as trainee judge, one must have more than one breed in the cattery - this was my introduction to the wonderful world of Rex. This unique breed with its origins in the British Isles has proved to be of increasing favour with cat fanciers Australia wide, myself no exception with a particular interest in Devon Rex. In 2004 I completed the Group 2 Judging training course.

This has opened another interesting chapter in my lifelong association with the F.C.C.,and allows me to enter the wonderful and exciting world of the Siamese and Oriental Breeds I have enjoyed judging at The Royal Melbourne Show, The F.C.C. Open, several rural Victorian Shows and many interstate events.

My involvement with the Feline Control Council of Victoria spans twenty interesting years and I look forward to further input to this most interesting and satisfying aspect of feline fancy.



NAME OF EXHIBITOR: _____	TELEPHONE: _____
ADDRESS: _____	P/CODE: _____

**Monday 2 & Tuesday 3 OCTOBER 2017
ENTRY IN ALL RINGS IS COMPULSORY**

	No	Cost	Total
MAIN CLASS 1-3 exhibits		\$40.00 each	\$
4 or MORE		\$35.00 each	\$
CAGE HIRE (double cages NOT available)		\$10.00	\$
CATALOGUE (ordered with entries)		\$8.00	\$
ADVERTISING (FULL PAGE)		\$12.00	\$
ADVERTISING (1/2 PAGE)		\$6.00	\$
ADVERTISING (BUSINESS CARD)		\$3.00	\$
TROPHY DONATION			\$
FHRF DONATION			\$
BENCHING FEE (Compulsory)			\$ 5.00
TOTAL AMOUNT ENCLOSED			\$
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Please make <u>cheques & money orders</u> payable to GCCFV. • <u>Direct Deposit</u> details - BSB: 083125; Account No. 810427508; In description box insert your name. <i>When paying by Direct Debit include a copy of your payment receipt with your entry</i> 			

ENTRIES CLOSE Friday 8 September 2017. GCCFV reserves the right to refuse any entry.

VETTING SLIP

NAME OF EXHIBITOR: _____

CAGE NO.	NAME OF EXHIBIT (Please use registered name)	SEX	CAT/KITTEN	VET

I, the undersigned, hereby declare that the details on the entry forms submitted by me are correct and that I have read and understand the rules of the show as set out on the show schedule.



PLEASE REMEMBER TO SEND A STAMPED SELF-ADDRESSED ENVELOPE TO ENABLE YOUR PASSES TO BE MAILED TO YOU.



Signed: _____ Date: _____ CATALOGUE: YES / NO

OFFICE USE ONLY



Amount Received \$ _____ Date ___/___/17 Signed _____





	GCCFV SHOW ENTRY FORM Please fill in all sections so that the show paperwork can be done correctly		
	Breed:	EMS Code::	
Title (if any)		Class Entered:	
Name of Cat:		Date of Birth:	
Colour:		Sex:	
Sire:			
Dam:			
Breeder:			
Owner:		Member No:	
Cage Size (please circle) Own Medium Own Double Medium Tall			
I hereby certify, as the bona fide owner/lessee, that the particulars of the above cat are true & correct and that I am entering this show at my own risk. Signed Date...../...../.....			

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ADDITIONAL EXHIBITOR INFORMATION

Entry Submission

- For **each exhibit** that is entered **ONE free entry** ticket is supplied.
- For each exhibit that is entered please ensure that you have specified the exact colour, pattern and description of that cat/kitten and whether it is longhair or shorthair (e.g. Blue Spotted Tabby Scottish Longhair).
- Include a stamped, self addressed envelope so that passes & drop off/pickup information can be sent to you.
- Non GCCFV registered exhibits must supply a copy of the exhibit's certified pedigree for entry to be eligible.
- No refund of entry fees will be made after the closing date of entries.
- Payment of Fees: When paying fees by cheque exhibitors must ensure that sufficient funds are available at the time of entry. Failure to do so may result in non-acceptance of entries.
- Title Upgrades must be submitted by **Sunday 8.00pm 17 September 2017**. This must be emailed to the show manager: lkitson1992@gmail.com and an email receipt will be sent upon receipt of title upgrade.
- *No title upgrades will done on the day of the show.*

Arrival and Departure Times

- Entry ticket can be used for drop off, if you have an exhibit in your vehicle.
- Location: Enter via Gate 7 from Leonard Cres.
- Time: drop off via Gate 7 from 6.30am; pick up after 5.00pm.
- Parking: in Flemington Race Course (\$25) or in the surrounding streets.
- Vetting in: 7.00am to 8.30am
- Judging: 9.00am
- Departure: After 5pm, all exhibits must be on show for public viewing until 5pm.
- Cats **MUST** be benched by 8.45am on each day of judging.

Location of Exhibits

Cats will be exhibited in the Nicholas Pavilion number 18 on the showground map. This venue is shared with the dog section & has an asphalt floor.

Veterinary Inspection

All cats must arrive by 8.30am on judging days for examination by the nominated veterinary surgeon.

If approved, cats must be benched at once. No person, except the owner or his representatives, will be allowed in the benching area until after the cats have been examined and benched.

Any cat which shows symptoms of any disease, is parasite infected and/or dirty, must be removed from the Showground immediately.

If any exhibit is rejected on the grounds of infectious or contagious disease, then no other exhibits that have travelled with the rejected exhibit may be shown. **The vet's decision is final.**



Exhibitors Please Note

As **Mars Petcare Australia** is the major sponsor of the Cat Championship at the Royal Melbourne Show no exhibitor is to display in their exhibit's cage or in any space adjacent to your exhibit cage any product other than products produced by **Mars Petcare Australia**.

Anyone not abiding by this request will be asked to remove the products from their exhibit cages. Thank you for your co-operation in this matter.

Supreme Exhibits: each judge will decide their Best In Ring winner. These exhibits from each ring will be eligible for Supreme judging. These 5 exhibits will be individually assessed and placed 1 to 5 by each of the panel judges. A points system (5, 4, 3, 2, 1) will be used to rank the exhibits 1 to 5.

The points system will determine the **Supreme Exhibit & the Supreme Companion Exhibits**.



- All Cats & Kittens over 5 months old, including Companion Pets, must be individually registered with a recognised Control Body **before the closing date for entries.** (*With exception of Companion cats on 2-show trial.*)
- All Kittens must be litter-registered and be at least **12 WEEKS** old on the day of the show.
- Exhibitors must provide an F3 Vaccination Certificate for ALL EXHIBITS.** Kittens must have followed a recommended vaccination regime (*first vaccination at least 10 days prior to the show*) and all adults must have been vaccinated within the previous **2 YEARS**. The 1st adult vaccination must be given as closely as possible to 12 months after the final kitten vaccination.
- All Companion Pets over 5 months old must be neutered
- Lactating Queens may not be shown.
- Queens that are more than 4 weeks, or obviously, pregnant may not be shown.
- All exhibits must have their nails clipped, clean coats, clean ears, no fleas, and no stitches.
- All exhibits must be inspected by the Veterinary Surgeon **prior to entering the hall.** Any exhibit showing signs of infectious or contagious disease or external parasites will be rejected.
- Any exhibit that is rejected by the Veterinary Surgeon for infectious or contagious disease must be removed from the venue immediately, along with all other cats that have travelled to the show with it. The opinion of the Veterinary Surgeon is final. Entry fees will not be refunded. The exhibitor must obtain a veterinary clearance before attending any further shows.
- After veterinary inspection, each cat must be placed in the correct cage. Exhibits over the age of 9 months are not permitted to share a cage until judging is completed, except at the discretion of the Show Manager. The exhibitor must provide curtains & a cushion or mat. These may be of any colour.
- Litter trays, water bowls, toys & covered hot water bottles may be left in cages.
- An exhibit may be disqualified if either it or its owner is identified to the Judge before judging is finished. No names or identification marks are allowed in or on cages.
- CATS THAT SHOW AGGRESSION WILL AUTOMATICALLY BE DECLARED UNABLE TO BE HANDLED (UTH). THE CAT WILL BE SUSPENDED FOR THREE MONTHS. ON A SECOND OFFENCE, IT WILL BE DISQUALIFIED FOR LIFE.**
- Cats that are unable to be safely carried to the table or sufficiently handled for judging may be declared UNABLE TO BE JUDGED (UTJ). No cumulative penalty applies.
- Any award may be withheld if the judge considers the exhibit has insufficient merit
- No powder, sprays or phenol may be used in the venue, or bleach on cages.
- All exhibits must travel to and from the venue in a suitable carry-box.
- Trophies, ribbons, prize cards etc placed on or under cages, during or after judging, are the responsibility of the exhibitor and will not be replaced.
- Exhibitors may provide their own cages, as long as they conform to GCCFV guidelines. Exhibitors providing their own cages will be eligible for free additional medium or double cage on one free for one provided basis
- Exhibitors may request medium, tall medium or double cages, on payment of the fee stated on the schedule and these will be provided by the show organisers,
- On completion of the show, exhibitors must fold their cages and stack them as directed, and remove all litter**
- Exhibitors are expected to behave with courtesy at all times and failure to do so may incur suspension from showing.**

CONDITIONS OF ENTRY

Entries are accepted on the condition that the exhibitor:

- observes the rules and regulations of GCCFV and of the Club
- accepts as final the decisions of Judges and GCCFV
- acknowledges that the cats are entered at the exhibitor's own risk.** Whilst every care is taken, GCCFV and the Club shall not be held responsible for exhibits or personal property.
- does not exhibit a cat or kitten that has been exposed to any infectious or contagious disease within a period of 21 days prior to the show.**

The club conducting the show or GCCFV has the right to refuse any entry that contravenes these rules or any exhibitor who does not comply with the Rules of GCCFV or who is guilty of conduct unworthy of an exhibitor.



GROUPING OF BREEDS

Exhibits are judged according to ACF breed standard and divided into 4 groups, which are:

Group 1: Aphrodite (LH & SH), Birman, Exotic, Maine Coon, Norwegian Forest Cat, Persian, Ragdoll, Siberian & Turkish Van.

Group 2: Balinese, Foreign White, Foreign White Longhair, Oriental Oriental Longhair, Peterbald & Siamese.

Group 3: Abyssinian, American Burmese, American Curl, American SH Australian Mist, Bengal, Bombay, British SH, Burmese, Burmilla, (SH & LH), Cornish Rex, Cymric, Devon Rex, Egyptian Mau, Japanese Bobtail (SH & LH), Korat, LaPerm (SH & LH), Mandalay, Russian, Scottish (SH & LH), Scottish Fold (SH & LH), Selkirk Rex (SH & LH), Somali, Sphynx Tonkinese, Manx, Ocicat, Pixiebob, Singapura & Snowshoe

Group 4: Companion Pets – Longhair, Shorthair

MAIN CLASSES AND THEIR

CODES Group 1, 2 & 3 Adults

Title	Female	Male
Untitled	FO	MO
Champion	FC	MC
Grand Ch	FGC	MGC
Double Grand Ch	FDGC	MDGC
Silver Ch	FSilverC	MSilverC
Gold Ch	FGoldC	MGoldC
Opal Ch	FOpalC	MOpalC
Sapphire Ch	FSaphC	MSaphC
Emerald Ch	FEmlcC	MEmlcC
Ruby Ch	FRubyC	MRubyC
Diamond Ch	FDiamC	MDiamC
Platinum Ch	FPlatC	MPlatC

Group 1, 2 & 3 Neuters

Title	Female	Male
Untitled	FN	MN
Premier Neuter	FPN	MPN
Grand PN	FGPN	MGN
Double Grand PN	FDGPN	MDGPN
Silver PN	FSilverPN	MSilverPN
Gold PN	FGoldPN	MGoldPN
Opal PN	FOpalPN	MOpalPN
Sapphire PN	FSaphPN	MSaphPN
Emerald PN	FEmlcPN	MEmlcPN
Ruby PN	FRubyPN	MRubyPN
Diamond PN	FDiamPN	MDiamPN
Platinum PN	FPlatPN	MPlatPN

Group 1, 2 & 3 Kittens

Age	Female	Male
Under 4 months	FK4	MK4
Under 5 months	FK5	MK5
Under 6 months	FK6	MK6
Under 7 months	FK7	MK7
Under 8 months	FK8	MK8
Under 9 months	FK9	MK9

Group 4 Companions

Title	Female	Male
Kitten	FK	MK
Untitled	F	M
Star	FS	MS
Grand Star	FG	MG
Double Grand Star	FDG	MDG
Silver Star	FSil	MSil
Gold Star	FGold	MGold
Opal Star	FOpal	MOpal
Sapphire Star	FSaph	MSaph
Emerald Star	FEmlc	MEmlc
Ruby Star	FRuby	MRuby
Diamond Star	FDiam	MDiam

Entries to be on GCCFV entry form with EMS code for breed, colour and pattern filled in

STATUS CHANGES (Title changes)

You should notify the Returning Officer as soon as your cat qualifies for a new title. This **MUST** be done by the date on the schedule.

If you are unsure of anything, please contact the Returning Officer.

