

Cats Australia

Public Statement: Cats Australia turns 1 year old!



Cats Australia is celebrating our 12 month anniversary!

Cats Australia would like to thank all our members, sponsors and guests who have supported our club during our past 12 months. In particular, we greatly appreciate the amazing support from our National Exclusive Partners ToFu Cat Litter Australia and RefuFresh. We also would like to thank The Pet Show for trusting Cats Australia to partner and present The Pet Show Cat Competition.

The club has achieved a number of milestones during the first 12 months, including:

- Hosting 7 championship cat shows, including 6 TICA shows
- \$1,080 raised for cat welfare
- 14 rescue cats rehomed to loving new families
- 85,121 visitors to Cats Australia shows across the both Brisbane and Sydney
- 37,036 people reached on social media, including 3,401 post engagements
- 495 cats registered in the Cats Australia National Registry
- 439 cats presented in our championship shows

Cats Australia President Narelle Spencer reflects on the first 12 month journey “We have certainly learnt a lot during the first 12 months, whilst we haven’t been perfect we are very proud of the club achievements and support we have received from members and guests”.

As an official The International Cats Association (TICA) Charter Club, Cats Australia is now planning its TICA Show calendar for 2024 and 2025. All shows will include international judges from the TICA judging community. In addition, Cats Australia is in the final stages of receiving state government approvals to be recognised as an applicable or authorised association.

The club is in a strong financial position and is excited about what 2024 holds, Narelle Spencer adding “2024 is going to be a great year for Cats Australia and TICA, with at least 8 championship shows planned for Sydney, Melbourne, Adelaide and Brisbane. We will be at the Sydney Royal Easter Show and will continue our focus on sustainable and ethical breeding, positive pet ownership and support local cat rescue groups”.

Cats Australia (including Cats Australia issued pedigree documents) are recognised by the majority of members within the World Cat Congress, which includes some of the biggest and most reputable cat associations globally. This recognition includes the likes of The World Cat Federation (WCF) and New Zealand Cat Fancy (NZCF). Narelle Spencer has a strong desire to work with local Australian member bodies “We are recognised by most international associations, but not yet ACF and CCCA who have decided not to recognise Cats Australia. Its not clear why this is the case, but in my opinion I believe its anti-competitive and limits choice and trade across the cat fancy. We will continue to reach out and find positive ways to work together, but are happy that Anneliese Hackmann from the WCF has made it clear all their affiliate clubs must accept TICA Pedigrees from Australian breeders and TICA Charter Clubs, like Cats Australia”.

The Cats Australia Committee would like to wish all our members, friends and their fur babies a wonderful and safe Christmas.

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International Cats Australia Inc (Cats Australia) is an official charter club of The International Cats Association (TICA).

Cats Australia is an inclusive not for profit association focused on our passion, promoting the wellbeing of all cats in our community and ensuring the highest ethical standards of pedigree cat breeding.