

THE BREEDS

ACFA recognizes the following 62 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
Korat
Kurilian Bobtail Longhair
Kurilian Bobtail Shorthair
La Perm Longhair
La Perm Shorthair
Longhair Exotic
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
Singapore
Snowshoe
Somali
Sphynx
Tonkinese
Turkish Angora
Turkish Van

THE CAT SHOW

For Information

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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 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.

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.

Judging

Each day there will be four to six rings, either running concurrently or separated into two sessions. Each judge acts independently of the others and every cat entered 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 finals.

The cats are judged in five different classes:

KITTENS

Pedigreed kittens four to eight months of age.

NBC (New Breed or Color)

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

CHAMPIONSHIP

Unaltered pedigreed cats eight months of age or older.

ALTERS

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

HOUSEHOLD PETS

Mixed breed cats or pedigreed cats that are not eligible to be shown in any other classes. All household pets eight months of age or older 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 based on points earned in competition—250 to become a Royal, 1000 to become a Supreme.

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 (Spays and Neuters)
401 - 499	Household Pets