

## **Part D – Judging in exhibitions of the WCF**

### **D.1 – WCF has three types of judging in its exhibitions**

#### **D.1.1 – Traditional judging**

Is permitted and mandatory in all countries, except in these countries, where tradition is different.

#### **D.1.2 – WCF-Ring**

Is permitted in all exhibitions, aside with traditional judging.

Owners shall indicate on the entry form of their cats, if their cats will participate in a WCF-Ring.

#### **D.1.3 – Ring**

This type of judging is permitted in Australia and New Zealand, it is only permitted in countries, where only this type of judging exists by tradition.

### **D.2 –The traditional judging**

#### **D.2.1 – Judging is open and anonymous.**

The judgement in exhibitions is open and anonymous. Only the catalogue-number of the cat, breed, colour, date of birth, show class and sex are known by the judge. Each judge has to give a reason for his judgement on the judge's report.

#### **D.2.2 – Open judgement**

In principal judging shall be „open judging“, i.e. each judge is obliged to announce his judgements to the present people and to give the reasons for his judgement, if necessary.

#### **D.2.3 – Judgement according to the rules and the standard**

The judgement of cats in exhibitions of the WCF is performed according to the official standard and the rules of the WCF.

#### **D.2.4 – Judging is indisputable**

Judgement in exhibitions of the WCF is indisputable and is not subject of any comments. Discussions between exhibitors and judges concerning the judge's opinion are not permitted.

#### **D.2.5 – Number of cats per judge**

The number of cats to be judged traditionally will be limited to max. 40 cats per day. Cats that are to be judged for example in WCF Rings or Special shows) beyond this number are limited to 110 cats per day and to be charged additionally, only after consultation with the judge. Nevertheless, it is recommended not to present too many cats to a judge that Best in Show may start in time.

#### **D.2.6 – Chronological judging according to the show classes**

In each colour the cats are judged chronologically according to the show classes of the WCF (from the highest to the lowest class, or vice-versa). Catalogues are printed in the same order, if the club requests to do so.

#### **D.2.7 – Four ranks per class**

For all cats only one title may be awarded per breed, colour, class, sex and per day. 4 ranks may be awarded with Excellent or Very Good, for Good no ranks are awarded.

#### **D.2.8 – Judge protocol, judge's report and exhibition certificate**

##### **D.2.8.1 – General**

The organizing club is responsible that all judge-protocols and -reports are issued and are given to the judge in time. To be judged cats in the double judgement must be marked in the judge protocol.

The judge's report form includes the logo of the WCF, the names of the clubs, their logos, city and date of the exhibition and, if necessary, the note on the double judgement. The judge's form report is filled out by the organizing club that it includes the catalogue number, breed and colour, WCF EMS coded and written, show class, sex and date of birth. There may not be data mentioned concerning the names of breeder, owner or cat.

##### **D.2.8.2 – Exhibition certificate**

In addition to the judge's report, each club is obliged to hand over the exhibition certificate and, if applicable, the ring certificate(s) to the owner of the cat on the day of the show, unless the results are shown on the exhibition certificate.

The exhibition certificate must contain the following information:

The word "certificate", the WCF logo, the type of exhibition, the names of the organizing clubs, their logos, the location, the country and the date of the exhibition. Also all information of the cat analogous to the judge's report, the name of owner as well as the title won, Best in Variety, special prize, nomination and possibly placement in the Best in Show, Best of Best with date of the day.

The exhibition certificate may contain the following information:

Participation and/or placement in a WCF ring, one emblem / logo of an official sponsor of the exhibition, but not bigger than the WCF logo.

#### **D.2.8.3 – WCF Ring certificate**

Separate Ring certificates can be issued for the maximum first 10 placed cats. The winners must be specially marked. Participation certificates must be issued for all ring participants, if it is not noted on the exhibition certificate. They contain the word "Certificate" or "Participation certificate", the WCF logo, the type of exhibition, the names of the organizing clubs, their logos, the location, the country and the date of the exhibition day, the type of WCF Ring with placement, number of cats present in the ring, all information of the cat analogous to the judge's report and the name of the owner.

Note: If it is a split ring, it must be noted on the certificates.

### **D.3 – Working place of the judge**

#### **D.3.1 – Equipment of the working place**

The judge is provided for his work with a working place free from visitors and exhibitors, with day light, which is equipped with a table and two chairs, disinfectant, paper towels, protocols and the judge's reports. Only the chief steward, a student judge and stewards or the owners bringing their cats are permitted to be present.

#### **D.3.2 – Room**

The rooms shall be selected in that way that exhibitors have free access to the judge's area without disturbing the judges in their work.

### **D.4 – Stewards**

Stewards must be 16 years old and must be vaccinated against tetanus.

### **D.5 – Student judge**

#### **D.5.1 – Only one student per day**

Each judge may have a student judge, if he agrees, but only one student per day.

#### **D.5.2 – Presence in the Best in Show**

The student judge may ask questions, if the judge permits so.

He must be present during nomination for Best in Show and during the Best in Show.

### **D.6 – Hair categories**

#### **D.6.1 – Hair categories in traditional judging**

Traditional judging divides the cats in five hair categories (see breeds in standard):

- Longhair – cats with long hair coat
- Semi-Longhair – cats with semi-long coat.
- Shorthair – cats with short coat, except those cats listed as Siamese-ORI.
- Siamese/ORI – Siamese, Oriental SH, Mekong Bobtail, Thai, Tonkinese, Balinese, Oriental LH, Toybob.
- Hairless – cats without coat

#### **D.6.2 – All breeds and classes must be judged completely in each hair category**

In each hair category judges have to judge all breeds, colours and classes completely, including Best in Show and Best of Best.

#### **D.6.3 – Cats are separated according to their breed, colour and sex**

In each hair category cats are separated first by their breed, then by their colour, in each colour chronologically by the show class (top-down, or vice-versa), and in each class by their sex, males first, and by their age, starting with the adults.

## D.7 – Show Classes of the WCF

### D.7.1 - Class structure and recognition of certificates

The WCF show classes are divided according to breed, colour, sex and age to ensure fair competition. Titles and certificates can be awarded on the basis of the points and results achieved.

The next higher title may only be acquired after completion of the previous title.

Recognition of CACM and CAPM:

CACM and CAPM certificates from shows that are not members of the WCF/no WCF shows are not recognized.

### D.7.2 - Show Classes (Numerical Order)

#### Class 1: World Champion (WCH)

The cats are divided by breed, colour and sex. They compete for the **Prize of Honour (PH)** and can also compete for Best in Variety and Best in Show. The judgement is based on the general rules of the competition (D.2.7)

#### Class 2: World Premior (WPR)

Neutered cats in this class are separated and ranked by breed, colour and sex. They compete for the **Prize of Honour (PH)** and may also compete for Best in Variety and Best in Show. The judgement is based on the general rules of the competition (D.2.7)

#### Class 3: Grand European (Continental) Champion (GECH)

Cats compete for the title World Champion (WCH) and may receive the **CACM** certificate, requiring a minimum of 98 points. They must receive CACM in 3 international exhibitions of the WCF in 3 different countries from 3 different judges, where one country must be in another continent..

They are separated and ranked by breed, colour and sex and may compete for "Best Variety" and/or „Best in Show“. The judgement is based on the general rules of the competition (D.2.7)

#### Class 4: Grand European (Continental) Premior (GEPR)

Neutered cats compete for the title World Premior (WPR) and may receive the **CAPM** certificate, requiring a minimum of 98 points

They must receive CAPM in 3 international exhibitions of the WCF in 3 different countries from 3 different judges, where one country must be in another continent..

They are separated and ranked by breed, colour and sex and may compete for "Best Variety" and „Best in Show“. The judgement is based on the general rules of the competition (D.2.7)

#### Class 5: European (Continental) Champion (ECH)

Cats compete for the title Grand European (Continental) Champion and may receive the **GCACE** certificate, requiring a minimum of 97 points. They must receive GCACE in 3 international exhibitions in 3 different countries from 3 different judges.

They are separated and ranked by breed, colour and sex and may compete for "Best Variety" and „Best in Show“. The judgement is based on the general rules of the competition (D.2.7)

#### Class 6: European (Continental) Premior (EPR)

Neutered cats compete for the title Grand European (Continental) Premior and may receive the **GCAPE** certificate, requiring a minimum of 97 points. They must receive GCAPE in 3 international exhibitions in 3 different countries from 3 different judges. They are separated and ranked by breed, colour and sex and may compete for "Best Variety" and „Best in Show“. The judgement is based on the general rules of the competition (D.2.7)

#### Class 7: Grand International Champion (GICH)

Cats compete for the title European (Continental) Champion and may receive the **CACE** certificate, requiring a minimum of 97 points. They must receive CACE in 3 international exhibitions in 3 different countries from 3 different judges. They are separated and ranked by breed, colour and sex and may compete for Best in Variety and Best in Show. The judgement is based on the general rules of the competition (D.2.7)

#### Class 8: Grand International Premior (GIPR)

Neutered cats compete for the title European (Continental) Premior and may receive the **CAPE** certificate, requiring a minimum of 97 points. They must receive CAPE in 3 international exhibitions in 3 different countries from 3 different judges. They are separated and ranked by breed, colour and sex and may compete for Best in Variety and Best in Show. The judgement is based on the general rules of the competition (D.2.7)

**Class 9: International Champion (ICH)**

Cats compete for the title Grand International Champion and may receive the **CAGCIB** certificate, requiring a minimum of 97 points. They must receive CAGCIB in 3 international exhibitions in 2 different countries from 3 different judges. They are separated and ranked by breed, colour and sex and may compete for Best in Variety and Best in Show.. The judgement is based on the general rules of the competition (D.2.7)

**Class 10: International Premior (IPR)**

Neutered cats compete for the title Grand International Premior and may receive the **CAGPIB** certificate, requiring a minimum of 97 points They must receive CAGPIB in 3 international exhibitions in 2 different countries from 3 different judges. They are separated and ranked by breed, colour and sex and may compete for Best in Variety and Best in Show.. The judgement is based on the general rules of the competition (D.2.7)

**Class 11: Champion (CH)**

Cats compete for the title International Champion and may receive the **CACIB** certificate, requiring a minimum of 95 points. They must receive CACIB in 3 international exhibitions in 2 different countries from 3 different judges. They are separated and ranked by breed, colour and sex and may compete for Best in Variety and Best in Show.. The judgement is based on the general rules of the competition (D.2.7)

**Class 12: Premior (PR)**

Neutered cats compete for the title International Premior and may receive the **CAPIB** certificate, requiring a minimum of 95 points. They must receive CAPIB in 3 international exhibitions in 2 different countries from 3 different judges. They are separated and ranked by breed, colour and sex and may compete for Best in Variety and Best in Show.. The judgement is based on the general rules of the competition (D.2.7)

**Class 13: Open class (starting at 10 months) - CAC**

Cats compete for the title **Champion** and may receive the **CAC** certificate, requiring a minimum of 93 points. They must receive CAC in 3 international or national exhibitions from 3 different judges. They are separated and ranked by breed, colour and sex and may compete for Best in Variety and Best in Show. The judgement is based on the general rules of the competition (D.2.7)

**Class 14: Neuter Class (starting at 10 months) - CAP**

Neutered cats compete for the title **Premior** and may receive the **CAP** certificate, requiring a minimum of 93 points. They must receive CAP in 3 international or national exhibitions from 3 different judges. They are separated and ranked by breed, colour and sex and may compete for Best in Variety and Best in Show. The judgement is based on the general rules of the competition (D.2.7)

**Class 15: Kittens 6 – 10 months (JCH)**

Cats compete for the title **Junior Champion** (JCH) and may receive the **CACJ** certificate, requiring a minimum of 90 points. They must receive CACJ in 3 international or national exhibitions of the WCF from 3 different judges. They are separated and ranked by breed, colour and sex and may compete for Best in Variety and Best in Show. The judgement is based on the general rules of the competition (D.2.7)

**Class 15a: Neutered kittens 6 – 10 months (JPR)**

Neutered cats compete for the title **Junior Premior** (JPR) and may receive the **CAPJ** certificate, requiring a minimum of 90 points They must receive CAPJ in 3 international or national exhibitions of the WCF from 3 different judges. They are separated and ranked by breed, colour and sex and may compete for Best in Variety and Best in Show. The judgement is based on the general rules of the competition (D.2.7)

**Class 16: Kittens 3 – 6 months (KCH)**

Cats compete for the title **Kitten Champion** (KCH) and may receive the CACP certificate, requiring a minimum of 90 points They must receive CACP in 3 international or national exhibitions of the WCF from 3 different judges. . They are separated and ranked by breed, colour and sex and may compete for Best in Variety and Best in Show. The judgement is based on the general rules of the competition (D.2.7)

**Class 16a: Neutered kittens 3 – 6 months (KPR)**

Neutered cats compete for the title **Kitten Premior** (KPR) and may receive the **CAPP** certificate, requiring a minimum of 90 points.They must receive CAPP in 3 international or national exhibitions of the WCF from 3 different judges. They are separated and ranked by breed, colour and sex and may compete for Best in Variety and Best in Show.

The judgement is based on the general rules of the competition (D.2.7)

**Class 17: Novice class**

Cats without a registered pedigree may be exhibited once in the Novice Class starting at 6 months of age. The exhibition must take place within the owners own organization, under the supervision of the club's breeding committee. The club must provide the judge with a written explanation detailing the reason for the cat's exhibition in this class. To be registered, the cat must receive an "Excellent" qualification, requiring a minimum of 88 points, with signatures from two judges. They are not ranked and no title certificate is awarded.

**Class 18: Colour determination class**

Kittens 3 months and older may be exhibited to determine their colour. They may receive a qualification, but no title certificate.

**Class 19: Household Pets**

Household Pets are neutered cats that do not correspond to a recognized breed according to their phenotype. They are ranked and may receive the qualification "Excellent", requiring a minimum of 88 points.. They are separated by hair length (HPL/HPS), colour and sex and may compete for Best in Show Household Pet. Household Pets receive an exhibition certificate with the respective judgement result. After winning the third BiS, they can receive a title certificate from their WCF member club upon request of the owner (titles see D.13.3).

**Class 20: Litter class (3 – 6 months)**

A litter must consist of at least 3 kittens of the same breed. They are judged as a group based on their development, with a focus on excellent traits. They are separated and ranked by the breed and may receive the qualification "Excellent", requiring a minimum of 88 points for each kitten in the litter, but do not receive a title certificate. Litters may compete for Best in Show

**Class 21: Veteran class**

This class is for pedigreed cats older than 8 years. They are separated and ranked by breed, colour and sex and may receive the qualification "Excellent" (with at least 95 points) and may compete for Best in Show. The judgement is based on the general rules of the competition (D.2.7)

**Class 22a: Provisionally recognized breeds**

Provisionally recognized breeds are exhibited in this class in all colours. Cats are separated and ranked by breed, colour and sex and may receive the qualification "Excellent", requiring a minimum of 88 points, but do not receive a title certificate. They compete for Best in Variety, but not for Best in Show. They can only participate in the Variety Ring.

**Class 22b: Provisionally recognized colours to recognized breeds**

Cats with provisionally recognized colours for recognized breeds are exhibited in this class. Cats are separated and ranked by breed, colour and sex and may receive the qualification "Excellent", requiring a minimum of 88 points, but do not receive a title certificate. They compete for Best in Variety, but not for Best in Show. They can only participate in the Variety Ring.

**Class 23: Breeds and colours in the recognition process**

Breeds and colour variations in the recognition process are exhibited here. Cats are separated and ranked by breed, colour, sex and gender and may receive the qualification "Excellent", requiring a minimum of 88 points, but do not receive a title certificate. They do not compete for Best in Variety, nor for Best in Show. . They can only participate in the Variety Ring.

**Class 24: Non - recognized breeds and colours**

In this class, all non-recognized breeds and non-recognized colours are exhibited. Cats are ranked regardless of breed, age, hair category, sex and colour but do not receive a title certificate or compete for Best in Show. They can only participate in the Variety Ring.

**Class 25: Out of competition**

Cats exhibited in this class do not compete for any titles or certificates.

## D.8 – Regions, continental areas

### D.8.1 – Each region counts as a different country

Some large countries, as Brazil, China, Kazakhstan, Russia, Ukraine, Australia, Republic of South Africa, Canada and the USA, are divided into several WCF regions due to the size of their area, where each region counts as a different country for the award of titles of the WCF.

### D.8.2 – Starting with European Champion (Continental Champion) a WCF region does not count as another country

Starting with the title European Champion (Continental Champion) and higher the normal rules and show classes of the WCF apply, and another country is absolutely required. For the titles CACM, CAPM another continental area is required.

### D.8.3 – Continental areas or territories of WCF

For the title CACM, CAPM the world is divided into equal continental areas, as follows:

1. Continental area Europe
2. Continental area Asia
3. Continental area Africa with Canary Islands
4. Continental area Australia with Oceania and Polynesian Islands
5. Continental area North America
6. Continental area Central America with Caribbean Islands
7. Continental area South America
8. Continental area Middle East

#### Remark:

Please refer to Annex-1, and also to the tables of the homepage of the WCF including all countries belonging to a continental area concerning the titles.

## D.9 – Best Variety

### D.9.1 – Best in Variety (BIV)

Best in Variety (BIV) may be awarded, if at least 3 non-neutered cats of the same breed, color and pattern are present, regardless of age (kittens 3-6 months, juniors 6-10 months, or adults).

At least 95 points are required for a cat to receive the title "Best in Variety" (BIV), which is awarded to the best cat in the group.

Neutered cats are excluded from this category; they have their own separate BIV award.

### D.9.2 – Best in Variety for non-neutered cats

If there are at least 3 non-neutered cats of the same breed, color and pattern present, BIV may be awarded.

If there are at least 3 adult cats and at least 3 kittens (from both: kittens 3-6 months and juniors 6-10 months), two separate BIV titles may be awarded, one for adults and one for kittens / juniors.

If there are at least 3 kittens 3-6 months, at least 3 juniors 6-10 months, and at least 3 adult cats, then 3 separate BIV titles may be awarded: one for each group (kittens 3-6 months, juniors 6-10 months, and adults).

If there are fewer than 3 cats in any group (kittens 3-6, juniors 6-10 or adults), the groups are combined, and a single BIV is awarded for the combined group.

In all cases, BIV cannot be refused if at least one cat in the group meets the 95-point qualification. The BIV title is awarded to the best cat in each group.

### D.9.3 – Best in Variety Neuter

Best in Variety is awarded to neutered cats if at least 3 neutered cats of the same breed and color are present, regardless of their age.

Neutered kittens (3-6 months and 6-10 months) and neutered adults are considered together as one group, and only one BIV is awarded.

The BIV cannot be refused if at least one cat in this group has met the 95-point qualification

## D.10 – Best in Show

### D.10.1 – Public competition

The competition „Best in Show“ (BIS) is performed in public on the stage or another equivalent place. Only judges having the qualification for the corresponding hair category may vote.

### D.10.2 – For each hair category its own Best in Show

Five Best in Shows are performed in an exhibition, on each day or once for two days. For each hair category of the WCF, Longhair, Semi-Longhair, Shorthair, Siamese-ORI and Hairless a separate BIS is performed, if at least 10 cats are present in each hair category in the exhibition.

### D.10.3 – Merging of categories in case of less than 10 cats

If there are less than 10 cats present in a hair category, these cats are merged with another hair category, as follows: Longhair with Semi-Longhair, Shorthair with Siamese/ORI or/and Hairless.

If the number of 10 cats is not reached in one of the main categories, when joining hair categories, the Best in Show is made for all hair categories joined together.

LH/SLH: Longhair with Semi-Longhair  
 SIA/ORI: Siamese/Oriental SH with Shorthair  
 SIA/ORI: Balinese/Oriental LH with Semi Longhair  
 HL: Don Sphynx/Canadian Sphynx with Shorthair  
 HL: Peterbald with SIA/ORI

Following the decision of the organizing club, Hairless may also be assigned to the BIS SIA/ORI, if both groups together reach the number of at least 10 cats.

If the number of 10 cats is not reached when merging the hair categories in one of the two main categories, the Best in Show will be held jointly for all hair categories.

### D.10.4 – Minimum requirements for nomination

To be nominated for Best in Show (BIS), a cat must receive at least 95 points according to the standard.

If a cat wins Best in Variety, it must be nominated for Best in Show, provided there is no competition within its age and sex class in the hair category. However, if there is competition, another cat from a different colour may be nominated. Instead, provided that it also meets the 95-point requirement.

Cats that do not win Best in Variety may still be nominated if they are in a different age or sex class from the BiV winner (for example, if a kitten wins BiV over an adult cat, the adult cat may be nominated), provided they meet the 95-point requirement.

Household pets may also be nominated for Best in Show if they receive at least 95 points.

### D.10.5 - Nomination

In each hair category each international judge may nominate on each day of the show the following cats, which he judged on the concerned day, for the participation in Best in Show in each hair category of the WCF (LH, SLH, SH, SIA/ORI, HL):

In each hair category a nomination cannot be refused if there is at least one cat in any of the following classes that has obtained the minimum points required for that class. The judge should nominate the best of the following cats, provided they have met the minimum point requirements, to participate in the Best in Show (BIS):

- Adult male
- Adult female
- Adult male honour class
- adult female honour class
- Neutered adult male
- Neutered adult female
- Neutered male honour class
- Neutered female honour class
- Veteran male
- Veteran female
- Kitten 6–10 months male
- Kitten 6–10 months female
- Neutered kitten 6–10 months male
- Neutered kitten 6–10 months female
- Kitten 3–6 months male
- Kitten 3–6 months female
- Neutered kitten 3–6 months male
- Neutered kitten 3–6 months female
- Household pet male
- Household pet female
- Litter - if all kittens of the litter (min. three kittens) have received at least 95 points according to the breed standard or if at least three litters of this breed are present.

**Remark:**

*By decision of the organizing club*

*- Judges may nominate only one kitten (3-6 months) and one junior (6-10 months).*

*- Judges may nominate only one household pet longhair and one household pet shorthair.*

*- Up to three cats may be nominated in each hair category in each listed class, provided the cats are of different colors or breeds.*

*World Shows and Cat Olimpia are excluded from this possibility.*

**D.10.6 – Exotic Shorthair may also participate in the BIS in the hair category Longhair**

Exotic Shorthair may participate in the BIS in the hair category Longhair upon decision of the organizing club.

**D.10.7 - Identification of nominated cats**

Nominated cats must have an identification note indicating their breed and colour besides their catalogue number.

**D.10.8 – The judge must be licensed for the corresponding hair category.**

Each judge may participate in voting of the BIS only in these hair categories, for which he is licensed.

**D.10.9 – Voting**

Judges vote openly on the stage for the Best in Show cat amongst all cats nominated according to article

D.10.5. If a judge requires secret voting, voting will be secret.

**D.10.10 – In case of equal voting the judge is drawn by lottery**

If voting is equal, the names of the judges are written on little papers and a visitor's child will draw one paper. The judge drawn will decide upon the best cat.

**D.10.11 - Best In Show Adult**

First the best male and the best female adult cat are selected. Then both compete against each other. The winner receives the title 'Best in Show Adult' and the other cat receives the title 'Best in Show opposite Sex Adult'. The winner remains on stage for Best of Best Adult.

**D.10.11.1 – Best In Show Adult Honour Class**

First the best male and the best female adult cat are selected. Then both compete against each other. The winner receives the title 'Best in Show Adult Honour Class' and the other cat receives the title 'Best in Show opposite Sex Adult Honour Class'. The winner remains on stage for the Best of Best Adult Honour Class.

**D.10.12 – Best In Show neutered Adult**

The same procedure applies to neuters: First, the best male and the best female neuter are chosen. Then both compete against each other. The winner receives the title 'Best in Show Neuter' and the other cat receives the title 'Best in Show opposite Sex Neuter'. All neuters leave the stage after the vote.

**D.10.12.1 – Best in Show neutered Adult Honour class**

The best neutered male and the best neutered female in the honour class are chosen. Both then compete against each other. The winner will receive the title Best in Show Neutered Adult Honour Class, and the other cat will receive the title Best Opposite Sex Neutered Adult Honour Class. The winner remains on stage for the Best of Best Neutered Adult Honour Class.

**D.10.13 – Best In Show Veteran**

First the best male and the best female veterans are selected. Then both compete against each other. The winner receives the title 'Best in Show Veteran' and the other cat receives the title 'Best in Show opposite Sex Veteran'. All veterans leave the stage after the voting.

**D.10.14 - Best in Show Veteran Neuter**

The same procedure applies to neutered veterans: 'Best in Show Veteran Neuter' and 'Best in Show Opposite Sex Veteran Neuter'. All veterans leave the stage after the vote.

**D.10.15– Best in Show Kitten 6-10 months**

The same procedure applies to the 6-10 month kittens: first the best male and the best female 6-10 month kitten are selected. Then both compete against each other. The winner receives the title 'Best in Show kitten 6-10 months' and the other cat receives the title 'Best in Show opposite Sex kitten 6-10 months'. All kittens 6-10 months leave the stage after the voting.

**D.10.16 – Best in Show neutered Kitten 6-10 months**

The best neutered male and the best neutered female junior (6–10 months) are selected. Both then compete for the titles Best in Show Neutered Junior and Best Opposite Sex Neutered Junior. All neutered juniors leave the stage after the voting.



#### **D.10.17 – Best In Show Kitten 3-6 months**

The best male and the best female kitten (3–6 months) are selected. Both then compete for the titles Best in Show Kitten and Best Opposite Sex Kitten. All neutered kittens leave the stage after the voting.

#### **D.10.18 – Best In Show neutered Kitten 3-6 months**

The best neutered male and the best neutered female kitten (3–6 months) are selected. Both then compete for the titles Best in Show Neutered Kitten and Best Opposite Sex Neutered Kitten. All neutered kittens leave the stage after the voting.

#### **D.10.19– Best in Show Litter**

The judges select the Best in Show Litter amongst all nominated litters regardless of the hair category

#### **D.10.20 – Best in Show Household Pet**

First, the best male Household Pet and the best female Household Pet are chosen. Then both compete against each other. The winner receives the title 'Best in Show Household Pet and the other cat receives the title 'Best in Show opposite Sex Household Pet. Household Pets do not take part in the Best of Best.

#### **D.10.21 – Special Breed Shows**

Special Breed Shows may be organized for single breeds or breed groups. The procedure for nomination and Best in Show as in the other groups. The winner may according to the rules participate in the Best of Best.

### **D.11 – Best of Best**

#### **D 11.1 - Requirements and preliminaries**

Best of Best may only be held if at least one all-breed judge is present among the judges. The competition will be held on stage after the Best in Show. Only all-breed judges are authorised to vote for Best of Best from all hair categories and from special breed shows.

The participants for Best of Best are the winners of the Best in Show from all hair categories and winners of the special breed shows for the following groups:

- Adults
- Adult Honour Class
- Neutered adults
- Neutered Adult Honour Class
- Kittens (6-10 months)
- Kittens (3-6 months)

#### **D 11.2 – Voting**

Voting is conducted by secret ballot. The judges evaluate the cats in each Best of Best group by assigning a rank, with the best cat being ranked number 1, the second-best cat being ranked number 2, and so on. After all points have been added up by the Show secretary or Show manager, the cat with the lowest total score is declared the winner of Best of Best 1. The remaining cats are ranked in order as Best of Best 2, Best of Best 3, and so on.

#### **D.11.3 - Neutered Juniors and Kittens, Veterans**

The show organizer is free to decide whether to hold a Best of Best competition for neutered Juniors (6-10 months), neutered Kittens (3-6 months), and Veterans.

Additionally, the organizing club may decide to combine Kittens and Neutered Kittens, Juniors and Neutered Juniors, or Kittens and Juniors regardless of whether they are neutered or non-neutered together, for the Best of Best competition. The voting and ranking procedure for these groups will be conducted in the same way as for others. For these groups will be conducted in the same way as for others.

### **D.12 – Best General / Best Supreme**

#### **D.12.2 - Best General**

By decision of the organizing club, the winners of all Best of Best competitions may participate in the Best General competition on each exhibition day. The judges vote for one cat, and the cat receiving the most votes is declared Best General for that day.

#### **D.12.2 - Best Supreme**

By decision of the organizing club, the winners of the Best General competitions of the previous of the previous exhibition day(s) can take part in the competition for Best Supreme on the last day of the exhibition. The judges vote for one cat and the cat with the most votes is declared Best Supreme of the show.

## D.13 – Certificates

### D.13.1 – Exhibition- and title certificates

Each exhibitor receives an exhibition certificate from the organizing club for his judged cat.

Every WCF member can also request a title certificate from his member club or from WCF (see 13.2, 13.3).

### D.13.2 – Issue of certificates for titles by member clubs

The certificates for the titles Kitten Champion, Junior Champion, Champion, International Champion, Grand International Champion, European (Continental) Champion, Grand European (Continental) Champion, and their equivalent Premier titles for neutered cats, are issued by the member clubs of the WCF for their members.

The certificates for all Household Pet titles are also issued by the member clubs of the WCF.

The original certificates and judge's reports must be forwarded by the cat's owner to the relevant member club immediately after a title is received and before exhibiting in the next higher class.

### D.13.3 – Certificates for the titles World Champion/Premior by WCF

The certificates for the titles of World Champion and World Premier are issued by the WCF. The online application is available on the WCF website in the Hall of Fame. The completed WCF form "Confirmation of the Title of World Champion / World Premier" must be attached to the online form by the applying club as a scan or PDF.

## D.14 - Titles

### D.14.1 – Awarding of titles on islands

Titles awarded on islands are considered as international titles, not only for foreign exhibitors but also for exhibitors travelling from the mainland of the country to which the island belongs.

For exhibitors resident on islands, titles acquired on the mainland to which the island belongs, are counted as international points.

### D.14.2 - Awarding of titles for members of clubs located on islands and in Israel, South Africa, Australia, New Zealand, USA

Members of clubs located on islands and in Israel, South Africa, Australia, New Zealand and the USA are permitted to acquire the international titles CACIB/CAPIB and CAGCIB/CAGPIB there without leaving the island/country. Required number of respective title points: 6 x CACIB/CAPIB, 9 x CAGCIB/CAGPIB. All higher titles must be obtained according to the general rules.

### D.14.3 - Titles for Household Pets

The following titles may be awarded to Household Pets based on the number of Best in Show (BIS) wins at WCF exhibitions.

Separate titles are awarded to males and females.

- **Lord / Lady**  
Judged by 3 different judges and awarded after three BIS wins (Best in Show).
- **International Lord / Lady (Int. Lord / Int. Lady)**  
Judged by 3 different judges and awarded after three additional BIS wins in at least two different countries.
- **European (Continental) Lord / Lady (Eur. Lord / Eur. Lady)**  
Judged by 3 different judges and after three additional BIS wins in three different countries.
- **World Lord / Lady (W. Lord / W. Lady)**  
Judged by 3 different judges and after three additional BIS wins in three different countries, one of which must be from another continent.

**The titles are placed before the cat's name, and only the highest title is used.**

### 14.4 - Display of Titles

The highest title awarded is used as prefix before the cat's name.

If the cat has reached the title Kitten Champion/Premier (KCH/KPR) or Junior Champion/Premier (JCH/JPR), the highest title is placed first, followed by KCH/KPR or JCH/JPR before the cat's name.

If both titles have been reached, only JCH/JPR is used.

### D.14.5 - Use of titles after neutering

If a cat is neutered after having been awarded titles as a non-neutered cat, the most recently acquired Premier title is used alongside the highest non-neutered title.

For example, if a cat was World Champion (WCH) and later became International Premier (IPR), the title is displayed as IPR & WCH before the cat's name.