

NH shelter cat wins top honors at show

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STRATHAM, N.H.—Call him the stray that won the day.

Chaplin, A stray 2-year-old black and white cat, beat out purebreds and other pampered felines to win top honors in a cat show in New Hampshire.

The cat, currently awaiting adoption at an animal shelter, won "Best Household Pet" at the Cat Fanciers' Federation's regional show in Rochester on May 16.

Just five days earlier, Chaplin was a nameless stray referred to simply as "the cat" by the people who found him. When he came to the shelter in Stratham, the staff thought his desirable double paws and dashing good looks could put the Persians, Himalayans, and Scottish Folds to shame.

So far, Chaplin seems unfazed by his newfound fame. He just wants a home.