

## Shelter Cat Wins Ribbon at Cat Show

### **Maximus entered New Hampshire event representing SPCA.**

Maximus, a six-month-old Norwegian Forest mix, took home a ribbon in his debut competing at a cat show. Now maybe he can find a home.

His entry at the Cat Fanciers Association show in Dover, N.H. on Jan. 28 was unusual because Maximus is a shelter cat, rescued by the New Hampshire Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals.

In the household-pets category, Maximus earned seventh place out of 16 cats, according to The Exeter News-Letter which was enough for him to earn a ribbon.

He was a little nervous because it was his first experience, said Jen Corbin, the adoption center manager for the New Hampshire SPCA. But were very happy with his performance.

There are no judging standards for competing in the household pet category, which can include any type of cat, whether purebred or mixed breed. Many of the household cats competing at the New Hampshire show had previously been adopted from shelters, so Maximus has some shared experience in the show ring.

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