

Amend Show Rule 29.4.5 (Benching of males) - Crockett

Work Item:

Amend Show Rule so that only adult males in Championship are not benched together

Rationale:

When this rule was written in 1979, most alters were former breeding cats. Today most of our alters never had any idea that they were males, with many having been altered very early, before leaving their breeder's home. Ditto with the HHPs.

Any exhibitor may request special benching for a cat that prefers not to be next to another neuter.

Amendment:

29.4.5 Adult **entire** male ~~or neutered~~ cats shall not be benched in adjoining cages in the judging ring.

Rules Comments:

(NP) Sounds good to me.

(SL) Well done! Agreed

(SA) OK with me. My only issue is that it puts it on the exhibitor to use their best judgment and they don't always do so.

(MW) We also need to ensure that the Clerking Manual (54. 1.9.3, 54.2.2.3) is updated if this change passes the membership ballot.

(BT) I am OK with this change

(EC) I've been "shopping" this idea around at shows and have not had one negative comment from either HHP or Alter exhibitors, and a lot of them have commented how it makes sense for moving the flow of the show along. Many exhibitors have commented that many of these cats know one another - some travel and share rooms. Additional comments were that in the benching area you have no such restrictions even with whole males.