

Felis Britannica Show Rules

1 Show Licenses

1.1 *General*

- 1.1.1 All show license applications must be submitted to the Show Commission Secretary, on the relevant form, a minimum of six months before the requested date giving full details of show venue, entry clerk and show manager. Applications will be considered on a first-come first-served basis. The Show Commission Secretary will acknowledge receipt of application within 3 days of receipt.
- 1.1.2 All show license applications will be actioned by the Show Commission within 28 days of receipt. The Show Commission Secretary will advise the applying club whether their application has been successful. Once a show license has been granted the Show Commission will notify FIFe of the date.
- 1.1.3 Show Managers should not invite judges until their show license application has been approved.
- 1.1.4 Affiliate member clubs may apply to the Show Commission for dispensation to run a Show. The dispensation application must contain evidence that they meet the financial requirements as set by the Annual General Assembly.

1.2 *Breed Best in Show*

- 1.2.1 Applications to run breed Best in Shows must be made at the time of applying for the show license. Breed Best in Shows for the same breed must be no less than six months apart. Where two clubs apply for the same breed Best in Show in the same six month period, preference will be given to an established breed Best in Show and thereafter on a first come first served basis

1.3 *Right of Repeat*

- 1.3.1 If a club holds a show on a particular weekend one year, they will then be given first refusal on that weekend for the following year. If another club requests the same weekend, the first club will be written to by the Show Commission Secretary giving them 14 days in which to send in a show license application, after which time they will lose the right of repeat.

2 Show Procedures

2.1 *General*

- 2.1.1 A copy of the schedule and entry form for any approved show must be sent to the Show Commission, in Microsoft Word format, not later than 3 months before the show date.

2.2 Judges

2.2.1 The organising club shall consult the table of shows and judges to ensure that they are not extending invitations to judges already engaged within the allowable periods of time. The organising Club shall notify the Show Commission immediately of all judges invited, confirmed, and any that have declined.

2.2.2 A judge may only be booked once in any six month period.

2.2.3 Once a judge has been invited the Show Commission will inform all clubs. Judges may not be invited again within the period unless special dispensation is given by the Show Commission in advance of the judge being invited.

2.3 Veterinary

2.3.1 A veterinary surgeon must be on call during all shows.

2.3.2 A list of uncleared rejected cats will be provided by the Veterinary Officer to the Show Manager two weeks before the date of the relevant show.

2.4 Injuries and Accidents at the Show

2.4.1 Clubs must ensure that a complete and compliant first aid kit is available at all Felis Britannica licensed shows. Clubs should preferably have a qualified first-aider available at the show. The first aid kit must be presented to any member of the Executive Committee (or their representative) who requests it. Clubs who do not have such a kit to hand are liable for Disciplinary Action.

2.4.2 Clubs must keep an Accident Book which must be available at each of their own shows. A full written report of all accidents and injuries must be made at the time of the incident and a copy of the report sent to the Show Commission when that show's returns are made.

2.4.3 In the event of a cat biting or inflicting injury by scratching a judge, steward or official this must be reported immediately to the show management.

a) The cat must be immediately disqualified and no further awards given. Awards given up to that point will be valid.

b) The person injured must be given the form "Information on Cat Bites and Scratches" and should be advised to seek medical treatment without delay.

c) A full report of the incident must be made at that time and the "Biting or Scratching Form" fully completed with copies being given to the parties who must sign. A copy of this form and the incident report must be sent to the Show Commission with the show returns.

d) The Show Commission will keep a note of any cat who bites or deliberately scratches any judge, steward or official and in the event of a second incident the cat will be disqualified from showing in the future

2.5 Sick Cat

2.5.1 If any cat is taken ill during the show, the Show Manager must be informed immediately.

2.5.2 In consultation with the exhibitor, the Show Manager will call the duty vet to examine, and treat the cat as necessary. All veterinary costs will be born by the exhibitor.

- 2.5.3 The cat will be moved to an isolation pen wherever possible, as advised by the duty vet.
- 2.5.4 The exhibitor must leave the show hall with the cat if so advised by the duty vet.

2.6 Self-Stewarded Shows

- 2.6.1 At shows where the owners present their own cats for judging, each cat will be called to the judge's ring by the steward. Each cat will be called 3 times. If after the third call, the cat is not presented at the judge's ring, it will be disqualified.

2.7 Results

- 2.7.1 An electronic copy of the show results, together with the judges critiques, Best in Show nomination sheets marked with the winning cats and a catalogue, must be given to an EC nominated show results checker at the end of the show or sent by post should be sent to the Results Co-Ordinator within 72 hours 5 days of the close of the show.

These will be checked and the show paperwork returned to the show manager. Only after these have been checked and any queries satisfactorily resolved will the results be published on the FB web site. The results shall not be published anywhere before they are available on the FB website. The show catalogue will be passed to and retained by the Show Commission.

An electronic copy of the show results, together with the judges critiques, Best in Show nomination sheets marked with the nominating judge and winning cats, list of absentee cats and a catalogue must be retained by the organising Club for a minimum period of three years from the date of the show. This must be available for inspection at any time.

2.8 Fees

- 2.8.1 The organising club are responsible for the current FIFe show license fee. Felis Britannica will invoice the club for this fee after the show date and will be responsible for passing this to FIFe.
- 2.8.2 The organising club will be responsible for paying the current Felis Britannica show license fee, which is a fee per cat entered in the show. Felis Britannica will invoice the club for this fee after the show date.

2.9 Stewards

- 2.9.1 A steward who works a whole day with a judge and then for Best in Show will be entitled to the current remuneration as determined in the annex to these rules.

3 National Winners Show

3.1 Qualification

- 3.1.1 Participation in the Annual Winners Show is only open to cats achieving one or more of the following qualifications in the 12 months prior to the show.
The exhibitor must be a full member of a Felis Britannica Club or an associate member of a Felis Britannica Club and a full member of another FIFe Club; the club shall verify the qualification.

- Adults
Best in Variety, or Nomination for Best in Show, or any cat with the title IC/IP or higher or any cat that has received a KCH or JCH in the show year as long as it will be shown in class 9 or 10.
- Juniors and Kittens
Any cat that achieved at least one EX1 at a FIFe Show in the show year whilst in Class 11 or 12 qualifies as long as it is shown in Class 11 at the Winners show
- Kittens
Any kitten 4-8 months shown in Class 12 at the Winners show is not required to qualify
- Domestic Cats/New Varieties/Unrecognised Breeds
Best in Variety or Nomination for Best in Show Pet/New Variety/Unrecognised Breed

All participating cats must be registered with Felis Britannica in the owners name at the time of entry to the Winners Show

3.2 National Winner Title

- 3.2.1 The title National Winner (NW) will be awarded to those cats winning Best in Category at the Annual Felis Britannica Winners Show, provided that they have competed against at least 10 cats to achieve this title and are owned by a full UK member of a Felis Britannica Club. In the event that any Best in Category Winner is owned by an overseas exhibitor, the title will be awarded to the next highest placed cat in the category owned by a Felis Britannica full member, provided the required number of cats have been competed against.
- 3.2.2 The title National Winner (NW) will also be awarded to the Overall Best Kitten, Junior, Neuter and Adult and the Best House Cat at the Felis Britannica Annual Points Awards and if the Overall Winner has not achieved this title previously. There will be a maximum of five (5) National Winner titles given at the Annual Points Awards.

4 Annual Points Awards

- 4.1 Points will be calculated for all cats competing at Felis Britannica shows during its show year that are owned by individual members of Felis Britannica and are registered with Felis Britannica by the end of that show year
- 4.2 Deleted
- 4.3 The Felis Britannica show year runs from the 1st January until the 31st December
- 4.4 Awards will be presented for the following cats in addition to the National Winner cats: -
- Overall Exhibit
 - Overall Male and Female Adult, Kitten, Junior and Male and Female Neuter, Kitten and Junior in each Category
 - Overall Household Pet
 - Overall Preliminary Breed
 - Overall Un-recognised Breed

Second and third places will also be announced and receive awards.

4.5 Points award calculation per show

Nomination = 1 point

Best in Show = 1 point (the cat must have beaten at least one cat during best in show to get this additional point. They will retain the 1 point from nomination)

Best in Category = 1 point (if there are more than 10 cats in category)

Best of the Best = 1 point

Revision History

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Article 1.2.1	Wording amended to reflect FIFe rule change
Article 3.1.1	Wording amended to reflect FIFe kitten age rule change and to clarify qualification criteria for European exhibitors
Article 3.2	Addition
Article 3.2.1	Addition
Article 3.2.2	Addition
Article 2.9	Addition
Article 2.9.1	Addition
Article 4.3	Addition
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Article 3.1.1	Amended to emphasise that all participation cats must be registered with Felis Britannica and in the owner's name at time of entry
Article 3.2.2	Addition of Best House Cat to National Awards and to redefine the number of awards given
Article 2.7.1	Amended to reflect current practice
Article 2.2	Amended to reflect a less populated show calendar and to ensure variety of judges
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Article 4.5	Addition to confirm Points Awards structure. Qualifications added for points to be awarded.