



## APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP

The Gulf Coast Feline Foundation (GCFF) is a 501(c)(3) organization that hosts cat show events and other activities. The mission of our organization is to bring about Collaboration, Appreciation, Responsibility, and Education in regards to felines and feline issues. In order to accomplish its mission, the GCFF is seeking feline enthusiasts to join our organization as members. The GCFF intends to conduct multiple events annually.

Benefits applicable to all GCFF memberships:

- \$10 discount off all GCFF cat show entries (For Exhibitors)
- Free admission to all GCFF events (for Non-Exhibitors)
- Tax deduction for membership dues

There are four types of GCFF memberships:

1. **Regular Member:** This membership includes voting rights and requires 1 year active membership as an Associate Member at a minimum. It also requires active and continuing participation in GCFF cat show set up and tear down activities as well as unanimous approval by the Board of Directors upon application. Thirty days prior to end of membership year, the Board of Directors will evaluate members for participation in club activities and determine whether each member will be renewed for voting rights for the next year. Regular members must be at least 18 years of age or older.
2. **Family Regular Member:** Same membership as a regular member with voting rights and requirements but applies to multiple adults in the same household. Only difference will be a discount on regular membership dues.
3. **Associate Member:** All regular members must first be Associate members for one year. This membership has no voting rights or activity requirements. However, if you wish to become a Regular member after one year, you must be actively involved as an Associate Member according to the Regular membership requirements. Associate members must be at least 18 years of age or older.
4. **Junior Member:** This membership is for participants under 18 years of age and has no voting rights. Participation is appreciated. If a junior member is actively participating for the year prior to turning 18 years old, they can apply for Regular membership at the age of 18 without being an Associate member.

Membership	Annual Dues, in US Dollars
Regular Member, with voting rights	\$75
Family Regular Member, with voting rights	\$50
Associate Member, without voting rights	\$25
Junior Member, without voting rights	\$5

Membership terms shall be May 1 to April 30<sup>th</sup>. Membership dues for new members joining the GCFF after January 1 of any year shall be considered paid for the remainder of that year and the following membership term. Completed applications should be mailed to the GCFF secretary, Jennifer Simper, at [jennifer@gulfcoastfeline.org](mailto:jennifer@gulfcoastfeline.org). Send membership payments through Paypal at [michelle@gulfcoastfeline.org](https://www.paypal.com/donate/?url=https://www.gulfcoastfeline.org).

Applications for membership will be considered at the next Board meeting following submittal. A decision regarding approval will be emailed to the applicant at the email address provided on application.



<b>Type of Membership</b>	
<b>Name</b>	
<b>Street Address</b>	
<b>City, State, Zip</b>	
<b>Cell Phone</b>	
<b>Home Phone</b>	
<b>Email address</b>	
<b>Cattery name and website, if applicable</b>	
<b>Committee(s) Interested in</b>	

**COMMITTEES (include but not limited to):**

**Membership** – promote, encourage, facilitate, and retain GCOFF members

**Show Management** – coordinate and run cat shows (before, during, and after) Includes show manager, entry clerk, master clerk, show treasurer, show secretary, and judge coordinator

**Exhibitor Relations** – encourage exhibitors to enter shows, arrange hotel block, prepare exhibitor handouts/show goody bags, welcome and assist new exhibitors, promote exhibitor activities such as cage decorating, friendliest exhibitor, favorite cat, etc. Assists show manager addressing complaints. Create Rosettes, winner ribbons, etc.

**Spectator Relations** – encourage spectators to attend shows, welcome and assist spectators during shows, prepare spectator handouts/goody bags, man gate table, and coordinate spectator activities such as education booth.

**Vendor Relations** – encourage vendors to vend at shows, determine vendor layout and booth assignment, collect vendor contracts and payments, coordinate vendor setup dates and times.

**Rescue** – select Rescue Groups and/or Animal Shelters to invite to the show, coordinate with Vendor relations regarding booth assignments, gather pictures of cats/kittens available for adoption week before the show for Facebook, keep tally of number of cats/kittens adopted at each show.

**Publicity/Marketing** – work with the City of Deer Park on marketing the show, keep Facebook Event page active, post frequently on Facebook page to keep page active, arrange publicity events, send out press releases, design flyers (exhibitor/spectator).

**Sponsors/Raffle** – solicit corporate sponsors, solicit donations for the raffle table, prepare raffle baskets, promote the raffle and sell tickets at the show, coordinate the raffle drawing.

**Concessions** – solicit donations for food, apply for food permit, purchase and prepare food, determine and price menu items, man or coordinate workers for kitchen duties (including food service manager) during show

**Setup/Tear Down** – works with show management to set up show hall, decorate, and tear down after the show.