

REGULATIONS

PART 1. - General

PRELIMINARY

The Regulations are divided into the following parts:

- (i) Part 1 General
- (ii) Part 2 Show Regulations
- (iii) Part 3 Judges & Stewards Regulations

In all instances Capital Cats Inc. its Affiliates and Members shall be bound by the rules and regulations of the Coordinating Cat Council of Australia Inc., where Capital Cats Inc has agreed to accept these rules and regulations.

DEFINITIONS

SECTION I

1.1 The words and expressions used herein shall have the following meaning:

- (1) “**ACF**” Australian Cat Federation
- (2) “**Agent**” a person to whom the owner of a cat gives authority to act on his behalf.
- (3) “**Award**” in relation to a Show includes decision, placing and adjudication.
- (4) “**Breeder**” in relation to the person who bred a cat means
 - (a) the registered owner of its dam at the time of its birth or
 - (b) the registered lessee of its dam at the time of its birth“**Breeder or for Breeding**” in relation to a cat shall mean a registered cat either retained by the breeder or sold as a cat that may be bred from should the new registered owner so desire.
- (5) “**Cat**” where the context reasonably permits includes kitten; and male or female, whether entire or desexed.
- (6) “**CCCA**” Co-ordinating Cat Council of Australia
- (7) “**CCI**” means Capital Cats Incorporated and its duly elected committee.
- (8) “**Challenge Certificate**” means a certificate awarded at a Championship Show containing the name of the Judge awarding such certificate and having a point value where so prescribed by the Regulations.
- (9) “**Championship Show**” means a Recognised Show which has been granted such title by the Committee and at which a breed or group of breeds or all breeds of cats may compete and Challenge Certificates shall be or have been awarded by authority of the Committee to competitors of a breed of cat judged thereat.
- (10) “**Closing Date of Entries**” in relation to a Show means the date as last published by the body conducting the Show on or before which entries of exhibits in a Show are to be received by the Show Co-ordinator.
- (11) “**Club**” means an incorporated club affiliated to Capital Cats Inc..

- (12) "**Committee**" means the duly elected Committee of Capital Cats Inc.
- (13) "**Date of Birth**" in relation to a cat shall be the date on which it was born provided that if the first kitten of the kitting be born on one day the remaining kittens of that kitting shall be deemed to have been born on that day. Where the date of birth of the litter is not known then the date of birth shall be deemed to be either the date on which the litter was first seen or the date sixty five (65) days from the date of mating whichever comes first.
- (13) "**Draft Show Schedule**" means the Schedule of the Classes to be judged at a Show submitted to the Secretary for approval and containing the information concerning such Show as is prescribed from time to time by the Committee.
- (14) "**Examination**" means a theoretical examination either written and/or oral and/or a practical examination, or a series of assignments held for the purpose of qualifying an applicant for appointment to a specified position within Capital Cats.
- (15) "**Examination Committee**" means a committee or one of a number of committees appointed by the Committee for the purposes of conducting examinations and instructing candidates and of recommending the appointment, elevation and the granting of Capital Cats Inc. licenses.
- (16) "**Exhibit**" used as a verb includes the verb show and vice versa and to exhibit or to show includes to compete. An exhibit can be either a cat or a kitten, desexed or entire, entered and displayed at a show, exhibition or display
- (17) "**Exhibitor**" means the registered owner/s or lessee/s at the closing date of a show.
- (18) "**Exhibition or display**" means a function at which cats are shown but not judged and at which prizes and awards are not allocated. All Capital Cats Inc. show rules governing the welfare and safety of the cats shall apply.
- (19) "**First Day**" in relation to a Show means the date on which judging of cats commences.
- (20) "**Imported**" in relation to a cat means a cat that has been born outside the three mile limit of the Commonwealth of Australia and that is registered with an overseas Governing Body.
- (21) "**Judge**" means a person appointed to a Judges' List of a recognised Governing Body and who holds a current licence.
- (22) "**Judges List**" means the register of persons who are suitably qualified and approved by their Governing Body to judge a particular breed or group of breeds of cats.
- (23) "**Judging Slips**" means the slip, card or other means of recording information prescribed from time to time by the Committee, in which a Judge shall enter the particulars required thereby during and at the completion of the judging of each class by him at a Show.
- (24) "**Kitten**" means a Cat under nine months of age.
- (25) "**Licence**"

- (a) in relation to an association or other body means the Licence granted by the Committee to an association or body to conduct a Show to be governed by the Regulations and "**Licensee**" means the body to which such licence has been granted;
- (b) in relation to a Judge means a licence issued annually to a Judge appointed to a Judges List entitling such Judge to judge the breeds and groups of breeds for which such licence is issued.
- (26) "**Litter**" in relation to a cat means all the living progeny, of the same multiple birth.
- (27) "**Litter Recorded**" in relation to a cat means that it is one of a litter recorded by the Registrar pursuant to the Regulations.
- (28) "**Marked Catalogue**" means the Catalogue issued by a Show Committee containing particulars of all entries at such Show which has been marked as evidence of the awards made thereat.
- (29) "**Misconduct**"
- (a) includes any conduct at a show considered to be unworthy of a member or calculated to induce a breach of the peace or to create a nuisance or prejudice the smooth running or prestige of a Show or calculated to interfere with or prejudice the conduct of any exhibition or to do an injustice to any judge, official or steward or to any person who has so officiated or is likely to so officiate at a Show.
 - (b) includes any conduct considered to be unworthy or calculated to create a nuisance or interfere with or prejudice others against a person or their position, or non-compliance with the Rules and Regulations of Capital Cats Inc., or any conduct which brings the name of Capital Cats Inc. into disrepute.
- (30) "**Name**" in relation to a cat means any titles, the Prefix, the registered numbers and the words or letters assigned to the cat upon registration or reregistration.
- (31) "**Neuter**" in relation to a cat means a male cat which has been desexed.
- (32) "**Owner**" in relation to a cat means the person whose name appears in the Register as the registered owner of the cat.
- (33) "**Prefix**" a unique word issued by Capital Cats inc. or any other Governing Body to be used as the name of a member breeders cattery and used as part of the name of all registered cats bred by this member breeder.
- (34) "**Prize**" includes an award, gift or presentation whether in the form of a certificate, a card, a ribbon, a monetary payment, a trophy or otherwise.
- (35) "**Recognised Governing Body**" means all Governing Bodies affiliated with either ACF or CCCA and overseas Governing Bodies recognised by CCCA
- (36) "**Recognised Show**" means
- (a) a Show conducted by Capital Cats Inc. or a show conducted under the Regulations and approved as a Recognised Show by the Committee.
 - (b) a Show conducted by a recognised Governing Body or its Affiliates under their Regulations.

"Unrecognised Show" shall have the converse meaning.

- (37) **"Records"** means the records of the Capital Cats Inc..
- (38) **"The Register"** means the Cat Register kept by the Committee.
- (39) **"The Registrar"** means the person responsible for the keeping of the Register.
- (40) **"Registered"** in relation to a cat means that it is registered in the Register.
- (41) **"Registered Breeder"** is a member of Capital Cats Inc, or any recognised Governing Body, who holds a Prefix for breeding.
- (41) **"Registration"** in relation to a cat means registration in the Register.
- (42) **"Registered Number"** in relation to a cat means the number allocated to it upon its registration in the Register.
- (43) **"Registered Owner"** in relation to a cat means the person registered with the Capital Cats Inc. or any recognised Governing Body, as the owner of such cat.
- (44) **"Sanctioned Show"** means a Show which is governed by the Regulations and which the Committee has agreed to designate as a Sanctioned Show.
- (45) **"Service Certificate"** means a certificate:
 - (i) certifying the date of the service of a registered dam by a registered sire and
 - (ii) specifying the registered names of such sire and dam and
 - (iii) signed by the registered owner of the dam and
 - (iv) countersigned by the registered owner of the sire.
- (46) **"Show"** used as a noun includes any function at which cats are judged or at which cats compete and at which prizes are awarded.
- (47) **"Show Committee"** in relation to a Show means the committee immediately responsible for the conduct of a Show.
- (48) **"Show Representative"** means a person approved by the Committee to represent Capital Cats Incorporated at a Show.
- (49) **"Show Schedule"** means the Schedule, as approved by the Committee, of the Classes to be judged at a Show and containing the information concerning such Show as is prescribed from time to time by the Committee.
- (50) **"Show Co-ordinator"** means the Manager of a Show.
- (51) **"Show Hall"** means the area within which a Show is being or is about to be conducted.
- (52) **"Spay"** in relation to a cat means a female cat which has been desexed.

- (53) "**Territory**" means The Australian Capital Territory.
- (54) "**Trophy**" means an article given as a prize or memento of any contest or success.
- (55) "**Veterinary Officer**" means the Veterinary Surgeon appointed and officiating at a Recognised Show and includes his deputy.
- (56) Words and expressions used in the Regulations shall have the meanings attributed to them in this definition clause but where the meaning is in dispute the intention of the Regulation or Rule shall take precedence.
- (57) Where the context reasonably permits male includes the female and neuter genders, he includes she, him includes her and the singular number includes the plural.
- (58) "**Member**" and "**person**" includes individual, company, firm, corporate body, association, society and any body or association of persons.

CAT REGISTER AND REGISTRATION

SECTION II

- 2.1 The Committee shall appoint a Registrar to keep and maintain a Cat Register and may subject to the Rules and Regulations register any cat in such Register. Except with the approval of the Committee a cat shall not be registered in the Register unless its sire and dam are already registered.
- 2.2 The Committee may refuse an application for registration without assigning any reason therefor.
- 2.3 A person registered in the Register as the owner of a cat shall be deemed to be registered with Capital Cats Inc as the owner of such cat. A cat registered in the Register shall be deemed to be registered with Capital Cats Inc..
- 2.4 A person shall not be entitled to register a cat in the Register unless he is the owner of such cat, and is a resident of the Territory
- 2.5 Registration Certificates remain the property of Capital Cats Inc. and must be returned to the Registrar upon the death or de- registration of any animal.
- 2.6 A cat shall not be eligible for registration in the Register unless:
- (a) it has been Litter Recorded, and
 - (b) its sire and dam are each registered in the Register; or
 - (c) if the cat is the progeny of a sire not in the State, such sire is registered with a recognised Governing Body recognised as such by the Committee.
 - (d) it is registered with a recognised Governing Body and is bought or leased or in some other way obtained by a resident of the ACT and complies with the Regulations regarding recognition for registration
- 2.7 (a) Provided that a cat is not registered with another recognised Governing Body a number shall be allocated to each cat registered with Capital Cats Inc. and such number shall be part of the cat's name and shall at all times be used to the exclusion of any stud number or registration number assigned to it by any other recognised Governing Body subsequently.
- (b) If a cat is registered with another recognised Governing Body then the originally allocated registration number shall be retained in the Register but shall be Suffixed with the year of transfer and the letter C to indicate that the cat is currently in the Capital Cats Inc. Register. The owner of such a cat shall furnish to the Committee with his application for registration of any such cat such evidence of the prior registration of and such particulars of the cat and of its transfer to him as the Committee from time to time may require.
- 2.8 Cats and kittens with a current registration on the Capital Cats Inc registration system shall not also be simultaneously registered on any other Governing Body's registration system. Any cat or kitten found to be so registered (ie. dual registered) shall have its Capital Cats Inc registration made inactive immediately and shall be transferred, within the Capital Cats Inc registration system, to the other Governing Body. Owners of these cats or kittens will immediately forfeit their right to breed with or show these cats or kittens with Capital Cats Inc.. (General Regulation Section II 2.5, 2.7 Section VI 6.1, Breeding Regulation Section XIV 14.2, Show Regulation Section XII 12.1 10)

Names

- 2.9 A cat of a particular breed shall not be registered in the Register with the same name as that of another registered cat or with a name so similar to that of the name of another registered cat as, in the opinion of the Committee, would be likely to mislead.

- 2.10 A name or part of a name shall not be registered if, in the opinion of the Committee, it is likely to mislead either with regard to sex, relationship, origin, or otherwise and numbers shall not be used.
- 2.11 A registered cat shall not be described or referred to in any official publication other than by its registered name.
- 2.12 A cat shall be assigned a name upon registration in the Register which shall include in the following order:
- (a) the year of registration the letter and symbol C immediately preceding its registration number;
 - (b) a registration number as prescribed by regulations 2.7 of this Section;
 - (c) its breeder's registered Prefix;
 - (d) a word or words (including the Prefix but excluding the words or initials prescribed by Regulation 2.13 and 2.15 of this Section) not exceeding 24 letters in the aggregate;
 - (e) in the case of a cat not conceived and born in Australia and as part of its name the bracketed words and/or letters prescribed by Regulation 2.13 of this Section all of which shall comprise the name of the animal.
- 2.13 The name of an imported cat shall include in brackets the abbreviation "Imp" and the name of the country in which such cat was conceived or the letters commonly accepted as indicating such country.
Illustration: "(Imp UK)" "(Imp NZ)" "(Imp USA)".
- 2.14 A cat previously registered with a recognised Governing Body shall retain its registered name even where this may exceed twenty four (24) letters.
- 2.15 Any microchip or other official government allocated identification number of the registered cat is to be included on the registration form.
- 2.16 Where a cat is de-registered and its name has not been recorded in any Show Catalogue or other official publication the breeder may re-use that name.

PREFIXES

SECTION III

- 3.1 The Secretary shall cause to be kept and maintained a register of Prefixes.
- 3.2 A breeder shall register a Prefix with Capital Cats Inc. consisting of not more than twelve letters.
- 3.3 Any person, who solely or in partnership, is a current full member of Capital Cats Inc or who holds a current breeders prefix with Capital Cats Inc shall not simultaneously, either solely or in partnership, be a current full member, hold a current breeders prefix or register kittens with any other Governing Body. . Where a person with an ACT registered cat is breeding in partnership with a person from another State or Territory the interstate person must be an associate member of Capital Cats Inc.
- 3.4 Upon receipt of an application for the registration of a Prefix the Secretary shall submit the same to the Committee for approval. A Prefix shall not be registered with the Capital Cats Inc. unless it shall have been first approved by the Committee and the keeper of the Prefix Register. Capital Cats Inc. will not knowingly register any Prefix which is currently registered with any other recognised Governing Body
- 3.5 A Prefix shall not be registered or used in conjunction with the name of any cat that was not bred by the holder of the Prefix. Where a cat is transferred from a recognised Governing Body that allows the use of suffixes to show the current owner of a registered cat these shall be removed upon reregistration by Capital Cats Inc..
- 3.6 A cat shall be registered with the registered Prefix of its breeder and with no other Prefix and the Prefix shall be part of the name of the cat.
- 3.7 The Committee at its sole discretion and without assigning a reason therefor may decline to accept a Prefix for registration and without limiting the generality of the foregoing a Prefix shall not be accepted for registration if it shall be the same as or so resemble any other Prefix as, in the opinion of the Committee, will tend to be misleading or if for any other reason it shall be considered by the Committee to be unsuitable or inappropriate or if such Prefix has been previously registered and removed from the register pursuant to Regulation 3.9 of this Section.
- 3.8 Ownership of a registered Prefix shall not be transferred except with the consent of the Committee and of the registered owner thereof provided that such transfer only includes the addition of an extra owner or the removal of an owner. If in the opinion of the Committee such transfer has been undertaken in a deceptive manner to change ownership of a Prefix from one breeder to another then the Prefix shall be cancelled.
- 3.9 The period of registration of a Prefix shall be the financial year of Capital Cats Inc. but the owner of a Prefix may make application to Capital Cats Inc. for the renewal of the registration thereof at the time of applying for readmission to membership of Capital Cats Inc. and upon payment of the fee prescribed from time to time by the Committee.
- 3.10 If a member shall allow the registration of a Prefix to lapse for a period not exceeding five (5) financial years he may apply to the Committee for the re-registration thereof and upon the payment of the renewal fees for each of the financial years during which such registration has lapsed the Committee may at its discretion allow such reregistration.
- 3.11 A Prefix on which a renewal fee has not been paid for a period of seven (7) consecutive financial years shall be removed from the register and shall be eligible for re-allocation.
- 3.12 The registration of a Prefix shall not be deemed to give to the registered holder thereof any greater rights as against any other person claiming the same at law or in equity than he has without such

registration and the Committee or any Officer of Capital Cats Inc. by accepting a Prefix for registration shall not be deemed to have represented that any other person has no claim thereto or right to use the same.

- 3.13 Any Prefix which is a duplicate of any Prefix previously issued by any recognised Governing Body shall have the state of issue appended to it in brackets ie; AAA (ACT) AAA(NSW).
- 3.14 An annual Prefix maintenance fee shall be payable to Capital Cats Inc.. Such fee shall be determined from time to time by Capital Cats Inc..

EXPERIMENTAL REGISTER AND PROVISIONAL REGISTER

SECTION IV

- 4.1 The Committee may at its discretion authorise an experimental breeding programme and may maintain an experimental register for such purpose.
- 4.2 A Member may make an application to the Committee (in such form and with such information as the Committee may from time to time prescribe) to conduct an experimental breeding programme.
- 4.3 Approval shall not be given for the conduct of an experimental breeding programme other than
- (a) where a minimum of five (5) Members have agreed to participate in the programme and
 - (b) each of these Members has had a breeding Prefix registered with Capital Cats Inc. for at least five (5) years prior to such application. or
 - (c) where approval is sought to participate in an interstate programme the programme has been approved by the interstate recognised Governing Body and that body has approved the participation of the Capital Cats Inc. Member
- 4.4 The Committee may approve or reject such an application or may at its discretion impose such terms and conditions on such programme as it sees fit.
- 4.5 A Member shall submit with his application full particulars of the proposed programme and of the foundation stock proposed to be used together with such other information as the Committee may require, also provided such application sets out clearly the characteristics by which the new breed will be recognised, all colours of the new breed, and the name by which it will be known. The application shall be accompanied by a preliminary standard.
- 4.6 A Member shall not conduct more than one experimental breeding programme at the same time and before an application may be granted for another such programme the Member shall submit to the Committee evidence acceptable to the Committee that his current experimental breeding programme has been completed or permanently abandoned.
- 4.8 If the Committee shall grant permission to a Member to conduct an experimental breeding programme there shall be entered in the experimental register the full name and address of the breeder and the particulars aforesaid of the stock to be used.
- 4.9 Upon a cat other than a registered cat being registered in the experimental register there shall be allocated to it a number preceded by the initials ER followed in brackets in the case of all progeny by the generation number of such progeny which for the purposes of an experimental breeding programme shall be part of the cat's registered particulars and shall at all times be used in relation to such programme.
- 4.10 A kitten which has been litter recorded shall not thereafter be registered in the experimental register unless the breeder shall notify the Committee not later than six months after such recording that it is to be used in his approved experimental breeding programme and unless so registered shall not be used for experimental purposes.
- 4.11 An application for the registration of a litter in the experimental register shall be in such form as the Committee may determine from time to time and shall be made within the same time as is required by Regulation 6.2 for the registration of a litter. Such application shall state:
- (a) the number and full description of surviving kittens comprised in the litter;
 - (b) the full pedigree including the Register number or the experimental register number of the sire and dam of the litter;
 - (c) the type and colour of the litter;
 - (d) the register classification thereof.

- 4.12 For the purpose of registration in the experimental register the progeny of the stock used in an experimental breeding programme shall be classified:
- (a) first generation if it is:
 - (i) the progeny of approved foundation stock;
 - (b) second generation if it is the progeny of a mating of:
 - (i) two first generation cats,
 - (ii) a first generation cat and a second or subsequent generation cat;
 - (c) third generation if it is the progeny of the mating of:
 - (i) two second generation cats; or
 - (ii) a second generation cat and a third or subsequent generation cat;
 - (d) fourth generation if it is the progeny of the mating of:
 - (i) two third generation cats,
 - (ii) a third generation cat and a fourth or subsequent generation cat;
 - (e) the progeny of two third generation cats registered on the Experimental Register shall be eligible for registration in the Register
- 4.13 A cat registered in the Experimental Register which is no longer required by the breeder for the continuation of his experimental breeding programme shall be desexed before sale.
- 4.14 A cat which has been litter recorded only and is not required by its breeder for his experimental breeding programme may be sold or otherwise disposed of by the breeder but shall be desexed.
- 4.15 The transfer of an entire cat the progeny of a cat registered in the experimental register shall not be registered unless:
- (a) such cat has been registered by its breeder in the experimental register;
 - (b) the proposed transfer is to another breeder registered in the experimental register who is conducting a current experimental breeding programme
 - (c) where an experimental breeder, registered with the Capital Cats Inc., wishes to transfer an entire 1st, 2nd or 3rd generation experimental cat to another breeder interstate, other than a breeder under 4.3(c), the breeder concerned must apply firstly to their recognised Governing Body for approval and then to the Committee for such transfer to be effected. Each case will be considered on its individual merits, and approval given only if the Committee satisfied that the interstate breeder to whom the cat is to be transferred is conducting the same breeding programme as the vendor, and that such transfer is necessary for the improvement of stock and the breed concerned.
- 4.16 The transfer of a desexed cat registered in the experimental register shall not be registered unless the application for transfer is accompanied by a certificate issued by a Veterinary Surgeon that such cat has been desexed.
- 4.17 Until otherwise determined by the Committee permission will not be granted for an experimental breeding programme to be conducted in breeds or colours within breeds that are already established. For the purpose of this Regulation and until otherwise determined by the Committee the established breeds of cats shall be deemed to be any Breed recognised by CCCA.
- 4.18 The Committee may at its sole discretion withdraw its approval for the conduct of an experimental breeding programme and shall withdraw its approval to such a programme if in the Committee's opinion the Member conducting the same is in breach of the Regulations or the terms and conditions imposed in relation thereto or any of them or may impose such other penalty on such Member in such event as the Committee in its absolute discretion shall determine and upon the Committee's approval being withdrawn the Member conducting such programme shall forthwith cease further breeding pursuant thereto and all registered particulars thereof shall forthwith be cancelled and be of no further force or effect.

- 4.19 From time to time as prescribed by Capital Cats Inc. a committee, appointed by Capital Cats Inc. will assess the progeny of an experimental breeding programme,
- (i) progeny at the 2nd, 3rd and 4th generation will be assessed to ascertain that the programme is proceeding according to the approved plan
 - (ii) progeny at the 5th generation must be assessed to ascertain that the programme has succeeded
 - (iii) should the progeny at the 5th generation not demonstrate the required attributes the committee may recommend to Capital Cats Inc. that the programme be terminated or that approval be given to continuing the programme for a further set period of time but all progeny during this extension of time will remain on the experimental register
 - (iv) if at the end of the 6th generation the progeny of the programme do not adequately demonstrate the desired attributes the Capital Cats Inc. will withdraw the approval for the programme and all breeding under this programme will cease

BREEDING RECORDS

SECTION V

- 5.1 A member being the owner of a cat shall keep proper records of his breeding activities and all such records so kept shall be open for inspection by any person authorised by the Committee to inspect the same, any such person shall be at liberty to take such extracts therefrom as he may think fit.

PROGENY RECORDING

SECTION VI

- 6.1 The owner of a registered dam, which has given birth to a litter from the mating of a registered sire, must apply to have such litter recorded if the owner
 - (a) is a member of the Capital Cats Inc., and
 - (b) is the owner of a registered Prefix.
- 6.2 A breeder shall send to the Registrar a notice in writing in such form as the Committee may from time to time determine (together with the prescribed fee) of the mating of a sire to a dam and of the birth of all living progeny of such mating within sixty (60) days of the birth of the first kitten of the litter.
- 6.3 Upon the receipt of such notification the Registrar shall record the litter in the Register if:
 - (a) the notification is in the prescribe form;
 - (b) the notification together with the prescribed fee is lodged with the Registrar within sixty (60) days of the date of the birth of the first kitten of the litter;
 - (c) both the sire and the dam of the litter are registered;
 - (d) the breeder is the owner or lessee of the dam;
 - (e) all such information as may be required by the Registrar or by the Committee shall have been furnished..
- 6.4 If a litter recorded kitten shall die before individual registration in the Register, notice of such death shall forthwith be given to the Registrar by the breeder.
- 6.5 Individual kittens from a recorded litter may be registered. Application for registration of an individual kitten must be received not later than twelve (12) months from the date of kitting.
- 6.6 No kitten from an unrecorded litter may be registered.

TRANSFERS

SECTION VII

- 7.1 Upon the sale, exchange, gift, lease, loan or mortgage or other disposition of a cat or of any interest in a cat registered in the Register there shall be lodged by the registered owner with the Registrar within twenty eight (28) days of such disposition either:
- (a) an application for transfer in the prescribed form, accompanied by the prescribed fee, signed by the owner as transferer and the transferee; or
 - (b) an application for the cancellation of the cat's registration.
- 7.2 (a) An application for transfer or deregistration of a registered cat shall be accompanied by the certificate of its registration, or in case such certificate of registration shall have been lost by a Statutory Declaration made by the registered owner that such certificate of registration has been lost and cannot after reasonable search be found, and by an undertaking that when found such certificate will be forwarded to the Registrar.
- (b) A breeder who sells a litter recorded kitten and agrees to individually register and transfer this kitten shall make application within twenty eight (28) days of such sale to Capital Cats Inc. for the registration of such kitten and if he shall fail so to do the breeder shall be liable to pay to Capital Cats Inc. the amount of the late transfer fee payable to enable the kitten to be transferred into the name of the purchaser.
- 7.3 A transfer shall not be deemed to be complete unless and until signed by the transferer and transferee.
- 7.4 The Committee may accept or may without assigning any reason refuse to record a transfer.
- 7.5 Upon the approval of a transfer by the Committee and subject to the payment of all fees the transfer shall be recorded in the Register.
- 7.6 If a transfer of a cat submitted for registration is expressed to be by way of lease, the transferee shall at the expiration or sooner determination of the lease submit to the Registrar for registration a transfer of the cat to the original owner. If such transfer is not signed by the original transferee within twenty eight (28) days of such expiration or determination, the Registrar may upon the application of the original owner and with the approval of the Committee record a transfer of the cat to the original owner.

DEATHS

SECTION VIII

- 8.1 Upon the death of a cat registered in the Register, the owner shall, within twenty-eight (28) days return, to the Registrar, the registration certificate together with a written request to notate the records.

DESEXING

SECTION IX

- 9.1 Upon the neutering, spaying, tubal ligation or vasectomisation of a cat registered in the Register, the owner shall, within twenty eight (28) days, return to the Registrar, for alteration, the registration certificate together with a written request to notate the records.

APPLICATION FORMS

SECTION X

- 10.1 An application for registration in the Register or for de-registration of a cat or for transfer, or for registration of a Prefix, or for membership of the association shall be made in the appropriate form prescribed for the purpose from time to time by the Committee.
- 10.2 All information required by the prescribed form shall be set out in the application and the applicant shall furnish such additional information as the Committee may require.

REGISTRATION FEES AND SUBSCRIPTIONS

SECTION XI

- 11.1 The Committee may from time to time prescribe what fees and subscriptions shall be payable in respect of or incidental to recordings in the Register or application therefor.

**POWER OF COMMITTEE TO EFFECT CANCELLATION,
SUSPENSION, OR VARIATION OF REGISTRATION
OR RECORDS**

SECTION XII

- 12.1 The Committee may either cancel, suspend or vary the registration of any cat or may cancel, suspend or vary any person's Prefix at any time for any reason which the Committee in its absolute discretion may consider sufficient and without assigning any reason therefor and a member or owner shall not have any claim against the Committee or Capital Cats Inc. by reason of any such cancellation, suspension or variation, and without prejudice to the generality of the foregoing the Committee may vary the registration without altering the registration number, the Prefix or any part of the name of the cat or the description of the cat or any particulars recorded in relation to the cat.
- 12.2 During the period of suspension of registration of a cat it shall be deemed for all purposes to be not registered.
- 12.3 Cancellation of or variation in the registration of a cat shall not necessarily affect the registration already effected of any progeny of which such cat became the sire or dam during the period of registration of such cat.
- 12.4 Upon the cancellation of or variation in the registration of a cat the Committee may cancel the registration of any descendant of such cat or may allow the registration of the descendant to remain and/or the Committee may make such correction in the description (including its name or registration number or any recorded particulars) of any such descendant or such variation in its registration as the Committee may consider proper.
- 12.5 Subject to the approval of the Committee being first obtained a cat the registration of which has been cancelled or suspended may be re-registered upon the application of its owner.
- 12.6 A cat shall not be re-registered except in the name in which it was registered immediately prior to the cancellation or suspension of its registration.

DEREGISTRATION FROM THE REGISTER

SECTION XIII

- 13.1 Without prejudice to the generality of Regulation 12.1 aforesaid the registration of a cat shall be subject to cancellation if:
- (a) the prescribed fee payable upon any registration or transfer or application for transfer of such cat shall not have been duly paid; or
 - (b) the cat or any interest in the cat is sold, leased, mortgaged, or otherwise disposed of or dealt with and an application for transfer in the prescribed form, within the prescribed time, is not lodged with the Registrar and accepted by the Committee; or
 - (c) the owner becomes bankrupt, or, if the owner shall be declared insane or if by operation of law the owner is divested of the legal ownership, possession or control of the cat other than by virtue of a registered transfer; or
 - (d) the cat except in the case of a neuter is not entire; or
 - (e) the cat is not true to type; or
 - (f) any particulars furnished in the application for registration are in the opinion of the Committee incorrect; or
 - (g) in the opinion of the Committee it is in the interest of the particular breed of which the cat is a member that the registration be cancelled; or
 - (h) the cat is exhibited in an unrecognised show; or
 - (i) in the opinion of the Committee the cat has been subjected to any faking.

BREEDING

SECTION XIV

- 14.1 A Registered Breeder shall be a current member of Capital Cats. Inc and shall hold a current Prefix. Where a Breeder is in partnership with a breeder from another state the interstate partner shall be a current Associate Member of Capital Cats Inc.
- 14.2 All breeding cats owned by Registered Breeders must be registered with Capital Cats Inc.
- 14.3 Members shall conduct themselves and their businesses in an ethical fashion at all times.
- 14.4 If any cat/kitten on the premises of a Member is diagnosed as having any contagious disease then that Member must notify Capital Cats Inc. and all cats on the premises will be placed in quarantine. The quarantine period extends from the date of diagnosis of a contagion until forty two (42) days after the cessation of symptoms in the case of fungal diseases and for a period of twenty one (21) days after the cessation of symptoms for most other contagious diseases. A cattery clearance will not be provided until a Veterinary Certified clearance stating that the prescribed period has elapsed since the disappearance of symptoms, has been received, by Capital Cats Inc., and listing all Registered and unregistered cats on the premises, including any yet to be registered kittens.
- 14.5 While in quarantine a registered breeder will not
- (a) Allow the mating of any cats under his control
 - (b) Sell or dispose of any kittens or cats without firstly obtaining the conditional permission of Capital Cats Inc..
 - (c) Allow any cats/kittens other than those already affected into their premises.
 - (d) In the case of fungal infection must not attend any shows or meetings of Capital Cats Inc. affiliated cat clubs in any capacity whatsoever. They also have an ethical responsibility not to handle any other persons cats or to knowingly enter any premises where there may be cats or to attend any cat shows held by other Governing Bodies for the entire period of the quarantine.
- 14.6 Capital Cats Inc. may from time to time and in limited circumstances of long term quarantine or upon Veterinary advice that it is in the best interest of the welfare of the kittens allow a quarantined Breeder to sell/place kittens conceived prior to the commencement of quarantine on the condition that.
- (a) The prospective owner is fully informed of the quarantine status of the cattery.
 - (b) Capital Cats Inc. is notified of each kitten sold and provided with copies of all documentation to be given with the kittens prior to sale/placement.
- 14.7 A registered breeder will not knowingly obtain a kitten/cat from a quarantined premises.
- 14.8 Members or any persons, as advised by other Governing Bodies, who have been placed in quarantine shall be notified by the publication of a list of quarantined premises in such form and by such manner as shall be determined, from time to time, by Capital Cats Inc.
- 14.9 A member or person whose name has been published shall have no recourse against Capital Cats Inc. or any affiliate of Capital Cats Inc. in any form whatsoever.
- 14.10 It is the responsibility of the Member to ensure that the best possible home is found for each animal placed/sold by that Member and no Member shall sell/place any animal to a Pet Shop or by consignment from a Pet Shop.
- 14.11 All kittens sold by a Member must be at least ten (10) weeks of age and have received at least one (1) F3 vaccination if inoculated after the age of eight (8) weeks and at least two (2) vaccinations if inoculated before eight (8) weeks of age. Where a kitten has had only one (1) vaccination the buyer

must be informed by the breeder that the kitten will require another vaccination within six (6) weeks of the first. The vaccination certificate signed by a Veterinary Surgeon must be provided to the buyer.

- 14.12 No Member will allow intermating of different breeds unless granted an experimental license or with express permission of Capital Cats Inc..
- 14.13 No cats from unregistered breeders or unregistered cats, whether from registered or unregistered breeders, will be accepted by a registered breeder for mating.
- 14.14 Each breeding female cat shall have no more than three (3) litters in any two (2) year period.
- 14.15 Every litter produced by a registered breeder must be litter registered.
- 14.16 Entire cats shall be kept confined within secure premises at all times.
- 14.17 All Members shall undertake regular screening of breeding stock for appropriate disease.
- 14.18 No Member breeder shall breed from or sell for breeding any cat known to have or known to carry any genetic disease or abnormality or which as a kitten was affected by any contagious disease or any cat which consistently produces kittens that are affected by any contagious disease.
- 14.19 Any Capital Cats Inc. Member breeder violating any of the Capital Cats Inc. rules will be deregistered and any other registered breeder or other person violating any of the Capital Cats Inc. rules will be refused entry to Capital Cats Inc. affiliated shows.
- 14.20 A deregistered breeder shall have a right of appeal, such appeal to be heard by a committee appointed by Capital Cats Inc..
- 14.21 A deregistered breeder may apply for re-registration after a twelve (12) month period at which time Capital Cats Inc. will consider their application. Each case will be considered on merit.
- 14.22 Only those breeds currently recognised by Capital Cats Inc. may be bred by Member breeders and are eligible for Full Register.

Recognised breeds are all those breeds recognised by the CCCA

FEES

SECTION XV

15.1 The Committee shall, from time to time, set fees as it sees fit.

AFFILIATED CLUBS

SECTION XVI

- 16.1 All Affiliated Clubs must pay an affiliation fee, and any other fee as set down in the Regulations, as required by Capital Cats Inc..
- 16.2 Affiliated Clubs must be incorporated and have a minimum of twenty (20) members.
- 16.3 Must furnish to Capital Cats Inc. within twenty-eight days of their AGM or at such times as required by Capital Cats Inc. ;
- (i)* A membership list;
 - (ii)* Financial records;
 - (iii)* Financial records for any Show held during the year.
- 16.1 Must hold at least one (1) Championship All Breeds Show each year and may hold any other Shows or Exhibitions as are approved by Capital Cats Inc..
- 16.2 Clubs must adhere to the Regulations, failure by a club to do so may result in the Club being disaffiliated.

REGULATIONS

PART 2. - Show Regulations

GENERAL

SECTION I

- 1.1 In the event of a conflict between the regulations of a Show and the Regulations, the latter shall prevail.
- 1.2 A question of dispute which shall arise as to the meaning or interpretation of the Regulations or of those governing a Show or as to the rights or obligations of an exhibitor, or as to the acts or omissions of an exhibitor or as to any matter or thing concerning or arising out of the conduct of a Show shall be referred to the Committee. The Committee shall make such enquiry and investigation as it may consider appropriate and accept and act upon such evidence as it may think fit regardless of the ordinary rules of evidence and its decision shall be final and binding upon persons affected thereby subject, however, to such right to appeal (if any) as may be granted by the Regulations.
- 1.3 A body conducting a Recognised Show shall not be responsible for any accident or injury that may be caused to or by any exhibit, and it shall be a condition of entry that an exhibitor shall hold such body harmless and shall indemnify such body against all legal costs expenses claims demands suits actions proceedings and damages arising from such an accident or injury.
- 1.4 An exhibitor or steward, either in or outside a Show shall not alert an exhibit in any manner which, in the opinion of the Judge, affects the exhibition of any other cat nor shall be fed or offer food to a cat whilst the class in which it is entered as an exhibit is being judged.
- 1.5 A cat other than an exhibit shall not be allowed in or within the precincts of a Show Hall during the conduct of a Show except by prior arrangement and with the express permission of Capital Cats Inc..
- 1.6 A cat shall not be entered as a competitor or allowed to be exhibited in a recognised Show unless:
 - (i) it is registered with Capital Cats Inc.; or
 - (ii) it is registered with a Governing Body recognised as such by the Committee and such registration is acceptable to the Committee, provided that in the case of a cat so registered which would have been accepted by the Capital Cats Inc. for registration as of a different breed it shall not be eligible for exhibition other than in a class for cats of the breed in respect of which it would have been registered by the Capital Cats Inc.; and
 - (iii) such registration was effected at or prior to the date of application for entry; and full particulars thereof as required by the Regulations are printed in the Show Catalogue.
- 1.7 All cats to be exhibited at a Recognised Show must be examined by the Veterinary Surgeon or his Deputy, unless the express permission to forgo veterinary inspection has been granted by Capital Cats Inc., and shall not be judged until examined by the Veterinary Officer and a cat which is not passed by the Veterinary Officer as being in good health shall be excluded from a Show.
 - (i) each Veterinary Officer shall be accompanied by one (1) qualified Steward and may be accompanied by other assistants at the Show Committees discretion
- 1.8 A cat shall not be exhibited at a Recognised Show in a class for Experimental Breeding unless it has been registered by Capital Cats Inc. in the Experimental Register or is registered by another recognised Governing Body in an Experimental Breeding Programme which is acceptable to Capital Cats Inc.. No challenges shall be awarded in classes for Experimental Breeds, one Best in Section shall be awarded to each breed and sex and these exhibits shall not be eligible for Best in Show awards.

- 1.9 An exhibit which cannot be handled by an official at any time at a Show shall be deemed to be fractious and shall be reported as such by the Floor Steward to the Show Committee or Committee and the Capital Cats Inc. representative and all paperwork marked UTH. An exhibit so reported three times shall be disqualified ipso facto from exhibition at any subsequent Show. Where an interstate registered exhibit is reported all details of the incident shall be notified in writing to the Governing Body with which the cat is registered.
- 1.10 An exhibit that bites any Show Official at any time at a Show shall be marked as fractious and shall be ineligible for any further judging at that Show and all paperwork shall be marked UTH. An exhibit so reported shall be disqualified ipso facto from exhibition at any subsequent Show.
- 1.11 Each exhibitor in a class shall accept as final the decision of the Judge adjudicating such class provided that:
- (a) the Judge may alter his decision if it shall have been induced by fraud or misrepresentation;
 - or
 - (b) Capital Cats Inc. may cancel or vary such decision if the exhibitor or the exhibit is in breach of the Regulations.
- 1.12 The Judge shall be at liberty to withhold and will be instructed to withhold an award or prize from an exhibit which the Judge considers to be not of sufficient merit.
- 1.13 No exhibit may be under the age of twelve (12) weeks on the first day of the Show and all exhibits under nine (9) months must be vaccinated against Cat Flu and FIE and proof of a first vaccination between 3 and 6 weeks before the date of the show and signed by a veterinarian, must be provided on the day of the Show or with the Show entry form.
- 1.14 Judging assignments must be allocated in such a way as to preclude the use of Judges' Panels, for instance, in each ring only one Judge is to judge the entire cats within a group.
- 1.15 Desexed and entire kittens compete against each other.
- 1.16 Compulsory Classes which must be included in every schedule will be determined from time to time by Committee. (The exhibitor is not required to enter these classes but all exhibits should be automatically included in the appropriate classes) Current compulsory classes are;
- (i) Kitten
 - (a) Male Open
 - (b) Female Open
 - (ii) Entire Cat
 - (c) Male Open - Challenge
 - (d) Female Open - Challenge
 - (e) CCCA (free for all eligible titled cats registered with CCCA member bodies.)
 - (iii) Desexed Cat
 - (f) Neuter Open - Challenge
 - (g) Spay Open - Challenge
 - (h) CCCA (free for all eligible titled cats registered with CCCA member bodies.)

Provisions must also be made for consideration of the following awards

- (i) Kitten
 - (a) Best and Runner-up of Colour
 - (b) Best and Runner-up of Breed
 - (c) Best and Runner- up of Group
 - (d) Top five (5) of Group (where there are more than five entries)
- (ii) Entire Cat
 - (e) Best and Runner-up of Colour
 - (f) Best and Runner-up of Breed
 - (g) Best and Runner- up of Group

- (h) Top five (5) of Group (where there are more than five entries)
 - (iii) Desexed Cat
 - (i) Best and Runner-up of Colour
 - (j) Best and Runner-up of Breed
 - (k) Best and Runner- up of Group
 - (l) Top five (5) of Group (where there are more than five entries)
- 1.17 Other classes, such as kitten age classes, may be Judged with the permission of Capital Cats Inc..
- 1.18 Entry to all rings at a multi-ring Show shall not be compulsory. The fees charged shall be at the discretion of the Affiliate.
- 1.19 At any time prior to the commencement of Judging of a ring an exhibit may be withdrawn from that ring by notification to the Floor Director from the owner or agent of the exhibit. There shall be no refund of entry fees.
- 1.20 Each ring at a multi-ring show is to be treated as a separate show, however any disqualification in a ring shall be considered to have occurred in the ring being Judged.
- 1.21 The awarding of one (1) Challenge/Best In Section Certificate shall be allowed, where the standard of the exhibit merits it, within each sex, colour and coat pattern other than tabby and those specified breeds where all of the same sex are judged together.
- 1.22 All tabby exhibits are to compete for one (1) challenge/best in section award for each colour regardless of the coat pattern. The coat pattern shall be noted on the judges slips and in the catalogue.
- 1.23 The following breeds shall compete for one (1) challenge/best in section award for each sex;
- (i)** Australian Mist
 - (ii)** Burmilla
 - (iii)** Cornish
 - (iv)** Devon
 - (v)** Norwegian Forest Cat
 - (vi)** Selkirk – Longhair and Shorthair
 - (vii)** Siberian
- Capital Cats Inc may, at any time, add or remove breeds from this list. The colour and coat pattern of each exhibit shall be noted on the judges slips.
- 1.24 Dilute tortoiseshell Persians will be judged in one class - Blue Tortie and the coat pattern of each exhibit shall be noted on the judges slips and in the catalogue. Blue Cream Persians will show the coat pattern as intermingled and Blue Tortie Persians will show the coat pattern as patched. Lilac Cream/Lilac Tortie and Fawn Cream/Fawn Tortie shall be judged in the same manner.
- 1.25 All other colour classes shall be named and judged as per the CCCA national Standards

CLASSIFICATION OF A SHOW

SECTION II

- 2.1 A Championship Show is a formalised competitive exhibition of cats and/or kittens held by Capital Cats Inc. or an affiliated cat club or under special license granted by Capital Cats Inc. where each purebred registered cat/kitten is assessed against a written standard and placed in an order of merit. Challenge certificates may be awarded in adult and Group 4 classes and titles can be gained as a result of these awards. A Championship Show may be an all breeds show or a specialist show of one or more breeds.
- 2.3 A Display is a formalised non-competitive exhibition of cats and/or kittens held by Capital Cats Inc. or an affiliated cat club or under special license granted by the Capital Cats Inc..
- 2.4 A Sanctioned Show is
- (i) any of the above
 - (ii) or a pet show held by any organisation to promote the welfare of cats in general, providing that the concern agrees to veterinary inspection of all exhibits.

These Shows and Displays (2.1 - 2.4) must be held under the Rules and Regulations of Capital Cats Inc. and are regarded as Recognised Shows.

- 2.5 Persons who exhibit at non-recognised Shows will be disqualified from showing for a period not exceeding twelve (12) months for the first offence. At the discretion of Capital Cats Inc. , permanent disqualification may apply for subsequent offences.

APPROVAL OF A SHOW

SECTION III

- 3.1** An application to hold a Show and for approval of a Show date must be lodged with Capital Cats Inc. at least six (6) months before the requested Show date.
- (i) An approved show date shall not be altered without the consent of Capital Cats Inc..
 - (ii) The Committee shall not approve an application for a Show if the first day thereof is to be within five (5) days of the last day of the preceding Show or within five (5) days of the first day of the following Show, except in the case of specialist breed shows involving different breeds which may be held on the same day or on consecutive days.
- 3.2** Only Judges registered on the judging list of a recognised Governing body for the group/s nominated may be invited to judge. Proof of qualifications must be provided by the affiliated club if requested by Capital Cats Inc..
- 3.3** Some Governing Bodies do not automatically grant an All Breeds Judges license to Judges who have gained individual licenses to judge all breeds of cat. These judges are, therefore, ineligible to award a best overall exhibit.
- 3.4** Schedules for Championship Shows must be submitted to Capital Cats Inc. for approval at least four (4) months before the Show. Schedules for Non-championship Shows must be submitted to Capital Cats Inc. for approval at least two (2) months prior to the date of the show.
- (i) the proposed Judges consent to act must have been obtained before the Schedule is submitted.
 - (ii) the Schedule must incorporate the details set down in Capital Cats Inc. proforma Schedule.
 - (iii) the Floor Director must be qualified as a Senior Steward with Capital Cats Inc..
- 3.5** Schedules must not be distributed until final approval has been given by Capital Cats Inc..

SHOW SCHEDULE AND CATALOGUE

SECTION IV

- 4.1 There shall appear in the schedule;
- (i) a summary of the current Capital Cats Inc. show rules
 - (ii) the date and venue of such Show;
 - (iii) details of the classes in accordance with which cats are to compete or are to be exhibited;
 - (iv) a copy of any supplementary regulations which are intended to apply to such Show
 - (v) particulars of the judges, together with details of their affiliated body and state, who will officiate at such Show;
 - (vi) a disclaimer allowing the alteration of the judging assignments by the club running the show
 - (vii) the particulars of the person who it is proposed will organise or manage a Show and who shall not be appointed to such position without the prior approval of the Committee;
 - (viii) a timetable containing information on benching, vetting and Judging times;
 - (ix) all other information required by the Regulations and by the Committee.
- 4.2 A date which has been fixed for the holding of a Recognised Show and which has been approved by the Committee shall not be altered without the consent of the Committee provided that such date shall not be postponed for more than one month.
- 4.3 Until otherwise determined by the Committee an Affiliate or licensed body shall conduct at least one (1) Championship Show in any one year, and may also conduct one or more Exhibitions.
- 4.4 The Committee shall not approve an application for a Show if the first day thereof is to be within five days of the last day of a preceding Show, or within five days of the first day of a following Show.
- 4.5 In the case of a Recognised Show:
- (a) There shall be a catalogue of all exhibits which shall list the breeds within each Group and the exhibits shall be listed in numerical order through the catalogue.
 - (b) There shall also appear in the catalogue:
 - (i) a statement on the cover that such Show is conducted under the Regulations of Capital Cats Inc;
 - (ii) the name and address of each exhibitor; and the cage numbers of their exhibits
 - (iii) the name of the Capital Cats Inc. Show Representative if this has been made available by Capital Cats Inc;
 - (iv) the names of the Show officials;
 - (v) the names of the judges and the Governing Body with which they are affiliated;
 - (vi) particulars of the sire and dam of each exhibit;
 - (vii) the full name, breed, colour, gender, date of birth and registered number of each exhibit;
 - (viii) details of all awards to be made at such Show.
- 4.6 A copy of the Marked Catalogue and judges slips shall be lodged with the Secretary within twenty one (21) days of completion of such Show.
- 4.7 Copies of the Marked Catalogue shall, within twenty one (21) days of the completion of such show, be made available to;
- (i) All officiating Judges

- (ii) The National Library of Australia
- (iii) Capital Cats Inc.
- (iv) Interstate Governing Bodies as required by Capital Cats Inc.

AMENDMENTS TO THE TIME AND ORDER OF JUDGING

SECTION V

- 5.1 If after the closing date for entries a Show Committee or Capital Cats Inc. is of the opinion that insufficient judges have been appointed to complete a Show within the time allotted permission may be granted by the Committee to appoint additional judges.
- 5.2 If after the closing date for entries a Show Committee or Capital Cats Inc. is of the opinion that insufficient entries have been received to warrant the number of judges appointed then Capital Cats Inc. may grant permission for the variation of judging assignments to enable the cancellation of some judging appointments.
- 5.3 Where a Judge advises a Show Committee of an inability to Judges, after the publication of the Show Schedule, Capital Cats Inc may grant permission for a substitute Judge to be appointed. Such appointment shall be advertised in the Catalogue.
- 5.4 Where a Judge fails to attend a Show without prior notification, the Show Committee may with the approval of the Capital Cats Inc representative present on the day either:
- (a) reallocate the Judging assignments to allow each exhibit to be judged the advertised number of times or
 - (b) cancel a ring and arrange to refund to the affected Exhibitors an appropriate portion of the fees paid.
- The Exhibitors shall be informed verbally on the day of any such changes.
- 5.5 If during the course of Judging it becomes apparent that a Judge may not be able to complete their assignment within the required time the Show Coordinator may in consultation with the Capital Cats Inc. representative present on the day reallocate the unjudged portion of the assignment amongst the other Judges.

PRIZES AND PRIZE MONEY

SECTION VI

- 6.1 Notwithstanding that a judge may provide for placings and may place cats in order of merit upon the adjudication of a class, ribbons or awards shall not necessarily be given to place-getters except where expressly provided in the Show Schedule and/or catalogue.
- 6.2 At a Show held under the Regulations an award card shall be clearly inscribed with the nature or standard of such Show.
- 6.3 An award card for each exhibit showing the classes entered and awards attained bearing the signature or name of the judge shall be issued and exhibited as soon as practicable after the completion of the judging of each class. An award card shall not be issued unless and until all of the particulars to be endorsed thereon have been so endorsed.
- 6.4 An Affiliate shall be responsible for each prize or the monetary value thereof offered for competition at a Show conducted by it other than those prizes offered by sponsors.
- 6.5 A class, prize, or special prize shall not be restricted to exhibits from a specified cattery or to descendants of a specified cat and prizes of free service by a cat shall not be permitted.
- 6.6 Prize money shall be paid within twenty one (21) days of the closing day of a Show. Within twenty two (22) days of such day the Show Co-ordinator shall notify Capital Cats Inc. that all prize money has been paid except such as may have been held in abeyance by reason of an objection which has been lodged and which still is under consideration. Particulars of the exception shall be stated.
- 6.7 At a Show held under the Regulations cards, ribbons, or trophies (other than those won at such Show) shall not be displayed by an exhibitor.
- 6.8 If a cat is unregistered at the time of the the entry and any award made to it shall be cancelled.
- 6.9 If an Exhibit is disqualified, the Exhibit placed next in order of merit may at the discretion of Capital Cats Inc. be moved into the next higher place in the prize list.
- 6.10 If an award is cancelled the prize awarded (including ribbons, cards and other insignia) shall be surrendered forthwith to the Show Co-ordinator.

Eligibility for Challenge

- 6.11 Only an exhibit which is nine months of age or over and Full Register which has been awarded first prize in the appropriate open class shall be eligible to be awarded a Challenge Certificate provided it reaches the required standard as described in the Breed Standard as interpreted by the Judge.

Reserve Challenge

- 6.12 A Reserve Challenge Award may be made to the next best cat to a Challenge winner provided it reaches the standard required and would have been awarded the Challenge if the Challenge winner had not been present.

Challenge Points

- 6.13 Challenge points shall be awarded on the following basis;
 - (i) ten (10) points plus one (1) point for each cat in the challenge class on the day

- (ii) twenty (20) for Best Entire Cat and Desexed Cat within a Group
- (iii) group 4 challenges/order of merit shall be issued on the basis of one (1) challenge per three (3) cats in the challenge class on the day (one (1) challenge for 1 - 5 entries, two (2) for 6-8 entries etc.)

Supreme Exhibit

- 6.14 May only be awarded with the prior approval of Committee
- 6.15 Supreme Exhibit in a ring may only be awarded if one Judge assesses all exhibits in that ring.
- 6.16 Overall Supreme Exhibit may only be awarded with the prior approval of Capital Cats Inc. and the following selection format must be used;
 - (i) top 10 exhibits in each ring must be allocated, when numbers permit.
 - (ii) only an exhibit which has won best exhibit in a ring may be considered
 - (iii) points shall be allocated on the following basis;
 - a) 10 points for first
 - b) 9 points for second
 - c) 8 points for third
 - d) 7 points for fourth
 - e) 6 points for fifth
 - f) 5 points for sixth
 - g) 4 points for seventh
 - h) 3 points for eighth
 - i) 2 points for ninth
 - j) 1 point for tenth
 - (iv) the exhibit scoring the highest number of points shall be awarded Overall Supreme Exhibit.
 - (v) In the event of a tie the award shall be shared.

Titles

- 6 17 (a)
 - (I) The owner of a Registered cat which gains a total of seventy (70) points if male or sixty (60) points if female, neuter or spay of which at least twenty (20) points must have been gained at ACT shows run by Capital Cats Inc. or its Affiliates may apply to the Committee for such cat to be granted the title of Champion. At least two (2) of the challenges must have been awarded by Capital Cats Inc. or its Affiliates before an application may be made to the Committee for such cat to be granted the title of Champion.
 - (II) The owner of a Champion cat which after being granted such title gains the additional number of points aforesaid may apply to the Committee for such cat to be granted the title of Grand Champion. At least two (2) of the challenges must have been awarded by Capital Cats Inc. or its Affiliates before an application may be made to the Committee for such cat to be granted the title of Grand Champion.
 - (III) The owner of a Grand Champion cat which after being granted such title gains the additional number of points aforesaid may apply to the Committee for such cat to be granted the title of Double Grand Champion. At least two (2) of the challenges must have been awarded by Capital Cats Inc. or its Affiliates before an application may be made to the Committee for such cat to be granted the title of Double Grand Champion.
 - (IV) The owner of a Double Grand Champion cat which after being granted such title gains the additional number of points aforesaid may apply to the Committee for such cat to be granted the title of Triple Grand Champion. At least two (2) of the challenges must have been awarded by Capital Cats Inc. or its Affiliates before an application may be made to the Committee for such cat to be granted the title of Triple Grand Champion.

- (V) The owner of a Triple Grand Champion, which after being granted such titles gains at least ten (10) challenges at least two (2) of which must have been awarded in the ACT and at least one of these challenges being awarded for a top five (5) placing may apply to the Committee for such cat to be granted the title of Bronze Triple Grand Champion.
 - (VI) The owner of a Bronze Triple Grand Champion, which after being granted such titles gains at least ten (10) challenges at least two (2) of which must have been awarded in the ACT and at least one of these challenges being awarded for a top five (5) placing may apply to the Committee for such cat to be granted the title of Silver Triple Grand Champion.
 - (VII) The owner of a Silver Triple Grand Champion, which after being granted such titles gains at least ten (10) challenges at least two (2) of which must have been awarded in the ACT and at least one of these challenges being awarded for a top five (5) placing may apply to the Committee for such cat to be granted the title of Gold Triple Grand Champion.
 - (VIII) The owner of a Gold Triple Grand Champion, which after being granted such titles gains at least ten (10) challenges at least three (3) of which must have been awarded in the ACT for Best in Show (first (1) in the Top 5) may apply to the Committee for such cat to be granted the title of Diamond Triple Grand Champion.
- (b) In recognition of the title the Committee shall issue to each applicant a Certificate featuring the name of each cat, its colour and its breeding particulars, and in addition the applicant may receive a certificate or Sash . Until otherwise determined by the Committee a charge as determined by Capital Cats Inc. shall be made for each such Certificate and sash.
 - (c) A title to a cat's name shall not be used unless granted by Capital Cats Inc. or a recognised Governing Body.
 - (d) The owner of an imported or interstate cat which has gained a title in the country or place from whence it came may apply to the Committee for recognition of such title and the Committee may grant such recognition upon verification of the applicant's claim to such title.

6.18 A cat may be granted a Distinguished Merit Award, this award shall be notated on the cats registration certificate with the letters DM. This award may be granted when, in the case of a male cat, evidence is provided that the cat has sired Fifteen (15) Grand Champions and in the case of a female cat, when evidence is provided that the cat has produced Ten (10) Grand Champions. Application for this Award is to be made on the appropriate form accompanied by the prescribed fee.

ENTRY FEE

SECTION VII

- 7.1 The entry fee payable in respect of each cat entered in a Show shall be paid at the time of the lodging of application for entry.
- 7.2 An entry fee shall be forfeited if an application for entry of a cat as an exhibit is accepted and the cat is not exhibited or if the Regulations are not observed.
- 7.3
- (a) In multi-ring shows where a cat is not exhibited or is withdrawn from one or more rings there shall be no refund or discount of entry fees
 - (b) in the case where a Judge is exhibiting and has entries withdrawn from that ring in which the Judge is officiating there will be a discounted entry fee

CAGE HIRE

- 7.4 The fee for the hiring of the show cages, owned by Capital Cats Inc., shall be determined by the Committee. and may be passed on as a separate charge to the Exhibitors. No Affiliate shall charge any additional fee, to that set by Capital Cats Inc., for cage hire. Each affiliate shall furnish to the Capital Cats Inc. representative present on the day of the show, a statement of all cages used and any cage hire fees due to Capital Cats Inc. shall be paid within Twenty one (21) days of the holding of the show.
- 7.5 Capital Cats Inc shall maintain a separate financial account and all cage hire fees shall be paid into this account and shall be used to maintain and replace the show cages.
- 7.6 All new cages purchased by Capital Cats Inc. shall be of such size as required by any ACT Animal Welfare Regulations and shall measure a minimum of fifty (50) centimetres deep by seventy-five (75) centimetres wide and fifty (50) centimetres high.

EXHIBIT

SECTION VIII

- 8.1 The age of a cat for the purposes of a Show, shall be calculated from the date of birth as recorded on the application to enter up to, but not exceeding, the midnight of the first day of the Show provided that if the commencing day of a Show is postponed such age shall be determined as at the commencing day of such Show as originally scheduled.

APPLICATION FOR ENTRY OF AN EXHIBIT

SECTION IX

- 9.1 A cat shall not be exhibited at a Recognised Show unless an application for its entry in such Show has been accepted by the Show Committee conducting such Show.
- 9.2 A cat shall be entered and exhibited under its full name including (i) Prefix, (ii) words, letters or symbols, (iii) registered number and (iv) titles.
- 9.3 An application shall not be made for entry in and a cat shall not be entered or exhibited in a class for which it is not eligible.
- 9.4 An application for entry of an exhibit at a Recognised Show shall be in the form prescribed by the Committee and all particulars required shall be furnished in print, type, ink, or indelible pencil. Such application shall be signed by the exhibitor or by his agent duly authorised in writing in that behalf.
- 9.5 Where such an application is signed by an agent, the agent's authority shall be lodged with the Show Co-ordinator with such application.
- 9.6 An exhibitor shall be personally responsible for the accuracy of all information contained in his application whether signed by him or by his agent.
- 9.7 All such applications shall be preserved by the Show Co-ordinator for not less than four (4) months from the commencing day of the Show, shall be available for inspection by the Secretary at any time during such period and must be available for perusal by Show personnel and the Show Representative on the day of the show.
- 9.8 An application for entry of an exhibit in a Show shall be lodged on or before the closing date for entries which shall not be less than twenty-one (21) clear days before the scheduled commencing day of such Show.
- 9.9 An application for entry of an exhibit in a Show shall not be received or accepted by telephone communication and such an application shall not be accepted unless lodged on or before the date advertised as the closing date for entries in such Show.
- 9.10 An application for entry of an exhibit in a Show may be rejected by the Show Committee or Committee without assigning any reason therefor, provided that the person making such application shall be notified of such rejection within a reasonable time thereafter. An Affiliate shall notify the Committee of each such rejection and shall state the reasons therefor. The Committee may review each such rejection on appeal and may direct the acceptance of such an application with or without amendment, or reject the entry.
- 9.11 An application for entry of an exhibit in a Show shall embody a certificate, signed by the exhibitor, that they agree to abide by the rules and regulations of Capital Cats Inc.

DISQUALIFICATION FROM EXHIBITION

SECTION X

- 10.1 A cat shall not participate in a Recognised Show
- (i) if it has in anyway been surgically altered so as to gain any advantage in judging, or
 - (ii) if anything has been done to the cat which, in the opinion of a Show Committee or Capital Cats Inc., is calculated to deceive or mislead except only in the case of a necessary operation certified by a Veterinary Surgeon to the satisfaction of such Show Committee or Committee.
- 10.2 A cat shall be disqualified from winning a prize at a Show held under the Regulations if a Show Committee or Committee is satisfied that:
- (i) any dye, colouring, whitening, or darkening matter, or preparation, has been used and if the effect of it remains at any time during the Show;
 - (ii) any oil, grease, sticky, or glossy substances have been used and if the effect of it remains on the coat of the cat at any time during the Show;
 - (iii) the lining membranes of the mouth have been cut, pierced or mutilated in any way;
 - (iv) the cat has been exhibited by a person who has been debarred or suspended by Capital Cats Inc. under the Regulations;
 - (v) the cat has been entered after the closing date for entries;
 - (vi) the cat was for any reason ineligible to compete in the relative class or event.
 - (vii) the cat is obviously lactating without kittens entered and present or pregnant.
 - (viii) the cat has not had its claws clipped on both its front and hind paws.
 - (ix) there is evidence that the cat is not the animal entered in the Show.
 - (x) the cat has been marked UTH three times or has been disqualified for biting.
- 10.3 A Show Co-ordinator shall within seven (7) days of the closing date of a Show furnish to the Committee in writing full particulars of any cats disqualified from winning a prize.

DISQUALIFICATION

SECTION XI

11.1 Notwithstanding anything in the Regulations contained the Committee for such reasons as it may in its discretion think sufficient, but without being required to assign any reason therefor may disqualify a person whether a Member of Capital Cats Inc. or otherwise from exhibiting and/or displaying an exhibit and/or from acting as a steward or official or in any other capacity at a Recognised Show and/or from admission to a Recognised Show.

11.2 If a person shall:

- (a) Exhibit or display a cat (whether the cat be a registered cat or otherwise) at an Unrecognised Show; or
- (b) exhibit or display an unregistered cat at a Recognised Show; or
- (c) participate in any capacity (whether officially or otherwise) in an Unrecognised Show

the Committee may disqualify such person from exhibition at or participating in a Recognised Show or at an exhibition and/or may disqualify such person from participating in any way or in any capacity (representative or otherwise) at a general meeting or committee meeting or consultation or at a gathering or function of Capital Cats Inc..

The expression "participating" for the purposes of this Regulation shall be given the widest meaning and shall include inter alia but without in any way limiting the generality of the foregoing:

- (i) the entering, exhibiting, or displaying of a cat;
- (ii) the contributing of a trophy or award or money to a person or body of persons conducting an Unrecognised Show or to an exhibitor or competitor at an Unrecognised Show whether as a subscription, entrance or attendance money or entry fee or as a prize or otherwise;
- (iii) the doing of an act calculated to support or encourage the holding of an Unrecognised Show.

11.3

- (i) A person, who by the Rules or Regulations is prohibited for any reason from entering or exhibiting a cat or otherwise participating in a Show or exhibition or whose membership of Capital Cats Inc. has been terminated pursuant to the relevant Rules or Regulations shall not be eligible to enter exhibit or display a cat or otherwise participate in a Show or exhibition during the term of such prohibition or whilst re-admission to membership of Capital Cats Inc. is denied.
- (ii) Subject to confirmation by the Committee a person shall not be eligible to exhibit at a Show conducted under the Regulations who has been disbarred by an Affiliate from exhibiting at a Show conducted by such Affiliate or whose membership of an Affiliate has been terminated pursuant to the Constitution or Rules of such Affiliate.
- (iii) An Affiliate which has debarred a member from exhibiting at a Show conducted by such Affiliate, or which has terminated the membership of a member pursuant to its constitution or rules, shall within fourteen (14) days of the date of passing the resolution imposing such penalty notify the Secretary thereof in writing.

11.4 (a)
The Committee shall notify each Affiliate of the name and address of each person whether a Member of Capital Cats Inc. or not:

- (i) who has been disqualified by the Committee from entering exhibiting or displaying an exhibit or from acting as a steward or official or in any other capacity at an exhibition and/or from admission to an exhibition;
 - (ii) whose membership has been terminated or suspended by the Committee or by an Affiliate notice of which has been given to the Committee by such Club or Affiliate.
 - (b) Every such notice shall be given by the publication in such form or in such other manner as the Committee may from time to time determine.
 - (c) A person whose name has been so published shall not have any claim whatsoever against any person in respect of or arising out of such publication.
- 11.5 An Affiliate or other body conducting a Recognised Show shall give effect to such disqualification and shall refrain from appointing a disqualified person to any office and from allowing such disqualified person to officiate in any capacity at a Recognised Show and shall as far as practicable prevent the admission to a Show Hall of a person so disqualified. If an Affiliate or other body conducting a Recognised Show shall knowingly commit a breach of the provisions of this Regulation, the Committee may if it thinks fit so to do, terminate the affiliation of such body.
- 11.6 If, in the opinion of a Show Committee or Capital Cats Inc. Committee, a person causes annoyance by loud comments on a Judge's decision or is guilty of unsportsmanlike conduct whilst within the precincts of a Show, he may be cautioned by a member of the Show Committee or Committee or some other official of such Show, and if thereafter he further offends he may be requested to remove himself and his exhibits from the Show Hall and may be charged with misconduct under the Regulations.
- 11.7 If a complaint or charge is laid that a person has been guilty of misconduct at a Show or if a Show Committee or Capital Cats Inc. Committee shall consider that a person has been guilty of misconduct an inquiry into such conduct may be held by the Capital Cats Inc. Committee.
- 11.8 A Show Co-ordinator shall immediately report to the Capital Cats Inc. Committee any case of alleged misconduct in connection with a Show and shall state what action is being taken by the Show Committee in regard thereto.
- 11.9 If the Capital Cats Inc. Committee determines to or is called upon to enquire into an objection lodged pursuant to Show Regulation 10.1 and 10.2 or into a charge of misconduct within the meaning of Show Regulations 11.5 and 11.6 the Committee shall fix a time and place for such inquiry and written notice thereof shall be given by pre-paid registered post to the person directly affected and such person shall be entitled to appear and be heard at such enquiry and to give such evidence as may be relevant in the circumstances.
- 11.10 If, pursuant to the aforesaid notice, a person shall fail to appear at such inquiry, the Committee shall proceed to inquire into and deal with such objection or complaint notwithstanding such non-appearance.
- 11.11 At any such inquiry the Committee shall be at liberty to accept and act upon such evidence as it may think fit regardless of legal rules of evidence and it shall cause notes to be taken in writing of all evidence given at the enquiry and of all persons present at such inquiry.
- 11.12 The Committee may adjourn such enquiry from time to time to such time and place as it may think fit but notice of every adjournment shall be given to all persons to whom the original notice of inquiry was given.
- 11.13 The Committee may make such determination as in its opinion the circumstances warrant and in particular may impose such penalty or penalties against an offending exhibitor or other person or against his property as such Show Committee or Committee may deem fit

- 11.14 The decision of the Committee shall be embodied in a written memorandum dated and signed by the Chairman presiding at the inquiry and sent by registered pre-paid post by the Secretary within seven (7) days of the close of an inquiry to each party to the question or dispute, or in the case of an inquiry into the alleged misconduct of a person, then to such person and to any other person who in the opinion of the Committee may be affected by such decision.
- 11.15 Subject to the right of appeal hereinafter provided the decision of the Committee shall be final and binding and shall be given effect to by all persons affected thereby.
- 11.16 A person affected by such a decision of the Committee may appeal to the Committee and shall do so by giving notice of appeal in writing to the Capital Cats Inc. Secretary within fourteen (14) days of the date of such memorandum stating the grounds of appeal and enclosing a deposit of \$20.00. Upon the receipt of such notice of appeal and deposit, the Secretary shall notify the Committee who shall forthwith send to the Secretary the notes of the evidence taken at the enquiry.
- 11.17 The Capital Cats Inc. at the direction of the Committee shall consider every such appeal as soon as practicable and may in its discretion accept and act upon such evidence as it thinks fit regardless of legal rules of evidence and the Committee may remit the matter for rehearing by any other committee appointed by Capital Cats Inc. the Committee concerned or may uphold or dismiss the appeal and may impose a greater or lesser penalty or may otherwise vary the original finding and/or decision and generally may make such order as it may think fit.

SUMMARY OF SHOW RULES

SECTION XII

- 12.1 A summary of the current show rules shall be included in every show schedule. These rules may be changed from time to time at the discretion of Committee and must include;

1. The receipt of a Show Application does not constitute an invitation to enter this show and the Show Committee or Committee reserves the right to return or refuse any Application. Such decision will be notified in writing at least 14 days prior to the Show date.
2. Fees must be paid with the Application and are not refundable.
3. Cheques must be made payable to The Abyssinian Breeder.
4. Cheques returned unpaid by the bank must be replaced by a Postal Order, Cash or Bank Cheque for the original amount of the entry fees plus an additional amount of \$20.00, to cover fees incurred by the club organising the show, within seven days or all applications covered by that cheque will be cancelled.
5. Applications cannot be accepted over the telephone.
6. The Entry Clerk reserves the right to transfer entries not correctly entered.
7. Each exhibit must be entered under the registered owner's name. Cattery Prefixes will not be accepted.
8. All exhibits (local or otherwise) must comply with full register regulations as applicable to Capital Cats Inc. Applications for entry must be accompanied by a copy of the exhibits registration certificate and if not included on the registration certificate a 4 generation certified correct pedigree. Tabby exhibits, other than pointed and Rex coated, must have the coat pattern clearly shown on the entry. In the case of kittens the stated coat pattern may be changed at any time prior to the first judging of that exhibit at the Show. **No challenges shall be awarded in classes for Experimental Breeds, one Best in Section shall be awarded to each breed and sex and these exhibits shall not be eligible for Best in Show awards.**
9. All exhibits owned by exhibitors resident in the ACT must be registered with Capital Cats Inc. except exhibits co-owned with exhibitors not resident in the ACT and registered with the co-owner's Governing Committee.
10. Any interstate or overseas exhibit must be individually registered with a Governing Body recognised by CCCA or ACF in the registered owner's area of residence. Litter registration for exhibits over 6 months of age and registration pending and will not be accepted.
11. A copy of each exhibit's registration must accompany the application to enter.. Exhibits under 9 months and all Household pets must be currently inoculated against Feline Enteritis and 'Cat Flu'. Inoculation certificates must be left on the top of the exhibits cage prior to vetting or a copy may be forwarded with the application to enter. Exhibits without certificates **WILL BE DISQUALIFIED IF A COPY OF THE CERTIFICATE IS NOT RECEIVED AT THE CCI OFFICE WITHIN 7 DAYS OF THE SHOW. A current inoculation is no more than 12 months old and in the case of a kittens first and only inoculation must be between 3 and 6 weeks before the date of the show and signed by a veterinarian.**
12. APPLICATION FOR ENTRY WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED FOR KITTEN UNDER 12 WEEKS OF AGE ON THE DAY OF THE SHOW.
13. Animals may be entered on exhibition provided they meet all the criteria as set down by Committee.
14. No cat showing signs of pregnancy may be exhibited
15. No lactating cat is to be exhibited without her litter or part thereof which must also be entered in the Show (ref. Rule 12)
16. Exhibits must be brought into the Show Hall securely contained in adequate carrying receptacles and must pass veterinary inspection, at the discretion of Capital Cats Inc., before being judged. **THE DECISION OF THE VETERINARY OFFICER IS FINAL.**
 - (i) Any exhibit which is considered to show symptoms of contagious disease, is lice or flea infested and/or dirty, must be removed from the hall immediately and all other exhibits of the owner and all other exhibits travelling to the Show Hall or resident with the rejected exhibit must be removed from the hall immediately.

(ii) Any exhibit which is considered to not be in show condition or which in the opinion of the Veterinary officer may require further inspection must be removed from its judging cage and placed in the quarantine area.

17. No exhibit shall enter the hall if it has at any time in the period.
 - A 21 days immediately preceding the date of the Show been in contact with, or suffered from, any infectious disease (other than fungal infection) or been in contact, with or resident on the same premises as, a cat with an infectious disease.
 - B 42 days immediately preceding the Show suffered from fungal infection, or been in contact with, or resident on the same premises as, a person or animal with fungal infection.
 - C is from a cattery which has not been cleared from a quarantine period
18. The organisers will provide Cages. Exhibitors must provide plain white cotton curtains and a plain white towel, blanket or other like material covered foam for each cage occupied by their exhibits. These must be in place prior to the commencement of judging.
19. Plain white, clear or opaque unmarked litter trays may be left in cages during judging.
20. Any exhibit not in its cage at the commencement of judging in that bay will not be judged in that ring.
21. Distinguishing objects are not allowed in or on cages during judging.
22. All persons, other than show officials, must vacate the immediate vicinity of the cages during judging.
23. Foodstuffs are not allowed in cages prior to judging (*note: not applicable at open shows*)
24. Methylated spirits or atomiser sprays are not allowed to be used in the hall. Talcum powder or other like substance is not allowed to be applied to or brushed from an exhibit whilst in the hall.
25. Any exhibit which has not had the claws on both front and hind paws clipped will be disqualified.
26. Any exhibit, which is unable to be handled, or which is considered to be manifesting symptoms of being under sedation will be disqualified.
27. Definitions of UTJ and UTH as determined by CCCA are as follows:

Any cat that is unable to be safely taken from the cage to the table and handled sufficiently to be judged is to be declared UNABLE TO BE JUDGED (UTJ) by the judge and no award is to be made. This is effective in that ring only, with no cumulative effect towards disqualification.

Any cat that shows aggression towards people, especially any cat that bites or deliberately scratches someone, is automatically declared UNABLE TO BE HANDLED (UTH). There is to be no further judging on the day and a readable sign should be displayed on the cage and the owner notified. Any cat declared UTH is disqualified from showing

The CCI regulations pertaining to these definitions are:

An exhibit reported three times for a UTH offence shall be disqualified ipso facto from exhibition at any subsequent Show. Where an interstate registered exhibit is reported all details of the incident shall be notified in writing to the Governing Body with which the cat is registered.

An exhibit that bites any Show Official at any time at a Show shall be marked as fractious and shall be ineligible for any further judging at that Show and all paperwork shall be marked UTH. An exhibit so reported shall be disqualified ipso facto from exhibition at any subsequent Show.
28. Cards and ribbons won at other shows may NOT be displayed at this show.

29. Exhibits may not be removed from the vicinity of their cages without permission of the Show Co-ordinator and may not be caged together unless part of the same litter and under 4 months of age.
30. If, during the course of the show, an exhibit is found to be ailing or distressed through any cause, the Show Co-ordinator may at his/her discretion, direct that the exhibit be removed from the hall or that a Veterinary Surgeon attend the exhibit. All costs of such Veterinary treatment shall be the responsibility of the exhibitor.
31. An exhibit which has fur missing (except where a small area has been shaved for blood testing), lacerations, contusions, puncture wounds, is obese, scarred or malnourished or has other like irregularities, may, at the discretion of the Judge, be marked as NSC (not in show condition). Identification tattoos on any cat and small healed tatters in stud cat's ears are excepted from this rule.
32. Any complaint must be in writing and lodged with Capital Cats Inc. together with a \$20.00 fee within seven days of the Show. The fee is refundable if the objection, complaint or appeal is upheld or is found by Capital Cats Inc not to have been frivolous.
33. The onus is on the Exhibitor or their Agent to ensure that the exhibit is correctly entered in the catalogue prior to the commencement of judging.
34. Sterilised adult exhibits may not compete against entire exhibits except for Supreme Exhibit in Show awards.
35. THE DECISION OF THE JUDGE IS FINAL. EXHIBITORS ARE REQUIRED TO MAINTAIN A COURTEOUS MANNER AND UNSEEMLY, OR DISRUPTIVE, CONDUCT OR COMMENTS MAY RESULT IN DISQUALIFICATION.
36. No responsibility is taken for any injury, loss or damage to exhibitors or exhibits resulting from or arising out of any accident, incident or happening whilst the exhibits or exhibitors are in the Show Hall or are travelling to or returning from the Show Hall.
37. Officiating judges may enter exhibits in this show but the exhibit(s) will be automatically withdrawn from any section which that judge is assessing. A judge shall not judge and exhibit which is perceived to be connected with that judge by the way of being registered, bred by or resided with the judge until a period of 3 months for a kitten or 6 months in the case of a cat has elapsed since the sale, transfer or relocation of the exhibit. Such exhibits may be entered in other rings of a multi-ring show.
38. If, due to unforeseen circumstances, sponsorship is not forthcoming for classes where trophies are sponsored, these will not be given by The Abyssinian Breeder.
39. Cancellation of the Show for any reason: It is agreed between the parties that, if in the sole discretion of the Show Committee or Capital Cats Inc. Committee or some other authorised officer the Show is to be partially or fully cancelled for any reason whatsoever, the exhibitor shall not pursue Capital Cats Inc. for the recovery of lost income or damages. This complete bar to an action applies to all headings of Law, whether it be Common Law, in Contract or Tort or pursuant to any State, Territory or Commonwealth Statute Law. It is acknowledged by the exhibitor that Capital Cats Inc. has no duty to have a Show in any particular year and that this clause operates as a complete defence for Capital Cats Inc. to any such action.

DISEASES AND ABNORMALITIES

SECTION XIII

- 13.1 All kittens and Group 4 exhibits being shown must have been vaccinated against Flu/FIE within the twelve (12) month period prior to the show.
- 13.2 Veterinary inspection of every exhibit for contagious disease must be held prior to the commencement of judging, except with the express permission of Capital Cats Inc.. If at any time a Veterinary Surgeon is not present or is unable to cope with the number of exhibits a competent Deputy shall be appointed by Capital Cats Inc.. If the Veterinary Surgeon is present the Deputy may only pass exhibits which he feels are showing no signs of infectious disease and any suspect exhibits must be referred to the Veterinary Surgeon for a decision to be made. If the Veterinary Surgeon is not present the Deputy may reject suspect exhibits and the exhibitors will accept the decision of the Deputy.
- 13.3 Where an exhibit is refused entry to a show by a veterinarian or appointed Deputy for exhibiting symptoms of any of the contagious diseases listed at 13.4 of this Section, or any other contagious disease that the veterinary Surgeon in attendance feels may place other exhibits at risk, all exhibits from the same household and all exhibits travelling to the show with the vetted out exhibit will be refused entry to the show.
- 13.4 Contagious diseases include any of the following;
- (i) Flu - Feline calcivirus, Feline viral rhinotracheitis, Chlamydia psittaci, Feline reoviruses. Symptoms - one or more of the following, Ocular discharge, nasal discharge, mouth ulcers, fever, swollen conjunctiva.
 - (ii) FIE
 - (iii) FIP
 - (iv) Ringworm or other fungal disease
- 13.5 If the veterinarian finds evidence of heavy flea infestation or evidence of ear mites the exhibit will be removed from the hall. Other exhibits from the same household and all exhibits travelling with them must also be removed from the Show Hall.
- 13.6 In the case of light infestation of fleas the exhibit may be removed from the hall to be cleaned but must then be re-inspected by the veterinarian.
- 13.7 If the veterinarian feels that an exhibit is not in show condition but does not constitute a danger to any other exhibit and if it is not practical to return the exhibit to its place of residence the exhibit will be allowed into the show hall and the Show Co-ordinator will be informed. The Show Co-ordinator will notify the Judges of any exhibits that have been found not to be in show condition and the Judge will take into account the veterinarians opinion and no award will be made to this or any other exhibit which the Judge considers is not in show condition.
- 13.8 When an exhibit is vetted out for Flu or ringworm the exhibitors as well as the exhibits will be refused entry to the show hall.
- 13.9 While in quarantine for fungal infection the people with whom the animal resides must not attend any shows or meetings of Capital Cats Inc. or its affiliated cat clubs in any capacity whatsoever. They also have an ethical responsibility not to handle any other person's cats or to knowingly enter any premises where there may be cats or to attend any cat shows held by other Governing Committees for the entire period of the quarantine.
- 13.10 At cat shows a number of cages will be set aside in a separate area to judging cages. The veterinarians undertaking the inspection may use these cages to hold any exhibit that they feel

may need rechecking and all other exhibits belonging to that exhibitor. Clubs should also provide the veterinarians with access to a darkened room and the use of a Woods Lamp to be used in cases of suspected ringworm infection. This room must be easily accessible to the veterinarians.

- 13.11 Where a veterinarian discovers a physical deformity in an exhibit, other than undescended testicles in kittens, the Show Co-ordinator shall be notified. As these exhibits do not represent a risk to any other exhibits they will be allowed in the show hall. The Show Co-ordinator shall notify the Judges of these exhibits and if the Judge agrees to the finding no awards will be made to them.
- 13.12 Random veterinary inspections may be made from time to time while the Judging is in progress, at shows designated by Capital Cats Inc..
- 13.13 If at any time during a show the Show Co-ordinator or Capital Cats Inc. Representative feel that an exhibit is showing signs of disease or distress then the Show Representative may direct that the exhibit will be removed to the separate quarantine area and or that a Veterinary Surgeon be called to examine the exhibit. All costs of such Veterinary Treatment shall be the responsibility of the exhibitor..
- 13.14 In all cases where an exhibit is denied entry to a show the Show Co-ordinator shall notify Capital Cats Inc. within seven (7) days of the show of full details of the exhibits . Where the exhibit is refused entry because of a suspected contagious disease, fungal infection, lice or ear mites the owner of the exhibit will provide Capital Cats Inc. with a veterinary certified health clearance for the exhibitor enter a period of quarantine at the cessation of which a veterinary certified health clearance for the household will be required to be provided to Capital Cats Inc. Where the exhibitor is registered with another Governing Body Capital Cats Inc. will notify that Governing Body of the details. Failure to provide a Veterinary Clearance Certificate will result in the non-acceptance of entries to ACT Shows until such time as a certificate is provided.

REGULATIONS

PART 3. - Judging & Stewarding Regulations

JUDGES TRAINING

SECTION I

- 1.1 The eligibility for any person to undertake a Judge's Course conducted by, or on behalf of Capital Cats Incorporated shall be determined by the Committee of Capital Cats Incorporated.
- 1.2 To be eligible to apply for a Probationary Judge's Licence a person must have successfully undertaken a Capital Cats Incorporated approved course and meet the following requirements:
- i Be 21 years of age or older
 - ii Have been actively involved in the breeding and showing of registered purebred cats for at least 2 years
 - iii Have been actively associated with a Capital Cats Inc. affiliated club for at least 12 months
 - iv Be a member of a recognised Cat control and hold a breeders Prefix
 - v Must be a Capital Cats Inc. Steward
 - vi Must have acted as a Show Co-ordinator for a Capital Cats Inc. affiliated club
- Or must have applied for recognition of their qualifications under Regulation 3.2 and 3.3 of this Part of the Regulations
- 1.3 A person who has been appointed as a Probationary Judge must judge successfully for a period of not less than twelve months and no more than twenty four months from the date of his/her first appointment and at not less than six recognised shows.
- i Capital Cats Incorporated may, if required, direct that its affiliated Cat Clubs appoint Probationary Judges to their shows
 - ii Probationary Judges are eligible to judge:
 - (a) kitten classes
 - (b) desexed cat classes
 - (c) Group 4 classes
 - (d) all miscellaneous classes
 - iii Probationary Judges may judge with other Governing Committees with prior approval of Capital Cats Incorporated.
 - (iv) Probationary Judges are not eligible to make CCCA awards.

- 1.4 A person who applies for Judges training shall be deemed to have full knowledge of the Rules and Regulations and hereby agrees to indemnify CCI, the Committee and members from all clauses and demands which may arise in consequence of his/her being granted entry to judges training or having the same suspended, cancelled or refused.
- 1.5 Acceptance to Judges training shall not confer any rights or entitlements on the acceptee except as herein provided and the suspension or cancellation of the acceptance or refusal to pass the acceptee as a trainee judge shall not entitle the former acceptee to any claim for damages, compensation or the right of reinstatement.

JUDGES LICENCE

SECTION II

- 2.1 The licence must be applied for within one month of completing the specified period as a Probationary Judge.
- 2.2 The applicant must be a current financial member of Capital Cats Incorporated.
- 2.3 Judges who have qualified with other Governing Bodies and who are domiciled in the ACT must apply to Capital Cats Incorporated for recognition of their qualifications and for assessment as to their eligibility to be granted an ACT Judges Licence. The onus of proving a person's eligibility for licence shall rest with that person, refer Section 3 of this Part of the Regulations.
- 2.4 All Judges Licences shall expire on the 31 December every year following the date on which the licence is granted. Failure to renew the licence within 60 days of expiration shall result in the Judge being placed on the Inactive List.
- 2.5 For an Active Judge to retain his/her licence, he/she must have officiated as a Judge at least once in the previous twelve months – details of all assignments to be submitted with licence renewal application annually.
- 2.6 If considered necessary, a Judges Licence may be restricted to judging with Capital Cats Incorporated until such time as the matter causing concern is redressed to the satisfaction of the Committee of Capital Cats Incorporated.
- 2.7 Where a Judge attains the age of 70 years the next application for renewal of licence must be accompanied by medical certification as to the fitness of the applicant. This certification is to be obtained on the form provided by Capital Cats Incorporated.
- 2.8 A judge who is not available to accept judging appointments may apply to be put on the Reserve List and will be known as an Inactive Judge. An Inactive Judge may be re-admitted to the Judges Panel after undertaking a refresher course in his/her speciality and/or at the discretion of Capital Cats Incorporated.
- 2.9 A person shall not be entitled to judge at a Recognised Show unless he/she is the holder of a current licence and, if at a Show held by another recognised Governing Body he/she has received the permission of Capital Cats Incorporated to judge at a nominated show.
- 2.10 A person who holds a Capital Cats Incorporated Judges Licence may not judge at shows other than those held by recognised Governing Bodies.
- 2.11 Capital Cats Incorporated may at its discretion cancel, suspend or refuse to renew, the licence of a Judge who acts in any way contrary to the regulations, or who directly or indirectly solicits or canvasses appointments to judge, or who behaves in a manner likely to bring discredit to the good name of the Committee's judges. The Committee may require a Judge to show cause why his/her licence should not be cancelled, suspended or refused.
- 2.12 A person whose licence is cancelled, refused or suspended or restricted may appeal to the Committee. The Committee shall hear or at its discretion may appoint a sub-committee to hear such appeal and the decision of the Committee or such sub-committee shall be final and binding on the appellant.
- 2.13 A person who applies for a judges licence shall be deemed to have full knowledge of the rules and regulations and hereby agrees to indemnify CCI, the Committee and members from all claims and demands which may arise in consequence of being granted a judges licence or having the same suspended, cancelled refused or reduced.

- 2.14 A judges licence shall not confer any rights or entitlements on the holder thereof except as herein provided and the cancellation reduction or loss of such licence shall not entitle the former holder to any claim for damages, compensation or right of reinstatement except in accordance with Regulation 2.12 of this part of the regulations.

JUDGES TRANSFERRING FROM OTHER GOVERNING BODIES

SECTION III

- 3.1 To maintain the required standards of instruction, examination, probation, behaviour, ethics and ongoing training required for Capital Cats Inc judges, persons requesting recognition as a CCI judge when transferring from a Recognised Governing Body are required to provide proof that their qualifications and current status are of at least equal standing.
- 3.2 The request for recognition as a CCI judge must be in writing and include details of which Governing Body did the training, schedule of training, examinations and probation (including duration of each), tutor judge/s, groups qualified, subsequent and current Governing Body (if different), list of judging assignments over the last 3 years.
- 3.3 On receiving the request the following procedures are to be pursued:
 - (i) The Governing Body/Bodies which originally issued qualifications are to be requested to provide details of year/s of qualification/s, group/s qualified for, name of tutor judge/s and where the Government Body is not known to follow, or have followed, a similar course of instruction and probation, including duration of each, done by that person
 - (ii) The current and preceding (where appropriate) Governing Body is required to provide details of judges assignments over the last 3 years, both local and interstate, formal complaints received about the person in regard to judging, as a breeder and of any problems regarding ethics matters.
- 3.4 Should instruction etc not be of the required standard then a course of action to qualify the person is to be undertaken prior to acceptance of recognition as a fully qualified CCI Judge. Committee to decide if the person can be accepted as a Trainee, Probationary or Interim Basis judges while the CCI required qualification is updated/gained.
- 3.5 A person who does meet the required standard can only be accepted as a CCI judge on an 'Interim Basis' until appraisal of exhibit handling, judging procedures, paperwork knowledge, exhibitor interaction and basic genetic knowledge is favourably assessed.
- 3.6 Where the person has officiated at a number of recent CCI shows as an Interstate judge the appraisal may be assessed from these shows.
- 3.7 Acceptance on an 'Interim Basis' allows full judging assignments with Capital Cats Incorporated only.
- 3.8 Failure to obtain a favourable assessment as per 3.5 within 8 months will result in the cancellation of the 'Interim Basis' and of acceptance as a CCI judge.
- 3.9 A person who applies for a judges licence on transferring from another Recognised Governing Body or from any other Body shall be deemed to have full knowledge of the Regulations and hereby agrees to indemnify Capital Cats Inc, the Committee and members from all claims and demands which may arise in consequence of being refused, cancelled or being accepted at a level of judges licence lower than that held with any other governing body.

JUDGES APPOINTMENTS

SECTION IV

- 4.1 A judge must apply to CCI in writing for approval to judge and be granted that approval prior to formal acceptance of any judging assignment
- 4.2 A judge may not accept appointment to judge a group for which he/she is not qualified.
- 4.3 A Judge shall not judge an exhibit which is perceived to be connected with that judge by way of being currently registered to or resident with:
 - a. the judge or a member of the judge's immediate family
 - b. a person who occupies the same residence as the judge
 - c. a person who shares a Prefix with the judge or the judge's immediate family
 - d. a person who shares business interests with the judge or the judge's immediate family
 - e. a person who is engaged to be married to or who is perceived to be in a close personal relationship with the judge or the judge's immediate family.
- 4.4 A judge shall not judge an exhibit which is perceived to have been connected with that judge by way of having been registered to, bred by or resided with the judge or the persons described in 4.3 a to e, until a period of three months in the case of a kitten or 6 months in the case of a cat has elapsed since sale, transfer or relocation of the exhibit. Such exhibits may be entered in other rings of a multi-ring show.
- 4.5 At each judging appointment the Judge shall properly maintain the Judges slips as provided. The Judge shall initial any alteration made in the record and sign Judges slips at the completion of each slip. The Judge shall ensure that he/she keeps the copy of his/her Judges slips and he/she shall retain the same without alteration for at least six weeks after the date of the show.
- 4.6 At the conclusion of the judging of each class the Judge shall record his/her awards in a clear and decisive fashion on the Judges slip. Such decision shall be final and binding on the exhibitors unless an exhibit given an award is or should have been disqualified by the Show Committee or Committee or evidence of cross judging is established.
- 4.7 If in the Judges opinion an exhibit is of insufficient quality to merit an award and it is in the best interest of the breed to do so the Judge shall withhold an award including challenge and/or reserve challenge. The relevant area on the Judges slip is to be marked W/H. If challenge and/or reserve challenge is withheld, placing in that class in the order of 1 to 3 must still be given.
- 4.8 No Best of Breed Award shall be made unless at least one challenge or best in section is awarded within the breed. No runner-up to Best of Breed Award shall be made unless at least two challenges or best in sections or Reserve Challenge or Reserve Best in Section are awarded within the Breed. The relevant area on the Judges slip is to be marked W/H.
- 4.9 A judge shall not make the same award to two exhibits in the same class.
- 4.10 A Judge shall abide by all the rules and regulations including the Breed Standards of the Governing Body under which the Show is conducted.

STEWARDS

SECTION V

- 5.1 No person will be accepted as a steward if it is considered that the following are not of a high standard
- (a) hygiene, both personal and of their home and cat quarters
 - (b) keeping breeding, selling and showing ethics
 - (c) general behaviour
- 5.2 A person, before qualifying as a Trainee Steward, shall undertake assignments in the Card Room at least three (3) times or such greater number of times as decided by the Chief Stewards or Tutor Steward.
- 5.3 Before stewarding a person must attend an approved Stewards Class
- 5.4 A Trainee Floor Steward shall serve six (6) stewarding assignments and be assessed as suitable by the Steward's Coordinator before being called a Steward. These assignments will be recorded on the approved "Stewards Report".
- 5.5 All stewards must attend an approved Stewards Class once every two (2) years to maintain their qualifications and must make themselves aware of Capital Cats Inc. Regulations.
- 5.6 An assignment as a Veterinary Steward shall not be counted as a Trainee Floor Steward assignment.
- 5.7 No person shall act as a Steward if they have had their exhibits rejected for contagious or infectious disease or evidence of external parasites or are in quarantine.
- 5.8 Stewards shall present themselves in a neat and tidy manner and shall wear a white coat during their stewarding assignment.
- 5.9 Any person who acts as Veterinary Steward and subsequently acts as Floor Steward must change their white coat between assignments.
- 5.10 Any comments made to the Steward by the Judge or Veterinary Surgeon or his Deputy during the course of the Stewarding assignment shall not be disclosed except in the case of an official inquiry held in camera by Capital Cats Incorporated or other recognised Governing Committee.
- 5.11 Capital Cats Incorporated may at its discretion
- (a) suspend any Steward who acts in any way contrary to the regulations, or who behaves in a manner likely to bring discredit to the good name of the Committee's Stewards
 - (b) demote a Steward to a Trainee Steward should 2 adverse written reports be received and this demotion shall remain in effect until such time as the Committee considers that the fault has been rectified.
- The Committee may require a Steward to show cause why he/she should not be suspended or demoted.
- 5.12 The Committee shall hear or at its discretion may appoint a committee to hear such appeal and the decision of the Committee or such committee shall be final and binding on the appellant.
- 5.13 A person who applies for a stewards course or as a steward shall be deemed to have full knowledge of the Regulations and hereby agrees to indemnify CCI, the Committee and its members from all claims and demands which may arise in consequence of being qualified as a Steward or having the same suspended, cancelled, refused or reduced.

- 5.14 The Committee may from time to time as it sees fit appoint a Steward to the position of Senior Steward. The Senior Steward shall assist in the on floor training of Trainee Stewards.
- 5.15 The qualification of Steward does not confer any rights or entitlements on the holder thereof except as herein provided and the cancellation demotion or loss of such qualification shall not entitle the former holder hereof to any claim for damages, compensation or right of reinstatement except in accordance with regulation 5.11 of the part of the Regulations.