

## SHOW REVIEW GROUP UPDATE APRIL 2022

The SRG has received well over 40 communications regarding the issue of the lack of Judges actively still judging. This had been identified as a potentially serious issue prior to the pandemic but is now fast becoming critical.

The SRG in conjunction with the JASRG have identified a number of factors central to this decrease – most were evident prior to the pandemic and are still very relevant but a number are as a direct result of it.

- Ageing population
- Loss of judges due to retirement etc.
- Lack of attracting the younger generation to undertake training
- Onerous training programme
- The current BAC “system” wherein cohesive administration essential to a candidate’s success is not guaranteed across the breeds
- Report writing post show (GCCF is the only registering body that expects this)
- Personal costs (lack of “family time”/fees/travelling)
- Section judges listing are misleading – a judge listed in many sections is only one person not many!

Post pandemic:

- No longer wishing to devote their weekends to the Cat Fancy
- no longer willing to travel longer distances especially if reliant on public transport
- due to less judges being available – encountering heavier loadings especially with title classes/BOB
- heavier loadings resulting in a great number of written reports to generate post show
- cutting down on engagements accepted so as do less “homework” post show due to accepting that report writing is a vital aspect of GCCF judge’s responsibilities.

Collectively these are having an extremely negative effect on shows and the remaining judges. All these issues are impacting on the available Judging pool by, not only decreasing the number of available judges even further while increasing the workload of those judges still active.

As more and more judges choose to do less shows the more likely it is that shows will be cancelled

***SRG is aware that the JASRG are very busy in developing a more accessible and less onerous training programme but we believe that one action that could be taken to alleviate, in the short term, the pressure on judges would be to consider ways in which to lessen the need and/or methods for report writing.***

Request received asking for a resume for all GCCF judges giving information of their experiences in GCCF covering their levels of familiarity in issues such as exhibiting, breeding, judging, committee work and at what level.

***SRG agreed that this was a good idea and they should be available on the GCCF website.***

Received many queries regarding rules about opening entries before schedule published.

***SRG to request clarification from Board – confirmation received that this had been an ‘administrative error’ and had been resolved.***

Extra Certificate for BIS

***SRG to request clarification from Board of when an extra certificate for BIS will be given. Board confirmed that the extra BIS certificates will only be given to the Overall BIS Pedigree & the Overall BIS Household Pet at individual shows. SRG suggested that clarification should be clearly stated in schedules and catalogues, this was agreed with the Board. SRG also requested that clarification of addition BIS Award criteria be sent to Show Managers.***

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## PROPOSAL 1

***At Champion/Premier/Master Cat Level - Allow an exhibit to have 2 certificates signed by the same judge to count towards their Title.***

***Scheme to be reviewed after 1 full Show year***

### Reasoning for proposal

- The number of judges available for shows has decreased dramatically over the past few years making it very difficult to allocate different judges to Breed/Open classes to make sure exhibitors have plenty of choice in the shows they attend.

### Positives

- Open up more show choice for exhibitors.
- Gives exhibitors the option to support a show they would not have previously being able to
- Could also reduce the number of countersignatures needed - again saving time.
- This change could potentially save hours of work by cutting down the time required to compare judge allocations across other shows to ensure no duplications

### Rule Changes Needed

- Section 2 10 c, d, e, f – delete all
- Section 4 11 a, b, c i, ii, iii

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## PROPOSAL 2

***Amend 13 day Rule (3b) – remove the words ‘or following’***

No cat owned by me/us or living at the same address will be exhibited at or entered for any show or public exhibition held less than thirteen days prior to ~~or following~~ the date of this show/exhibition. NB. The owner of a cat is the person so named in the GCCF register (Section 4 Rule 1b)

***Scheme to be reviewed after 1 full Show year***

### Reasoning for proposal

- Some exhibitors have stated they chose not enter a GCCF show and chose another registries show the week after instead. Rule change would allow exhibitors to show at GCCF one weekend and then another registry the weekend after. ***The rule change would NOT allow exhibitors to show another registry first and GCCF the following weekend***

### Positives

- **No exhibit would be allowed to show at GCCF if they have shown at any show less than 13 days before a GCCF show.**
- May have a small increase in entries as people would be able to show GCCF and the following week show with another registry.