

Breed Workshop – Instructions

Participation in this is entirely voluntary, but even if you choose not to participate use this as a guide to help you develop a good approach to evaluating your own cats. This is open book – feel free to discuss and debate your observations with your fellow breeders... Those open, honest communications are the point of this exercise!

Some cats are strong in one feature and weak in another, so depending on what part of the standard you are considering, your top five might be different – break down the breed standard and rank across all classes your top five... then take the final step and put it all together.... Rank your top five overall...

Submit to moderator as soon as you are done for a one on one discussion. Time permitting we will discuss some of the cats after all participants are done. Remember, this is an essay test... with a very few exceptions there are no hard set right and wrong answers – just be prepared to justify your choices and your observations using the breed standard as a guide....

Breed Workshop – Saturday conclusion of judging until 6PM

Breed Workshop will be conducted in Ring 5 or six with minimum 6 to maximum 8 Egyptian Maus for evaluation.

Each participant will evaluate each cat in cage (cats may be taken out by moderator or with permission of the owner for in-depth analysis)

Participants will mark their workbooks and then discuss one on one with moderator.

Time permitting each cat will be discussed by group

Breed Workshop example of worksheet (Must be customized for each breed)

For each competing Egyptian Mau – name greatest strength and weakest point on each cat entered

Name _____

Example (Egyptian Mau)

Entry 500 Strength – Textbook ears Weakness - Lack of white/silver undercoat

Comment – Older female with lovely balance

_____ Strength _____ Weakness _____
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Rank top five cats overall – include brief comment – strength/weakness

1 _____ Comment _____

2 _____ Comment _____

3 _____ Comment _____

Breed Workshop –Head (30)Points

Rank top five cats based on **ears** include brief comment – strength/weakness

1 _____ Comment _____

2 _____ Comment _____

3 _____ Comment _____

Rank top five cats based on **eyes** (shape and color) include brief comment – strengths/weaknesses

1 _____ Comment _____

2 _____ Comment _____

3 _____ Comment _____

Rank top five cats based on **skull** (muzzle, chin profile etc) include brief comment – strengths/weaknesses

1 _____ Comment _____

2 _____ Comment _____

Rank top five cats based on **total head** include brief comment – strengths/weaknesses

1 _____ Comment _____

2 _____ Comment _____

3 _____ Comment _____

Breed Workshop – Paint job

Rank top five cats based on **coat** (texture and length) include brief comment – strength/weakness (5)

1 _____ Comment _____

2 _____ Comment _____

3 _____ Comment _____

Rank top five cats based on **color** (contrast/clarity) include brief comment – strengths/weaknesses (15)

1 _____ Comment _____

2 _____ Comment _____

3 _____ Comment _____

Rank top five cats based on **pattern** include brief comment – strengths/weaknesses (25)

1 _____ Comment _____

2 _____ Comment _____

3 _____ Comment _____

Breed Workshop – body (for this exercise please disregard condition!) (20)

Rank top five cats based on **boning** include brief comment – strengths/weaknesses

1 _____ Comment _____

2 _____ Comment _____

3 _____ Comment _____

Rank top five cats on total **body** include brief comment – strengths/weaknesses

1 _____ Comment _____

2 _____ Comment _____

3 _____ Comment _____

Breed Workshop – Overall

Now rank top five cats overall AGAIN - include brief comment – strengths/weaknesses

1 _____ Comment _____

2 _____ Comment _____

3 _____ Comment _____