

**Film Title and Release Date:** *Catwalk: Tales from the Cat Show Circuit* (2018)

**Length of Film in Minutes:** 75 minutes

**Film Genre:** Documentary

**Reviewer Name and Grade:** Holden C., 7th grade

**Date Reviewed:** January 23, 2023

This movie, *Catwalk: Tales from the Cat Show Circuit*, is about cat shows. The film is set in Canada. This movie highlighted a more unknown event, as dog shows are more popular. The film focuses mainly on different cat owners who are competing for first place and the title of best cat. Two cat show judges were also featured and they explained more about what is looked for in the cats by the judges. The movie teaches the viewer about different classes and how points are earned. The judges examine the characteristics of the different breeds, how the cats are groomed, and their level of playfulness. Playfulness can be demonstrated with toys as well as by going through an obstacle course. One woman's cat was dominating until Shirley and her cat, Ooh-la-la, came onto the circuit. The documentary kept updating the point breakdown of the two cats after each show. The filmmakers also kept introducing new entrants, new competitors to the scene which was an attempt to add suspense. The film was successful in teaching about how cat shows work, different titles that can be earned, and the devoted cat owners who enter their cats into the ring. It taught me a lot that I didn't know before.

*How did you find the film on Kanopy (by title search, subject search, casual browsing, etc.)?*

I was looking for movies that would interest me and I looked up things that I was interested in. I like cats so I looked up cats and found this.

*Did the plot (for fictional movie) or presentation of information (for documentary) keep you interested?*

The documentary kept me interested because I enjoy cats. The filmmakers also structured it to show the story of different cat owners and the competition between their cats. Kim's Turkish Angora cat, Bobby, and Shirley's red Persian cat, Ooh-la-la, were neck in neck for first place.

*Was the pace of the film too fast, too slow, or just right?*

The pace was pretty good, but it was maybe a bit slow at times. The filmmakers went to many different shows in Canada and perhaps a similar story could have been told in a shorter manner.

*What grade level(s) is this film appropriate for?*

The film is appropriate for all age levels.

I would give this 3.5 stars: I enjoyed this film and found it worthwhile to watch. I loved seeing the cats and I learned about cat shows, but I had hoped for better. It wasn't the most riveting and could have been shorter.