

## **Household Pet**

*The purpose of this class is to encourage and award good cat ownership. There are no restrictions on type, pattern or coat. For the purpose of this standard the Household Pet includes domestic cats of unknown breed, as well as cats that may be of a recognized breed that are pets only.*

### **Presentation**

The coat should be immaculately presented with no sign of parasites, dirt or lack of grooming.

Eyes should be bright and clean.

Ears, nose, mouth and claws should be clean. The translucent tip of the front paw nails should be clipped. Don't agree with this being part of the standard

### **Condition**

Reflects overall good health, neither overweight nor underweight.

Sound muscle tone. Some allowance may be made for older neuters.

### **Temperament**

Outgoing, friendly and easy to handle, not nervous or timid. Threatening or aggressive behaviour is a serious fault.

### **General**

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. There is to be no consideration of that breed's Standard of Points in the assessment as a Household Pet.

Physical anomalies not allowed by most purebred Standards shall be acceptable for the Household Pet. No penalties shall be attached for squint eyes, kinked tails, extra toes or the like.

May or may not have a tail. No penalty to be applied for kinked or broken tails (provided any injury has healed and the exhibit is not distressed through the tail being handled).

All coat colours and patterns are permitted, in both long and short hair.

All eye colours are permitted. No relation between coat colour and eye colour.

Clear, even coat and eye colour and clear, vivid markings are desirable, but should only be taken into consideration when competitors are equal in all other respects.

### **FAULTS**

#### **Penalise**

Poor presentation

Nervous or very 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 and Nomination**

Bad temperament preventing the cat from being judged.

Underweight or significantly overweight.

### **SCALE OF POINTS**

Condition	30
Presentation	30
Temperament	30
Coat colour & pattern; eye colour	10
<b>Total</b>	<b>100</b>