**What Are The Judges Hanging On Each Cat’s Cage?**

Licensed **CAT FANCIERS’ 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.