

## What are Household Pets?

Most Household Pets (HHPs) fall in the category of mixed breed of unknown background; HHPs come from all “walks of life”: cats and kittens adopted through humane and animal welfare organizations, the kitten from your neighbor’s litter or the pet shop, “alleycats” that have been rescued and shown a better way of life, and purebreds who don’t meet the breed standard.



## How are Household Pets Shown?

HHPs must meet the same basic show requirements as every other cat in the show. They must be healthy (up to date on all of their vaccinations and free of any parasites), bathed before the show, and groomed. Grooming includes having clean ears, eyes, and teeth, and having all nails clipped (some associations allow declawed cats to be shown, so check with the association first).

An HHP must be at least four months old to be shown and if it is over eight months of age, it must be altered (spayed or neutered). There is no maximum age for showing.

In the HHP rings, HHPs are judged according to the above specifications, as well as beauty and personality. In CFA shows, the cat will receive a “Merit” ribbon showing that the cat meets all of the requirements for show. The judge will then pick five or ten cats for finals (depending on the show).

In some associations, HHPs can compete for titles comparable to the championship titles. In TICA, the HHPs compete for “Masters”, and

can earn titles all the way up to “Supreme Grand Master.” The basic premise is the same for the HHPs as it is for the purebreds.

## How are Household Pets Judged?

HHPs are judged separately from the purebreds. Since each HHP is unique, there are no standards for them. A cat of any color, hair length or size can be judged as an HHP. In some associations, the cats will first be judged against others of the same color; in others, they are all judged together.

Most judges enjoy the HHP ring. Since there are no set standards, they are free to award finals on the basis of their own preferences or something that strikes their fancy. An HHP ring can be as interesting to watch as it is to compete in. You never know how an HHP is going to do with a particular judge.

## How do I Start to Show My HHP?

First, you must make a commitment both to yourself and to the cat you wish to show. Showing an HHP is not as easy as it sounds. Although some cats are natural showmen, get-

**TIP:** A good way to test your cat’s “showability” is to see how it reacts to the vet. If your cat is open and friendly to the vet, chances are it would be good in the ring. If your cat is timid and shy — or worse, tries to bite the vet — you might want to try to socialize it more before entering a show.

If your cat tends to be friendly, you will probably do well. However, occasionally a lover at home turns into a tiger in the ring. But the opposite could happen as well. So, if your cat’s in good health, why not try it?

ting a cat (particularly an older one) adjusted to being shown can be quite a task. First, you need to make sure that the cat is completely socialized. A cat that spooks easily would be terrified at a show.

If you are interested in showing your HHP, ask the people at the front gate if they know of any upcoming shows. Rules and regulations vary from association to association, so make sure you ask about show rules for the association sponsoring the show, or your cat could end up being disqualified.

## What is HHPCC?

The Happy Household Pet Cat Club is an international organization whose membership is open to all feline lovers. Our primary focus is HHP exhibitors, **but you don’t need to show your cat or even own a cat to belong.**

HHPCC gives international, regional, and state awards every year based on a cat’s performance during the show season (May thru April). HHPCC also awards titles (similar to TICAs “Master”). Your cat can work its way up to “Supremely Honored Housecat.”

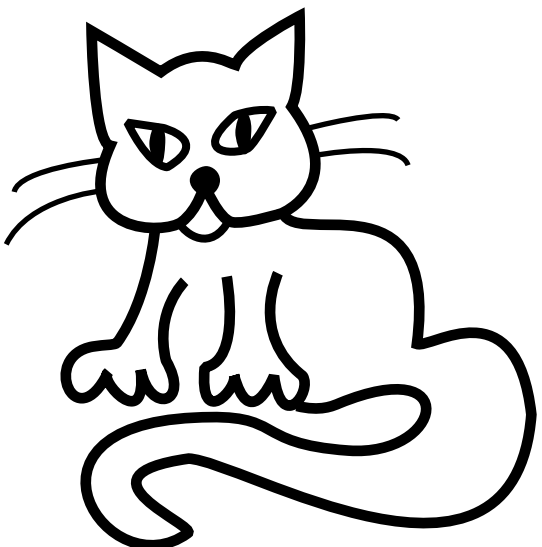
Our newsletter, the *HHPCC Happenings* is issued six times a year. It contains photos, anecdotes, legislation and humane society reports, cat health concerns, book and product reviews, and other matters of concern to feline owners.

The January edition of the *HHPCC Happenings*, known as *Pets on Parade*, is a celebration of our winners. Its 50+ pages contain listings of all the winners and “ads” featuring many of the winning felines.

You can also visit us online at [hhpcc.org](http://hhpcc.org).



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Our membership fee is \$20 per year for one or two people at the same address. Each additional person at the same address is \$1. For example a family of 4 would be \$22 (20+1+1=22)  
Please send payment to Dorothy Lewis. Make checks payable to HHPCC. Non-US please use money order in US Dollars.