



# The Governing Council of the Cat Fancy of SA Inc

Established 30<sup>th</sup> June, 1962  
Affiliated to The Australian Cat Federation (Inc)

## DOMESTIC AND COMPANION JUDGES COURSE

Governing Council is to organise a course for training Domestic and Companion Judges. Some states have panels of purely Domestic and Companion Judges and some use the course as a prerequisite for training as a pedigree judge. Some states have seen this as a reward system for members who have worked at shows for several years.

### CRITERIA FOR A DOMESTIC AND COMPANION JUDGE CANDIDATE

Candidate must be over 18 years of age and a member of GCCFSA. The candidate must be an experienced handler of cats, so that the cat's safety is assured during the judging assignment. A good knowledge of the Show Rules and paper work is required, as well as an ability to communicate with exhibitors and give good advice about responsible pet ownership, health problems, diet, grooming and show preparation.

An application form to be sent to Governing Council giving details of involvement and experience with shows and cats. Applications to be discussed at Governing Council and successful candidates are then sent an invitation to attend the training course.

Candidates are to undertake a pre-course assignment covering topics such as ACF Domestic and Companion Standard, Show Rules, and Judges Code of Ethics.

### COURSE

The course to be a one-day course including the following topics:

- Responsibilities of a GCCFSA Judge
- Dress and etiquette
- ACF Domestic and Companion Standard
- Colours and patterns
- Paperwork – Judges Slips
- Judging procedure, handling of cats, open and closed shows, sideclasses, UTJ and UTH, show rules.
- Importance of grooming and presentation of exhibits

The above items to be presented by several tutor judges in the morning and followed by a Q&A session. Candidates are asked to bring in cats for judging.

In the afternoon each candidate to be given three (3) exhibits to assess and then complete a judge's slip for the cats. The candidate then to give an open-style presentation on their Best Exhibit and the awarding of two sideclasses such as:

- Best Coat Colour, Presentation, and Best Purrsonality Exhibit.

When presentation is complete Judges Slips are given to the Panel of Judges. Time allowed for each candidate is 30 minutes.

The tutor panel to consider the presentations and then recommend the candidates who can become a Probationary Domestic and Companion Judge. Probationary Domestic and Companion Judge must then complete three (3) assignments at shows which are assessed by Tutor Judges before becoming a qualified Domestic and Companion Judge. The tutor panel can make recommendations for any parts of Judging process that the Candidate should gain more experience during the assignments.



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<b>NAME</b>			
<b>GOVERNING COUNCIL MEMBERSHIP NUMBER</b>			
<b>ADDRESS</b>			
<b>PHONE NUMBER</b>		<b>MOBILE</b>	
<b>EMAIL</b>			

### EXPERIENCE IN CAT FANCY

<b>CATS OWNED</b> (Breeds & Number of years)	
<b>CATS SHOWN</b> (Breeds & Number of years)	
<b>STEWARDED EXPERIENCE</b> (Number of years)	
<b>OTHER SHOW EXPERIENCE</b> (Ticket room, clerk, trophies, Show Manager, Vetting, etc)	
<b>POSITIONS HELD IN CLUBS</b>	
<b>POSITIONS HELD ON GOVERNING COUNCIL</b>	

If there other skills that you have that you would like to add please use the back of this page.

I wish to apply to be a Candidate for GC DOMESTIC & COMPANION JUDGES COURSE and agree to abide by the rules and regulations of the Governing Council and the Judges Code of Ethics.

SIGNED -----DATE-----