Independent Breed Handling Experience

Objective: To provide the applicant with the opportunity to handle a variety of cats of the same breed in the same session. To encourage comparison of cats to the standard.

1. The applicant will choose a show where a number of cats of the same breed in all three classifications will be present. (This can be done via the breed summary ahead of time to avoid a wasted visit)
2. The applicant will handle, in the benching area, all cats of the selected breed. The owner of each cat will affirm that the experience took place by signing the appropriate form.
3. The applicant will, in written format, compare and contrast the cats to the breed standard.
4. The applicant will, in the case of kittens, describe how kittens meet or fail to meet the breed standard, and what challenges this particular breed has in showing kittens.
5. The applicant will observe at least 2 judges judging each class. They will note how the judge ranks each cat and discuss the standard as they are able to view it, mentioning what aspects might need to be judged only by handling.
6. The applicant may observe a second breed on day 2 of a two day show.
7. The applicant may carry out this experience while exhibiting a cat of their own.
8. The Long hair applicants will must complete 5 breed experiences and the short hair applicant 7.
9. The forms for the experience will be reviewed with the applicant’s mentor and forwarded to the file administrator as a part of the application.