



Cat Show Spectator Guide

What's going on at a cat show?

Cat shows are more than just feline beauty pageants! They're a fun way to do more with your cat, and they're also a key way that responsible breeders work to preserve their breeds.

There are **five** competition classes and **between 4-6** judging rings each day. Each of the cats entered will see each judge at least once, so when you hear numbers being announced, each number is a cat who needs to get ready for judging!

The Classes

KITTEN	CHAMPIONSHIP	PREMIERSHIP	HOUSEHOLD PET	VETERANS
Pedigreed cats between 4 and 8 months old	Pedigreed breeding cats over 8 months old	Sterilized pedigreed cats over 8 months old	Sterilized non-pedigreed cats over 4 months old	Pedigreed cats over 7 years old

Cat Show Etiquette

Never been to a show before? Here's some tips for how to interact safely and politely with cats, exhibitors and judges:



Do not touch the cats without their owner's permission. It is very easy to spread disease, and not all kitties can handle lots of stranger cuddles!



Give way to oncoming cats. Always stop and let exhibitors carrying cats pass ahead of you.



Talk to judges when appropriate. Avoid interrupting their presentations or while they are concentrating on judging. Be polite & patient - being a judge is the most tiring job at the show!



Meet exhibitors and breeders in the benching area. They are usually delighted to talk about their breed, but make sure they can get away to rings quickly when needed! Cats can be penalized if they are late to judging.



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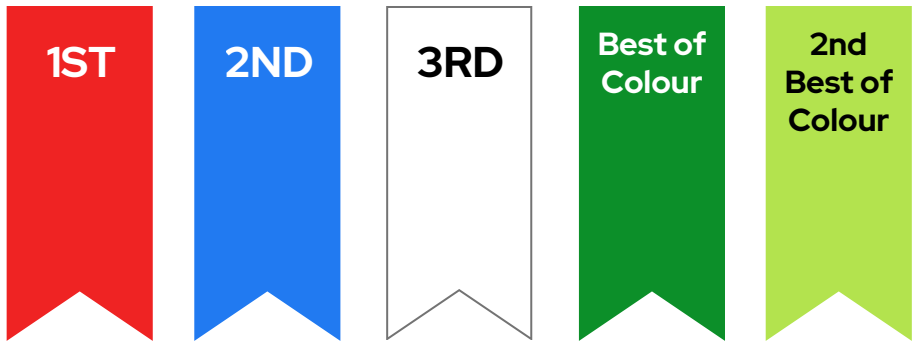
What about those ribbons?

Judging starts with **breed judging**, where all cats of the same breed are judged together. Using ribbons, judges will award their placements, which tell exhibitors whether their cat is likely to be selected as one of that judge’s **top 10 cats** in their All-Breed, Longhair, or Shorthair Final! Finals give points towards titles, ranked national/regional awards, and that day’s **Best of the Best in Show** prizes!

These ribbons are the ones we want!
Cats with these placements can go to the final.



These placements are important, but sometimes your cat earns them by being the only one eligible. A “1st” is not the same as a Best!



Best cat of that sex, colour & title class in breed 2nd best cat of that sex, colour & title class in breed 3rd best cat of that sex, colour & title class in breed Best cat of that colour in breed 2nd best cat of that colour in breed

Find the breeds!

CCA-AFC accepts **51** pedigreed cat breeds for competition.
How many of these breeds can you find in the show hall?

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| Abyssinian | Chartreux | Japanese Bobtail | Ragamuffin |
| American Bobtail | Colourpoint Shorthair | Khaomane | Ragdoll |
| American Curl | Cornish Rex | Korat | Russian Blue |
| American Shorthair | Cymric | Kurilian Bobtail | Savannah |
| American Wirehair | Devon Rex | Lykoi | Scottish Fold & Straight |
| Balinese | Donskoy | Maine Coon | Selkirk Rex |
| Bengal | Egyptian Mau | Manx | Siamese |
| Birman | Exotic | Norwegian Forest Cat | Siberian |
| Bombay | Foldex | Ocicat | Singapura |
| British | Foreign Burmese | Oriental | Somali |
| Burmese | Havana Brown | Persian | Sphynx |
| Burmilla | Himalayan | Peterbald | Tonkinese |
| | Himalayan Non-Pointed | Pixiebob | Turkish Angora |



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