

Recommended Judging Procedure

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JUDGE will be supplied with Judges' Books before beginning duties.

The Judges Books are prepared by the Show Secretary and contain the Class Number, Class Name, and Cage Numbers and the Cats to be judged.

Before beginning to judge, note or have show secretary note all absentees by placing the abbreviation "AB" next to the cage number of the cat which is absent as well as any transfers from one class to another. Indi-

cate transfers in the judges book by placing the notation next to the cage number of cat to be transferred as follows: "Trans. to Class No. " and in the class to which cat is transferred, following the cage number of the last cat in that class, the notation "No. trans. from Class No. to Class No. ". This should be indicated on each of the three judging slips.

Non-Championship Classes

First, Second and Third Non-Championship ribbons are awarded in the Non-Championship Classes.

The Non-Championship classes are: Kitten, Household Pet, and AOC.

The First Male Kitten of each color and the First Female Kitten of each color are compared and the better of the two is named Best

of Color, the other being Best Opposite Sex of Color. The same thing applies to the Household Pet and AOC classes.

Indicate Best of Color in Judges Book by "B" next to cage number of cat winning same.

Indicate Best of Color Op. Sex in Judges Book by "BO" next to cage number of cat winning same.

It is suggested a list be kept of the bests and best op. sex of colors as follows:

Color	Best		Best Op.	
	M.	F.	M.	F.
B. E. White				
O. E. White				
etc.				

Kittens of both sexes which have gone Best of Color compete for Best Kitten. Once best kitten is selected, all other kittens of that sex are eliminated and only kittens of the opposite sex are in the running for Best Op. Sex Kitten. It may either have won best of color or best op. sex of color.

It is suggested the Work Sheet which is being prepared for judges be used as this will greatly facilitate the judging of the finals. It is unnecessary to bring up every kitten or cat which has won a best of color or best of color op. sex award. Judge may make notation next to numbers of those which would not be in the running and may use her own discretion as to whether to bring them up in the final judging.

Championship Classes

The Championship Classes are: Novice, Open, Champion, and Grand Champion which are listed in this sequence in the Judges Book, the males being listed first, and then the females.

First, Second, and Third ribbons are awarded in each of the above classes where there are sufficient entries. Fourth ribbons are sometimes awarded at the option of the club. These awards are indicated in the Judges Book by placing "1, 2, 3, and 4" next to the cage number of cat winning these ribbons.

Winners Ribbon

This ribbon is Red, White, and Blue. The first prize novice and first prize open, male and female, are compared and the better of the two awarded the Winners Ribbon. This is indicated in the Judges Book by writing "1W" next to cage number of cat winning the ribbon.

Should the winners ribbon be withheld because of insufficient merit of entry, this must be noted next to cage number in judges book by "Win. With".

Reserve Winners

This is either the cat winning 2nd prize in the same class as the Winners or the first prize in the other class; either novice or open. Even if no ribbons are supplied this must be indicated in Judges Book by writing "RW" next to cage number of cat winning this award.

Best of Color and Best of Color Opposite Sex

The Winners, 1st prize Champion, and 1st prize Grand Champion, both male and female are compared and the best male and best female of each color are chosen. These two are then compared and the better of the two is Best of Color, the other being Best of Color Opposite Sex.

Indicate Best of Color in Judges Book by "B" next to cage number of cat winning same.

Indicate Best of Color Op. Sex in Judges Book by "BO" next to cage number of cat winning same.

Divisional Awards

Best in Division and Best Op. Sex in Division

The Divisions are divided as follows:

Solid Color	}	Long Hairs & Domestic Short Hair, Burmese, Russian Blue & Manx	}	Compete for Best Short Hair
Silver				
Tabby & Torty				
Domestic Short Hair	}	Foreign Short Hair	}	Best Domestic Short Hair
Siamese				
Abyssinian			}	Best Foreign Short Hair
Russian Blue				
Burmese				
Manx				

Best Novice and Best Novice Op. Sex

All the best Novices in each of the above divisions compete and the best is Best Novice. Best Op. Sex Novice may be either a cat which has won Best Novice in Division of opposite sex to the Best Novice or a cat which has won Best Op. Sex in Division. All other novices except Best Novice and Best Op. Sex Novice are eliminated from competition for the balance of the finals.

Best Open and Best Open Op. Sex

The same procedure is used here as in the Novice Class.

Best Champion and Best Champion Op. Sex

The same procedure is used here as in the Novice and Open Classes.

Best Grand Champion and Best Grand Champion Op. Sex

The same procedure is used here as in the Novice, Open, and Champion Classes.

Best Long Hair and Best Long Hair Op. Sex

Best Solid Color, Best Silver, and Best Tabby & Torty Div. are compared and the best is Best Long Hair. For the Best Op. Sex Long Hair the Best Op. Sex of these divisions are also taken into consideration.

Best Short Hair and Best Short Hair Op. Sex

This is the best of all those competing in the Short Hair Division; Domestic, Siamese, Abyssinian, Russian Blue, Burmese, and Manx

and for the Best Short Hair Op. Sex and Best Op. Sex of above must be considered as under the Long Hairs.

Best Cat and Best Op. Sex Cat

The Best Long Hair Cat and Best Short Hair Cat are compared and the better of the two is Best Cat.

Whichever of these two is Best Cat, the other, if of opposite sex, may be Best Op. Sex Cat or the Best Op. Sex Long Hair or Best Op. Sex Short Hair Cat.

Second Best Cat

If the Best Cat is a Male, the next best male in the same division as Best Cat can be 2nd Best Cat. It can also be the Best Male in any other division if this cat was Best in Division. If Best Cat is a Male, the only possible female that could be 2nd Best Cat would be the Best Op. Sex Cat in the show. The same thing applies should Best Cat be a female; that is, the next best female in the same division can be 2nd Best Cat, or the Best Female in any other division, provided she has been Best in Division. Then the only male that could be 2nd best cat would be Best Op. Sex Cat.

At the very end of the Judges book is a List of Final Awards which must be filled out in triplicate and the slip posted in the show room.

The middle slip is then torn out of the Judges book and all these are kept by the judge for her records. The remaining slips which are attached to the Judges book are then sent to the Recorder together with a fully marked catalog and premium list. The Clerk should supply the Judge with a fully marked catalog at the close of the show together with a fully marked premium list. Judges are required to mail these judges books, catalog and premium list to the recorder within three days of closing of the show and should do so as quickly as possible so recorder may have these records to confirm championships and grand championship of cats which are entered in closely occurring shows.

Premiership classes are similar to championship classes except that only altered cats compete. The same process of Novice, Open, Champion (referred to as Premier), and Gr. Champion, (referred to as Gr. Premier). Follow same procedure as in championship classes. It is like a small show in itself. If a work sheet is used for these classes, mistakes will be kept to a minimum.



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