



## THE CAT FANCIERS' ASSOCIATION, INC. CHECKLIST FOR ADVANCING JUDGES

JUDGE: \_\_\_\_\_ SHOW: \_\_\_\_\_ DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

Examples of what to consider in evaluating judges:

### **Professional Demeanor. Did the judge:**

Wear suitable attire, avoiding items such as overlarge jewelry that might be distracting to cats?  
Interact politely and professionally with ring staff, exhibitors, spectators, and show committee?  
Appear confident conducting judging duties?

### **Ring Management/Time Management. Did the judge:**

Coordinate well with ring clerk, communicating parameters or preferences as needed?  
Keep up a reasonable pace? Or were some cats rushed, others out too long?  
Take reasonable meals/breaks, or did long breaks impact and completion time?  
Appear to have a system to judge cats, hang flats, record results, and clean table?  
Coordinate with other rings as necessary to keep the show moving?

### **Handling Skills. Did the judge:**

Handle cats safely and with respect?  
Keep the podium clear of unnecessary items to allow space for the cats?  
Use toys as appropriate to direct the attention of the cat? Or were they overused?  
Keep primary attention on the cat, maintaining control without stifling?  
Adjust handling for different breeds?  
Adjust to individual cat handling issues—new kitten, shy or scared cat, etc.?

### **Presentation Skills. Did the judge:**

Speak clearly and loudly enough to be heard by the audience?  
Appear confident in the selections made for the final?  
Present descriptions of each cat's assets that match the cat being presented, not just recite a breed standard?  
Present the cats safely, focusing on cat welfare more than on entertaining the spectators?

### **Breed Knowledge. Did the judge:**

Handle breeds differently, as appropriate, to view breed characteristics and keep cats comfortable (as in stretch a Siamese, keep British SH feet on the table, handle Persian heads, observe Cornish tuckup)?  
Make selections appropriate within breeds. (Please seek input from breeders/exhibitors)?  
Appear to review each cat for breed characteristics? (May consult with standards if appropriate).

### **Paperwork/mechanics. Did the judge:**

Hang flats correctly/consistently, as in best of breed was best of color and best of color class?  
Avoid mechanical errors, as in second best of breed placed in final over best of breed?  
Avoid having paperwork returned by clerk or master clerk for significant corrections?

**Were there particular strengths exhibited by this judge?**

**What areas for improvement were observed?**

**Recommendations for additional training or review:** Examples: Review specific breed standards. Seek out cats of specific breed for handling practice. Speak with experienced judge regarding presentation skills.

Evaluator Signature/date will be on a separate page. All evaluations are due no more than 30 days after show.

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