

THE BREEDS

ACFA recognizes 52 breeds. They are:

Abyssinian
American Bobtail Longhair
American Bobtail Shorthair
American Curl Longhair
American Curl Shorthair
American Shorthair
American Wirehair
Balinese
Bengal
Birman
Bombay
British Shorthair
Burmese
Chantilly (experimental)
Chartreux
Cornish Rex
Cymric
Devon Rex
Egyptian Mau
Exotic Shorthair
Havana Brown
Highland Fold
Himalayan
Japanese Bobtail Longhair
Japanese Bobtail Shorthair
Korat
Longhair Exotic
Maine Coon Cat
Manx
Norwegian Forest Cat
Ocicat
Oriental Longhair
Oriental Shorthair
Pixiebob Longhair
Pixiebob Shorthair
Persian
Peterbald

RagaMuffin
Ragdoll
Russian Shorthair
Scottish Fold
Selkirk Rex Longhair
Selkirk Rex Shorthair
Siamese
Siberian
Singapore
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. We have pedigreed cats and household pet cats being exhibited. 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 between 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.

STANDARDS

Cats, kittens and alters are judged according to a written standard for their breeds. The standard has a total of 100 points divided into such categories as head type, body, coat, color, etc. The standards are voted on by breeders of that particular breed.

THE JUDGING

Each day there will be four or more rings running concurrently. Each judge acts independently of the others and every cat entered will be judged in every ring. So each cat has four or more chances to win each day.

There are two types of rings. ALLBREED and SPECIALTY. In an All Breed ring, all the breeds in each division compete against each other for Top Ten awards (called finals). In Specialty rings, Longhairs compete only against Longhairs and Shorthairs compete only against Shorthairs for finals.

The cats are judged in five different divisions:

KITTENS - For pedigreed kittens four to eight months of age.

NBC - (New Breed or Color) - For pedigreed cats whose breed or color is not yet accepted for the championship division.

CHAMPIONSHIP - For unaltered pedigreed cats eight months of age or older.

ALTERS - For pedigreed cats eight months of age or older that have been spayed or neutered.

HOUSEHOLD PET - For mixed breed cats or pedigreed cats that are not eligible to be shown in any other division. All household pets must be spayed or neutered. These cats are judged on health, cleanliness, beauty and *purrsonality*.

AWARDS AND RIBBONS

Each cat competes in its class against other cats of the same sex, color and breed. The cat selected as best in the class receives a blue FIRST place ribbon. SECOND place is red and THIRD place is yellow. After all of the cats of one color and breed are judged, a black BEST OF COLOR award is presented for the best quality cat in that color class (not the cat with the best color). A white SECOND BEST OF COLOR is also awarded. Once the entire breed is judged the BEST and SECOND BEST OF BREED awards are presented.

Championship and Altered cats compete for WINNERS ribbons (red, white and blue) and finals (rosettes). To earn the title of Champion a cat must receive four Winners ribbons. To become a Grand Champion a cat must receive 16 Winners ribbons and at least six finals (from six different judges).

Household Pets compete for the titles of Royal and Supreme. These are calculated based on the number of cats defeated in competition.

THE NUMBERS

Entry numbers indicate the divisions.

1 - 89	Kittens
90 - 99	NBC (New Breed or Color)
100 - 199	Longhair Championship Cats
201 - 299	Shorthair Championship Cats
301 - 399	Alters
401 - 499	Household Pets