

THE BREEDS

ACFA recognizes 44 breeds. They are:

Abyssinian
American Curl Longhair
American Curl Shorthair
American Shorthair
American Wirehair
Balinese
Bengal
Birman
Bombay
British Shorthair
Burmese
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
Persian
Ragdoll
Russian Blue
Scottish Fold
Selkirk Rex Longhair
Selkirk Rex Shorthair
Siamese
Siberian
Singapura
Snowshoe
Somali
Sphynx
Tonkinese
Turkish Angora
Turkish Van

WHY DO PEOPLE SHOW CATS?

- To see how their cats match up to other breeders.
- To share information.
- To educate the public about their breed, cat care, etc.
- To show off their cats.

FOR MORE INFORMATION

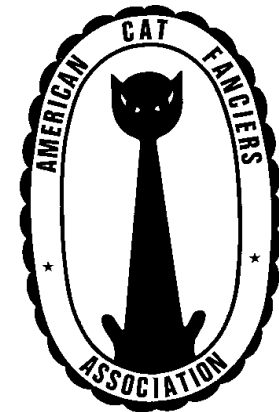
ACFA has a great variety of literature you may wish to obtain. These include show rules, bylaws, breed standards and a beautiful hardbound yearbook called the Parade of Royalty. They are available from:

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Or check our home page:
<http://www.acfacat.com>

Membership in ACFA is open to any individual interested in cats. As a member, you have the right to vote on changes impacting the organization and your breed.

THE CAT SHOW



WELCOME

Welcome to our cat show! We hope you will enjoy looking at all of the cats we have on display. We have pedigreed cats and household pets being exhibited at our show. These cats are judged by professional judges licensed with the American Cat Fanciers Association (ACFA).

NOTES FOR SPECTATORS

A note of caution...Your fingers spread germs. While we understand that it's fun to pet or play with the animals, please ask. 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 judges washing their hands and the judging table 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 breed. 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 the breeders of that particular breed.

THE JUDGING

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

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 ribbons (called "finals"). In specialty rings, longhairs compete only against longhairs and shorthaired cats only against shorthairs for final awards.

The cats are judged in five different classes:

KITTENS - For pedigreed kittens 4-8 months of age.

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

CHAMPIONSHIP - For unaltered pedigreed cats 8 months of age or older. These cats are likely to be part of a breeding program.

ALTERS - For pedigreed cats 8 months of age or older who have been spayed or neutered.

HOUSEHOLD PET - for mixed breed or non-pedigreed cats. All household pets must be spayed or neutered. These cats are judged on health, cleanliness and purrsonality.

AWARDS & RIBBONS

Each cat competes in their 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 received four winners ribbons. To become a Grand Champion, a cat must receive sixteen winners ribbons and at least six rosettes (from six different judges).

Household pets compete for the titles of Royal and Supreme. These are calculated based on the number of points earned in finals.

THE NUMBERS

Entry numbers indicate the classes.

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