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Showing cats with The Governing council of Cat fancy Victoria offers a wonderful opportunity to connect with fellow cat enthusiasts, compete for exciting prizes and rosettes, showcase your beloved feline, advocate for responsible cat ownership, and educate the public about various breeds and proper cat care

HOW TO ENTER GCCFV SHOW

- First you go to website <https://www.catsgccfv.org.au/> and look under show and show calendar
- The show Calendar will tell you where the show is being held and the date of the show. You will need to Download the appropriate show entry
- The entry form will tell the price per entry and the closing date for you to send your entry in by. Complete the form and enter the kittens/cats you plan to show, and return to show manager listed on the entry. The show entry is self-explanatory but if in doubt please contact the show manager. Payments must be made with your entry.

ELIGIBILITY TO ENTER A SHOW

Exhibits must be either one of the following:

A registered pedigree

- kitten 12 weeks up to 9 months
- Adults entire cats over 9 months
- Adult desexed cats over 9 months

Companion cats

- A cat whose parentage is unknown
- Not registered or full registered

WHAT IS A STANDARD?

Breed Standards serve as a comprehensive guide for breeders and judges, outlining breed-specific characteristics, allocating a total of 100 points to evaluate various features such as head, ears, eyes, body, tail, coat, color, and pattern. It also highlights faults that can negatively impact a cat's well-being, such as bone deformities, and breed-specific faults, like white spotting on certain cats, which can influence the judges' assessment and result in penalties based on the severity of the fault.

<https://www.acf.asn.au/index.php?page=standards>

WHAT GROUP IS YOUR CAT

In Victoria, the three registering bodies hold Championship Shows. The Governing council of Cat Fancy Victoria and affiliated clubs host a variety of shows throughout the year. Almost all cats, from charming companion cats to prestigious pedigreed exhibits, are eligible to participate in these events. Cats are generally categorized into Three groups

LONGHAIR

- BIRMAN
- EXOTIC
- MAINE COON
- NORWEGIAN FOREST CAT
- PERSIAN
- RAGDOLL
- SIBERIAN
- TURKISH VAN

SHORTHAIR

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COMPANION

Companion Pet includes domestic cats of unknown breed, and cats that may be of a recognised breed that are pets only.

Companion cats can compete in shows regardless of pedigree, particularly in Group 4, which celebrates felines that have charming personalities and are well cared for. Judges assess traits such as temperament, grooming, playfulness, and overall health rather than breed standards or registration. Cats in this category receive awards and rosettes similar to those in pedigree classes, making it an excellent opportunity for cat owners to showcase their beloved pets' unique qualities. If you have a cat that fits this description, consider entering them in a show!



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PREPARING FOR A SHOW

Once you have entered the show, the next step is to prepare for the day. There are several things you will need to do. Begin bathing and grooming your cat because it is very important that they come to the show CLEAN, WELL GROOMED and FREE OF PARASITES. Most shorthaired cats require little grooming, just regular brushing or stroking with the hand or a damp chamois. However, longhaired and semi-longhaired cats require bathing, blow drying, and grooming before each show to ensure their coats are in tip top show condition. Check with your breeder, and other longhair exhibitors, as to the best way to do this, and what shampoos or conditioners to use.

WHAT I NEED FOR A SHOW

- water bowl
- feeding bowl
- food
- curtains and base for the cage
- toilet tray, litter & bag for emptying litter if required
- show cage
- grooming equipment
- pen for marking your catalogue
- cat carrier
- vaccination card

SHOW DAY

Arrive early to the show to check in with the person at the door who will provide a vet slip with your cat's name and cage number. Vetting occurs from 7:30 to 8:30 AM; you'll need to present your cat's vaccination records and allow the veterinarian to assess your cat's health by checking various factors, including ears, nose, eyes, and claws. Additionally, collect your pre-paid Show Catalogue and verify that all your cat's details are correct, informing the Show Manager of any mistakes promptly to ensure they are corrected before the judging begins.

At the show, each exhibit is assigned a designated spot within its group, marked with a unique number that corresponds to the show catalogue and the entry slip provided upon arrival. It's important to note that no advertising or identifying materials can be displayed in or on the cage during the judging process.

In a typical cat show, the event begins around 9 AM when the Show Manager introduces the Judges, and judging commences, with seating available for exhibitors to observe the process. It's important to note that while interaction with Judges is prohibited during the judging, exhibitors can discuss their cats or kittens after the event concludes.

Most shows are 3 ring shows. What does this mean? It means your cat / kitten will be judged 3 times that day by different Judges. Therefore you have 3 chances of your cat / kitten placing in the show. Some shows may be smaller or larger than this but the number of rings determines how many times your cat / kitten will be judged.

The judge circulates among the various rings, once the judge has completed judging the group they will announce their best in group exhibits for each ring and untimely best longhair and shorthair in show.

SHOW PRIZES

Cat shows offer an exciting variety of prizes such as rosettes, trophies, food, litter, litter trays, monetary rewards, gifts, carry cages, cat beds, and toys, all depending on the creativity of the Show Manager as well as sponsorship resources. Attendees can also enjoy engaging in raffles, making it a fun event for everyone involved

CHALLENGES

A challenge is an award given to an entire cat or desexed cat when it is best of its Title. eg: All Champion longhair entire males compete for one challenge.

Remember - Don't forget to collect any awards/challenges/product prizes before leaving the hall at the end of the day. Check that the details on the challenges are correct and that the judges have signed them.

(refer to Gccfv By-Laws page 38 section 12 for Honors/titles details)

