

What the F?!

If you are wondering that all the letters and numbers mean, here is the breakdown:

The Numbers:

Savannahs are produced by pairing a Serval with a Domestic Cat. (The only TICA Permissible cross to produce Savannahs is a Savannah, now that the breed has reached Championship status).

The result of this pairing is an F1 based on the Hybrid Filial Generation and is about 50% Serval.

When an F1 is bred back to a Domestic Cat, the result is an F2 which is approximately 25% Serval.

An F2 bred to a Domestic Cat produces an F3 which is about 12% Serval.

An F3 bred to a Domestic Cat will produce an F4 approximately 6% Serval.

An F4 bred to a Domestic Cat will produce an F5 at about 3% Serval.

This continues down the line, with the filial generation advancing by one with each following generation (F6, F7, F8).

Once at the SBT level the Serval percentage stays roughly the same since only Savannahs have been paired.

The Letters:

"A" registered cats have only one parent that is a Savannah. (This includes F1's since one parent is a Serval)

"B" registered cats have two parents that are Savannahs.

"C" registered cats have both parents AND grandparents that are Savannahs.

SBT registered cats have parents, grandparents and great-grandparents that are Savannah cats. These SBT (Stud Book Traditional) cats are the first generation that is considered a purebred Savannah and is also the first generation to be eligible for Championship Competition with TICA. The earliest generation this can be achieved is F4.