

## HOUSEHOLD PETS

The Household Pet comes in all colours and combination of colours. Coat lengths may be short and sleek, full and fluffy, any combination of these, or somewhere in between. Tails may be long, short, kinky or non-existent. Eye colour may or may not be coordinated with the coat colour according to the whims of Mother Nature. All coat colour and eye colours, coat and tail lengths shall be acceptable. The most important consideration is overall condition, well fed and altered (6 months and over). A Household Pet seems to smile with good health and contentment.

### PERSONALITY/TEMPERMENT (35)

Alert, friendly and easy to handle. Allowance may be made for nervousness due to unfamiliarity with shows. If a cat must be removed from the cage by the handler and is then fully amenable to being handled by the Judge, no penalty shall be attached.

### CONDITION (45)

COAT – Absolutely clean and free of any trace of matts or parasites. Well groomed. Pleasant appearance and feel. Eyes, ears, nose, mouth and claws must be clean. Eyes and nose must be free of any matter. CLAWS MUST BE CLIPPED.

### BALANCE & PROPORTION (10)

Nicely proportioned. A small head on a large cat or vice versa would be somewhat disproportionate. Proper weight for its size. Overweight or underweight shall both be considered undesirable. Muscle tone to be sound. Some allowances may be made for older Household Pets.

### BEAUTY/COLOUR (10)

Recognized in all colours and patterns. These points shall be assigned according to the taste of the individual judge. Judges notice pleasing markings, colours and patterns. Overall grace and balance are often factors to be considered in determining beauty.

Click on this link for descriptions of Basic Colours and Patterns:

<https://www.cca-afc.com/Breeds/Colours>

## CONSIDERATIONS

Household Pets of apparent purebred background shall be judged exactly the same as all other Household Pets. They shall be neither penalized nor rewarded solely on the basis of their resemblance to one of the recognized breeds.

Physical anomalies not allowed by most purebred standards shall be acceptable for the Household Pet. No penalty shall be attached for crossed eyes, kinked tail, extra toes or the like. Missing body parts such as an eye, leg, tail or ear or part thereof shall not incur any penalty. As many Household Pets are deemed strays, there shall be no penalty attached to such physical damage unless it appears the problem is an ongoing one indicating lack of care.

### WITHHOLD AWARDS

- \* If cat is dirty or in poor condition.
- \* Unable to handle.
- \* Lacking claws (declawed).

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## GENERAL PREFACE

The following shall apply to all breeds or as indicated:

### WITHHOLD AWARDS FOR:

1. More or fewer than five toes on each front paw and four toes on each back paw (Pixie-Bobs are exempt from this rule). Splayed toes are an objection.
2. White lockets, buttons or toes on any cat, except where part of the natural colour / pattern OR unless otherwise specified in the breed standard.
3. Any deformity or disfigurement — hereditary, congenital or acquired.
4. Entries which do not meet correct markings as stated. Entries must be properly and distinctly marked in accordance with the standard for all cats of the tabby variety.
5. A cat showing evidence of intent to deceive (i.e., the presence of powder, or chalk remaining in the coat after normal grooming, the use of tints, colour rinses or other artificial colouring concealment media, sanding or shaving, or knowledge of cosmetic surgery).
6. Any cat not amenable to handling by the judge, its owner or agent. All domestic breeds of cats covered in the standards are expected to be gentle and amenable to handling. Cats should be well-balanced physically and temperamentally.
7. Kinks, visible or invisible. Kink is defined as rigid deflection in the line of the tail, visible or otherwise. Small, invisible bumps shall be considered a fault.
8. Wrong eye colour (unless otherwise specified).
9. Crossed eyes in any breed.
10. Maloccluded jaws.
11. Monorchidism (absence of one testicle) or Cryptorchidism (absence of both testicles) are grounds for withholding awards.
12. Any entry that scores less than 90 points.

### KEEP IN MIND THE FOLLOWING:

1. Weak, receding, or protruding chin is to be considered a serious fault. Deductions can be made for chin, profile and balance.
2. Allowance is to be made for stud jowls in males. Usually, males are proportionally larger than females.
3. Allowance is to be made for seasonal variations in coat.
4. Allowance is to be made for faint tabby markings, except where part of the normal colour pattern.
5. Allowance is to be made for undeveloped eye colour and undeveloped coat colour in kittens and young cats.
6. A 'blaze' — two colours on the face divided down the nose — is desirable (all other factors being equal) on the numerous tortoiseshell-like colours and patterns (i.e., tortoiseshell, lilac-cream, champagne-tortie, seal tortie point, etc.)
7. The greenish-yellow eye colour, generally referred to as 'hazel' (not brown) is allowed where stated.
8. Excellence in one aspect of the standard shall not offset deficiency in another. Inasmuch as the standard specifically describes the various parts of the cat's appearance, all judges shall conduct their work in accordance with these specifications.
9. All entries should possess the appropriate weight, condition and balance for its respective breed. Balance is the overall physical picture of the cat. The cat must 'fit together' and any one particular quality must not be emphasized. Judges shall not penalize any fault by a greater amount than the cat would have earned if perfect in that detail.
10. Judges shall penalize for bad condition indicating illness or poor care.
11. Natural lighting should be used wherever possible. Allowances are to be made for (harsh) artificial lighting which may distort eye and coat colour.