



The Australian Cat Federation (Inc)

40th ACF National Championship Cat Show

10TH JUNE 2012

EXPO HALL
MELBOURNE SHOWGROUNDS
Epsom Road, Ascot Vale

SEMINAR
GUEST SPEAKER
PROF. LESLIE LYONS
University of California (Davis)

CLOSING DATE FOR ENTRIES: 27 APRIL 2012



EVENTS TIMETABLE

ACF Judges Guild AGM
Saturday 9th June - 8.30am

Treacy Conference Centre,
126 The Avenue, Parkville

ACF Judges Guild Seminar

**ALL BREEDERS, EXHIBITORS AND
JUDGES WELCOME**

Saturday 9th June

2.00pm - 5.00pm
Treacy Conference Centre,
126 The Avenue, Parkville

ACF Welcome Function

Saturday 9th June

6.00pm – 7.30pm
Quest Apartments,
600 Epsom Road Flemington

ACF National Show

Sunday 10th June

Expo Pavilion
Melbourne Showground
Epsom Road, Ascot Vale

Benching 7.00am - 8.00am

President Opens Show – 8.30am

Supreme Panel - 3.30pm

ACF National Show Dinner

Sunday 10th June

7.30pm for 8.00pm
Treacy Conference Centre,
126 The Avenue, Parkville

ACF Inc. AGM

Monday 11th June

9.30am
Quest Apartments,
600 Epsom Road Flemington

JUDGING ASSIGNMENTS

Group	Section	Ring 1	Ring 2	Ring 3
ONE	Kittens	Jorgen Billing FIFe - Denmark	Annette Dunn NZCF	Marisa Thistlewaite QFA
	Entire Cats	Lucy Arends-Wagner SACC	Cheryle St Clair-Newman NZCF	Isobel Johnstone FCCQ
	Desexed Cats	Helen Farmer CAT	Cheryle St Clair-Newman NZCF	Isobel Johnstone FCCQ
TWO	Kittens	Lucy Arends-Wagner SACC	Deborah Nugent TFA NSW	Ray Clark QFA
	Entire Cats	Lucy Arends-Wagner SACC	Gaye Teague NZCF	Ray Clark QFA
	Desexed Cats	Jorgen Billing FIFe - Denmark	Deborah Nugent TFA NSW	Ray Clark QFA
THREE	Kittens	Amanda Bright TICA - Canada	Gaye Teague NZCF	Fiona Hawkins GCCFSA
	Entire Cats	Heather Roberts TICA - USA	Marg Harris NZCF	Greg Little CAT
	Desexed Cats	Heather Roberts TICA - USA	Marg Harris NZCF	Greg Little CAT
COMPANIONS		Helen Farmer CAT	Annette Dunn NZCF	Ray Clark QFA

NOTE - The Show Committee reserves the right to alter assignments, without notice, should the need arise, while endeavouring to provide one overseas judge for each section in each group. ACF By-Laws limits the number of exhibits to be handled by any judge to approximately 90.



Dr. Lyons received her graduate degrees from The University of Pittsburgh, Graduate School of Public Health, and Department of Human Genetics. In 1992, Dr. Lyons joined the National Cancer Institute, Laboratory of Genomic Diversity for her post-doctoral career in comparative genetics. Whilst at the NCI, she helped organized the Feline Genome Project. Dr. Lyons developed a feline genetic mapping pedigree using natural mating and assisted reproductive techniques between domestic and Asian Leopard cats. These hybrid cats are known as Bengals by cat breeders.

In the fall of 1999, Dr. Lyons joined the University of California, Davis, School of Veterinary Medicine, Department of Population Health and Reproduction. The laboratory's major focus is the genetics of the domestic cat, including disease, inherited traits, and population diversity. Dr. Lyons' research laboratory has had success with the identification of the gene causing Persian cat polycystic kidney disease. The laboratory has also identified the mutations for Siamese, Burmese, albino, chocolate and cinnamon coat colours as well as the mutation causing cat blood group B. Each of these mutations can now be used as a genetic test in cats. The Lyons' laboratory has been used to confirm the cloned domestic cats and African wildcats and also the first green fluorescent protein (GFP) cats. Recent work has included the analysis of the origin of cat breeds and the sites of cat domestication, which resulted in a documentary with National Geographic as an episode of Explorer entitled "The Science of Cats"

2012 JUDGES PROFILES

I have been judging since 1998, starting out as a Siamese and Oriental judge. My Home panel is Kwa-Zulu Natal Judges Panel, proudly affiliated to The Southern Africa Cat Council (SACC). I have been privileged to judge all over South Africa, Zimbabwe as well as Australia and New Zealand. I am an all breeds judge and currently I am the head tutor for my panel.

Cats are my passion and have been so my whole life. I bred my first Siamese litter in 1973, but decided to wait until my 3 children were older. I became actively involved in the cat fancy in 1987 when I started showing and breeding Siamese seriously. I have been successfully breeding under the *Taigha* prefix and will continue to do so as long as I am can. I have had many best in show winners as well as 2 Cat of the Year winners, a Neuter of the Year winner and 4 Kitten of the Year winners, also numerous finalists. Currently I have added the Siamese and Orientals 'with White' to my breeding program. I adore colours and I'm having a wonderful time breeding these flashy cats!

I look forward to visiting Australia and New Zealand again, meeting fellow cat lovers and judging your beautiful cats.



LUCY ARENDS-WAGNER



JORGEN BILLING

Amanda Bright has bred cats for over 40 years. Her CFA/CCA cattery name is Kyina which was founded as part of a family hobby. Later she and her husband registered a unique cattery name, Talisker, with TICA. Amanda started her judging career in CFA but later moved to TICA where she has been judging for over 10 years--altogether she had been judging for close to 20 years.

Amanda has had many breeds over the years. She started breeding Himalayans back in 1970 and so is familiar with the challenge of breeding newer breeds that still have a long way to get to the desired level of type. She acquired Persians to help with this progress and fell in love with Persians as well. She continued to breed Persians as well as Himalayans Burmese joined the family hobby when a friend needed an adoptive mother and 2 Burmese babies came to nurse on one of the Himalayan females. Amanda also bred Abyssinians as part of the family hobby and her first Russian Blue breeding program. Eager to learn as much as she could about all the breeds, Amanda agented other breeds including Cornish Rex and Manx. Kyina also was the home of some Siamese and Colourpoint Shorthairs. Together with Bailey, she had a Bombay and a couple of Turkish Angoras, but Russian Blues still held her heart captive and Bailey's too so today Amanda breeds Russian Blues exclusively. Their Russian Blues have received multiple awards and are in breeding programs around the world. Amanda enjoys watching how her cats contribute to breeding programs and the directions the different breeders take. An avid historian, Amanda researches the breeds and history of the cat fancy which she shares with the world via her website. She has written a number of articles for publications around the world and focuses on developing educational breed seminars as well.



AMANDA BRIGHT

Dr. Heather Roberts is an American International Allbreeds judge in TICA and serves on the TICA Genetics Committee. Although originally from Texas, she has lived in California for the last 11 years. Currently she is the Dean of Sciences and Math at a small college north of Sacramento. She is married to Jeff Roberts, also an Allbreeds judge in TICA. Their cattery was called "Chaparral" for 12 years, but they recently changed their name to "PuraVida" to reflect their love for their retirement paradise in Costa Rica.

Heather breeds Singapura and European Burmese and finds the incredible intelligence of the Singapura and the laidback personality of the European Burmese to be a nice balance in her life. Their breeding program focuses on healthy cats with loving temperaments foremost. She has also shown Bengal, Cymric, Siberian, Maine Coon, Somali, Bombay, and household pets. Heather also is the Breed Committee Chair for the Singapura breed section in TICA.

She has had the extreme pleasure of judging in Australia and New Zealand several times over recent years. She enjoys the countryside, the new friendships, and of course the fabulous quality of the cats. She has imported cats from Australia and New Zealand into the United States for use in her program, and has exported cats back to Australia in an effort to truly internationalize some gene pools. She hopes to someday import a lovely Burmilla for her and Jeff to enjoy and promote in TICA.



HEATHER ROBERTS

My interest in the showing and breeding of cats has been an ongoing love affair since the 70's. During this time, under the Iluka prefix I have bred Siamese & Orientals plus related breeds. Burmese I bred with my daughter under Tartarus & with Ann & Pete Skilling under Chuntao. Recently I have been breeding British SH, Scottish Folds & Russians, on my own Iluka prefix and with Jo Millar under Illusion.

I am a Senior Shorthair Judge and an Intermediate Longhair Judge and hopefully will be a ALL BREEDS judge by the middle of 2012.

I wish the ACF National all the best and hope the competitors enjoy the show.

MARG HARRIS

Ray entered the cat fancy in 1984 and with his partner Trevor Cox is currently breeding and showing Burmese under the Kittykatz prefix. They have also bred and shown Persians, Abyssinians, Australian Mist and Devon Rex (under their Devon Rex prefix Katzknurks). They have bred and show many best in show and best of breed exhibits and have achieved Prefix of the Year, Cat and Kitten of the Year and Best of Breed annual awards.

Ray gained his Group 1 licence with QFA Inc. in 1991 and after several years break from judging gained his Group 2 licence with FCCQ in 2007 prior to his return to QFA in 2010. Ray has judged in Queensland, Victoria, NSW and New Zealand.

Ray has made many friends within the cat fancy and enjoys meeting more with each judging assignment



RAY CLARK

As an All Breeds Judge and a teacher of senior secondary students, I have been privileged to be able to pursue my love of cats and education. As I have been part of the cat fancy since childhood showing at my first show at age 12, I am very keen to encourage youngsters in showing their cats. My own breeding of cats has included British, Persian and Exotic, and ownership has extended from Domestic Shorthairs to Japanese Bobtails.

I have judged in all over Australia and New Zealand, as well as in the United Kingdom, the Netherlands, Belgium, Finland and Denmark. My administrative roles have included President of the Cat Association of Tasmania, President of the ACF (Inc.) Judges' Guild as well as club and show management positions. It is always a pleasure to share the knowledge and love of cats at shows.



HELEN FARMER

Dr. Isobel Johnstone has had a lifetime career as a Veterinary Scientist at The University of Queensland (UQ). Isobel has bred Abyssinians since 1976 and, although she no longer breeds Abys, they of course still share her home. She has vetted at cat shows for 20 years. Isobel joined the Siamese and Shorthair Cat Club of Queensland in 1976 and is now a life member. She has been that club's Secretary and Treasurer. Needless to say, she is also an experienced show manager. In addition to being a long-serving, senior judge, Isobel has held positions over the years as a tutor judge; been Chairperson of Judges Associations and Guilds; and has been a delegate to, and on, committees of various cat organisations. Isobel became a Group Three Judge in 1983; a Group Two Judge in 1987; and an All-breeds Judge in 1997 and has judged extensively in Queensland and interstate as well as in New Zealand.



ISOBEL JOHNSTONE

It was while I was looking for a black Oriental that I was convinced by a cream Burmese that she was in fact, the cat for me. I was therefore first introduced to Cat Showing with the purchase of "Fioric Crème Biscayne" in 1993. I then ventured into breeding under the Corbetti prefix later that same year, which resulted in some successful Best in Show winners being produced, and my Burmese family grew over time. I was introduced to the Bengal breed in 1997/98, and further Best in Show successes with 2 neuters "Marube Taw" and "Marube Rajah", and commenced breeding Bengals in 1999.

After a couple of years' experience working at shows, I qualified as a Steward with the then RASCC in NSW, then in 2000 ventured into NSW CFA Group 2 Judges training. By the end of the Group 2 Judges training, I had introduced Oriental Shorthair and Siamese to the Corbetti prefix, and commenced breeding Balinese, Oriental Longhair under the SiaJavi prefix. I thoroughly enjoy Judging my first true love of the feline family, the Siamese and their beautiful relatives the Balinese, and Orientals. I am honoured to be invited to shows in order to handle and assess these exquisite felines, thank you

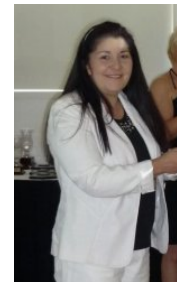


DEBORAH NUGENT

I started breeding Birmans in 1991 under the prefix Belshogar. Over the years I have won many Supreme Exhibit awards and Best in Shows at a number of Nationals. At a State level my Birmans have achieved Kitten and Cat of the Year Awards and I also showed my Persian neuter to QFA Desexed Cat of Year in 2007.

After 20 years I decided to retire from breeding to devote more time to running my cats only quality boarding cattery with my husband Garry in Brisbane, while sharing our lives with 2 Poodles, 12 Birmans, 1 Persian and our new addition a very special natured Burmese who we all adore.

After gaining my Companion Cat judge's licence, I went on to gain my Group 1 judge's licence in 2008 and am currently half way through my Shorthair Judge's Training with QFA Inc which has given me an appreciation and love for so many more breeds. I have always been highly involved in the cat fancy holding numerous positions over the years and currently Vice President and Shorthair Registrar with QFA Inc. I am honoured to be a Life Member of the Birman Cat Fanciers of Qld.



MARISA THISTLEWAITE

ABOUT ACF (INC.)

The inaugural meeting of various different cat organisations in Australia was held in Melbourne in 1972 where the subject of a National Cat Federation was discussed and a steering committee was formed to produce a draft constitution, so Victoria is the sentimental favourite as a location for the Ruby Anniversary Show. The Australian Cat Federation (Inc.) is a National recommendatory body with affiliates in all States and the Northern Territory. The ACF has endeavoured over the years to bring uniformity to the cat fancy in various key areas which have an effect on cat breeding and cat showing.

For the first time in its 40 year history, we are running a 'truly national' National. Team 2012 consists of state representatives from across the country. It's not just the show on the National weekend. It's the Annual General Meetings of ACF and its Judges' Guild and a seminar to which all are welcome. We are extremely excited to have **Professor Leslie Lyons of UC Davis** as our keynote guest speaker!

ACF JUDGES GUILD AGM

Saturday 9 June 2012
8.30am

Edmund Rice Room
Treacy Conference Centre,
126 The Avenue
Parkville

Morning Tea - Tea, Coffee and Muffins/Slices/Scones \$7.80,

Lunch - Soup of the Day with Gourmet Sandwiches, freshly brewed Tea & Coffee and juice \$24.00.

Special dietary requirements can be catered for so please let us know in advance.

ACF JUDGES GUILD SEMINAR

Please check the website for seminar topic updates.

Saturday 9 June 2012
2.00pm to 5.00pm

Edmund Rice Room
Treacy Conference Centre,
126 The Avenue Parkville.

Cost ACF Guild Member's only, free attendance. All others, \$20.00

Afternoon tea @ \$6.50 per person

Limited seating - bookings essential

Guest Speaker

Professor Leslie Lyons – UC Davis Genetic Specialist

- Breed origins and similarities.
- What new tests are on the horizon?
- Elusive inhibitor (silver) gene
- Differences in labs and error rates for genetic tests?
- You get results - what do they mean?
- Should I breed my cat with these results?

ALL BREEDERS, EXHIBITORS AND JUDGES ARE WELCOME

ACF WELCOME FUNCTION

Saturday 9th June
6.00 pm - 7.30pm
Flemington Room
Quest Apartments,
600 Epsom Road,
Flemington

ACF would like to extend an invitation to all exhibitors and attendees to the welcome function on Saturday evening, for a social evening to catch up with friends and to meet new people and to welcome all our judges to Melbourne. The cost to attend is \$25.00 which includes a welcome drink served with canapés. People may like to extend the evening by having dinner at one of the many restaurants nearby.

VENUE



**Melbourne Showgrounds
Gate One
Epsom Road
Ascot Vale**

The 2012 ACF National Cat Show will be held at the Expo Hall in the Melbourne Showgrounds. Melbourne's Showgrounds is easily accessible by car or public transport. It is only 5 minutes by car from the Quest Apartments. The venue is a large, clear span exhibition area with easy access. It is conveniently located in close proximity to the Melbourne CBD and approx. 15 – 20 minutes from Melbourne's Airport and approx. 15 min from the centre of Melbourne.

SHOW FORMAT

The show will be three rings Australian Open Style with top ten or fifteen placings for each group in each section, kittens, entires, and desexed. Sashes will be awarded to all Best, Reserve, Third and Fourth of breed dependent upon number of entries. All top place exhibits, best in group winners and Supreme winners will receive rosettes and prizes.

CONTACT INFORMATION

Contact for general queries:

Show Coordinator – Lesley Morgan Blythe
Phone: 03 6223-8341
Mobile: 0438 338 341 (**Show Weekend**)
Email: comyn@trump.net.au

Post applications to:

Show Secretary – Robbie Walker
2012 ACF National Show
C/- P O Box 1258
MUDGEERABA, Queensland 4213
Phone: 07 5525 2104
Mobile: 0429 422 131 (**Show Weekend**)
Email: robbie@duartcats.org.au

Assistant Show Manager	Matthew Wood		mwood@ucwpa.org.au
Chief Steward	Scot Andresen	08 8955 5521	petsrus@ozemail.com.au
Sponsorship Coordinator	Carole Galli	08 9455-1481	admin@roellencattery.com.au
Web Mistress	Pamela Lanigan		cuddleton@optiic.com

TIMETABLE

7.00 - 8.00	Benching – Own cages must be setup by 8.00am
8.30 - 2.30	President opens show and Judging commences
9.00 – 4.00	Show open to public
3.00 – 4.30	Supreme Panel Judging & Presentation of Overall In Group & Overall Supreme Awards

Make Cheque/money order payable to **2012 ACF National Show Account**

Closing date for entries: 27 April 2012
No late entries will be accepted
Early entries appreciated
Closing date for Rosette sponsorship: 22 January 2012

ASSISTANCE ON SHOW DAY

Please indicate if you are available to assist in the following areas:
(Please tick)

VET STEWARD	JUDGES STEWARD
RING CLERK	RUNNER
SHOW SET UP	SAT	PULL DOWN (After Show)	SUN

If you have any questions regarding working at the show contact the Chief Steward Scoot Andresen petsrus@ozemail.com.au

ACF APPROVED BREEDS

Groups 1, 2 and 3 include all ACF recognised pedigreed breeds and are divided into three main sections: Kitten, Entire and Desexed exhibits. Companion exhibits will be judged as an individual section.

Entries to this show for exhibits registered with bodies other than ACF and CCCA affiliates must be accompanied by a full copy of the pedigree (minimum exhibit plus 4 generations) for verification that the exhibit's pedigree conforms to ACF registration & breeding guidelines.

GROUP 1 BREEDS

Birman, Exotic Shorthair, Maine Coon, Norwegian Forest Cat, Persian, Ragdoll, Siberian, Turkish Van.

GROUP 2 BREEDS

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

GROUP 3 BREEDS

Abyssinian, Australian Mist, Bengal, Australian Bombay, British Shorthair, Burmese, Burmilla, Burmilla Longhair, Cornish Rex, Cymric, Devon Rex, Egyptian Mau, Japanese Bobtail Shorthair, Japanese Bobtail Longhair, LaPerm, LaPerm Longhair, Korat, Manx, Ocicat, Russian, Scottish Fold Shorthair, Scottish Fold Longhair, Scottish Shorthair, Scottish Longhair, Selkirk Rex Shorthair, Selkirk Rex Longhair, Singapura, Somali, Sphynx, Tonkinese.

COMPANION

A Companion cat or kitten may be of unknown ancestry, a mixed breed, part pedigreed or a purebred not able to be registered in the usual group. All Companion exhibits over 6 months of age must be desexed.

ACF AWARDS

Titled or untitled cats from ACF or CCCA member bodies will be eligible for ACF award classes under the approved groupings listed above.

BEST OF BREED

Best of breed Kitten, Entire Cat and Desexed Cat will receive a best of breed award. Reserve, third and fourth will be awarded if warranted, subject to entry numbers.

DEFINITION OF CLASSES

Kittens will be automatically entered in the appropriate age class & cats in the appropriate class based on the information as supplied on their registration/pedigree certificate. There will be no litter class at this show. **Kittens must be a minimum of 12 weeks of age on the day of the show i.e. - Born no later than 12 March 2012** (Show Rule 2).

VETTING

A benching slip will be available for collecting at the door on show day. The slip will contain cage numbers for your exhibits. Please confirm any absentee exhibits as you collect your slip. Random vetting will be in cage with a vet in attendance throughout most of the day. (Show Rule 17)

SUPREME IN SHOW

PEDIGREED EXHIBITS

Supreme awards will be determined by an open panel vote. From the winners of preliminary votes a panel will determine the winner of the prestigious Hon. Lance Barnard Award for **Supreme Pedigree Exhibit in Show.**

COMPANION EXHIBITS

A Supreme judging panel will be used to determine which of the three Best in Show Companion Exhibit winners will be **Supreme Companion Exhibit in Show.**

PARKING AT THE SHOW GROUNDS

Exhibitor parking is **\$5.00** per car payable at the gate on the day of the show.

SHOW RAFFLES

There will be three separate raffles with great and exciting prizes. (See website for updates)

ROSETTES SPONSORSHIP

We would like to invite your sponsorship of rosettes for the show. If you would like to sponsor rosettes a form is attached at the end of this schedule. Please see the information page of the website for further information <http://acf2012.breedsite.com/info/> or email robbie@duartcats.org.au

ROSETTE SPONSORSHIP CLOSES 22ND JANUARY 2012

CAGES SIZES AND CURTAINS COLOURS

SINGLE CAGES range from a W45 cm (18") X D45 (18") X H45 cm (18") to W61 cm (24") X D45 cm (18") X H50 cm (18").

DOUBLE CAGES are W61cm (24") X D61 (24") H45 (18"). **Where possible, requests for double cages will be accommodated.**

Should demand outstrip supply, cages will be allocated by the Show Manager according to the breed/maturity/likely activity level of the exhibit.

SHOW CURTAINS need to have sufficient stretch and particularly to be of ADEQUATE LENGTH to cover all three sides of the cage completely.

Plain white or coloured curtains and bases are allowed and must be in cages prior to the commencement of judging.

Exhibitors MAY supply their own cage; this is to be clearly indicated on their entry (including width and depth in centimetres). **ALL CAGES SUPPLIED BY EXHIBITORS MUST HAVE THREE SOLID SIDES** - (Corflute or similar). Own cages must be set up no later than 8.00am

STALLS

If you would like a stall we would love to hear from you. We can provide an area for you to set up a display or sell products. See information area of web site for details or contact Carole Galli admin@roellencattery.com.au

CATALOGUE ADVERTISING

Advertising in the catalogue is also available. Please email an electronic copy to the show secretary robbie@duartcats.org.au or you may include the card with your entry.

Full page (A4)	\$30.00
Half page (A5)	\$15.00
Business card	\$10.00

Print ready copy must be provided electronically.

GENERAL PUBLIC ENTRY PRICES

\$6 Adults \$3 Children 5 to 16 years & Pensioners Children under 5 free Families \$10.00.

IMPORTANT THINGS TO NOTE

BEFORE THE SHOW

- **Please make sure you include a copy of each cat's registration certificate/pedigree with your entry (see rule 1).** Do not send original pedigree copies as these will not be returned. Entries to this show for exhibits registered with bodies other than ACF and CCCA affiliates must be accompanied by a full copy of the pedigree (minimum exhibit plus 4 generations) for verification that the exhibit's pedigree conforms to ACF breeding & registration guidelines.
- The show secretary will email or post you a confirmation of your entry. Please a stamped self-addressed envelope for your confirmation of entry plus function passes. Check it carefully and reply with any changes.
- This is a three ring show over one day. Your cat may be handled at least three times. Please consider your cat's temperament when entering!
- All exhibits must have front and rear claws clipped.
- Desexed and entire kittens will compete against each other in their relevant age classes.
- Please note at this show exhibitor identification will be issued at the front desk. Exhibitor identification must be worn at all times otherwise an entry fee may be charged.
- Entries will not be accepted for breeds or colours/patterns not recognised by ACF

AT THE SHOW

- Vaccination certificates showing appropriate vaccinations with first vaccination no less than 14 days prior to the show **must be available for inspection** for exhibits under nine months of age.
- All exhibits must remain in their cages until the show closes.
- No powders or sprays are to be used within the show hall; this will result in the disqualification of the exhibit/s.
- Please be aware of the closing time of the show. Any exhibit left in the hall unattended at the close of show will be removed and taken to a boarding cattery overnight at the owner's expense.
- Cat litter must be disposed of ONLY in the marked bins. Please don't use the judge's bins as the odour is unpleasant and will upset other exhibits.

SHOW DINNER

The Show Dinner will be held on Sunday the 10th of June in the Edmund Rice Room of the Treacy Conference Centre, 126 The Avenue Parkville It will consist of Canapés, buffet and dessert - \$55 per head. Special dietary requirements can be catered for so please let us know in advance. Cash bar facilities, Limited numbers - bookings essential. (See summary sheet).

MENU –

Canapés - Selection

Main – Choice of Roast Lamb or Pork with the appropriate condiments, Cold Meat platters, antipasto platters, wok fried vegetables, creamy garlic potato mash, selection of baked breads and a variety of freshly prepared salads all served with appropriate condiments

Dessert – served 50/50

ACF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Monday 11th June
9.30am
Flemington Room
Quest Apartments,
600 Epsom Road Flemington

The AGM of the Australian Cat Federation (Inc.) will be held on the Monday of the ACF National weekend and observers are welcome to attend. Observers need to book their seat, the cost may be found on the summary sheet.

ACCOMMODATION & CAT BOARDING

The Melbourne Showgrounds is situated in Ascot Vale only 10 Kilometres North/West from the Melbourne CBD. Below is a list of facilities for you to contact to make your own arrangements with. You will also find more if you search "Cat Friendly Accommodation", "Boarding or Melbourne Apartment Hotels" on the internet.

ACCOMMODATION

Quest Flemington Apartments
600 Epsom Road
Flemington
(03) 9371 2200

We have a block booking for these apartments and bookings must be made through the show secretary, Robbie Walker robbie@duartcats.org.au who will email a booking agreement form that is to be completed and returned to him with the deposit.

2 bedroom apartments \$289.00 per night
3 bedroom apartments \$309.00 per night

A \$300.00 cleaning cash bond or pre authorisation on a credit card is required. Please note **NO ENTIRE MALE CATS ALLOWED**. Cats must be toilet trained and kitty litter must be supplied by owners and cleaned regularly. All bookings are pay on arrival; or a credit card required to secure the payment on arrival.

OTHER OPTIONS

Tanya Cassidy
0402469478
Tanya owns five bed & breakfasts in the area

Birches Serviced Apartments
160 Simpson Street East Melbourne
(03) 9417 2344
www.birches.com.au

NO CATS PERMITTED

Vibe Carlton
441 Royal Parade
Parkville VIC 3052
(03) 9380 9222

15 minutes from the show venue and around the corner from the Treacy Centre.

BOARDING FACILITIES

Essendon Veterinary Clinic
89 Buckley Street Essendon
(03) 9375 1039
www.essendonvet.com.au

Pascoe Vale Veterinary Hospital
Cnr Kent Road & Derby Street Pascoe Vale
(03) 9350 2955
www.pascoevaluevet.com.au

Fitzroy Veterinary Clinic
102 Scotchmer Street
Fitzroy
(03) 0489 2195

AUSTRALIAN CAT FEDERATION (INC.) NATIONAL SHOW RULES

PLEASE READ THE ACF SHOW RULES BELOW CAREFULLY.

- All exhibits, local and Interstate, excepting unpedigreed must be registered with and issued with an approved registration number by a recognised controlling body or be eligible under By-Laws 1.3
- All litters must be recorded with the recognised controlling body and must be a minimum of 12 weeks of age on the day of the show.
- Kittens will not be eligible for individual kitten classes below the age of 12 weeks on the day of the show.
- The number of kittens in each litter must be stated on the entry form. The Show Secretary must be notified prior to the show date if any kitten(s) included in the litter have died since the entry.
- All cats and kittens must be immunised against F.I.E. with the exception of young kittens which may be given a temporary or partial vaccination at the discretion of the veterinarian.
- All adult cats entered for competition, including titled cats, must compete in their appropriate Open class (whether entire or desexed). Kittens must be entered in their individual age classes (under 5, 7 and 9 months) unless entered as litter only (under 4 months). Pairs, braces and teams must be owned by the one exhibitor.
- No cats obviously pregnant may be exhibited. No cats obviously nursing a litter may be exhibited without her litter. No vasectomised cat may be exhibited. No female cat desexed by tubal ligation may be exhibited.
- Entries must be made on the appropriate entry form and must be in the hands of the Show Committee by the stated closing time. All entry fees must accompany the entry form. Entry fees will not be refunded under any circumstances.
- The Show Committee reserves the right to refuse or return any entry or entries. Exhibitors, whose entries are refused, are to be notified in writing by registered mail within seven (7) days of close of entries, a Copy of such letter to be forwarded at the same time to the Secretary of the ACF Inc.
- The age of all exhibits shall be computed from the day of their birth to the day of the show,
 - Kittens: exhibits under nine (9) months of age, and
 - Cats: exhibits nine (9) months of age and over on the day of the show.
- An exhibit must be the bona fide registered property of the owner or lessee in whose name it is entered. If owned by more than one person, the names of all part owners must be shown on the entry form.
- One free pass will be issued to the exhibitor. These passes are not transferable. Where the exhibitor is a partnership, whether owner or lessee; additional free passes may be issued, equivalent to the number of exhibits entered or members of the partnership whichever is the lesser.
- The ACF Inc. will be most anxious for the care and safety of the cats and kittens brought or sent for exhibition or any other property entrusted to it, but it must be strictly understood by all exhibitors, and all other persons, that this body will not accept responsibility for the loss, damage or detention of any exhibit or any property, whether arising from accident or other cause by its officers, agents or any other person. **ALL PERSONAL PROPERTY LEFT IN THE HALL IS THE OWNER'S RESPONSIBILITY.**
- No cat or other animal, other than exhibits, shall be allowed within the precincts of the exhibition for the duration of the show.
- All exhibits must be brought to the hall in suitable baskets or containers. No exhibit will be accepted if on leads, wrapped in towels, etc.
- No exhibit shall enter the hall if it has at any time during the period of thirty (30) days immediately preceding the day of the show been in a cattery affected with Feline Enteritis or infectious disease. If a cat is under treatment for any complaint, it should have a certificate from the attending veterinarian as to contagious possibilities or otherwise. The certificate must be handed to the Show Veterinarian before the examination, or where 17 (b) applies, to the Show Manager who will arrange vetting of the exhibit. The final decision will rest with the Show Veterinarian. People from an infected cattery should not be permitted to officiate at cat shows.
- All exhibits must pass the Veterinary Inspection.
 - A duly qualified Veterinary Surgeon shall examine each cat, whether entered for competition or exhibition only, or
 - A Veterinary Surgeon shall be present at the show from 7:30 am until midday, inspecting animals of his selection during that period. Entry to bays during judging not permitted except at show manager's request.The Veterinary Surgeon shall order any cat to be removed from the show if, in his/her opinion, it is suffering from any infectious or contagious disease or has external parasites. Their decision in this regard shall be final. Should the Veterinarian reject one of an exhibitor's cats or kittens all the exhibitor's entries may be rejected.
- A Veterinarian shall examine all adult entire male cats for entriety, if found to be monorchid or cryptorchid the Veterinarian will disqualify.
- If during the course of the show, an exhibit should be found to be ailing, or distressed through any cause, the Show Manager may at his/her discretion request the exhibit be removed from the hall.
- While ACF Inc. take every care of animals entered in a show, all entries are accepted at the owners/lessees risk.
- Plain white or coloured curtains (if used) and towel or blanket must be in cages prior to the commencement of judging. No other distinguishing objects are allowed until judging is completed but hot water bags, covered with plain material only, will be permitted in winter. Non distinguishing litter trays may be in the cage during judging.
- No foodstuffs are allowed in cages prior to judging but drinking water may be provided.
- Litter trays must be provided by exhibitors.
- Grooming of exhibits benched may be continued until exhibitors are requested to leave the judging area prior to judging. Aerosol sprays, methylated spirits and powdering are prohibited in the Show Hall. Transgression will result in the disqualification of the exhibit.
- Boxes, baskets etc. must be placed out of sight after the exhibit is benched.
- Late arrivals will only be accepted at the discretion of the Show Manager but exhibits not in their cages when the judges are called to the floor will automatically be disqualified.
- No cat or kitten may be removed from the vicinity of its cage without special permission from the Show Manager.
- No exhibit may be removed from the hall before completion of prize-giving without the permission of the Show Manager.
- The Show Committee reserves the right to amend Prize Lists.
- All exhibits at ACF Inc. shows are judged according to the Standards of the ACF Inc. No breed numbers will be used. All breeds and colours and patterns will be fully written.
- The ACF Inc. show will contain the following sections for competition:-

<i>GROUP 1</i>	Persian, Exotic, Birman, Turkish, Ragdoll, Maine Coon Norwegian Forest Cat, Siberian
<i>GROUP 2</i>	Siamese, Foreign White, Oriental Shorthair, Balinese, Foreign White Longhair, Oriental Longhair.
<i>GROUP 3</i>	Other Shorthairs and Somali, Scottish Fold Longhair, Scottish Longhair, Cymric, Selkirk Rex Longhair, LaPerm Longhair.
<i>GROUP 4</i>	Companion Pets.

EXPERIMENTAL/ASSESSMENT: All new and developing breeds/varieties.
- Desexed exhibits shall not compete against entire exhibits except where special regulations apply as in side classes such as eye colour etc. or for Supreme Exhibit. For Top 5/10 Kittens, desexed and entire kittens will compete together.
- Challenge and Award of Merit certificates will be awarded for Best Male, Best Female, Best Neuter and Best Spey in each colour (A.O.C. and unpedigreed excepted or where special regulations apply) irrespective of the number of entries, provided the exhibits reach the standard required by the judge. Challenge and Award of Merit certificates awarded to Supplementary Register exhibits must be marked with the letters "S.R.". However, Sub-Register status will not be indicated on the Judges' slips. Companion Merit Award will be allowed for Best Neuter and Best Spey.
- A Judge's decision on the merit of an exhibit shall be final unless such decision is contrary to the rules under which the show is conducted. Judges shall be empowered and instructed not to award any prize, Challenge or Award of Merit Certificate or Companion Merit Award to any exhibit which they consider is not of sufficient merit. The judge may award a second place and may withhold a prize altogether where the exhibits are not, in his opinion, of sufficient merit.
- Any exhibit which is unable to be handled by the judge will not be judged. Any exhibit found to be under sedation will be disqualified.
- Officiating judges may enter exhibits in competition providing they are only entered in sections in which they are NOT officiating. Such judges are categorically excluded from conferring with judges of cats in sections in which they are exhibiting and from sitting on any panel including for Supreme Exhibit in the event that any exhibit owned by such judges should be presented to such panels. Such judges/exhibitors cannot present exhibits for vetting, nor bench any exhibit. Officiating Judges may put cats on exhibition.
- Where possible stewards will not assist judges in classes in which they have entered exhibits.
- Each judge will submit his Best and Reserve Special Awards to the Show Management for submission to the Panel judging Supreme and Reserve Supreme Exhibits. Panel judging may be used at the discretion of the Show Committee for any category, but all decisions of the individual members of the panel must be by ballot.
- In the event of a split decision during panel judging, the panel will be instructed to determine between two of the exhibits, and then between the winner and a third exhibit and so on until an overall winner is established.
- Any complaint regarding the management of the show must be made in writing to the ACF Inc. secretary together with \$20.00 fee, within two (2) days of the show. The fee will be refunded if the protest is upheld.
- No cards or ribbons, other than those won at the show, may be displayed.
- Supplementary register exhibits shall compete against full register exhibits in their appropriate classes if they are, or have been, part of an approved program aimed at producing cats of an established breed/variety and standard in the Open Classes where Challenges and Award of Merit certificates are awarded. Such cats are eligible for these awards but the certificate shall bear the letters "SR" before the name of the cat. Exhibits of a new variety (colour, marking, coat quality) of an established breed shall compete in Open Classes for AOC/AOV exhibits. The proposed standard of points must be forwarded with the entry. Supplementary Register exhibits are eligible for Best of Breed/Variety and Best in Show Awards.
- All cats entered for competition shall have all claws clipped.
- Judges are instructed to ignore tattoo marks and other similar forms of identification (e.g. reaction to microchip insert) in show cats. Signs of a cat having been shaved for Autosomal Polycystic Kidney Disease screening shall not be penalised on the show bench.
- A list of all past winners of the Supreme Perpetual Trophy will be recorded in each National Show Catalogue.

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ENTRY FORMS

Please PRINT clearly

Please complete all details for each exhibit. Please note the cats pattern if it has one i.e. bi-colour, colourpoint, tabby, tabby bi-colour etc. For tabby cats please put "spotted tabby" "classic tabby" or "mackerel tabby". Please copy page should you have additional entries

COMPANION PET a cat, whose sire and dam are unknown, a cat where either the sire or dam are unknown or is a pedigreed cat which is unregistrable or whose sire and dam are not registered pedigreed cats

COMPANION CAT ENTRY

Cat/Kitten Name: Reg No:

Colour: Pattern:

Sex: Male Female Neuter Spey Date of Birth (estimate if unknown)

COMPANION CAT ENTRY

Cat/Kitten Name: Reg No:

Colour: Pattern:

Sex: Male Female Neuter Spey Date of Birth (estimate if unknown)

COMPANION CAT ENTRY

Cat/Kitten Name: Reg No:

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COMPANION CAT ENTRY

Cat/Kitten Name: Reg No:

Colour: Pattern:

Sex: Male Female Neuter Spey Date of Birth (estimate if unknown)

Pedigree Exhibits Entry

Cat/Kitten Name:	
Breed:	Sex: Male <input type="checkbox"/> Female <input type="checkbox"/> Neuter <input type="checkbox"/> Spey <input type="checkbox"/>
Reg No:	Date of Birth:
Colour & Pattern:	
Sire Name:	
Breed:	Colour & Pattern:
Dam Name:	
Breed:	Colour & Pattern:
Breeder:	

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Breeder:	

PLEASE REMEMBER TO ATTACH REGISTRATION CERTIFICATE/PEDIGREE AS PER SHOW RULES

Please include a stamped self-addressed envelope with your entry for your confirmation and tickets for each of the functions that you will be attending

EXHIBITOR'S ENTRY SUMMARY

Exhibitor's Name:

Catalogue: YES / NO

Cage No (Office Use)	Name of Exhibit/s (Please use registered name)	Kitten Entire Cat Desexed Cat Companion	Rings Entered Eg: All 1, 2, 3	Single or Double	Own Cage Please provide Width & Depth in Centimetres

**Please Note: CLEAR PHOTOCOPIES OF REGISTRATION/PEDIGREE TO BE ATTACHED TO THE SUMMARY FORM
(Please ensure the details, sex, colour, and higher status has been updated before posting as they must be correct
on your exhibit's registration/Pedigree)**