

# NSW Cat Fanciers' Association Inc.

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(Member of the Co-ordinating Cat Council of Australia)

## **SHOW PROCEDURES**

*(Effective May, 2017, amended May 2024)*

### **ATTACHMENT B – SHOW VETERINARY INSPECTION PROCEDURES**

#### **1. Veterinary Inspection of Exhibits**

- a) All exhibits must be inspected by a Veterinary Officer prior to being benched in the show hall
- b) In cage veterinary inspection will not be permitted

#### **2. Veterinary Inspection Requirements**

- a) Vetting tables shall be provided with paper towels and spray bottles of approved disinfectants.  
**NOTE:** Dettol and coal tar derivatives are not permitted.
- b) All exhibitors should handle their own exhibits at the vetting table
- c) Cat Carry baskets must be placed on the vetting table in full view of the Veterinary officer and the steward
- d) The steward shall ensure that all exhibits belonging to an exhibitor are inspected by the Veterinary officer. This may require the steward to hold one or more litter kittens until all have been inspected.
- e) It is recommended that each exhibitor provide a clean towel to be spread on the vetting table while the exhibitor's exhibits are being inspected.  
When a towel is not provided, the Steward shall ensure that the vetting table is disinfected before the next exhibitor presents his/her exhibits for vetting

#### **3. Veterinary Inspection Rejection**

**The decision of the Veterinary Officer shall be final, subject to clause 6.2 of the Show Procedures.**

Any exhibit or exhibits shall be rejected by the Veterinary Officer for the following:

##### **a) One Out All Out**

All exhibits to be shown by an exhibitor shall be rejected if any exhibit displays symptoms of the following:

- i) Active Respiratory infection indicated by one or all of:
  - Persistent sneezing
  - Active glossal ulceration
  - Purulent nasal discharge
- ii) Purulent ocular discharge alone or in combination with any symptoms in (i)
- iii) Ringworm lesions

##### **b) Individual Exhibit Rejection Only**

- i) Suspected ear mites infection or excessively dirty ears
- ii) Heavy flea infestation
- iii) Not in Show Condition or obviously sick – exhibit has stary coat, signs of diarrhoea, dehydration, or unusually hot or lethargic
- iv) Appearance of being drugged; e.g. pupils unresponsive to light, exhibit like play-dough, or stays in the position it is put without making itself comfortable.
- v) Failure to provide a valid vaccination certificate for any exhibit. **For Kittens**, A valid vaccination certificate must show evidence of at least one vaccination having been administered by a qualified vet, not less than 14 days prior to the date of the show. **NOTE: For Cats**, As per 6.3 of the Show Procedures, cats (i.e. all exhibits 9 months and over) must have had a Feline 3 vaccination administered within a period of not more than 3 years prior to the date of the show. This is a minimum requirement.
- vi) Any exhibit marked UTH at vetting (see also Show Procedures 6.11.3 (a)).

- c) **Retention of Benching Slip by Steward and Report to Show Representative**
- i) **One out All Out** – The exhibitor’s benching slip shall be endorsed by the veterinary officer as to the reason for rejection, retained by the Steward, and then handed to the official Show Representative
  - ii) **Individual Exhibit or UTH.** The Steward shall note the exhibit’s name and details for rejection or UTH, and then hand these details to the Show Representative.

**(d) Veterinary Inspection Rejection Notification**

The Steward shall ensure that a Veterinary Inspection Rejection Notification form (Attachment B1) is appropriately filled out by the Veterinary Officer and handed to the exhibitor before the exhibitor vacates the vetting area.

**4. Exhibitor Procedures/Requirements/Penalties After Veterinary Inspection Rejection**

- a) **One Out All Out – The exhibitor** may not exhibit any exhibit within the following **fifteen (15) days** (Oct 2009)
- b) **Individual Vet Out - The Individual** exhibit may not be exhibited within the following **fifteen (15) days** (Oct 2009)
- c) **Subsequent Vet Out** – If, within a period of three (3) months from the initial vet out, any exhibit from the exhibitor’s cattery is rejected at vetting for the same problem, then the exhibitor shall be automatically suspended from showing any exhibit for either
  - i) a period of one (1) month for an individual exhibit vet out under clauses 3b) i) and ii)
  - ii) a period of six (6) months for a One Out All Out vet out under clause 3 a)

At the end of the suspension period the exhibitor will then be regarded as an exhibitor whose exhibits have not previously been vetted out.

- d) **Vaccination Rejection** – An exhibit rejected under clause 3 b) v) may be exhibited at the next show provided the vaccination requirements of Show Procedures 6.3 are then satisfied

**5. Isolation Area For Individual Exhibit Vet Outs**

The Show Committee shall provide an isolation area where exhibits subject to individual vet out may be safely kept in their carry baskets for the duration of the show. This isolation area should preferably be a separate room away from the main show area, or where this is not possible, an area not less than five (5) meters from any exhibition cage.

The Show Manager may also permit other cats not entered in the show to be kept in this general area, but separated from any vetted out exhibits.

Exhibitors are advised that it is illegal and potentially life threatening to keep an animal in a closed parked vehicle without supervision.

**6. Vet Out List Updates**

- a) The Show Representative shall report details of all exhibits rejected at veterinary inspection to NSW CFA not later than the next working day following the show.
- b) The Administrator shall advise the names of all suspended exhibits and exhibitors to the Club Secretary not less than three days prior to the date of the club’s show.