

## HOUSEHOLD PET (HH)



Beauty . . . . .20 points  
Personality . . . .30 points  
Condition . . . .50 points  
Coat . . . . .20 points

Eyes, Ears, Nose, Mouth, and  
Claws . . . . 15 points  
Balance  
and Proportion 15 points

**COLOR DIVISIONS** All categories,  
all divisions, all colors.

**GENERAL DESCRIPTION:** The Household Pet comes in all colors and combinations of colors imaginable. All coat lengths possible. Tails can be long, short, kinky or non-existent. Eye color may be coordinated with coat color in almost any fashion according to the whims of Mother Nature. All coat and eye colors, and coat and tail lengths shall be acceptable.

The most important consideration for the Household Pet is its overall condition and well-being. The ideal Household Pet is clean, well-fed, and altered. With good health and contentment.

**BEAUTY:** These points shall be assigned according to the taste of the individual judge. In the Household Pet, beauty is very definitely in the eye of the beholder.

**PERSONALITY:** The Household Pet should be alert, friendly, and easy to handle. Allowance is to be made for some nervousness due to unfamiliarity with shows. If a cat which must be removed from the cage by its handler is then fully amenable to being handled by the judge, no penalty shall be attached.

### **CONDITION:**

Coat: The coat must be absolutely clean and free of any trace of mats or parasites. The cat must be well-groomed. The coat should have a pleasant appearance and feel.

Eyes, Ears, Nose, Mouth and Claws: Must be clean. Eyes and nose must be free of any matter. Ears should be judged in a cursory way that doesn't disturb the cat, since a majority of rescue cats have had ear problems in the past, intense examination by the judge, tends to hurt or upset the cat. Claws must be clipped.

**BALANCE AND PROPORTION:** The cat should display overall proportion. The cat should also be of proper weight for its size. Overweight and underweight is considered undesirable. Muscle tone should be sound. Some allowance may be made for older alters.

**SEXUAL STATUS:** All adult Household Pets (10 months and over) must be altered.

### **DEFINITION OF LONGHAIR OR SHORTHAIR:**

Where there is a question as to the proper class of any entry, the length of fur on the tail shall be the determining factor. Hair of 1-1/2 inches or more and fluffy shall be considered longhair (length may be slightly less in younger kittens). If there is still some question, notice should be paid to such details as long ear and toe tufts.

### **APPARENT PUREBRED HOUSEHOLD PETS:**

Household Pets of apparent purebred background shall be judged on exactly the same basis 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.

**CONSIDERATIONS:** Physical anomalies not allowed by most purebred standards shall be acceptable for the Household Pet. No penalties shall be attached for crossed eyes, kinked tails, extra toes or the like. As many Household Pets are redeemed strays, there shall be no penalties attached to such physical damage as torn or missing ears unless it appears that the problem is an on-going one indicating lack of care.

**KITTENS:** Kittens shall be judged as a single group, longhair kittens judged as one group, shorthair kittens judged as one group.

**WITHHOLD ALL AWARDS(WW):** No awards should be made to a cat which is obviously dirty or in poor condition.

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