



# 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);
2. Splayed toes;
3. White lockets, buttons or toes on any cat, except where part of the natural colour / pattern OR unless otherwise specified in the breed standard;
4. Any deformity or disfigurement - hereditary, congenital or acquired;
5. The cat does not match the entered colors and patterns. The entry must be correct according to the standard and decline the type of tabby;
6. 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);
7. Any cat not amenable to handling by the judge, its owner or agent. All cats are expected to be gentle and amenable to handling. Cats should be well-balanced physically and temperamentally;
8. Kinks, visible or invisible. Kink is defined as rigid deflection in the line of the tail, visible or otherwise. Evident stress related bumps shall not be considered a fault;
9. Wrong eye colour (unless otherwise specified);
10. Strabismus;
11. Malocclusion;
12. In Championship Class : Monorchidism (absence of one testicle) or Cryptorchidism (absence of both testicles);
13. 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 head 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 in solid colour, especially in kitten.
5. Allowance is to be made for undeveloped eye colour and undeveloped coat colour in kittens and young cats.
6. The greenish-yellow eye colour, generally referred to as 'hazel' (not brown) is allowed where stated.
7. Excellence in one aspect of the standard shall not offset deficiency in another. In as much as the standard specifically describes the various parts of the cat's appearance, all judges shall conduct their work in accordance with these specifications.
8. 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.
9. Judges shall penalize for bad condition indicating illness or poor care.
10. Natural lighting should be used wherever possible. Allowances are to be made for (harsh) artificial lighting which may distort eye and coat colour.