

What to expect when errors are made on Entry forms

1. **Minor Errors** These warrant a notification for your reference if the error occurs more than once and it is apparent that registration details were available at the time of entry or before the date of the show. Continuous repetition of the same error after notification will be referred to the Executive Committee.

Examples of minor errors include:

- a) spelling errors
 - b) separation of cat's names that should be one word and vice versa
 - c) administrative/breeder's prefix omitted from, or partially incorrect name given for the exhibit
 - d) overseas title preceding the name of an exhibit, sire or dam, etc.
 - e) full breed number known but not given
 - f) Sire and Dam reversed or named incorrectly
 - g) breeder joint when single and vice versa
2. **Incorrect date of birth** This is usually classed as a minor error unless it affects an entry into classes based on age groups, when it could warrant disqualification of the exhibit from such classes; but if the incorrect date of birth affects the age suitability as a whole then the exhibit will be disqualified from the show.

Note: Age limits: Kittens – not less than 14 weeks and under 9 calendar months on the date of the show.

Adults – not less than 9 calendar months at the date of the show.

3. **Incorrect name of exhibit/Owner/Breeder** If registration/transfer details were obviously available at the time of entry or before the date of the show, disqualification is inevitable. The following discrepancies are those which usually arise:

EXHIBIT: Totally incorrect name

REGISTERED OWNER: Joint when they should be single and vice versa

EXHIBITOR: Declaration not signed by registered owner(s)

Note: The exhibitor(s) must be the registered owner(s) of the cat and not necessarily the person who actually takes the cat to the show.

BREEDER: Totally incorrect name or names

Note: The breeder of a cat is **always** the registered owner of the dam on the date of the cat's birth.

Registration/Transfer not received by GCCF 21 days before the date of the show These entries will be disqualified. Remember the effective date of all registration and transfers is the **first date of valid receipt by the GCCF** and if you enclose your own stamped self-addressed acknowledgement card with your application form, this will be stamped with the GCCF Office date of receipt.

Transfer of exhibit from exhibitor to a new owner received by GCCF more than 21 days before that date of the show. Entries such as these will be disqualified as the exhibitor's entry form is invalid.

Incorrect or ineligibility of class entry These will be disqualified from the class concerned – so always check with the Show Manager if in doubt about which classes to enter. If a breed number is changed officially, it is important that you notify the Show Manager immediately. Exhibits entered in the Grand class must have qualified on or before the published closing date of the show,

Cat registered on the Reference Register No cat registered on the Reference Register is eligible to be shown and therefore those entries will be disqualified. The only exception to this is when a new breed becomes recognised, and then, cats of the breed may be shown even if they are registered on the Reference register as long as this was the only reason for the reference registration.

Exhibitors may appeal against any disqualification resulting from show checking, giving their reasons. The appeal will be referred to the Executive Committee if considered valid and, if not, a letter of explanation will be sent to the exhibitor(s). The above advice, however, is aimed to keep your show entries trouble-free, not to mention the how checking.