

# 2015 NATIONAL ANNUAL AWARDS

**New Comments** The Award rules are unchanged from recent years. Having a pro rata system means that when exhibits exceed a pre-set number of rings, their net points are adjusted as per Rule 7 below. That doesn't seem to bother exhibitors unduly. However, what does bother some is that the system will allow an exhibit's total points to rise **or drop** once the cut-in level of the pro rata system is exceeded. It's really quite simple. If your cat's total points after 40 rings are 200, that means the cat has been averaging  $200/4 = 5$  points per ring. If, in the latter part of the year, your cat goes off a bit, and averages just 3 points per show, the overall average will drop, and consequently, so will the cat's net total. On the other hand, if your cat improves in the latter part of the year and it starts averaging 8 points per ring, its average and net points will go up.

1. When contributing results please note that providing results for just your own cats at a show is not acceptable: Results need to be provided for all the Abys/Somalis at the show.
2. To ensure that the Annual Award Current Standings published on my Web site throughout the season are reasonably up to date, please send in show results so they reach me no later than two months after a show. Results received after that period will not count in the Awards.

## General Rules

1. Only those who have subscribed to The Abyssinian Breeder for 2014 by 15-Dec-2014 may win awards. Points are awarded for performance at all 2014 cat shows in Australia and New Zealand provided that the show results are received by The Abyssinian Breeder within two months of the show (see above), and no later than 15-Dec-2014. Award recipients do not need to be resident in Australia or New Zealand, so for example the overseas breeder of an imported cat can win an award.
2. Electronic award certificates are provided for the major categories of entire kitten, entire cat,

desexed cat, exhibit, stud cat, brood queen and breeder. The first four of these categories may be further subdivided into sub-categories by sex, colour and coat length, but no award certificates will be given to an entry scoring fewer than 25 points.

3. In the **Kitten**, **Cat** and **Desexed Cat** categories, points are awarded to exhibits owned by subscribers, according to the rules and scales below.
4. In the **Exhibit** category, points are identically accumulated to an exhibit owned by a subscriber, even though it may have undergone a change in status during the year, e.g., from kitten to cat..
5. Points gained by kittens and litters are awarded to their sires and dams, in the **Stud Cat** and **Brood Queen** categories, respectively. Only the stud cats or brood queens (but not necessarily the kittens or litters) need be owned by subscribers.
6. In the **Cattery** category, points gained by kittens, litters, cats and desexed cats bred by that cattery, are awarded to the cattery, if the cattery owner is a subscriber. The exhibits themselves need not be owned by subscribers.
7. For kittens, only 30 ring results are counted in the kitten awards, but 40 ring results are counted in the Exhibit class. For cats and exhibits only 40 ring results (some of which could be 0 points) will be counted in the awards. For exhibits with more than the maximum number of point-scoring results counted in these awards, points will be calculated *pro rata* (e.g., 30/36ths of total points for a kitten with 36 results in the kitten awards, but no adjustment is required here in the Exhibit class because the 40-ring limit has not been exceeded).
8. Rule No. 7 applies equally to the consequential points gained by a sire, dam and breeder.
9. All fractional points will be rounded to the nearest whole point (0.5 will be rounded up).

10. For the purpose of these awards, "Best in Show" means Best Shorthair, Best Group 3, Best LH or Semi-LH (for Somalis in some areas), Best Male or Female Kitten, Cat or Desexed Cat in Show.

#### Points Score

1. For Abyssinian or Somali Best in Section (kitten equivalent of Challenge), Challenge, Best of Colour or Best of Sex awards, the number of points gained is equal to the maximum number of opponents beaten.
2. The Best Abyssinian Kitten, Litter, Cat or Desexed Cat similarly receives a number of points equal to the number of opponents beaten.
3. The 2<sup>nd</sup> Abyssinian/Somali Kitten, Litter, Cat or Desexed Cat receives 80% of the points that would have been gained for winning the class, provided it beats at least one exhibit. Where Best and R/U Aby/Somali awards are not explicitly provided, they may be implied from top-5/10 placings
4. For being placed in the Top 5 or first five of a Top 10 in Show, an exhibit gains bonus points, additional to those won in Aby/Somali classes. These bonus points are shown in the table below.
5. The Best Aby/Somali Cat/ Kitten/Desexed Cat must gain a total of at least 4 points more than the runner-up. R/U to Best Aby/Somali

Cat/Kitten/ Desexed Cat must similarly gain a total of at least 2 points more than the next highest-placed Aby/Somali Cat/Kitten/ Desexed Cat. This rule applies only where males and females (or neuters and spays) have separate top-5 or top-10 awards. Where required, points will be "topped up" to ensure that the intent of this rule is fulfilled.

6. An exhibit gains 8 additional bonus points for a Best Exhibit (in Group or in Show) win out of 50 or more, and 4 additional bonus points for being Runner-up to Best Exhibit out of 50 or more, in each ring. Where the number of exhibits is less than 50, the bonus points are halved to 4 for winning and 2 for being runner-up. An exception is made for The Abyssinian Breeder show and The Abyssinian Cat Club of Australasia show, where 8 points for Best Exhibit and 4 points for R/U to Best Exhibit will be awarded for each ring, even if the number of exhibits does not reach 50. A further adjustment is made for The Abyssinian Breeder show, as per the first paragraph.
7. Best Litter in Show gains a number of points equal to the number of litters it beat. No points are gained for winning any other class.
8. Where the number of beaten opponents is not known, points cannot be gained.
9. For Aby/Somali wins, the number of exhibits BENCHED is counted; for Best in Show wins, the number of exhibits ENTERED is counted.

#### *Additional Points for Top-5 in Show Placings*

	Out of 4-8	Out of 9-20	Out of 21-40	Out of 41-60	Out of 61+
Best in Show	2	5	10	15	20
2nd-Best in Show	1	4	8	12	16
3rd-Best in Show		3	6	9	12
4th-Best in Show		2	4	6	8
5th-Best in Show		1	2	3	4

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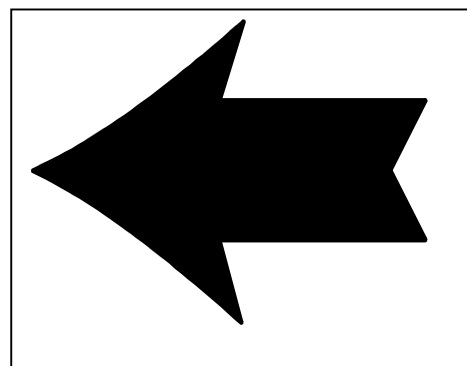
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