

JUDGING HOUSEHOLD PETS



Everyone is proud of our candidates who have worked their way through the YES! Programme and perhaps one of the best parts of being at Advanced Level is that Show Managers are now able to invite you to judge Household Pets.

This is a very exciting opportunity for you but one that needs you to plan some things in advance so that on the day you can go out and thoroughly enjoy handling the cats and placing them in order.

When you stand in front of your first cat, remember the priorities for Household Petjudging There are FOUR areas to think about Temperament, Presentation. Condition and Personality. Make a comment in your book on each of those areas. Then try and think of something special you could say about each cat Has it a smart white shirtfront? Are its eyes particularly expressive? Does it have a loud purr? Is the fur glossy ? Does it have an unusual pattern? Is it a little shy?

One of the most important parts of the judging engagement is your report that needs to be sent in to the GCCF website within 28 days of the show. It would be a good idea to read some of the Household Pet show reports that are already on the GCCF website to give you some good ideas of what to write and how to achieve a good style. If you need any help, remember there are a number of judges among the YES! Mentors that will be only too willing to give you support and advice.

At the top of your report write the name of the show, the date of the show and your name. Write a couple of sentences thanking the show manager for your invitation and your steward for handling the cats. Write the title of each class in upper case and bold so that it stands out clearly. Make sure you write the names of the owners and also of each cat in upper case and bold so they stand out too. Give the placing and any title you have awarded to the cat before you begin your critique.

There is a Code of Conduct for Household Pet Judges which has been added to the Advanced Level site and that will explain the standards required for the different certificates to be awarded and give you the guidance that every judge in the Household Pet Section receives. Read it carefully and if there is something you are not sure about, ask one of the judge Mentors or your Regional Mentor for help.

Everyone involved with the YES! Programme hopes you really enjoy your judging engagement and congratulates you on coming so far in the GCCFs special scheme for our young people.

