



## Your First Cat Show Checklist!



### Entering the Show

- ✓ Get the show flyer and entry forms off the club's web site or TICA's show calendar which links to the club web site
- ✓ Get your cat registered before the show if it's not yet. Cats are allowed to go to one show without being registered but if you want to keep your points for titles and end-of-season awards, make sure your cat is registered before the second show.
- ✓ Fill out one Entry Summary Form.
- ✓ Send all Entry Forms (with entry fee) to the Entry Clerk, either by email, mail, or in person

### Get Ready for Your First Show

#### Pack for the show:

- ✓ Carrier
- ✓ Towel or pad for inside carrier
- ✓ Towel to cover carrier
- ✓ Cage (if you have a portable cage)
- ✓ Cage curtains or cover up (towel,, fabric or other material to cover the opening on the top and side of the cage)
- ✓ Litter pan
- ✓ Kitty litter (litter is normally supplied but if your cat prefers a special litter, please use that!)
- ✓ Bags (for garbage and soiled litter)
- ✓ Water bowl
- ✓ Food bowl
- ✓ Treats
- ✓ Canned food
- ✓ Dry food
- ✓ Bottled water
- ✓ Plastic forks for canned food
- ✓ Toys (teasers, catnip mice, balls, etc.)
- ✓ Bed
- ✓ Fan (long hair cats get hot!)
- ✓ Towels
- ✓ Nail clippers
- ✓ Quips (to clean eyes and ears)
- ✓ Eye drops
- ✓ Ear wash

- ✓ Rescue Remedy for calming nervous cats
- ✓ Other holistic remedies (use things you've used before and know how they will affect your cat!)
- ✓ Bay Rum and Vanilla (small bottles; great to dab on noses if cages have a scent from a previous cat/class)
- ✓ Brush or comb (depending on
- ✓ Emergency shampoo – dry and bottle of premixed
- ✓ Spray to calm static in coat
- ✓ Pee pads to put on bottom of cage for spilled water
- ✓ Towel to lay over pee pads on bottom of cage
- ✓ Confirmation slip received from the Entry Clerk.
- ✓ Vaccination records for each entry.
- ✓ Pedigree and Registration papers if applicable
- ✓ Pens and markers
- ✓ Clips and tabs to mark catalog pages
- ✓ Calculator (for point calculation)
- ✓ Camera! You need to take photos!!
- ✓ Cash for lunch for you....and some snacks in between rings

Once you decide if you want to show a lot, you may want to invest in a portable cage if you don't have one and a backdrop screen for your grooming area.

#### Groom your cat:

Depending on the length of your cat's coat you may need to groom it a few days before the show or a few hours before the show. Check with other breeders to find out the best way and time to bathe your cat plus what products to use.

- ✓ Bathe your cat
- ✓ Clean ears, eyes and butt
- ✓ Clip your cat's claws

#### It's Show Day!

- ✓ Check-in with Entry Clerk (get your Exhibitor Catalogue and find out where you're benched).
- ✓ Find and set up your benching area.
- ✓ Check the catalogue for correctness of your entries.
- ✓ Groom your cat for the first Judging Ring (check eyes, ears, nose, butt and paws). Wipe them out or off and give that last little shine before you go to the ring. Do this before each ring.
- ✓ Mark your catalog for each ring so you can track your cat and competition's winnings and standings.
- ✓ Have fun and visit with other friends and exhibitors. When you have fun you'll relax which will help your cat be calm too.

#### After the Show

- ✓ Bathe or wipe our cat(s) and also clean your cat's cage (if you have a pop up cage) and crate with a mild solution of
- ✓ Give any feedback you'd like to about the show to the Show Manager or other Committee Members.
- ✓ Register your cat with TICA, if it isn't already, before the next show.

- ✓ Fill out and send in Title Confirmation Form to TICA if your cat earned a title such as Champion
- ✓ Check results online at TICA/Standings

For additional information regarding TICA Show Rules, judging, Exhibitor Etiquette and Classifications visit [www.tica.org/public/showing.php](http://www.tica.org/public/showing.php)