



SHOW PENALTIES AND WITHHOLDINGS

Each standard specifies the qualities and faults inherent in the breed it describes. However, there are serious faults common to all breeds that are disqualifying since, beyond the purely esthetical aspect, they threaten the cats' well-being.

A cat show being first a standard conformity competition where champion titles reward the best cats, a judge must severely punish any animal likely to pass on morphological or behavioural faults that could be disabling for its descendants.

Also, during a show, a cat should be shown under its best aspect. Any cat showing signs of dirt, bad health or aggressiveness should be disqualified. It is a matter of respect towards the animal, the judge and all the competitors.

3 kinds of faults and withholdings should be considered:

- Morphological faults: they are redhibitory;
- Faults linked to condition and presentation;
- Absence of description and/or recognition by the LOOF standard.

Cats showing one or more of those points cannot pretend to **ANY** cat show title.

Morphological faults

- Any deformity of boning (incorrect balances)
- Protruding xiphoid appendix
- Tail deformity or merged vertebrae avoiding tail flexibility, except when standard allows it
- polydactyly (more than 5 toes on the front feet or more than 4 toes on the back feet), except if the standard allows it.
- oligodactyly (less than 5 toes on the front feet or less than 4 toes on the back feet)
- any deformity, protrusion, depression or fissure of cranium, asymmetrical face, crooked jaws, nose
- incorrect dentition, overshot or undershot jaws (when incisors do not join)
- permanently emerging tongue
- nose leather depigmentation
- blindness
- deafness
- strabism
- nanism



- female without dugs
- testicle abnormality (monorchidy or cryptorchidy) after 10 months of age
- Eye lid problems (entropion or ectropion).

Faults linked to condition

- cat showing signs of bad health or wound. In case of dispute, the vet has the final decision
- pregnant or nursing cat
- skinny or obese cat
- dirty cat
- cat with external parasites
- declawed cat
- cut teeth
- unrepaired umbilical hernia

Faults linked to presentation

- aggressive or fearful cat not amenable to handling
- cat with talc or powder on
- cat with make up or on which cosmetic products have been used (dye, bleaching, lightening,...)
- presence of tattoos (except identification)
- presence of any accessory
- use of eye drops meant to maintain the cat's eyes open
- doped cat which has been given tranquillizers or stimulating drugs (slobber, third lid, dilated pupil, drowsiness or aggressiveness).

Absence of LOOF recognition

- cat of colour not recognized by the LOOF whatever the breed
- cat of colour recognized by the LOOF but not for that specific breed
- cat of a breed not recognized by the LOOF.