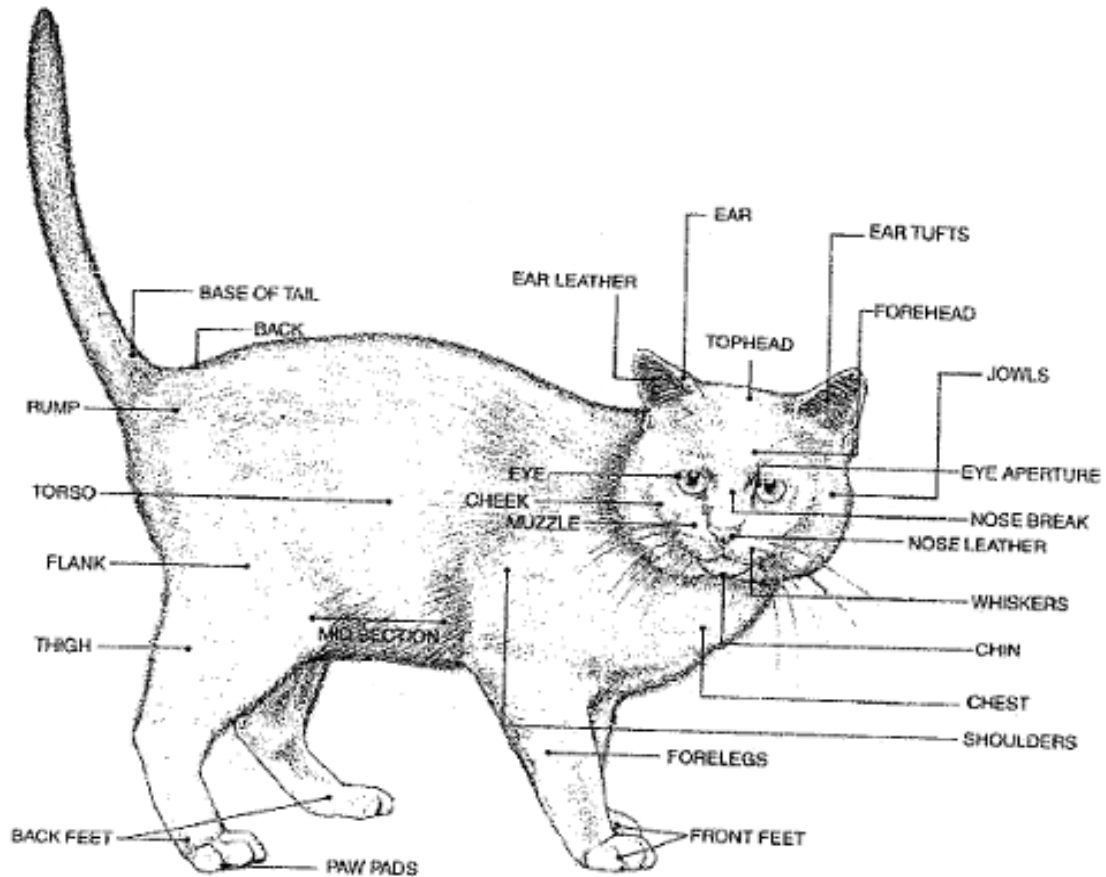


BASIC PRINCIPLES

The Parts of the Cat



IDEAL CHARACTERISTICS OF THE CAT

General Appearance	The cat should exhibit the typical characteristics of its breed and a general appearance of health and well-being. The cat should be in excellent physical condition. Eyes clear and bright with evenness of colour. Five toes in front, four behind, complete with claws. Tip of chin forms a vertical line with the top of the nose.
Jaw and Bite	Ideally all teeth should be present and in correct alignment.
Condition	Neither excessively overweight nor underweight. The cat should be well groomed, free from any evidence of parasites.



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Standard of Points

GENERAL FAULTS IN ALL BREEDS

*Precluding a certificate

All other faults penalise according to degree of fault.

Skeleton Defects	Deformation of bone structure* Fixed deviation of the sternum* - except for Neuters Skull indentation or irregularities Undershot or overshot jaw All deformations of the tail i.e. kink or knot* - except for Neuters (Slight irregularity at extreme tail tip penalise at the judges' discretion)
Eyes	Eyes set too deep or protruding Permanent squint* Odd-sized eyes*
Coat	Yellow or brown staining in white coats White hairs in self coloured cats Excessive loose hairs
Condition	All signs of bad health

<p>FAULTS LEADING TO DISQUALIFICATION</p> <p>Aggressive cats Monorchid or Cryptorchid (Cats older than 9 months) Cats who have had tranquillizers administered which extends the pupils of the eye Cats which have been given cosmetic treatment i.e. visibly dyed, tinged, cut or trimmed Declawed cats Polydactylism or oligodactylism Blind cats Cats which are obviously pregnant or nursing</p>	<p>ALLOWANCES IN ALL BREEDS</p> <p>Jowls in adult entire males Males bigger than females Undeveloped eye colour in immature cats Irregularities in coat colour of kittens (unevenness, ghost markings, rustiness, paleness and undeveloped pattern) Seasonal coat condition</p>
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