The Governing Council of the Cat Fancy's
Young Exhibitors' Scheme

SAFEGUARDING POLICY

April 2018

Our safeguarding policy

This policy applies to YES! Administrators, Mentors, Judges, Stewards, Show Managers, table workers, any anybody working on behalf of the GCCF within YES!

The purpose of this Policy

- To protect the candidates and young people who participate in YES!
- To provide mentors, judges, stewards, table workers, show managers and GCCF nominated lead of the Board of Directors with the overarching principals which guide our approach to safeguarding YES! candidates.

GCCF believes that a candidate or young person should never experience abuse of any kind. We have a responsibility to promote the welfare of all candidates and young people who help out of shows to keep them safe. We are committed to practice in a way that protects them.

Legal framework

This policy has been drawn up on the basis of law and guidance that seeks to protect children namely:

- Children Act 1989
- United ~Convention of the Rights of the Child 1991
- Data Protection Act 1998
- Human Rights Act 1998
- Sexual Offences Act 2003
- Children Act 2004
- Safeguarding Vulnerable Groups Act 2006
- Protection of Freedom Act 2014
- Children and Families Act 2014
- Working together to safeguarding children, a guide to inter-agency working to safeguard and promote the welfare of children: HM Government 2015

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This policy should be read alongside our policies and procedure on:

- Role of the Designated Safeguarding Officer
- Managing allegations against volunteers
- Recording and information sharing
- Code of conduct for volunteers
- E-safety
- Role of a for Mentor

We recognise that:

- The welfare of the candidate and young person is paramount, as enshrined in the Children Act 1989.
- All children, regardless of age, disability, gender, racial heritage, religious belief, sexual orientation or identity, have a right to equal protection from all types of harm or abuse.
- Some candidates or young people are additionally vulnerable because of the impact of previous experiences, their level of dependency, communication needs or other issues.
- Working in partnership with candidates and young people, their parents, or guardian is essential in promoting young people's welfare.

We will seek to keep candidates and young people safe by:

- Valuing them, listening to and respecting them.
- The appointment of a Designated Safeguarding Officer [DSO] for candidates and young people, a deputy and an lead board member for safeguarding.
- Adopting child protection and safeguarding practices.
- Developing and implementing an effective e-safety policy and related procedures.
- Providing effective management for volunteers through support, recruiting volunteers safety, ensuring all references are taken up.
- Recording and storing information professionally and securely, and sharing information about safeguarding and good practice with candidates, young people and their families and volunteers, via leaflets, posters, one-to-one discussions.
- Using our safeguarding procedures to share concerns with SGO.
- Using our procedures to manage any allegations against volunteers appropriately.

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We are committed to reviewing our policy and good practice **annually**.

This policy was last reviewed on: …………………………………….. [date]

Signed:

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