

GAUTENG SELECTION OF ITS COTY FINALISTS

ADULT, NEUTER, KITTEN, and HOUSEHOLD PET

(Effective as of 2008/09 COTY cycle)
(Revised Oct 2023)

The Cat of the Year competition has four categories: Registered Adult, Registered Neuter, Registered Kitten, and Household Pet. The Governing Council of SACC has allocated Gauteng the following quotas:

- Adult: 10 cats
- Neuter: 10 cats
- Kitten: 4 cats
- Pet: 1 cat (Or in accordance with the SACC COTY Rules)

RULES

1. All cats residing in Gauteng, North West Province, Mpumalanga, and Limpopo will be considered to represent Gauteng in COTY.
 - a. An exhibitor residing on the fringes of Gauteng in the Free State, and who chooses to show in Gauteng, may apply to the Gauteng Show Manager's Forum to be considered a participant in the Gauteng COTY quota.
2. Points will be accumulated at shows held by or under auspices of Gauteng based, SACC affiliated clubs.
3. The highest scoring 10 Entires, 10 Neuters, 4 Kittens, and 1 Pet during a COTY show cycle, will proceed to the COTY competition.
4. The COTY show cycle is described in the SACC COTY rules.
5. Cats that are reclassified (for color) will continue gaining their points during that COTY show cycle (i.e. these cats will NOT lose COTY points gained prior to reclassification).
6. When an entire cat is neutered during a COTY show cycle, it moves over to the Neuter section, and retains points earned in the Adult section during that cycle.
7. When a kitten becomes an adult during the COTY show cycle and will be one year old on or before the COTY judge-off event (and therefore in terms of SACC GC rules may not participate in the Kitten section), it moves into the Adult or Neuter section and carries its kitten points forward into the either the adult/ neuter section for that cycle.

When a kitten becomes an adult during the COTY show cycle, but will still be less than 1 year old on the day of the COTY judge-off event, it may in terms of SACC GC rules still participate in the Kitten section of COTY. However, once it reaches nine months of age, it will not accumulate any further Kitten points.

8. Household Pets: all pets (adults and kittens) are scored as one section. Therefore, when a Pet kitten becomes an adult, it continues to add points to its previous (kitten) score.
9. In the event that two or more cats are tied at the same point score in the last position¹ in any particular section/quota, the following measures will be applied, in the order below, until the tie is broken:
 - a. If the tie is known by the end of the last show that counts for the particular COTY cycle, the cats concerned will participate in a judge-off. The maximum possible number of relevantly qualified judges, who are not involved with the cats concerned (e.g. neither own nor have bred any of the cats) shall officiate.
 - b. The highest number of Round 3 Best in Show wins (i.e. Best Adult/Neuter/Kitten on Show)
 - c. The highest number of Round 2 Best in Show wins (e.g. Best Persian/Exotic Adult winner).
 - d. The highest proportion (percentage) of major awards gained out of the total number of rings entered for.
10. In the event that a situation arises that is not adequately addressed or directed by these rules, the matter shall be brought to the Gauteng Show Managers Forum for a decision.

¹ Examples, out of a quota of 10: 2 or more cats in the 10th position; or 3 or more cats in the 9th position; or 4 or more cats in the 8th position, etc.

POINTS ALLOCATION

PEDIGREED SECTION – ADULTS, NEUTERS AND KITTENS

BIS Level 1 (nominations): 2 points per nomination (i.e. a Top-5 placing)

BIS Level 2 (Best of Division, e.g. Best Persian/ Exotic Adult):

Winner = 7 points

Best of Section runner up = 5 points

Best of Section 3rd place = 3 points

BIS Level 3 (e.g. Best Longhair Adult or Best Shorthair Adult):

Winner = 15 points

Runner-up = 12 points

3rd place = 10 points

BIS Level 4 (Best All-breeds Adult / Neuter / Kitten):

Winner = 25 points

Runner up = 20 points

3rd = 5

Level 5 (Cat of the Day): Winner = **25** points

HOUSEHOLD PET SECTION

BIS Level 1 (nominations): 2 points per nomination

[i.e. a Top-5 placing (Top 6 or more at Show Manager's discretion)]

BIS Level 2 (Best of Section, e.g. Best Domestic Adult & Best Domestic Kitten):

The line-up gets judged by a minimum of 3 judges, and the placings will be based on the average of their placings.

Winner = 15 points

Best of Section runner up = 10 points

3rd place = 5 points

BIS Level 3 (Best Overall Domestic judge off between Best Domestic Adult & Best Domestic Kitten):

Winner = 15 points

Runner-up = 5 points

GAUTENG COTY SYSTEM

PEDIGREED SECTION – ADULTS, NEUTERS AND KITTENS

**Best Adult on Show + Best Neuter on Show
+ Best Kitten on Show compete for CAT OF
THE DAY**

Judge-off by all all-breeds judges who do not own or have
bred a contestant

*The same process
has happened in
the Neuter and
Kitten sections,
which is where
the Best Neuter
on Show and Best
Kitten on Show
come from to
compete here.*



2 + 2 cats compete for Best Adult on Show

Judge-off by a minimum of 3 judges;
Winner goes through to final round



2 + 2 cats compete for Best L/H Adult

Judge-off by a minimum of 3 judges;
Top 2 go through to next round

2 + 2 cats compete for Best S/H Adult

Judge-off by a minimum of 3 judges;
Top 2 go through to next round



Best P/E Adult

Announce positions 1st
to 5th; top 2 go
through to next round

Best M/H Adult

Announce positions 1st
to 5th; top 2 go
through to next round

Best Foreign Adult

Announce positions 1st
to 5th; top 2 go
through to next round

Best S/O Adult

Announce positions 1st
to 5th; top 2 go
through to next round



Nominations (Top-5)
from the floor in each
breed division, per
Adult/ Neuter/ Kitten

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