

The Burmese Cat Society of Australasia Inc.

The Burmese Cat Society of Australasia Inc. Members Cat/Kitten of the Year Awards Policy and Procedures

1. Goals and Objectives

In making the Awards the Society's goals are to:

- ◆ promote excellence in the Burmese breed by recognizing cats/kittens that best conform to the "standard" and type
- ◆ encourage registered breeders to breed to the recognized standard and to strive for quality
- ◆ encourage exhibitors and breeders to take an active interest in the Society
- ◆ encourage exhibitors to show and display their beautiful felines
- ◆ encourage exhibitors and the general public to desex cats not required for breeding purposes
- ◆ encourage recognition by members of the public of the value in owning a Burmese cat by promoting the Burmese as a breed that prospective cat owners would consider as their preferred companion, show and/or breeding feline

2. The Awards

For each calendar year awards will be made to the 5 top Burmese cats/kittens of members in each of the categories:

- male kitten female kitten desexed kitten
- male cat female cat neuter cat spay cat

on the basis of rankings derived using the points accumulation scheme detailed in section 3.

For the purposes of the awards the NSW C.F.A. definitions of "cat" and "kitten" will apply.

For each category the awards shall be:

first place	tricolour sash printed*
second place	tricolour sash, printed*
third place	tricolour sash, printed*
fourth place	bicolour sash, printed*
fifth place	bicolour sash, printed*

NOTES

* The printing to indicate the award and the cat/kitten name.

The sashes to include colours different to those used for awards at the Annual Show to clearly distinguish them from the Show awards.

3. The Points Accumulation Scheme

- (a) the year in which points are accumulated is the calendar year (January – December)
- (b) points will be awarded on the basis of the results of Burmese cats/kittens in those Shows held during the calendar year in the State of NSW for which challenges, etc. are recognized by the NSW C.F.A.

NOTES Agricultural Shows with cat section shows recognized by the NSW C.F.A. are included
 each ring of a multiring Show is regarded as a "separate Show"

(c) points are awarded as follows:

- ◆ a Challenge/Best in Section 1 point
- ◆ a Best of Breed 1 point
- ◆ a Top 5 Placing 1 point
- ◆ a Best in Group 1 point

(hence the maximum number of points, which can be accumulated per ring of a Show, is 4)

- (d) points will be accumulated throughout the calendar year, **however**
- (e) to be eligible for an award in a category a cat/kitten must have:
- (i) been awarded **at least one (1) point for a “Best of Breed” or a “Top 5 Placing”,** and
 - (ii) **accumulated at least 10 points**
- in that category **during the period in which the cat/kitten is eligible for that award.**

NOTE that the time during the period at which the Best of Breed is awarded does not matter

- (f) points/Best of Breeds/Top 5 Placings/Best in Shows scored when a cat/kitten is in one category cannot be carried over to a different category.

As examples: all points scored/Best of Breeds/Top 5 Placings/Best in Shows obtained by a cat when it is in a kitten category do not count towards its score as a cat, and vice versa.

Similarly for cats/kittens before and after desexing.

- (g) **In each category** the total points score for the year for each eligible cat/kitten will be determined.

Awards in that category will be made to the five (5) top cats/kittens as follows:

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highest points total	1st place
2nd highest total of points	2nd place
3rd highest total of points	3rd place
4th highest total of points	4th place
5th highest total of points	5th place

- Where two or more cat/kittens score the same number of points then the number of Best in Group awards received shall be used to rank them into places, the one with the highest number being ranked highest. If these cats/kittens have the same number of Best in Group awards then the number of Best of Breed awards received shall be used to rank them into places. If the cats/kittens have the same number of Best of Breed awards then each shall be ranked into the same place.

- Only 5 awards will be made, **save that** if two or more cats/kittens are ranked into 5th place then each shall receive a 5th place award.

So, for example, if two cats/kittens are ranked into 3rd place then no fifth place award will be made.

- A cat/kitten not meeting the eligibility criteria in (f) shall not receive an award

The following examples illustrate the above features:

cat	total points	no of Best in Group	no of Best of Breed	award
cat A	35	7	12	1st place
cat B	22	3	6	2nd place
cat C	22	1	7	3rd place
cat D	15	0	3	4th place
cat E	10	0	2	5th place
cat F	10	0	0	ineligible (no BoB/T5 placings)
cat G	10	0	2	5th place

(in this particular case two (2) 5th place awards would be made)

cat	total points	no of Best in Group	no of Best of Breed	award
cat A	39	7	13	1st place
cat B	22	3	6	2nd place
cat C	19	1	7	3rd place
cat D	19	1	7	3th place
cat E	12	0	2	4th place
cat F	11	0	2	no award*

(* 5 awards already made in the category)

4. Society Membership Requirements

To be eligible for an award a cat/kitten **must be in continuous ownership*** of a financial member of The Burmese Cat Society of Australasia Inc throughout the year, save that:

(i) should an owner become a member of the Society after the commencement of the calendar year, ie after 1st January, the cat/kittens owned by the new member will be eligible for the awards **but** *points will accumulate only from the date that the membership application is received by the Society's Secretary.*

(i) if during the year ownership of a cat/kitten is transferred from a financial member to a new member, the cat/kittens ownership by a financial member will be deemed to be continuous provided the membership application is received by the Society's Secretary within four (4) weeks of the date of transfer as recorded by the NSW C.F.A.

* joint owners must each be financial members of the Society

5. Presentation of Awards

Awards for the previous year will be presented at a **special presentation ceremony** during the Society's Annual Championship Show. This ceremony shall be at a time during the Show which gives due recognition to the prestige of the Awards.

ADMINISTRATIVE ARRANGEMENTS

1. The Burmese Cat/Kitten of the Year Subcommittee

(a) For each year the Committee of the Society will establish a Subcommittee to be known as **the Burmese Cat/Kitten of the Year Subcommittee** to administer all aspects of the awards for that year. The Subcommittee shall report to the Society via the Committee.

(b) The Subcommittee shall have a membership of at least two and not more than three persons who shall be members of the Society, one of whom will be designated as the member responsible for keeping the points score, and one of whom will be designated as the member responsible for all other aspects of the awards (P.R, sponsorship, etc.)

(c) Appointment of the Subcommittee

In September/October each year the Committee of the Society may establish a *Search Committee* consisting of 2 or 3 of its members

(i) to seek out those members of the Society able and willing to form the Burmese Cat/Kitten of the Year Subcommittee for the following year, and

(ii) to make a written report to the Committee at its October/November meeting on its recommendations for the membership of the Subcommittee for the following year. The basis on which the Search Committee's recommendations are made shall be included in the report.

The Committee shall consider a Search Committee's recommendations and appoint the members of the Subcommittee.

(d) The Committee of the Society shall prepare a description of the tasks to be undertaken by the Burmese Cat/Kitten of the Year Subcommittee and its designated members, the expected time commitments, etc. to be used by the Search Committee in its tasks, and for informing prospective Subcommittee members of the tasks required to be undertaken.

(e) The Subcommittee members shall work in a voluntary capacity, save that any costs requested by the NSW C.F.A. in association with providing the Subcommittee's designated member with confirmation of results shall be met by the Society.

2. Grievance Resolution

(a) Should any member have a grievance in respect of eligibility, the points score or the final results for the Burmese Cat/Kitten of the Year Awards, in order to resolve the matter the member should discuss the matter with the subcommittee *in the first instance*.

(b) Should such a grievance remain unresolved by this process the matter may be referred to the Committee for arbitration and resolution.

3. Communication

(a) The Society shall prepare a **Burmese Cat Society of Australasia Members Cat/Kitten of the Year Awards Brochure** (similar in style to the Society membership brochure, but of a colour distinct from it) detailing the awards, the basis on which they are made, eligibility criteria, presentation, etc.

This brochure will be distributed to all financial members before the start of each calendar year. In addition a copy will be provided to each prospective member along with a membership brochure.

The Burmese Cat/Kitten of the Year Subcommittee may take whatever other actions it deems appropriate to publicize the awards, to solicit sponsorship for the awards, etc. saving that action requiring financial resources shall be approved by the Society.

(b) Progress Results

Progress results in all categories shall be forwarded to all financial members on a regular basis (ie every 2 to 3 months), by inclusion of these on the Society's Website and in the Society's Newsletter.