



# THE GOVERNING COUNCIL OF THE CAT FANCY



Misses J Creaton & C Walker's Ultimate Master Cat Littleman Raffles, MN  
SUPREME NON-PEDIGREE EXHIBIT – GCCF SUPREME SHOW 2008

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## THE GCCF HOUSEHOLD PET SECTION – INFORMATION FOR EXHIBITORS

From June 1<sup>st</sup> 2009, the Household Pet Section has been divided into two groups – Non-Pedigree Pets and Pedigree Pets. These two sections operate independently and affiliated clubs are able to include one or both groups at their Shows. This means that exhibitors entering their pets in participating shows have the opportunity for them to achieve recognised GCCF titles.

### WHAT IS A NON-PEDIGREE PET?

This is an unregistered cat, whether shorthaired, semi-longhaired or longhaired, of traditional “moggie” appearance.

### WHAT IS A PEDIGREE PET?

This is a cat that looks like a pedigree or has a full or half pedigree background; it may be registered or unregistered. Pedigree Pets are shown using a pet name; they must not use their breed name, prefix or a breed number. Their colour and pattern is described in writing. This means that exhibitors owning a rescued pedigree that has no papers can now show their cat, celebrating its good looks, condition and temperament.

### HOW ARE THEY JUDGED?

All household pets whether pedigree or non-pedigree are judged on their condition, temperament, presentation and personality. It is important therefore that you, the owner and exhibitor, take your cat to the show looking its very best! The colour or pattern of the cat does not matter; it is the shiny coat, bright eyes, careful grooming and the fact that your pet is thoroughly enjoying being at the show that are the most important factors for the Household Pet judge to consider.

### WHAT GCCF TITLES ARE OFFERED IN THE HOUSEHOLD PET SECTION?

A range of titles that are in line with those offered in the Pedigree Section! From 1<sup>st</sup> June 2011, household pet owners enter the class that is right for their cat. In recognition of the work done by the Coventry & Leicester Cat Club in initiating the idea of titles for Household Pets, any Master Cat (MC) or Ultimate Master Cat (UMC) from their scheme will have his/her title recognised by the GCCF.

### MASTER CAT

This class is for household pets that do not have a title. The title Master Cat (MC) is achieved by winning three Master Cat certificates from three different judges at participating shows licensed by the GCCF.

### GRAND MASTER CAT

Master cats enter this class. The title Grand Master Cat (GMC) is achieved by winning three Grand Master Cat certificates from three different judges at participating Shows licensed by the GCCF.

### IMPERIAL GRAND MASTER

This class is for Grand Master Cats. The title Imperial Grand Master Cat (IGM) is achieved by winning five Imperial Grand Master Cat certificates from five different judges at participating shows licensed by the GCCF.

Imperial Grand Master Cats may now enter for Best of Breed/Best of Colour or Best of Group (depending on how the show manager names this) and be considered for Best in Show at participating shows.

## UK GRAND MASTER & UK IMPERIAL GRAND MASTER

At the GCCF Supreme Show, Grand Master and Imperial Grand Master Cats can enter the UK Grand classes. Two of these certificates are required to gain this title. Adult Household Pets, whether Non-Pedigree or Pet Pedigree, winning the Supreme Best in Show may add the "Supreme" to their title.

Cats entered in the Grand and Imperial classes will also be considered for Best of Breed/Group/Colour at most shows and they could be entered just for that consideration without entering one of the higher title classes.

## OLYMPIAN

This class is for Imperial Grand Master Cats from both the Non-Pedigree and Pet Pedigree Sections to enter. The title Olympian Imperial Grand Master Cat (OIGMC) is achieved by winning five Olympian certificates from five different judges at participating shows licensed by the GCCF. That gives the cat an Olympian title at Bronze Level. It will take five further certificates to reach Silver Level and after five further certificates the highest accolade of Gold Level Olympian. As with the Pedigree Section, only ONE certificate from a Breed Show will count towards an Olympian Title at each level, the remaining certificates must be gained at all-breed shows. Title claims cannot be made using certificates won during a previous level

## HOW DO I CLAIM MY CAT'S TITLE?

If your cat has won a Master Cat, Grand Master Cat, Imperial Grand Master Cat, UK Grand Master or UK Imperial Grand Master or Olympian Imperial Grand Master Cat title at a GCCF Show, please make your claim to Mrs Lesley Szwed, 35 Potton Close, Barn End, Coventry, CV3 3EA. Please include the cat's name, colour, sex and age, together with the names and dates of the qualifying shows, the awarding judges' names and photocopies of the relevant certificates. All claims are acknowledged and, periodically, a list of Master Cats etc will be published on the GCCF website at [www.gccfcats.org](http://www.gccfcats.org)

## WHICH OPEN CLASS SHOULD I ENTER?

At the Master Cat level, the classes are divided for coat length and coat colour.

**SELF** is for cats that are the same colour all over and do not have a pattern. Your cat could be black, white, grey, brown etc. They can also be a single colour with white – these are called bi-colours in the pedigree section. They enter this class too. These cats look so smart with their white shirt fronts, gloves and socks! If you are not sure about your entry then do ask the Show Manager for help. If you have a ginger or red cat with no tabby pattern and it is with or without white, then this is the class you should enter.

**AC TABBY (EXCEPT GINGER, RED OR TORTIE)** is for a brown, black, grey, blue, silver etc tabby cat, with or without white, with a classic, blotched, mackerel, striped or spotted pattern.

**GINGER, RED OR ANY COLOUR TABBY, TORTOISESHELL OR TORTIE TABBY** is for tabby or tortoiseshell cats of those colours whether they have white or not. Their tabby can be classic, blotched, mackerel, striped or spotted.

**AOC OR PATTERN CAT** is for all the cats that do not fit into those classes listed above. They could be ticked (like Abyssinians or Somalis); tipped like Chinchillas; Smoke with a silvery white base to every hair or Pointed like a Siamese or Birman etc.

The abbreviation "AC" in a schedule means "Any Colour"; similarly "AOC" means "Any Other Colour". If you are not sure into which group your cat fits, then do contact the Show Manager and ask for their help with your entry.

## ARE THERE ANY SPECIAL RULES I SHOULD REMEMBER?

Yes, there are some rules that have to be kept to make sure all goes well with your show entry:

- Make sure your vaccination certificate includes your cat's pet name if it is a Pedigree Pet.
- Make sure your cat's vaccinations are up to date.
- **Remember that all Household Pets whether Pedigree or Non-Pedigree should be neutered by six months.**
- Cats from the Pedigree Pet Section may not enter the Non-Pedigree Section at those shows where the Pedigree Pet Section is not offered.
- Cats that entered the "Pedigree Lookalike" classes in the past should enter in the Pedigree Pet Section at shows where GCCF certificates are offered.
- Cats cannot move between the Non-Pedigree Pet and Pedigree Pet classes from show to show. The Administrator will check for this as titles cannot be achieved using certificates from both sections.
- No cat will be eligible to enter the Imperial Grand Master or Grand Master class unless it has gained the status of Grand Master or Master Cat on or before the closing date for entries published in the relevant Show Schedule.
- Owners are reminded that Section 4 Rule 4c applies to Pedigree Pets; this is stated in the Rules - Section Two Rule 5h2 and in Section 4 Rule 4c: Exhibits which have been declawed, together with polydactyls, folded ears, curly tails and any other abnormality are not acceptable exhibits and a duty veterinary surgeon is instructed to reject them. If your pedigree pet has an injury that has affected its ears, legs or tail that is acceptable but it would be advisable to bring a letter from your Veterinary Surgeon to this effect.
- Household Pets must arrive at the show hall in a suitable container (top opening is recommended).
- When your cat is penned, it will need a white litter tray and clean, plain white blankets or white vet-bed. They will also need a white water container – it is best to have one that hooks onto the pen and that it is placed at the back of the pen. Food can be given after lunch time but it must be in a white container so that all the pens are anonymous and there is nothing that could identify your cat.
- Make sure your cat is well groomed and that its claws are trimmed. Also make sure the ears are clean!

The new Household Pet classes, with the opportunity to gain certificates and titles, have been introduced by the GCCF to recognise and encourage those who enjoy showing their pets for pleasure; it is to applaud those who rescue unwanted strays whether pedigree or non-pedigree and to let them show the results of their loving care. For the GCCF, the health, welfare and wellbeing of all cats is paramount; we hope that is recognised by the public visiting our

cat shows, seeing our Household Pets gaining the highest titles and treated with the same recognition and respect as those in the Pedigree Section.

**WE HOPE YOU THOROUGHLY ENJOY SHOWING YOUR HOUSEHOLD PET WITH THE GCCF!**