

THE NORTHERN BIRMAN CAT CLUB



SCHEDULE OF THE 6TH CHAMPIONSHIP SHOW

Held under GCCF Licence and Rules

At

**THE THOMAS CHAMBERS NEWTON
MEMORIAL HALL, COWLEY LANE
CHAPELTOWN, SHEFFIELD, S35 1SX**

on
SATURDAY, 14TH APRIL 2012

***Including Household/Pedigree Pets
& SLH Assessment Classes***

*Show Manager:
Mrs Elaine Culf,
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Tenterden
Kent
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***Entries close Monday, 26th March 2012 (postmark)
Or when hall capacity is reached – POST EARLY as space is limited
NO withdrawals permitted after this date***


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THE NORTHERN BIRMAN CAT CLUB

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JUDGES:

Mrs Lynda Ashmore, Mrs Daphne Butters, Mrs Lindsey Grant,
Mr John Hansson, Lady Audrey Saye, Mrs Joyce Worth

HON DUTY VETERINARY SURGEONS:

TO BE ADVISED

PEDIGREE BEST IN SHOW JUDGES:

Mrs Daphne Butters, Mrs Lindsey Grant, Mrs Joyce Worth

NON-PEDIGREE / PEDIGREE PET BEST IN SHOW JUDGES:

Mrs L Ashmore

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AN INVITATION.....

On behalf of the Officers and Committee of the Northern Birman Cat Club, I would like to invite Exhibitors to our 6th Championship Show, which will, once again, be held at the Thomas Chambers Newton Memorial Hall in Sheffield, which is an incredibly easy venue to access from the Motorway.

This will be the first time I have been "at the helm" for the Club, and I am really looking forward to the day. The Committee are a joy to work with, we all have the same aim, to make this a fabulous day out for everyone to enjoy, which judging from the fantastic support and entry numbers we have had in the last two years, from all over the country, means we are succeeding! We are continuing with the very popular Lucky Catalogue and Lucky Pen Draws, as well as the People's Choice award which everyone loved last year. Another innovation introduced last year was the Red Card Day Rosette, to celebrate that special occasion when your lovely feline wins all its classes, so we will be repeating that! We are also introducing Judge's Choice Rosettes this year, when each of our Judges will award a special rosette to their favourite cat in the hall. The day wouldn't be complete without the culinary delights that come out of "Ron's Kitchen", and there will be stalls for you to browse during the day.



Once again, we are offering all Members and Exhibitors the opportunity to Sponsor Classes at just £6.00 per class, there is a form at the back of the schedule to complete and send in with your entry. If you would like to help your Club even further, we would be happy to arrange sponsorship of particular Rosettes, such as the Best in Show, Olympian, Imperials or Grands, so if you are interested, then do please get in touch with me and I can advise you of the exact costs involved and the availability.

I am delighted to say that following this year's show, the Committee are organising an After-Show Dinner, where you can all relax and relive your day amongst your Birman friends. Further details can be found within the schedule.

Do come along and join us at our Friendly Show We look forward to seeing you all!

Elaine

Elaine Culf, Show Manager

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SHOW RULES AND REGULATIONS

The show is held under the Rules of the Governing Council of the Cat Fancy and is open to all. As a copy of the Rules is NOT included with this schedule, all exhibitors are reminded that they should read Section 4 of the Show Rules, as they will be strictly applied. Ignorance will not be accepted as an excuse for a breach of the Rules. (Copies of the Rules may be obtained from the GCCF Offices, 5 King's Castle Business Park, The Drove, Bridgwater, Somerset. TA6 4AG)

REGISTRATION

No Cat or Kitten, Entire or Neutered, born after 19/10/71 with one or both parents, grand-parents or great grand parents unregistered shall be eligible for the Open Classes. All Pedigree Cats, Kittens or Neuters exhibited at a GCCF show must be registered. All registered exhibits which have changed hands, must have been transferred to their new owner at least 21 days before the Show. All registrations and/or transfers must have reached GCCF Office at least 21 days before the Show.

Cats which are not normally resident with their registered owner should be transferred into the ownership of their keeper if they are to be shown. Exhibitors are reminded that in the event of rejection, all exhibits in the same registered ownership may also be rejected and clearance may be required for both households.

GENERAL NOTES FOR THE ATTENTION OF ALL

The Committee reserve to themselves the right to:

- a). Appoint other Judges should those advertised be unable to fulfil their engagement, and to appoint further Judges should they be required.
- b). Fix and limit the number of exhibits at the show.
- c). To accept or refuse exhibit entry without giving a reason.
- d). Refuse admission to the hall without giving a reason.
- e). Cancel, amalgamate or divide classes.
- f). Publish a catalogue of the show containing information as to the exhibits and names and addresses of exhibitors.
- g). Retain a percentage of the Entry Fees to cover essential expenses in the event of the show being cancelled for any reason.
- h). Make an administration charge for any cheque returned unpaid by the bank.
The exhibitors' entry will be withdrawn from the show until such time as the Entry Fees plus an additional £10.00 administration charge are paid by that exhibitor. No further personal cheques will be accepted from that exhibitor.
- i). Exhibitors are responsible for the correct description of the exhibits and for entering them in the correct classes.

GENERAL GUIDELINES ON ENTERING SHOWS

Where possible, always complete your show entry form from your GCCF registration document (i.e. Registration or Transfer Certificate) for the cat that is to be exhibited, **printing** the details carefully to avoid any misinterpretation of your handwriting. If the document you have is headed 'APPLICATION FOR THE TRANSFER OF OWNERSHIP OF REGISTERED CATS' this means that the cat is not registered in your name and you must complete the form and send it back to the GCCF with the transfer fee as soon as possible. It must be received by the GCCF no later than 21 days before the show.

If you have not received your registration document at the time of entry, complete the show entry form with the details from the pedigree, giving the first choice of name if it is a non-prefix registration, and put RAF (Registration Applied For) or TAF (Transfer Applied For), or both, in the Registration No. box. It is wise to enclose a stamped self-addressed acknowledgement postcard with all registration and transfer applications, particularly for cats entered for shows, so that you know that the application has been received by the GCCF.

Try to keep a copy of your entry form - then, when you receive registration details and number, check these against the entry form and notify the Show Manager in writing of any differences in the details, as well as giving the registration number, if applicable. This may not be in time for the printing of the Show Catalogue, but the Show Manager should attach your letter to your entry form which will save unnecessary notification of discrepancies when the show is checked. All Catalogue errors are checked against the original entry form and any exhibitors' letters are used for reference. Show management are permitted to accept corrections, at their own discretion, up to the close of the show (on show day); any such a change must not be an addition or substitution of any exhibit for which proof of entry cannot be validated or a change of exhibit/owner.

If you are entering several cats from your household and the registered owners (exhibitors) differ within that household/family, check with the Show Manager whether using one entry form is acceptable or not, and if it is, indicate **very clearly** which exhibitor owns which cat, ensuring all owners sign the entry form. It may be less confusing and more acceptable to the Show Manager for each owner to use separate entry forms, but joint owners of an exhibit(s) should always use the same form and **both must sign**.

GCCF Rules Section 4 Rule 26 – Exhibitors are reminded that the decisions of judges are final. Any attempt to influence such decisions, or to identify a cat or ownership of a cat to a judge at a show before that judge's engagement has been completed may render the offender liable to disciplinary action.

STATUS OF ERRORS - WHAT TO EXPECT

MINOR ERRORS

These warrant a notification for your reference if the error occurs more than once and it is apparent that registration details were available at the time of entry, or before the date of the show. Continuous repetition of the same error after notification will be referred to the Executive Committee.

Examples of minor errors include:

- (a) Spelling errors
- (b) Separation of cat's names that should be one word, and vice versa
- (c) Administrative/breeder's prefix omitted from, or partially incorrect name given for exhibit
- (d) Overseas title preceding the name of an exhibit, sire or dam etc.
- (e) Full breed number known but not given
- (f) Sire and Dam reversed or named incorrectly
- (g) Breeder joint when single and vice versa

INCORRECT DATE OF BIRTH

This is usually classed as a minor error unless it affects an entry into classes based on age groups, when it could warrant disqualification of the exhibit from such classes; but if the incorrect date of birth affects the age suitability as a whole, then the exhibit will be disqualified from the show.

N.B. AGE LIMITS: Kittens - **not less than 14 weeks** and under 9 calendar months on date of show.

Adults - not less than 9 calendar months on date of show.

INCORRECT NAME OF EXHIBIT/OWNER/BREEDER

If registration/transfer details were obviously available at the time of entry or before the date of the show, disqualification is inevitable. The following discrepancies are those which usually arise:

EXHIBIT	*	Totally incorrect name
REGISTERED OWNER/ EXHIBITOR	*	Joint when they should be single and vice versa
	*	Declaration not signed by registered owner/s N.B. The exhibitor(s) must be the registered owner(s) of the cat and not necessarily the person who actually takes the cat to the show
BREEDER	*	Totally incorrect name or names N.B. The breeder of a cat is always the registered owner of the dam on the date of the cat's birth.

REGISTRATION/TRANSFER NOT RECEIVED BY GCCF 21 DAYS BEFORE THE DATE OF THE SHOW

These entries will be disqualified. Remember, the effective date of all registrations and transfers is the **first date of valid receipt by the GCCF**, and if you enclose your own stamped addressed acknowledgement card with your application form this will be stamped with the GCCF Office date of receipt.

TRANSFER OF EXHIBIT FROM EXHIBITOR TO A NEW OWNER RECEIVED BY GCCF MORE THAN 21 DAYS BEFORE THE DATE OF THE SHOW

Entries such as these will also be disqualified as the exhibitor's entry form becomes invalid.

INCORRECT OR INELIGIBILITY OF CLASS ENTRY

These will be disqualified from the class concerned - so always check with the Show Manager if in doubt about which class to enter. If a breed number is changed officially, it is important that you notify the Show Manager immediately. Exhibits entered in the Grand Class or Imperial Grand class must have qualified on or before the published closing date of the show and the title must have been claimed in writing.

Exhibitors who enter Grand or Imperial Grand classes without claiming will be reminded once, but if the title remains unclaimed the cat will be disqualified from this class at subsequent shows.

CATS REGISTERED ON THE REFERENCE REGISTER

No cat registered on this Register is eligible to be shown in competition and therefore these entries will be disqualified.

The only exception to this is when a new breed becomes recognised; and then, cats of that breed may be shown even if they are registered on the Reference Register as long as this was the only reason for the Reference registration.

Exhibitors may appeal against any disqualification resulting from show checking, giving their reasons. The appeal will be referred to the Executive Committee if considered valid and, if not, a letter of explanation will be sent to the exhibitor(s).

The above advice, however, is aimed to keep your show entries trouble-free, not to mention the show checking.

VETERINARY

GCCF recommend the use of secure, top-opening cat carriers and if a cat cannot easily be removed from the carrier, it will not be vetted in/Judged (as in Best in Show).

N.B. This recommendation relates to the amendment to Section 4 Rule 6.

Exhibits will be received at the entrance of the Show hall from **7.45 a.m. until 9.30 a.m.** on the morning of the show. Each exhibit will be examined by the clubs Hon. Veterinary Surgeons and no exhibit may be penned before being examined.

Vetting-in Envelopes will be given out on the day of the show.

All exhibits must have a current Vaccination Certificate against FIE (Feline Infectious Enteritis), FVR & FCV (Cat Flu) the full course or booster, in accordance with manufacturers recommendations must have been completed more than 7 days before the Show and issued by a Vet. practise/hospital and signed by a Veterinary Surgeon or Vet. Nurse under the direction of a Vet. Surgeon. The certificate must clearly indicate the identity of the exhibit and the owner to avoid any confusion which may result in rejection from the show!

Cats without valid certificates will be rejected under section A of the GCCF Rejection Form unless the Exhibitor undertakes to provide proof of vaccination, valid for the show, by sending the certificate to GCCF within 7 days of the Show – failure to do so will result in disqualification.

Homeopathic Vaccinations are not acceptable to the GCCF for the purpose of Vetting-in – see Section 4, Rule 4f. Exhibits must have clean ears and coats free from pests. Any exhibit rejected by the Veterinary Surgeon must be removed by its owner and the Entry Fees are forfeit. If, in the Veterinary Surgeons opinion it is desirable, all exhibits from the same household and owner shall be debarred from attending the show. **The Veterinary Surgeons decision is Final.**

VETERINARY REJECTIONS

Exhibitors whose cats have been rejected at shows should note the following:

- a). When sending your clearance certificate to the GCCF Veterinary Officer please include your copy of the rejection slip.
- b). Do not send certificates by recorded delivery as this can cause delays in receipt. If acknowledgement is required please enclose a stamped addressed postcard for signature.
- c). Exhibitors should not attend shows until they have received a letter accepting and confirming clearance from the Veterinary Officer.

PENNING OF EXHIBITS

Every exhibit must be provided with a white sanitary tray, and clean plain white or near-white blanket or blankets without distinctive marking or edging, which may be arranged in such a manner as to assist the comfort of the cat. Cellular blankets are not allowed, but white Vet-bed or like material may be used if preferred. A **hot water bottle** or **heat reflecting material** or a **cool pack** may be used, provided they are covered by a blanket, in accordance with GCCF rules. Any other form of heating will lead to disqualification. All exhibits must have water, but food containers must be removed before judging commences at 10 am, and may not be returned until **1.00 pm**. One **small toy** may be placed in the pen **after** the time announced for the admission of the public. Judges are instructed to pass any pen that is distinguished in any way, other than official notices or award cards. No written or printed matter may be

placed on competitive pens - **For Sale signs are NOT permitted!** Exhibition pens **only**, may be decorated and may carry printed matter relating to the exhibit. Exhibits actually received into the Show Hall cannot be removed without the sanction of the Show Managers. They are only received on condition that the club shall not be held responsible for any loss or damage to exhibits, boxes or baskets or in any other way. **Please Note** that it is the Exhibitors responsibility to ensure that their cat's pen is safe and secure before leaving the hall.

ADVICE TO EXHIBITORS – PLEASE DO TAKE NOTE!

- a) You are advised against purchasing any shampoo's that change a cat's coat colour or the use of Stress Remedies including Scullcap or Valerian which change a cat's normal appearance or physical reaction as this will lead to disqualification under Section 4 Rule 14.
- b) Any person whose cats have been rejected under sections C or D must not officiate as a judge or steward, or in any other capacity which requires the handling of cats at shows, until a clearance certificate as required by the GCCF has been obtained.
- c) The use of small battery driven fans in pens can be dangerous, and could also be considered a distinguishing feature.
- d) The use of any kind of spray in the hall is strictly forbidden.
- e) Please note that in addition to the classes you have entered, your cat may also be handled for the purpose of assessing candidates in the GCCF appointment scheme.
- f) Queens who have kitted within 12 weeks of the date of the show may not be shown.
- g) It is highly recommended that you clip the claws of your cat/kitten before the show.
- h) **Owners Liability:** Please note that Exhibitors (owners) are responsible for the cost of any veterinary treatment required by their cat/s during the Exhibitors (owners) absence from the show hall.
- i) **Advertisements:** Be aware that advertising the future attendance of your cat at a GCCF show could lead to disciplinary action – take care when advertising in magazines, newspapers, newsletters or on the Internet.
- j) GCCF Veterinary Sub Committee wish to remind Exhibitors that cats should not be left in cars.

SHOW WITHDRAWALS AND ALTERATIONS

The last date for withdrawal of a cat from a show is the advertised closing date for entries at that show. After this date the cat/s concerned may not be withdrawn from the catalogue of the show and the 13 day Rule about entering 2 shows within 13 days will apply. There will be no refund of entry fees if the cat is not present at the show and the entry in the catalogue must not be withdrawn. This ruling does not prevent Show Managers from returning entries after the closing date of the show if they are unable to accept them into the show because the show is full.

ALL WITHDRAWALS, ALTERATIONS AND/OR ADDITIONS TO ENTRY FORMS, MUST BE MADE IN WRITING TO THE SHOW MANAGER/S.

No telephone alterations and/or deletions will be accepted but corrections to your entry form can be made on show day

PLEASE NOTE: If a Cat/kitten is entered as an Entire and then Neutered before the Show you MUST notify the Show Manager A.S.A.P.

CORRESPONDENCE

All correspondence must be accompanied by a S.A.E. if a reply is required. Any complaint related to the show must be forwarded to the Show Manager within seven days of the show.

JUDGING AND JUDGES

Judging will commence at 10.00 am and Exhibitors will be requested to clear the hall until 12.30pm, while the Open Classes are being judged. Judges are empowered to withhold any prize, award or certificate, in any class, if the exhibits do not, in their opinion, possess sufficient merit. Prizes will be awarded from the Judge's award slip and not from any catalogue or prize card. A Judge's decision is final. An exhibitor may not approach a Judge, nor enter into conversation with a Judge, until that Judge's engagement is complete.

COUNTERSIGNATURES

In the event of a change of Judge of a Breed Class occurring after the closing date of the show, **providing the exhibitor informs the Show Manager prior to Judging**, that a certificate has previously been awarded by the replacement Judge, the Show Managers shall appoint one other Judge who shall Judge the cat, and if the cat is considered worthy, countersign the certificate which shall then count towards Champion/Premier status.

If the replacement Judge at the first show has also previously been booked for a subsequent show, the closing date of which is before the date of the first show and where the actual entry has been made and received before the date of the first show, then at the subsequent show this Judge can be regarded as a replacement Judge for the purpose of requesting a counter-signature.

CHAMPIONS AND PREMIERS

The title of Champion for cats and Premier for Neuters shall be granted to exhibits winning three Challenge Certificates or Premier Certificates at three shows under separate Judges. A GCCF Challenge/Premier Certificate will be offered for each cat/neuter Breed Class of the recognised breeds with Championship status.

GRAND CHAMPIONS — GRAND PREMIERS

The title of Grand Champion will be granted to a cat winning three Grand Challenge Certificates at three shows under three different judges. To compete in the Grand Champion Class a cat must be a full Champion. A Champion cat may only be shown in its Grand Champion Class. Only one prize with a Reserve in the case of disqualification will be awarded.

The title of Grand Premier shall be granted to neutered cats under the same rules and conditions as those for Grand Champion.

IMPERIAL GRAND CHAMPIONS – IMPERIAL GRAND PREMIERS

The title of Imperial Grand Champion will be granted to a cat winning five Imperial Grand Champion Challenge Certificates at five shows under five different Judges. To compete in the Imperial Grand Champion Class, cat must be a full Grand Champion. A Grand Champion cat may only be shown the Imperial Grand Champion Class. Only one prize with a Reserve in case of disqualification will be awarded.

The title of Imperial Grand Premier will be awarded to neutered cats under the same rules as those for Imperial Grand Champion.

OLYMPIAN GRAND CHAMPIONS – OLYMPIAN GRAND PREMIERS

The title of Olympian Grand Champion will be granted to a cat winning five Olympian Grand Champion Challenge Certificates at five shows under five different Judges. To compete in the Olympian Grand Champion Class, cat must be a full Imperial Grand Champion. An Imperial Grand Champion cat may only be shown the Olympian Grand Champion Class. Only one prize with a Reserve in case of disqualification will be awarded.

The title of Olympian Grand Premier will be awarded to neutered cats under the same rules as those for Olympian Grand Champion.

NON-PEDIGREE PET

The Non-Pedigree Pet group would be comprised of unregistered cats from unregistered or unknown parents as now. They would be of traditional “moggy” appearance either Long/Semi-Long or Shorthaired. Non-Pedigree pets will be judged for the quality of their Presentation, Condition, Temperament and Personality. All Non-Pedigree pets 6 months and over shall be neutered.

PEDIGREE PET

The Pedigree Pet group will be comprised of cats of pedigree appearance with known or unknown pedigree, full or half pedigree, background.

Pedigree pets will be judged 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 pedigree pets 6 months and over shall be neutered

DEFINITION OF CLASSES

BREED CLASS:	Open to all of the specified breeds. (Must be G.C.C.F. Registered).
CATS:	Not less than 9 calendar months on the day of the show.
KITTENS:	Not less than 14 weeks and under 9 calendar months on the day of the show. PLEASE NOTE: As from 1 st June 2001 Kitten Neuters to be entered in their relevant Breed Kitten Open & Kitten Miscellaneous Classes and will compete for B.I.S. Kitten. Neuter kittens of Preliminary breeds to be included in Kitten Assessment classes where separate classes for A/K/N are scheduled.
NEUTERS:	Neuter adults may only enter Neuter classes and may not compete with entire cats or kittens, except in Club Classes which are scheduled to include Neuters. Where Best in Show is held, the best Neuter shall be considered against the best Entire Adult and Kitten for Best Exhibit in Show.
DEBUTANTE:	Exhibits that have never been shown at a show held under GCCF Rules. (Debutante entry as a Kitten does not count when the exhibit is shown as an Adult or Neuter and Debutante entry as an Adult does not count when the exhibit is Neutered and shown).
MAIDEN:	Exhibits that have not won a First, Second or Third prize in any class at a show held under GCCF Rules.
NOVICE:	Exhibits that have not won a First Prize in any class at a show held under GCCF Rules.
LIMIT:	Exhibits that have not won more than four First Prizes in any class at a show held under GCCF Rules.
ARISTOCRAT:	Exhibits that have won one or more Challenge/Premier Certificates but have not yet achieved Champion/Premier status.
BREEDERS:	Exhibits bred by the exhibitor/s. Cats originally registered in the breeders' joint ownership but changed to single ownership of one of the Breeders can still be entered in this class. Cats originally registered in Breeder's single ownership and changed to joint ownership with the breeder should be entered in the Non-Breeders Class.
NON-BREEDERS:	Exhibits not bred by the exhibitor.
ADOLESCENT:	Cats 9 – 15 months old on the day of the show.
JUNIOR:	Cats over 9 calendar months of age and under 2 years on the day of the show.
SENIOR:	Cats 2 – 7 years old on the day of the show.
VETERAN:	Cats 7 years and over on day of show.
RADIUS:	For cats and kittens living within 25 mile radius of show hall.
VISITORS:	For cats and kittens living outside 25 mile radius of show hall.

Abbreviations

**AC - Any Colour; AOC - Any other Colour; Self – One Colour,
Non-Self – More than One Colour, AV - Any Variety; LH - Long Hair; SH - Short hair;
SLH - Semi Longhair; M - Male; F - Female; MN - Male Neuter; FN - Female Neuter.**

PLEASE NOTE:

- Photographs may only be taken with the specific permission of the Show Managers and the individual Cat's owner
- All Mobile Phones must be switched off in the show hall
- No sprays of any kind may be used in the show hall
- Strictly no smoking in the show hall
- The use of grooming shelves is not permitted

THE SHOW CLOSSES AT 5.00pm (or earlier at the Show Managers discretion). No cat may be removed from its pen by the exhibitor before this time - disqualification may result. Any exhibitor interfering with or removing any cat from its pen during the show, except with the consent of the Show Manager, will forfeit any award that may be due to his or her exhibit.

There will be NO EARLY REMOVAL PASSES!

NO PHOTOGRAPHY ALLOWED WITHOUT PRIOR CONSENT FROM BOTH THE EXHIBITOR/S & THE SHOW MANAGER

** Exhibitors please note that details from your Entry Forms will be processed by computer. **

TROPHIES

The Northern Birman Cat Club offers trophies to members which must be returned, in good condition, on or before show day to Mrs Judith Pool, Tel: 01539 532447.

ALL TROPHIES AND SPECIAL AWARDS WILL BE FULLY LISTED IN THE CATALOGUE

The committee would like to take this opportunity to inform all trophy winners of recent rule amendments made by the GCCF: Rule 25 Section 4: *'failure to return a club trophy can lead to a fine of £50 and suspension by the GCCF'*. Suspension under this rule would mean that you would not be able to enter shows or register kittens or participate in any way in the cat fancy, until the fine was paid and the trophy returned or replaced.

PHOTO COMPETITION

We are having a photo competition this year – at just 50p per photo to enter, why not bring your favourites along on show day?

Special prizes for the winners of each category:

CUTEST KITTEN/S

MOST AMUSING (ANY PET)

CATS AT PLAY

GENERAL

Payment can be made with your Entry, or on Show Day.

ENTRY FEES

Entry Fees per exhibit include: Titled or Breed class + 3 other Classes, Penning, + 1 Exhibitors pass (2 for joint ownership). Please note Charity Classes must be entered as an extra class. Maximum 6 classes per exhibit.

	MEMBERS	NON MEMBERS
BIRMANS & ASSESSMENT BREEDS:		
Per exhibit	£ 26.50	£32.00
3 rd (or more) exhibit	£22.00	£27.50
Extra Classes	£3.50	£3.50
 NON-PEDIGREE & PEDIGREE PETS:		
Per exhibit	£ 26.50	£32.00
3rd (or more) exhibit	£22.00	£27.50
Extra Classes	£3.50	£3.50
	Double Pens	£14.00
	Exhibition Pens (1 or 2 adult cats or 4 kittens)	£18.00
	Catalogues (prepaid)	£3.00
	Class Sponsorship per class	£6.00
Extra Admission Tickets	Adults	£2.50
	Children/Senior Citizens	£1.00
Advertisements: (Full page only)	Exhibitors/Members	£15.00
	Trade	£20.00
	Clubs/Charities	£15.00

ALL ADVERTISEMENTS A5 (Catalogue Size) & Camera Ready where possible please!
If you could Email your advert this would be even better!

AWARDS

Best In show:

All Olympian, Imperial, Grand and BOB winners will be automatically entered for Best in Show
All Kitten Open Winners will be automatically entered for Best in Show

In addition, Judges nominations will also be automatically entered for Best in Show

Best in Show for Assessment Breeds, Household Pets & Pedigree Pets

Olympian, Imperial & Grand Master Classes: Special Rosettes

Champion, Premier & Master Classes: Special Rosettes

Open Classes: Rosettes for 1st, 2nd and 3rd, including Assessment classes

Merit Winners: Special rosette

Best of Breed Winners: Special Rosette

Best of colour in Non Pedigree & Pedigree Pet Open classes: Special Rosette

Best in Show: Special Rosettes

Northern Birman Cat Club Classes: Special Rosettes for 1st, 2nd & 3rd Placings

Miscellaneous Classes: Rosette for 1st, 2nd & 3rd Placings

Exhibition Pens: Special Rosette

Red Card Day: Special Rosette

Judge's Choice: Each judge to award a special rosette to their favourite exhibit

People's Choice: Exhibitors and visitors vote for their favourite exhibit to win a special rosette

Please return all entry forms with the correct fees to Mrs Elaine Culf.
Cheques should be made payable to "Northern Birman Cat Club Show Account"

Don't Forget!!



Northern Birman Cat Club

'Feline Frolics' **Dinner & Dance**

Saturday 14th April 2012

Staindrop Lodge Hotel

Lane End, Chapeltown, S35 3UH

Reception 7.00 p.m., Dinner 7.45 p.m.

Licensed Bar ~ Raffle ~ Dancing to resident DJ Liam

Tickets £21.00

*complimentary glass of bucks fizz on arrival
(on presentation of this ticket)*

To reserve your tickets please contact:

Ron Attley

01606 553190

sueron.attley@virgin.net

Don't delay – tickets going fast!!

BREED & TITLED CLASSES**ADULTS**

1	Olympian Male	Mrs L Grant
2	Olympian Female	Mrs L Grant
3	Imperial Grand Champion Male	Lady A Saye
4	Imperial Grand Champion Female	Lady A Saye
5	Seal or Blue point Champion Male	Mrs J Worth
6	Seal or Blue point Champion Female	Mrs J Worth
7	AOC point Champion Male.....	Mrs L Grant
8	AOC point Champion Female.....	Mrs L Grant
9	Seal Point Adult Male.....	Lady A Saye
10	Seal Point Adult Female	Lady A Saye
11	Blue Point Adult Male.....	Mrs D Butters
12	Blue Point Adult Female	Mrs D Butters
13	Chocolate or Lilac Point Adult Male	Mrs J Worth
14	Chocolate or Lilac Point Adult Female	Mrs J Worth
15	Red or Cream Point Adult Male.....	Lady A Saye
16	Red or Cream Point Adult Female	Lady A Saye
17	Tortie Point Adult Female.....	Lady A Saye
18	Tabby Point Adult Male.....	Mrs L Grant
19	Tabby or Tortie Tabby Adult Female	Mrs L Grant
20	Turkish Vankedisi Assessment Adult	Mr J Hansson
21	Ragamuffin Assessment Adult	Mrs L Ashmore

KITTENS

22	Seal Point Kitten Male.....	Mr J Hansson
23	Seal Point Kitten Female	Mr J Hansson
24	Blue Point Kitten Male.....	Mrs J Worth
25	Blue Point Kitten Female	Mrs J Worth
26	Chocolate or Lilac Point Kitten Male.....	Mrs L Grant
27	Chocolate or Lilac Point Kitten Female	Mrs L Grant
28	Red or Cream Point Kitten Male.....	Mr J Hansson
29	Red, Cream or Tortie Point Kitten Female.....	Mr J Hansson
30	Tabby Point Kitten Male.....	Mrs D Butters
31	Tabby or Tortie Tabby Kitten Female	Mrs D Butters
32	Turkish Vankedisi Assessment Kitten	Mr J Hansson
33	Ragamuffin Assessment Kitten	Mrs L Ashmore

NEUTERS

34	Olympian Premier Male	Mrs D Butters
35	Olympian Premier Female.....	Mrs D Butters
36	Imperial Grand Premier Male.....	Mrs J Worth
37	Imperial Grand Premier Female	Mrs J Worth
38	Seal or Blue Point Premier Male	Lady A Saye
39	Seal or Blue Point Premier Female	Lady A Saye
40	AOC Premier Male	Mrs D Butters
41	AOC Premier Female	Mrs D Butters
42	Seal Point Neuter Male	Mrs L Grant
43	Seal Point Neuter Female	Mrs L Grant
44	Blue Point Neuter Male	Mrs J Worth
45	Blue Point Neuter Female	Mrs J Worth
46	Chocolate or Lilac Point Neuter Male	Mrs D Butters
47	Chocolate or Lilac Point Neuter Female	Mrs D Butters
48	Red or Cream Point Neuter Male	Mrs J Worth
49	Red, Cream or Tortie Point Neuter Female	Mrs J Worth
50	Tabby Point Neuter Male	Lady A Saye
51	Tabby or Tortie Tabby Neuter Female	Lady A Saye
52	Turkish Vankedisi Assessment Neuter.....	Mr J Hansson
53	Ragamuffin Assessment Neuter.....	Mrs L Grant

MISC CLASSES

ADULTS

54	AC Adult Male	Lady A Saye
55	AC Adult Female.....	Lady A Saye
56	AC Breeders Adult Male	Mrs D Butters
57	AC Breeders Adult Female	Mrs D Butters
58	AC Non Breeders Adult Male	Mrs L Grant
59	AC Non Breeders Adult Female	Mrs L Grant
60	AC Debutante Adult	Mrs J Worth
61	AC Novice Adult.....	Mrs J Worth
62	AC Maiden Adult	Mr J Hansson
63	AC Limit Adult	Mr J Hansson
64	AC Adolescent Adult	Mr J Hansson
65	AC Junior Adult	Mr J Hansson
66	AC Senior Adult	Mrs D Butters
67	AC Veteran Adult	Mrs D Butters
68	AC Radius Adult	Mrs L Grant
69	AV Visitors Adult	Mrs L Ashmore
70	AC Aristocrat Adult	Mrs J Worth
71	AC Imperial Gr Ch Adult	Mrs J Worth
72	AC Grand Champion.....	Mrs L Grant
73	AC Champion	Mr J Hansson
74	AC Assessment Breed Adult.....	Mrs L Ashmore
75	AC Ragamuffin Adult	Mr J Hansson
76	AC Turkish Vankedisi Adult.....	Mrs L Grant
77	Charity Class - all proceeds to NBCC Rescue Fund.....	(not judged)

KITTENS

78	AC Kitten Male	Mrs D Butters
79	AC Kitten Female.....	Mrs D Butters
80	AC Breeders Kitten Male	Mrs L Grant
81	AC Breeders Kitten Female	Mrs L Grant
82	AC Non Breeders Kitten Male	Mrs J Worth
83	AC Non Breeders Kitten Female	Lady A Saye
84	AC Debutante Kitten	Lady A Saye
85	AC Novice Kitten.....	Mrs L Grant
86	AC Maiden Kitten.....	Mrs D Butters
87	AC Limit Kitten	Mrs J Worth
88	AC Radius Kitten	Mr J Hansson
89	AC Visitors Kitten.....	Mrs L Grant
90	Birthday Class - January to June	Mr J Hansson
91	Birthday Class - July to December	Mr J Hansson
92	AC Kitten 14 Weeks - 6 Months	Lady A Saye
93	AC Kitten 6 Months - 9 Months	Lady A Saye
94	AC Assessment Breed Kitten.....	Mrs L Ashmore
95	AC Ragamuffin Kitten	Mrs D Butters
96	AC Turkish Vankedisi Kitten.....	Mrs L Grant
97	Charity Class - all proceeds to NBCC Rescue Fund.....	(not judged)

NEUTERS

98	AC Neuter Male	Mrs L Grant
99	AC Neuter Female	Mrs L Grant
100	AC Breeders Neuter Male	Mrs J Worth
101	AC Breeders Neuter Female.....	Mrs J Worth
102	AC Non Breeders Neuter Male.....	Mrs D Butters
103	AC Non Breeders Neuter Female	Mrs D Butters
104	AC Debutante Neuter.....	Mr J Hansson
105	AC Novice Neuter	Mrs J Worth
106	AC Maiden Neuter	Mrs L Grant
107	AC Limit Neuter	Lady A Saye
108	AC Adolescent Neuter	Lady A Saye

109	AC Junior Neuter	Mrs J Worth
110	AC Senior Neuter.....	Mrs D Butters
111	AC Veteran Neuter	Mrs L Grant
112	AC Aristocrat Neuter	Mrs J Worth
113	AC Radius Neuter.....	Mrs L Grant
114	AC Visitors Neuter	Mrs J Worth
115	AC Imperial Gr Premier.....	Mrs D Butters
116	AC Grand Premier	Lady A Saye
117	AC Premier.....	Mrs L Grant
118	AC Assessment Breed Neuter	Mrs L Ashmore
119	AC Ragamuffin Neuter.....	Mrs L Ashmore
120	AC Turkish Vankedisi Neuter	Mr J Hansson
121	Charity Class - all proceeds to NBCC Rescue Fund.....	(not judged)

CLUB CLASSES

THE NORTHERN BIRMAN CAT CLUB

122	Seal Point Adult	Mrs D Butters
123	Blue Point Adult	Mr J Hansson
124	Chocolate or Lilac Point Adult	Lady A Saye
125	Red, Cream or Tortie Point Adult	Mr J Hansson
126	Tabby or Tortie Tabby Point Adult.....	Mrs J Worth
127	Seal Point Kitten	Lady A Saye
128	Blue Point Kitten	Mrs D Butters
129	Chocolate or Lilac Point Kitten	Mrs D Butters
130	Red, Cream or Tortie Point Kitten	Mrs J Worth
131	Tabby or Tortie Tabby Point Kitten.....	Lady A Saye
132	Seal Point Neuter.....	Mr J Hansson
133	Blue Point Neuter.....	Mrs L Grant
134	Chocolate or Lilac Point Neuter.....	Mrs L Grant
135	Red, Cream or Tortie Point Neuter.....	Mr J Hansson
136	Tabby or Tortie Tabby Point Neuter	Mr J Hansson

THE BIRMAN CAT CLUB

137	AC Birman Adult	Mrs L Grant
138	AC Birman Kitten	Mrs L Grant
139	AC Birman Neuter.....	Mrs L Grant

THE SEAL & BLUE POINT BIRMAN CAT CLUB

140	Seal or Blue Point Birman Adult.....	Mrs J Worth
141	Seal or Blue Point Birman Kitten	Mrs J Worth
142	Seal or Blue Point Birman Neuter	Mrs J Worth

THE SOUTHERN & SOUTH WESTERN BIRMAN CAT CLUB

143	AC Birman Adult	Mrs D Butters
144	AC Birman Kitten	Mrs D Butters
145	AC Birman Neuter.....	Mrs D Butters

THE SEMI LONGHAIR CAT ASSOCIATION

146	AC Birman Adult	Lady A Saye
147	AC Birman Kitten	Lady A Saye
148	AC Birman Neuter.....	Lady A Saye

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149	AC Birman Adult	Mr J Hansson
150	AC Birman Kitten	Mr J Hansson
151	AC Birman Neuter.....	Mr J Hansson
152	AC Assessment Adult/Kitten/Neuter.....	Mrs L Ashmore

HOUSEHOLD PET SECTION

OLYMPIAN CLASSES FOR NON-PEDIGREE OR PEDIGREE PETS

153 Imperial Grand Master Cat..... Mrs L Ashmore

NON-PEDIGREE IMPERIAL GRAND MASTER / GRAND MASTER CLASSES

154 AC Non-Pedigree Grand Master Cat (Imperial Class)..... Mrs D Butters

155 AC Non-Pedigree Master Cat (Grand Class)..... Lady A Saye

NON-PEDIGREE LONGHAIR OR SEMI LONGHAIR ADULT

156 Self (single colour) Cat with or without white..... Mrs L Ashmore

157 AC Tabby Cat (except ginger or tortie) of any pattern,
with or without white..... Mr J Hansson

158 Ginger Cat of any tabby pattern or any colour tortoiseshell or
tortie tabby cat, with or without white..... Mrs L Ashmore

159 AOC or Pattern Cat, with or without white
(Ticked, Tipped, Smoke, Pointed etc) Mrs L Grant

NON-PEDIGREE SHORTHAIR ADULT

160 Self (single colour) Cat with or without white..... Mrs J Worth

161 AC Tabby Cat (except ginger or tortie) of any pattern,
with or without white..... Mrs L Ashmore

162 Ginger Cat of any tabby pattern or any colour tortoiseshell or
tortie tabby cat, with or without white..... Mrs J Worth

163 AOC or Pattern Cat, with or without white
(Ticked, Tipped, Smoke, Pointed etc) Mrs L Ashmore

NON-PEDIGREE KITTENS

164 Any Colour Longhair or Semi Longhair Kitten Mrs L Ashmore

165 Any Colour Shorthair Kitten..... Mrs L Ashmore

PEDIGREE PETS IMPERIAL GRAND MASTER / GRAND MASTER CLASSES

166 AC Pedigree Pet Grand Master Cat (Imperial Class)..... Mrs L Ashmore

167 AC Pedigree Pet Master Cat (Grand Class) Mrs L Grant

PEDIGREE PETS LONGHAIR OR SEMI LONGHAIR ADULTS

168 Self (single colour) Cat with or without white..... Mrs L Ashmore

169 AC Tabby Cat (except red or tortie) of any pattern,
with or without white..... Mrs L Grant

170 Red Cat of any pattern or any colour tortoiseshell or
tortie tabby cat, with or without white..... Mrs L Ashmore

171 AOC or Pattern Cat, with or without white Mrs D Butters

PEDIGREE PETS SHORTHAIR ADULTS

172 Self (single colour) Cat with or without white..... Mr J Hansson

173 AC Tabby Cat (except red or tortie) of any pattern,
with or without white..... Mrs L Ashmore

174 Red Cat of any pattern or any colour tortoiseshell or
tortie tabby cat, with or without white..... Mrs L Ashmore

175 AOC or Pattern Cat, with or without white Mrs L Ashmore

PEDIGREE PETS KITTENS

176 Any Colour Longhair or Semi Longhair Kitten Mrs D Butters

177 Any Colour Shorthair Kitten..... Lady A Saye

ADULTS

178	AC LH or SLH Male or Female.....	Mrs D Butters
179	AC SH Male or Female.....	Mrs D Butters
180	AV Senior (over 2 years).....	Mrs L Ashmore
181	AV Veteran (over 7 years).....	Mrs L Grant
182	AV Rescue.....	Mrs L Ashmore
183	AV Never been shown before.....	Mrs L Ashmore
184	AV Friendliest.....	Mrs L Ashmore
185	AV with the Longest Whiskers.....	Lady A Saye
186	AV Best Groomed.....	Mrs L Ashmore
187	AV Pedigree Pet.....	Mrs L Ashmore
188	AV Belonging to a Child.....	Mrs L Grant
189	AV Belonging to a Senior Citizen.....	Mrs L Grant
190	Birthday Class January – June.....	Mrs J Worth
191	Birthday Class July – December.....	Mrs J Worth
192	Charity Class – Proceeds to NBCC Rescue Fund.....	(not judged)

KITTENS

193	AC LH or SLH Male or Female.....	Lady A Saye
194	AC SH Male or Female.....	Mrs J Worth
195	AV Rescue.....	Mrs L Ashmore
196	AV Never been shown before.....	Mr J Hansson
197	AV Friendliest.....	Mr J Hansson
198	AV with the Longest Whiskers.....	Mrs L Grant
199	AV Best Groomed.....	Mrs D Butters
200	AV Pedigree Pet.....	Mrs D Butters
201	AV Belonging to a Child.....	Mrs L Ashmore
202	AV Belonging to a Senior Citizen.....	Lady A Saye
203	Birthday Class January – June.....	Mrs L Ashmore
204	Birthday Class July – December.....	Mrs L Ashmore
205	Charity Class – Proceeds to NBCC Rescue Fund.....	(not judged)

CLUB CLASSES

NORTHERN BIRMAN CAT CLUB

206	AC Non-Pedigree Neutered Adult.....	Mrs L Ashmore
207	AC Non-Pedigree Kitten.....	Mr J Hansson
208	AC Pedigree Pet Neutered Adult.....	Mrs L Ashmore
209	AC Pedigree Pet Kitten.....	Mr J Hansson

SEMI LONG HAIR CAT ASSOCIATION

210	AC Neutered Adult.....	Lady A Saye
211	AC Kitten.....	Lady A Saye

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212	AC Male Neutered Adult.....	Mrs L Ashmore
213	AC Female Neutered Adult.....	Mrs L Ashmore
214	AC Male Kitten.....	Mrs L Ashmore
215	AC Female Kitten.....	Mrs L Ashmore

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We are always very grateful for the generosity of our members and Exhibitors, whether sponsoring classes, donating gifts for the Raffle, or sponsoring particular class rosettes. Last year, we were fortunate enough to have all the Open Classes sponsored, as well as all the Best in Show and Imperial Rosettes.

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THE NORTHERN BIRMAN CAT CLUB

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Please enrol me as a member of the Northern Birman Cat Club

Name:

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It would be a great assistance to the Officers of the Club if you would give some brief details of your pets, whether you are a breeder, and whether your interest is in pedigree, pet cats or both.
Thank you.

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PLEASE SUPPORT OUR RESEARCH PROJECTS

The Cat Welfare Trust is the Fancy's own charity, set up by the GCCF in 1988. The Trust Deed was written to enable funds to be used for the widest possible range of activities to benefit cats. Currently the work of cat rescue is undertaken by GCCF Affiliated Cat Clubs and so the Trust has turned to other ways of improving cat welfare.

Three projects have been undertaken so far, all of which have been funded because the subjects were of particular interest to pedigree cat owners and were not likely to attract commercial funding in their initial stages.

The first of these was a Ph.D. research project to study the preparation of a vaccine for ringworm and was undertaken by Ann Robinson at Bristol University Veterinary School. The second - the Genome Project was undertaken by Dr Matthew Binns of the Animal Health Trust and resulted in the identification and analysis of 211 markers on the feline genome map. The most recent - a study into feline chronic gingivostomatitis - was carried out by Kitty Healey at the University of Liverpool. Chronic gingivostomatitis is a condition familiar to many cat owners, this is a very painful disease affecting the gums and mouths of pet cats causing inflammation and ulceration and there is currently no cure for this condition. Kitty's research has established a link between this condition and FCV reinforcing the need for regular vaccination.

The fourth project will be a study to be conducted by Bristol University in conjunction with Manchester University and the University of California-Davis into the genes that play a pivotal role in the control of infectious diseases particularly Feline Infectious Peritonitis.

The study should also objectively determine relative levels of inbreeding in various breeds and whether the gene pool is dangerously narrow putting specific breeds at increased risk of inherited disorders and disease susceptibilities. Results of this latter part of the study should supplement the information available to the BACs when they look at their breeding policies and help encourage best practice.

The Trust is dependent on donations from the Clubs and members of the Fancy and so it is easy to see that in order to be able to make grants large enough to make a difference to cats' lives we rely on you for all the financial support possible. Donations and legacies to the Trust will ensure the continuation of this work. Please remember the Trust when you or your club consider welfare donations.

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