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4-H Manitoba

Judging Feline

Parts of the Feline

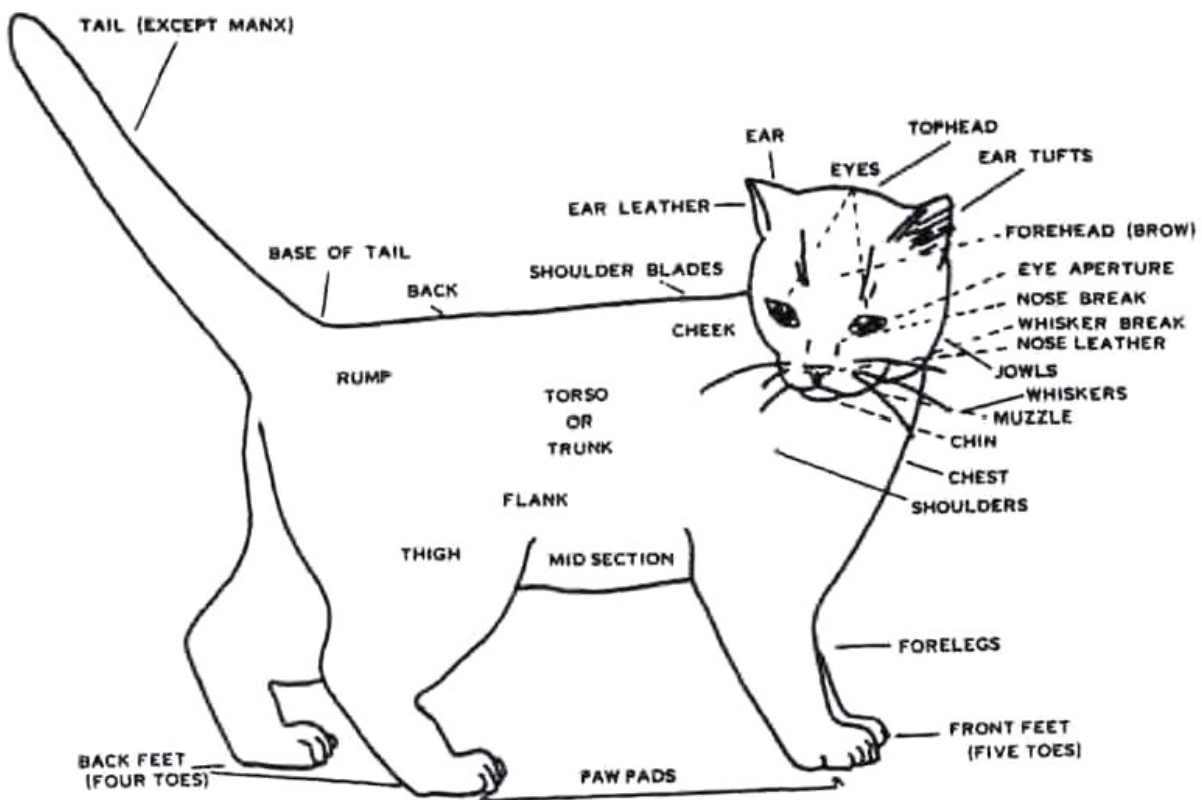


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Ideal cat reflects excellent health and sound structure.

Head

- Mature skull - doesn't show undesirable depressions or protuberances
- Eyes - clear and coordinated movement
- Breathing - effortless
- Mouth - closes properly
- Face and jaw - symmetrical and aligned

Skeletal Frame

- Functions with symmetry and balance
- Vertebrae are aligned without fixation or deviation
- Spine - supple
- Joints - flexible
- Legs - parallel and fully support weight and movement

Body Substance

- Body shape is smoothly contoured from the gentle outward curve of the chest to the softer continuous line of the abdomen
- Muscular development of the shoulders, midsection and hindquarters reflects strength and compatibility with the body style

Source: *The Cat Fanciers Association website* www.cfainc.org.

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