



# EXHIBITOR GUIDE

Would you like to enter your cat into a Loving Cats Worldwide Event, but unsure where to start? Below you can find all the information you need!

### <u>Friendship</u>

Before you enter your cat(s) in one of our shows, we recommend becoming a Loving Cats Worldwide Friend! Especially if you are planning to participate in more Loving Cats Worldwide shows in the future. By becoming a Loving Cats Worldwide friend, you can benefit from great discounts. The member fee allows you to get 50% off of your cat entries for all Loving Cats Worldwide HQ shows of the season. Friends can also benefit from discounts on LCWW Services and special offers from businesses we love. You can sign up here: LCWW Friendship. Please note, you do not need to be a friend to enter a show!



### How to Enter Your Cat

Video: How to enter your cat.

If you are interested in entering your cat in one of our shows, head to our website. On <a href="www.lcwwgroup.com">www.lcwwgroup.com</a> you can find our upcoming shows. You can find them under 'Events' in the top menu. When you have decided to participate in one, simply click on the event of your choice after that just click on 'enter your cat' and you will be directed to the show's information.

There are 8 different classes:

- Kittens (4-6 months)
- Juniors (6-10 months)
- Cats (10+ months)
- Alters (10+ months Neutered/Spayed)
- HHPK (Household Pet Kittens 4-8 months)
- HHP (Adults Household Pets 8+ months)
- Pre-Championship (for accepted breeds with a new/ not recognized variety)
- Non-Championship (For breeds that are not (yet) recognized)

And then there is an option to take a cat/or kitten as Exhibition Only. This means that you want to take a cat/kitten to the show without competing in any of the classes. They must be at least 3 months old. You follow the same procedure as to enter a cat but with the comment "Exhibition Only".

Every cat you bring to the show hall must be entered!

# Registering Your Cat with LCWW

In order to achieve titles and get the earned points to be scored you need to register your cat(s). You can do this through the <u>LCWW services</u> section on the website of LCWW.

# **Entering a Specific Show**

Please note that under the LCWW rules, you are committed to the club of the show once you have finalized your entry. Whether you are able to attend or not. This also means that you are not allowed to leave a show early, or to not come back the following day when you are expected to be present without the show manager's approval. Please take this into account when registering for a show.

You will always receive a confirmation email after you enter a cat. When the entry clerk has processed your entry, you will receive another one. Please make sure to check your confirmation emails since they include important information. You are responsible to spot errors. If you notice an error, or if you are unsure whether applied changes have been processed, notify the entry clerk. You will find their email address under the show's information section. For example, in case you have to change the gender of a cat you entered. Also make sure to check the show catalogue upon arrival. If the information is incorrect, notify the Show Manager immediately!

### **Payment**

Prices for spaces at the Loving Cats Worldwide show may vary depending on the location. You can find the price list in the information section of the specific show in LCWW's Events calendar. It is important to note that you will have to finalize the payment before the actual show. You have to pay per LCWW show rules, meaning you will have to pay whether you attend the show or not.

The Payment section is also on the page with all show information!

# What to Expect on a Show Day

Before each show, you will receive an email containing all the relevant information. This includes, check in times, entrance point, potential rules of the venue, show times, parking information, and much more.

### Documents and Check In

When the show day comes, you will be expected to sign your cat(s) in before entering the show hall. To do so you will need the confirmation slip you received from the entry clerk, vaccination records for each entry, and pedigree and registration papers if applicable. You are not allowed to take any cat/kitten into the show hall without entering it. Even when it will only be for companionship you must enter it as Exhibition Only so the Show Team knows about it.

Before the show, please make sure you are familiar with LCWW's exhibitor etiquette. All exhibitors are expected to recognize and follow <u>LCWW Show Rules</u>.

# **Benching**

Once your cat(s) are signed in, you will receive a rosette for your cat and you can take your place. The benching setup is pre-determined by the club. You will receive your place number(s), which will also be included in the show catalogue. If you need more than one bench, you will have accompanying spaces. This way you will be able to keep an eye on all

cats at all times. If you request a cage, this will be put in place for you, otherwise you can setup your own. Loving Cats Worldwide will always provide a chair with your bench space.

LCWW shows allow the public to come and visit their shows. Visitors can walk around the benching area and are likely to show interest in your cat(s). Please be aware that they might ask questions or would like to pet your cat(s). Of course it is entirely up to you whether they can or not.

# **Showtime**

At our shows the cats are divided into 8 classes: Kittens, Juniors, Cats, Alters and Household Pets, Household Pet Kittens. We also have a Pré-Championship class and a Non-Championship class. All cats are judged in specific categories. An example of such a category is short hair kittens. In LCWW shows the cats can participate in various rounds of judging, taking place in several judging rings. Each ring has its own judge, who will score the cats independently. This means that for rounds of the same category your cat might place first with one judge, but third with another.

The judging starts after the doors to the public have opened. Each cat will be assigned a number. The numbers will be called out to come to a specific judging ring. You are responsible for getting your cat to the ring on time. Each ring will have several cages. You will find the numbers of the participating cats of that round assigned to a specific cage. Once all cats are in their assigned places, and owners have left the ring, the judging round can begin. The judge will get the cats out one by one and will judge your cat on various factors. Factors differ between pedigrees and Non-pedigreed (HHP/HHPK). When your cat is finished with judging the number will be put down. This is the sign you can pick up your cat from the cage. When all cats have been evaluated, the judge will create his/her top choices of that round, and share this with the audience. In your show catalogue you can write down the scores your cat has received during the show. After the judge dismisses the cats, you may pick up yours. At the end of the day, the overall 3 highest scoring cats of each class are called up for the Best In Show (BIS) awards. The judges will then announce the top ranking to the audience. Of all the cats entered one will be chosen the BEST OVERALL of the show.

# LCWW's Ranking System

LCWW's show season runs from April 1\* to March 31\*. The cat with the most points in their class at the end of a season wins that class's top title of the year. Kittens can be shown between the ages of 4 till 6 months, meaning that if they turn 6 months during a show season, they can then compete in the Junior class. Juniors can be shown between the ages of 6 till 10 months, meaning that if they turn 10 months during a show season, they can then compete in the Adult class.

HHP Kittens can be shown from 4 months till 8 months. After that they can be shown in HHP Adult class.

### **Points**

The number of points your cat can obtain depends on the number of cats entered in a show and the number of judging rings. The judges will present the top 3 best in breed (not applicable to household cats) however, this does not account for any points.

Points are awarded differently for a cat's placement in a final. A distinction can be made between Allbreed and Specialty rings, depending on which title the judge of that ring has.

Allbreed rings will have all longhair cats and shorthair cats within each class competing with one another. A Specialty judge will only judge longhair cats within each class against longhair cats and shorthair cats against shorthair cats. However, each judge will see every cat entered in the show. For both types the judge will place between 5 and 10 cats. However, Allbreed points range from 300 to 170, while the Specialty points range from 200 to 70.

Allbreed:	Specialty:
1 = 300 points	1 = 200  points
2 = 250 points	2 = 150  points
3 = 240 points	3 = 140  points
4 = 230 points	4 = 130  points
5 = 220 points	5 = 120  points
6 = 210 points	6 = 110  points
7 = 200 points	7 = 100  points
8 = 190 points	8 = 90  points
9 = 180 points	9 = 80  points
10 = 170  points	10 = 70  points

If the class has less than 10 in competition, the final points are less 50

## **Titles**

Besides becoming the season's best in LCWW's worldwide rankings, cats can also win various titles: Champion (CH), Grand Champion (GRC), Double Grand Champion (DGC), Triple Grand Champion (TGC), Quadruple Grand Champion (QGC), Supreme Grand Champion (SGC). To win a title, a specific amount of points is needed. The requirements to win a title can be found in LCWW Show Rules.

# **Show Reports and Standings**

At the end of a show, the results for the show are sent to volunteers who compile a "show report" which shows the results of all finals of that show. This is only preliminary information. Show reports can contain errors which have to be corrected. An example can be an error in the number of cats competing in each ring. From these show reports, estimated standings are derived to create a worldwide ranking of cats in LCWW shows. The standings are season specific.

The Official Standings are a ranking of the competing cats based on the final information for all LCWW shows worldwide. These standings have applied all corrections which may have been made since the closing of the show and also contain the verified counts for each ring. Be aware that small differences between the Estimated Standings and the Official Standings are to be expected.

Please find more information and links to the actual show reports and estimated and official standings here: <u>LCWW Show Results</u>.

On behalf of the Loving Cats Worldwide Team we wish you tons of fun and a lot of luck at all your shows. We hope you will enjoy them as much as we do!