

1 Conditions for receiving the title „IHF-Champion“

The title „International Champion of IHF (Internationale Hovawart-Föderation)“ is awarded when the following conditions are fulfilled:

1. Three qualifying certificates have to be received from two different FCI judges specialized in the breed Hovawart. Each IHF-country must announce those FCI special judges to the general secretary at a minimum once a year, so that they can be listed on the current IHF Judges List. The awarding FCI special judge must be on the IHF Judges List at the time the certificate is granted.
2. A Hovawart can only become an IHF Champion if it has an HD result of A or B. This must be documented by the owner of the dog within the application for the title.
3. The title „IHF Champion“ can be awarded only once for one specific Hovawart.
4. When the conditions are fulfilled, the documents (the three certificates and the HD-result) should be sent to the general secretary of IHF.
5. In order to verify the submitted certificates, the general secretary of IHF has to receive the “awarding form”, signed by the judge and the ring steward, following each show.
6. The title is awarded by the IHF. The general secretary of IHF sends the IHF Champion document and is responsible for announcing the title in the magazine „Der Hovawart“ as well as on the IHF Homepage.

This regulation is valid from 01.06.2023 and replaces all previous rules.

2 Conditions for receiving the IHF certificate

1. Certificates can only be awarded if there is a minimum number of 12 Hovawarts in the classes competing for the IHF-Championship at the show.
2. Each IHF member country should determine two shows in advance where the certificates for the IHF Championship will be handed out. Certificates are only allowed to be given out at shows covered by the umbrella organization of the country. Because the United States does not have a national, umbrella dog club, this umbrella organization rule does not apply to the Hovawart Club of North America
3. All dogs having received an “Excellent 1” in adult classes, including “Excellent 1 or 1st Place” in veteran class, are in competition for the certificate; dogs in the youth class are not eligible. A separate competition is held for the certificates, and separate competitions are held for males and females.
4. No reserve certificates are available.
5. It is the decision of the judge to give the certificate or not, and there is no right to receive the certificate even if the dog earned the classification „Excellent 1” or „1st place”.
6. The owner of the dog must be a member of an IHF Member Club. The owner of the participating dog must prove his membership on the day of the show.
7. Certificates given out before this new regulation are valid.

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