

***METROPOLITAN SHORTHAIR CAT CLUB
DEAN THOMAS MEMORIAL
CHAMPIONSHIP SHOW 2026***

Saturday 21th March 2026

**ONEHUNGA COMMUNITY HOUSE
83 SELWYN STREET, ONEHUNGA**



**All Shorthair Breeds, Domestic & Companions are invited to
participate in our show.**

Held under the rules of the NZCF & The Metropolitan S/H Cat Club Inc
This is an open show with club appointed handlers.

NZCF AWARDS: Top Ten Entire Cats & Top Ten Entire Kittens, Top Ten Desexed Cats & Top
Ten Desexed Kittens, Pedigree & Companion Cats. Supreme Awards will be determined by rule 19.

JUDGES

Ring One:	All exhibits	DEBBIE DAVIDSON	(NZCF)
Ring Two:	All exhibits	LYALL PAYNE	(NZCF)
Ring Three:	All exhibits	BRONWYN MAIN	(NZCF)

Club Officials:

President:	pending		
Secretary:	Maureen Elder	Ph: (09) 292 4209	
Treasurer:	David Crozier	Ph: (09) 889 8293	
Show Manager:	David Crozier	contact: 022 698 7978	
Health & Safety Officer:	David Crozier		

Send all entries by 5pm Friday 13 March 2026 to:

METRO Cat Club email: metroccnz@gmail.com

Or to mobile 022 698 7978

ALL ENTRIES CLOSE 5pm Friday 13 March 2024

**Please send all entries to the email address above. They will be receipted by
email or text. Any entries or changes after the closing date will only be
considered at the discretion of the club and after payment of a \$20 late fee.
All show entries are accepted or declined at the discretion of the club.**

FEES:

Entry Fees: **Rings 1: \$12.00 per exhibit, per ring**
 Ring 2&3: \$10.00 per exhibit (points, placards and ribbons)
Benching Fee: **\$6.00 per ring, per exhibitor (maximum is 3 rings x \$6 = \$18)**
Catalogue: **\$5.00 pre orders only**
Club Membership: **\$15.00**

Payment to be made to **METRO CAT CLUB** as below

ASB Bank Account No. 12 3082 0117272 00

Please include your **NAME** in the Particulars, the words **“SHOW”** in the Reference / Code.

Please note on your Entry Form the **DATE** you have paid by internet banking.

ALL FEES ARE TO BE PAID IN ADVANCE OF PRINTING THE SHOW CATALOGUE; NO FEES WILL BE ACCEPTED ON SHOW DAY.

SHOW TIMETABLE

Hall Opens	8.00 am
Vetting	8.15 am - 9 am
Show introductions	9 am
Judging Starts	9.15 am
Prize giving & awards	3.00 pm approx (after awards are out)
Show Closes	4 pm or sooner

- **All Domestic and Companion Cats are to be desexed.**
- **Kitten vaccination certificates must be presented at entry to the venue.**
- **Please no loud ringing cellphones or flash photography during judging.**
- **Only the paper litter provided by the club may be used at the venue.**

HELPERS ARE HUGELY APPRECIATED:

The number of Metro Club Members who are sane & able-bodied is in serious decline so we ask for **ASSISTANCE**. We are a very small club and our active members will be occupied running the show. We rely on volunteer workers from the exhibitors and visitors on the day to steward, handle and scribe. Please offer if you are able to assist.

We would love any help with setup 4 - 6pm FRIDAY 20th March.

Please Note: Exhibitor's free tea and coffee is available all day but no catering is provided – BYO kai.

Morning Tea is provided for Workers Only.

Show cage size is 600mm wide, 420mm deep and 440 mm high.

General Rules & Conditions for All Exhibitors

1. This Show is held under the rules of the NZCF Inc and all exhibitors are deemed to have agreed to abide by these rules. A copy of the NZCF Show Rules and By-Laws can be downloaded from their website at <http://nzcf.com/downloads>

2. By Laws for Exhibitors 4.3 (a) (i): Any registered cat exhibited at a show held under these Rules & By-Laws shall be bred by the exhibitor in whose name it is entered or shall have been transferred to the exhibitor prior to the date of the show.

3. All exhibits must be brought to the show in secure carrying boxes or cages. The carry cage is to be stored under the cat's show cage. The club provides the display cage at the venue unless otherwise requested prior to the show.

The internal dimensions of the display cages are **600 mm wide, 440 high, 420 deep.**

4. Cage Decorations are allowed for this show, but please keep in mind the practicalities of judging your cat and the ease of access for the judge. If you are not decorating your cage, supply your cat or kitten with a coloured towel or blanket to make the show colourful and fun. A container of water should be provided for exhibits, preferably attached to the door of the cage.

5. Exhibitors are responsible for entering their cats in the correct classes; only those exhibits registered with the NZCF Inc are eligible to be entered in the registered section. Each cat shall be clearly identified on the entry form; such identification shall include; date of birth, Breed Number, Sire & Dam & Registration Number of the exhibit. If a cat is owned by more than one person, all owners must be listed.

6. Any exhibit which has been exposed to or has suffered from an infectious or contagious illness within a period of 21 days prior to this show is not allowed to be benched, and no cat or kitten shall be exhibited if the exhibitor has had any such illness in his or her cattery during this period.

7. All exhibits must be in good condition, have clean ears and be free from vermin or ringworm. They must not be declawed, but they **must have their claws clipped (front and back feet).**

8. **NO EXHIBIT CAN BE BENCHED AFTER FINAL VETTING.**

9. In cage Veterinary Inspection as per Show rule 8. The Veterinary Surgeon's decision on the day shall be final and no discussion will be entered into. There are no refunds payable if a cat is rejected by the Veterinary Surgeon. Other exhibits entered in the show by the same exhibitor may be rejected also upon the advice of the Veterinary Surgeon.

10. Owners of a rejected cat will be notified in writing and the exhibit is to be removed from the show venue as soon as possible.

11. Exhibitors are requested to stay within the show confines while Vetting is conducted.

12. No exhibitor has permission to sell cats or kittens on the day of the show, within the confines of the venue. No advertising material (cattery cards, Kitten lists etc) may be exhibited on or in cages until after judging has finished. The Club reserves the right to remove such material.

The Club will provide an area for advertising

13. The refunding of Entry Fees will be at the discretion of the Show Committee and only considered when a Certificate of illness, injury or death from a Veterinary Surgeon is received by the Show Secretary within 24 hours from the day of the show.

14. The Club accepts no responsibility for any loss or damage to exhibits, boxes or carry cages, but will endeavour to see that all care is taken to prevent accident or injury to any exhibit

15. **No grooming permitted in the show venue**

16. Removal of an exhibit before the show has been officially closed without the prior permission of the Show Manager or Show Secretary will result in the loss of club awards and NZCF awards and points. See NZCF show rule 10.8.

17. Any assistance in taking down the show after the close is most appreciated and allows **all** participants to get home in a timely fashion.

18. Student Judges may be working at the show, if you do not wish your exhibit to be handled by a Student Judge, please indicate this on your entry form.

19. The Pedigree & Domestic Supreme Exhibits will be decided by whichever has the majority of each judge's personal selection of their top exhibit from those they awarded BIS. Where there is no clear majority, the Supreme will be determined by chance from a draw of the judge's choices.

SCHEDULE OF CLASSES

BREED CLASSES

	MALE	FEMALE	NEUTER	SPAY
OPEN CAT (Challenge Class)	1	21	41	61
Junior	2	22	42	62
Intermediate	3	23	43	63
Senior	4	24	44	64
Veteran	5	25	45	65
New Zealand Bred	6	26	46	66
OPEN KITTEN	11	31	51	71
4-6mths	12	32	52	72
6-9mth	13	33	53	73
New Zealand Bred	14	34	54	74

TYPE CLASSES

In classes 101 to 171 all exhibits compete against all other exhibits, irrespective of colour or Breed number. Judging takes into account only the shape or type of the cat, not colour, condition or eye colour.

Open Cat	101	121	141	161
Open Kitten	111	131	151	171

Definition of Terms Used

Cat	A Feline of either gender, aged 9 months or older on show day.
Kitten	A feline of either gender less than 9 months on show day
Kitten 4-6 mths	Born between 4 and 6 calendar months prior to show day
Kitten 6-9 mths	Born between 6 and 9 calendar months prior to show day
Open	A class in which ALL exhibits of the same age group compete without restriction or qualification.
Junior	Cat 9 months or over but less than 2 years old on show day
Intermediate	Cat 2 years or over but less than 5 years on show day
Senior	Cat 5 years or over but less than 7 years on show day.
Veteran	Cat 7 years or over on show day.

Privacy Act: Only exhibitor names and prefixes will be listed in the catalogue.

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