

Proposal 5: Add Show Rules 21.17, 22.2.3, 22.3.1.4 (Combined Format Shows)

Rationale:

Show halls are increasing in cost – this format would allow fewer rings with more finals, potentially reducing costs to clubs. Alternative format causes cats to be handled more times, causing more stress on the cats and more wear and tear on the judges. By handling the cats once and doing two finals, this reduces stress, and could allow for more entries.

Because of the proposed format, only Allbreed judges can judge a Combined Format show.

Pros:

Potentially reduces costs to clubs (for example, smaller show halls).

The number of finals can be increased without adding extra handling, which could reduce stress on the cats entered in the show.

Could double the amount of Finals available to an exhibit without increasing the number of rings.

Cons:

Specialty judges cannot judge these shows which may limit their opportunities to gain experience and advance.

Cats being campaigned would lose the option to be removed from SP rings, which might disadvantage other cats trying to get titles.

This proposal needs further clarification (which could be addressed by additional Standing Rules)

Add new 21.17 and renumber existing 21.17 and rest of 21.x:

21.17 Combined Format Show

A show in which cats are judged one time and both Allbreed and Specialty finals are awarded, subject to the rules set forth in the Standing Rules. Only Allbreed judges may judge a Combined Format show.

Note:

Additionally, all cross references to 21.x within the Show Rules and Standing Rules will be updated if the rule number changes as a consequence of this addition. For brevity, these are not included here.

Add new 22.2.3:

A Combined Format Show is a show in which the Allbreed judge judges LH and SH cats separately, hanging Specialty finals subject to the rules for number of finals by count as set forth in Show Rule 212.3. Once judging has been completed for both LH and SH cats in each class (CH, Kitten, Alter, HHPK and HHP), an Allbreed final shall be calculated and presented (no additional handling or judging is undertaken).

Add new 22.3.1.4

22.3.1 The maximum number of entries a club may accept is limited as follows:

- 22.3.1.1 Alternative Format - 125 entries. (See Show Rule 21.16.)
- 22.3.1.2 Back-to-Back Format - 250 entries. (See Show Rule 21.14.)
- 22.3.1.3 Split Format (2-day Show) - 500 entries. (See Show Rule 21.15 and Show Rule 216.4.)
- 22.3.1.4 Combined Format Show 175 entries (See Show rule 21.17)**