

SACC Cat of the Year – 12th August 2017 - The River Club, Observatory, Cape Town

13th JUNE 2017 **INFORMATION LETTER #2**

Dear COTY 2017 Finalist / Potential Finalist,

The Information Letters will be updated with regularity, especially as COTY Day draws closer.

Initially the information will be repetitive, but this is to ensure that any newly qualified exhibitor will be able to catch up in one letter. Once the finalists are confirmed, the content will vary.

QUALIFIERS:

The various regions are hosting their last qualifying shows over the next four weeks.

Each region's scorekeeper will liaise with the COTY 2017 scorekeeper. Once all the finalists have been confirmed, the list for each region will be posted on the Southern Africa Cat Council website (www.tsacc.org.za) and the COTY 2017 Facebook page.

Please contact your regional scorekeeper to ensure the following information on your cat is correct:

- * Name (incl full title)
- * Breed & Breed Code
- * Colour
- * SACR Registration Number
- * Sex (Stud Number if applicable)
- * Date of Birth & Age on COTY show day

VENUE:

The River Club, Observatory, Cape Town - <http://riverclub.co.za/>

GPS Co-ordinates: -33.933950, 18.474866 Liesbeek Parkway, Observatory

The venue is ± 15 minutes from Cape Town International Airport and allows easy access to and from the venue as it is only 1.5km from the N2 freeway.

The Slug and Lettuce is a restaurant on site with a laid-back cafe style atmosphere with generous portions. The venue is surrounded by a golf driving range and has ample parking.

SPONSOR – ROYAL CANIN:

The sponsor for SACC Cat of the Year 2017 is Royal Canin – their continued support of this event is greatly appreciated.

COTY THEME:

The theme is '**THE GREAT CATSBY**'.

Guests attending the Awards Banquet can dress for the theme, or attend in smart/formal attire.

Exhibitors and supporters are most welcome to dress in the "THE GREAT CATSBY" theme during the day as well.

ACCOMMODATION:

There is a variety of Bed & Breakfasts in the area (Observatory) and surrounding suburbs that are within a 5 to 15km radius (Mowbray, Woodstock, Rosebank, Rondebosch, Pinelands, Newlands, Claremont, Harfield Village, Kenilworth), Cape Town itself (Oranjezicht, Gardens, De Waterkant)

Links of some of these as well as pet-friendly accommodation websites are below:



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Please note – check before finalising bookings if they are pet-friendly and secure

<http://www.my-cape-town-south-africa.com/pet-friendly-accommodation-cape-town.html>

www.petfriendly.co.za

<https://www.safarinow.com/destinations/western-cape/pet-friendly.aspx>

<http://www.sa-venues.com/petfriendly-westerncape.php>

<https://www.sleeping-out.co.za/accommodation.asp>

<https://www.travelground.com/accommodation-in/cape-town#&&&1&&&2&121&0&0&5000>

<http://www.tripadvisor.co.za/>

<https://www.wheretostay.co.za/region/cape-town/pets-allowed>

The following three pet-friendly B&B's have already agreed but have limited space :

AppleGarth B&B	Pinelands	Joan	Tel: +27 21 531-1909	www.applegarth.co.za
Pepper Cottages	Plumstead	Arlene	Tel: +21 761-8719	www.peppercottages.co.za
Squirrel's End	Bergvliet	Irene	Tel :+83 543-6829	irene.matzdorff@gmail.com

(Squirrel's End has 3 cottages ranging from a loft, to a family cottage)

Please note that although Protea Hotel Mowbray is the closest accommodation, they do not allow pets.

COMMUNICATION:

We have an interactive Facebook Page where the information letters, and booking forms, etc can be downloaded. It is also a quick way to have questions answered. The link is

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/COTY2017/> – click on JOIN.

A WhatsApp group is also available – please indicate if you would like to join in on the conversation by sending your relevant cell-number to 082 4055 437 or adrienne.swart@yahoo.com and we'll add you to our list. Just some house rules re the Whats App group – it is bound to have a large number of members so please be mindful of the times messages are being sent.

SACC COTY AWARDS BANQUET:

Dinner tickets are R400.00 per person.

Bookings can be made via Charlene du Toit (charlenedt@gmail.com) / 072 155 6263.

The link to the Booking forms for the dinner, rosettes, donations etc, will be available on the SACC site, Yahoo Groups, and the Facebook Group, SACC Cat of the Year (COTY) 2017

(<https://www.facebook.com/groups/COTY2017/>)

ROSETTE SPONSORSHIP:

Please contact Ian Moore on imoore1946@gmail.com if you would like to sponsor one of the COTY Qualifier Rosettes. The rosettes are designed to complement the theme, and as a sponsor of such rosette, you may have your name / cattery name printed on one of the tails, or simply just 'Congratulations'.



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SHOW CAGES:

COTY finalists do not have to provide their own show cages. The NCFS Club has kindly offered to share their show cages with us. Once again, a big thank you to Wendy and this wonderful club for their generosity as well as providing the transport for these cages. Please treat their cages with respect.

OTHER SHOW EQUIPMENT REQUIRED:

Bedding to be only red and/or white to compliment the sponsor Royal Canin's colours.

Bowls for food and water are to be provided by the exhibitor.

Litter trays will be provided for each finalist.

Litter for the travelling exhibitors will be available on show day – kindly sponsored by Cats Best.

GOOD LUCK CHARMS:

A SACC COTY tradition over the last 20 years has been the exchange of home-made charms designed to epitomise things like your cat's name, its breed, or your cattery name, and to wish the other competitors Good Luck for the day.

A special display table will be set out for those who want to compete for the Best Charm prize, as well as containers for the 5 judges and photographers.

Making and handing out charms is entirely voluntary.

TRAVELLING FROM OTHER PROVINCES, ALLOWED CONTAINERS, VACCINATIONS (INCLUDING RABIES):

The non-Cape Town exhibitors that are planning to fly to Cape Town with your cat/s, please be aware that animals are no longer allowed to be booked in as "excess luggage" on most of the airlines and should be booked in via Cargo. Most of the info can be found at the Bidvest Pet Lounge website - <http://www.petlounge.co.za/>

Bidvest has dedicated Pet Lounges at OR Tambo, Lanseria, Port Elizabeth, Cape Town, as well as separate facilities in East London and Durban. These Pet Lounge facilities are situated away from the noisy hustle and bustle of busy airports. Pets are handled with the utmost care by trained specialists to minimise the stress of travelling.

Please take note of the container requirements using the following link :-

<http://www.petlounge.co.za/wp-content/uploads/2015/05/Pet-Container-Requirements.pdf>

Ensure that you take your inoculation certificate with you when you book your cat in at Cargo – they do check the certificates before checking in the cat for travel.



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With regards to the Rabies inoculation, please see extract from the Pet Lounge website :

“Animals above the age of 3 months must be inoculated against Rabies, this should be done annually. There is a waiting period of 7 days (if they are older than 1 year) or 14 days (for 1st time inoculations or if they are between 3 & 12 months) after their rabies inoculation, prior to the pet travelling.”

PHOTOGRAPHS ON FRIDAY & SATURDAY & FOR EVENING SLIDE SHOW:

Theresa Fouche will once again work her magic in capturing the essence of the qualifying felines in photos. Theresa will be available the Friday 11th August at the venue to do photos, as well as on show day.

If at all possible, please try to have your cat/s photos taken on the Friday – the cats are generally more relaxed, it takes the pressure of you as an exhibitor, as well as helping Theresa get a head start on approximately 80 cats.

Tips:

Wear something that compliments your cat, but with some contrast to the cat's colour.

Busy patterns and florals do not work.

Ensure that your cat is clean, especially the ears and eyes.

Evening Slideshow:

Start searching for a good quality photo of your cat that will be used for the evening presentation.

We will advise what information you need to send Theresa and where shortly.

WHAT TO LOOK FOR IN THE NEXT INFORMATION LETTERS:

Judges :- 5 judges – 2 from Gauteng, 1 from Eastern Cape, 1 from KZN, 1 from Cape Town Programme

Qualifiers – only two regions have had their last shows

Statistics on number of exhibitors & number of cats

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