

CAT SHOW CHECKLIST

VITAL TASKS/THINGS TO REMEMBER AND THINK ABOUT BEFORE SHOW DAY

TASK	CHECK
Clip claws (usually do on the Wednesday or thereabouts before show day)	
Groom/bath (depending upon breed/colour) – if bathing usually a few days before the show to allow coat to settle down	
Ensure inside of ears are clear of any wax (wipe with cotton buds or commercial ear wipes)	
Ensure bottom clean and hocks if a pale coloured cat (particularly in the case of males)	
Keep eyes clear of any “sleepy eye” with moistened tissue, cotton wool etc	
Work out departure time (including contingency) in order to arrive in good time on the day (aim to arrive 9.00 am latest)	
Tank up car day before/arrange travel etc	
Work out routes whether by car or public transport	
Pack a suitable carrier(s) with show kit (listed in next section) night before – something with wheels is ideal	
Prepare secure cat carriers near exit (hidden if your cat/kitten may fear them!)	
Buy water, picnic food etc and get relevant carrying cases together for all your bits and bobs (see below)	

VITAL ITEMS TO PACK AND TAKE ON THE DAY

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Put comfy absorbent bedding in cat carrier(s) – for comfort and just incase of accident during the journey	
Ensure something to cover carrier incase of bad weather if queuing outside at vetting in (rare but can happen)	
Umbrella/Raincoat (see above!)	
Spare bedding for carrier plus old towel or similar (just incase of accident – again rare)	
WHITE SHOW LITTER TRAY	
WHITE HOOK ON SHOW WATER BOWL	
WHITE SHOW FOOD DISH	
WHITE SHOW BLANKETS (preferably take a spare again incase of accident or mess)	
CURRENT VACCINATION CERTIFICATE for flu & enteritis including note of full pedigree name of cat/kitten	
Cat litter (usual type used at home)	
Litter scoop	
Bottle(s) of water (spring or whatever cat/kitten is used to at home)	
Cat Food – take her/his favourite or a treat and don't worry if they don't eat during the day – they often don't	
Fork + plastic bag or similar if taking fresh/tinned food or similar	
Grooming aids etc – very much depends on the breed – e.g. for a foreign a hand will do on the day! Persians not sure?	
Plastic bags (e.g. supermarket ones for rubbish and soiled litter etc)	
Some form of non-toxic wipes or disinfectant for cleaning pen before putting cat in plus for any accidents during the day!	
Show Schedule + copy of original entry + confirmation of entry	
Pink transfer slip but only if kitten entered into the show before transfer fully completed (just a safeguard – not essential)	
Map and directions to the show venue	
Mobile/landline telephone contact numbers for fellow exhibitors (incase of delay), friends and family + breeder perhaps	
A pen and preferably a highlighter pen to mark your cat/kitten in the show catalogue	

OTHER SUGGESTED ITEMS (DEPENDANT UPON VENUE) AND THINGS TO THINK ABOUT!

TASK	CHECK
Flask of tea/coffee etc + soft drinks etc although most venues do sell drinks	
Lunch – again most venues do offer refreshments but some are better than others and some pricey – check beforehand	
Alcoholic drink – not all venues offer a bar facility so if you do fancy a celebratory drink at lunchtime take one with you!	
Wear comfy shoes and clothing unless you are used to tripping around on high heels etc. It's a long and tiring day!	
Give yourself plenty of time in the morning – get up half an hour earlier than you think you need ...	

AND SMILE – EVEN IF YOU DON'T WIN A SMILE IS A WINNING FORMULA! SOMEBODY HAS TO LOSE AND YOU MAY WIN NEXT TIME?