



**THE GOVERNING COUNCIL OF THE CAT FANCY
THE GUILD OF GCCF JUDGES & STEWARDS**



Dear

Thank you for your application to join the GCCF Stewarding Scheme; we welcome you to the Guild of GCCF Judges and Stewards and hope you enjoy your time working through the programme. Please find enclosed the following material you will need as you train to become a GCCF Steward:

1. The GCCF Standards of Points to give you information on all our recognized breeds together with their breed numbers and the list of withholding faults.
2. A Set of Certificates to use for your Initial Stewarding Engagements.
We hope you will use these to record for yourself and the Guild your progress as you gain experience handling cats across the breeds and become more confident with the role of checking and passing on the paperwork from your judge to the show table.
3. A Set of Tablework Certificates for you to use when working on the show table.
Working on the table is an excellent opportunity for you to see "the other side of the coin". Here you will learn at first-hand how important it is that the judges' slips are brought to the table promptly, carefully checked and handed to the correct section so that the process is smooth running and exhibitors are able to see their results as soon as possible. It is also important that results are handed in as soon as a class is judged to enable Best of Breed, Best of Variety and Certificates to be processed in good time.
4. An Application to complete the Stewarding Scheme and become a GCCF Steward.
Once you have gained sufficient knowledge and confidence with your initial engagements and the feedback from the Guild has been positive, you will be able to take your final stewarding engagements with nominated judges who will assess your competence to become a GCCF Steward. They will be able to guide you and suggest areas where more experience may be needed or to compliment you on your ability. The Guild will also monitor these certificates and be there to offer their support and advice at any time.
5. Application to be listed as a GCCF Steward.
This is the final stage of the Stewarding Scheme. Successful applicants will be listed as GCCF Stewards on the Guild website and their name submitted to the GCCF. They will receive a badge and also a certificate.
6. GCCF Guidance Notes for Stewards.
This guide will give you all the extra information you will need to be successful as a steward.

If you have any questions or problems regarding the scheme and your progress please do not hesitate to get in touch with me via judgesguild@yahoo.co.uk as the Guild is there to support and advise you every step of the way. Also if you have any ideas or input you can give the Guild that could be of use to stewards in the future, please forward your thoughts as we welcome feedback.

Yours sincerely

Secretary to the Guild

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