



# 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 (4 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.

## GENERAL 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.

## 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).