

GENERAL REMARKS FOR ALL BREEDS

All breeds should be amenable to thorough handling.

The following Rules and Faults apply to all breeds except where it is allowed for in an ACF approved standard.

Rules Concerning Disqualifications or Certificate Withheld

- a. Monorchid cats and any cat with a testicular anomaly. In the case of a matter in dispute, the final decision rests with the officiating veterinarian.
- b. Doped cats (cats which have been administered tranquillisers). In case of a matter in dispute, the final decision rests with the officiating veterinary surgeon.
- c. Any obvious signs of enhancement or excessive powdering.
- d. Declawed cats.
- e. Cats which show obvious and acute signs of bad health. The final decision rests with the officiating veterinary surgeon.
- f. Cats showing lack of cleanliness, e.g. dirty ears, presence of parasites.
- g. Cats with incorrect number of toes (ie. Other than 5 in front, 4 in back).
- h. Nanism (dwarfism).
- i. Blind cats.
- j. Cross-eyed cats (cats with a definite squint).
- k. All white spots or patches or lack of pigmentation of skin that are not allowed in the standard.
- l. Cats showing an umbilical hernia.
- m. Cats with skeletal deformities (e.g. saddleback, flattened chest, Protrusion of the Xiphoid process of Sternum) or any skeletal irregularity which is not included in the breed standard.
- n. Dystopia Cantorum (eyes positioned abnormally far apart),
- o. Deeply recessed eyes,
- p. Nystagmus (involuntary rapid eye movements)

Faults Precluding a Certificate

- a. Any fault which is specifically named in the standard of points as precluding a certificate.
- b. Kink or other tail defect (leniency for neutered cats).
- c. Overshot or undershot jaw by more than 2mm (leniency for neutered cats).
- d. Crooked jaw.
- e. Injury of the eye; eyes of different sizes.
- f. Canines are very prominent and out of line (protruding).
- g. Cats with inadequate bodyweight or markedly overweight cats.
- h. Any tendency to squint or 'incorrectly placed pupils (e.g. too high or too low)
- i. Lack of grooming, very badly presented cats with knots in the coat, dirty ears, flea dirt, etc.
- j. Obvious green rim to orange/copper eyes; obviously incorrect eye colour.
- k. Crooked nose and/or nose leather.
- l. Protruding tongue which is associated with jaw abnormality at judge's discretion
- m. Reduced nose leather size and/or restricted or pinched nasal aperture.
- n. Audible, difficult breathing or mouth breathing.
- o. Cow hocking.

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