



ANIMAL MANAGEMENT PLAN (AMP)

For Exhibitors, Sponsors & Feature Participants

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Pet Projects International Pty Ltd (PPI) as the Organiser of the Cat Lovers Festival (CLF), along with the Venue are committed to providing an environment that is safe and healthy for the venue, event staff, contractors, members of the public, exhibitors, and their animals.

The Organisers (PPI) do not accept any responsibility for any loss or damage, financial or otherwise, resulting from any incident (including injury to persons or animals) arising from any animal interactions during the CLF.

It is a mandatory requirement that all persons bringing cats to the Festival, must read, fully understand and agree to the Animal Management Plan and Cat Handlers Responsibilities & Obligations (CHRO) or entry will be refused. CLF will be uncompromising in enforcing the conditions and rules outlined in the AMP & CHRO.

It is your responsibility to ensure that all staff on your stand have read and understand the CHRO and comply with it at all times during the Festival.

If your cat does not cope in stressful situations or you do not know if the cat you are bringing to the event is capable of coping, it must not attend.

ANIMAL WELFARE

CLF will have Welfare Observers and WHS personnel patrolling the event at all times to monitor the condition of all cats on-site and to ensure that all conditions of the Animal Management Plan are always being adhered to. In the event of an issue being identified the Person in Effective Control will be consulted. CLF reserves the right and full authority to demand the immediate removal of any cat from the event if it considers that the cat is showing any ongoing signs of stress and aggressive behaviour or is believed to be suffering any negative effects from its presence at the event.

The owner/handler who completes the Cat Registration will be deemed as the competent person in effective control of the cat(s) they register. The *competent person in effective control* is required to fully supervise any interactions between any persons or other cats, and their cat. This primary rule is set to avoid injury or distress to cats or people.

VACCINATION

It is a condition of participation that all cats must be currently registered, vaccinated and microchipped. All owners/handlers are required to ensure that prior to entry to the event, their cat has received all recommended vaccinations so that cats brought to the CLF are safe interacting with other cats. Proof is provided when vaccinations are done and should be onsite with your cat. CLF advises all handlers/owners to ensure their cat has received recent worming and flea treatments.

VETERINARY CHECKS

We will have veterinarians conducting health checks (Spot Checks) throughout the Festival.

Claws: All claws (front and back), of all Cats must be trimmed

Vaccination Records: All cats and Kittens must be vaccinated. Exhibitors must produce documentary evidence (vaccination card / certificate), for each Cat upon request, and the date of the last vaccination must be no less than 14 days before the festival. Kittens must have had at least one F3 vaccination no less than 14 days before the festival, and it is highly recommended that they have had at least 2 vaccinations. Adult Cats must have had at least F3 vaccination no less than 2 years prior to the festival.

Rejection: The Veterinary Officer may reject any Cats who display signs of contagious or infectious disease, have external parasites of any kind, are lactating, are of poor condition, are more than 4 weeks pregnant or display signs of having been drugged. Where the reason for rejection has been determined as a contagious condition, all other Cats / Kittens domiciled with or that have travelled to the CLF in the same vehicle will also be rejected irrespective of whether or not they are displaying the same condition. In this instance, all Cats must be removed immediately from the venue and taken home. Cats cannot simply be locked in a vehicle.

Should the exhibitor request a second opinion, the Veterinary Officer may call over another Veterinary Officer for such opinion. The opinion of the officiating Vet is final.

Veterinary Letters: A veterinary letter may be presented to the Veterinary Officer for a Cat with a non-contagious or non-infectious condition (eg shaved area following surgery). Such a letter must be dated no more than 48 hours prior to the CLF. To ensure the safety and welfare of all Cats at the CLF, where a Cat has been exposed to an infectious condition within 30 days of the CLF, it is requested that the Cat not be brought to the CLF for exhibition.

KITTENS UNDER 12 WEEKS

Kittens participating at the festival must be 12 weeks of age or older and must have received at least 1 vaccination no less than 2 weeks prior to the Festival. Please ensure that if you are bringing kitten(s) onsite, you bring a copy of their vaccination certificate.

If you're unsure if your Kitten is adequately protected to participate, please consult with your veterinarian prior to the festival.

Guidelines: <https://wsava.org/global-guidelines/vaccination-guidelines/>

CATS IN HEAT/COMING INTO SEASON

Female Cats that are in season or expecting to come into season are not to be brought into the venue or festival under any circumstances and should a Cat unexpectedly come into season during the festival then the Cat must be removed from the venue immediately.

CAT REGISTRATION AND YELLOW ID TAGS

Upon completion of the Cat Registration and acknowledgement of the AMP and CHRO, you will be emailed a yellow registration tag. This tag must be fixed to your cat's collar or crate prior to arrival at the Festival and must remain on at all times and on all days of the Festival. This yellow tag identifies to security and event staff that you have acknowledged the AMP & CHRO and will ensure a smooth entry into the Festival. If you do not have access to a coloured printer or your tag breaks, there are secure plastic tags available from the Cat Registration Booth at the entrance to the Festival or from the Information Booth inside the Festival. Simply produce your Confirmation email to obtain a replacement tag.