

**Give ACFA a try** – You don't even have to have your cat or kitten registered with ACFA to attend your first show.



ACFA fosters a fun show hall atmosphere.



Informal mentors gladly help new exhibitors learn the ropes of showing cats in ACFA.



At a typical weekend show, your cat will be judged by six to eight ACFA judges from across the U.S. and Canada.



While each cat at a show competes for rosettes at that show, they also compete with other cats in their region and across the U.S. and Canada for year-end Regional and Inter-American awards.



**American  
Cat Fanciers  
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*The Friendly Association*

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### The Beginning

The American Cat Fanciers Association (ACFA) was formed by a group of cat fanciers in 1955 who were dissatisfied with the existing cat associations and wanted an organization that would give members a greater voice in shaping policies.

A major tenet of this new, democratic organization was: Board policies cannot be incorporated into the bylaws, show rules or registration rules without the approval of the membership at large. ACFA's founders also established a second fundamental principle: Breeders determine the Standard of Perfection for their breed by working through their breed section and must approve any modifications to their breed standard.

### Innovation

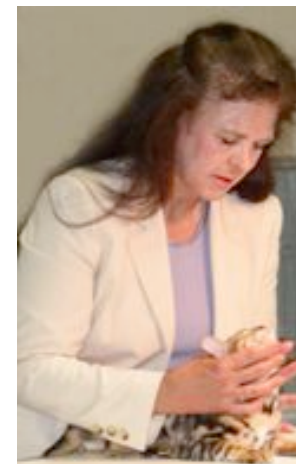
ACFA has introduced many innovations. For example, ACFA . . .

- Established the first championship class specifically for alters (spays and neuters).
- Introduced multiple Championships and Grand Championships, followed by Double, Triple, and Quadruple Grand Championships for both alters and whole cats.
- Created written exams and mechanics training for prospective judges.
- Designed a hands-on training program for trainee judges.



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**Show your household pet**

*with the*

*American Cat Fanciers Association (ACFA)*

*Meet new friends! Learn more about cats!  
ACFA folks will gladly help you learn the ropes  
of showing cats in ACFA!*

To find out more about showing your cat or to join a local cat club, please call:

or email:

**Here are a few reasons ACFA members think theirs is the best service-oriented association in the cat fancy today:**

### **Superior Scoring System**

At the end of the show year, each cat's 24 best ring scores determine annual awards at both regional and Inter-American levels. Since ACFA does not use a total-point system, every exhibitor has a chance to win top awards without the expense of showing a cat every weekend, as required by other associations' scoring systems. Furthermore, ACFA awards a specific number of points to each winning cat placement in a show ring, rather than awarding points that vary from show to show as in other associations.



### **Informative, Attractive Publications**



The *ACFA Bulletin*, published seven times each year, provides ACFA members with the latest information about their association. It includes, but is not limited to, reports on new policies and actions taken by the Board of Directors; a current show schedule; articles of

interest to members; a directory of judges and clerks; a list of breed section and committee chairs; and more. The *ACFA Yearbook* is a high-quality annual publication that displays the top winning cats for the previous show year, not only at the Inter-American level but also for each of ACFA's regions. Both the

*Bulletin* and the *Yearbook* are included with membership.

### **Comprehensive Web Sites**

The ACFA web site, [www.acfacat.com](http://www.acfacat.com), contains a wealth of information, from feline articles by experts to breed standards to show schedules to organizational rules and forms. Several regions of ACFA support regional web sites that complement the ACFA web site with more local information.

### **Fair Representation & Excellent Service**

Non-members can register cats with ACFA, but joining brings benefits beyond the registry. ACFA members belong directly to the international organization and have a direct vote in all key matters; other organizations only allow clubs to vote, thereby thwarting the one-person-one-vote idea of a true democracy. In addition, ACFA members receive discounts on pedigrees, cattery registrations, yearbook advertising, and other services. The personal touch of the friendly, efficient staff at ACFA's Central Office ensures excellent service to all cat fanciers.



### **Fun, Friendly Cat Shows**

Finally, there's the camaraderie you find at ACFA shows. Our members welcome new exhibitors and provide informal mentors to coach them on grooming and showing. Themed shows and special events—costume contests, “meet the breed” seminars, and much more—add to the fun and complement the friendly competition in the judging rings.



*Fun at shows includes costume contests, contests for young people, and dressing to fit the theme of the show.*



*Even judges have fun at ACFA shows. Many also show cats when not judging.*

**Our Goal** is to promote the welfare, education, knowledge and interest in all domesticated, purebred and non-purebred cats, to breeders, owners, exhibitors of cats and the general public.

**For friendly service, fun at shows, and a goal you can believe in . . . . Shouldn't ACFA be YOUR Association?**