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(Standard Source: QICC 2002)

General

Companion Pet is the best known and most numerous varieties of cat and is the much-loved companion of many households. Generally, there is absolutely no limit to or restrictions on type, pattern or coat. For this standard the Companion Pet includes domestic cats of unknown breed, and cats that may be of an ACF- recognised breed that are pets only. Where a Companion Pet appears to be of an ACF-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

Head/Eyes/Ears/Neck:

Any, head shape, eye shape and colour, nose length, ear size and shape; neck size and length. Eyes should be bright and the ears clean.

Body/Legs/Feet:

Any size, shape or length but must be in good condition indicating overall good health, neither too light nor excessively overweight.

Tail:

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).

Coat:

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.

Temperament:

This is the most important element of the standard; the ideal cat is outgoing and friendly without being nervous or timid.

Penalise:

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.

Withhold Award:

Bad temperament which prevents the cat from being judged.

Remarks

Do not penalise:

- (a) cats that are blind, missing one or both eyes provided the cat is confident in its environment.
- (b) cats with missing legs; or
- (c) other deformities not affecting the overall good health or well-being of the cat. Cats that appear to resemble ACF non-recognised breeds with more than one structural or 'hairless' mutation (i.e. two or more mutations that affect bone or cartilage or result in a hairless appearance) are not eligible for awards.

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