



Best in Show Stewarding

Thank you for volunteering to steward. We hope this short guide will make it easier for you. Always take a cat out of a pen backwards. If they are facing the front of the pen, reach in and gently turn the cat around, then take them out backwards. This makes most cats feel more comfortable and protects you from any cross cats as the pointy, scratching, bitey end is away from you. Place the cat on the podium. The judge may want to hold the cat or pick them up, but you are not expected to do so. Once that round of judging is complete either put the cat back in their pen if they were the winning cat, hand to their owner or place in a Best in Category pen, depending on the stage of the judging. If you are not sure, ask the Chief Steward. If you are unable to get a cat out of their pen (it happens to the most experienced of us, sometimes cats just have bad days!) ask the Chief Steward for help. Most importantly – relax, enjoy yourself and talk to the cats!