



Show Rules

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1. General

1.1 Cat Shows

Cat shows are one of the most important promotion events and the presentation of the cat fancy. Besides web sites and social media, cat shows are the most important tools of cat fancy to educate the public about cats of domestic origin, pedigreed or not, and to promote the welfare and a good life for all cats. Information about the cat fancy brought to the community through newspapers, radio, television and social media will normally take place in connection with local cat shows. A cat show is the arena where many potential cat fanciers become active after having been a visitor. Cat shows are also the place where the exhibitors from different international Members meet, where they compete with their cats and where they have the possibility to exchange experiences with each other.

1.2 Code of Ethics for Exhibitors

1.2.1 Principles being the Exhibitor at FIFe Shows

Exhibitors are, besides the cats themselves and the FIFe Judges, one of most important promoters of the cat fancy and have great responsibilities toward the values and principles promoted by the Federation. Exhibitors, whether only exhibitors or also breeders, are usually the first contact and their behaviour and attitude are among the first impressions people outside the cat fancy experience.

They are expected to:

- show knowledge about cats and breeds, about the welfare of cats, about how to take proper care of them and their needs, and the understanding of a cat's behaviour
- show knowledge about FIFe and understanding of the basic values and principles identifying the organisation,
- be able to communicate with other exhibitors and other people (e.g. visitors, judges, show organizers) always in a respectful manner, showing tolerance towards each other, despite possible differences, different opinions and different cultural and educational backgrounds; always maintain self-control, support each other in our common interests and goals, and never engage in transgressive behaviour (e.g. harassing, bullying or threatening etc.),
- demonstrate a welcoming atmosphere in the show hall and on social media to influence the public's positive opinion and attitude towards cats, encourage others to become interested in cat fancy and to join us in common goals for the welfare of cats.

1.2.2 Code of Ethics and responsibility of a FIFe Member

Exhibitors and Breeders are representatives of FIFe and the FIFe Member they belong to and shall conduct themselves as such.

They shall always display a considerate and caring attitude and courteous behaviour whether verbal, written and/or as demonstrated by physical actions.

Whether exhibiting or visiting a show, they shall not cause disruption during or after the show.

Social media is considered an extension of the physical public space and respectful behaviour is expected there as well.

Exhibitors and Breeders are the responsibility of the Member to which they belong.

The Member is responsible to act against such Exhibitors and Breeders who do not respect this code of ethics, whether such behaviour is officially lodged in a complaint, or only reported or noticed. This applies to any inappropriate behaviour in connection with cat shows, as well as on social media.