

BAC & Judge Appointment Scheme Review – October 2011

The agreed rationale of the review was:

To quicken the pace of judge training whilst keeping the emphasis on this being a learning process. If judges can train by section (where type is identical), and by group in the Semi-Longhair and Foreign sections, it should not only shorten training time, but also make newly qualified candidates more employable to Show Managers and so help them move on to other breeds or sections if so wished.

To this purpose the Working Party has considered both the present BAC and show structure to rationalise and streamline both, and suggested changes have been presented during the 'Road Shows' over the past few months. There has been feedback at these events, and from BACs and individuals by letter and email.

Therefore the Board is bringing this revision to Council in final form for discussion, as it is important that the overall structure is accepted before time is spent adding greater detail on training. **It is presented with supporting statistics from the 2009-10 show season.**

The Stewarding Scheme revision has been completed and agreed by the Board so that is printed as a proposal. The rationale underpinning the changes is to make the scheme welcoming and user friendly, as well as instructive; also to bring its administration and monitoring within the jurisdiction of the Guild of Judges so that the trainee steward has support and can be given appropriate feedback rather than simply paper chase.

BAC & Show Restructuring

1. The Persian and Exotic Section to have 1 Imperial and 3 Grands.
There should be two BACs : 1 for Persians and 1 for Exotics
2. The Semi-Longhair Section to have 1 Imperial and 3 Grands
The Birman to remain as one group and the new Grand Groups to be based on 'natural' and 'created' breeds.
 - a) Maine Coon, Norwegian Forest, *Siberian*, Turkish Van and *Vankedis*
 - b) Ragdoll, Somali & *Ragamuffin*
3. The British Section to remain as at present. 1 Imperial and 2 Grands
No change to the BAC structure and designation
4. The Foreign Section to have 1 Imperial and 4 Grand groups
 - a) Cornish Rex, Devon Rex, *Laperm* and Sphynx
 - b) Korat, *Thai*, Russian Blue, *Russian Black & White*, Snowshoe and Tonkinese
 - c) Abyssinian, Egyptian Mau, Ocicat and *Ocicat Classic*, and Singapura + *Australian Mist* (if preliminary recognition is approved)
 - d) Bengals
5. Burmese and Asians to share a section and have 1 Imperial and 2 Grands
6. Siamese and Oriental to become a single section with 1 Imperial and 2 Grands
2 BACs (Siamese & Balinese, and Oriental)

As this is based on current numbers it should be reviewed periodically, as directed by the Board.

Payment in the Semi Longhair and Foreign Sections would be made per group rather than per breed, as at present. Therefore, for example, just as a candidate would pay £30 to become a Probationer for all British and all Persian, £30 should apply equally for all Semi LH natural breeds (2a) or all Foreign patterned cats (4c).

