

## **REGISTERED COMPANION CATS**

1. A Registered Companion Cat Section may be included in NZCF sanctioned Shows. The section may be judged by judges already contracted to judge another section at the same Show, including Domestic Judges.
2. All exhibits competing in the Companion Cat Section shall be de-sexed.
3. There will be two Divisions, Longhair Cats and Shorthair Cats. There will not be a separate Division for Kittens, but should Kittens be entered, they shall be de-sexed, and will compete on equal standing with Cats, in the same Division. [i.e. there will be no separate Kitten section.]
4. The Registered Companion Cat Section will compete for titles, and cats having the necessary number of challenges will be known as Premier Companions, right up to Gold Double Grand Premier status.
5. Every cat placed in the Top 10 will be eligible for challenges, and 3 challenges from 3 different Judges are required before Premier Companion status is awarded (challenge certificates will be awarded only to cats in the top 10).
6. (a.) As this Division is intended as a Division to enable pedigree, part pedigree, or pedigree phenotype cats to be shown specifically separate from unregistered Domestic exhibits, no cat without prior dispensation from the Executive Council which has been awarded Grand Champion or higher in either Entire or Neuter /Spay Divisions will be permitted to be shown as Registered Companion Cats.  
(b.) A cat which has been awarded challenges or other awards, and transfers into the Registered Companion Cat section, cannot retain any awards or titles when so transferring.  
(c.) Exhibitors entering in the Registered Companion Cat section are required to sign the following declaration:  
"I/we confirm that the exhibit entered above meets the criteria of Rule 6(a.) of the NZCF Registered Companion Cats section. ....signed"
7. All cats entered in the Registered Companion Cat Section shall be entered under their pet name. The Show Catalogue must state the approximate age in years and months, and the Companion Cat registration number of the exhibit (when known). An unregistered cat when shown in the Companion Cat Division may be registered as a Companion Cat by its owner using its pet name.
8. A cat entered in the Domestic Section of a Show, which has some known pedigree, or when benched, has a phenotype or appearance of any pedigree cat, will be transferred from the Domestic Section to the Registered Companion Cat Section of that Show by the Show Secretary and/or the Show Manager in consultation with the exhibitor/ owner, or agent, with the registration number shown in the marked catalogue as "pending".
9. Should a cat entered in the Domestic Section of a Show be noticed on Show Day to have the phenotype of a pedigree to the satisfaction of the Show Manager, then the terms of Clause 8 will apply
10. On receipt of the marked catalogue, the Honours Registrar will initiate a registration number for any exhibit which has not previously had such granted, and will notify the new registration number to the owner of the exhibit. Registered Companion

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Cats registration numbers will have the prefix of CC, plus indication as to Longhair or Shorthair (CCL or CCS).

11. There will be no additional fees payable for registration of Registered Companion Cats, which may be initiated by the owner, the Show Secretary, or the Honours Registrar.

12. The Approved Standard for Registered Companion Cats is as follows:

[a.] **General Physical Condition:** The cat should be in excellent health, with good coat condition. Battle scars are permissible provided they are clean.

[b.] **Grooming and Cleanliness:** A high standard of grooming is a requirement with no sign of any dirt or other foreign matter. Eyes and ears must be clean.

[c.] **Coat:** The coat colour and markings should be visually appealing, healthy and glossy, indicating good condition, with colour and markings melding to give an overall pleasing appearance.

[d.] **Temperament:** No specific type, coat or breed standard is applicable. Excellent temperament is a major requirement.

[e.] **Appearance:** The cat should be bright-eyed with an alert facial expression, with eye colour complementing the coat and pattern and colour. Overall, the cat should be visually appealing to the eye.

13. **SCALE OF POINTS FOR REGISTERED COMPANION CATS**

General Physical Condition	20
Grooming and Cleanliness	20
Coat	20
Temperament	20
Appearance	<u>20</u>
Total	<u>100</u>

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