

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS:

Can I touch the cats at the show?

No, we're sorry, and we realize that it is very tempting. The cats are being groomed for the judging rings when they are not in their cages. A lot of work has been involved in the bathing and combing of the cats in preparation for the show and exhibitors would prefer that the cats not be touched by spectators. And if you watch the judging, you will notice that the judges wash their hands with a disinfectant after handling each cat to avoid accidentally passing germs from one cat to another. **We ask that spectators not touch the cats without the owner's permission.**



Can I take photos of the cats at the show?

Yes, you may take photos at the show. However, please ask permission of the owner of the cat, especially if you will be close to the cat and using a flash with your camera.

Why won't a breeder talk to me?

A cat show is an extremely busy environment. Breeders are often pre-occupied with listening for their cat's number to be called to a judging ring, grooming their cat, or taking the opportunity to speak with other breeders regarding their specific breed. Unless they are otherwise occupied, the majority of breeders will be delighted to speak to you. If a particular breeder is unable to answer your questions immediately, please revisit them at a less-busy time.

Can I ask a judge questions?

If a judge is not engaged in the handling and evaluating of cats, they will be pleased to answer any questions you might have. Please remember, though, that their first priority is the evaluation of the cats presented to their ring for judging.

How do I know when a particular breed is being judged?

If you listen to the announcements, the breed is often called by name to a judging ring. It is difficult to set an exact time for each breed to be judged as the judges will work at varying speeds, but you could ask a show committee member to see a copy of the printed judging schedule.



The Cat Fanciers' Association currently recognizes thirty-seven pedigreed breeds for showing in the Championship Class, three breeds as Provisional (*) and one as Miscellaneous(**) - American Bobtail, LaPerm, RagaMuffin and Siberian. Each breed has a set standard that is updated as the breed progresses. From time to time, each breed council also updates its breed's breed profile, which is a more informal introduction to the breed. You can find each of the CFA breed profiles on the CFA web site at www.cfa.org/breeds.html.

Abyssinian	Egyptian Mau	Persian
American Bobtail*	European Burmese	RagaMuffin**
American Curl	Exotic	Ragdoll
American Shorthair	Havana Brown	Russian Blue
American Wirehair	Javanese	Scottish Fold
Balinese	Japanese Bobtail	Selkirk Rex
Birman	Korat	Siamese
Bombay	LaPerm*	Siberian*
British Shorthair	Maine Coon	Singapura
Burmese	Manx	Somali
Chartreux	Norwegian Forest Cat	Sphynx
Colorpoint Shorthair	Ocicat	Tonkinese
Cornish Rex	Oriental	Turkish Angora
Devon Rex		Turkish Van

SHOW FORMAT

A cat show is composed of a number of separate, concurrently running, individual shows held in the various judging rings throughout a show hall. Each show is presided over by a different judge, who presents his or her own awards independent of the decisions of other judges. Hence, a cat that is chosen "Best" by the judge in Ring 1, may not always be given the same award by the judge in Ring 2.

Individual rings can be classified as either allbreed or specialty. In an allbreed ring all cats, regardless of coat length or type, compete for various awards. In a specialty ring only those cats of similar coat length (or type) compete for awards. The cards on top of the



cages will correspond to the cat's entry number in the show catalog and on its benching cage. In the judging ring, blue cards are used for males, and pink cards for females.