

THE GCCF HOUSEHOLD PET SYSTEM

At the Council Meeting on October 29th 2008, delegates voted for the GCCF to recognise, officially, the well-being and welfare of all cats and to support those exhibitors who take a pride in and enjoy exhibiting their Household Pet cats. It was agreed that GCCF will award titles to both Non-Pedigree and Pedigree Pets. This scheme will come into operation from June 1st 2009.

A. GCCF TITLES FOR HOUSEHOLD PET CATS

The "GCCF Titles for Household Pet Cats" scheme will build on the Master Cat system initiated by the Coventry & Leicester Cat Club (adopted by several Clubs) and has their full support and agreement. It is a uniform system offering Open, Grand and Imperial Classes and will be optional for any affiliated club wishing to include it at their Championship or Sanction Show licensed by the GCCF. It will also be adapted for the GCCF Supreme Show. Mrs Lesley Szwed, who currently runs the very successful scheme for the Coventry & Leicester Club has agreed to act as the Administrator.

The certificates offered would be similar to those in the pedigree section. Show Managers would contact Mrs Szwed with details of the numbers of certificates required etc before the show and supply a marked catalogue afterwards. An explanation, similar to that found in the pedigree section would need inserting in the Household Pet Section of schedules and catalogues (see attached).

The Open Classes agreed by the Executive Committee for the Household Pet Section are shown on the attached "possible schedule layout" document. Depending on the popularity of the system, these classes could be split or expanded at a future date.

The Grand Master and Imperial Grand Master classes will have Master Cats or Grand Master Cats, as appropriate, competing from any colour, pattern or hair length within their group. (See attached details).

HOUSEHOLD PET TITLE ADMINISTRATOR: Mrs Lesley Szwed, 35 Potton Close, Barn End, Coventry, CV3 3EA. Email: lesleyszwed@fsmail.net

B. PEDIGREE PET CATS AS HOUSEHOLD PETS

The Household Pet Section will be divided into two groups. These would operate independently and affiliated clubs could include one or both groups at their Sanction or Championship Shows.

The Non-Pedigree Pet group would be comprised of unregistered cats from unregistered or unknown parents as now. They would be of traditional "moggie" appearance either Long/Semi-Long or Shorthaired.

The Pedigree Pet group would be comprised of cats of pedigree appearance with known or unknown pedigree, full or half pedigree, background. These are cats that are as well loved and cared for as any other Household Pet and can now be shown under the new rules agreed in Council.

The requirements for showing BOTH groups of Household Pets will be :-

- All will be judged by the same criteria for the quality of their Presentation, Condition, Temperament and Personality.
- No prefixes or titles shall be used; cats will be entered either by their pet name or, if registered, the rest of the registered name, without the prefix, may be used.
- No reference will be made to breed numbers or descriptions
- All Household Pets 6 months and over shall be neutered.


The classes to be provided in both groups will be defined by coat length, colour and pattern.

CERTIFICATES

Certificates for Master, Grand Master, Imperial Grand Master, UK Grand Master etc have been designed on similar lines to the current GCCF certificates used in the Pedigree Section and are obtainable from Lesley Szwed.

SUGGESTED PAGE TO BE INSERTED IN SCHEDULES

This will be available to Show Managers in a similar manner to the advertisement used in the Pedigree Section.

<p>THE GOVERNING COUNCIL OF THE CAT FANCY 5 KING'S CASTLE BUSINESS PARK THE DROVE BRIDGWATER SOMERSET TA6 4AG</p> <p>Tel: 01278 427575 Fax: 01278 446627 Email: info@gccfcats.org</p> <p>Website: www.gccfcats.org</p> <hr/> <p>HOUSEHOLD PET EXHIBITORS - If your cat has won a Master Cat, Grand Master Cat, Imperial Grand Master Cat, UK Grand Master or UK Imperial Grand Master title at a GCCF Show, please make your claim to Mrs Lesley Szwed, 35 Potton Close, Barn End, Coventry, CV3 3EA. Please include the cat's name, colour, sex and age, together with the names and dates of the qualifying shows, the awarding judges' names and photocopies of the relevant certificates. All claims are acknowledged and, periodically, a list of Master Cats etc will be published in the Official Journal, shortly after which medals will be sent to the owners.</p> <p>MASTER CAT TITLE The title Master Cat (MC) shall be attained by the awarding of three Master Cat certificates by three different judges at participating Championship or Sanction shows licensed by the GCCF.</p> <p>GRAND MASTER CAT TITLE The title Grand Master Cat (GMC) shall be attained by the awarding of three Grand Master Cat certificates by three different judges at participating Championship or Sanction Shows licensed by the GCCF.</p> <p>IMPERIAL GRAND MASTER TITLE The title Imperial Grand Master Cat (IGM) shall be attained by the awarding of five Imperial Grand Master Cat certificates by five different judges at participating Championship or Sanction Shows licensed by the GCCF.</p>	
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(suggested layout for schedules)

HOUSEHOLD PET SECTION

OPEN CLASSES

NON-PEDIGREE PETS

NON-PEDIGREE PET IMPERIAL GRAND MASTER / GRAND MASTER CLASSES

- 1 AC Non-Pedigree Grand Master Cat (Imperial Class)
- 2 AC Non-Pedigree Master Cat (Grand Class)

LONGHAIR OR SEMI LONGHAIR NON-PEDIGREE PET

- 3 Self (single colour) Cat, with or without white
- 4 Tabby Cat of any pattern, with or without white
- 5 Ginger or Any Colour Tortoiseshell Cat, with or without white

- 6 Any other colour or pattern Cat, with or without white

SHORTHAIR NON-PEDIGREE PET

- 7 Self (single colour) Cat, with or without white
- 8 Tabby Cat of any pattern, with or without white
- 9 Ginger or Any Colour Tortoiseshell Cat, with or without white
- 10 Any other colour or pattern Cat, with or without white

KITTEN OPEN CLASSES TO BE SPLIT INTO COAT LENGTH, COLOUR, PATTERN, AGE ETC AT SHOW MANAGER'S DISCRETION

PEDIGREE PETS

PEDIGREE PET IMPERIAL GRAND MASTER / GRAND MASTER CLASSES

- 11 AC Pedigree Pet Grand Master Cat (Imperial Class)
- 12 AC Pedigree Pet Master Cat (Grand Class)

LONGHAIR OR SEMI LONGHAIR PEDIGREE PET

- 13 Self (single colour) Cat, with or without white
- 14 Tabby Cat of any pattern, with or without white
- 15 Red or Any Colour Tortoiseshell Cat, with or without white
- 16 Any other colour or pattern Cat, with or without white

SHORTHAIR PEDIGREE PET

- 17 Self (single colour) Cat, with or without white
- 18 Tabby Cat of any pattern, with or without white
- 19 Red or Any Colour Tortoiseshell Cat, with or without white
- 20 Any other colour or pattern Cat, with or without white

KITTEN OPEN CLASSES TO BE SPLIT INTO COAT LENGTH, COLOUR, PATTERN, AGE ETC AT SHOW MANAGER'S DISCRETION. KITTENS MUST BE NEUTERED BY THE AGE OF SIX MONTHS.

ARRANGEMENTS FOR BEST OF GROUP/BEST OF COLOUR/BEST IN SHOW ETC TO BE AT THE SHOW MANAGER'S DISCRETION.

ROYAL CANIN STAKES/CRYSTAL CLEAR CLASSES ETC WILL NOT BE AFFECTED BY THIS SCHEME.

THE MISCELLANEOUS AND/OR CLUB CLASSES MAY BE COMBINED NON-PEDIGREE PET & PEDIGREE PET OR NOT AT THE SHOW MANAGER'S DISCRETION.