

## GCCF JUDGE APPOINTMENT SCHEME – 2009

A BAC has asked the Executive Committee for some clarification of Rule 24 and suggested it be circulated to BAC Secretaries to aid consistency.

### DEFINITIONS OF TERMS USED IN RULE 24 – SERVING AS A PROBATIONER JUDGE

**JUDGING ENGAGEMENT** – Rule 24s requires a candidate to complete a minimum of between 6 and 12 judging engagements at separate Championship, Sanction or Specialist Breed Club Exemption Shows which shall include between 5 and 10 Open Classes or their equivalent. The number depends on whether the BAC caters for a single breed or covers a range of colours/patterns.

- A judging engagement is where the candidate is judging at a show regardless of whether they are listed in the Schedule or were called in at a later date.
- A judging engagement may include adults/kittens/neuters of the relevant breed judged in Miscellaneous/Club classes as long as a report is submitted to the BAC Secretary within the designated time.

Judging the relevant breed in Miscellaneous/Club classes enables a BAC to gain further insight into a candidate's ability to judge and place adults and neuters as well as assessing the exhibit's quality compared with other breeds in the section; candidates gain further experience of the breed concerned as well as having the opportunity to judge adults and neuters. Where a BAC requires a candidate to judge a certain number of cats of a particular colour or pattern, Miscellaneous and Club classes are useful for achieving this target. BAC's should make it clear in Rule 24f their requirements regarding reports on cats in Miscellaneous and Club Classes.

**OPEN CLASSES** – Rules 24l – 24o give definitions of equivalent Open Classes that must be accepted by a BAC although candidates should not expect to depend totally on such instances to fulfil the requirements.

**TUTORIALS** – Rule 24g makes the importance of Tutorials very clear. Rule 24h makes it clear a Probationer Judge **MUST** be judging at a show for a tutorial to take place.

- No more than one Tutorial form may be submitted for any one Open class or its equivalent at the same show; however, if a candidate is judging more than one Open class for a different colour or pattern of the same breed, more than one tutorial form can be submitted for the same show.
- Tutorials can now take place at a Seminar and this is explained in Rule 24i.
- Rules 24j – 24o give further details regarding Tutorials.

**ASSESSMENTS** – Assessments should be undertaken towards the end of the probationary period to enable a BAC to decide whether a candidate has reached the required standard and is ready for promotion.

- Assessments should be performed under normal show conditions whether undertaken at a show or a seminar (Rule 24t)
- The BAC may require one or more of the assessments to be with judges on a list determined by the BAC, in which case they must ensure there is adequate choice with at least two more names given than the number of assessments required
- BAC's may allow a free choice for assessments from all full judges on the BAC list.

Rule 24t lists the requirements for Assessments; these requirements have changed in the 2009 Rules of Procedure so should be studied carefully by BAC representatives and candidates.