

## GCCF Show Review Group - Suggested Proposals.

Order of Penning: All exhibits of a Breed to be penned together - A/K/N. It was agreed that it would be ideal if this become the accepted format at shows in which case show managers and the providers of paperwork should be given time in which to accommodate this change but are encouraged to implement it as soon as they can. It is recognised that this may incur extra costs during any initial changeover.

GCCF Approved Breed Notices: Unanimous agreement as promotes corporate image therefore GCCF to provide, to be held by Penning Companies.

Pen cards to carry description of exhibit: General agreement but to be referred to relevant BAC for approval. This could take the form of a general notice to be displayed adjacent to the GCCF Breed banner or on individual exhibits pen cards. Choice of format to be left to club/Show Manager.

Information Leaflets; this was felt to be a good idea and that they should be developed by GCCF and supplied to shows for a small fee from the office.

Kitten....It is recommended that the age for kitten classes should be extended to 10 months, with a kitten that wins 3 BOB's entitled to claim the title "Champion/Premier Kitten". This will be verified by the office and a certificate supplied to the owner in confirmation. There will be no "tickets" given with the BOB award and the title may be included in the cats name until such time as it achieves full adult championship at which point the word "kitten" must be dropped. *If a different title name was chosen then it was felt the kitten could retain the title.*

It was felt that this move would give a higher profile to younger cats, address the concern of immature cats either forfeiting tickets or gaining them inappropriately due to/or not their development at that point in time and therefore it was not felt appropriate or necessary to insert another level....it was strongly felt that the Breed class was in fact a "Pre Champion" class as no exhibit at this level is a Champion!

Grand Classes and the redefining of the breed sections: It was agreed that the suggested changes were both needed and appropriate.

- Recommended Breed section and Grand class regroupings (note name change in 2 sections):

Group	Breeds for Grand	Imperial
Persian	Persian Self	Persian
	Persian Non Self	
	Exotic	

Semi - Long hair	Birman, Ragdoll, Ragamuffin	Semi Long Hair
	Maine Coon, Norwegian Forest, Siberian	
	Somali LH/SH, Turkish Van/Vankededisi, (Nebelung)	
British	British Self	British
	British Non Self	
	Selkirk Rex	
Burmese and Burmese related shorthairs.	Burmese	Short hair
	Asian, Tonkinese (Australian Mist)	
Foreign Shorthair	Russian, Abyssinian, Korat, Thai, Singapura, Snowshoe	Foreign
	Devon Rex, Cornish Rex, La Perm LH/SH, Sphynx	
	Ocicat spotted/classic, Bengal, Egyptian Mau	
Siamese and Oriental	Siamese, Balinese	Siamese
	Oriental self/nonself/bi-colour/longhaired	

However as this could have consequences of disenfranchisement for some judges and to the structure of the Imperial class in some sections, it was felt that it should be:

- Referred to the BAC and Judge Training Review Group to consider:
- If the new groups were appropriate and enhancing to any proposed changes in Judge training
- That any disenfranchised judges should be allowed to remind on the list for twelve months after the instigation of the new structure then:
- Should they be given the option and encouraged to undertake training as a PJ of the relevant breeds, under BAC agreed reduced criteria for promotion...this criteria should be standard within ALL BAC's.....or allowed to keep their position of eligibility.
- However the requirements of eligibility to judge a Grand class should remind as a 2/3rds ratio (full judge (2)/probationer(1))
- The eligibility to judge an Imperial should remind at 100% ratio of eligibility to judge all Grand classes within a breed section.

Siamese Proposal for class entry: After considerable discussion within which a number of scenarios were considered it was agreed to support this proposal in principle. However the original proposal needs to be carefully reworded to ensure it is clearly understood that a cat may enter either the class appropriate to the title it has already attained OR the class for the title it is pursuing. E.G. breed class or Grand, Grand or Imperial, Imperial or Olympian. This would also apply to kittens of between nine and ten months should the age be extended to 10 months.

### Exhibition of cats registered with other organisations:

It was felt that this should apply to both pedigree and HHP's but be allowed only once - although it was acknowledged that this would be difficult to monitor. A way forward could be to allow it at specified shows with the agreement of the Show Manager and Board.

### Show Licence Distribution:

It was felt that there are too many shows within the year all targeting a small specialist market combined with an inequality of distribution both regional and date which can have a detrimental effect on a club/shows income stream. For example two major shows recently took place within a week of each other in the same regional area.

It was felt that the Board should take a far more proactive role when considering the granting of licences to ensure that shows are:

- Equally distributed geographically
- Equally distributed "date wise" throughout the year
- Encourage shows to go "Back to Back"
- Seriously consider issuing licences bi- annually

**Certificate signatures in special circumstances:** It was brought to the group's attention that there are occasions especially at small regional shows where the correctly qualified judge is unable to attend at such short notice that the show manager is unable to engage a suitably qualified judge. Therefore the most senior judge, usually doing the Olympian classes, is requested to sign a breed certificate for a breed of which they are not a full judge. The group would like to recommend that in such circumstances the office refer these certificates to the relevant BAC for endorsement before it can be counted towards the title. This should also apply in cases where a countersignature is required should the judge not be a full judge of the breed concerned.

### Addendum Ref: BOV/BIS

The group would like to recommend that owners be allowed to handle their own exhibits, if they so wish, for BIS.