



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



Dear Judge

The Guild of GCCF Judges and Stewards has taken over the GCCF Stewarding Scheme in order to ensure candidates are taught the required skills, monitored, guided and advised as they progress through the programme, making the whole experience an enjoyable but educational one.

To ensure these aims are realised, the Guild requires the experience and knowledge of our full judges, across the UK, to share their knowledge and impart their expertise to their stewards.

The Guild would like to make a list of those colleagues willing to become "Tutor Judges" who are prepared to work with trainee stewards to increase their confidence and broaden their knowledge. We ask that these full judges are members of the Guild who would be willing to give feedback through the Secretary via email if required or by completing the stewarding forms with some detailed comments before returning them in the sae provided by the candidate. The email address for the Guild is judgesguild@yahoo.co.uk.

A copy of the paperwork issued to candidates is enclosed. The Guild would particularly like you to look at the document, "GCCF STEWARDING CERTIFICATES – FINAL GCCF STEWARDING ENGAGEMENTS". You will note this form requires the Tutor Judge to make constructive comments on five areas relating to the Trainee Steward's ability and for you to assess their readiness to become a GCCF Steward. These comments will be invaluable to the Guild as candidates are discussed. A qualified GCCF Steward should be able to handle cats, across the breeds, with care, sympathy and confidence, displaying each exhibit to its best advantage. They should have a thorough knowledge of show rules and procedures; be able to handle all necessary paperwork with confidence to ensure a smooth running day for the judge and the show management team. They should also offer positive support to the show team and their judges at BOV and BIS level. For the Guild to assess whether a candidate is ready for promotion to GCCF Steward, it is important for the Tutor Judges to provide full comments on those five areas.

The Guild aims to give candidates regular feedback and guidance regarding their progress and will rely on the Tutor Judges to help us in this matter.

If you would like to participate in this initiative, please reply to the Guild Secretary that you are willing for your name to be listed. We hope to have Tutor Judges across the UK to assist stewards working through the scheme.

Yours sincerely

Hilary Dean

Secretary to the Guild of GCCF Judges & Stewards