

FELIS BRITANNICA VETERINARY RULES

1. GENERAL RULES RELATING TO THE HEALTH OF CATS BELONGING TO FELIS BRITANNICA MEMBERS

- 1.1. The Felis Britannica Veterinary rules apply to all members of Felis Britannica member clubs.
- 1.2. All Felis Britannica member clubs are responsible for applying the Felis Britannica Veterinary rules.
- 1.3. Should any cat owned by, or living with the exhibitor, be diagnosed with an infectious disease at any time (other than ringworm, Feline Leukaemia virus [FeLV] or Feline Immunodeficiency virus [FIV]), **no cat from the household must attend shows**, until all cats have been declared free of all symptoms of the disease by the exhibitor's veterinary surgeon. Cats that have tested positive for FIV or FeLV must not be shown.
- 1.4. Should ringworm be diagnosed by a veterinary surgeon in any cat owned by, or living with a Felis Britannica member, the Breeding, Health and Welfare Commission Veterinary Clearance Officer **must be informed by the member**. It will be necessary to impose quarantine to prevent spread of disease. A veterinary clearance certificate provided by Felis Britannica must be completed and signed by the veterinary surgeon responsible for the care of the member's cats, confirming each cat is free of all symptoms of ringworm. The completed certificate must then be returned to and acknowledged by the Clearance Officer, for quarantine to be lifted.
- 1.5. Should any cat(s) owned by, or living with the exhibitor be diagnosed with Feline Infectious Peritonitis (FIP) no cat from the household must attend shows, visit stud or accept outside queens until a month after either the treatment course for FIP is completed or death from FIP.
- 1.6. If a cat has been imported from a country deemed to be at high risk* for FCoV-23 or serious infectious disease, no cat from the household must attend shows for one month after the cat has arrived. The imported cat should not visit stud /accept outside queens until one month after arrival.

*high risk areas to be published on Felis Britannica's website and updated following veterinary advice

2. VETERINARY RULES RELATING TO CAT SHOWS

2.0 All exhibitors will agree to abide by the Felis Britannica Veterinary Rules.

2.1 – VACCINATIONS

All cats exhibited at Felis Britannica must be vaccinated in accordance with manufacturer's recommendations and vaccinations must be administered by an authorised veterinary professional. Vaccination must as a minimum provide protection from at least feline panleukopenia, feline calici virus and feline herpes virus. Further vaccinations should be administered at the owners wish.

Homeopathic vaccination/inoculation is not acceptable.

If a vaccination has been given within fifteen days of the show, the affected cat will be refused entry to the Show and to the Show Hall and all fees will be forfeit.

2.1.1 Primary Vaccination Course

A primary vaccination course consists of 2 vaccinations 3-4 weeks apart plus a third dose given between 12 and 15 months after the second dose.

A kitten or adult cat who is restarting their primary vaccination course may be exhibited fifteen (15) days after their second dose.

Cats with more than 6 weeks between the first and second dose of their primary must be refused entry to the show, and any would require the primary course to be restarted.

Adult cats who have more than a 15-month gap between their second and third dose of their primary must be rejected from the show and would require the primary course to be restarted to be exhibited.

2.1.2 Booster Vaccinations

Booster vaccinations required should be given according to the manufacturer's recommended intervals. The maximum booster period will default to two years (730 days) immediately prior to the show date.

Once a cat has completed its primary vaccination course, even if a greater than two-year (730 days) time period has elapsed a single booster will restore full immunity.

2.1.3 Vaccination Certificates

A cat's vaccination certificate must show the registered name of the cat as given on the Show Entry Form and pedigree certificate. Non-pedigree cats

must show the same name on the vaccination certificate as on the Show Entry Form. The microchip number should be given on the vaccination certificate. If necessary, the microchip number may be used to positively identify a cat.

The vaccination entry must include the brand of vaccination, batch number and be signed and dated by a veterinary professional.

Scanned copies of the vaccination cards are accepted providing the registered name of the cat is visible on the same page as the record of the vaccination.

If a vaccination certificate is not produced at vetting-in, the affected cat is liable to be refused entry into the show and show hall unless the exhibitor undertakes to provide proof of vaccination, valid for that show, by sending the certificate to the Show Manager within seven days of the show. Failure to do so will lead to disqualification from the show and the cat's name will be placed on the rejection list until proof of vaccination is received by the Clearance Officer.

2.2- VETERINARY EXAMINATION

2.2.1 Only cats that have successfully passed through 'vetting-in' may enter the show hall; any cat(s) found to be in the show hall that were not examined or were rejected, **may lead to disciplinary action** against the exhibitor.

2.2.2 A cat may not be shown if it has a skin lesion or an unhealed injury. The examining Show Veterinary Surgeon must be satisfied that a scar or a patch of shortened hair is not caused by an infectious condition.

2.2.3 The examining veterinary surgeon's decision is final and cannot be challenged.

2.3- REJECTION FROM SHOWS

2.2.1 Any cat rejected for lesions, injuries, skin parasites, or poor condition may be placed in isolation for the duration of the show if the exhibitor wishes to show other cats unless the veterinary surgeon thinks it is in the cats best interest to be taken from the show hall.

2.2.2 In the event that a cat is rejected for ear mite infestation, suspected ringworm or a symptom of an infectious disease **every** cat entered by the exhibitor will be rejected. The exhibitor's cats will not be allowed into the show hall to be shown and all fees will be forfeited.

2.2.3 Cats rejected as in 2.2.2 will be quarantined, with immediate effect. These cats must be examined by the exhibitor's own veterinary surgeon within seven calendar days of the show date. The exhibitors own veterinary surgeon must complete section 3 of the veterinary

rejection form and return it to the veterinary clearance officer within ten calendar days. Failure to do so without good reason will result in disciplinary action and placed on the rejection list by the clearance officer.

- 2.2.4 In the event that the exhibitor's own veterinary surgeon does not make a diagnosis for the reason the cats were rejected, he/she must clearly state that these cats are free of any symptoms of the reason stated on the rejection form. The completed form must be returned to the veterinary clearance officer within ten calendar days. This will be acknowledged by the Clearance Officer, at which time quarantine will be lifted.
- 2.2.5 Where a confirmed diagnosis is made by the exhibitor's veterinary surgeon in cats rejected as in 2.2.2 above, the rejection form must be returned to the Clearance officer clearly stating the diagnosis. Quarantine will be maintained until the veterinary surgeon responsible for treating the exhibitor's cats can complete a Felis Britannica veterinary clearance certificate, confirming all cats owned by, or living with the exhibitor, are free of all symptoms of the disease diagnosed. The completed certificate must be returned to and acknowledged by the Clearance Officer before quarantine can be lifted.
- 2.2.6 Repeated rejections of cats belonging to an exhibitor may invoke an enquiry into their management of the health and welfare of their cats.**

3 - QUARANTINE

- 3.1 Quarantine refers to all cats or kittens belonging to or living with a member. Whilst quarantine is in place, no cat or kitten may attend shows, queens cannot visit studs outside of the member's household, nor may queens from other breeder visit studs within the member's household. No kitten or cat may be sold, or leave the household unless approved by the Breeding, Health and Welfare Commission.
- 3.2 Any person in close contact with any quarantined cat must take precautions to avoid carrying the infection to other cats.
- 3.3 If the Breeding, Health and Welfare Commission is satisfied that a cat which is registered as being owned by a member whose cats are under quarantine, but which is resident elsewhere, has not been in contact with the member's other cats, the Commission may release that cat from quarantine restrictions.
- 3.4 In order to be given veterinary clearance, the member must provide evidence that every cat and kitten is free of all symptoms of the infectious disease diagnosed. Depending upon the nature of this disease, the evidence required may be by negative test results and/or by clinical examination of each cat. The clearance certificate must be completed by

the veterinary surgeon responsible for the care of the cats during quarantine. The completed certificate must be returned to and acknowledged by the Clearance Officer for quarantine restrictions to be lifted.

- 3.5 A member may apply to the Health, Breeding and Welfare Commission for permission to permanently remove a cat or kitten from their household whilst in quarantine. This will depend upon the individual circumstances relating to the reason for quarantine at the time.

4 GENERAL INFECTION PREVENTION MEASURES

- 4.1 Show Pens, podium, teasers and tables should be thoroughly disinfected between cats, the disinfectant should be effective against as a minimum, FCoV, Calicivirus & Feline Parvovirus.
- 4.2 If teasers cannot be adequately disinfected, either the exhibitors teaser should be used or single use teasers provided.
- 4.3 Judges and stewards should be provided with hand sanitiser effective against as a minimum, FCoV, Calicivirus & Feline Parvovirus to decontaminate their hands between cats.
- 4.4 Cats should be penned a minimum of 1.5 meters away from each other if a physical barrier is not in place to mitigate the risk of droplet exposure.
- 4.5 Where a pen / table / podium is contaminated with faecal matter this should be thoroughly cleaned and preferably not used for the duration of the show.

Revision History

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Article 1.5	Addition	Management where a cat is diagnosed with FIP or other serious infectious disease.
Article 2.1	Change	Clarification of vaccination requirements for cats being shown.
Article 2.2.1	Change	Documentation of allowance for the vet to be removed from the show hall if the vet thinks it is in the cat's best interest.
Article 2.2.3 & 2.2.4	Change	Clarification of timescales following veterinary rejection
Article 4	Addition	Documentation of General Infection Prevention Measures at a show
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Article 2.1.1	Change	Detailing the minimum diseases vaccination should cover.
Article 2.1.6	Addition	Homeopathic vaccination/inoculation is not acceptable.
Article 2.3.5	Change	Defining the commission the veterinary rejection forms should be sent to