



The International *Cat* Association

TICA Junior Exhibitor Program: Junior Intermediate Level of Achievement

Instructions:

1. Download the form.
2. Open the form in Adobe Acrobat Reader.
3. Fill out the top part of the form.
4. Save and Print.

Date: _____

Junior Exhibitor Information

First Name: _____ Last Name: _____

Email Address: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Postal Code: _____

Country: _____ Phone: _____

Mentor: _____ Region: _____ Age: _____

Requirements

Junior Exhibitors must meet the following requirements to advance to the Junior Advanced Level:

Be a member of a club or Junior Exhibitor club and submit Application Form and Dues to your club/regional JE Liaison. Please check with your region's JE Liaison for JE club or TICA club information.

Renew or Complete TICA Junior Member Registration, if expired.

Have a Mentor:

Mentor's name: _____

Mentor's email: _____

Mentor's phone: _____

Mentor's signature: _____

Have a kitten, cat, alter, HHPK, or HHP registered in your name:

Name of cat: _____

Registration number: _____

Show in at least 4 TICA shows after earning your Junior Novice level. Please list the following information on the shows attended. Use back of form to add more if necessary.

Show Name	Date	Entry Number

Participate in a fund raiser for the Junior Exhibitors or your cat club or donate a service/time to the Junior Exhibitors or your club after earning your Junior Novice level.

Show name: _____ Date: _____

Service donated: _____



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(Requirements cont.)

Complete the necessary paperwork and submit it to the Regional Director to earn your Junior Exhibitor Excellence Award if this level is in a new TICA year.

Participate in at least 2 Junior Exhibitor Rings after earning your Junior Novice level. Use back of form to add more if necessary.

Show Name	Date	Entry Number

Attend at least one clinic or seminar after earning your Junior Novice level.

Show name: _____ Date: _____

Seminar/clinic attended: _____

Signature of Instructor/Witness: _____

Steward in at least 1 show after earning your Junior Novice level (does not need to be an entire show/day).

Show name: _____ Date: _____

Signature of Clerk/Judge: _____

Complete the personal project.

Mentor's signature of receipt of report: _____

Meet your Regional Director (you only have to introduce yourself if there is a new RD).

Regional Director's name: _____

Date of meeting: _____

Review Study Questions for Junior Intermediate level.

Complete open book test.

Mentor's signature of receipt of test: _____

I have completed all the requirements listed above:	
Print Name:	_____
Signature:	_____
Date:	_____
Mentor's Signature:	_____
Regional Liaison Signature for advancement to Junior Advanced Level:	_____



Personal Project: Display Project

A. Please submit to your mentor and display at a show a poster project that uses a photo of a cat (your cat if possible) and label the following on the photo:

shoulder blades	thigh	head	neck	tail
chin	forehead/brow	ears	paws	ribs
trunk or torso	front feet	nose	eyes	limbs
flank	back feet	whisker pads	back	abdomen

B. Please describe in writing, either on the poster or separate sheet, the following problems in structure (some photos or illustrations encouraged). Please find photos of problem structure if possible):

Jaw: overshot, undershot and wry mouth

Eyes: Entropion and Epiphora

Nose: Reduced Nostril Aperture

Spine/Tail: Kink and stiff tail

Limbs: Hip Dysplasia, Polydactyl, and Cow-Hocked Legs

Junior Intermediate Level Questions

Do not forget that the questions are comprehensive from the previous levels. You are responsible for the information learned on the previous levels.

Basic Husbandry

Describe how you bathe and groom your cat? How do you dry your cat?

Is there a difference in types of cat food?

What are the differences between "premium cat foods" and "cheap store brands"?

What is declawing?

What does the term "spay" mean?

What does the term "neuter" mean?

What does the term "whole cat" mean?

Why do we alter?

Should "pet quality" kittens be altered? Why?

Basic Information on Feline Structure

Be able to identify the following on a cat:

shoulder blades	thigh	head	neck	tail
chin	forehead/brow	ears	paws	ribs
trunk or torso	front feet	nose	eyes	limbs
flank	back feet	whisker pads	back	abdomen

Be able to define the following problems in structure:

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Basic Showing Questions

Do you train your cat to be a show cat? How?

What is the age for the kitten class?

When does a kitten become an adult in a show class?

What is a final?

What age can a kitten be brought (not shown) to a TICA show?

Is there a class for pregnant cats?

What ring should you go to first if a final ring is called and a judging ring is called at the same time?

Basic TICA Information

What is the TICA website address?

What is a TICA Junior Member?

What rights and privileges does a TICA Junior Member have?

Basic Show Etiquette

Is good sportsmanship only about winning?

Why should you go promptly to a ring when your number is called?

What should you do if you have an emergency that delays you taking your cat to a ring when called?

Is there an acceptable excuse for making derogatory (negative) comments about an exhibitor's cat at ringside?

What is the correct way to communicate something to a judge at ringside?

If you know a cat is present, and you know where they are benched and they are late for their ring call what should you do?

Should you visit with the judge during a show?

Why should you keep your litter box clean at the show hall?

What should you do if your cat soils the show cage?



Open Book Test

- 1) What does alter mean?
 - a) Cat that is medicated and acting sluggish or different
 - b) To change the judging schedule
 - c) A male or female cat that has had surgery and can no longer reproduce
 - d) Term the master clerk uses to note a change in the report
- 2) The term "polydactyl" is used when referring to
 - a) a cat's nose
 - b) ear type
 - c) having many colors
 - d) having more toes than usual
- 3) A steward is responsible for calling the cats to the judging ring.
 - a) True
 - b) False
- 4) A kitten can be shown from the age of 3 months to 8 months?
 - a) True
 - b) False
- 5) Pregnant females can be shown until they are 1 month in gestation?
 - a) Yes
 - b) No
- 6) TICA Junior Members have all the privileges of a regular member except for voting and holding offices?
 - a) Yes
 - b) No
- 7) Should you carry on a loud conversation in the judging ring?
 - a) Yes
 - b) No
- 8) Is it important to go to the ring promptly when called?
 - a) Yes, it keeps the show running smoothly and timely
 - b) No, it is good to be late and let everyone see who owns the cat
- 9) If you needed to let the Judge know something important about your cat such as it had been frightened and to be extra gentle you should:
 - a) discreetly tell the judge between judging cats
 - b) tell the judge between classes
 - c) relay the information to the clerk and she will communicate your concerns to the judge
 - d) write a note to the judge
- 10) Should you ever give unsolicited critiques to someone about their cat?
 - a) Yes, it is good to educate others
 - b) No, it is not good sportsmanship to criticize other cats
- 11) If someone you know is on a final call in your ring, you should:
 - a) try to find them and let them know
 - b) continue sitting at the ring and let them miss their call
- 12) A kink in the tail is a tail that lacks flexibility due to abnormally thick but normal shaped vertebrae.
 - a) True
 - b) False
- 13) Which of the following describes a wry mouth:
 - a) The upper jaw protrudes out over the lower jaw
 - b) The lower jaw protrudes out over the upper jaw
 - c) The lower jaw may be twisted to one side