

The LaPerm Cat Club submits the following rule change and rationale for the June Council agenda.

#### Section 2 Show Management, Part 5 Classes

Add

5g. Exhibition-only classes can be provided for cats on any register belonging to any of the breeds which are permitted to be registered with the GCCF, i.e. new breeds granted registration-only status or breeds with preliminary or full recognition. Cats in these classes are not assessed by judges.

5h. Additionally, clubs may provide 'Exhibition with critique' classes for cats of breeds with preliminary or full recognition only. Cats entered in these classes will be assessed by the person judging the corresponding breed class and a written critique will be provided on the day and submitted for publication with the show report after the show. The report is for feedback purposes only. Cats on any register can be entered in this class, including cats on the reference register such as variants and cats registered as 'breed type'.

(Renumber the following rules in section 5 with the current 5g becoming 5i and so on)

*NB If agreed by Council the Board recommends inclusion in the rules as a single addition to remove the need for radical renumbering which can cause confusion*

#### Rationale

To allow breeders the advantage of independent feedback on breeding cats which are not eligible to be shown in competition. This will help breeders make decisions about which cats or kittens to retain for breeding. It will help breeders to get a clearer understanding of their cats' strong and weak points, which will help with decisions about how a cat should be used in a breeding programme and which cats they should be paired with to make improvements in the next generation. It would be useful for people breeding with variants wishing for feedback, for example feedback on the type of a straight-coated Rex variant. It would also be useful for people breeding with other cats on the reference register, for example cats from early generations of new outcross lines in certain breeds. Constructive feedback from judges on good conformation will help guide people towards breeding healthy cats and discourage people from breeding from cats with faults. Access to a written critique on the day (as well as one submitted with the show report) would engender discussion with other exhibitors and judges on the day.

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