

# ***GROUP 4***

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*(Standard Source: QICC 2002)*

### **General**

The Companion Pet is the best known and most numerous variety of cat and is the much-loved companion of many households. There is absolutely no limit to or restrictions on type, pattern or coat. For the purpose of this standard the Companion Pet includes domestic cats of unknown breed, and cats that may be of a recognised breed that are pets only. Where a Companion Pet appears to be of a recognised breed, there is to be no consideration of that breed's standard of points in the assessment as a Companion Pet; all compete on an equal basis.

<b>Head/Eyes/Ears</b>	Any, head shape, eye shape and colour, nose length, ear size and shape. Eyes should be bright and the ears clean.
<b>Body/Legs/Feet</b>	Any size, shape or length but must be in good condition indicating overall good health, neither too light nor excessively overweight.
<b>Tail</b>	May or may not have a tail, no penalty to be applied for kinked or broken tails (providing any injury has healed and the exhibit is not distressed through the tail being handled).
<b>Coat</b>	All coat colours and patterns in both long and short hair length are permitted. The coat should be immaculately presented with no sign of parasites, dirt or lack of grooming.
<b>Temperament</b>	This is most important element of the standard; the ideal cat is outgoing and friendly without being nervous or timid.
<b>Penalise</b>	Poor presentation, nervous or timid disposition. NOTE The Judge may ascertain if the cat has been shown before and consideration may be given to a novice exhibit.
<b>Withhold Award</b>	Bad temperament preventing the cat from being judged.

### **SCALE OF POINTS**

Deductions are made at the judge's discretion for poor presentation and temperament.

The final assessment is based on the judge's own choice and their "communication" with the exhibits.

**TOTAL 100 points**