

The All-American Show System for 1963-64

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Since Mrs. Johnston and Mrs. Van Zele published their "So You Want to Put on a Show" in the 1959 Year Book there have been some changes made in the paper work for a Show. The All-American Award system has also been changed. It is hoped that the following notes may help you to comply with all the requirements.—Ed.

THE ALL-AMERICANS were conceived in 1946 as a free service to the Cat Fancy. However, in 1961, it became evident that Cats Magazine could no longer afford to continue furnishing this service. Therefore a system of charging for scoring shows was evolved which also tends to spread out the shows. In the past an exhibitor frequently found himself having to choose between several shows on one weekend and then sitting on his hands for the rest of the month. This situation hurt not only the exhibitor but also the sponsoring club and their shows. Under Cats Magazine's new system only one

show on a given weekend will be scored in each section unless more than 650 miles apart. The method of scoring is explained in the April 1962 issue of Cats. (See illustration.)

Beginning with the 1963-64 Show Season Cats Magazine has asked clubs to file their show dates a year in advance but not earlier than May 1 of the Show Season in which the show is to be held not later than nine months prior to the show. Once your show is approved for a given date no other show in your section will be recognized for All-American scoring on that weekend unless it is more than 650 miles away. All applications received prior to May 1 will be considered on that date. Subsequent applications will be accepted in the order of their receipt.

All-American scoring fees will be \$10 for the first All Breed show, additional All Breed shows \$8. The first two Specialties will be \$5 each and additional Specialties \$4 each. One half of the fee must accompany the application which should be sent to Cats Magazine, P. O. Box 32, Washington, Pa. The fee will not be refunded because of date changes or cancellation.

Paper Work for Your CFA Show

The changes now necessary, so far as your CFA requirements, are not many. Since you must get your All-American dates so far in advance your request to Mrs. Shipe, CFA Secretary, for show Dates must also be made in advance as there are still some shows not using All-American scoring and she will not schedule two shows for the same date in the same general locality.

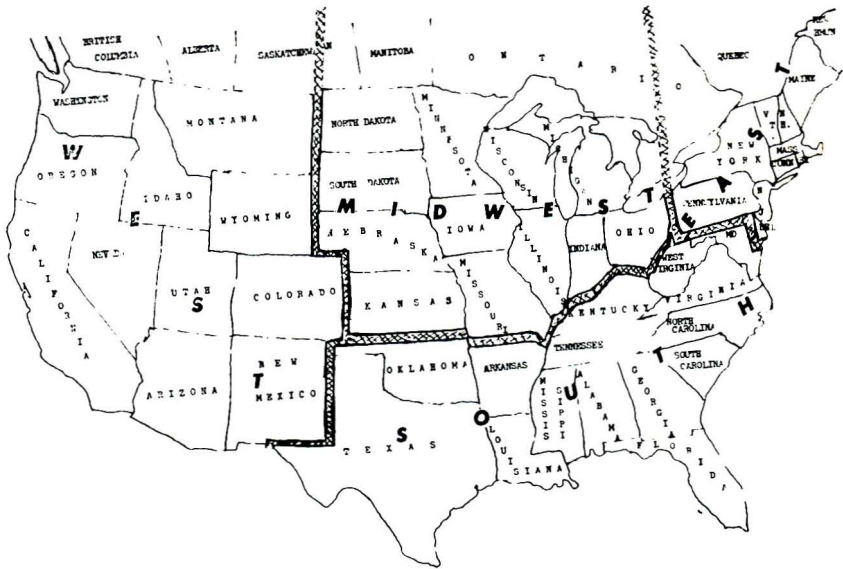
The Secretary of the All Breed club writes to Mrs. Shipe for reservation of the show dates. No reservation of show dates will be made prior to April 1st of the year preceding the show season. The Secretary then writes Cats Magazine for All-American scoring, if desired.

After the dates are determined, the Secretary writes to Specialty clubs requesting sponsorship of Specialty shows. The Specialty club must answer within ten days. If the Specialty club agrees to sponsor the show, it fills out a set of license forms in quadruplicate (these may be gotten from Mrs. Shipe) and sends them to the Secretary of the All Breed club.

In the meantime the Secretary writes to judges inviting them to officiate at the various shows. The judge must reply within ten days. If she accepts she must fill out a set of three Judge's Contracts and send them to the All Breed Secretary who signs them and returns one copy to the judge within ten days.

The Secretary of the All Breed club fills out three license forms for the All Breed show, clips a copy of the judge's agreement to them, and the license fee, if any, then holds them until she receives the license forms and judge's agreements for all the shows, after which she sends them to the CFA Secretary in one package.

Show supplies will be gotten from Mrs. Rose.



The division of the United States into four sections for All-American Scoring.

The process is really simple and very orderly. One more word, be **sure** to read all the forms carefully and get the correct signatures. Mrs. Shipe has often remarked that so many different forms come in to her without the requisite signatures. This means time, effort and expense for both her and the club.

To all of you who have followed me this far I say, "May you have a happy and successful Show."

The Maternal instinct is so strong in cats that they have been known to suckle puppies, rabbits and even rats. In a certain stable there was a stall in which five young rats were playing. A mother cat had five kittens, three of which were taken from her and drowned. Pussy went to the stall caught up two of the little rats, suckled them and brought them up, which was all the more remarkable as she was a noted enemy and hunter of rats and mice. . . . Denlinger.

BACK CFA YEARBOOKS

THERE ARE still some copies left of YEARBOOKS published in '58, '59, '60, and '61. The '62 Edition has been sold out. All books prior to the '62 book are \$1.00 per copy. Theoretically the old books are reduced to \$1.00 each as soon as the new books come out every year. However the '62 Edition being sold out was never reduced. Order any copy from the above available editions from:

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