

THE BREEDS

ACFA recognizes the following 64 breeds:

Abyssinian
American Bobtail Longhair
American Bobtail Shorthair
American Curl Longhair
American Curl Shorthair
American Shorthair
American Wirehair
Australian Mist
Balinese
Bengal
Birman
Bombay
British Longhair
British Shorthair
Burmese
Burmilla Longhair
Burmilla Shorthair
Chartreux
Cornish Rex
Cymric
Devon Rex
Egyptian Mau
European Burmese
Exotic Shorthair
Havana Brown
Himalayan
Japanese Bobtail Longhair
Japanese Bobtail Shorthair
Khao Manee
Korat
Kurilian Bobtail Longhair
Kurilian Bobtail Shorthair
La Perm Longhair
La Perm Shorthair
Longhair Exotic
Lykoi
Maine Coon Cat
Manx
Nebelung
Norwegian Forest Cat
Ocicat
Oriental Longhair
Oriental Shorthair

Persian
Peterbald
Pixiebob Longhair
Pixiebob Shorthair
RagaMuffin
Ragdoll
Russian Blue
Russian Shorthair
Scottish Fold Longhair
Scottish Fold Shorthair
Selkirk Rex Longhair
Selkirk Rex Shorthair
Siamese
Siberian
Singapura
Snowshoe
Somali
Sphynx
Tonkinese
Turkish Angora
Turkish Van

THE CAT SHOW

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Welcome to our cat show. We hope you will enjoy looking at all the cats we have on display. You will find both pedigreed cats and household pet cats competing for awards. These cats are judged by professional judges licensed by the American Cat Fanciers Association (ACFA).

Notes for Spectators

A note of caution: Your fingers may spread germs. While we understand that it is fun to pet or play with the cats, please ask permission first. A cat show is like a school in that what one “kid” gets, they all take home to the “family”. Many of our exhibitors have tiny kittens at home and feel it necessary to limit outside contact. Just ask!

For this reason, you will see the judges washing their hands and the judging tables after judging each cat. The show employs stewards to wash the judging cages between cats.

Please remember that cats have the right of way. If you see someone approaching you with a cat, please step aside. Exhibitors have just a few minutes to get their cats to the ring.

Judging

Each day there are four to eight rings, either running concurrently or separated into two sessions. Each judge acts independently of the others, and every cat will be judged in every ring, so each cat has at least four chances to win each day.

There are two types of rings, ALLBREED and SPECIALTY.

In an Allbreed ring, all the breeds in each class compete against each other for Top Ten awards (called FINALS).

In a Specialty ring, Longhairs compete only against Longhairs and Shorthairs compete only against Shorthairs for Top Five or Top Ten finals, depending on the number of competitors.

The cats are judged in five different classes. Entry numbers indicate the classes:

KITTENS (1-89)

Pedigreed kittens four to eight months of age.

NBC (New Breed or Color) (90-99)

Pedigreed cats whose breed or color is not yet accepted for the championship division.

ADULTS (Longhair 100-199; Shorthair 200-299)

Unaltered pedigreed cats eight months of age or older.

ALTERS (300-399)

Pedigreed cats eight months of age or older who have been spayed or neutered.

HOUSEHOLD PETS (400-499)

Mixed breed cats or pedigreed cats who are not eligible to be shown in any other classes. All household pets eight months of age or older must be spayed or neutered.

Standards

Kittens, adult cats, and alters are judged according to written standards for their breeds. Each standard has a total of 100 points divided into such categories as head type, body, coat, color, etc. Breeders vote on the standards for their breed.

There are no standards for household pets. They are judged on health, cleanliness, beauty and purr-sonality.

Awards and Ribbons

Adults and Alters can be Grand Champions, Champions, or Opens. Champions and Opens compete for WINNERS ribbons (red, white and blue).

To earn the title of Champion, a cat must earn four Winners ribbons. To become a Grand Champion a cat must earn 16 Winners ribbons and six finals (from six different judges). Grand Champions do not compete for Winners ribbons.

Before competing for finals, each purebred cat competes for breed awards. A cat is first judged in its class against other cats of the same breed, color, sex, and championship level. (Kittens do not have a championship level.) The judge gives the best cat in that group a blue FIRST place ribbon. SECOND place is red, and THIRD place is yellow.

After judging all the cats of one breed and color, the judge presents BEST and SECOND BEST OF COLOR awards for the best quality cats in that color class (not the cats with the best color).

Once the entire breed is judged, the judge presents the BEST and SECOND BEST OF BREED awards.

After judging all the breeds, the judge awards finals to the best cats in each class.

Household Pets compete for the titles of Royal and Supreme. These titles are based on points earned in competition—250 to become a Royal, 1000 to become a Supreme.