



**GOVERNING COUNCIL OF THE CAT FANCY OF
IRELAND**

22nd SUPREME SHOW

To be held on

22nd April 2012

at

BALLINTEER COMMUNITY SCHOOL
BROADFORD ROAD
BALLINTEER
DUBLIN 16

Show Managers

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CLOSING DATE FOR ENTRIES

16th March 2012

SUPREME SHOW COMMITTEE

Mrs. Veronica Brooks, Mrs. Betty Dobbs,
Miss Georgina Goodison, Mrs. Gloria Hehir,
Mrs. Alison Kinsella, Mrs. Susan Middleton

PEDIGREE SECTION JUDGES

Mrs. A. Gregory, Mrs. S. Hamilton, Mr. J. Hansson,
Mrs. P. Perkins

NON-PEDIGREE SECTION JUDGE

Mr. Paddy Treanor BVM MRCVS

JOINT SHOW MANAGERS

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HONORARY VETERINARY SURGEONS

A & B Vets
Mr. Mark Heffernan

BEST OF VARIETY JUDGES

BOV Persian: Adult, Kitten & Neuter Mrs. A. Gregory
BOV Semi-LH Adult, Kitten & Neuter Mrs. P. Perkins
BOV British SH: Adult, Kitten & Neuter Mrs. A. Gregory
BOV Foreign SH Adult, Kitten & Neuter Mrs. S. Hamilton
BOV Burmese: Adult, Kitten & Neuter, Mrs. A. Gregory
BOV Oriental Adult, Kitten & Neuter Mr. J. Hansson.
BOV Siamese: Adult, Kitten & Neuter Mr. J. Hansson

SHOW RULES & REGULATIONS
**THESE RULES WILL BE STRICTLY ADHERED TO SO PLEASE READ
THEM CAREFULLY. THEY APPLY TO ALL EXHIBITS AND
EXHIBITORS**

Before you complete the entry form, please make sure that you have read the rules and that you understand them. These Supreme show Rules over-ride the existing Show rules (see www.gccfi.com) should they differ in any way.

VETTING IN

Exhibits will be received at the Show Hall on Sunday 22nd April between the hours of **8 a.m. and 9.15 a.m.**

Please arrive in good time as it is our intention to commence judging at the latest 9.45 a.m. when you will be asked to move away from your pens.

When you check in you will receive an envelope which will be your vetting in card which must be signed by the Vet. You will also receive a numbered label for your carrier. Before leaving your pen tie the label to your carrier and remove any other identifying markings. The carrier will be used to bring the cat to the judging ring. All exhibits must be vaccinated against both Feline Infectious Enteritis and cat 'flu (Feline Calicivirus and Feline Rhinotracheitis) annually. Certificates must be issued more than fourteen days before show date. It is important to bring your vaccination certificates to the show as you will be asked to produce them at vetting-in **and failure to do so will result in rejection.**

All exhibits must be accompanied by their owner or owner's representative. On arrival, exhibits will be examined by a Veterinary Surgeon. The same Vet must examine all cats belonging to an individual exhibitor. All exhibits must be free from any infection or any signs which might indicate infection, including such signs as sore eyes or mouths. Coats and ears must be clean and there must be no sign of parasites. There must be no scabby or bare patches. Any exhibit, which shows the effect of drugs, including sedatives for travelling, will be considered unfit for exhibition and will be rejected.

No exhibit may be penned before it has been examined and no exhibitor or other person accompanying the exhibitors will be allowed into the Show Hall until the cats have passed the Veterinary Surgeon's examination.

Failure to observe this rule will result in the disqualification of the exhibit.

Any exhibit which, in the opinion of the Vet is unfit for exhibition, either at vetting-in or during the Show day, must be removed from the Show Hall immediately, and should the Vet request it, any other exhibit from the same owner

and/or household. The owners, depending on the reason for rejection, may be forbidden to enter the Show premises and all fees will be forfeited. When an exhibit has been rejected the Veterinary Surgeon will issue an official Rejection Form.

THE DECISION OF THE VET IS FINAL AND IS NOT SUBJECT TO APPEAL.

Persons accompanying exhibitors must pay for an entrance ticket, available with entry or at the door on the day.

VETERINARY CLEARANCE CERTIFICATES

If your cat was rejected at any previous show either under GCCFI rules or GCCF rules, a clearance certificate must be submitted and acknowledgement received from GCCFI before you may attend another show.

SHOW DAY

Exhibitors may remain in the Hall all day to watch the judging.

Exhibits are only received on condition that the GCCFI shall not be held responsible for any loss or damage to persons, cats, boxes or baskets, or in any other way.

THE GCCFI FORBIDS THE SALE OF CATS OR KITTENS AT SHOWS.

Sale arrangements may, however, be made at shows but a quarantine period of 7 days must elapse from the show date before a cat or a kitten is released from the breeder to its new home. This is to protect the welfare of the cat/kitten and the interests of the breeder and new owner.

EQUIPMENT

EACH EXHIBIT must have an appropriate secure container with no identifying markings. This will be used to transport the exhibit from its pen to the judging ring. Please label this container with your pen number and make sure this container is under your pen. (A cardboard cat box is not a suitable container). To cause the cat the least amount of alarm a top loading carrier is recommended if at all possible

Each exhibit must be provided with a clean, plain white blanket, white Vetbed or similar proprietary product, also a white litter tray, white water container and white feeding bowl.

We can supply white blankets, litter trays etc. only if ordered with entry.

Please bring your litter requirements WHICH YOU MUST REMOVE AFTER THE SHOW. Management is not responsible for disposing of such matter under the new regulation of waste disposal laws.

JUDGING

Should any of the judges be prevented from fulfilling their engagements, the Organisers reserve the right to appoint other judges. In an emergency, any judge may be changed during the course of the Show with the consent of the Show Manager.

Judges are empowered to withhold any prize or award if in their opinion the exhibit is not of sufficient merit.

A cat that cannot be handled (CNH) may not be judged in its pen and will be disqualified.

ADVERTISEMENTS

Exhibitors' Advertisement Full-page €20
Trade Advertisements €35: Trade Stands €60
Combined Trade Stand and Advertisement €80
Non-Trade stands (1x6ft table) €35

Advertisements which will be printed in black and white should be set up on A5 paper ready for photocopying. To allow sufficient space for margins, the actual copy should measure no more than 17cm x 11.5 cm (**actual size of copy, not of page**). Alternatively Ad can be sent separately by e-mail. Any material which does not conform or which is not well presented will be rejected

ADMISSION

ONE free admission ticket will be given to each exhibitor. Additional tickets for those accompanying exhibitor should be purchased with the entry at €4 each . Tickets will cost €5 on Show Day. Children & Seniors €3

TITLE CLAIMS

When a cat has been awarded a third Challenge, Premier, Grand Challenge, Grand Premier certificate the owner should complete an application form (available from www.gccfi.com) & enclose photocopy of the three certificates. An acknowledgement will be sent.

QUALIFICATION FOR ENTRY

N.B. Only awards received at GCCFI Championship Shows qualify.

CHAMPIONSHIP BREEDS

TARA GR.CH.CLASS Tara Grand Champion on closing date
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CHAMPION CLASS	Champion but not Grand on closing date
PRE-CH CLASS	Adult on day of show, but not Champion on closing date.
Qualifies by	1) winning 1 or more CC's in any show season 2) having won first prize in a kitten open class at a Championship Show and never shown as an adult
TARA GR.PR. CLASS	Tara Grand Premier on closing date
GR.PR.CLASS	Grand Premier on closing date
PREMIER CLASS	Premier but not Grand on closing date
PRE-PR CLASS	Adult Neuter on day of show, but not Premier on closing date.
Qualifies by	1) winning 1 or more PC's in any show season 2) winning one or more CC's before being neutered 3) having won First Prize in a Kitten Open class at a Championship Show and never shown as an adult
KITTEN	Kitten/Kitten Neuter aged between four and nine months on show day
Qualifies by	(1) winning First Prize in an open Kitten class at a Championship Show and never shown as an adult (2) not four months on 19 th February '12 (too young to qualify at Midland Show)

PROVISIONAL STATUS

ADULT	Adult (9 months) on day of show
Qualifies by	1) winning 1 or more IC's in any show 2) having won first Prize in a Kitten Open Class at a Championship Show and never shown as an adult 3) having won a merit as a kitten
KITTEN	Kitten/Kitten neuter on day of show (at least 4 months & under 9 months) must have won First Prize in an Open Kitten Class at a Championship Show or not yet four months on 19th February '12.
NEUTER	Adult Neuter on day of show.
Qualifies by	1) winning 1 or more IC's as a neuter in any show season, or as an adult before being neutered 2) having won First prize in a kitten open class at a Championship Show and never shown as an adult 3) having won a Merit as a kitten

Note: "Certificate" includes Intermediate and Merit Certificates.

PRELIMINARY BREEDS [do not compete against Champion status breeds or Provisional status breeds]

ADULT or NEUTER on day of Show

Qualifies by

- 1) having won a Merit Certificate as an Adult or an Adult Neuter in any Show
- 2) having won a Merit Certificate as a kitten and never shown as an adult

KITTEN

Still a kitten/kitten neuter and aged between 4 and nine months on show day and must have won a Merit at a Championship Show or too young to enter Midland Show on 19th February '12

ENTRY FORM

The entry form must be completed with the details of your exhibit as on the registration or transfer document. In addition, the section regarding qualification and awards already won must be completed. The owner must sign the declaration on the entry form. If the exhibit is jointly owned both owners must sign the form

PLEASE MAKE SURE THAT YOU READ THE DECLARATION BEFORE SIGNING IT AND REMEMBER TO TICK THE OPT OUT BOXES IF YOU DO NOT WISH YOUR DETAILS PUBLISHED IN THE CATALOGUE OR USED FOR THE MAILING LISTS.

IF THE EXHIBIT DOES NOT ALREADY POSSESS ANY TITLE THEN DETAILS OF THE SHOW, ITS DATE AND JUDGE AWARDING THE QUALIFYING CERTIFICATE OR KITTEN WIN MUST BE PROVIDED WHERE INDICATED, ON THE ENTRY FORM.

The form must be sent, together with the correct entry fees to the Show Manager. Please enclose stamped, addressed postcard or envelope which will be returned to you in acknowledgement of the safe arrival of your entry. Alternatively supply your current e-mail address.

THERE WILL BE NO OTHER COMMUNICATION BEFORE SHOW DAY. (Stamp excused for N.I. & U.K.) Entries accompanied by incorrect fees will not be accepted.

A stamped, addressed envelope must accompany all other correspondence if a reply is desired. FEES WILL ONLY BE REFUNDED AT THE DISCRETION OF THE SHOW MANAGER(S)

REGISTRATIONS & TRANSFERS

All exhibits, which have changed ownership, must be transferred to the new owner at least 21 days before the date of the Show. The date on which the transfer form arrives with the Registrar shall be the relevant date. Proof of receipt of the transfer application will only be issued by the Registrar if asked for and if a stamped addressed envelope is enclosed.

Entry for one show is permitted under RAF (/Registration Applied For) however entry for a second show falling within two months of the first show would be at the discretion of the Registrar, and further entries would not be permitted without Registration being finalized.

IT IS YOUR RESPONSIBILITY TO ENSURE THAT THE SHOW ORGANISERS ARE AWARE BEFORE THE DAY OF THE SHOW OF ANY COUNTER SIGNATURES WHICH MAY BE REQUIRED.

Failure to do so may result in the lack of a counter signature and hence the loss of a title or qualification.

CERTIFICATES, TITLES AND PROGRESS DURING SHOW

All classes will be split if both sexes entered)

CHAMPIONSHIP STATUS BREEDS

Cats in the TARA GRAND CH/PREMIER class will be judged for BOB only
Each cat in the GRAND CHAMPION/PREMIER/Hibernian class will be placed.
(No Hibernian titles will have been gained for this Supreme but this is indicating where they will be entered for the future)

The Certificate awarded will be a Tara Grand Challenge/Premier Cert.

Two Tara Grand Challenge/Premier Certificates under two different judges & at two separate Supreme Shows will earn the cat the title of Tara Grand Champion/Premier

Each cat in the CHAMPION/PREMIER class will be placed.

The Certificate awarded will be a Supreme Grand Challenge/Premier Certificate and will count as an ordinary Grand Challenge/Premier Certificate. Three Grand Challenge/Premier Certificates under three different judges will earn the cat the title of Grand Champion/Premier.

A counter signature will be required if the judge has already awarded a Grand Challenge/Premier certificate to the cat in question, please notify the Show Manager with your entry.

Each cat in the Pre-Champion/Premier class will be placed.

The certificate awarded will be a Supreme Challenge/Premier Certificate and will count as an ordinary Challenge/Premier Certificate. Three Challenge/Premier certificates under three different judges will earn the cat the title of Champion/Premier.

A counter signature may be required if entering the exhibit under a judge who has already awarded a Challenge/Premier certificate to the cat, please notify the Show Manager with your entry.

BEST OF BREED ADULT AND NEUTER will be selected from the group comprising the certificate winners of the Champion/Premier and pre-Champion, Pre-Premier classes, together with the highest placed cats of the breed in the male and the female Tara Grand Champion/Premier/Grand Champion/Premier classes. There will be only one Best of Breed Adult and Neuter per breed.

BEST OF VARIETY: the best of Breed Adult winners will be judged against each other in each Section to select a possible 7 Best of Variety Adults - Best Persian, Best Semi Longhair, Best British Shorthair, Best Foreign Shorthair, Best Burmese, Best Oriental Shorthair and Best Siamese/Balinese. The same will apply to Best of Breed neuter winners.

Should there be only one Best of Breed winner in a given section, progress to Best of Variety is not automatic. The Best of Variety judge will decide if the exhibit is of sufficient merit to proceed to the next round.

The certificate awarded to a Best of Variety Adult and Neuter will count as a Challenge/Premier certificate if the cat is not yet a Champion/Premier but will count as a Grand Challenge/Premier Certificate if the cat is already a Champion/Premier.

SUPREME ADULT: the Best of Variety adults will be judged against each other to select Supreme Adult

SUPREME NEUTER: the best of variety Neuters will be judged against each other to select the Supreme Neuter.

The certificates awarded to the Supreme Adult and Neuter will count as a Challenge/Premier Certificate if the cat is not yet a Champion/Premier but will

count as a Grand Challenge/Premier certificate if the cat is already a Champion, Premier, Grand Champion or Grand Premier. If the cat is of Provisional Status the certificate will be an Intermediate Certificate.

SUPREME EXHIBIT: The winner will be chosen by the panel between the Supreme Adult, Kitten and Neuter and will be awarded the Millennium Trophy. No further certificate will attach to this award.

CHAMPION STATUS BREED KITTENS: All kittens will be placed in order in their class. Best of Breed may be awarded to the winner of each kitten class, or chosen between male and female where both sexes are entered.

BEST OF VARIETY KITTEN: follow the same procedure as the Best of Variety Adults and Neuters.

SUPREME KITTEN: The Best of Variety Kittens will be judged against each other to select the Supreme Kitten.

PROVISIONAL STATUS BREED ADULTS AND NEUTERS: all exhibits in Provisional Breed Adult and Neuter classes will be placed in order. The winner will be awarded an Intermediate Certificate. Counter signatures will be required if the judge has already awarded an Intermediate Certificate to the cat in question, unless it has previously won 3 IC's under three different judges.

BEST OF BREED will be selected from the male and female adult, kitten and neuter classes.

Best of Breed Provisional exhibits may compete in Best of Variety in their group

PRELIMINARY STATUS BREEDS: The certificates awarded to cats in the Adult and Neuter Assessment classes will count as ordinary Merit certificates. Counter signatures will be required if the judge has already awarded an MC to the Adult or Neuter in question, unless the cat has previously won 4 Merit Certificates under four different judges.

AWARDS

The GCCFI will award perpetual trophies and Certificates for the Supreme Adult, Supreme Kitten and Supreme Neuter

The Millennium Trophy presented by Helene Turner will be awarded to the Supreme Exhibit.

The Vi Ross Memorial Trophy will be awarded to the Best Seal Point Siamese Exhibit.

Rosettes will be awarded to the Adult, Kitten and Neuter placed up to fourth place in each competitive class.

In the case of Preliminary Status Breeds, Rosettes will be awarded to each Adult, Kitten and Neuter, that wins a Merit Certificate.

Best of Breed Rosettes will be awarded to each Best of Breed,

Best of Variety Rosettes will be awarded to each Adult, Kitten and Neuter winning Best of Variety in the various sections.

Supreme Rosettes will be awarded to the Supreme Adult, Kitten and Neuter and the Supreme Non-Pedigree exhibit

ENTRY FEES PAYABLE IN EURO ONLY
PEDIGREE ADULTS, KITTENS, NEUTERS

FIRST ENTRY €35 EACH SECOND ENTRY €30 EACH
SUBSEQUENT ENTRIES @ €25 EACH

Double pen for large cats an additional €10 extra
(Subject to availability)

NON PEDIGREE EXHIBITS €25

Double pens an additional €10 extra (subject to availability)

EXTRA ENTRY TICKETS €4 each but €5 on Show Day

NON COMPETITIVE EXHIBITION DOUBLE PEN € 35

Please note, maximum two adults or three kittens per exhibition pen.

Cheques payable to GCCFI

ANY CHEQUE RETURNED BY THE BANK WILL BE SUBJECT TO A SURCHARGE OF €10 EURO PAYABLE, TOGETHER WITH ENTRY FEE, BY BANK DRAFT, AND NOT ANOTHER CHEQUE, IF THE ENTRY IS TO BE ACCEPTED

Please note that only one competitive exhibit will be permitted in any pen..

ENTRIES CLOSE FRIDAY 16th MARCH 2012