



## **Fancy Mice Exhibition**

*by SHG - Rodent Breeders Association in Poland*

### **MAIN RULES**

#### **1. RULES**

The rules should be followed by each person visiting or attending the show. They have been written Stowarzyszenie Hodowców Gryzoni (SHG) and should be followed on any event organized by SHG.

#### **2. CASES OF DAMAGE**

The organizers, association and judges are not responsible for the damages that may happen to the animal, the owner or that animal can cause during the exhibition.

#### **3. EXHIBITIONS PLANS**

Pet shows/exhibitions must be published one month before the show. Shows should be approved by SHG and discussed previously with one of the board members.

#### **4. JUDGES**

- Judges on the show must be approved by SHG and have proper knowledge as well as experience.
- Foreign judges are accepted.
- Trainees must be coached by a previously approved judge.
- Trainees are accepted as judges for pet class.
- Judge is not allowed to judge a mouse that is owned by: them or their family member, person living in the same address or person being under breeders name.

## 5. REGISTRATION FOR THE EXHIBITION

- If you wish to take part in exhibition, you must pay a judging fee for your mice:

### **Registering up to 5 mice:**

- 15 pln per mouse for SHG members,
- 25 pln per mouse for people not registered in SHG.

### **Registering 6-15 mice:**

- 12 pln per mouse for SHG members,
- 22 pln per mouse for people not registered in SHG.

### **Registering over 15 mice:**

- 10 pln per mouse for SHG members,
- 20 pln per mouse for people not registered in SHG.

### **Registering mice in overview class:**

- 10 pln per mouse for SHG members,
- 20 pln per mouse for people not registered in SHG.

- The fee must be paid before registering, with confirmation of payment sent via e-mail.
- Payment for the show must be made into a club bank account (info on the site).
- Registration takes place online up to 7 days before the Show. Information about online registration will be posted with a Show announcement. Exhibitors mark their transport boxes with a number assigned during registration. Exhibitors must bring to the Show registration form approved by SHG with the important info filled in. Registration for all of the classes (sh, shs, other, overview) is done using the same form, with its own space for each class. Pet class has a separate form.
- Each exhibitor must arrive at the show well before the judging starts.

### **Exhibition fee will be refunded if:**

- The exhibition is canceled.
- The exhibitor, his family member, a person breeding under the same breeder name, or the other owner of the animal is a judge.
- The animal has fallen ill or died after registration.

### **Exhibition fee will not be refunded if:**

- The animal is excluded from the show either for reasons related to health or parasites found in the animal or in the same box with it.
- The animal is not numbered when it comes to judging, and thus it is not found to be judged.
- The animal cannot be distinguished from another animal in the same exhibition box, and the owner or the contact person designated by the owner is not available to tell which animal is in its judging turn.
- The animal is not available within a reasonable time when it is the turn to be judged (an animal to be judged in the second class is considered to be available).

- The animal is entered in the wrong class and therefore only receives a quality assessment, but does not receive a class ranking or participate in the distribution of higher prizes.

## **6. PARTICIPATION IN THE EXHIBITION**

- Fancy Mice Show is open for everyone.
- To take part in the exhibition with a lower entry fee, you have to be a member of SHG.
- Breeders from outside of SHG can take part in exhibition - association claims it's right to refuse participation of breeders that are not registered in SHG if they see reasons for that.
- If the exhibitor is not a breeder of the mouse, they must present a valid pedigree of your mouse from that breeder registered in SHG.
- If the owner of the animal will not be present on the show or leaves the show during the day of that event, he must name and fill in a contact person who will be present throughout the show and will be monitoring the animals.

## **7. ANIMAL CONDITION**

- An animal that is sick, aggressive or has parasites may not participate in the exhibition. The animal must not be pregnant, nursing or be under the age of 2 months.
- The fur of the animal must not be treated with substances that change its original quality or color.
- The animal must not be missing body parts, with the exception of the pet class, where an animal with a broken tail can be entered.
- Genetically immunodeficient nu/nu and hr/hr hairless, tailless or other mutations that affect the animal's appearance and quality of life are disqualifying errors in both official and pet classes.
- Overweight animals are disqualified and will not be judged in any class.
- If the animal is found to have rejected errors related to health or parasites that may infect other animals in the exhibition, the owner of the animal will be informed and the animal will be moved away from the other animals.
- A judge who finds parasites or respiratory problems is also entitled to exclude from the show the animals in the same show terrarium as the animal in question. When an animal is excluded from a show, it cannot participate in any class in which it has been entered.

## **8. DELIVERING THE ANIMALS TO THE JUDGE**

The animal is taken to the judge by the assistant, not the owner. In official classes, animals are taken to be judged by color and pattern, in pet classes individually. The animals must be displayed in a transporter that is easy to open for quick access to mice. On the transporter the exhibition number must be clearly displayed and (optional) animal's information on the bottom. There shouldn't be any other visible markings. The transporter should be comfortable for the animal, spacious, but not too open so it doesn't

cause stress to the animal, or too big so it doesn't take too much space on the table. Ideally each transporter should contain only one mouse, a maximum of three. If there is more than one animal in the transporter, they should be easy to tell apart.

If the animal is not present, is lost or cannot be identified when the competition class is judged, the animal will be disqualified.

## 9. OFFICIAL EXHIBITION CLASSES

- In the official show animals can be entered in overview, competition and pet classes.
- An animal participating in an inspection class can't compete in a competition class.
- Males and females compete in the same class.
- The judge will give a written review of each animal and group presented using a template approved by SHG.

### Quality awards:

1. Animals may get either 1st or 2nd quality award or no quality award.
2. The judge will award 2nd quality awards to the animals that, in his opinion, are good animals according to the breed definition and that are suitable for breeding. The judge will award the 1st quality prize to the animals which, in his opinion, are high quality animals according to the breed definition. The number of quality awards is not tied to the number of animals exhibited.
3. The animal not available on the show within a reasonable time or the animal that cannot be identified among the animals in the same transporter, will be marked "not available" on the judging form.

### Classes:

1. **Overview class** - in this class the judge evaluates the animal. This class is not to compete, but to define an animal. Animals do not compete with each other.

**Rewards in overview class:** 2nd quality award, no quality award.

2. **Competition class** - in this class, animals are divided into three coat groups:
  - Short haired (sh)
  - Short haired satins (shs)
  - Other coat variants (other) including longhair (lh), rex (rex), texel (tex), rosette (rst), fuzzy (fz), nude (nu) and their satin variants.

Then coat groups are divided into color groups:

- Self
  - Ticked and silver-ticked
  - Shaded and pointed
  - Tan and fox
  - Marked
- Color groups are divided into single colors, pattern groups into patterns, ticked and silver-ticked versions are exhibited in the same, combined color group.
  - Males and females compete in the same class and the animals are judged in color classes in order from the youngest. The judge gives a written evaluation of the animals in the competition class.

**Rewards in competition class:** 1st quality award (1), 2nd quality award (2), no quality award (-).

Also: class win (CW), best in color group/ best in coat group (BCG), best of breed (BOB), best in show (BIS).

3. **Pet class:** The Pet class is an unofficial class in an official show or a separate show (Pet Show), in which case other species than those under the association can participate. In the class, special attention is paid to the condition, health and handling of the animal.
- There are no separate age groups in the Pet category
  - Males and females are judged in the same categories.
  - The animal participating in the Pet category must be 2 months old.

**Rewards in pet class:** The judge gives a written review of each animal using a template approved by SHG. They reward impeccable pets with a quality rating A, good ones with a quality rating AB, and satisfactory ones with a quality rating B. In the Best of Pet (BOP) competition, the judge places a maximum of five animals that can be awarded BOP. He can also hand out special prizes if he wishes.

## 10. REWARDS MICE IN COMPETITION CLASS

1. **Class win (CW):** the judge chooses one mouse that received the 1st quality award as the winner of its color or pattern category (only in short hair and short hair satin class).
2. **Best in color group (sh, shs):** The judge may choose one mouse as the best in color group (BCG) from among the mice that won the class (CW) in their color.
3. **Best in coat group (other):** The judge may choose one mouse as the best in coat group (BCG) from among the mice that received the 1st quality award.
4. **Best of breed:** The judge can choose a maximum of five mice (BOB 1-5) from among the mice in the same breed category (sh/shs/other) for the best of breed (BOB) rankings.
5. **Best in show:** The judge chooses one best in show (BIS) mouse from the mice that received the BOB prize.

## 11. SPECIAL AWARDS

Exhibitors, breeders and the judge can, if they wish, donate special prizes to the show, either as designated special prizes or freely distributed by the judge.

## 12. CHAMPIONSHIP RULES

A registered animal can achieve champion titles with the following points:

- Champion Value (Ch): five (5) champion points.
- Double Champion (DCh): Points required for Ch value / Ch value + five more champion points, i.e. ten (10) champion points in total.
- Grand Champion (GrCh): DCh rank / points required for DCh rank + five more champion points, i.e. a total of fifteen (15) champion points.
- Supreme Champion (SupCh): GrCh rank / points required for GrCh rank + five more champion points, i.e. twenty (20) champion points in total.

The owner must claim each champion rank. The reception of Champion points is not tied to the number of points or titles already obtained.

An animal can become the Champion of other countries when it has the title of champion from home and an award leading to the title of Champion in accordance with the show rules of the association organizing the show from abroad, for example a certificate.

Champion points are achieved as follows:

- Class win (CW) - 1 p.
- Best in color group (BCG) - 2 p.
- Best of breed ranking (1-5) (BOB) - 3 p.
- Best in show (BIS) - 4 p.

The points of the placements achieved in one show are not cumulated (e.g. a mouse that won BOB2 gets 3 points, not  $1 + 2 + 3 = 6$ ), but the points are determined according to the highest achieved profit.

### **13. SPECIAL PET TITLES**

An animal may achieve Silver Pet (SP) status after receiving three (3) A awards in Pet Class. An animal can achieve the Gold Pet (GP) title after receiving five (5) A awards in Pet Class.

### **14. INFLUENCING THE JUDGE**

If an animal's owner tries to influence the course of the judging by his behavior or by presenting the animal's past achievements, the animal remains unjudged. For this reason, the exhibition fee will not be refunded.

If the judge or secretary considers the attempt to influence the review to be outrageous, the exhibitor can be given a warning. A written notice of the warning will be sent to the relevant exhibitor after the competition. When a person has received three warnings, he will be placed on a temporary exhibition ban.

### **15. RIGHT TO CHANGE**

Rodent Breeders Association in Poland (SHG) reserves the right to change the exhibition rules, add titles to be distributed or change the distribution criteria of existing ones in the future.