

## IMPORTANT INFORMATION REGARDING VACCINATION CERTIFICATES

Unfortunately the information on Page 9 of the Show Managers' Information for the 2012/2013 Show Season is incorrect. It should read:

### **Vaccination Certificates:**

Vaccination certificates should be inspected by veterinary surgeons as they would have current knowledge of any changes to the policies and recommendations within the profession which a non-vet may not have. The requirements are detailed in Section 2, Rule 7c, Section 4, Rule 5 and Section 5, Rule 3. The current certificate of vaccination is one which is not more than seven days past the manufacturer's recommended interval between boosters; the interval between previous boosters is immaterial.

It is permissible (especially if the number of vets/exhibits is low) for a suitably trained person such as a Registered Veterinary Nurse, to check vaccination certificates provided all queries relating to the validity of certificates are referred to the Duty Veterinary Surgeon. It is the responsibility of the show manager to ensure that any person checking vaccination certificates is suitably trained and is doing so with the agreement of the Duty Veterinary Surgeon.

A pad of 5 sets of the 3 'Vaccination Undertaking' forms will be included in the veterinary pack sent to Show Managers 10 days before the date of their show. Show Managers should also note the exhibit numbers of those cats for whom an undertaking has been made on the show Returns form in the space provided in the same section where the number of rejections and biting certificates issued at the show should be noted.

### **GCCF Rules - Section 5 - VETERINARY SURGEONS - Rule 3 states:**

All cats exhibited at shows held under GCCF Rules must have a current certificate of vaccination against FIE; FVR and FCV ("cat flu"). The full course, or booster, in accordance with the manufacturer's recommendations, must have been completed more than seven days before the show. The certificate must have been issued by a veterinary practice/hospital and the last vaccination entry signed by a Veterinary Surgeon or by a listed Veterinary Nurse under the direction of a Veterinary Surgeon. Cats with an invalid vaccination certificate will be rejected under Section A. Cats unaccompanied by a vaccination certificate will also be rejected under Section A unless the exhibitor undertakes to provide proof of vaccination, valid for that show by sending the certificate to the GCCF Office within seven days of the show. Failure to do so will lead to disqualification from the show and the cat's name will be placed on the rejection list until proof of vaccination is received by the Office.

NB A current certificate of vaccination is one which is not more than seven days past the manufacturer's recommended interval between boosters. (See Section 2, Rule 7c and Section 4, Rule 5)