

DEFINITION OF CLASSES

ADULT: An entire exhibit 9 months and over on show day.

KITTEN: An exhibit over 12 weeks and under 9 months on show day.

LITTER: All living progeny of the same birth, over 12 weeks and under four (4) months on the day of the show, belonging to one or joint breeders.

ALTER: Male or female cat/kitten that has been desexed.

COMPANION: An exhibit that has not been entered in any classes other than domestic pet classes. It is judged on the CCC of A official standard which includes condition, quality of coat and temperament only. All exhibits **MUST BE DESEXED BY 6 months of age.**

OPEN: All exhibits (except PLATINUM DGC and higher) 9 months and over must be entered in this class. Challenge certificates are awarded in the Open class.

CHAMPION: An exhibit that has been granted Champion status by a recognised governing body. This title is gained by being awarded 60 or more challenge points.

GRAND CHAMPION: An exhibit that has been granted Grand Champion status by a recognised governing Body. This title is gained by being awarded an additional 60 or more challenge points.

DOUBLE GRAND CHAMPION: An exhibit that has been granted Double Grand Champion status by a recognised governing body. This title is gained by being awarded an additional 60 or more challenge points.

BRONZE DOUBLE GRAND CHAMPION: An exhibit that has been granted Bronze Double Grand Champion status by a recognised governing body. 100 challenge points are required to attain a title at this level.

SILVER DOUBLE GRAND CHAMPION: An exhibit that has been granted Silver Double Grand Champion status by a recognised governing body. A further 100 challenge points are required to attain a title at this level.

GOLD DOUBLE GRAND CHAMPION: An exhibit that has been granted Gold Double Grand Champion status by a recognised governing body. A further 100 challenge points are required to attain a title at this level.

PLATINUM DOUBLE GRAND CHAMPION: Exhibit that has been granted Platinum Double Grand Champion status by a recognised governing body. 10 Gold Certificates won at Cats Queensland Inc Shows are required to progress to PDGC level.

SUPREME CHAMPION: Ten awards won at Platinum DGC level are required to progress to Supreme Champion. [Amended December 2014]

SAPPHIRE SUPREME, EMERALD SUPREME, RUBY SUPREME AND DIAMOND SUPREME all require an additional 10 awards for each level.

ALL exhibits with a title of Platinum Double Grand Champion and above compete together in their groups – Longhair and Shorthair, for one award per ring / per male, female. Alter male and alter female – i.e there is ONE AWARD per ring in the longhair group for males with titles Platinum DGC and above, ONE AWARD per ring for females with titles Platinum DGC and above and the same for Alter Male and Alter Females – therefore 4 awards per ring, per group.

CCC of A AWARDS: Only pedigreed exhibits with the title of CHAMPION or above can compete for this award. There is ONE awarded per ring, per group for eligible males, females, alter males and alter females. Therefore, per ring and per group, 4 awards can be given. The cat requires 10 awards to progress to CCC of A Champion. Each subsequent level requires a further 10 awards. **ONLY BREEDS THAT ARE FULLY RECOGNIZED BY CCC OF A ARE ELIGIBLE TO WIN SUCH AWARDS.**

COMPANION AWARDS

Companions also receive awards to allow them to gain titles in a similar way to pedigree exhibits. Companions **DO NOT** receive points but rather have to win a number of points for each level.

COMPANION OF MERIT requires 10 awards won at Cats Queensland Inc Shows.

COMPANION OF HONOUR requires 10 awards won as a COM at Cats Qld shows.

COMPANION OF EXCELLENCE requires a further 10 awards won as a COH at Cats Qld shows.

HOW ARE SUPREME LONGHAIR AND SHORTHAIRED DETERMINED AT OUR SHOWS?

As you all know, we have a Supreme L/H and S/H in each ring which is awarded a rosette. Then we award the overall Supreme L/H & S/H of the show which is determined by points. This is the process:

The judges ALL have their best Kittens, Adults and Alters in, for example, longhair. We ask them to rank those exhibits from 1st to 10th. So this means that they can choose, in first place, either the best kitten, adult or alter. Next, to determine 2nd, they look at the other 2 bests they had plus the exhibit that placed behind the one they have chosen as their best overall. And so it goes on until they fill the 10 places.

So, in LONGHAIR for example, we now have the 3 judges' results in TOP 10 order. The exhibit placed highest receives 10 points, second receive 9 points and so on, until we get to 10th which receives 1 point. When you put all of the judge's results together, and award points as outlined, you end up with an exhibit that has scored more than the rest, usually, so it is then awarded SUPREME LONGHAIR for the show.

The same process is followed for shorthair. So, while you might, for example, have an exhibit receive 2 BIS and say a 3rd, it all depends in where the judges place this exhibit in their TOP 10 as to whether it receives the Overall Award.

Why is it done this way? Well, over the years, there have been many instances where an exhibit in a section of say 5 exhibits, gets 3 BIS and because the other 2 sections didn't have that happen, the one with 3 BIS gets the supreme, even though the other 2 sections may have had much higher numbers of exhibits in them. Now our multi BIS exhibit may very well deserve the award – no question about that, but if it does, it will get it regardless when the judges place the Kittens, Adults and Alters together in the way described above as they will probably place it in first place anyway and then, there can be no argument. There was often grumbling about exhibits that won in a small section beating those exhibits in much larger sections so the Top 10 avoids that issue. If the exhibit is the best in the Longhair or shorthair section, then it gets placed at the top.

Is it possible for an exhibit that placed say 2nd, 2nd and 3rd in its classes be included in the Top 10 list? YES. Is it possible for that exhibit then to win the Supreme – YES. This will depend on where the Judges rank each exhibit. In this example, the cat placed in all 3 Judges' Top 10 lists giving him the most points – demonstrating consistency of opinion across all 3 Judges. Were there other cats that had BIS placings? Yes, but they may not have placed in all 3 rings, so perhaps a BIS and a 6th. That would mean they could only be placed, at best, in 2 Judges' Top 10s.

This means that at the end of the day, it is the Judges' opinions that are being awarded – they have collectively decided that the exhibits that have placed are ranked to reflect their opinions of ALL longhairs and ALL shorthairs judged that day.