



## Swiss Confederation - Federal Veterinary Office Animal Welfare Directives for Cat Shows

We ask exhibitors to follow the guidelines indicated and thank them for their cooperation.

### **Cage dimensions at exhibitions 70 x 140 cm for up to 2 cats 70 x 70 cm for an individual cat**

except for cats of certain breeds from the age of 7 months or from the age of 10 months. Cats weighing over 4 kg may also not be kept in individual cages.

### **Cage facilities - cover / privacy / retreat area**

To ensure the well-being of cats in the cages, the public must be prevented from touching the cats through the bars. A suitable option is thin netting covering the entire length of the cage (see Art. 30a(4)(a) AniPO). Transparent plastic films may not be used, due to the reduced air circulation. A retreat area must be fitted on the side facing the public. For this purpose, the cage must be covered at one end with opaque material, e.g. a curtain or board fixed at top and bottom; this material must extend over the cage roof, the entire height of the short side and at least one third of the length. The retreat area must be accessible to all cats at the same time.

**Resting area:** Every cat needs a resting area. Options include elevated resting areas (padded lying board or hammock) or tepees, beds or baskets.

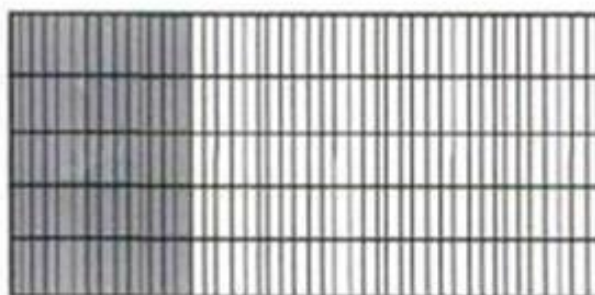
The **cage floor** must be covered with soft padding as the side sides must be closed with a curtain fixed inside the cage.

There must be one **litter tray** per cage.

While kept in the cages, animals must have constant access to **water and feed**.

Cats must be offered **activity material**, such as suitable toys.

**Protective screen** for the entire height and one third of the length.



For the **judges' cages** it is necessary to bring a **mat or kennel** with you. Please place it in the cage during the judging of your cat and also during the Best in Show.

For more information or specific features of your breed:

<https://www.blv.admin.ch/dam/blv/en/dokumente/tiere/heim-und-wildtierhaltung/fi-18-3-ausstellungen-maerkte-katzen.pdf>