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SHOW RULES

1. RULES

- 1.1. These rules apply to any show or exhibition organized or run by the Cat Owners' Association of Western Australian Inc (hereafter referred to as COAWA) or any club or association affiliated with COAWA and any person attending or exhibiting at such shows.
- 1.2. These rules have priority over any rules of the body conducting the show (except for agricultural shows when Agricultural Society Rules may apply) and COAWA has the right to interpret and make decisions regarding these rules.
- 1.3. Any appeals against these rules or any decisions of COAWA may be appealed in accordance with the appeals section of the Constitution.

2. DEFINITIONS

- 2.1. *Month:* A calendar month.
- 2.2. *Kitten:* Exhibit under 9 months and over 12 weeks on the day of show.
- 2.3. *Adult:* Exhibit 9 months and over on the day of the show.
- 2.4. *Female:* A female cat that has not been desexed.
- 2.5. *Male:* A male cat that has not been desexed.
- 2.6. *Spey:* A female cat that has been desexed surgically (not by tubal ligation).
- 2.7. *Neuter:* A male cat that has been desexed surgically (not by vasectomy).
- 2.8. *Open:* Class for adult cats. All exhibits must be entered in appropriate open class.
- 2.9. *Best Owner Breeder:* An exhibit that is owned by the same person who bred it.
- 2.10. *Pedigree Cat/Kitten:* A cat/kitten belonging to a recognised breed and registered with a registering body.
- 2.11. *Companion Cat/Kitten:* A non pedigree or a pedigree cat/kitten on litter record or non breeding registration, is kept solely as a companion or pet. Companion exhibits shall not bear the breeder's cattery prefix when shown in this section of any show.

3. SHOWS

- 3.1. *All Breeds Show:* A show at which all classes and breeds of cats (including companion).
- 3.2. *Restricted Show:* A show where limited classes and/or breeds (including companion) are eligible to compete and relevant certificates are awarded.
- 3.3. *Exhibition:* A show where no certificates may be awarded.
- 3.4. *Companion Show:* A show where only non-pedigree companions or pedigree cats/kittens on litter or non-breeding registration kept solely as companion or pets, are shown.
 - 3.4.1. Certificates other than Premium Cat Certificates are not awarded at these shows but prizes may be presented.
- 3.5. *Club Show:* A show limited to the members of a club where certificates are not awarded but prizes may be presented.

4. ELIGIBILITY TO COMPETE

- 4.1. *Pedigree:* Only cats/kittens with individual registration with COAWA or another recognized registering body are eligible to enter in the pedigree section at any show.

- 4.1.1. All exhibits must be owned or leased by the person entering them in the show.
 - 4.1.2. Any exhibit may be entered once as "papers pending" providing the relevant forms have been received by the exhibitors recognised registering body.
 - 4.1.3. The onus is on any exhibitor to prove that he/she is a member of a recognised registering body.
 - 4.1.4. *Companion:* Exhibitors of companion cats/kittens must be members of a recognised registering body.
 - 4.1.5. A pedigree cat/kitten may be entered as a Companion provided its current owner has never shown the cat/kitten in a pedigree class.
 - 4.1.6. *Health:* All exhibits must be immunised against Feline Infectious Enteritis.
 - 4.3.1. It is recommended that all exhibits are also immunised against Feline Rhinotracheitis and Feline Calicivirus and have been tested for Feline Leukaemia Virus.
 - 4.3.2. Any cat/kitten from a household or cattery where there has been fungal or contagious disease within 21 days prior to the show cannot be shown.
 - 4.3.4. Cats that have been sterilised by vasectomy or tubal ligation are not eligible to be shown.
 - 4.3.5. Queens that are obviously pregnant or are lactating should not be shown.
 - 4.3.6. Only one cat/kitten per cage.
 - 4.4. Judges Exhibits Any show exhibit(s) owned by a judge shall be withdrawn from further competition at that show if they are contesting any award which will be judged by the owner/judge concerned.
 - 4.4.4. The exhibit(s) will retain any award gained at the show to that point.
 - 4.4.5. A new owner/exhibitor, not being a member of COAWA or another registering body, may show his/her kitten or desexed cat once only at a COAWA show but the exhibit will not be eligible for COAWA Cat of the Year points.
- 5. EXHIBITS FROM ANOTHER STATE OR ANOTHER REGISTERING BODY IN W.A.**
- 5.1. A photocopy of the registration certificate of a cat/kitten registered in another state or with another recognized body (other than COAWA) must be included with the show entry.
 - 5.2. A copy of the full registration certificate may also be required if the cat/kitten is part of an experimental breeding program or is of a breed or colour that may only be eligible for Any Other Variety (AOV) or Any Other Colour status in Western Australia.
- 6. JUDGES FROM INTERSTATE OR OVERSEAS**
- 6.1. Interstate and Overseas judges should be offered a minimum of three days accommodation over the period of the show.
 - 6.1.1. A judge should not be accommodated with an exhibitor prior to the show.
- 7. SHOW SCHEDULES**
- 7.1. Closing dates for entries are at the discretion of the club but it is recommended that it be a least 14 days prior to the show.
 - 7.2. At least three months prior to the show, the body holding the show must make application in writing for approval of the show date and judges including what categories he/she will judge.
 - 7.2.1. Each application will be accompanied by any appropriate fee, if required.
 - 7.3. Only judges approved by COAWA may judge at a show conducted by the rules of COAWA.
 - 7.4. Schedules must state:
 - 7.4.1. The correct status of the show.
 - 7.4.2. The place of the show.

- 7.4.3. The time of vetting, benching, judging, opening, closing and removal time for exhibits.
- 7.4.4. Closing date and address for entries.
- 7.4.5. The judge for each breed or group/colour of each breed.
- 7.4.6. The amount of entry fee.
- 7.4.7. Show Secretary, Show Manager and contact details.
- 7.4.8. A notification that the show is to be conducted under the rules of COAWA and where the rules may be obtained.

8. CHANGES TO SCHEDULES

- 8.1. Where there has been a change of judge or available awards from that announced in the schedule, an exhibit may be withdrawn from the show providing this is before the commencement of judging and the Show Manager has been informed.
- 8.2. If a show cannot be held on its advertised date the show shall either be cancelled or with the permission of COAWA, moved to another date.
 - 8.2.1. In the case of cancellation the entry fees shall be refundable.
 - 8.2.2. In the case of a change in the date an exhibit may upon application to the club, be withdrawn from the competition and entry fees will be refunded.

9. ENTRY FORMS

- 9.1. All exhibitors must fill in and sign the entry form in ink, completing all details.
 - 9.1.1. The exhibitor is responsible for the accuracy of all details contained in the entry form.
 - 9.1.2. If exhibits are owned by more than one person all names must be included on the entry form.
- 9.2. Entry forms must state (above the signature):

I/we the undersigned do hereby certify that:

 - a. I/we are financial members of a registered body (with the exception of exhibitors of Companion cats).
 - b. The pedigree cats/kittens entered are registered in my/our name with a recognized body. (When an exhibit is registered overseas, interstate or with another body in Western Australia, exhibitors are required to attach the relevant certificates).
 - c. Where a registration, transfer or lease is "pending" all papers must have been lodged with the exhibitors registering body.
 - d. The cats/kittens are eligible for the classes entered.
 - e. All exhibits have a current certificate against Feline Infectious Enteritis
 - f. I/we enter the cats/kittens at our own risk.
 - g. I/we agree to observe and be bound by the rules and regulations of COAWA and accept their decision as final.
- 9.3. Entry forms should reach the Show Secretary by the closing date as stated in the schedule.
- 9.4. Entry fees as indicated in the schedule should be included with the entry form.
 - 9.4.1. The exhibitor is liable for the fees whether or not the cat/kitten is exhibited.
- 9.5. At the club's discretion, fees may be refunded for early withdrawals up until classing has been completed.
- 9.6. With litter entries the number of all living kittens at the time of entry must be stated on the entry form.
 - 9.6.1. If a kitten dies after a litter has been entered in a show, the Show Secretary must be informed in writing and a veterinary certificate included stating the cause of death.

10. REFUSAL OF ENTRIES

- 10.1. Any body holding a show has the right to refuse any entry without assigning a reason provided that such decision is communicated in writing to the intended exhibitor within 7 days of the receipt of entry.
- 10.2. In the case of a show where entries are limited, the entries shall be taken order of receipt and this shall be stated in the schedule.
- 10.2.1. Entry fees for an entry that is not accepted shall be refunded.

11. CONFIDENTIALITY

It shall be deemed a serious offence for any official of any body holding a show to disclose information as to the entries or entrants for any show prior to the show date and distribution of catalogues.

12. SHOW CLASSES

12.1. Pedigree Kitten Classes

- Litters: All living progeny from 10 weeks to 12 weeks of age at the date of the show.
- fk5: Female entire kittens under 5 months and over 12 weeks on the date of the show.
- mk5: Male entire kittens under 5 months and over 12 weeks on the date of the show.
- fk7: Female entire kittens under 7 months and over 12 weeks on the date of the show.
- mk7: Male entire kittens under 7 months and over 12 weeks on the date of the show.
- fk9: Female entire kittens under 9 months and over 12 weeks on the date of the show.
- mk9: Male entire kittens under 9 months and over 12 weeks on the date of the show.

Other classes:

*bobk: Best owner breeder kitten.

*kw: Kitten bred in WA.

*kx: Kitten bred outside WA

- All kittens in a colour section will be judged together for these classes.

12.2. Pedigree Adult Classes

All adult exhibits must be at least 9 months old on the day of the show.

FO: Open class for entire female adult exhibits.

MO: Open class for entire male adult exhibits.

SO: Open class for speyed (female) adult exhibits.

NO: Open class for neuter (male) adult exhibits.

VO: Veteran open – cats male and female, neuter and spey, seven years and over on the day of the show.

AJ: Adult junior – cats over 9 months and under 18 months on the day of the show.

ACF: A class for all cats judged together and grouped according to ACF requirements.

Other classes:

*AW: Adults bred in WA.

*AX: Adults bred outside WA.

*BOBA: Best owner breeder adults.

- All adults in a colour section will be judged together for these classes.

12.3. Companion Cats

12.3.1. All companion cats/kittens over the age of 6 months must be desexed.

12.3.2. There are not defined classes for companion cats/kittens. Where possible and where numbers permit, companion classes should be split into male, female, neuter and spey kittens, and into adult neuters and speys for those over 9 months.

12.4. Exhibit Only

An exhibition only class is for any cat/kitten for which an entry form has been received and which is listed in the show catalogue but is not scheduled for judging.

13. CATALOGUES

- 13.1. The catalogue must state the name of the exhibitor, exhibit and registration number, date of birth, breeder, sire and dam and their breed numbers for all entries except for non-pedigree and companion cats where only the owner's name, exhibit's name, sex and date of birth (if known) shall be included.
- 13.2. The show secretary shall have the appropriate number of catalogues marked with all awards, absentees, disqualifications etc and shall distribute them as follows:
 - 13.2.1. One to each judge that has judged at the show.
 - 13.2.2. One to the person responsible for compiling Cat of the Year points.
 - 13.2.3. One to COAWA (together with COAWA copy of judging slips) within two weeks of the show.
 - 13.2.4. One for the records of the club or body conducting the show.

14. ARRIVAL AND REMOVAL EXHIBITS

- 14.1. All exhibits must be contained in a suitable basket or cage at all times.
- 14.2. Once judging commences, no exhibit may be absent from its cage except for judging. If an exhibit is absent from its cage when required for judging, it will be automatically disqualified. After judging is completed, if an exhibitor wishes to remove cat/kitten from its cage, the exhibitor may do so keeping the exhibit in the vicinity of the show hall, at the exhibitor's own risk.
- 14.3. No exhibit may be removed from the show prior to the time specified in the schedule except with the permission of the show manager.

15. OTHER ANIMALS

No cat or kitten (other than exhibits that have been properly vetted and benched) or any other animal shall be allowed within the show building at the discretion of ADCOM.

16. VETTING AND BENCHING

- 16.1. Timetables as indicated in the schedule must be complied with and the body holding the show may refuse exhibits that are not vetted and/or benched prior to commencement of judging.
 - 16.1.1. Providing there is a good reason, late vetting and benching may be allowed at the discretion of the show manager.
- 16.2. At every show, each exhibit must be examined prior to benching by a fully qualified veterinarian or a veterinary student under the supervision of a fully qualified veterinarian.
- 16.3. Any exhibit must be removed from the show if, in the opinion of the examining veterinarian the exhibit is considered to:
 - 16.3.1. Be suffering from any infectious or contagious disease and evidence of mood altering drugs.
 - 16.3.2. Have external or evidence of internal parasites.
- 16.4. If one of an exhibitor's cats/kittens is rejected for veterinary reasons then all exhibits from that exhibitor's household or cattery will be rejected.
 - 16.4.1. The veterinarian shall immediately inform the Show Manager of the decision and the exhibits shall immediately be removed from the show premises.
- 16.5. Each entire male exhibit shall also be examined for entirety and if one or both testes are not apparent the veterinarian shall notify the Show Manager who shall notify the relevant judge.
- 16.6. An exhibitor may provide a certificate, which shall be no older than 48 hours, to the veterinarian prior to the examination regarding the non-contagion of any condition.

- 16.7. No exhibit may be benched until all of that exhibitor's cats/kittens have passed veterinary inspection.
- 16.8. Veterinarians will inspect the claws of all exhibits and if the claws are not clipped the exhibitor will be required to do so before the cats are allowed into the show hall.
- 16.9. If a veterinarian is unavailable then the show can still proceed without the use of a veterinarian check

17. UNRULY CATS

- 17.1. Any cat/kitten that is unable to be handled during vetting or judging shall be deemed to be Unable to be Handled (UTH) for each instance.
 - 17.1.1. Any cat/kitten that is unable to be removed from its cage by the judge or designated handler shall not be judged in the cage nor be eligible for any awards.
 - 17.2.1. Judges and veterinarians involved in a UTH decision are required to complete, sign and submit the requisite form to the COAWA office. If an exhibit is unable to be assessed in one ring, it cannot be judged again (that day) in (that show) in other rings. However only one UTH will be counted.
- 17.3. The Show Secretary shall inform COAWA on the official catalogue and the body holding the next show shall be informed by COAWA of any unruly or vetted out exhibits.

18. JUDGING

- 18.1. The judge's decision on any award is final unless such decision is contrary to the rules of COAWA.

Exhibits will be judged according to the COAWA / ACF standards of points. Breeds and varieties recognized by COAWA alone will be judged by COAWA standards of points for these cats.
- 18.2. Awards, certificates or special prizes shall not be given unless the judge considers an exhibit to be worthy of that award. Companion cats/kittens need not be judged by a fully qualified pedigree judge.
- 18.3. A judge may disqualify any animal if he/she considers:
 - 18.3.1. It is not truly of the breed or variety or sex as described for the class in which it is entered.
 - 18.3.2. It reveals any defect that is specifically named in the standard of points as a matter for disqualification.
 - 18.3.3. It cannot be removed from its cage.
 - 18.3.4. It is found to be exceedingly dirty or so badly groomed as to prevent an adequate assessment of the cat.
 - 18.3.5. It is found to be carrying internal parasites or is badly infested with external parasites.
 - 18.3.6. It has some gross heritable abnormality e.g. polydactyl, umbilical hernia, monorchid, taillessness (other than Manx) or has been declawed.
 - 18.3.7. It has been prepared for exhibition in a manner calculated to deceive the Judge, including mood altering drugs.
 - 18.3.8. No two exhibits shall receive equal placings for the same award.

19. JUDGES BOOK

- 19.1. A book or file of judges slips must be provided to each judge showing the classes, entries in each class identified by numbers only and the date of birth of each exhibit.
 - 19.1.1. No indication that the cat is sub register (SR) status shall be shown on the judging slip.
- 19.2. Each judging slip must be in duplicate:
 - A copy for the judge's use and records

- A copy to be sent to COAWA with the official catalogue.

19.3. Each judging slip must be signed by both the judge and steward and the judge must initial any changes that are made to the judging slip.

20. RESULTS

All judging results and awards will be announced except for Major awards which may be confidential until trophy presentation. All results should be progressively announced as soon as possible after the conclusion of judging.

21. CERTIFICATES

21.1. No judge shall sign a certificate which does not have all the relevant details, including the signature of the Show Secretary and the initials of the licensing body with whom the judge is accredited, entered therein.

21.2. Only COAWA approved certificates can be awarded at a show held under COAWA Rules.

22. AWARD CARDS AND PRIZES

22.1. All award cards must clearly state the status of the show, the body holding the show, date of the show, name of the judge, name of the Show Secretary, name of exhibit, its breed and colour and the class or award won.

22.2. All prizes, including prize money (if any) are the responsibility of the body holding the show and must be presented as the show or forwarded to the owner of the winner within thirty days of the show.

22.3. Special prizes may be awarded by the judge who wholly judged the section, by two or more judges if two more sections are competing for the award or by a panel of judges who have been appointed especially to award the special prizes.

22.4. No cat/kitten or free mating service shall be offered as a prize at any show.

23. COAWA TITLES

23.1. At each show Challenge and Award of Merit certificates shall be given in accordance with the Rules to the best pedigree entire male, entire female, spey and neuter respectively in each colour class.

23.2. Titles gained by an entire cat, while still appearing on the pedigrees of any offspring, are no longer applicable if the cat is desexed and shown as such. The previous titles may be shown in brackets after the cat's name in show catalogues.

23.2.1. A desexed the cat becomes eligible for the desexed range of titles.

23.3. Once the appropriate certificates have been awarded to a cat by COAWA or another registering body the exhibitor may apply to COAWA for the following titles:

23.3.1. Entire Cats:

Champion:	Six Challenge Certificates from at least four different judges.
Grand Champion:	Six further Challenge Certificates from at least four different judges.
Sapphire Grand Champion:	Three further Challenge Certificates from three different judges including one certificate from COAWA.
Ruby Grand Champion:	Four further Challenge Certificates from three different judges including one certificate from COAWA.
Emerald Grand Champion:	Five further Challenge Certificates from three different judges including two from COAWA.
Diamond Grand Champion:	Five further Challenge Certificates from four different judges including three certificates from COAWA.

- A second Challenge obtained at a two ring show may be used as the first certificate for the next title when the other certificate has been used as the last one in the previous title.

23.3.2. Desexed Cats:

Premier:	Six Award of Merit Certificates from at least four different judges.
Grand Premier:	Six further Award of Merit Certificates from at least four different judges.
Sapphire Grand Premier:	Three further Award of Merit Certificates from three different judges including one certificate from COAWA.
Ruby Grand Premier:	Four further Award of Merit Certificates from three different judges including one certificate from COAWA.
Emerald Grand Premier:	Five further Award of Merit Certificates from three different judges including two from COAWA.
Diamond Grand Premier:	Five further Award of Merit Certificates from four different judges including three certificates from COAWA.

- A second Award of Merit obtained at a two ring show may be used as the first certificate for the next title when the other certificate has been used as the last one in the previous title.

23.3.3. Double Titles:

Double Grand Champion / Double Grand Premier:

Once a cat has gained the title of Diamond Grand Champion or Diamond Grand Premier, they are eligible to repeat successive stages of awards as per Champion and Premier through to Double Diamond Grand Champion and Double Diamond Grand Premier.

23.3.4. Triple Titles:

Triple Grand Champion / Triple Grand Premier:

Once a cat has gained the title of Double Grand Champion or Double Grand Premier, they are eligible to repeat successive stages of awards as per Champion and Premier through to Triple Diamond Grand Champion and Triple Diamond Grand Premier.

23.3.5. Companion Cats:

Premium Certificates are awarded to desexed companion cats by consultation between veterinarians who examine the cats on the morning of the show. Their decision is final and must be kept confidential until all judging of all cats in the show has been completed. Certificates are awarded under the following ratios:

Championship Show: one for every four cats entered. There must be at least six cats entered for a certificate to be awarded.

Companion Show: one for every ten cats entered. There must be at least ten cats entered for a certificate to be awarded.

Distinguished Companion Cat title may be applied for using three (3) Premium Cat Certificates

Bronze Distinguished Companion Cat title may be applied for after the cat has already earned the title Distinguished Companion Cat. Three (3) further Premium Cat Certificates are required.

Silver Distinguished Companion Cat title may be applied for after the cat has already earned the title Bronze Distinguished Companion Cat. Six (6) further Premium Cat Certificates are required.

Gold Distinguished Companion Cat title may be applied for after the cat has already earned the title *Silver Distinguished Companion Cat*. Ten (10) further Premium Cat Certificates are required.

24. ACF TITLES

- 24.1. At each show all cats from a recognized registration body will automatically be entered in classes for ACF award certificates.
 - 24.1.1. No charge will be made for ACF awards.
- 24.2. Classes appear at the end of each group and all cats in that group compete together with the division of female, male, spey, and neuter.
- 24.3. Cats must be judged for these classes in the group specified by the ACF. Information on .ACF groupings may be obtained from the office.
- 24.4. The completed form together with the award certificates must be sent to the COAWA office for verification and dispatch to the ACF secretariat.

25. COAWA CAT OF THE YEAR AWARDS

- 25.1. Each year beginning on January 1 and ending on December 31 Cat of the Year Awards shall be granted by COAWA. Restricted shows are exempt.
 - 25.1.1. A progressive list of the results should be displayed at shows throughout the year by the person responsible for compiling the points and/or in the COAWA magazine.

26. RESPONSIBILITY

Any body holding a show will have duty of care but will not be responsible for any damage to or by exhibits at the show.

27. CAGES AND EQUIPMENT

- 27.1. All cages and equipment shall be thoroughly cleaned and disinfected prior to the show and must be kept clean during the show by exhibitors or, in their absence, by the stewards.
- 27.2. All surfaces such as vetting and judging tables shall be cleaned and disinfected.
- 27.3. Cages are not to be removed from the Cat Pavilion, Royal Showgrounds in Claremont and are not to be transported in any form to another venue.

28. FIRST AID

- 28.1. A First Aid box must be available for each show and shall be available from COAWA cupboard for each club to use at shows.

29. STEWARDS

All persons working at a show in the capacity of vetting or judges steward must be approved by COAWA who shall have available to each club a list of persons who have trained or are available as approved stewards.

30. WORKERS LIST

- 30.1. A complete list of all persons working at a show is required to be noted down in an insurance book provided for that purpose by COAWA.
 - 30.1.1. Such book shall also contain a record of any accident or injury to any person at the show.
 - 30.1.2. This book must be returned to COAWA within seven days.

31. CAGES – PERMITTED ACCESSORIES

- 31.1. Materials on or in any cage (such as decorations) other than coloured curtains or metal water dishes and litter trays is at the discretion of the body holding the show and this should be mentioned on the show schedules.

- 31.2. It is preferred that food or decorations not be placed in a cage until after judging.
- 31.3. The exhibitor must provide suitable water bowls and litter trays for each of his/her exhibits.

32. SPRAYS

Aerosol or other sprays for disinfecting or deodorising may be used by judges and stewards when deemed necessary but their use is strictly forbidden by exhibitors or other persons.

- 32.1. Mood altering drugs in sprays or in any other form are forbidden during show day.

33. SHOW MANAGER

- 33.1. The show manager has the power to exclude any exhibit, exhibitor or other persons from any show held under these rules and such action must be reported to COAWA within seven days.
- 33.2. The show manager has the power to remove from the show hall, any exhibit notwithstanding the prior veterinary inspection, that becomes unwell or is showing signs of severe distress or disease (including internal or external parasites).
- 33.3. Any accident or injury to any person or exhibit must be reported to the show manager who will coordinate / oversee appropriate remedial action and must include all such incidences in an official report to COAWA.

34. SMOKING

In line with current legislation smoking is not allowed inside the show venue.

35. APPEALS

- 35.1. A protest on a matter, other than a judge's decision, that cannot satisfactorily be dealt with in the first instance by the show manager, may be made in writing by an exhibitor to the show manager on the day of the show.
 - 35.1.1. If a ruling needs to be made urgently, a subcommittee of the club's show manager, show secretary and chief steward shall have the power to consider the protest and make a decision.
 - 35.1.2. The club shall, within seven days of the show, provide a written report to COAWA on the incident together with a copy of the protest.
 - 35.1.3. The exhibitor may appeal directly to COAWA in writing within seven days of the show if the protest has not been resolved to their satisfaction.
- 35.2. Any body holding a show shall have the right to request the intervention of COAWA in the event of any dispute and if necessary COAWA may discipline any COAWA member in accordance with its Constitution on the club's behalf.
- 35.3. Any prize or award against which an objection has been lodged shall be retained by the club until the objection has been dealt with.

36. SHOWS OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

Each show shall be open to the public at an advertised time unless permission has been received from COAWA to hold a closed show.

37. EXHIBITION LEVY

- 37.1. An exhibition levy (cage fee) of an amount set by COAWA is payable by the club or body conducting the show.
- 37.2. The exhibition levy is payable on every exhibit entered in the show whether for judging or exhibition and whether or not COAWA cages are used for the show.
- 37.3. The correct amount should be paid to COAWA within 14 days of the show.

RECORD OF AMENDMENTS TO SHOW RULES

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UTH RULE

Breeders should aim to not only produce cats of excellence but also of sound temperament. Such cats are also ideal ambassadors for their breed in pet homes and also have the ability to display and promote the breed's attributes on the show bench.

COAWA has a duty of care as far as possible to provide a safe and secure environment for show personnel and to conduct their shows in consideration of the benefit and welfare of cats.

Owners have a duty of care not to bench exhibits with a history of fractious behaviour and have a further duty of care to withdraw from competition any cat which behaves in a fractious manner during or after vetting.

Owners also have the responsibility to ensure all claws on all four feet are clipped immediately prior to showing. It is questionable, whether any cat which will not allow its claws to be clipped, has a satiable temperament for showing.

Show managers and show committee in consultation have the right to require the removal from the show of any fractious exhibit or exhibit causing a disturbance of any kind.

An exhibit which is reluctant to be handled with or without threatening behaviour shall be marked UTH. For such animals further external stimuli whilst out of the cage may evoke a flight or fight response resulting in (a) escape of the exhibit or (b) harm to the handler whether or not such harm (to the person) was intended by the cat or not.

Any cat that deliberately injures someone after having been judged but before being returned safely to the cage shall have all awards withheld.

Any cat that attempts an aggressive attack whether or not an injury occurs shall be marked UTH. The cat can be marked UTH at any time from the time it is removed from the cage to the time it is safely returned.

When a cat is marked UTH, this will be recorded against the cat. A second UTH will result in suspension from competition at shows for at least six months. If the cat subsequently re-offends after returning to showing, it will be disqualified permanently from attending any further parades, exhibitions or show venues.

Any cat marked UTH, which also causes injury to a person is automatically disqualified permanently from attending any further parades, exhibitions or show venues.

In a multi ring show UTH in one ring will automatically disqualify the cat from competition in subsequent rings.