






COVID-19 Safety Guidelines for Cat Shows

Commencing May 1, 2020, TICA will issue new show licenses with the caveat that clubs will be expected to abide by all COVID-19 restrictions, rules, and regulations issued by local government officials (city, county, state of country) when holding these shows.

TICA remains concerned with the safety and welfare of all attendees, judges and exhibitors at these shows. We offer the following advice to TICA clubs as you prepare for cat shows:

	<p>Practice social distancing – Come up with a plan to practice safe social distancing (6 feet recommended). Consider safety requirements for benching area, judging rings, and food service areas.</p>
<p>Benching areas – Reconfigure the exhibitor benching area to maintain 6 feet between exhibitors. Be creative! We know you can do it! Consider allowing regular distancing for people that travel together and agree to be benched together (can add to Summary Sheet).</p> 	
<p>Judging rings – Restrict the number of people in the judging rings by removing visitor seating. Set up procedures for exhibitors to deliver cats to/from the ring to maintain distancing from the judge, clerk and/or steward. Establish modified procedures for judges to do their Top 10/5 final presentations.</p>	
<p>Check In – Have each person entering the event fill out a form with the following information: their name, the city they live in, their phone numbers, email address, whether they've been abroad recently, whether they have any health issues, their registered temperature, and if they have their safety kit of masks, gloves, and sanitizer. If they don't have these items, have a supply and make sure everyone has a mask. For this check in process, the club would need to purchase a non-contactless thermometer and have a person there to conduct the temperature readings.</p> <p>If someone at the event is later diagnosed with COVID-19, local officials would be able to contact everyone to let them know where that person has been. This system would enable everyone an opportunity to get tested and/or self-quarantine, as necessary.</p>	
<p>Face masks and Gloves – Consider the purchase of nose/mouth face masks and protective gloves for everyone. Plan on 2 masks and 2 pair gloves per exhibitor for a two-day show. These can be purchased from a number of on-line sources.</p>   	

Hand sanitizer – Can help protect you from coronavirus, but it **should not be considered your first line of defense against COVID-19**. Hand washing with soap and water and scrubbing for at least 20 seconds is recommended, but a hand sanitizer that contains at least 60% alcohol is the best alternative. Source: Richard Watkins, M.D., infectious disease physician and professor of medicine at Northeast Ohio Medical University.

Hand sanitizer should be provided to judges, exhibitors and show staff. Hand sanitizer should contain at least 60% ethyl alcohol. There are several places on-line to purchase hand sanitizer such as Uline.com.



Ring disinfectant – Research and purchase ring disinfectant that has activated hydrogen peroxide cleansers or others capable of killing COVID-19. Also make sure the disinfectant will not harm skin on contact and is safe for humans AND cats. Here is the link to a list of disinfectant products that have been approved by the EPA for use against emerging enveloped viral pathogens and can be used during the current coronavirus (COVID-19) outbreak:

<https://www.americanchemistry.com/Novel-Coronavirus-Fighting-Products-List.pdf>



Food/Snacks – Extreme caution should be used when the club or caterer provides food for ring officials, exhibitors and show staff. Protective gloves AND face masks are to be used at all times by food preparers. It is imperative that food preparers wash hands with soap and water; scrubbing for at least 20 seconds, any time gloves or face masks have been removed during food preparation process. Counter tops are to be disinfected frequently. Use contactless serving as much as possible. We recommend no buffets because of the potential of multiple people handling serving utensils. Establish pick-up zones

using social distancing guidelines.

Close show to visitors – We know many clubs rely on visitor attendance to help offset the cost of putting on the show(s). However, the larger the group, the larger the risk of spreading COVID-19. We strongly urge you to limit your risk of infection, by limiting the number of people for the event. Consider closing the show to visitors.



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