



GOVERNING COUNCIL OF THE CAT FANCY OF IRELAND

Rules for Household Pets entering for titles

You may still enter the classes if you do not wish to compete for titles.

The titles are:

Master Cat

Grand Master Cat

Hibernian Grand Master Cat

Invictus Master Cat (Bronze, Silver & Gold)

1. a. At Championship shows, show management are authorised to offer classes for "Household Pets" and may be divided into two groups as below.

DEFINITIONS

- **Non-Pedigree Pet** shall mean any cat that all of the breeding background is unknown. The cat shall not be ticked, tipped, smoke, pointed or shaded etc. It must resemble a "traditional moggie" in appearance and not resemble any other breed, hybrid, mix or combination of breeds.
- **Pedigree Pet** shall be deemed to mean any cat which falls under at least one of the following categories:
 - A full pedigree cat, with or without papers.
 - A cat where one or both parents are pedigrees.
 - A pedigree "look-a-like" of partly or fully known or unknown parentage, that resembles a pedigree cat because of its conformation and/or coat pattern. These cats may be self (single colour) with or without white; have tabby, tortoiseshell or tortie-tabby markings; they may have a ticked, tipped, smoke or pointed pattern in any colour combination or coat length (SH, SLH or LH).

b. Note: in each of the above definitions 'pedigree' refers to **a pedigree breed recognised by GCCFI/GCCF**. Cats with physical anomalies that are the basis of a breed, or those descended from wild species outcrosses that may be recognised by other organisations, could be rejected at vetting-in or not judged in their certificate class.

c. Household Pets are either "Long/Semi-Longhair" or "Shorthair" and breed or varietal names, or breed numbers allocated to registered cats must not be applied to them in show classifications, schedules or catalogues.

d. In each class, cats are to be judged in competition with each other for **Presentation, Condition, Temperament** and **Personality** and placed in order of merit.

e. Grand Master, Hibernian Grand Master and Invictus Master Classes may be provided for Household Pets by affiliated clubs at Championship shows licensed by the GCCFI.

There is a standard list of classes for these certificate classes and Show Managers must use these, with the correct colour descriptions, to ensure consistency for all shows.

f. Household Pet Kitten colour classes may be split or amalgamated at the discretion of the show management.

g. All Household pets aged 6 months or over exhibited at shows held under GCCFI licence must be neutered.

2. JUDGES

a. Judges in the Household Pet Section are authorised to award certificates to first prize-winners in Colour adult neuter classes at Championship shows
Awards are to be made relevant to the Presentation, Condition, Temperament and Personality of the exhibit.

b. A judge must not award any certificate if in their opinion the first placed exhibit is not of sufficient merit to attain the title Master cat. If the certificate is not awarded, the slip must be marked MC/NA.

An Invictus Master, Hibernian Grand Master or Grand Master certificate, as appropriate, may be awarded even if there is only one cat in the class providing the judge considers it of high enough quality to attain the relevant title. If the certificate is not awarded, the slip must be marked "IM N/A", "HGM N/A" or "GM N/A" as appropriate.

c. Judges (and members of a judge's household) may not exhibit in competition at shows at which the judge is engaged in the category in which they are judging.

ie. a judge in the pedigree section may enter in competition the "Household Pet" section and a judge in the "Household Pet" section may enter in competition the Pedigree section.

3. REGISTRATION

a. **In order to compete for titles the cat must be registered.**

A Non-Pedigree will require pet registration.

A Pedigree Pet may use its pedigree registration number or pet registration if not previously registered. **Prefixes must not be used** when entering in the Household Pet Section.

b. The requirements for showing Pedigree Pets will be the same as those for Non-Pedigrees

4. HOUSEHOLD PET TITLES

a. Titles will be issued for Household Pets (Pedigree Pets & Non-Pedigree Pets) when the appropriate number of certificates has been gained, if the cat is registered with GCCFI.

b. The titles of Master and Grand Master shall be attained by the awarding of three Master/Grand Master certificates, as appropriate, by three different judges at Championship shows licensed by the GCCFI.

c. The title of Hibernian Grand Master shall be attained by the awarding of four Hibernian Grand Master certificates by four different judges at Championship shows licensed by the GCCFI.

d. The title of Invictus Master Cat shall be attained by the awarding of four Invictus Master Cat Certificates from four different judges. In order to progress to the next level four certificates must be won at the previous level.

e. The same judges can be entered under in different levels.

f. No cat shall be eligible to enter the Invictus classes unless it has gained the title of Hibernian on or before the closing date for entries. Upgrades after that date may be taken at the show manager's discretion.