

## **PART 5 – ACF (Inc) AWARDS**

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#### **5.1 ACF DISTINGUISHED MERIT (ACF DM)<sup>1</sup>**

ACF's Distinguished Merit Award (ACF DM) is effective 1<sup>st</sup> January 1999. This is a title ("ACF DM" to follow the name of the cat in question) conferred by ACF Inc. on cats which have produced outstanding offspring. It requires no fee, but does entail submission of conclusive proof of wins. The title may be added to pedigrees retrospectively. It is open only to cats which are registered with an ACF (Inc.) affiliate. There are differing criteria for male and female cats, and the requirements are as follows:

Male cat – has sired

- \* five (5) offspring which have won ACF AoE title, or
- \* three (3) offspring which have won Best of Group at ACF National shows.

Female cat – has produced

- \* three (3) offspring which have won ACF AoE title or
- \* two offspring which have won Best of Group at ACF National shows.

In the event of a cat winning AoE as an entire, and then winning an additional 10 Certificates as a neuter (these wins have been recorded with the ACF (Inc). Secretary in the usual way), the latter win also counts towards the parents' scoring.<sup>2</sup>

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<sup>1</sup>Amended 2014 to include ACF before DM

<sup>2</sup> Amended 2010 to revert to original criteria.

# **AUSTRALIAN CAT FEDERATION INC**

## **5.2. ACF NATIONAL TITLES**

ENTIRE CATS :     *ACF NAT. CHAMPION*  
                          *ACF NAT. GRAND CHAMPION*  
NEUTERED CATS: *ACF NAT. PREMIER*  
                          *ACF NAT. GRAND PREMIER*

There are two ways to qualify for the ACF Inc. National Titles:

1.     Three (3) Challenges / Awards of Merit awarded at three (3) different ACF (Inc) National Shows, under three (3) different judges.

or

2.     Two (2) Challenges / Awards of Merit, awarded at two (2) different ACF (Inc) National Shows, by two (2) different judges; plus, three (3) Challenges/Awards of Merit, awarded at other shows by ACF (Inc) International Judges or overseas judges.

The last Challenge/Award of Merit to be awarded at least twenty (20) months after the first.

Note: "different ACF National Shows" means shows held in different years.

APPLICATION FEE: \$25.00

APPLICATIONS: To be made on the appropriate form, with copies of Challenge / Award of Merit Certificates which qualify for the title according to the necessary requirements, as shown above.

If the cat is registered with an affiliate of the ACF Inc. application must be lodged through the Registrar/Secretary of the particular affiliate.

If the cat is registered with an unaffiliated control, a copy of the cat's Certificate of Registration must also be forwarded with the application.

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### 5.3. AWARD OF EXCELLENCE

1. All adult cats registered with any member body of ACF or CCCA are eligible.  
That the Award of Excellence be issued in the following manner –  
Eligible are Titled or Untitled Male – Female – Neuter – Spay, separated into  
Group One, Group Two, Group Three.
  2. Cats must be entered in the class by the Show Secretary. The class is to be a **FREE CLASS**.
  3. Maximum Certificates to be awarded per show:  
One certificate per **SEX** per **GROUP**  
i.e. no more than six (6) certificates to be awarded per show for entires.  
no more than six (6) certificates to be awarded per show for desexed.
  4. In the case of a "multiple-ring" show, each ring to be considered as a "separate show" and certificates to be awarded accordingly.
  5. Record of certificates issued at each show to be kept and checked by each affiliate control's title recorder, who shall verify applications.
  6. For each level, applications for **ACF Award of Excellence** must be made on the appropriate form, and be certified correct by control's title recorder.
  7. For each level applications, must be made **THROUGH** the affiliate control.
  8. For each level, applications must be accompanied by **10** (ten) original award certificates and sent to the affiliate control.
  9. For each level, applications must be accompanied by \$25.00 fee.
  10. Member bodies may submit endorsed photocopies of certificates to the ACF AoE Registrar.
  11. Member bodies must submit the prescribed \$25.00 fee with all applications to the ACF AoE Registrar.
  12. The ACF Award of Excellence may be awarded posthumously.
- nb. ACF (Inc). Award certificates earned when a cat was a Champion (entire cat) etc can be carried on toward the final award after the animal is desexed.  
A cat may be awarded the AoE title as an entire and a second AoE title as a desexed exhibit.

*The awarding of a certificate is to be regarded as a mark of excellence in a particular exhibit. It is not to be regarded as an automatic award in any respect.*

*For a cat to be considered "of sufficient merit" the judge needs to certify "I deem this cat to be of a standard of excellence of not less than 95%".<sup>3</sup>*

There are eight levels:

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| 1. | ACF Award of Excellence      | AoE     |
| 2. | Bronze Award of Excellence   | Bze/AoE |
| 3. | Silver Award of Excellence   | Slv/AoE |
| 4. | Gold Award of Excellence     | Gld/AoE |
| 5. | Sapphire Award of Excellence | Sap/AoE |
| 6. | Ruby Award of Excellence     | Rby/AoE |
| 7. | Emerald Award of Excellence  | Emd/AoE |
| 8. | Diamond Award of Excellence  | Dia/AoE |

Application for AoE title for a cat registered with an affiliate of CCCA may be made as above, through the ACF affiliate control in the state of residence, or may be sent direct to the ACF AoE Registrar, on the appropriate form, with ten original certificates and payment.

Application for cat registered with an ACF affiliate must be made as above.

An application form is available from ACF member bodies, the ACF web site.

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<sup>3</sup> Added 2012

## AUSTRALIAN CAT FEDERATION (INC)

### 5.3. COMPANION AWARD OF HONOUR<sup>4</sup>

1. All companion cats over the age of nine (9) months, registered with any member body of ACF or CCCA are eligible.
2. Cats must be entered in the class by the Show Secretary. The class is to be a **FREE Class**.
3. Awarded to the Best in Show, where a minimum of 5 (five) adult companions are entered.
4. Maximum of one certificate per **RING** per show.
5. In the case of a "multiple-ring" show, each ring to be considered as a "separate show" and certificates to be awarded accordingly
6. For each level, applications for **ACF Award of Excellence** must be made on the appropriate form, and be certified correct by control's title recorder.
7. For each level applications, must be made **THROUGH** the affiliate control.
8. For each level, applications must be accompanied by **15** (fifteen) original award certificates and sent to the affiliate control.
9. For each level, applications must be accompanied by \$25.00 fee.
10. Member bodies must submit the prescribed \$25.00 fee with all applications to the ACF Title Registrar.
11. There are eight levels:
  1. ACF Companion Award of Honour AoH
  2. Bronze Companion Award of Honour Bze/AoH
  3. Silver Companion Award of Honour Slv/AoH
  4. Gold Companion Award of Honour Gld/AoH
  5. Sapphire Companion Award of Honour Sap/AoH
  6. Ruby Companion Award of Honour Rby/AoH
  7. Emerald Companion Award of Honour Emd/AoH
  8. Diamond Companion Award of Honour Dia/AoH
12. Application for AoH title for a cat registered with an affiliate of CCCA may be made as above, through the ACF affiliate control in the state of residence, or may be sent direct to the ACF Titles Registrar, on the appropriate form, with fifteen (15) original certificates and payment.
13. Application for cat registered with an ACF affiliate must be made as above.
14. An application form is available from ACF member bodies, the ACF web site.

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<sup>4</sup> Added June 2016