



Royal Agricultural Society of NSW

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## ADVANCE™ Sydney Royal Cat Show

6 - 17 April 2023  
Sydney Showground  
Sydney Olympic Park  
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Open Championship Cat Show Proudly presented by Cats NSW Incorporated

Easter Sunday 9 April 2023 Sydney Showground Sydney Olympic Park



Entries via [www.catshowsonline.com](http://www.catshowsonline.com)

If you experience issues or would like manual entry to be done on your behalf please email

Helena Sugar - [arolena6@bigpond.com](mailto:arolena6@bigpond.com)

Show Entries Processing – Helena Sugar

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Welcome to the ADVANCE™ Sydney Royal Cat Show 2023  
proudly presented by  
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Thank you for entering the ADVANCE™ Sydney Royal Cat Show. This, our second year holding a show at the Sydney Royal Easter Show, is an important and special event that showcases some of the Best Pedigreed Cats, both state and interstate. It gives those who enter the show, the opportunity to show off their achievements to a large and captivated audience. Cats NSW Incorporated looks forward to presenting the Royal competition and ADVANCE™ Sydney Royal Cat Show for 2023.

Our 2023 3 rings show will see some changes, most significantly replacing the previous point scoring system for Best in Show by engaging an interstate judge who's assignment will solely be to award Best Pedigree Exhibit in show from each of the ring judges Best Kitten, Best Entire Cat & Best Desexed Cat. She will also award Best Companion Exhibit in Show from each of the ring judges Best Exhibit.”

We acknowledge and thank all exhibitors, sponsors, judges and stewards for helping to make the show a success.

*Helena Sugar*

**Helena Sugar**  
**President, Cats NSW Inc**  
**Chief Steward, ADVANCE™ Sydney Royal Cat Show**

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### AWARDS

#### PERPETUAL TROPHIES

The purpose of competition at the Sydney Royal Easter Show is to encourage agricultural and pastoral excellence, ensuring the continual improvement of standards. In the 1870s the Society introduced regulations to govern judges and judging to ensure that competition was consistent and fair, and the tradition of Perpetual Trophies dates back to this time. The Perpetual Trophies are the most prestigious of all RAS awards. They have a dual function in recognising superior effort in competition and commemorating people and organisations that have had a long and meritorious connection with the Society. Some of the trophies currently competed for were first won in 1911. Winners of Perpetual Trophies are permanently honoured, taking their place alongside past winners and becoming part of the ongoing tradition of the RAS. The Perpetual Trophy Collection of the RAS is unique. It comprises a wide range of beautiful and elegant trophies that illustrate an extraordinary history of agricultural judging and the pursuit of excellence.

Perpetual Trophies remain the property of Cats NSW Incorporated and the RAS of NSW. Ownership of the Trophy does not pass to the winning Exhibitor.

The annual winner's name will be engraved on the Trophy. A medallion will be awarded to the winner in recognition of winning.



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**The Searson Perpetual Trophy**  
for  
**Best in Show**  
+  
**\$200 Cash Prize**

**Supported by Coolcoons Maine Coons**

will be presented on Easter Sunday by  
Cats NSW Incorporated.

The Best Exhibit in Show will be chosen by Barbara La Rocca from Best in Group Exhibits chosen by the  
3 judges in rings.

**The Dr Yvonne L McIntyre Memorial Trophy**  
For  
**Best Burmese Cat In Show**

A medallion, supported by the RAS, for Best Burmese Cat in Show will be  
presented

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All Rosettes jointly sponsored by  
CATS NSW Incorporated & RAS

We would like to thank the following organisation, affiliates and  
individuals for their generous support of our cash prize pool

Cats NSW Inc,  
The Cool Country Cat Club, The Siamese Cat Society,  
Ava & Archer Cat Grooming Boutique,  
Coolcoons Maine Coons,  
Ribbons and Rosettes by Di

**1<sup>st</sup> Place Top 5**

**All Rings Groups 1, 2, 3, 4**

**\$15 and Rosette/Sponsorship Prizes**

**2<sup>nd</sup> – 5<sup>th</sup> Place Top 5**

**All Rings Groups 1, 2, 3, 4**

**Rosette/Sponsorship Prizes**

**Best In Group**

**All Rings Groups 1, 2, 3**

**\$50 and Rosette/Sponsorship Prizes**

**Supreme Companion Exhibit**

**\$50 and Rosette/Sponsorship Prizes**

**Supreme Exhibit All Rings**

**\$100 Cash Sponsored by Ava & Archer Cat Grooming and  
Rosette/Sponsorship Prizes**

**Best Exhibit In Show**

**\$200 Cash Sponsored by Coolcoons Maine Coons and  
Rosette/Sponsorship Prizes**

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**Best In Group Sponsor**

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## 2023 ADVANCE™ SYDNEY ROYAL CAT SHOW

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Held under the Rules and Regulations of Cats NSW Inc, in conjunction with the Australian Cat Federation. Entries are limited to 150.

### DEFINITION OF GROUPS

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#### Group 1

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Aphrodite Longhair, Aphrodite Shorthair, Birman, Exotic Shorthair, Maine Coon, Nebelung, Neva Masquerade, Norwegian Forest Cat, Persian, Ragdoll, Siberian, TurkishAngora & Turkish Van.

#### Group 2

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

#### Group 3

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Abyssinian, American Curl Longhair, American Curl Shorthair, American Shorthair, Australian Mist, Bengal, Bombay, British Shorthair, Burmese (American), Burmese, Burmilla Longhair, Burmilla Shorthair, Cornish Rex, Cymric, Devon Rex, Egyptian Mau, Japanese Bobtail Longhair, Japanese Bobtail Shorthair, Korat, La Perm Longhair, La Perm Shorthair, Lykoi, Mandalay, Manx, Munchkin, Ocicat, Pixiebob Longhair, Pixiebob Shorthair, Russian, Scottish Fold Longhair, Scottish Fold Shorthair, Scottish Longhair, Scottish Shorthair, Selkirk Rex Longhair, Selkirk Rex Shorthair, Singapura, Snowshoe, Somali, Sphynx, Tonkinese, Toyger.

#### Group 4

Companion Cat or Kitten

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## JUDGING

Judging will commence at 9am sharp.

## PAVILION

The 2023 ADVANCE™ Sydney Royal Cat Show will be held in Hall 3 - Pet Pavilion. The Pavilion will be open to the public from 9am to 7pm.

## EXHIBITION OF CATS

Cages are provided at the show, these are cleaned and disinfected. Please do not use any disinfectants in the cages as it may react with the material of the cage, which is fibreglass. All Exhibitors must supply a base of towelling or cotton measuring 560mm x 510mm. Plain coloured bases are permitted. Items such as lace, ribbon, cord, food bowls or soft toys must not be left in cages. Any items that could become entangled will be removed by the Chief Steward.

All Exhibits must remain in the Pavilion until 5pm. Only the Owner, or their representative, may remove the Exhibit at the end of the day.

## VETTING

Vetting will be conducted from 7am to 8.30am. No late vetting will be conducted.

## AMENDMENT TO JUDGING TIMETABLE

Cats NSW Incorporated reserves the right to change the Judging Timetable if necessary.

## PARKING

Parking is not included with your ticket purchase. Parking must be purchased directly from Sydney Olympic Park Authority. The P1 car park is the only car park that can be used for access to the showground if you are walking in with your cats. We recommend that you book a spot early do avoid missing out.

<https://www.sydneyolympicpark.com.au/parking/>

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## CONDITIONS OF ENTRY

Exhibitors must adhere to the Conditions of Entry to Sydney Showground located at [www.rasnsw.com.au](http://www.rasnsw.com.au). The Application for Entry constitute the whole agreement upon which Entries are submitted and the Exhibitor agrees that all representations and statements not appearing on the Application for Entry. The Exhibitor certifies that each animal Exhibited by them or by their child/children/guardian is duly registered and either their property absolutely or is under their absolute care and control. The Exhibitor holds CATS NSW INC exempt from any liability in the event of any loss or damage from any cause whatsoever. A refund of Entry Fees shall not be made unless a notification of withdrawal is received by CATS NSW INC in writing before the closing Day of Entry. A refund will not be issued until all unused passes have been returned to Cats NSW INC. The RAS has the power to evict any Exhibitor from the Showground.

1. Fees must be paid with Entry. Fees are not refunded for Exhibits not shown.
2. All Exhibits must be under the Owners name. Cattery prefixes will not be accepted as Owners.
3. A copy of the registered pedigree must accompany the Application for Entry for each pedigree Exhibit entered. This includes online entries.
4. Exhibits will be judged under the breed standards of the Australian Cat Federation Inc. It is not however a requirement for Exhibitors to be a member of the Australian Cat Federation Inc.
5. COLOURS; Agouti is defined as Tabby.
6. Any protests must be in writing and lodged with the Cats NSW Inc, together with \$25 fee, within seven (7) days of the Show. Fee returnable if protest upheld.
7. A cat/kitten must be entered in all rings of the Show in the OPEN CLASS for adult cats and an AGE CLASS for kittens subject to the Schedule as classified.
8. A cat/kitten, other than an Exhibit, shall not be allowed in or within the precincts of a Show during the conduct of the Show, except on Exhibition.
9. All cats Exhibited at the Show must be fed by the Exhibitor and no foodstuffs are allowed in the cages prior to Judging.
10. Cats must be at Hall 3 - Pet Pavilion from 6.30am on Sunday 9th April 2023 to 5.00pm Sunday 9 April 2023.

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## VETTING

11. No cat will be admitted to the Pavilion after 8.30am for examination by the Official Veterinarian of the RAS.
12. The vetting examination will take place in the Veterinarian's room in the Pavilion. Cats will not be examined inside the Pavilion. If approved, the cat must be benched at once. No person, except the Owner or their representative will be allowed in the Pavilion until after the cats have been examined and benched.
13. All Exhibits must be vaccinated. Vaccination must have been carried out no less than 14 days prior to the date of the Show. Exhibitors must have the current vaccination record available for each Exhibit at vetting.
14. Any Exhibit which shows symptoms of any disease, is flea infested and/or dirty must be removed from the Showground at once.
15. All Companion cats over the age of 6 months must be desexed.
16. Challenges will be awarded to Best Entire, Best Desexed in each colour section, only one Challenge or Best in Section will be awarded to Entire and Desexed cats or kittens in Other Colour Class.
17. No Exhibit shall be removed from the Pavilion between the hours of 9am and 5pm, unless a veterinary certificate be produced stating that the cat is not fit to remain on the bench, or is given special permission from the Chief Steward.
18. No cat or kitten shall be removed from its cage during the Show for any purpose whatsoever without the authority of the Chief Steward. If a cat is to be removed from the cage it must have a harness or leash attached at all times (except during judging).
19. Cats NSW Inc will not, under any circumstances, hold itself responsible for any loss or misdelivery of Exhibits at the ADVANCE™ Sydney Royal Cat Show or any damage thereto.
20. Any Exhibit which is unable to be handled or which is found to be under sedation will be disqualified. An Exhibit which cannot be handled by an Official of the Cats NSW Inc at any time at the Show shall be deemed to be fractious and shall be reported.
21. The age of all Exhibits will be the actual age on the first day of Cat judging at each Show. A kitten is defined as being 12 weeks and under 9 months of age on the first day of Judging (9 April 2023)
22. No entries will be accepted for kittens under the age of 12 weeks.
23. Kittens shall not be eligible to compete in Classes other than for kittens.
24. Desexed Exhibits shall not compete against entire Exhibits except where Special Regulations apply. For example for Supreme Exhibit. For Top 5 Kittens, desexed and entire kittens will compete together.

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## JUDGING

25. Judging of Exhibits will be Australian Open Championship style where the Judges officiate in front of Exhibitors and the general public and speak with the audience about the cats being judged.
26. Australian Cat Federation (ACF) Awards (where merited) will be awarded at the Open Championship Show only in all rings to the best placed Exhibit Male, Female, Neuter, Spay in Groups 1, 2, 3. For a cat to be considered of sufficient merit, the judge needs to deem that the cat be of a standard of excellence of not less than 95%.
27. Cats NSW Inc may, in any circumstances which it thinks fit refuse to accept the Entry of an Exhibit, or may at any time cancel any Entry already accepted and may disqualify the relative Exhibit from competing or Exhibiting in any specific Class or Classes or Events and without prejudice to the generality of the foregoing the RAS shall so act if a report of the Veterinarian upon the relative Exhibit discloses that the Veterinarian considers or finds that the Exhibit:
  - a. is affected with any contagious or infectious disease, or is obviously in kitten, or is known to have or is suspected of having been brought onto the Showground from a cattery in which an animal is affected by or suffering from a contagious or infectious disease or which an animal was affected by or suffering from a contagious or infectious disease within 30 days or the relevant incubation period whichever is the shorter, prior to the date upon which the relevant Exhibit was brought onto the Showground.
  - b. shows any signs of any surgical or other artificial interference which is calculated to deceive or is capable of deceiving either Judge or spectators.
28. All Exhibits must be brought into the Pavilion securely contained in an adequate carrying receptacle.
29. Exhibit Unworthy of Award. The Judge may in his/her absolute discretion and without assigning any reason therefore, decline to make an Award in respect of any Exhibit.
30. If any Exhibit is not in its cage when the Judges are called to the floor, the Exhibit will be automatically disqualified.
31. All Exhibits (local, interstate or overseas) must comply with the Full Register rules and Regulations as applicable in NSW. Any breach will render Exhibits liable to disqualification.

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### **PENALTY: NON-EXHIBITION OF CATS**

32. An Exhibitor making an entry may be subject to a fine of \$50 for each entry not Exhibited, unless notification under the hand of the Exhibitor or his authorised agent be lodged with Cats NSW Inc prior to the commencement of Judging the Class in which the Exhibit is entered to the effect that such non-Exhibition is caused either by:
  - a. the death of the animal or animals,
  - b. contagious or infectious disease confirmed by a veterinary certificate, or
  - c. any other reasonable cause acceptable Cats NSW Inc
33. All Exhibits must be registered with a recognised Governing Body.
34. Use of methylated spirits or atomiser sprays in the hall are not allowed.
35. An Exhibitor or handler of an Exhibit shall not use talcum powder or other like substance on an Exhibit whilst an Exhibit is caged or whilst in the vicinity of the cages.
36. No cat obviously in kitten is allowed to be entered.
37. All experimental Exhibits entered must be from an experimental program from a recognised Governing Body. The type of cat for which the breeder is experimenting in such program and the generation must be stated on the Application for Entry.
38. Breeds and colours/patterns Breeds that are not recognised by the ACF and CCCA are not eligible for entry.
39. All breeds accepted by either ACF or CCCA are eligible to enter the Open Championship Cat Show on Sunday 9th April 2023.



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### EXHIBITOR CONFIRMATION ADVICE & DASHBOARD SLIPS

The Exhibit Confirmation Advice, otherwise known as a bench slip, indicates the Class in which your cat/s have been entered, and is required for access to the Showground. A Dashboard Slip will also be issued to Exhibitors with the Showtime Authorised Contact Person's mobile number printed on the slip. A Dashboard Slip must be displayed on the dashboard of each vehicle at all times while on the Showground.

### EXHIBITOR PASSES

- 1 - 2 cats: Two (2) one-day entry pass
- 3 - 5 cats: Three (3) one-day entry passes.
- More than 5 cats: Four (4) one-day entry passes.





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**JUDGES**  
**Best Cat In Show**  
**will be judged by**  
**Barbara La Rocca**  
**QFA**



Barbara was introduced to and instantly fell in love with the Burmese breed in 1979 and began breeding under her Riokay prefix. In 1988 she decided to bred Abyssinians as well. She has also imported Somalis and bred Burmillas, Tonkinese and Maine Coons. Barbara bred Supreme Exhibit winners in both Burmese and Abyssinians and has had numerous Best Kitten and Cats of the Year with QFA. She has twice proudly achieved Group 3 Prefix of the Year with QFA.

Barbara began training with QFA as a Shorthair judge in 1988. After judging for a couple of years she started training in Longhairs and in 1998 became an All Breeds judge with QFA. She has judged and continues to do so throughout Australia and New Zealand and has also judged in Kuala Lumpur, Germany and the Netherlands.

In 2017 Barbara returned as President of QFA Inc. Barbara was President of QFA Inc. from 2002 – 2015. She is also currently President of Burmese Cat Fanciers Club of Qld and previously held the positions of President of the Abyssinian & Somali Cat Club of Qld and is currently the President of the Gold Coast Cat Club.

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**Margaret Harris - Ring 1 – New Zealand Cat Fancy Inc**



My “Love” for cats must have started with my “Teddy Bear” as mine was a real live Siamese and in hindsight must have been from the very first Siamese in Canterbury, yes I am no longer young in body, just in heart. We, my husband David and I, did not actually apply for the “Iluka or Tartarus” Prefix until the mid-1980’s, by which time I had already been showing Pets for several years. Over the years we have bred and shown, Siamese & Orientals, Burmese & Mandalay’s, British & Scottish Folds, with all the associated family groups for these breeds, Russian Blue & Whites, and 3 Exotic Neuters, we have both exported and imported many cats around the world.

Then I became a Shorthair Judge followed up by completing further studies and achieving Senior All Breeds status. Everything went well, really well in fact, with assignments all over Australia and NZ. National and Royal shows through to small club shows, all equally enjoyable and memorable. That was until the 2010/11 Earthquake shook Christchurch. Our Cat breeding days were quite clearly over. Our cats were dispersed far and wide as our home was to need major repairs. It took over 5 years before our home was virtually rebuilt. During this time I needed to step away from Cats completely, so just under 3 years ago I resigned as a Judge. Now our house and life has been rebuilt and I am happy to say that I have this October 2019 been accepted back as an All Breeds by our NZCF. Dave & I have also retired from working so our days are our own; we have the Grey Nomad Caravan, 2 grown up children, Charlotte and John, plus 6 lovely grandchildren. We also have one very spoilt and much loved cat, Adeyla, our only remaining Russian Blue from our breeding days, I can now look forward to Judging again where ever whenever anyone invites me to attend and sometimes I might even bring Dave along for the ride.

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Jenny Weekes – Ring 2 – Cats NSW Inc



I have owned cats my entire life, starting with farm cats as a child. I purchased my first pet Birman in 1990 and my first breeding Birman in 1994. With my husband Greg we have bred Birmans in Canberra, Townsville, Wellington (NZ) on the Gold Coast and now at Murrumbateman. My first prefix – Kachin was granted in Canberra in 1994 and my current prefix, Sunsoar, was granted in 1997. We have achieved many major awards at specialist and All Breed shows including Birman Cat Fanciers Qld Supreme Exhibit 2010 and 2012 and two Best Group 1 desexed at the ACF National 2016.

Following my retirement from the RAAF and moving to the Gold Coast in 2006, I was able to commence training to become a judge with QFA and gained my Companion licence in 2007 with QFA, followed by a Group 1 (Longhair) licence in 2009. I became an All Breeds Judge in 2014.

Greg and I are enjoying our life in Murrumbateman and share our home with our Birmans, Bees and Alpacas. Aside from my cat related activities I enjoy gardening, bee keeping, travelling and spending time with the grandchildren.

### **INTERNATIONAL ASSIGNMENTS**

2012 New Zealand 2012

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Fiona Cooper – Ring 3 – Cats NSW Inc



I have bred Siamese, Orientals, Foreign Whites, Burmese, Devon Rex, Scottish Folds and even a litter of Abyssinians under the Fioric prefix over the past 26 years. I have been a regular exhibitor for over 25 years and have exhibited in most parts of NSW and occasionally interstate.

My first Maine Coon litter was born in 1999 and I've bred these amazing felines since then under the Coolcoons prefix. I've imported several of these cats from the UK, Norway, the USA and quite a few from New Zealand. I have enjoyed considerable show success with Coolcoons cats and kittens having won many Best Group 1 Exhibit and Supreme All Breeds Exhibit in Show awards as well as NSW CFA Kitten and Cat of the Year Awards. I've owned and/or bred Cat or Kitten of the Year in all 3 Groups with NSW CFA since I first began exhibiting.

I gained my Group 3 judges licence in 1999, followed by Group 2 in 2003 and I completed my Group 1 training in 2008 and have enjoyed judging in most states of Australia, in New Zealand and South Africa and transferred all those Licences in 2013 to CATS NSW

### **INTERNATIONAL ASSIGNMENTS**

New Zealand, South Africa, China

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## Cats NSW Officials and Stewards for the ADVANCE™ Sydney Royal Cat Show 2022

Chief Steward	Helena Sugar	Show Manager
Assistant to Chief Steward	Tony Hurry	Assistant Show Manager
Steward	Debbie Thomas	Card Room
Steward	Ali Moore	Card Room
Steward	Hazel Farraway	Card Room
Stewards – Ring 1	Andrew Fraser <b>Margaret Harris - Judge</b> Hazel Rossiter	
Stewards – Ring 2	Rebekah Darmody <b>Jenny Weekes - Judge</b> Jeanette Rossiter	
Stewards – Ring 3	Di Stokes <b>Fiona Cooper - Judge</b>	
Steward	Brad Stokes	Photos
Steward	Renee Bont	Judges Transport/Runner

Our Best in Show Judge, Barb La Rocca, will be assisted by our Chief Steward, Helena Sugar

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Entry Costs

Pedigree Cats	\$35.00
Pedigree Kittens	\$35.00
Companion Cats & Kittens	\$35.00
Catalogue	\$10.00

**YOU MUST BRING YOUR VACCINATION CARDS ON THE DAY FOR ALL EXHIBITS, CATS AND KITTENS**

**Please include with your online entry copies of the pedigree of each exhibit, pedigrees must be in the name of the Exhibitor.**

**Entries Close  
Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> March 2023**

Email entries to [www.catshowsonline.com](http://www.catshowsonline.com)

