

HOW DO I JOIN THE FUN?

IT'S EASY - HERE'S HOW.....



HOUSE HOLD PET CLASS

You can show your wonderful kitty if it is spayed or neutered and not declawed. Your cat can compete with other household pets and earn ribbons and rosettes which are awarded by the judges.

PEDIGREED CLASSES

If you have a pedigree cat registered with CFA you have the opportunity to show your cat in

Kitten, Championship or Premiership (altered) classes. We have a fantastic Mentor program to lend a helping hand.



PET ME!

PET ME! CATS

Just looking to cuddle up to a kitten or cat? Keep an eye out for the Pet Me! signs. These cats are here just to visit with you and their owners are ready to answer your questions about their cats and our hobby.

YOUTH FELINE EDUCATION PROGRAM

Young people are important to the sport of pedigreed cats. The CFA Youth Feline Education program is a great opportunity for young people to learn all about cats. For more information visit:

WWW.YFEP.ORG



CFA AMBASSADOR PROGRAM

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THE CAT FANCIERS' ASSOCIATION, INC.

CAT SHOW GUIDE

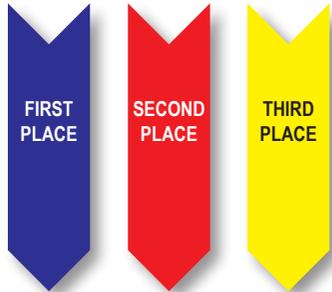
WHAT'S GOING ON AT THE SHOW?



LET'S FIND OUT!

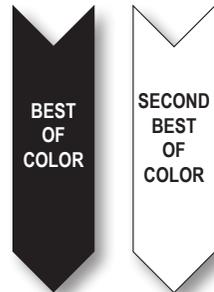
WHAT ARE THE JUDGES HANGING ON EACH CAT'S CAGE?

Licensed CAT FANCIER'S ASSOCIATION (CFA) judges independently rank the cats. Top cats are awarded the following ribbons earning Regional and National points.



First, Second and Third Place in the color and sex group. Cats within a given color class and of the same gender are ranked by the judge. This is the first step in selecting the best cat of a given breed.

Best and Second Best of Color. All the cats within a given color class are then ranked by the judge regardless of their gender. This is the second step in selecting the best cat of a given breed.



Best and Second Best of Breed. All the cats within the breed are now ranked by the judge regardless of their color or gender. This is the final step in selecting the best cat of a given breed.



Best Champion or Premier. When a judge sees a given breed, some of the cats will be Champions while the rest will be Grand Champions. This ribbon is awarded to the best of the Champions. The same is true for the cats in Premiership which are cats who have been spayed or neutered.



Merit Award. A judge will award this ribbon to a Household Pet entry they deem worthy.



FINAL AWARDS

Each judge presents his or her choice of the top cats in Kitten, Championship, Premiership and Household Pet classes. These cats represent the "Best in Show" for each individual judge.



FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

CAN I TOUCH THE CATS AT THE SHOW?



We know that it is very tempting to touch the show cats when they are being groomed for the judging ring. However, we ask that spectators not touch the cats without the owner's permission. A lot of work goes into bathing and combing the cats in preparation for the show and exhibitors would prefer that the cats not be touched by the spectators. When you watch the judging you will notice that they wash their hands in between handling of each cat to avoid accidentally passing germs from one cat to another.

CAN I TAKE PHOTOS OF THE CATS AT THE SHOW?

Yes, you may take photos at the show. Please ask permission of the cat's owner, especially if you are in close proximity to the cat and plan on using a flash with your camera.



CAN I ASK A JUDGE QUESTIONS?

If a judge is not engaged in the handling and evaluation of the cats, s/he will be pleased to answer any questions you might have. Please remember that the judge's first priority is the evaluation of the cats presented to their ring for judging. It is best to ask your questions from your seat instead of walking into the ring.

WHY WON'T AN EXHIBITOR TALK TO ME?

A cat show can be a very busy environment. Exhibitors are often preoccupied with listening for their cat's number to be called to a ring, grooming their cat, or taking an opportunity to speak with other exhibitors. Unless they are otherwise occupied, the majority of exhibitors will be delighted to speak with you. If a particular exhibitor is unable to answer your questions immediately, please revisit them at a less busy time.



YOU CAN ALWAYS ASK QUESTIONS OF AN EXHIBITOR WEARING AN **AMBASSADOR** BUTTON



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