

FIFE TITLES & AWARDS

Introduction

The best part of showing your cat aside from spending one on one time with it, is achieving titles. This document will provide you with an overview of the titles available to your cat and how you can achieve them.

Show titles

The basic titles that a cat can attain by gaining a certificate when winning its class at the requisite number of shows are as follows (note this is the UK only, continental titles have slightly different requirements):

- **Champion** = 3 CAC Certificates
- **International Champion** = 5 CACIB Certificates
- **Grand International Champion** = 7 CAGCIB Certificates
- **Supreme Champion** = 10 CACS Certificates

Altered (Neutered/ Spayed) cats compete for their own set of titles, with identical requirements

- **Premier** = 3 CAP Certificates
- **International Premier** = 5 CAPIB Certificates
- **Grand International Premier** = 7 CAGPIB Certificates
- **Supreme Premier** = 10 CAPS Certificates

The 'Supreme' titles used to be known as 'European' so if you see a cat with a 'European title (e.g. European Champion) it is one who won a 'Supreme' title before the name has changed.

Kittens and Juniors are not eligible for titles, gaining only the basic 'Ex1' for winning their class.

Domestic Pets (non-pedigree cats) do not win titles of this sort.

Best in Variety (BIV)

Once all cats in each group of that breed have been judged in their classes, they are judged together for Best in Variety (BIV). There needs to be a minimum of three each of cats, kittens and juniors and neuters for a BIV to be awarded, although all

except the neuters can be combined to make up the numbers if necessary. Neuters are always done separately.

For instance, say one judge has 2 kittens, 2 juniors, 4 adults and 2 neuters in one particular breed group (e.g. Group 7 (Silver tabby) Maine Coons). The class the neuters and adults are in, i.e. which title they are going for, is ignored for this purpose.

The neuters always have to be judged separately, so with only two in competition there can be no Neuter BIV on this occasion. The four adults can have their own BIV award since there are more than three in competition. Finally the kittens and juniors can be judged together for a BIV award since together, there are more than three of them.

Domestic pets do not have BIV awards.

There is now a new title available to cats that get a number of BIV awards – see ‘Distinguished Variety Merit’ under Special Titles.

Best in Show (BIS)

Each judge can nominate one adult male, adult female, neuter male, neuter female, junior and kitten, in each category(s) they judge.

These cats are then brought back to the Best in Show Panel and all the judges qualified to judge that category vote for which of the nominated cats of each type they think is the Best in the Show (BIS).

Felis Britannica usually has a ‘Best in Category’ award for the best of the winning cats in each category and an ‘Overall Best of the Best’ for their choice of the Best of the ‘Best in Category’ i.e. the best pedigree cat in the show that day.

Domestic pets have their own BIS awards.

Cats with a number of BIS awards can become eligible for the title ‘Distinguished Show Merit’ – See Distinguished Show Merit under Special Titles.

Important!

In order to claim ‘any title from FIFe, you must keep the two bits of paper you get at each show i.e. the judge’s report and the results certificate. When your cat has qualified for the title you want to claim, you need to send all of these reports & certificates off to your own club, along with the FIFe pedigree for the cat and the clubs admin fee for processing it.

Your club will be able to give you the details for the fee amount, the address to send it to etc.

Special Titles

Distinguished Variety Merit (DVM)

This title is one which came into effect on 1 January 2008. It will be awarded by FIFe to any cat that has won, since 1 January 2008, 10 or more 'Best in Variety' awards, as long as there is at least two years and one day between the first and latest awards. That is, if a cat wins 10 in less than two years, it has to wait until after the end of the two years and gain another one, totalling 11 (or more), in order to qualify.

The title is shown as 'DVM' after the cat's name.

Distinguished Show Merit (DSM)

This works in the same way as DVM above, and is awarded to a cat that has won 10 or more 'Best in Show' awards. For this purpose 'Best Opposite Sex' counts as a BIS award.

This title is shown as 'DSM' after the cat's name.

Distinguished Merit (DM)

This title is awarded to cats that have given birth to the required number of kittens that have gained titles of International Champion/ International Premier or higher in FIFe. Female cats need to have five qualifying offspring to gain the title; male cats need ten.

This title is shown as 'DM' after the cat's name.

Junior Winner (JW)

Any cat that attains five BIS awards whilst still in the kitten and junior classes qualifies for this title, which is shown as 'JW' after its name.

National Winner (NW)

Felis Britannica holds a Winners Show at the end of each show year. At these shows any cat winning Best in Category will also earn the title of 'National Winner' along with the year the title was won. See 'The FB Winners Show' to understand how your cat will qualify for this prestigious show. The title NW'17 is a prefix to the cat's name and comes after the cat's title e.g. CH, IC, GIP, SP etc.

There are also a number of special shows that can take place in the calendar year within FIFe.

- American Winner Show
- Baltic Winner Show
- Mediterranean Winner Show
- North Sea Winner Show
- Scandinavian Winner Show

The title of National Winner is also awarded at these shows.

World Winner (WW)

This title is only awarded to a cat that wins a BIS award at the annual FIFe World Show. For each Category (1 – 4) at the World show only six cats can win this title. Adult Male, Adult Female, Neuter Male, Neuter Female, Junior and Kitten, and it is therefore fairly rare and a huge privilege if your cat wins at the world show.

Special Awards/ Occasions

Felis Britannica Points Awards

Every calendar year, Felis Britannica runs an annual competition based on points. Every time a cat competes in a FIFe show in the UK and wins a BIV, nomination or BIS award, it is awarded so many points, based on the number of cats it was in competition against and has beaten. Full details of how this works can be obtained from the Felis Britannica website (www.felis-britannica.org.uk)

These points are recorded and current standings of the fifteen or so cats in each category adults, neuters, kittens, juniors and household pets - with the most points at any one time are listed on the Felis Britannica website.

At the end of the year the cats with the most points are declared the winners and the owners invited to an annual Awards Dinner at which they will be presented with their awards. The winners are also listed on the Felis Britannica website.

The FB Winners Show

This is the most prestigious show on the FIFe show calendar and is usually held around at the start of each year. A cat must be invited to attend and to get the invitation it must have attained one of the following during the qualifying period (which is roughly the year since the last Winners Show):

- Adults/Neuters: a BIV, nomination or BIS award, or a title of IC/IP or above
- Kittens/Juniors: If under six months of age on the day of the Winners show, one Ex1 - if over six months on that day, three Ex1s.