



2024 BREED COUNCIL POLL

MAINE COON CAT

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For the Term May 1, 2025 – April 30, 2027

Please vote for only one candidate.

- Elaine Magee (Malaga, NJ)
- Beth Polstra (Conyers, GA)
- Abstain

1. PROPOSED: Clearly define 'kinked tail' in Disqualify section of standard.

DISQUALIFY: delicate bone structure. Undershot chin, i.e. the front teeth (incisors) of the lower jaw overlapping or projecting beyond the front teeth of the upper jaw when the mouth is closed. Crossed eyes. Kinked tail (change of direction). Incorrect number of toes. White buttons, white lockets, or white spots. Cats showing evidence of hybridization resulting in the colors chocolate, lavender, or the Himalayan pattern.

RATIONALE: Breed Council members would like the term kink in the standard clearly defined.

YES: _____

NO: _____

ABSTAIN: _____

2. PROPOSED: Add 'abnormal tail' to Disqualify section of standard.

DISQUALIFY: delicate bone structure. Undershot chin, i.e. the front teeth (incisors) of the lower jaw overlapping or projecting beyond the front teeth of the upper jaw when the mouth is closed. Crossed eyes. Kinked or abnormal tail. Incorrect number of toes. White buttons, white lockets, or

white spots. Cats showing evidence of hybridization resulting in the colors chocolate, lavender, or the Himalayan pattern.

RATIONALE: There was discussion among Breed Council members over whether Maine Coon tails should also be disqualified for any abnormality and not just a kink. If both #1 and #2 pass, then it will read “Kinked tail (change of direction) or abnormal tail.”

YES: _____

NO: _____

ABSTAIN: _____

3. PROPOSED: Clarify that “and white” patterned cats without white on one or more of the required areas should be penalized:

PENALIZE: A coat that is short or overall even. All colors and patterns with white which do not have the required areas of white (bib, belly, four white paws).

RATIONALE: The standard does not state what to do when a cat does not have the required amount of white such as only three white feet or with a fully colored bib. This would specify the judge to penalize rather than disqualify the cat.

YES: _____

NO: _____

ABSTAIN: _____

Ballots must be completed online, or received in CO, by Thursday, December 12, 2024.