

CFA EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING
FEBRUARY 1/2, 2025

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Secretary's Note: The Officers and Board of Directors of the Cat Fanciers' Association, Inc. met on Saturday, February 1, 2025, via Zoom video conference. **President Richard Mastin** called the video conference meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. Eastern Time for the regularly scheduled Quarterly Video Conference. A roll call by **Secretary Rachel Anger** found the following members to be present:

Mr. Richard Mastin (President)
Mr. Russell Webb (Vice-President)
Ms. Rachel Anger (Secretary)
Ms. Kathy Calhoun (Treasurer)
Mrs. Doreann Nasin (NAR Director)
Vicki A. Jensen, Esq. (NWR Director)
Ms. Carissa Altschul (GSR Director)
Mr. John Colilla (GLR Director)
Mr. Howard Webster (SWR Director)
Ms. Janet Moyer (MWR Director)
Mr. Kenny Currle (SOR Director)
Ms. Aki Tamura (Japan Regional Director)
Ms. Pam DelaBar (Europe Regional Director)
Dr. Marilee Griswold (Director-at-Large)
Mr. Pauli Huhtaniemi (Director-at-Large)
Mrs. Carol Krzanowski (Director-at-Large)
Mrs. Anne Mathis (Director-at-Large)
Mr. Darrell Newkirk (Director-at-Large)

Also Present:

Edward L. Raymond, Jr., Esq., CFA Legal Counsel
Ms. Allene Tartaglia, Executive Director
Mr. James Simbro, IT Systems Analyst

Absent:

None

Secretary's Note: For the ease of the reader, some items were discussed at different times but were included with their particular agenda.

Mastin: Hello everyone. Welcome to CFA's February 1, 2025 Executive Board meeting. Madame Secretary, please do the roll call and affirm the oath and confidentiality. **Anger:** Thank you, I will. I want to confirm that in accordance with the policy we set in June, when everyone confirms their attendance at the meeting, they will also affirm that they are abiding by the CFA Board of Directors Code of Ethics and Confidentiality Agreement, as Rich said. [Secretary's Note: The Board Member Code of Ethics and Confidentiality Agreement was reaffirmed after the break. Secretary Rachel Anger called the roll, as reflected above.] We have a quorum. Before we start, to avoid confusion I would like to make sure everyone knows where their *raise hand* button is. Anyone not know where their *raise hand* button is? We always seem to have a problem

with that. I will also try to call out point of order so that we can stay on track and perhaps finish this meeting before dark. I will turn it back to you, Mr. President. **Mastin:** Thank you, Rachel.

Anger: We are all present. **Mastin:** This meeting is called to order. Just a couple of additional reminders to what Rachel had mentioned. Our preference is that you always have your video on; if not, at least have your video on during your speaking and please allow the speakers to finish speaking before you begin to speak.

TRANSCRIPT

Reports of Officers, Boards, and Standing Committees

1. APPROVE ORDERS OF THE DAY.

CFA EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING AGENDA February 1/2, 2025			
All times are in Eastern Standard Time			
SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 1, 2025			
10:00 a.m.	1.	Approve Orders of the Day	Mastin
Reports of Officers, Boards, and Standing Committees			
10:05 a.m.	2.	Minutes (corrections/additions); Ratification of December Teleconference Minutes; Ratification of Online Motions	Anger
10:10 a.m.	3.	Show Rules	Raymond
10:45 a.m.	4.	Central Office Operations	Tartaglia
10:50 a.m.	5.	IT Report	Simbro
11:00 a.m.	6.a.	Treasurer Summary and Budget Committee	Calhoun
.	6.b.	Budget Report	Calhoun
11:15 a.m.		BREAK	
11:30 a.m.	7.	International Division	Newkirk
11:40 a.m.	8.	Marketing	Hannon
11:50 a.m.	9.	Legislative Committee/Group	Eigenhauser
11:55 a.m.	10.	Protests	Eigenhauser
12:00 p.m.		LUNCH	
12:30 p.m.	11.	Awards Committee	Dunham
12:40 p.m.	12.	Entry Clerk Program	Dunham
12:45 p.m.	13.	Judging Program Report	Nye/Webb
1:30 p.m.	14.	Club Memberships	Krzanowski
2:00 p.m.	15.	Breeds and Standards	Wilson
3:30 p.m.		BREAK	
3:45 p.m.		Continue Breeds and Standards	Wilson
Unfinished Business and General Orders			
5:30 p.m.		BREAK	
5:45 p.m.	16.	Unfinished Business	
5:50 p.m.	17.	Other Committees	
5:55 p.m.	18.	Old Business/New Business	
6:00 p.m.		ADJOURN SATURDAY MEETING	Mastin
SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 2, 2025			
Executive Session			

Mastin: The first Order of Business is to approve the Orders of the Day. By way of raising your hand, may I have a motion and a second? Darrell, are you making a motion?

Newkirk: Yes, I move. **Mastin:** Thank you. Russell, are you a second? **Webb:** I'll second.

Mastin: Thank you, Russell.

Mastin: Do we have changes and additions to the Orders of the Day? **Webb:** I would like to move the item #23 – CFA International Show into open session. **Mastin:** Ed Raymond, do you want to speak on this? **Raymond:** We will be speaking about some budgetary matters. I don't know if you want that in open session or closed session. It has been in closed session to date. **Calhoun:** I would like to move the Budget Committee Report into open session. **Anger:** Is it possible to take this, one motion at a time? I wanted to speak on the first motion. **Mastin:** Let's go back to the International Division [*sic*, Show], Russell's request to move it to open session. Go ahead, Rachel. **Anger:** I definitely agree that it should eventually be in open session. I would like to keep it where it is, and then at the end of each executive session item, I will ask if any portion of that report should be in open session. This is one that I think we will definitely want to move to open session, but in an abundance of caution I would like to keep it where it is for now. **Mastin:** Rachel, that is a good recommendation. Thank you for making that comment. **Mastin:** Vicki, did you want to speak on the International Show moving into open session? **Jensen:** I will second that. **Mastin:** You are seconding Rachel's? **Jensen:** No, to move the discussion on the International Show into open session – Russell's. **Mastin:** OK, so Russell made the motion, Vicki made a second. **Colilla:** Can I add a new item on Clerking? **Mastin:** Let's handle this one first, John. Let's stick with the International Show first, OK? **Colilla:** Thank you. **Currie:** Since we've got a motion and a second, I'll just wait for the discussion. **Mastin:** OK, I am now going to open it up for discussion. **DelaBar:** I totally agree with Rachel. We do want to bring this in open session as soon as possible, but when we are discussing contracts and budgetary matters, we have got to keep that in executive session. I will be voting against the motion on the floor. **Mastin:** Thank you, Pam. **Currie:** Then, on the other hand, I don't think that in order to discuss this, there are issues associated with this show that I think our constituents should be aware of and have some input. Of course, we all realize that we are an organization of clubs and I think that's something that that transparency needs to carry over. I fully understand the situation with budgetary matters and what have you, but a lot of the concern about this show does have to do with that. I would probably, at this stage, agree with Rachel and ask that our motion maker please withdraw. **Raymond:** I'm going to add that prior discussions on this topic have often named names, talking about who does what, and that should not happen in open session. **Mastin:** Allene, do you want to make a comment? I know you can't raise your hand. **Tartaglia:** I just agree it should not be in open session. We're talking contracts, we're talking monetary. It just doesn't belong in open session, a lot of it. **Mastin:** OK. What Rachel had proposed is the option to move it into open session once we get through the discussion. There is no concern with picking apart the discussion and add in open session what we want published. As Rachel had mentioned, Ed had mentioned, there has to be caution on this discussion. There will be potential concerns that will be brought up and it's best to do it in closed session and move it to open session. **Webb:** I'll withdraw my motion. **Mastin:** OK, thank you. Rachel, help me out. Who was the second on Russell's motion? **Newkirk:** Vicki. **Mastin:** Vicki, do you agree? **Jensen:** Yes. **Mastin:** Thank you. That motion is withdrawn. Thank you to both of you.

Withdrawn.

Mastin: I'm going to go back to Kathy. **Calhoun:** I would like to move the Budget Committee Report into open session. It's a simple schedule. It was my error in giving that to Rachel as an executive session item. It is simply the schedule. That's all it is. **Mastin:** OK, thank you, Kathy. Rachel, are you seconding? **Anger:** I am seconding, thank you. **Mastin:** OK, thank you. Is there any further discussion? Is there any objections to moving the Budget Report and

discussion into open session? Seeing no objections, that motion passes unanimously. Thank you, Kathy.

The motion is ratified by unanimous consent.

Mastin: Pam? **DelaBar:** Where are we going to put the Budget? After the Treasurer's Report? **Mastin:** Rachel, where would you like it? **Anger:** I think after the Treasurer's Report is a great suggestion, so it will now become Item #7. **Mastin:** Are there further changes or additions to the Orders of the Day? **Calhoun:** I was trying to make this as simple as possible. I would hate to have Rachel have to re-order everything. This is going to take two seconds. It can be at the end of the day. I just don't want to make a lot of extra work for Rachel. **Mastin:** Do you want to make it a 6.b.? **Calhoun:** Yes, let's make it a 6.b. **Mastin:** We'll do the Treasurer's Summary as a 6.a., and a 6.b. Then Rachel doesn't have to renumber everything. **Calhoun:** That's a good idea. **Mastin:** Rachel, are you OK with that? **Anger:** I am extremely OK with that. Thank you for your courtesy, Kathy. **Mastin:** Great.

Colilla: I would like to add another item, Clerking Program. I need to be in closed session. **Mastin:** Why don't we handle that one tomorrow then, John? **Colilla:** That's fine. Thank you, sir. **Mastin:** OK.

Mastin: Is there any other additions? Darrell made the motion and Russell made the second to approve the Orders of the Day. Any further discussion? Any objections? Seeing no objection, the motion passes unanimously. Thank you everyone.

The motion is ratified by unanimous consent.

2. **SECRETARY'S REPORT: ADDITIONS/CORRECTIONS TO THE MINUTES; RATIFICATION OF ON-LINE MOTIONS**

Mastin: Rachel, you have the second agenda item. Please proceed. **Anger:** I do, thank you.

(a) Additions/Corrections to the Minutes.

None.

Anger: We had no additions or corrections to the minutes which were submitted.

(b) Ratification of December 3, 2024 Zoom Video Conference Board Meeting Minutes.

Action Item: Approve the December 3, 2024 Zoom video conference board meeting minutes, as published.

Anger: I would like to move to [reads]. **Mastin:** Carol, are you making a second? **Krzanowski:** Yes, I am. **Mastin:** Thank you. Any further discussion? Any objections? Seeing no objections, the motion passes unanimously.

The motion is ratified by unanimous consent.

(c) Ratification of Online Motions.

	Moved/ Seconded	Motion	Vote
MOTIONS THAT REQUIRE RATIFICATION			
1.	Executive Committee 12.03.2024	For its show 4 AB/2 SP show on December 8, 2024 in Houthalen-Helchteren, Belgium (Region 9), grant the Felinus International club to ring share, with 3 rings in the morning and 3 rings in the afternoon.	Motion Carried (subject to ratification).
No discussion.			
2.	Executive Committee 12.09.2024	For the Universal Feline Fanciers' show on January 4/5, 2025 in Hong Kong, grant an exception to Show Rule 4.04 to allow a show format change for Sunday from 1 AB/OPC, 1 AB/SSP-CH, 1 AB/SSP-PR and 1 LH/SH to 1 AB/OPC, 1 AB/SSP-CH, 1 AB/SSP-PR and 1 AB.	Motion Carried (subject to ratification).
Anger: Passing along the ID Committee Chair's input that he has no objection.			
3.	Executive Committee 12.10.2024	For the Cat Club of the Palm Beaches December 7/8, 2024 show in Sanford, Florida (Region 7), allow a judge change from Reding (AB)/Anger (LH/SH) to Reding (LH/SH)/Anger (AB).	Motion Carried (subject to ratification). Anger abstained for conflict.
No discussion.			

Moved/ Seconded	Motion		Vote
4. Executive Committee 12.12.2024	For the Edelweiss Cat Club's November 30-December 1, 2024 show in Moscow, Russia (Region 9): (1) grant an exception to Show Rule 4.04(d) to allow a format change in Nadejda Rumyantseva's ring from OCP Championship to SSP Championship (Top10-LH, Top10-SH and Top10-AB final in Championship). Premiership and Kittens are unchanged, with Top 10 AB. (2) reschedule Nadejda's ring to CH & HHP Saturday/PR & Kittens Sunday to CH Saturday/PR, HHP & Kittens Sunday.		Motion Carried (subject to ratification).
Anger: The club is very well aware of the process of contacting the Executive Committee via the CFA Secretary for exceptions to show rules, as they have done this many times in the past. Even the Region 9 Director was not contacted. The club must be notified that they risk their show being voided if they do not comply.			
5. Executive Committee 12.29.2024	For the Mahameru Cat Club's April 12/13, 2025 show in Jakarta, Indonesia (ID-Other), grant an exception to Show Rule 3.02.d. and Judging Program Rule 12.3.a. and allow Dmitriy Gubenko to exceed the Guest Judge limit of 5 per show season so that he can judge the show.		Motion Failed.
No discussion.			

Mastin: Rachel, continue. **Anger:** Thank you. I would like to move to approve items #1-4 on the motions that require ratification. **Mastin:** May we have a second by a show of hands? **Krzanowski:** Yes, I'll second. **Mastin:** Thank you. Any further discussion? Any objections? Seeing no objections, the motion passes unanimously.

The motion is ratified by unanimous consent.

Mastin: Rachel, do you have anything further? **Anger:** I do. Motion #5 failed. In this case, we can take it up if there is interest by any board member in reconsidering that motion? **Mastin:** Does anybody want to make a motion? I see no hands to make a motion, Rachel. **Anger:** Great. That's all I have, then. Thank you. **Mastin:** OK, thank you, Rachel.

3. SHOW RULES.

Committee Chair: *Ed Raymond*
Liaison to Board: *Carol Krzanowski*
List of Committee Members: *Cathy Dunham, Carla Bizzell*

Mastin: Our third agenda item is Show Rules. That is Ed Raymond, board liaison Carol. Before I call on Ed, I just want to confirm. Carol, will you be a standing motion on all action items? **Krzanowski:** Yes I will, reserving the right to vote no. **Mastin:** OK, thank you, Carol. May I have a standing second? Rachel, are you a standing second? **Anger:** I am, thank you. **Mastin:** Thank you. Carol, do you have any statements you want to start with in the beginning before I turn it over to Ed? **Krzanowski:** No, I don't have anything, thank you. **Mastin:** OK. Ed, go ahead. **Raymond:** Good morning, everyone.

Brief Summation of Immediate Past Committee Activities:

The Committee has been preparing the show rule changes set forth below based on activity at the December 2024 Board Meeting and requests from board members, Central Office and other committees.

Board Action Items:

- 1. Amend Show Rules 2.23f, g & h to prohibit entry of cats with two or more structural mutations known deleterious health defects in Household Pet and Exhibition Only classes and in Agility competition.*

Article II Definitions Amend 2.23f, g, h	Howard Webster, Kathy Calhoun, and Janet Moyer
Existing Wording	Proposed Wording
2.23 f. The HOUSEHOLD PET (HHP) CLASS is for any domestic kitten (altered/unaltered) or altered cat entry. Household pets, or Companion Cats, are eligible only for awards in the Household Pet Class. Pedigreed cats with a CFA registration number can be scored as Household Pets if the registration prefix is changed to the Household Pet color class prefix (0892H/0893H). This color class transfer is a one-way transfer; reversal is subject to approval by the CFA Executive Board. Within these rules, the terms Companion Cat and Household Pet may be used interchangeably as they refer to the same class. Household pets are to be judged separately from all other cats, solely on beauty and condition. Wild cats or wild cat-domestic cat hybrid crosses are not eligible for entry. Cats that by their appearance are the result of combining two or more structural	2.23 f. The HOUSEHOLD PET (HHP) CLASS is for any domestic kitten (altered/unaltered) or altered cat entry. Household pets, or Companion Cats, are eligible only for awards in the Household Pet Class. Pedigreed cats with a CFA registration number can be scored as Household Pets if the registration prefix is changed to the Household Pet color class prefix (0892H/0893H). This color class transfer is a one-way transfer; reversal is subject to approval by the CFA Executive Board. Within these rules, the terms Companion Cat and Household Pet may be used interchangeably as they refer to the same class. Household pets are to be judged separately from all other cats, solely on beauty and condition. Wild cats or wild cat-domestic cat hybrid crosses are not eligible for entry. Cats that by their appearance are the result of combining two or more structural

<p>mutations, or any coat mutation (hairlessness, waviness, wiring, etc. but not including coat length) with one or more structural mutations, are not eligible for entry. For Bengals to enter this class, they must have a registration number. (See Article VI – Entering the Show).</p> <p>g. The EXHIBITION ONLY CLASS is for any cat or kitten for which an entry form has been received, and for which a listing appears in the show catalog, but which is not scheduled for handling in any ring. Cats that by their appearance are the result of combining two or more structural mutations, or any coat mutation (hairlessness, waviness, wiring, etc. but not including coat length) with one or more structural mutations, are not eligible for entry. For Bengals to enter this class, they must have a registration number.</p> <p>h. The AGILITY COMPETITION category is for any cat or kitten for which an Agility Entry has been submitted per show rule 6.24. At shows that are held over a two-day period, each day shall be considered a separate show for agility competition, and scored separately. Agility cats/kittens are scored per show rule 26.04 for each show to determine placements. Cats that by their appearance are the result of combining two or more structural mutations, or any coat mutation (hairlessness, waviness, wiring, etc. but not including coat length) with one or more structural mutations, are not eligible for entry. For Bengals to enter this class, they must also provide to the Agility Ringmaster their registration number as part of the entry process.</p>	<p>mutations, <u>with known deleterious health defects such as folded ears, taillessness, hairlessness and dwarfism, or any coat mutation (hairlessness, waviness, wiring, etc. but not including coat length) with one or more structural mutations;</u> are not eligible for entry. For Bengals to enter this class, they must have a registration number. (See Article VI – Entering the Show).</p> <p>g. The EXHIBITION ONLY CLASS is for any cat or kitten for which an entry form has been received, and for which a listing appears in the show catalog, but which is not scheduled for handling in any ring. Cats that by their appearance are the result of combining two or more structural mutations, <u>with known deleterious health defects such as folded ears, taillessness, hairlessness and dwarfism, or any coat mutation (hairlessness, waviness, wiring, etc. but not including coat length) with one or more structural mutations;</u> are not eligible for entry. For Bengals to enter this class, they must have a registration number.</p> <p>h. The AGILITY COMPETITION category is for any cat or kitten for which an Agility Entry has been submitted per show rule 6.24. At shows that are held over a two-day period, each day shall be considered a separate show for agility competition, and scored separately. Agility cats/kittens are scored per show rule 26.04 for each show to determine placements. Cats that by their appearance are the result of combining two or more structural mutations, <u>with known deleterious health defects such as folded ears, taillessness, hairlessness and dwarfism, or any coat mutation (hairlessness, waviness, wiring, etc. but not including coat length) with one or more structural mutations;</u> are not eligible for entry. For Bengals to enter this class, they must also provide to the Agility Ringmaster their registration number as part of the entry process.</p>
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RATIONALE: This proposal would prevent the showing of “designer breeds” capitalizing on the combination of two or more known mutations with already known health impact in the Household Pet and Exhibition Only classes and in Agility competition and focuses specifically on those mutations with scientifically proven deleterious effects. This allows for the list to be updated as more scientific data arises and removes the responsibility from the judge to interpret intent or to penalize cats for the presence of a mutation with no health issues such as wiring, or curl.

Raymond: The first proposal is to *amend Show Rules 2.23f, g & h to prohibit entry of cats with two or more structural mutations known deleterious health defects in Household Pet and Exhibition Only classes and in Agility competition.* In addition to the changes that are shown

in this document, there was a late request from the movers of this item – Howard, Kathy and Janet – to add *hairlessness* after the words *taillessness* in each of the three subparagraphs. Carol, are you willing to entertain mover's privilege to make that change? **Krzanowski:** Yes. **Mastin:** Rachel, do you agree? **Anger:** Yes. [Note: The change is double underlined.] **Mastin:** OK. I'm going to call on Howard, as it's listed here on the movers. Howard, comments? **Webster:** We have taken what Vicki Nye had put out and we're adding the hairlessness. Now, I will say, a lot of people are confused, because I had some very hateful emails and texts saying that we're trying to get rid of the Sphynx and we're trying to get rid of the Scottish Fold and everything else, and that's not it, of course, as you read through it correctly. We're just adding *hairlessness* and it's the combination of two or more structural mutations. As Vicki had done, she took out waviness and hair length and all that stuff, so it's the structural mutations combining together. So, that's all we're changing – going with that rule and adding *hairlessness* to the health defects. In other words, a combination of those different mutations. So, that's all we're doing. I hope everyone supports this. **Mastin:** Thank you, Howard. Kathy, do you have additional comments? **Calhoun:** I don't have additional comments. I think Howard did a very good job of summarizing the reason for the change and we thank Vicki because she came up with a great solution. The only thing that I would say is that we listened to the concerns that were brought forward, and hopefully this helps to address it and this can be supported. **Mastin:** OK Kathy, thank you. Janet, do you have additional comments before I call on the board? **Moyer:** I don't really have anything to add to what everybody said. **Mastin:** OK, thank you.

Anger: As a bit of history, when this came up for ratification at the October board meeting, it was unanimously carried – the original proposal unanimously carried. Then we revisited it, and the motion to reconsider failed. Then there was a second motion to reconsider, which carried, which brings us to where we are today – spending lots and lots of time on this proposal, trying to make everybody happy with it. As I recall, the original delegate proposal carried very overwhelmingly, so our delegates seemed to be happy with the original presentation. The more and more we tweak this, the further and further away from the original proposal we are getting. So, I would like to either restore the original proposal or create a committee which includes the original presenter who has been left out of this process and come back with something that includes all of these, and the delegates can again weigh in. They are the ones that should be deciding this, not us – not us redoing and redoing, trying to pander to everyone that is giving input. I have appreciated every email that we got. I don't know about the rest of the board, but my interpretation of the input is that the original proposal is what people want, so I just can't support what is presented here today. **Mastin:** Thank you, Rachel. **Currie:** I totally agree with Rachel. I can't say it was – it was a floor proposal. We really didn't hear. Perhaps they weren't prepared, the Household Pet people, but it ultimately is a decision that the organization needs to make. I would love to see, as Rachel said, a committee formed of both sides of this issue. My question to a lot of people, just in the past couple months, is that how does the length of the hair or the type of the hair create a deleterious effect on the health of a cat. I haven't been able to get an answer to that, so there are issues within this show rule that can be questioned. Rather than rush in and grab something and hurt the Household Pets specifically with this proposal, I understand both sides and I certainly voted for it when it was first initially made. Once we get underneath the skin, there are other issues that do have [inaudible]. Rachel, I'm with you.

Colilla: My only comment is, since this is a show rule is being proposed, the Household Pet entries in my region have dropped tremendously. We usually have 30+ entries per show.

Now we're down to 10 or 15. My only suggestion is, maybe we can extend to allow the Household Pet with the two – I'm sorry, to extend it to the 2025-2026 show season. That's my only request. **Mastin:** OK John, thank you. **DelaBar:** I am sorry some of you are having lower entries in Household Pet classes because of possibilities of people concerned about what the board passed in October reflecting the delegates at the annual meeting. It used to be that when the board passed something very strongly, and a reconsideration was voted down. We went on. That rule stayed until such time as the delegates might bring it back. We have regurgitated this and regurgitated this to ad nauseum. I have seen cats with rex coats that are polydactyl Maine Coons with curled-back ears. Your regions may be having lower entries. I'm having cats and organizations outlawed by governments in my region. We have to take a strong stand. We have an organization that is giving pedigrees and registrations to the bullies and the dwelfs and the elves and all of these strange things. CFA Animal Welfare does more for cats than any other organization. No other organization does what we do to promote the first object of our Bylaws, which is the welfare of all cats. We need to let this lie and keep what we passed in October. If the delegates feel that perhaps we went too far or we didn't go far enough, they can bring it back to the board, but the board responded to the spirit of what the delegates wanted at the annual meeting. For my region, I've got to back our cat fancy and hope for the welfare of all cats and hope that we can keep staying alive in Europe, because Europe gives a whole lot of registrations and could possibly do more, but we have got to move on with the business of this organization as a board. I hope that we can move on. **Mastin:** Thank you, Pam. **Griswold:** I couldn't agree with Pam more. There are breeds including the Sphynx and the Folds and the Manx – brachiocephalic breeds. They are coming under fire even when they are done correctly, much less being mixed with these other mutations. I think this is making a stand. I think it's showing the animal rights people that we care about, individual breeds and breed preservation. Along those lines, I am part of the Breed and Welfare Committee [**Note:** a subcommittee of the Genetics Committee]. I can tell you, that committee met this past Thursday and they are totally in support of the original ban and not changing this. I know Breeds and Standards is also very much against changing this. I agree with Rachel, as well, that I'm not sure why we continue to bring up things that are voted for overwhelmingly by our constituents over and over again. It's like if we try to ask 500 times, can we change this from what the constituents really wanted? So, if the constituents want it changed, they can bring it back in a few months to all the rest of the delegation. It seems silly to me that we continue to beat this horse over and over, when it was a clear message from our constituents. **Krzanowski:** I'm not going to repeat what others have said, but I agree totally with Rachel, Pam and Marilee as far as this issue is concerned. Our delegates passed this overwhelmingly and then the board passed it unanimously in October. I think we should leave this as it was written originally and as Marilee said and Rachel also, I believe, if the delegates feel that they want to make a change to this, they can always bring it back at the annual this year. Thank you. **Calhoun:** The only thing that I would like to add is that, while I hear what you're saying about the delegates, there are situations – and maybe you don't consider this one – where the board has more information, financial and otherwise, than our constituents have. I'm not saying that's a good thing or that's a bad thing, but I don't think that, as important as this issue is, we have spent time on other issues that have far less ramifications. So, I feel like we should not be chastised for trying to make a thorough decision. Thank you.

Mastin: Darrell, as the board liaison to Breeds and Standards, somebody said Breeds and Standards had issues with this. Do you have any comments you would like to share? **Newkirk:** When we met Thursday, there was an issue about the procedural aspects of it and I went back

and reviewed the October and the December minutes, and there was a note from Rachel that the second reconsideration was done in closed session and then brought to open session. I was just thumbing through on my laptop trying to find the October minutes, what was actually passed. If we're going to can this, to try to go back to October what was passed, then we need to see what we're voting on. If my memory serves me correctly, it just said *two or more mutations*. It didn't say *with deleterious health defects* and list the three before we added *hairlessness*. I think, to me, this is more concise and better worded. It does protect the Sphynx breed, which we're in the era of breed preservation right now, so I think we do need to protect our established breeds. But yes, Annette was emphatic that they wanted what was passed at the meeting. To me, this is better but that's just my input.

Raymond: Just to clarify the procedural posture, in October when the vote to reconsider happened, the rule change was tabled until the December meeting and I was asked to bring it back there. It was brought back in December. You may recall that the Household Pet Committee did a report and presentation to the board. Others submitted information, and what the board approved is the language that shows up in the left hand column under *Existing Wording*. That is the language that was approved in December. It almost exactly mirrors what was brought before the delegation from the floor at last year's annual. **Mastin:** So Ed, when you say, "almost exactly mirrors", can you point out what specifically is different than what the delegation presented on the floor? **Raymond:** It was largely punctuation, and I worked with the individual who brought that motion to the floor, to just clarify the language just a little bit. It really wasn't a subsequent change. I would have to go back and do a comparison reading of the two. **Mastin:** Before I continue, Ed, you just mentioned the individual who brought this forward. Rachel, I think in the beginning you had mentioned – you didn't say the person's name. Can we have the person's name who originally presented this motion from the floor so it's in the record? **Anger:** Sure. It was actually Cyndee Hill [*sic*, and Desiree Bobby]. The proposal was brought forward by the Angel Fairy Sphynx Club, Americans West, Finicky Feline Society, Ragamuffin Cat Fanciers, Central Pennsylvania CF, Sphynx without Borders, World Lykoi Association. **Mastin:** Thank you, Rachel. I know some are a little bit anxious to move things along on this and some want to see this through, so in this instance I think more information is better so we all have it, and we have it in our notes.

Griswold: I wanted to point out that with this change and this particular verbiage, it has changed the mutations to *with known deleterious health defects*. I know the Sphynx breeders in particular don't want hairlessness with any mutation. That would include things like the American Curl ear, so changing it like this kind of goes against some of their basic thoughts as to why this was put forth to begin with. **Mastin:** Thank you, Marilee. Is there any further discussion? **DelaBar:** The American Curl has no deleterious health defect with that gene, per Roy Robinson and Leslie Lyons and others who have studied the breed. Just know that curled ears does not mean bad health. **Newkirk:** Curled ears are not listed. Folded ears are listed. **Mastin:** OK.

Mastin: I don't see any further comments. If you are in support of what's written on the right side, you vote in favor. If you're not in support of what's written on the right side, you vote against it and then we'll see what happens after there, because I heard two board members request a committee. So, let's handle this and then we'll move forward. If you're in favor of the proposed changes to amend Show Rule 2.23.f., g. and h., raise your hand.

Mastin called the motion. **Motion Failed.** Altschul, Newkirk, Moyer, Webster and Calhoun voting yes.

Mastin: Kathy, Darrell, Howard, Carissa and Janet. Lower your hand. If you are opposed raise your hand. Pam, Carol, Rachel, Pauli, Anne, Vicki, Aki, Doreann, Marilee, Russell, Kenny and John. Lower your hand. If you are an abstention, raise your hand. No abstentions. Rachel, when you're ready. **Anger:** That's 5 yes, 12 no, zero abstentions. **Mastin:** OK, this motion fails.

[**Secretary's Note:** The following transcript also appears under Agenda Item #18 – Old Business/New Business.]

Mastin: Do we have Old Business/New Business? **Anger:** No Old Business or New Business, **Mastin:** No New Business either. **Anger:** Correct. **Mastin:** OK. Are we done? **Raymond:** When the board at its December meeting passed the double mutation policy, there were a few inquiries afterwards about whether the board would entertain grandfathering Household Pets that we're working towards multi-year awards and I think the individuals were told that that would be discussed in February. I don't know if you want to do it, nor do I know how you would do it to inform a judge that the cat in front of them is grandfathered. **Currie:** I see their point of view. You know, you're changing the rules midstream. These people have committed themselves to reaching a particular goal. Maybe we can come up with something that would identify these cats and that our judges wouldn't be throwing them out of the show hall via the show manager, so that's for others. Howard, why don't you take that on so we can get it to an agreement? **Mastin:** So, are we going to bring this back at the April meeting? **Newkirk:** I think if you do something like this, you're going to open up a whole can of worms. It is not going to be pretty, whichever way we go about it. **Jensen:** I think that any kind of way of identifying a particular cat to a judge just goes down a road of impropriety. I just don't think that there is a way to do it that doesn't create an aura of bias. **Mathis:** I'm confused. Why would we need to have these cats identified to us? Aren't we just going to final the cats we're going to final? I assume this doesn't take effect until May, or does it take effect immediately? May? So, I guess I just don't understand why. Someone needs to explain that to me. And I did ask. I was approached yesterday at set-up for our club and I was approached by the woman that owns the polydactyl cat with the curly coat and the curly ears, and she's crying, you know. She said, "I really worked for this for two years." I said, "other than your cat, how many do you know of that are in the same predicament?" She said, as far as she knew, certainly in our area, there were no others. **Raymond:** Anne, I think she's in year two of a three year program. So technically, if that cat showed up on the judging bench in May, it should be removed for being ineligible for entry. **Mathis:** OK. I thought we were discussing potentially giving these cats – or that cat, if it's the only one – that only had the two years, giving it the Grand of Distinction title, because we can't judge it again next year. **Raymond:** That wasn't what was asked. I'm certain that is potentially a solution. What was asked is, could we grandfather it so that the cat could be shown next year without being – **Mathis:** Oh, yeah. Big, old can of worms there.

DelaBar: Can we address these on a case-by-case basis and not try to come up with a – we're not talking about that many cats, and I think this is something that we can look at on an individual level without talking about the person's name or the particular cat, but the situations in there, and not right now but at a later meeting, to where we have something in writing. **Newkirk:** I think we're changing the rules in the middle of the game on something like this, so we've got to

come up with a solution. If the solution is to award the cat the grand distinction in two show seasons, then to me that's a viable option. It sure beats saying you're not going to ever get it.

Anger: I passed along to the board that email in which we responded that the topic of grandfathering Household Pets currently being shown will be considered by CFA's executive board and its February 2025 meeting. I think we told this exhibitor that we would do it and we have a duty to do it. Do we want to discuss this when we go into executive session or shall we continue the discussion now?

Currie: Without identifying this particular individual or cat, I would like to make a motion to award them at the end of the show season the Grand of Distinction within the Household Pet category. **Mastin:** Pam, are you seconding Kenny's motion? **DelaBar:** Not yet. **Mastin:** OK. I'll come back to you. Darrell, are you seconding Kenny's motion? **Newkirk:** I am. **Mastin:** OK.

DelaBar: I would like to see something in writing tomorrow if we're going to be discussing this and making a decision; specifically, how far along is the cat in achieving these required finals for the Grand of Distinction? I know that they have to get X number of finals each season for three seasons. As I said, we need to look at this on a case-by-case basis, and if this is the one case we're going to be considering, then let's see how far along they are. I would not want to be awarding something that did not look like it was going to be successful in the second season. **Calhoun:** I just wondered if, to our knowledge, is this the only cat that may be in this position or don't we know? **Colilla:** She seemed to be the only one I've seen so far. Why don't we wait too close to the end of the season? If it meets all the eligibility to receive the award of Grand of Distinction, then they get it. If it didn't meet all the requirements, then nothing can do about it. **Mastin:** Kenny and Darrell can make that part of their motion. That could be included now if they choose to go in that direction. **Anger:** Just to answer a question that was asked, this was the only request that came forward. **Mastin:** Thank you. **Newkirk:** I believe the person has met the requirement, but I'm not 100% sure, for the second year. That should be easy enough to find out and if you want, we can make the motion contingent on completing the second year finals. **Currie:** Agree. I agree with that, Darrell. **Mastin:** That's how you handle that. Darrell, do you have any other comments? **Newkirk:** No. **Mastin:** Kenny? **Currie:** No. **Mastin:** Alright. So I'm going to ask Kenny, restate your motion. **Currie:** Let me amend the motion completely, to allow the Grand of Distinction in the Household Pet category to be achieved within a two-year period. **Newkirk:** Don't we need to add *as long as the requirements have been met?* **Currie:** As long as the requirements have been met. Thank you.

Anger: The email requesting the reconsideration states that this show season will complete her second year of showing. I don't know if that helps in your deliberation of the motion, but she's already completing year #2. **Mastin:** Ed, I'm going to call on you after I call on Vicki. **Jensen:** I just want to make sure that we're only talking about this one particular situation and not that we're going to change the Grand of Distinction to two years for Household Pets from now on. **Raymond:** The language that Kenny proposed sounded like it was going to change all cats. I might suggest that you do something like, any Household Pet which is ineligible to be shown beginning in the 2025-2026 show season, which has completed two years of qualifications for the Household Pet Grand of Distinction will be awarded that award. **Currie:** I so move. **Mastin:** Darrell? **Newkirk:** Well, I'm fine with that, but we're talking about one specific example in here and we were to make a decision on that cat at this meeting and let her

know. So, I understand what Ed's concern is with the motion and the wording of it, but we're actually talking about one specific example here. **Raymond:** Darrell, we know of one example, but do you want to cover all cats that are similarly situated at the same time; which is, cats that have completed two years of qualification towards a Grand of Distinction and are not eligible to be shown in future seasons? **Mastin:** So Ed, what you're saying is, we know there's one. We don't know if there's more. **Raymond:** Right. **Mastin:** That's what you're saying. **Raymond:** Let's treat all of them that are similarly situated the same way. **Mastin:** I understand. Nobody's getting special treatment, so we get through the end of the year and we find out there's three other cats out there, but we're not handling each one separately. They're all covered under the same motion passed by the board. **Raymond:** No. **Mastin:** OK. Did you have any other comments? **Raymond:** No. **Griswold:** I'm not sure about the verbiage of *no longer eligible*. I mean, do we want to say, *no longer eligible based on multiple mutations*, because I don't know if there's another condition that would make them no longer eligible. I also wanted to make sure that we say globally that they meet the requirements because it's not only your 30 finals, you also have to have, I think it's 250 points as well to complete the year. So, I'm OK with the global thoughts of completing the requirements for the year and just not specifying final. **Mathis:** The cat has 41 rings and 485 points as of the new ePoints, and they wouldn't have any rings that weren't finals, would they? Because they don't win breed points. So she's already completed the second year. **Newkirk:** I'd like to make a suggestion, and that would be that Ed, would you write this up and bring it back so we can vote on it in the morning instead of sitting there trying to piecemeal this all together. It would just seem smarter if you could get the wording down the way you want it so that it would satisfy the rest of the board members. **Raymond:** Sure. I raised my hand to make that very suggestion.

Colilla: I'm going to be the bad guy. I showed this cat two years ago. Now I figured there's an easy way to go. I'm going to pull my cat out this year. Start showing it for the rest of the year to meet the Grand of Distinction. I wouldn't give it to this person. **Mastin:** I didn't understand your comment, John. **Colilla:** OK. I show a cat, Household Pet, that had to meet the requirements earning a Grand of Distinction title two years ago and I stopped showing it. All of a sudden, I find out about this thing we're about to pass. I decide to start showing my cat now because I only have four months to earn the other half of my Grand of Distinction. All the wins that I need to meet the requirement for this new rule that's going to be passed. Is that making sense? **Mastin:** It makes sense now that you said it the second time, yes. **Colilla:** Sorry. I don't feel well. I'm sorry. **Mastin:** Does anybody want to comment on John's comment? **Newkirk:** It was my understanding this had to be three consecutive years. Am I wrong? **Mastin:** Ed, do you know the show rule? Can you just read the show rule? **Raymond:** I do not. I have to look it up. **Mastin:** John, do you have anything else you want to talk on? **Colilla:** No, I just thought maybe it's not frequency. I don't have no idea.

Mastin: Darrell, I'm going to call on you since Ed's looking it up. **Newkirk:** We're going to need a motion to table this. **Mastin:** Are you motioning to table or do you want somebody else to make the motion? **Newkirk:** No, I'll make the motion. **Mastin:** Kenny, are you a second? **Currie:** Why don't I just withdraw it for now? **Newkirk:** Our thought was, Ed's going to rewrite it and bring it back to us in the morning. **Currie:** Sounds good. **Newkirk:** So that's why the motion to table was made. **Currie:** I'll second. **Mastin:** Alright, and you both agree, correct? **Currie:** Yes, sir. **Mastin:** Thank you. Alright, I will call the vote on tabling. Are

there any objections to tabling the motion? There are no objections, so that motion passes unanimously.

The motion [to table] is ratified by unanimous consent.

Mastin: All we're doing right now is just waiting for Ed to confirm what the show rule is, if it's three consecutive years or what it is. **Raymond:** The show rule says three separate seasons. It does not say that they need to be consecutive. **Newkirk:** OK. **Mastin:** Thanks for clarifying that.

[From Sunday transcript] **Mastin:** Rachel, are we going to take up what Ed is supposed to bring back before we do the strategic planning? **Anger:** That's correct. **Mastin:** Thank you. Ed? **Raymond:** So, Allene just is putting it up on the screen right now. This is the language that I drafted this morning.

Any HHP cat that has achieved the minimum number of top 10/top 15 finals and CFA award points per season as set forth in SR 29.04 in two separate seasons which is ineligible to be shown in the 2025-2026 season because of the prohibition in SR 2.23 f will be awarded the "Grand Household Pet of Distinction" title. Requests to have the title added to a cat's record must be received in Central Office by August 1, 2025.

Raymond: So, the policy statement would be that *any household pet that has achieved the minimum number of top 10 slash top 15 finals and CFA award points per season as set forth in show rule 29.04 in two separate seasons, which is ineligible to be shown in the 2025-2026 season because of the prohibition in show rule 2.23.f. will be awarded the Grand Household Pet of Distinction title. Request to have the title added to a cat's record must be received in Central Office by August 1, 2025.* Normally, these happen automatically once it's three years, but there's no way for Central Office to know which cats are going to be ineligible after two years. So, we'll give folks 90 days to make the request. **Mastin:** OK. Thanks, Ed, for bringing this back. Darrell, are you making the motion? **Newkirk:** I am making the motion, and I would also think that we need to publicize this out of closed session once it's approved, if it's approved. **Mastin:** Pam, I know it's late. Just a reminder, you got to raise your hand if you're going to say anything, OK? Rachel, are you seconding? **Anger:** I am. **Mastin:** OK. Thank you, Rachel.

Mastin: Kenny, do you have a comment? **Currlle:** Yeah, very quickly, since we're restricting it to two years, could we amend the needed number of rings by one-third as well? **Mastin:** I'm going to kick it back to Ed, but my initial thought is, I don't think so. **Raymond:** Kenny, this award requires certain achievement in three separate seasons. So, basically, what we're saying is, if you've completed the requirements for two of the three seasons, and we have made you ineligible to be shown in the third season, we'll give you the award. **Mastin:** You don't have to be shown after this season, Ed. **Raymond:** Excuse me? **Mastin:** They can't go after the title after the season we're in. **Raymond:** Correct. **Currlle:** Isn't there a minimum that they have to reach, in order to have this, because if they lost a season – **Raymond:** They have to meet the minimum number of both finals and points in each season for three seasons. I started to list – **Currlle:** But now you're saying if they do it in two, they get the same award? **Raymond:** If they are cats that are ineligible to be shown further because of the double mutation language. If it's a regular Household Pet, they got to go through the three seasons. This only applies for cats who are ineligible because of the double mutation. **Currlle:** I understand. Thank you. **Raymond:**

The reason the number of points and the number of finals is not listed is because there are different requirements for Hawaii and certain intervening seasons along the way, so it's better just to send people back to the original rule. **Mastin:** Great. Thank you, Ed, for clarifying that. Kenny, thanks for bringing that up. **Griswold:** Ed, I love the way you worded this. It takes into account that they would be ineligible to be shown because of our new rule that we added, not just ineligible for whatever reason. So, I am very much impressed with the way this is worded. So thank you. **Mastin:** Marilee, we get what we pay for. We are buying a Ferrari and we got a Ferrari. **Calhoun:** We didn't pay for a Ferrari, did we? **Mastin:** Well, we got a discount. **Calhoun:** I didn't order a Ferrari. OK, I'm sorry. **Altschul:** Quick question. How do we know if they claim that they are ineligible for entry? How do we know that they are really ineligible for entry? Will we create a process where they have to submit a picture showing that their animal or their Household Pet – because what if somebody is shown for two seasons and they don't want to show the third season? They're like, "hey, I'm going to claim that I can't be shown anymore and I'm going to get that title." **Raymond:** We don't have any language around that. I would suggest that Central Office review all requests with the regional director from the owner's region so that somebody should know something about the cat. That's an interesting thought there, Carissa. We may have to put something in place to prevent somebody who is eligible who doesn't want to show anymore and claiming they're ineligible. I don't know that anybody would do that, but interesting. **DelaBar:** I was just going to say, we could verify with the regional directors because they should know. I think that the regional directors can help CFA verify that the cat is eligible. It's only after this year, it won't be anymore. This is a situation that we're now faced with that we won't be faced with in the future. **Mastin:** Unless the board decides to change it in the future. Right. OK. Any further discussion? Any objections? OK. Seeing no objection, the new show rule passes unanimously.

The motion is ratified by unanimous consent.

Raymond: Rich, I wouldn't call this a show rule. I would call this a board policy. Oh, you're right. Right. Thank you for correcting. It's a board policy. You're right. We talked about that yesterday.

Newkirk: Do you want a separate motion to bring this into open session? **Mastin:** Yes. **Newkirk:** I'll make that motion then. **Mastin:** Thank you. Show of hand. Who's second? Kenny will second. Thank you, Kenny. Is there discussion? Is there objections? Seeing no objection. Motion passes unanimously.

The motion is ratified by unanimous consent.

Mastin: Darrell, thank you for bringing that up. Ed, do you have anything else?

Raymond: No, not with regard to this issue. **Mastin:** How about to any other show rules? That was the only thing you were tasked with, right? **Raymond:** That is correct. **Mastin:** OK, great. Great job. Thank you for doing that.

2. *Amend Show Rule 2.24 to clarify that an OCP ring cannot be held as part of a Super Specialty ring.*

Article II – Definitions, amend 2.24	Judging Program Committee and Show Rules Committee
Existing Wording	Proposed Wording
<p>2.24 An OPEN, CHAMPION, PREMIER RING (OCP) is an allbreed competition where a judge will award Best AB Champion through 10th Best AB Champion and/or Best AB Premier though 10th Best AB Premier. Such a ring may be part of an existing judging ring or held as a stand-alone ring. In order for an OCP ring to be held in Championship, at least 30 Champions and Opens in Championship must be entered in the show. In order for an OCP ring to be held in Premiership, at least 15 Premiers and Opens in Premiership must be entered in the show.</p>	<p>2.24 An OPEN, CHAMPION, PREMIER RING (OCP) is an allbreed competition where a judge will award Best AB Champion through 10th Best AB Champion and/or Best AB Premier though 10th Best AB Premier. Such a ring may be part of an existing judging ring or held as a stand-alone ring, <u>but may not be held as part of a Super Specialty ring</u>. In order for an OCP ring to be held in Championship, at least 30 Champions and Opens in Championship must be entered in the show. In order for an OCP ring to be held in Premiership, at least 15 Premiers and Opens in Premiership must be entered in the show.</p>
<p>RATIONALE: Super Specialty rings are complex and time consuming. To add an OCP component to such a ring would further complicate things and has the potential to have a very negative impact on the flow of the show schedule.</p>	

Mastin: I'm going to move on to the next proposed motion. Ed? **Raymond:** #2 is to *Amend Show Rule 2.24 to clarify that an OCP ring cannot be held as part of a Super Specialty ring.* **Mastin:** OK. My understanding is, this came from the Judging Program Committee. **Raymond:** It did. **Mastin:** Russell, do you have any comments on this? **Webb:** No. I think with the judges to do both super specialty and the OCP is really complicated to both of them. They should be split. **Mastin:** OK. Is there any further discussion on this? **Anger:** I agree with what Russell said. It would over-complicate everything. I want to remind everyone that these are not the only experimental formats clubs can use. If a club has an original idea or a version of something else that we're doing or someone else is doing, the Experimental Format Committee would love to have your proposal. We have one that we are presenting later. I'm just giving a little plug for my Committee here so that we can help serve clubs. So, please bring your proposals forward. **Mastin:** Any further discussion? Is there any objections to this motion? Seeing no objection, this motion passes unanimously.

The motion is ratified by unanimous consent.

3. *Amend Show Rule 3.02b to clarify that an Apprentice Judge can accept an invitation to judge anywhere in the world.*

Article III – Invitations to and Acceptances by Judges, amend 3.02b	Judging Program Committee and Show Rules Committee
Existing Wording	Proposed Wording

<p>3.02 a. Invitations from clubs affiliated with non-CFA cat associations are subject to the approval of the CFA Judging Program/Board and may be considered only by Approved Allbreed, Approved Specialty, or Approval Pending Allbreed or Specialty judges. Household Pet, 4-H, pet fairs and seminars may be accepted by any licensed CFA judge, who should notify the Judging Program Chairman prior to accepting the invitation.</p> <p>If a CFA judge who is under contract to officiate at 2, 3 or more consecutive, non-CFA sanctioned shows as a guest judge, has cause to cancel these foreign assignments in response to a change of circumstances domestically (excluding illness or incapacitation) then the judge is allowed to accept a CFA show on any of these same weekends.</p> <p>b. Invitations from CFA clubs in the International Division may be considered only by judges who are Approved or Approval Pending, judges that are Approved in one specialty and at least Apprentice in the second specialty, or judges at any level that reside in the International Division. Associate judges are approved for judging only in their own specific geographic areas:</p> <p>...</p>	<p>3.02 a. Invitations from clubs affiliated with non-CFA cat associations are subject to the approval of the CFA Judging Program/Board and may be considered only by Approved Allbreed, Approved Specialty, or Approval Pending Allbreed or Specialty judges. Household Pet, 4-H, pet fairs and seminars may be accepted by any licensed CFA judge, who should notify the Judging Program Chairman prior to accepting the invitation.</p> <p>If a CFA judge who is under contract to officiate at 2, 3 or more consecutive, non-CFA sanctioned shows as a guest judge, has cause to cancel these foreign assignments in response to a change of circumstances domestically (excluding illness or incapacitation) then the judge is allowed to accept a CFA show on any of these same weekends.</p> <p>b. Invitations from CFA clubs in the International Division may be considered only by judges who are Approved or Approval Pending, judges that are Approved in one specialty and at least Apprentice in the second specialty, or judges at any level that reside in the International Division. Associate judges are approved for judging only in their own specific geographic areas:</p> <p>...</p>
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RATIONALE: The current Show Rule 3.02.b. allows judges of any status who reside in the International Division to judge anywhere in the world, including the International Division, however it restricts Apprentice or Specialty APP Judges from Regions 1-9 the same judging ability. In all fairness, why should an Apprentice Judge from Thailand be able to Judge in Japan, when an Apprentice Judge from Japan cannot judge in Thailand? An Apprentice judge from Regions 1-9 should be able to accept an assignment in Hong Kong or elsewhere in the ID.

Mastin: Ed, #3. **Raymond:** #3, Amend Show Rule 3.02b to clarify that an Apprentice Judge can accept an invitation to judge anywhere in the world. **Mastin:** Also from the Judging Program. **Raymond:** Correct. **DelaBar:** I understand definitely what the Judging Program Committee is doing here. What should be fair for one area should be fair for another area. My concern has always been with an apprentice judge going off especially to new areas or areas that are just developing can be quite a handful for some of them. Those of you who probably don't remember when we had the first show in Israel, we had no show package. Fortunately, we had a bunch of very experienced judges and we were able to overcome all our problems. I would hate to have to see apprentices do that, but be that as it may, that's not what's up here now. I will support the Judging Program Committee on this rule. **Currle:** I will support this, but I will point out we had a show in Egypt, very first show, years ago. We arrived. All of our judges were experienced and we had no ring clerks, so that was an interesting experience. Putting an apprentice judge under that type of pressure is somewhat kind of scary, but in any event, I will support the recommendation of the Judging Program. **Mastin:** Thank you, Kenny. Russell, do

you have any closing comments? **Webb:** The JPC felt that every judge should get a chance and we're really trained and experienced, so if problems do come up, there's judges that have judged for 20-30 years always at shows. It's not just the AJs and stuff, so we fully support this. **Mastin:** Thank you, Russell.

Mastin: Any further discussion? Any objections to this motion? Seeing no objections the motion passes unanimously.

The motion is ratified by unanimous consent.

4A. TO BE CONSIDERED IF PROPOSAL #1 DOES NOT PASS.

Amend SR 11.23 to include a mechanism for judges to withhold an award because a cat is ineligible for entry.

Article XI – During the Show – Judging and Awards, amend 11.23	Judging Program Committee and Show Rules Committee
Existing Wording	Proposed Wording
<p>11.23 Withholding of awards by the judge: a judge must withhold all awards when in his opinion ANY entry lacks sufficient merit or is, apparently, obviously pregnant, suffering from emaciation, malnutrition or showing evidence of neglect.</p> <p>When awards are withheld from an entry for the above reasons, the judge shall record on the judging color class sheet one or more of the following reasons:</p> <p>a. No Award - Insufficient Merit" (NA/IM), which shall include overall lack of quality, deviation from the standard, congenital or acquired defects.</p> <p>The Central Office shall record the NA-IM judge opinions on each cat. When three judges have recorded "NA-IM" for any cat deemed to possess overall lack of quality, deviation from the standard, congenital or acquired defects (as stated in paragraph 11.23.a above), the cat shall never be eligible for entry at any CFA show except in the household pet class, or;</p> <p>b. No Award - Condition" (NA/Cond.), which shall include obvious pregnancy, malnutrition, evidence of neglect or any lack of quality that is deemed by the judge to be of a temporary nature.</p>	<p>11.23 Withholding of awards by the judge: a judge must withhold all awards when in his opinion ANY entry lacks sufficient merit; <u>or</u> is, apparently, obviously pregnant, suffering from emaciation, malnutrition or showing evidence of neglect; <u>or</u> is <u>ineligible for entry</u>.</p> <p>When awards are withheld from an entry for the above reasons, the judge shall record on the judging color class sheet one or more of the following reasons:</p> <p>a. No Award - Insufficient Merit" (NA/IM), which shall include overall lack of quality, deviation from the standard, congenital or acquired defects.</p> <p>The Central Office shall record the NA-IM judge opinions on each cat. When three judges have recorded "NA-IM" for any cat deemed to possess overall lack of quality, deviation from the standard, congenital or acquired defects (as stated in paragraph 11.23.a above), the cat shall never be eligible for entry at any CFA show except in the household pet class, or;</p> <p>b. No Award - Condition" (NA/Cond.), which shall include obvious pregnancy, malnutrition, evidence of neglect or any lack of quality that is deemed by the judge to be of a temporary nature, <u>or</u>;</p>

c. “No Award – Ineligible for Entry” (NA/IE), which shall include a Household Pet which the judge has determined has two or more structural/coat mutations or any entry which does not conform to a breed’s existing colors, patterns or coat length and not otherwise listed in the disqualified section of a breed, or eligible for transfer to AOV. A cat that has a NA/IE will not be included in the show count.

RATIONALE: This change provides a new “disqualify” option for judges to use where a cat is of a color or coat length that is not eligible to be shown and transferring the cat to AOV is not an option. This option would also be used where a household pet is found to have two or more structural/coat mutations.

Mastin: Ed, moving on to #4. **Raymond:** We are going to consider 4A. We are not going to consider 4B. This amends *SR 11.23 to include a mechanism for judges to withhold an award because a cat is ineligible for entry*. This provides the mechanics behind the double mutation situation and some other situations. **Mastin:** Russell, do you have any additional comments? **Webb:** No, straightforward. **Griswold:** I know for this I had an incident that came up with a longhair Lykoi and longhair Lykois specifically say they are not eligible for entry, but yet here it was entered, so what do I do with it? Disqualify it? I can’t transfer it to AOV. What am I supposed to do? I think this gives us a mechanism for those. **Mastin:** Marilee, do we have to address your question right now? Do you need an answer? **Griswold:** Pardon me? No. No, I don’t need an answer today. **Mastin:** OK good, thank you. **Tartaglia:** I would like to clarify something, and that would be, if this passes and we see these coming in, how are we supposed to handle it? Do we handle it in the Central Office the same as we do NA/Condition or does it fall under NA/IM which is handled differently? That’s all, I just need a clarification. **Raymond:** I would defer to the Judging Program Committee on that, although going back to Marilee’s comment, the comments from Vicki when she submitted this indicated that the *Ineligible for Entry* tag would be used for situations like the longhair Lykoi. **Mastin:** OK, so I need some direction on this. Are we kicking this back to the JPC to instruct Central Office and the judges on how to score something or how to disqualify? **DelaBar:** We have rules with NA/Insufficient Merit and NA/Undescended Testicles and bites – three times and you’re out. I would suggest that if a cat is ineligible for entry, that it would just take the one for Central Office. The cat is blocked from any other type of movement or whatever on the system, like they would for NA/IM. Once they get three of those, then it’s blocked, flagged or whatever you want to call it. I would say one time with one of these, but this is a mechanic thing. What we’re looking at is what the judges actually do, so we need this. **Mastin:** Thank you for clarifying that, Pam. **Tartaglia:** I understand that, but what I’m asking is, so this is for the judges. What are we supposed to do with it in the office? First, we have NA/IM. If it’s disqualified, three times and you’re out. Now you’re talking about one time for ineligible entry. It doesn’t say that anywhere, so either it should say it somewhere in the Show Rules or we need a policy to follow. That’s what I’m asking for. When we see this, NA/Ineligible for Entry, are we supposed to do anything with it, is what I’m asking because with NA/IM we really don’t. We don’t record that in the cat’s record.

Webster: My question is, what if the Lykoi breeders decided they wanted to add a longhair division to the Lykoi. How would this affect that? **DelaBar:** I was going to say, Allene, on this particular rule it doesn’t say that about NA/Condition or the others. That is elsewhere in

the rules that we need to come up with, to tell Central Office what to do. As for other factors, I'm trying to remember back when we accepted the Bengal. I don't know if right away we accepted the longhairs to be shown as AOVs. I remember them in Household Pets, but I don't remember once they were moved to championship how we handled that, but this would be the same thing. **[Secretary's Note:** At the February 2016 board meeting, the Bengal breed was accepted for registration, including longhairs for AOV status when the breed is advanced to championship.] Once you are allowing something, that goes into the standard and the judges are versed on these standards and know what to do with this, so if we got a longhair Lykoi and it's allowed as an AOV, they we are told on our judges' test, longhair Lykoi are allowed as AOVs, yes or no, that type of thing. I think this rule doesn't address what Central Office needs to do, but no part of this rule does. **Mastin:** Pam, thank you. **Raymond:** To address Howard's point, if the Lykoi standard is changed, then the longhair Lykoi is no longer ineligible for entry so this rule does not apply to it. With regard to the Central Office point, I might suggest that we simply add a sentence to the end of c. that says, *A cat receiving such a designation shall never be eligible for entry at any CFA show.* **Griswold:** So, I think this did come about with the longhair Lykoi and I've seen it happen twice. It was handled two different times. One time, the longhair Lykoi was actually transferred to Household Pet class, so in came this longhair Lykoi as an addition to the Household Pet class. They told me that was legitimate. I don't know if that's exactly how that's supposed to be handled, but as a judge this gives us a way to handle that on the table. I don't know about being forever ineligible to be shown, because if it is changed you would want that specific cat to be able to be shown as an AOV, so I'm assuming we're not going to have it count for the count for the show and not have it eligible for entry as long as its standard says it is ineligible for entry. **Mastin:** Thank you, Marilee. **Calhoun:** That was exactly my concern with the longhair Lykoi, if in fact it is made eligible as an AOV and now it has a designation that it can never be shown. That's not appropriate. **Mastin:** Ed, do you want to comment on those last two comments? **Raymond:** I think those make sense. It may be that we don't do anything or provide any instruction to Central Office and if this cat gets entered again, the same thing happens to it. It gets designated as ineligible. **Mastin:** OK. Anything further? **Raymond:** No.

Mastin: I am going to call the vote. I'm going to try it. Are there any objections to this motion? Seeing no objection, the motion passes unanimously.

The motion is ratified by unanimous consent.

Mastin: Kathy, do you have something? **Calhoun:** I just want to confirm that Allene has what she needs. **Tartaglia:** Yes. I'll be talking with Vicki Nye about it, just to get some policy. For instance, are these cats included in the count? I'm not sure. I haven't read all the other show rules. NA/IM and NA/Condition is included in the count. A disqualify is included in the count. I'm not sure, should we be counting these ineligible for entry cats? I would think not because it shouldn't have been entered, but clarification on that would be nice. **Newkirk:** I agree. If they're not eligible for entry, they should not be in the count. **Mastin:** Do we need a motion, Ed? **Raymond:** Yes, you do. **Mastin:** Darrell, do you want to make a motion? **Newkirk:** Yes, I'll make the motion that a cat that has a NA/IE entered in the judge's book will not end up in the show count. **Mastin:** Thank you, Darrell. Rachel, are you a second? **Anger:** I'm a second. **Mastin:** Rachel, do you have comments? **Anger:** No, thanks. **Mastin:** I'll remind the board, this was not a pre-noticed motion; therefore, it needs 2/3 to pass. Is there any further discussion on this motion? Are there any objections to the motion? Ed, do you have any questions on the

motion? **Raymond:** Only whether you want to include that language in the Show Rules, or is that simply a policy statement for Central Office? **Newkirk:** I would say, add it to the Show Rules. **Mastin:** OK, thank you. **Raymond:** Then I would treat it as an additional sentence at the end of subparagraph c. that was just passed. [Note: The change is double underlined.] **Mastin:** Great. Getting back to it, are there any objections? Seeing no objections, that passes unanimously.

The motion is ratified by unanimous consent.

Mastin: Kathy, thank you for bringing that up. Allene, you continued on from that, so nice job everyone.

4B. TO BE CONSIDERED IF PROPOSAL #1 PASSES.

Amend SR 11.23 to include a mechanism for judges to withhold an award because a cat is ineligible for entry.

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	<p>of neglect or any lack of quality that is deemed by the judge to be of a temporary nature, <u>or</u>;</p> <p>c. “No Award – Ineligible for Entry” (NA/IE), which shall include a Household Pet which the judge has determined has two or more structural mutations with known deleterious health defects or any entry which does not conform to a breed’s existing colors, patterns or coat length and not otherwise listed in the disqualified section of a breed, or eligible for transfer to AOV.</p>
RATIONALE: This change provides a new “disqualify” option for judges to use where a cat is of a color or coat length that is not eligible to be shown and transferring the cat to AOV is not an option. This option would also be used where a household pet is found to have two or more structural/coat mutations.	

Mastin: 4B is now withdrawn, right? **Raymond:** Correct.

Withdrawn.

5. *If the prior resolution passes, amend SR 12.10 to add to the list of reasons for withholding an award.*

Article XII – Show Recordkeeping, amend 12.10	Judging Program Committee and Show Rules Committee	
Existing Wording	Proposed Wording	
12.10 When an award is withheld by the officiating judge under the provisions of show rules 11.22, 11.23, and 11.24, the chief ring clerk shall clearly mark in the judge’s copy of the ring catalog the reason: i.e., “Wrong Color” (WC), “No Award-Condition” (NA/Cond.), “No Award-Insufficient Merit” (NA/IM), “Disqualify-Undescended Testicle(s)” (DISQ-UT), “Disqualify-Bite (DISQ/BITE), or “Disqualify-All Other Reasons” (DISQ).	12.10 When an award is withheld by the officiating judge under the provisions of show rules 11.22, 11.23, and 11.24, the chief ring clerk shall clearly mark in the judge’s copy of the ring catalog the reason: i.e., “Wrong Color” (WC), “No Award-Condition” (NA/Cond.), “No Award-Insufficient Merit” (NA/IM), <u>“No Award-Ineligible for Entry” (NA/IE)</u> , “Disqualify-Undescended Testicle(s)” (DISQ-UT), “Disqualify-Bite (DISQ/BITE), or “Disqualify-All Other Reasons” (DISQ).	
RATIONALE: This is a housekeeping change to add “No Award-Ineligible for Entry” (NA/IE) to the list of reasons for withholding an award which the ring clerk must mark in the judge’s copy of the ring catalog.		

Mastin: OK, Ed. **Raymond:** #5 is just another housekeeping detail that amends SR 12.10 to add the NA/IE to the list of reasons for withholding an award. **Mastin:** Is there any discussion? Any objections? The motion passes unanimously.

The motion is ratified by unanimous consent.

6. *Amend SR 13.09 to allow show packets to be scanned and emailed and clarify which items need to be included.*

Article XIII Show Completion/ Cat Removal/Late Fee Collection, amend 13.09	Central Office
Existing Wording	Proposed Wording
<p>13.09 The show secretary MUST send the following to the Central Office by EXPRESS MAIL Next Day Service (Not Priority Mail, which is not an overnight service), UPS OVERNIGHT, FEDERAL EXPRESS or an equivalent overnight service, on the first (1st) business day after the close of the show. This must arrive at the delivering service prior to the time such service requires for delivery to arrive at CFA Central Office the next day (the second [2nd] business day after the close of the show). Central Office may impose upon the club a fine, as listed in the CFA's current price list, for the untimely receipt of show packages.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. one catalog completely marked for all rings and signed by the master clerk. If an "NCR" catalog (see 7.21 and 13.07) has been marked, also a blank, official show catalog; b. a complete set of judges' color class sheets and finals sheets for each ring; c. a copy of the transfer and absentee list including competitive transfers after the first day of a two day show; d. a complete list of exhibitors' names and addresses and entry numbers if not included in the catalog. This does not apply to Veteran Class exhibitors; e. the original copies of the catalog correction request forms submitted to the master clerk; f. those official entry forms (or printed copies of an email entry and the sender's email address information) that relate to verifications of catalog corrections made by the master clerk according to rule 12.13; g. official championship/premiership claim forms, if any, filled out and submitted to the master clerk at the show with the appropriate fee; h. the electronic show information (in an electronic format acceptable by the Central Office) containing 	<p>13.09 The show secretary MUST send the following to the Central Office by <u>one of two methods: scanning and emailing files (contact Central Office for specific instructions)</u> or EXPRESS MAIL Next Day Service (Not Priority Mail, which is not an overnight service), UPS OVERNIGHT, FEDERAL EXPRESS or an equivalent overnight service, on the first (1st) business day after the close of the show. This must arrive at the delivering service prior to the time such service requires for delivery to arrive at CFA Central Office the next day (the second [2nd] business day after the close of the show). Central Office may impose upon the club a fine, as listed in the CFA's current price list, for the untimely receipt of show packages.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. <u>master clerk book one catalog</u> completely marked for all rings and signed by the master clerk. If an "NCR" catalog (see 7.21 and 13.07) has been marked, also a blank, official show catalog; b. a complete set of judges' color class sheets and finals sheets for each ring; c. a copy of the transfer and absentee list including competitive transfers after the first day of a two day show; d. <u>a complete list of exhibitors' names and addresses and entry numbers if not included in the catalog. This does not apply to Veteran Class exhibitors;</u> e. the original copies of the catalog correction request forms submitted to the master clerk; f. <u>those official entry forms (or printed copies of an email entry and the sender's email address information) that relate to verifications of catalog corrections made by the master clerk according to rule 12.13;</u> g. <u>official championship/premiership claim forms, if any, filled out and submitted to the master clerk at the show with the appropriate fee;</u>

<p>show entry information (see Data File Information at the front of this booklet), unless the file has been sent directly to Central Office by the Show Entry Clerk or Show Secretary. A processing fee, as specified in the CFA's current price list, is payable by the club to CFA if a properly prepared diskette or approved format electronic file is not provided to the Central Office in conjunction with the show records used for scoring;</p> <p>i. show information sheet;</p> <p>j. completed "Unofficial Count" form;</p> <p>k. the show entry surcharge fee of \$2.00 per catalog entry (including HHP). Shows held in the International Division (excluding China but not the Special Administrative Regions of Hong Kong and Macau), Canada, and Hawaii will include a show entry surcharge fee of \$1.00 per catalog entry (including HHP), shows held in China but not the Special Administrative Regions of Hong Kong and Macau will include a show entry surcharge fee of \$3.25 per catalog entry (including HHP). Entry Surcharge payments not received by Central Office within 30 days after receipt of the show package are subject to an additional fine as specified in the CFA's current price list.</p> <p>l. For those cats competing with temporary registration numbers, the application form, associated pedigree (or CFA registration number of parents if allowed by rule 6.16), and appropriate fees submitted for said cats; and,</p> <p>m. Official Companion Cat Registration Number application forms, if any, filled out and submitted to the master clerk at the show with the appropriate fee.</p>	<p>h. the electronic show information (in an electronic format acceptable by the Central Office) containing show entry information (see Data File Information at the front of this booklet), unless the file has been sent directly to Central Office by the Show Entry Clerk or Show Secretary. A processing fee, as specified in the CFA's current price list, is payable by the club to CFA if a properly prepared diskette or approved format electronic file is not provided to the Central Office in conjunction with the show records used for scoring;</p> <p>f. i. show information sheet;</p> <p>g. j. completed "Unofficial Count" form;</p> <p>h. k. the show entry surcharge fee of \$2.00 per catalog entry (including HHP). Shows held in the International Division (excluding China but not the Special Administrative Regions of Hong Kong and Macau), Canada, and Hawaii will include a show entry surcharge fee of \$1.00 per catalog entry (including HHP), shows held in China but not the Special Administrative Regions of Hong Kong and Macau will include a show entry surcharge fee of \$3.25 per catalog entry (including HHP). Entry Surcharge payments not received by Central Office within 30 days after receipt of the show package are subject to an additional fine as specified in the CFA's current price list.</p> <p>i.l. for For those cats competing with temporary registration numbers, the application form, associated pedigree (or CFA registration number of parents if allowed by rule 6.16), and appropriate fees submitted for said cats; and,</p> <p>m.i. Official Companion Cat Registration Number application forms, if any, filled out and submitted to the master clerk at the show with the appropriate fee; and</p> <p>k. clerking, judging, and misc/prov breed evaluations, if any.</p>
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RATIONALE: The ability to scan and email show packets is fast becoming the preferred way to send show information to central office and was not included as an option in the show rule. With the central office having the ability to access the entry clerking program and the on-line entries it is no longer necessary to submit items in the show packet that can be accessed online if needed. Central Office has not used a diskette for show data in many years so there is no need to reference it in the show rule.

Mastin: #6. Raymond: #6 came from Cathy Dunham at Central Office. It is an amendment to SR 13.09 to allow show packets to be scanned and emailed and clarify which

items need to be included, whether it is emailed or mailed. **Mastin:** Discussion? **Anger:** I just want to call out Cathy Dunham doing a great job in our Central Office, making sure our scoring process is up to date. Good job Cathy. Thank you. **Mastin:** Thank you, Rachel. **Calhoun:** Times two. **Mastin:** OK, thank you, Kathy. Allene, do you have any comments on this? **Tartaglia:** No, just that it's really what is current-day practice, just bringing the Show Rules up to date. **Mastin:** OK, very good. **Jensen:** I just had a question. How many pages is it when you're scanning one of these? Is it like in the 100's? **Tartaglia:** It varies. It depends on the show. Is it a 4 ring show, 6 ring back to back, 8 ring, how many entries? It could vary. I could be 100, it could be a couple hundred. It depends if the judges' books are being scanned. Again, it depends on the type of show and how many entries. **Mastin:** OK, thank you. Any further discussion? **Tartaglia:** I'm just going to add one really quick thing. I know a lot of people feel daunted by scanning because they don't have a scanner that's high volume. I just want to let you know that there are some really inexpensive high capacity scanners that are out there. You can take a look on Amazon. It might be a couple hundred dollars, and that's what people use. So, there are options. **Anger:** I don't know how many on the call have judged for our competitor association here domestically, but as of when I judged a show for them before COVID [February 2018], my entire show package was my responsibility as a judge to scan and send to their office. I think this is just a technology that is being offered to clubs if they want to take advantage of it, and there's no reason we shouldn't support it. Thank you. **Mastin:** Thank you. Are there any objections to the motion? Seeing no objections, the motion passes unanimously.

The motion is ratified by unanimous consent.

7. *If the prior proposal passes, amend SR 13.07 to keep them consistent.*

Article XIII Show Completion/Cat Removal/Late Fee Collection Amend 13.07	Central Office
Existing Wording	Proposed Wording
<p>13.07 The master clerk shall provide the show secretary with two (2) fully marked catalogs, including all rings, at the close of the show. A marked catalog may consist of either an official show catalog or a condensed show catalog (see rule 2.11) that has been marked. Multi-copy (NCR) paper and forms are available from the Central Office for use in producing multi-copy catalogs. No other forms may be used to produce the color class portion of a marked catalog. One catalog, the official CFA catalog, is to be mailed to the Central Office by the show secretary in accordance with rule 13.09. If an "NCR" catalog is used, a blank, official show catalog must also be sent to the Central Office. The</p>	<p>13.07 The master clerk shall provide the show secretary with <u>one (1)</u> two (2) fully marked catalogs, including all rings, at the close of the show. A marked catalog may consist of either an official show catalog or a condensed show catalog (see rule 2.11) that has been marked. Multi-copy (NCR) paper and forms are available from the Central Office for use in producing multi-copy catalogs. No other forms may be used to produce the color class portion of a marked catalog. One catalog, the official CFA catalog, is to be mailed to the Central Office by the show secretary in accordance with rule 13.09. If an "NCR" catalog is used, a blank, official show catalog must also be sent to the Central Office. The second</p>

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RATIONALE: This is a matter of housekeeping if show rule 13.09 passes, so the rules are consistent.

Mastin: Ed, we're going on to #7. **Raymond:** We are, and that is to *amend SR 13.07 to keep them consistent* with the show rule we just amended previously. **Mastin:** This also came from Cathy Dunham? **Raymond:** Yes, these next two did. **Mastin:** These next two, OK great. Is there any further discussion? Any objections? Seeing no objections, the motion passes unanimously.

The motion is ratified by unanimous consent.

8. *If the amendment to SR 13.09 passes, amend SR 12.13 to keep the rules consistent.*

Article XII Show Recordkeeping Amend 12.13	Central Office
Existing Wording	Proposed Wording
<p>12.13 a. The master clerk is authorized to make corrections in the official catalog to entry information that is printed in error and/or to add registration numbers where not printed in the catalog (see rule 10.23). When such a correction is made, the official entry form and the original copy of the catalog correction request form must be sent to the Central Office with the official catalog. Submitting the entry form to Central Office is not required if the catalog correction involves only the addition of a missing registration number or the transfer of a cat from open, champion, or premier to champion, premier, grand champion, or grand premier or when the entry was submitted using the official online entry form provided by CFA. In these cases only the original correction form need be submitted to Central Office.</p> <p>b. The master clerk shall print the corrections and added registration numbers legibly in red ink in the fully marked official catalog to be submitted to the Central Office and the club, and retained by the Master Clerk. When an NCR condensed catalog is used for scoring the show (see rule 2.14), the master clerk shall make all corrections and registration number additions to the NCR condensed catalog only, and shall not mark any corrections in the blank</p>	<p>12.13 a. The master clerk is authorized to make corrections in the official catalog to entry information that is printed in error and/or to add registration numbers where not printed in the catalog (see rule 10.23). When such a correction is made, the official entry form and the original copy of the catalog correction request form must be sent to the Central Office with the official catalog. Submitting the entry form to Central Office is not required if the catalog correction involves only the addition of a missing registration number or the transfer of a cat from open, champion, or premier to champion, premier, grand champion, or grand premier or when the entry was submitted using the official online entry form provided by CFA. In these cases only the original correction form need be submitted to Central Office.</p> <p>b. The master clerk shall print the corrections and added registration numbers legibly in red ink in the fully marked official catalog to be submitted to the Central Office and the club, and retained by the Master Clerk. When an NCR condensed catalog is used for scoring the show (see rule 2.14), the master clerk shall make all corrections and registration number additions to the NCR condensed catalog only, and shall not mark any</p>

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RATIONALE: This is a matter of housekeeping if show rule 13.09 passes, so the rules are consistent.

Mastin: #8. **Raymond:** #8 amends Show Rule 12.13 to keep it consistent with the amendments to Show Rule 13.09, again from Cathy Dunham. **Mastin:** Discussion? Objections? Seeing no objection, the motion passes unanimously.

The motion is ratified by unanimous consent.

9. *Amend Article XXXVI to provide that the number of rings to be scored and the minimum points required for a National Award in the Kitten, Championship, Premiership and Household Pet categories will be found in the Show Rules Addendum.*

Article XXXVI – National/Regional/ Divisional Awards program, amend Scoring and National Awards	Show Rules Committee
Existing Wording	Proposed Wording
<p>...</p> <p>SCORING</p> <p>At the completion of the show season, a cat/household pet (adult or kitten) will be credited with the points from its highest 100 individual rings. For a kitten award, the kitten will be credited with the points from its highest 40 individual rings earned as a kitten, to be credited in the show year in which its last full weekend of kitten eligibility falls, regardless of the show year in which it begins showing as a kitten. For Agility, each cat/kitten/household pet will be credited with the results from its 15 highest shows.</p> <p>If a cat/household pet is exhibited in shows totaling 100 rings or less (40 rings for kittens) total credited points will be the sum of total points earned. For Agility, if a cat/kitten/household pet is exhibited in fewer than 15 shows, total credited points will be the sum of total points earned.</p> <p>...</p> <p>National Awards</p>	<p>...</p> <p>SCORING</p> <p>At the completion of the show season, a cat/household pet (adult or kitten) will be credited with the points from its highest 100 <u>number of</u> individual <u>rings as set forth in the show rules addendum</u>. For a kitten award, the kitten will be credited with the points from its highest 40 <u>number of</u> individual <u>rings as set forth in the show rules addendum</u> earned as a kitten, to be credited in the show year in which its last full weekend of kitten eligibility falls, regardless of the show year in which it begins showing as a kitten. For Agility, each cat/kitten/household pet will be credited with the results from its 15 highest shows.</p> <p>If a cat/household pet is exhibited in shows totaling <u>100 rings the maximum number of rings set forth in the show rules addendum</u> or less (40 rings for kittens) total credited points will be the sum of total points earned. For Agility, if a cat/kitten/household pet is exhibited in fewer than 15 shows, total credited points will be the sum of total points earned.</p> <p>...</p>

<p>National Award Area Definition: for the purposes of season end awards, the National Awards are divided into three geographical areas as follows:</p> <p>Cats/Kittens/HHPs residing in Regions 1 through 9</p> <p>Cats/Kittens/HHPs residing in China (this does not include those cats residing in the Special Administrative Regions of Hong Kong and Macau).</p> <p>Cats/Kittens/HHPs residing in the International national award area (including those cats/kittens residing in the Special Administrative Regions of Hong Kong and Macau).</p> <p>To obtain any national award and its associated title (National Winner - NW or Household Pet National Winner - HNW), the cat/kitten/HHP must earn a minimum number of points over the duration of the show season in the category to which the award will be earned. Those minimums are as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - for championship cats, the cat must earn a minimum of 4,300 points; for kittens, the kitten must earn a minimum of 1,500 points; for premiership, the cat must earn a minimum of 2,200 points, for Household Pets, the cat/kitten must earn a minimum of 1,100 points. Cats failing to meet these minimums are not eligible for any national award or title. The Board will review these minimums for potential adjustment for the next show season and the results of that review will be posted on the CFA website by the first of May. <p>...</p>	<p>National Awards</p> <p>National Award Area Definition: for the purposes of season end awards, the National Awards are divided into three geographical areas as follows:</p> <p>Cats/Kittens/HHPs residing in Regions 1 through 9</p> <p>Cats/Kittens/HHPs residing in China (this does not include those cats residing in the Special Administrative Regions of Hong Kong and Macau).</p> <p>Cats/Kittens/HHPs residing in the International national award area (including those cats/kittens residing in the Special Administrative Regions of Hong Kong and Macau).</p> <p>To obtain any national award and its associated title (National Winner - NW or Household Pet National Winner - HNW), the cat/kitten/HHP must earn a minimum number of points over the duration of the show season in the category to which the award will be earned. Those minimums are as follows:<u>set forth in the Show Rules Addendum.</u></p> <p>for championship cats, the cat must earn a minimum of 4,300 points; for kittens, the kitten must earn a minimum of 1,500 points; for premiership, the cat must earn a minimum of 2,200 points, for Household Pets, the cat/kitten must earn a minimum of 1,100 points. Cats failing to meet these minimums are not eligible for any national award or title. The Board will review these minimums for potential adjustment for the next show season and the results of that review will be posted on the CFA website included in the Show Rules Addendum for the next show season by the first of May.</p> <p>...</p>
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RATIONALE: The point minimums and the maximum number of rings to be scored in the permanent show rules have not been in effect since prior to the pandemic. Having ring maximums and point minimums in both the permanent show rules and the show rules addendum causes unnecessary confusion. Directing exhibitors to the show rules addendum will clarify things since there will only be one place to look.

Mastin: #9. Raymond: Alright, #9. This amends Article XXXVI to provide that the number of rings to be scored and the minimum points required for a National Award in the Kitten, Championship, Premiership and Household Pet categories will be found in the Show Rules Addendum. As noted in the rationale, right now you've got numbers in the permanent show rules that haven't been followed for a number of years and it's confusing. People look in the wrong place all the time. This change in the show rule would direct individuals to go look at the addendum. **Mastin:** Open for discussion. Any questions? Any comments? **Krzanowski:** I like this change because it takes those points and the number of rings out of the show rules and it

would mean that we don't have to revise those particular rules every single time we make a change to the points. Having it in an addendum makes it easy for people to find in one place. **Calhoun:** I also would support this, and I wonder if we might want to take a look and consider, are there other items in the Show Rules that could be treated in a like manner that may make it more efficient. **Mastin:** Thank you, Kathy. Any further discussion on this? Any objections? Seeing no objections, the motion passes unanimously.

The motion is ratified by unanimous consent.

10. *Set the point minimums and maximum number of rings to be scored for National Awards for the 2025-2026 show season as follows.*

Addendum	Show Rules Committee					
Proposed Wording						
Point minimums and the maximum number of rings to be scored for National Awards for the 2025-2026 show season shall be as follows.						
REGIONS 1-9						
	2022-2023	2023-2024	2024-2025	2025-2026		
	Min Pts (Rings scored)	Min Pts (Rings scored)	Min Pts (Rings scored)	Min Pts (Rings scored)		
Kitten	500 (40)	500 (40)	500 (40)	1300 (40)		
Championship	1000 (100)	1000 (100)	1000 (100)	3200 (100)		
Premiership	500 (100)	500 (100)	500 (100)	<u>4800</u> <u>1500</u> (100)		
HHP	250 (75)	250 (75)	250 (75)	<u>4000</u> <u>750</u> (100)		
CHINA (excluding Hong Kong & Macau)						
	2022-2023	2023-2024	2024-2025	2025-2026		
	Min Pts (Rings scored)	Min Pts (Rings scored)	Min Pts (Rings scored)	Min Pts (Rings scored)		
Kitten	500 (40)	500 (40)	500 (40)	1300 (40)		
Championship	1000 (100)	1000 (100)	1000 (100)	3200 (100)		
Premiership	250 (100)	250 (100)	500 (100)	500 (100)		
HHP	250 (75)	250 (75)	250 (75)	250 (50)		

INTERNATIONAL (including Hong Kong & Macau)

	2022-2023 Min Pts (Rings scored)	2023-2024 Min Pts (Rings scored)	2024-2025 Min Pts (Rings scored)	2025-2026 Min Pts (Rings scored)
Kitten	500 (20)	500 (20)	500 (20)	<u>1000-500</u> <u>(40)-(20)</u>
Championship	1000 (50)	1000 (50)	1000 (50)	<u>2000-1,000</u> <u>(100)-(50)</u>
Premiership	500 (50)	500 (50)	500 (50)	<u>1000-500</u> <u>(100)-(50)</u>
HHP	250 (50)	250 (50)	250 (50)	<u>300-250</u> <u>(75)-(50)</u>

RATIONALE: Expressing point minimums and rings scored in table form will allow exhibitors to easily see changes which take place from year to year. The 2025-2026 point minimums are set at levels below the points earned by the lowest NW for the 2023-2024 season. In some instances, the maximum number of rings scored has been increased so as to keep cats on the show bench later in the season.

Mastin: OK Ed, we're going to move on to #10. **Raymond:** #10 is a proposal to *set the point minimums and maximum number of rings to be scored for National Awards for the 2025-2026 show season*. We've shown some history here, so this chart will be published. For kittens it would be a 1,300 point minimum, 40 rings; championship 3,200 – in Regions 1-9 I should say – 3,200 point minimum, 100 rings; premiership 1,800, 100 rings; Household Pet 1,000 points, 100 rings. We looked at the statistics for the last full show season. For kittens in the 2023-2024 show season, the 25th best cat had over 1,500 points. In championship, the 25th best cat had over 3,900 points. In premiership, the 25th best cat had over 2,300 points, and in Household Pet the 25th best cat had 882.85 points. I will point out that that was a 75 ring maximum and interestingly only 17 of the top 25 Household Pets were scored in 75 rings. The 25th best cat, for example, was only scored in 57 rings, so raising to 1,000 points and scoring 100 rings seems imminently doable. It was the view of the Committee that it should take some work to get a national award. It shouldn't be a gimme. **Mastin:** OK, thank you, Ed.

Newkirk: My concern is in the Household Pet division. I talked to Jenny Wickle the other day. She wanted some input on this. Before last weekend, the 25th highest scoring Household Pet – I don't know the cats' names, I called somebody just to get the point numbers, OK? So I'm not aware of who any of these cats are. I want to make that abundantly clear, but the 25th highest scoring Household Pet only has 347 points, so that's 2/3 of the season gone. If you average 150 more points on this or 160 more, you're nowhere near 1,000 points. So, to me, 1,000 points is way too high. I could go along if we had it at 800, because 882 was the 25th highest scoring cat and I think that is working hard to get a national win, in my opinion. **Mastin:** Thank you, Darrell. **DelaBar:** I was going to say, with lower counts – and we don't have big Household Pet competition in Region 9, but I would think for the Household Pets I could see 750, but 1,000 might be a bit too far. **Mastin:** Thank you, Pam. **Colilla:** I agree with Pam and Darrell. 1,000 is just too high. Like I said, we used to get 30 Household Pets in my region. We're lucky to get 18 nowadays. That's just too high. 750, maybe 800, somewhere in that neighborhood I could support, thank you. **Moyer:** I agree with John, Darrell and Pam also. My initial reaction was the

same as Darrell's initially. I had some discussions in the Household Pet group that national wins should be hard. For example, my championship national wins I had over 200 rings, but Household Pets are not the same as championship and they just don't have the counts in some of the regions. One woman did an average of all the show season, and the average ring average for Household Pets was 10, so if that was the case, if you went on averages, you would have to get best across the board to get 1,000 points in 100 rings, so I think it's too high also and I would go with what Pam said, 750. **Webster:** I agree that 1,000 is too high and 750 would be more realistic because of the count. I have had many of the Household Pet people contact me about that being too high. **Mastin:** Thank you, Howard. **Altschul:** When you compare the rings in most of the Household Pets compared to the other classes right now, they are nowhere close to attending as many shows and supporting CFA as much as we see in kittens, championship and premiership. We do not guarantee 25 wins. I think also last year with 75 rings, the bottom cat had 882 points, so this year they get to count their top 100 rings. I don't think it's that much of a stretch to get to 1,000. I hear some of the Household Pet people say, "there's just that many shows I can get to within 3 hours." There's maybe 5 shows I can get to within 3 hours, if that. The people who are campaigning on a national level are willing to travel or fly probably well over half the show season in order to get those wins. Household Pets said they were ready to compete at the national level; then, they need to show the same dedication and willingness to show as the rest of the classes. So, I don't support lowering the minimum. They need to come up to it. They said they were ready for this competition, then they need to show it. **Mastin:** Carissa, thank you. **Raymond:** I was just going to point out that with regard to the number of points this season, people tend to behave based on the rules in effect at the time. If someone knows that they only need a 250 point minimum and they are doing OK in the standings, they're not going to show, but if they are told they have to have a 1,000 point minimum, then I think we're going to see more people at more shows. **Mastin:** Thank you, Ed. **Currie:** I think 750, as Pam pointed out, is a reasonable number for Household Pets. Leave everything else the same. Do you need a motion to amend? [unidentified speaker]: Yes. **Currie:** I would like to make that motion to amend the Household Pet minimum rings scored to 750 points, beginning in the 2025-2026 season. **Mastin:** Thank you, Kenny. Rachel, are you seconding? **Anger:** I am seconding. I just have a short comment, if I may. **Mastin:** I'm going to call for discussion on that. I may have a comment, too. **Anger:** I will second, then. **Mastin:** Go ahead, Rachel. You had your hand up next. What's your comment? **Anger:** Just simply that some exhibitors in the Household Pet class compete on an elite level like our pedigreed classes, but it's acknowledged that the Household Pet class is generally entry level. This is our largest growing class and we don't want to discourage anybody, yet we want to make the National Win title reasonably attainable and I think the motion will do that. If we find that the Household Pet exhibitors approve of that, perhaps in future years we can raise it to 1,000 but I think for right now it's too great of a jump. Thank you. **Mastin:** Thank you, Rachel. **Calhoun:** I agree with Rachel and I will support 750. I think we have to be careful. While we want people to continue to show and strive for a higher number, we also don't want to discourage them with the fact that it may be simply not attainable, and we've done that all over the globe in modifying our numbers, so I would definitely support 750 for Household Pets. **Mastin:** Thank you. **Raymond:** Just a procedural point. Carol has the standing motion on this, so she would need to be willing to amend. **Mastin:** Carol, are you willing to amend? **Krzanowski:** Yes I am, thank you. **Mastin:** Thank you, Ed, for pointing that out. Rachel is the second on it. She is also a standing second on all the – Rachel, you're the standing second on all the show rules, correct? **Anger:** I am. **Mastin:** That's what I thought. OK,

thank you. Just a short comment from me. You are evaluating these every year, so you can step them up. By stepping them up, you don't necessarily have to step them up too great. This applies to all of them, not just this particular one. Anne mentioned something about premiership. If you go up 100%, these change all of them. The Household Pet went up four times, which is pretty extreme. The point is, if you don't like what you set this year or you feel it's too high, you can lower it and then re-evaluate it next year. Maybe at some point in time we won't need point minimums. Maybe not, just a thought. I don't know what our competition does, but we do not want to drive our exhibitors away. **Jensen:** My question is, I notice that everything stepped up but the Household Pet for China, and International only stepped up 50 points. Is there a reason that they didn't step up, as well? **Raymond:** Can I answer that? **Mastin:** Go ahead, Ed.

Raymond: There were no Household Pets shown in China in the 2023-2024 season, so there were no national awards at all, so we just left it where it was. With the International, there were only 21 cats in Household Pet that received national awards. The 21st cat had 155.7 points, so only the top 14 met the threshold and only 8 of the top 14 were shown in 50 rings back when the threshold for last year was 250 points and 50 rings, so we left it the way it was but we raised it slightly and raised the number of rings slightly in the hope that there would be additional rings in more shows. **Mastin:** Thanks, Ed.

Mastin: I just want to remind everybody, we are on the amended Household Pet points for Regions 1-9 from 1,000 down to 750. That's what is on the floor right now. A motion was made. Rachel who made that motion? **Anger:** Kenny. **Mastin:** Kenny made the motion and Rachel seconded it. **Anger:** Correct. **Mastin:** OK, thank you. **Raymond:** There really isn't a separate motion because Carol has agreed to amend the primary motion. The way this particular motion was written, it was to consider Regions 1-9, China and the International Division points all in the same motion. **Mastin:** OK, very good.

[From earlier in the discussion] **Mathis:** I thought the premiership number looked a little high to me. Right now, only 15 cats would qualify and 25th would be 600 points back. I don't know if it's reasonable to expect to gain 600 points in the last 1/3 of the season. **Mastin:** Thank you, Anne. Before I proceed, I want to go back to Anne. Anne, you made a comment on premiership. Are you making a motion to amend the 1,800 points? **Mathis:** Yes. I think I would be comfortable with 1,500. **Mastin:** By a show of hand, does anyone want to second the amended motion? **Newkirk:** Yes. **Mastin:** OK. Kenny, do you agree? **Newkirk:** It's Carol. **Mastin:** Who told me it was Kenny that made the motion? **Newkirk:** He made the motion on the last one. **Mastin:** You're right. **Currie:** I'm out of it. **Mastin:** Carol? **Krzanowski:** I agree. **Mastin:** Thank you. Rachel, do you agree? **Anger:** I do. **Mastin:** Darrell, thank you for setting me straight. **Raymond:** I just wanted to point out that last season, which is the last full season's data we have, the 25th best cat had over 2,300 points. **Mastin:** Thank you, Ed. **Altschul:** I want to further point out that last year the points actually increased on the bottom of premiership from the year before. The premiership points at the bottom have steadily been increasing since 2019, like significantly increasing. Big jumps. Remember, for those of you who are saying 1,800 might be too high, we're not voting on this season's points, we're voting on next season's points. I absolutely think you can get 600 points in 4 months. That's 5 good shows. This is very doable, 1,800 points. **Mastin:** Carissa, thank you. **Tartaglia:** I just wanted to point out that the rings scored, those are not minimums. That is the maximum number of rings that are included for a cat. In other words, a cat doesn't have to be shown in 100 rings to achieve the 750. All we're saying is, they don't receive credit for any more than their top 100 rings. That might be a

misunderstanding. **Mastin:** Thank you Allene for pointing that out. **Raymond:** I was just going to agree, it's your best 100 rings.

Mastin: Is there any further discussion? **Tartaglia:** I'm just asking, are we changing premiership to 1,500 or is that what you're going to call? **Mastin:** That's what I'm calling, because Carol and Rachel agreed to amend. Carissa made her point and if the board agrees with Carissa's position, they will vote this down and we'll come back at it, at a different level. **Newkirk:** I thought Ed said we didn't need a motion on these changes. **Raymond:** You don't. The mover has privilege to change their motion. **Newkirk:** The vote should be at the end, to whatever has been amended. **Raymond:** That's correct, so you will be voting on this motion, as it is amended. **Mastin:** OK. Is there any further discussion?

Newkirk: Rich? **Mastin:** I want to get it right. **Newkirk:** We need to discuss China and the International. We haven't gone to those yet. **Mastin:** OK, let's do it. **Raymond:** For China the proposal is 1,300 points for kittens. The 25th best kitten last season in China had over 1,800 points. Championship is 3,200 points. Last year, the 25th best cat in China had just over 1,700 points, but that cat was only shown in 68 rings, so with an additional 32 rings, part of our setting of these points is to keep people in the show hall and competing. Premiership, we are suggesting that it stay at 500 points. There were no national wins in premiership in China. Last season, the best cat had only 198.65 points, so it doesn't seem we should change it at all. As I mentioned earlier, there were no Household Pets shown in China in the 2023-2024 season. **Newkirk:** I'm OK with that.

Raymond: With regard to the International, we are suggesting 1,000 points for kittens and we're also suggesting top 40 rings. The 25th best kitten last season had 911 points in 20 rings, so adding another 20 rings should be pretty easy to pick up a few more points. In championship, we're suggesting 2,000 points and 100 rings. Last year it was 1,000 points and 50 rings. The 25th best cat had over 1,500 points in 50 rings last year, so again we're doubling the number of rings. Best cat actually had over 3,400 points in championship in the International Division last year. Premiership we are suggesting 1,000 points and 100 rings, doubling both the points and the rings. The 25th best cat last year had 584.5 points in 32 rings, so it didn't even get up to the 50 rings. The top cat last year in premiership had 1,380. In Household Pet, only the top 14 Household Pets met the point threshold for an HNW award and only 8 of those top 14 were scored in 50 rings, so we have increased the number from 250 up to 300 and the number of rings from 50 to 75. The 25th best cat last year had 155.7 points in 21 rings. **Mastin:** OK Ed, thank you. **Newkirk:** So, understanding that we have 4 more months to score before the end of the season, right now in the International Division there are 3 kittens that qualify for a national win with these new points, 2 in championship, 4 in premiership and zero in Household Pets. So, to me, these are a little bit steep. I understand that you have increased the number of rings. All we can do is go on current data, and I know the current data is not what the projected data is for these scores. I understand that. However, if we're basing the new point minimums on what's currently in effect, there's not many national winners in the International Division. **Mastin:** Are you making a recommendation, Darrell, to amend the point minimums? **Newkirk:** I don't think the Household Pets, I think there were 11 or 14 last show season with 250 points and 50 rings, so my suggestion would be to keep the 250 point minimum for the Household Pets. I would rather see a gradual increase in these numbers, maybe 750 for kittens, 1,500 for championship, 750 for premiership and 250 for Household Pets. That would be my recommendation. **Mastin:** Can you

give those numbers one more time, Darrell? **Newkirk:** 750 for kittens, 1,500 for championship, 750 for premiership and leave it at 250 with 75 rings for Household pets. **Mastin:** Alright, so you're making that request in the motion? **Newkirk:** Yes. **Mastin:** Kenny, are you seconding? **Currie:** I can second it with a right to vote no, but I would like to go a little further backwards. I'll wait for Darrell to finish and then I'll explain why. **Newkirk:** That would be my recommendation. **Mastin:** Carol, do you accept Darrell's amended points he listed?

Krzanowski: Yes. **Mastin:** Rachel, do you agree? **Anger:** I do. I just want to confirm, this is for the ID only. **Newkirk:** Correct, not China. ID. **Currie:** I don't disagree with Darrell that we should lower them. I think honestly we should lower them even more. This area of which it encompasses involves many countries that a lot of people don't cross-show. There's a limited number of shows. To keep their interest, I think that if we increase it even with the minimums that Darrell is suggesting it's going to kind of stymie us as far as our growth is concerned. We're having less and less shows, particularly in the Middle East. I know that a lot of these countries that are having shows, it's kind of prohibitive in order to get to the rings that are necessary to achieve these. I would like to see us leave them where they are right now, perhaps increasing the number of rings required or the same thing, just leave it the way they are so we can use this to our advantage. We're faced with going into India and I think you're going to have a lot of numbers, at which time we can make a change. I'll support what Darrell is putting out there right now, but I would ask you to consider just to leave them alone at this point. **Mastin:** Darrell, do you want to comment on Kenny's recommendation? **Newkirk:** I surely would not object to leaving them the way they are right now, but just going on the current highest scoring kitten has 1,100 points, the 25th has 386. In championship, the highest scoring cat has 2,068 and 25th has 774. In premiership, 1,346 and 25th has 201 points. Then Household Pets, 220 and 25th has 62. So, even with the old numbers it wouldn't be a lot of winners based on what the current point system is. Having said that they've got 4 more months to show and collect more points. **Mastin:** Darrell, the numbers that you just read off, is that through December or through last week?

Newkirk: It's the weekend before San Diego, so the 3rd weekend of January. Do those numbers jive with you, Ed? **Raymond:** I have not looked at this season's numbers, but I would also mention that we're doubling in most situations the number of rings that will be scored for these awards. I don't know if we looked at current kittens and we're able to look at their top 40 rings, what their numbers would actually look like this season. **Mastin:** Darrell, do you have anything further you want to comment on right now? **Newkirk:** No. **Mastin:** When everybody is done, I'm going to come back to you and just confirm the numbers you want. **Newkirk:** Allene updated them. Those are the numbers I suggested.

Altschul: I just want to remind the board, national wins are the pinnacle of achievement in CFA. They should never be easy, regardless of what category you're showing in. We have other titles that people can be excited about going to shows for – grand champion, divisional winner, breed winner – all of these are very easily achievable and something that they can work toward. You shouldn't be able to get a national win by going to one or two shows, and in some of these categories with the counts that they get overseas, that is possible to get a national win by going to one or two shows. It happened last year in these areas and it will happen again unless we raise the point minimums. It should be a challenge. It should be something they have to work for. It should not be something that they get to show up to a couple of local shows and they get a national win. They have divisional wins, they have grand champion, they have breed wins. I just want the board to remember this. National Win is not the only title that matters in CFA. We have other wins, we have other categories for people to get into as entry level. We need to make the

national wins the pinnacle of achievement that requires a tremendous amount of work. To do anything less is to disrespect the amount of work that is put in by people in other areas of CFA and the amount of money that they spend and the amount of time and the people who miss national wins who worked so hard. I just think we really need to rethink why we lower our standards. **Mastin:** OK Carissa, thank you.

Currie: Very quickly, I would ask Carol to entertain a motion to leave the International Division points and rings exactly where they are if in the event the first motion fails. **Mastin:** Darrell, do you agree with Kenny and will you second that? **Newkirk:** Well, I mean, procedurally you can't have two motions on the floor. **Mastin:** That's right. You can amend your motion, but Kenny can't make a motion on yours. **Newkirk:** If this fails, he can make that motion. Rich, can I make one comment? **Mastin:** Yes, please. **Newkirk:** In the last show season, in the International Division there were 19 kitten winners, there were 16 championship winners, 9 premiership winners and 11 Household Pet winners in the International Division, and that is including Hong Kong and Macao. So, the points were lower, so hopefully those people will pick up and we'll have equal to what we'll have with these new point minimums, but we don't give out awards to 25 on all of these areas. As Ed pointed out, there were no Household Pet winners in China because they don't show them. No national winners in premiership in China. I made a bunch of notes on here. Top 7 in championship. I think I have down top 16 in kittens in China. So, we don't give out 25 awards in every category. I think a modest jump in the points is reasonable. **Mastin:** Thank you, Darrell. Any further discussion?

Mastin: Before I call the vote, we changed the Household Pets in Regions 1-9 to 750. You changed premiership from 1,800 to 1,500. You changed for the International, kittens from 1,000 to 750, championship 2,000 to 1,500, premiership 750 from 1,000 and Household Pet to 250 from 300. I just wanted to make sure we had that correct. **Currie:** There's only one part of this that I want to change. Do we have to vote on this as a whole, or can we do it in each of three parts? **Mastin:** Ed, can you rule on that? **Raymond:** It is currently written as a single motion. **Currie:** So, if there was a particular portion of this that you're against, you would be wise to vote against it, correct? **Raymond:** Correct. **Mastin:** I'm going to call the vote. If you are in favor as the motion is written, raise your hand.

Mastin called the motion. **Motion Carried.** Anger, Currie and Altschul voting no.

Mastin: Darrell, Pam, Carol, Russell, Marilee, Anne, Pauli, Howard, Vicki, Aki, Janet, John and Kathy. Lower your hand. If you are opposed, raise your hand. Kenny, Carissa and Rachel. Lower your hand. If you are an abstention, raise your hand. No abstentions. OK Rachel, when you're ready. **Anger:** That's 14 yes, 3 no, zero abstentions. **Mastin:** Motion passes.

Newkirk: Rich, point of order. Kenny can make a motion now if he wanted to amend something we just passed. **Mastin:** Kenny, do you want to amend something? **Currie:** I would ask to agree to amend the International Division portion of this show rule to return to its original form for the next show season. **Mastin:** So, you want to keep it to this year, what it's set at for the 2024-2025 season, correct? **Currie:** Yes. In regard to the fact that we're still trying to expand in many of these areas, I just don't want to make it as difficult for them. It's already difficult enough. **Mastin:** OK, thanks Kenny. Rachel, are you seconding? **Anger:** I'm seconding, and I support what Kenny said. **Raymond:** Just a question. Is your motion to both minimum points

and maximum number of rings, or are you just sending the points back but keeping the increased rings? **Currie:** I'm setting it exactly the way it was worded for 2024-2025. **Raymond:** OK, thank you. **Mastin:** And Rachel, you agree with that, correct? **Anger:** Correct. **Mastin:** Is there further discussion? I will try this. Are there any objections? OK, lower your hands please. I will call for the vote. If you are in favor, raise your hand.

Mastin called the motion. **Motion Carried.** Altschul, Moyer, Huhtaniemi and Jensen voting no.

Mastin: Rachel, Kenny, Carol, Russell, Marilee, Kathy, Doreann, Anne, Pam, Howard, Aki, John and Darrell. Lower your hand. If you are opposed, raise your hand. Carissa, Vicki, Pauli and Janet. Lower your hand. If you are an abstention, raise your hand. No abstentions. OK Rachel, when you are ready. **Anger:** That's 13 yes, 4 no, zero abstentions. **Mastin:** Motion passes. Allene, I need you to revise the screen. Did you do it already, for the International? OK, so you're going to do that. Ed, you have what you need, correct? **Raymond:** I do. **Mastin:** Very good.

11. *Amend the Addendum providing an exception the grand point requirements for cats in the International Division, Ukraine, and Russia west of the Ural Mountains for the 2025-2026 show season to increase the number of points required for a Grand Champion title in Ukraine to 100.*

Addendum #4	Pam DelaBar		
Existing Wording		Proposed Wording	
For the 2025-2026 show season, the requirements to obtain the grand title in the International Division outside of China and in Ukraine are modified to require 75 points for the Grand Champion title and 25 points for the Grand Premier title, in Russia west of the Ural Mountains to require 100 points for the Grand Champion title and 50 points for the Grand Premier title, and in China to require 175 points for the Grand Champion title and 50 points for the Grand Premier title, as noted in the following table.		For the 2025-2026 show season, the requirements to obtain the grand title in the International Division outside of China and in Ukraine are modified to require 75 points for the Grand Champion title and 25 points for the Grand Premier title, <u>in Ukraine to require 100 points for the Grand Champion title and 25 points for the Grand Premier title</u> , in Russia west of the Ural Mountains to require 100 points for the Grand Champion title and 50 points for the Grand Premier title, and in China to require 175 points for the Grand Champion title and 50 points for the Grand Premier title, as noted in the following table.	
Country/Area	GC Pts Rqd	GP Pts Rqd	GC Pts Rqd
Regions 1-9 except as noted	200	75	200
Maritime Provinces of Canada, United Kingdom, Ireland, Malta, Hawaii, Mexico, Russia east of the Ural Mountains, Ukraine, International Division (except China)	75	25	75
Russia west of the Ural Mountains	100	50	100
China	175	50	25
		Russia west of the Ural	

	Mountains China	100 175	50 50
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RATIONALE: Amends the current exception to Show Rule 28.04.b. to require 100 points to become a Grand Champion in Ukraine since there are at least three shows conducted and/or scheduled there each season.

Mastin: Ed, can we move on to #11? **Raymond:** Sure. #11 amends *the Addendum providing an exception the grand point requirements for cats in the International Division, Ukraine, and Russia west of the Ural Mountains for the 2025-2026 show season to increase the number of points required for a Grand Champion title in Ukraine to 100*. Previously, Ukraine only required 75 points for the Grand Champion title. Per Pam it will require 100 and that's because there are at least three shows being scheduled or conducted in Ukraine with sufficient cats entered. **Mastin:** Pam, do you want to speak on this? **DelaBar:** Please. The last show that was just recently held had 90 entries. All 90 entries were in championship. The former show was also very heavy in championship. I think they possibly can handle more points, but they're still under war. There will be one more show in April in Ukraine and we're actually seeing another group coming forward with a club, so that will give us 3 clubs in Ukraine. I think 100 is a good place to start. **Mastin:** Thank you, Pam. Is there any further discussion? **Tartaglia:** You're still requiring 6 qualifying rings, is that correct? **DelaBar:** Allene, if they grand before the 6 qualifying rings, the show rule takes precedent. As long as they pay the championship claim form, they're grands. **Tartaglia:** I thought that was only one show, if they grand in one show. **DelaBar:** No. **Mastin:** Ed, you confirm what Pam just said, correct? **Raymond:** That is correct. **Mastin:** Is there any further discussion? **Newkirk:** We had that happen last weekend in San Diego. We had to call Ed for clarification. **Mastin:** I got the phone call. He told me, "I'm calling you from San Diego." He goes, "I think I have to charge more." **Mathis:** Jodell walked by at the exact right moment. **Mastin:** Good. **Newkirk:** Keep it all in the family. **DelaBar:** Can we have a point of order? **Mastin:** Yes, thank you Pam for doing that. Here we go. Any further discussion? Any objections? Seeing no objection, the motion passes unanimously.

The motion is ratified by unanimous consent.

Future Projections for Committee:

Unless an emergency arises, the Committee does not plan to bring forward any additional Show Rule changes for the 2025-2026 show season. The Committee's next report will be in October 2025 and contain proposed changes for the 2026-2027 show season

*Respectfully Submitted,
Ed Raymond, Chair*

Mastin: Ed, continue. **Raymond:** We are done. From my point of view, there were no additional changes for next year's show rules that are outstanding. We'll get these things created. **Mastin:** You may not be done yet. Darrell, do you have any questions or comments for Ed and Carol? **Newkirk:** No, but in Hawaii we had a 6 month old kitten that was entered in the championship class. So, there is a glitch in the software somewhere. I don't know if Allene needs to take that to Cathy Dunham or how this is going to get resolved. **Tartaglia:** Can you get me the

details and we'll look into that. **Newkirk:** I'll send you an email. **Tartaglia:** That would be great, thank you. **Mastin:** Thank you, Darrell. Does anybody else have any comments or questions for Ed and Carol? Carol, do you have any comments? **Krzanowski:** No, I do not. **Mastin:** OK. I want to thank Ed and Carol and the Committee for all the work they did. Nice job, thank you.

BOARD-SPONSORED AMENDMENT

[Secretary's Note: The following motion was discussed in executive session and appears here for publication.]

Proposed Amendment (deleted text struck through)

ARTICLE XII – SHOW LICENSES

“The Executive Board shall have power in its full discretion to grant or to withhold from each member of the Association a license to hold a cat show. No member club shall hold, sponsor, or manage a cat show not licensed by this Association; nor shall such a club hold, sponsor, or manage a cat show licensed by any other organization. No member club shall hold, sponsor, or manage a cat show in conjunction with one licensed by any other similar organization without the prior approval of the Executive Board, which may impose such conditions as the Board may deem appropriate. At the request of any Regional Director, a show license or licenses may be issued for a show or shows to be sponsored by his Region. ~~No club shall be denied a show license because its show does not include Household Pets as a competitive category.~~

Action Item: Approve the Board sponsored amendment to the CFA Bylaws, Article XII – Show Licenses, for presentation to the delegates at the June 2025 Annual Meeting.

The motion is ratified by unanimous consent.

4. **CENTRAL OFFICE OPERATIONS.**

Submitted by: Allene Tartaglia, Executive Director

Temporary Registration Number and Points: *There is no set policy nor show rule which specifically addresses the situation when a cat with a TRN earns points showing as a TRN, converts to a permanent registration number but does not pay for the TRN. To clarify, the entry fee is paid, but not the TRN fee.*

Show rule 6.16 states a TRN will be issued upon receipt of the TRN fee. Technically, the unpaid TRN is not eligible for entry. Current practice is to credit the cat with any points earned as a TRN (paid or unpaid) upon permanent registration. However, we believe any points earned as an unpaid TRN should not be credited and request that starting with the 2025-2026 show season that an unpaid TRN will not receive credit for the points earned as an unpaid TRN once the cat is permanently registered.

Mastin: Allene, let's do Central Office. **Tartaglia:** Alright. This is just to set a policy and perhaps if you want to make it a show rule, that would be at your discretion, of course. TRNs – not all TRNs actually go to full registration. Past practice has been, a TRN comes in, they are pretty much set aside until they decide to fully register a cat. Every once in a while, a TRN was not paid for by the exhibitor. We didn't follow up on that because it was so few and because they really just sat there and never went any further. However, we are seeing a large increase in the number of cats that are TRNs; however, they don't pay the TRN fee. So, they come to the Office expecting to be scored. They are included in the count. However, if those cats' owners ultimately register the cat permanently, it doesn't seem right that they should receive the points that they earned as an unpaid TRN. So, we are just asking that there be a policy and perhaps it actually goes into the Show Rules.

Proposed Board Motion: *Adopt the following Central Office policy: a cat/kitten entered with a TRN will only receive credit for points earned at a show if the TRN is paid prior to the close of the show. Show rule 14.01 will apply for request to reinstate points voided.*

Mastin: Pam, are you making the motion? **DelaBar:** I will, with the right to vote against it if I should not get what I think I'm going to get for an answer. **Mastin:** Darrell, are you willing to second? **Newkirk:** Yes. **Mastin:** I'm going to go back to Pam because she had her hand up first. **Comments Pam?** **DelaBar:** I just wanted to ask Allene, do we know which areas we're having the most trouble with and if you're having problems with Region 9? Because I know we do get a number of TRNs from here. Would you at least let us know so we can educate our people? **Tartaglia:** It's not Region 9. **DelaBar:** OK, but you would let me know so we can educate and emphasize that this needs to be done. **Tartaglia:** Absolutely. **DelaBar:** OK. I do make the motion. **Mastin:** Thank you, Pam. **Tartaglia:** I just wanted to mention that it is an education process that we will do, as well, with the entry clerks because it really starts with the entry clerk. If there's a TRN, they've got to collect the fee. It's just all part of the fee. The fee gets passed along to Central Office of CFA, but it is an education process, as well. However, having this policy makes it clear that there is a penalty if you don't pay that TRN fee.

Mastin: Ed, I've got to defer to you on this. Is this going to be a policy or are we going to make this a show rule? **Raymond:** I think you can go either way. It can simply be a policy, but I do have a question based on the motion; that is, if the TRN is eventually paid, even though it doesn't come in prior to the close of the show, will the points be credited? **Tartaglia:** I would be OK with that. It just depends which way you want to go with it. **Mastin:** If you're OK with that and that's what you are doing, the motion has got to be changed or something has to be added. **Tartaglia:** They really should pay for it at the time. It's part of the process with the show package. Otherwise, we sit there and now we have to backtrack because we will be asking the club – the show – to pay that fee, so it really muddies the water if the fee is not collected by the close of the show in which the show package comes in with all the appropriate fees paid, so I would stick with the motion as presented. **Calhoun:** That's what I thought we originally said; that the points would not be credited if the TRN fee has not been paid by the close of the show.

Calhoun: I just wondered, some of the newer board members – does everybody understand the TRN process. Maybe Allene, you can give like a 30 second overview so maybe everyone understands. **Tartaglia:** A TRN, somebody can enter a cat without a registration number but they have to have a TRN number that the entry clerk assigns specific to that cat for that show, but there is a \$25 fee for the TRN. If the cat wants full registration, they may have to supply a pedigree, as well, to have the cat registered by pedigree. But, there's a \$25 fee for a TRN. Ultimately, we will hold those points until and if the cat is fully registered and then we'll credit points earned as a TRN to the cat when it's fully registered. **Mastin:** And the TRN has to be submitted by a certain time. **Tartaglia:** Yes. It's changing the 30 days within – a TRN number can only be used for 30 days from the first time, with the new show season. Right now I believe it's at 60. **Mastin:** Ed, doesn't the TRN need to be turned in to the master clerk by a certain time of the day of the show? **Raymond:** I believe it's before the show starts. **Mastin:** Thank you for reviewing that, Allene.

DelaBar: The rule itself already passed that the TRN will be issued once the fee is paid, so we've got that rule already. What we're doing is just giving Allene a policy and timeframe of how this needs to come about. I stick with my original motion, which is to accept this policy. **Mastin:** Thanks Pam for pointing that out. **Newkirk:** I stand by what Pam just said, but we also can make it a policy of Central Office if they want the cat scored. After the close of the show we charge \$50 like I think we still have a policy to score kittens after a show and so it can be a little bit of extra money made. **Calhoun:** Oh, I fully support that, Darrell. I just want to make sure that we are all on the same page, that a TRN can be used for 30 days for multiple shows. **Mastin:** Ed, can you confirm? Is it 30 or 60? **Calhoun:** I think the new show rule is 30. **Raymond:** I think it went down to 30 in the new show rule. **Calhoun:** Is that a correct statement? I just want to make sure everybody is on the same page. Is that a correct statement that it can be used multiple times in the 30 day period? **Raymond:** Yes. **Mastin:** Thank you, Ed.

Huhtaniemi: I actually would like to see the motion to be before the show starts, because if TRN is not paid, it shouldn't be in the show at all. It's too late to collect money before the show is closing on Sunday. It should be collected before we start judging. That's the point when the TRN can be given. **Mastin:** Pam, do you want to amend the motion? **DelaBar:** No, because all Pauli is saying basically is that it follows the rule that we already have. I can't bring that up right now. Right now I've got the gallery of all these faces, but the rule states a TRN will be issued when the fee is paid. It doesn't say it has to be paid a week before the show or before the

show starts, but that is assumed it's before the show starts, because the TRN is printed in the catalog. I don't think we need anything else, except we're giving Central Office our direction on how to apply if the fee is not received. **Mastin:** Are we not making this a show rule? This is just a Central Office policy, Pam? **DelaBar:** That's true, because we already have a show rule, Rich. It already says, *A TRN will be issued when the fee is received.* **Mastin:** Ed, everything OK with that? **Raymond:** Yes. **Mastin:** Very good. Any further discussion? Any objections? Seeing no objection, this motion passes as a policy for Central Office.

The motion is ratified by unanimous consent.

Mastin: Allene, continue. **Tartaglia:** That's it for me. **Mastin:** We're going to go hopefully to 12 and then take our lunch break. **Calhoun:** Rich, can I ask a question? **Mastin:** Go ahead, Kathy. **Calhoun:** Darrell made a good suggestion about a fee to reinstate the fees. What would be the appropriate procedure to work on that? Can we bring that up on Sunday or would it be better if we bring it up next season? Recommendations, please. **Mastin:** My personal opinion is, we should bring it up. We can bring it up this weekend. I don't care when we do it, whether it's at the end of today during open session or we do it tomorrow during our executive session, but it should apply to the upcoming new show season. **Calhoun:** So Darrell, are you OK if you and I jump on a call this evening and put together the proposal and bring it to the board tomorrow? Through Rich to Darrell. **Mastin:** Darrell, are you OK with that? **Newkirk:** My opinion is that since we're talking about it right now, we should just make the motion to make it a Central Office policy that if they want to reinstate the points after the time is expired, that they can pay a \$50 fee and have the points restored. **Mastin:** Do you want to state the time that it expires? **Newkirk:** Before the TRN number expires, 30 days. **Mastin:** That's your motion? **Newkirk:** Yes. **Mastin:** Kenny, are you seconding? **Currle:** Yes, I second. **Mastin:** Thank you, Kenny. Darrell, did you have any other comments? **Newkirk:** No. **Mastin:** Kenny, do you have a comment? Just so everybody knows, Allene is not able to raise her hand because she is controlling everything here. **Krzanowski:** My question is this; is the \$50 fee in addition to the TRN fee? **Mastin:** Darrell is shaking his head yes. **Tartaglia:** I'm just a little bit concerned about the 30 day thing when it comes to the end of the show season, so I think there's wording in other areas that says, *within 30 days or before the end of the show season.* We certainly don't want to have to finish closing up the show season and have somebody come in and say, "hey, here's my \$50 and I want to claim those points," and it affects the year-end results. **Newkirk:** I'm willing to make that addition to the motion. **Currle:** I accept the amendment. **Calhoun:** I would support that, as well. I just wondered, do we have verbiage that we use with kittens today? **Mastin:** Is that a question for Allene or Ed or both? **Calhoun:** Anyone who has the answer. **Mastin:** While Allene and Ed are looking for that, I'll call on Rachel.

Anger: I do not have the answer to Kathy's question, but my hand is up so that we can get the motion restated to capture exactly what it is that Darrell wants to do. I can read how the motion currently stands before Darrell's amended language. **Mastin:** Allene, can you type that on the screen here so we can see it? Is that possible? **Tartaglia:** Yes. If Rachel repeats it, I can type it. **Mastin:** Go ahead, Rachel. **Anger:** Darrell moves that, *If they want to reinstate the points before the TRN expires, they can pay a \$50 fee to have the points restored.* **Mastin:** Isn't there by a deadline or before the end of the show season? **Anger:** That is what I need. **Mastin:** Rachel, do you have additional comments? **Anger:** I'm sorry, I'm on my phone and I can't see what Allene is typing there. I need the motion to be clear. **Mastin:** I can read it for you as soon

as she is done typing. **Anger:** I don't receive this amended document here, so whatever changes are made on the screen are only for our viewing right now. It's not official. **Mastin:** Are you done, Allene? **Tartaglia:** I was trying to make it sound better. **Mastin:** Alright, then you read it. **Tartaglia:** I wasn't really done. It should be phrased in such a way, like *A request to reinstate points before a TRN expires requires a \$50 fee. Points will be restored within 30 days or prior to the end of the show season, whichever occurs first.* It needs to be polished a bit. **Mastin:** Ed, do you have wording? I saw you working on something. **Raymond:** Actually, I was looking at existing language in the Show Rules. 14.01 deals with restoring wins. There is mention in there of TRNs so we may already have this covered. A \$50 fee is already in the fees related to show licensing and show rules. **Mastin:** Do you want to read what you found? **Raymond:** 14.01 says,

requests to restore wins voided by the Central Office or to receive credit for awards/points earned at a show but not posted to the kitten or cat's record, due to the presence of an incorrect registration number or the lack of a CFA registration number in the catalog, can be considered only if a correctly completed registration application for the kitten or cat in question was received in the Central Office no later than 21 days prior to the opening day of the show in question or an application for a Temporary Registration Number or Companion Cat Registration number is included in the show package. A correctly completed registration number application is one which contains all the information necessary to register the cat, is accompanied by the proper fee, AND for which no registration impediment exists (i.e., genetic improbability, all kittens in litter already registered, etc.). Such requests for registered cats must be made to Central Office within 30 days after completion of the show or the Monday following the end of the show season, whichever comes first, and must include the correct registration number of the cat, the name and date of the show involved, and be accompanied by a fee as specified in the CFA's current price list for point reinstatement.

Raymond: Then there's additional language for Household Pets. **Mastin:** Darrell, does that meet what you were trying to do here? **Newkirk:** I'm not sure. I'm sort of confused.

Mastin: I'm a little bit confused, as well. So Ed, do you have further comments? **Raymond:** I think it meets it, because the language says that, *A correctly completed registration number application is one which contains all the information necessary to register the cat, is accompanied by the proper fee.* So, since the TRN request was not accompanied by the proper fee, I think it falls into this category. **Mastin:** I'm going to call on Pauli then Kenny, and if Darrell's not comfortable, my recommendation is we're going to table this until later in the day and cover under Unfinished Business. I would like to get it done in open session and not do it tomorrow, if possible, so we may have to do some homework during our break. **Huhtaniemi:** I think what Ed just read covers everything. I just want to remind that we're not talking about – what's the word – getting the points. TRN cats need to be registered within the 30 days, so that's the point. The cat needs to be registered. What Central Office originally proposed was only for the cats which a TRN is not made, so there is a big difference what we're trying to apply right now. So, I don't support the extra thing there. I think the rule is here. **Currie:** Quickly, I agree with Pauli. I'm not aware of the point of this ruling. It covers everything. The only thing that needs to be changed is a specific, as far as the restoration fee for points. That can be added without a show rule change. **Tartaglia:** I was just going to mention that since this is not a show rule that's going in, it's a policy, it's a direction to the Central Office, would a statement as simple as what I have highlighted here, Show Rule 14.01 will apply for requests to reinstate points voided. It's not a show rule. This is a policy that we follow. **Newkirk:** I'm good with that. **Mastin:** Pam, you were the original maker. No wait, that was Darrell and Kenny, you seconded.

Currlle: I agree with Darrell. **Mastin:** OK, good. Ed, you're good with it, too? **Raymond:** I'm fine. **Mastin:** Great. Any further discussion? Any objection? Seeing no objection, the motion passes unanimously.

The motion is ratified by unanimous consent.

Mastin: Very good. **Tartaglia:** Thank you. **Anger:** I just want to capture that information, exactly what we have on the screen here. If I can be sent that, I would appreciate that very much. Thank you. **Mastin:** OK Allene, you're going to send that to Rachel, correct? **Tartaglia:** Yes, right now.

Mastin: Does anybody have anything else while we're still in Central Office?

*Respectfully submitted,
s/Allene Tartaglia, Executive Director*

Mastin: Let's do our lunch break. It's 12:03. We skipped the first break. James, I don't know if we're going to go long on yours. **Jensen:** I did have something. I just wanted to tell the people at Central Office I have heard all kinds of very wonderful compliments about the work that you're doing and thank you. **Tartaglia:** Thank you, Vicki. That's nice to hear, thank you. **Mastin:** Thank you, Vicki. Let's take our lunch break and come back at 12:35 Eastern Standard Time. Thank you.

BREAK.

5. IT REPORT.

*Committee Chair: Tim Schreck
Liaison to Board: James Simbro*

Current Happenings of Committee:

eCat v2.0

eCat Online Show Entry: This has been working very well. One issue we can't 100% control is when users allow their browser to auto-fill information on the form. Using autofill, while convenient in many cases, can inadvertently overwrite other information, such as the Sire and Dam names for the cat. We have placed warning messages on the page to not use autofill and that has made a difference.

We will be reviewing the year-end awards process on the system. Our goal is to simplify the overall process and identify issues ahead of time. We will be reviewing the possibility of being able to run results by region independently of each other. No additional programming costs will be incurred, as this was included in the revamp budget. We will still provide the regions with their preliminary preview files around the last week of March.

Microchip recording: I plan on reporting an estimated cost to implement this. There are still many unanswered questions about exactly what we will record and how we will enter the data, so the estimate will likely be given as a range.

Simbro: My only other comment, if there has been ever any doubt about the money we spent for the revamp on eCat, one of the things that I had touted was that we were going to save in what I call break/fix or maintenance cost. Anytime that we had to have our current developers go in and modify or fix anything in the old system, they spent a lot of time just learning the system before they actually fixed the problem. When Allene and I were looking at budget numbers for next year and looked at what we spent this year for those types of items, it's on a magnitude of half of what we budgeted for, so we're already seeing quite a significant savings in those type of costs regarding the system and IT. **Calhoun:** A couple questions. With eCat 2.0, back in the October board meeting there was mention about the use in China. Is that working out? **Simbro:** As far as online entries? **Calhoun:** Yes. **Simbro:** I believe it is. I have not heard any issues. **Mastin:** Darrell, do you know anything on that? **Newkirk:** I don't. Cathy Dunham did that test thing that we reported a couple meetings ago and it all worked well. We had about 6 or 7 people who Cathy set up a dummy show and they entered cats in there and it all worked well, so my expectation was in the new show season it would be mandatory that China enter through the online process.

Griswold: James, I was hoping with this microchip recording that when we put it into eCats, then with the entry it should just be able to populate into a section of the entry form for our friends in Europe who require the microchip. Is that something you're thinking is going to be able to happen? **Simbro:** Oh yeah. That would be extremely simple. **Griswold:** That will make it easier for them. They don't have to type in their microchip number every time, just associate it with their registered cat in eCats. **Simbro:** It's just another data point on the cat's record itself.

Just like when we punch in a cat's registration number where you put the owner, the breed, that stuff, you would just retrieve the microchip number, too. **Griswold:** OK, great.

Entry Clerk Program: *We are looking at the ability to create an entry import option, which will allow the clerks to pull their online entries into the entry clerk software automatically, saving them time keying in the entry. This would require additional programming on both the eCat and Entry Clerk program sides. I plan on having cost numbers to share at the February meeting.*

Electronic Show Scoring: *I have been working with Cathy Dunham on ideas for moving the show data entry process to some type of electronic file generated by the Master Clerk. This would not automate scoring, but the idea is that a standardized file would reduce staff data entry time but still require some minimal review for accuracy. The difficulty lies in how best to generate this file. We must consider things like the availability of internet connections at the show, or the risk of the file becoming corrupted by unintentional errors. I may have a cost estimate to report at the February meeting.*

Mastin: James, you have the IT Report. **Simbro:** Thanks, Rich. A couple of things I want to comment on before I entertain any questions about the report. I do have a lot of the costs that I mention in the report here. I've got estimates. After talking with Allene, we felt it was probably best to maybe talk about those tomorrow if there's any questions on those. **Calhoun:** The budgets are due now, so are you going to be prepared tomorrow to talk about – you mentioned in *Microchip recording: I plan on reporting an estimated cost to implement this.* Will we have that tomorrow? **Simbro:** Yes. That's one thing that could be talked about right now if you want. **Calhoun:** I want the numbers, so yeah. We've got to start working on the budget for next fiscal year this week coming up. **Simbro:** I will say, microchip is one of the cheapest things. I believe I said at the last meeting I didn't anticipate that to be anything significant as to what that was. I got some numbers on that. We're looking at just over \$1,000. **Calhoun:** Put that in your budget number assigned to that project. **Simbro:** There may be other things, though, depending on what we talk about tomorrow, what goes into the budget. **Calhoun:** OK, you mentioned you would have costs on electronic show scoring. Tomorrow? **Simbro:** That's going to be a range, because we've not hammered out the details on what that all would be. Our developer has some ideas on what we could make work, but yeah, I've got low ends and high ends on this. **Calhoun:** When will you have a number to support for a budget? We can't put a range. **Simbro:** I think what Allene and I were thinking is, we're going to present these numbers. If they want to be moved forward with, they will be put in the budget. **Calhoun:** It would be put into the budget discussion. **Simbro:** Into the budget discussion.

Genetics: *We have re-started the review of this program. This first step involves reviewing and correcting the genetic data for a single pair of parents and their offspring. This is needed to review the system's accuracy in calculating potential color outcomes based on the parent's colors. This is a tedious process involving hundreds of data points that need to be keyed in. The plan is to have this data entered by mid-February and run our test case as that time. Depending on how that goes will determine a timeline for integrating this into the online cat registration process. There may be additional costs with this project, but we won't know until we run a successful test case.*

Genetics plan:

Key in data and test (Mid-February)

Assess results (March)

Estimate additional costs if needed (April)

Make programming changes if needed (May)

Integrate into the cat registration process on eCat (June)

Simbro: The only other thing, we are moving forward with genetics. I've already started keying in data, which is going to take a while, but there is a plan outlined there in the report for the Genetics project. **Calhoun:** Then Genetics, also. This says you won't have numbers until you have a successful test case. **Simbro:** Right. That's to implement it, so we're not spending any more money on genetics until we determine that it's going to work for our intended purpose. When we determine that it's going to work for what we want to use it for, there's going to be some costs associated with implementing it into the eCat system. **Calhoun:** Will that be for 2025-2026? **Simbro:** That will be for 2025-2026. **Calhoun:** I'm pushing on this because we have to have this information, James. Budgets are going to be tight and we have to have good data, OK? **Mastin:** James, just so I'm clear, are you going to provide the board with budget numbers on all these items tomorrow, or are you going to provide it at a later date? **Simbro:** I'm going to provide you budget numbers on several items. Some of the items, the ideas have not been fully fleshed out because some of them are related to programs that were proposed by I think strategic planning, so we don't know exactly what those are going to look like. I've got a low end and a high end for that, so go from that. **Mastin:** Kathy, do you have anything else for James? **Calhoun:** No.

Griswold: We've been talking about this genetics program for a long time and we had some people who were working on it, were not working on it, and I just wanted to mention to you that we do have a Genetics Committee now. You don't have to pay someone. You can involve the Genetics Committee if you would like. **Simbro:** OK, certainly. **Mastin:** Thank you, Marilee.

Calhoun: On the Project List, Genetics was listed as the top priority in the October board meeting report. Is that still the case? **Simbro:** Yes. That's the only major project we've got on the books right now. **Mastin:** Sticking with that for a second, James, on page 2 there, the Genetics Plan, you have dates for each of the steps. How confident are you with the timing of that? **Simbro:** I think we've built enough of a little buffer in there. They keying in the data, that's the real tough part. Like I say, just for one parent pair and the resulting colors is hundreds and hundreds of data points that have to be typed in. Once we get that in, the actual testing will go pretty quickly.

Calhoun: It says in the Genetics plan, *Estimate additional costs if needed (April)*.

Simbro: Yes. We may need to allocate some monies. We're going to try to put some in the budget for that. **Calhoun:** You need to do that. **Simbro:** It's going to be an educated guess, I will tell you that. **Calhoun:** It has been a long time coming, so OK. **Mastin:** Anything else?

Calhoun: No. **Mastin:** Thanks, Kathy.

What Will be Presented at the Next Meeting: Projects progress.

*Respectfully Submitted,
James Simbro, Co-Chair*

Simbro: With that, if anyone has any questions about the items on the report. **DelaBar:** It's not a question on any of the items, James. I wanted to thank you, Allene and Cathy Dunham for coming through very quickly on a situation that we have to face in Region 9; that is, in some of our countries it is mandatory – it is national law – for show catalogs, for entries, we must have the microchip number printed in the catalog. A lot of these countries are also still having vet check-in's and reading of the microchips. You guys solved it quickly. I know the entry clerk is really, really happy, so I just personally wanted to thank you in front of everybody else to say, this was just wonderful how quickly you were able to resolve this. **Simbro:** Thank you. It was a good learning experience for us, too. Apparently, Tim Schreck and the team that was involved with the entry clerk program must have had the forethought of thinking of the microchip or at least something, because that dedicated field was in there. Cathy, she had never used it and we did a quick test to see if it behaved like we thought it would and sure enough we put a number in there and it generated a show catalog real quick on one of her shows and it mocked up. It was good for us to know, too.

Mastin: Does anybody else have any further questions or comments for James? Do you have anything else you want to report on? **Simbro:** I don't think so. **Mastin:** OK, very good. Thank you to you and the entire team.

6. A. **TREASURER'S SUMMARY/BUDGET COMMITTEE.**

Treasurer Kathy Calhoun gave the following report:

May 1, 2024 through December 31, 2024

Registration:

Total registration contributed \$457,600 to the bottom line. This represents 87.00 % of the budget.

Mastin: Kathy, Treasurer's Report. **Calhoun:** I provided a Treasurer's Summary Report. I won't drain this, but total registration has considered almost \$458,000 to the bottom line. It's 87% of budget. That's total registration.

Ordinary Income

Ordinary income, which comprises various income categories, excluding publications, marketing, and events, contributed \$1,046,701. This figure represents 84.82% of the budget.

Calhoun: Ordinary Income, which is a number of line items associated to our core business contributed almost \$1,047,000. That's 84.82% of budget.

CFA International Show and Expo

	<i>Actual</i>	<i>Budget</i>	<i>over Budget</i>	<i>% of Budget</i>
<i>CFACS-Income</i>	\$447,254	\$384,225	\$63,029	116%
<i>CFACS - Expense</i>	\$447,729	\$345,675	\$102,054	130%
<i>Net Income</i>	(\$475)	\$38,550	(\$39,025)	-1.00%

The CFA International Show and Expo at the end of December 2024 reflected a \$475.00 loss. A detailed report has been prepared and posted in File Vista.

Calhoun: There is a collapsed version of the CFA International Show and Expo, which lost \$475. There will be more discussion.

Bottom Line

As of December 31, 2024, CFA has a net operating loss of \$174,406.

Calhoun: The net operating dollar amount, net operating loss, which is simply income less expense. Right now, we are at a loss of \$174,406 through December, 2024.

Regards,
Kathy Calhoun, CFA Treasurer

Mastin: Does anyone have questions for Kathy? Thank you for that.

B. BUDGET COMMITTEE.

Committee Chair: *Kathy Calhoun*
List of Committee Members: *Rich Mastin, Matthew Wong, and Allene Tartaglia*

Input Due Dates for the 2025/2026 Budget:

*01/02/2025 - All Committee Budget Requests from Board Liaisons unless otherwise listed.
01/02/2025 - Orlando Annual Meeting 2025 Budget
01/24/2025 - International Show 2025 Budget
01/24/2025 - Capital Requests
01/24/2025 - Asset depreciation schedule
01/24/2025 - Corporate Sponsorship estimates
01/24/2025 - Depreciation and Amortization schedules*

Development all meetings @ 7:00 am – 10:00 am central time

*02/05/2025 Budget Committee ZOOM
02/12/2025 Budget Committee ZOOM*

Approval Schedule:

*03/04/2025 Preliminary Budget due to Board
03/11/2025 Preliminary Budget Review – ZOOM Conference with the CFA Board
7:00 pm – 8:00 pm eastern time
03/20/2025 Budget Report to CFA Secretary
04/01/2025 April Telephonic Board Meeting - Budget Approval
04/15/2025 7:00 pm Eastern Time CFA Emergency Only Board Meeting to Finalize Budget if needed*

*Respectfully Submitted,
CFA Budget Committee*

Mastin: On 6.b., Budget. **Calhoun:** It's the schedule and the dates of when budgets should have been submitted, and the schedule for the Budget Committee's meeting to put together a budget for 2025-2026, and the timing for delivery to the board. **Mastin:** Allene, are you able to pull that report up? **Tartaglia:** No quickly, no I can't. **Mastin:** Not quickly? **Tartaglia:** No, because I don't know where it is. **Calhoun:** Quite frankly, Rich, it is the same dates and delivery times that have been reported since August. **Mastin:** I did have one question, Kathy. It was on the emergency date. I don't have the report in front of me because it's buried in my tomorrow's pile. I've got it. It's the 4/15/2025 CFA Emergency Only Board Meeting to Finalize Budget if needed. Is it safe to say that that would be at 7 p.m. in case we need it?

Calhoun: Yes. **Mastin:** OK. I just wanted to put that in our notes. Last year I think we had to do an emergency meeting. **Calhoun:** Yes. **Mastin:** OK, that's the only question I had, Kathy. **Calhoun:** I've got it on my calendar already, so I'm not sure where that came from. Yes, 7 Eastern Time. **Mastin:** OK, thank you.

Webster: I just had a question for Kathy. How long can we keep losing this kind of money and stay afloat? **Calhoun:** Let's talk tomorrow. **Mastin:** Anything further? Kathy, thank you.

7. INTERNATIONAL DIVISION.

*Committee Chair: Darrell Newkirk
Committee Vice-Chair: Matthew Wong*

List of Committee Members:

*Subcommittee Co-Chairs China: Russell Webb/Ellyn Honey
Subcommittee Chair Asia East: Robert Zenda/Dr. Marilee Griswold
Subcommittee Chair Africa, W Asia, Middle East: Jan Rogers
Subcommittee Chair Central & South America: Miguel Mariano Pina Rodrigues/Anne Mathis*

Mastin: Darrell, International Division. **Newkirk:** We have no action items in our report.

Brief Summation of Immediate Past Committee Activities:

Communications via IO groups.

Current Happenings of the Committee:

Report from China Subcommittee co-chairs:

*China Committee Report
Russell Webb and Ellyn Honey Co-Chairs*

China has been busy in 2024, with a total of 29 shows scheduled and produced.

West China produced 2 shows; North China Produced 7 shows and the balance of 20 shows were produced in East China, mostly in Shanghai.

In 2025 the current show schedule shows that in West China we have 2 shows scheduled; North China has 2 shows scheduled, and in East China 12 shows are scheduled. I am sure we will see more shows scheduled as the year progresses.

The activity in China is slowly beginning to improve. Our representatives in East, West and North China are actively working to increase their shows and particularly in areas that do not have many CFA shows now. As always, with so many local associations putting on shows, it is sometimes difficult to get new people to try our CFA shows, but we are slowly making progress. We are thankful that we have loyal people who have stayed with our organization through all the trials and tribulations of Covid to bring CFA back to China.

To enhance this effort are our Associate Judges, some of whom have applied to the regular CFA Judging program, make it more economical to put on multiple shows. Although registrations are down at this point, our people in China are young, and enthusiastic, bringing in more new people every show.

Growth is also shown by the addition of a new entry clerk to handle the increasing shows.

We are optimistic that we will begin to see a turn around in registrations and shows in 2025.

No Action Items currently.

*Respectfully submitted,
Russell Webb and Ellyn Honey
Co-Chairs ID China*

Newkirk: Ellyn and Russell did a nice job explaining what's going on in China. Also, this morning I got an email and I think it was sent to Rich and Ed. We have a new NGO in China that has got the agreement done and has sent it in for review, so we should have an additional NGO application soon. **Mastin:** Darrell, thanks for bringing that up. Ed and I have started our review early this morning, once I forwarded it on to him. There's a few things we need to correct in there from the English side of things. I have notified the sending party that there's some work involved. I may not get to it until Monday, but if I have time between the two meetings, I'll work on it. **Newkirk:** I don't think it's a huge rush. **Mastin:** OK, great.

Report from CFA ID committee Co-Chairs for ID East Asia (outside of China):

ID Asia (except China) Input for ID report for the February 2025 CFA Board meeting

Show activity in Asia (except China) through January 15, 2025 is down 14 % from the previous year with a total of 32 shows (vs 37), as shown below.

COUNTRY	2024-25	2023-24
<i>Hong Kong</i>	<i>13</i>	<i>6</i>
<i>Indonesia</i>	<i>6</i>	<i>15</i>
<i>Korea</i>	<i>1</i>	<i>2</i>
<i>Malaysia</i>	<i>2</i>	<i>4</i>
<i>Singapore</i>	<i>2</i>	<i>0</i>
<i>Taiwan</i>	<i>1</i>	<i>0</i>
<i>Thailand</i>	<i>5</i>	<i>10</i>
<i>Vietnam</i>	<i>2</i>	<i>0</i>
<i>May24 – Jan 15-2025</i>	<i>32</i>	<i>37</i>

Looking at the future, there are 34 more dates currently reserved for the rest of the 2024-25 show season and 13 of those are already licensed. Clubs have also reserved 17 dates for the 2025-26 show season.

Registrations in Asia East through November 2024 were Malaysia and Taiwan leading with 97 registrations each, followed by Indonesia with 96, Thailand with 91, Hong Kong with 50, Singapore with 58 and South Korea with 27.

CFA Club renewals in Asia Other were at 66% as of January 15th, with 17 of the 50 clubs in Asia Other still not in good standing. Allan Raymond contacted all the clubs as soon as the

information was made available by Central Office, and Marilee & I are enlisting assistance of the Country Coordinators to get all clubs in compliance.

*Bob Zenda, Co-Chair
CFA International Division, Asia OTHER*

Newkirk: Bob gave you a good listing of the shows that are happening in Asia East.

Report from CFA ID Committee SubChair AWA – Jan Rogers

I am pleased to announce that Sandra AlSumait (from Kuwait) has agreed to be the country liaison for India. She has vast knowledge of the area and the customs and has no agenda with either club thus insuring fair and equitable treatment across the country. I look forward to her valuable insights as we move forward in this country.

A symposium was held in Combiatore, India by our CFA club last fall. I was honored to attend and provide information for the attendees about CFA and the importance of registering with CFA. With the help of our host, Bobby Wankhede and Adilah Roose we had an in-depth 3 day event that included a mock judging/show set up with actual cats, along with featured breeds, animal care and grooming. It was an interactive program and the participants were encouraged to participate.

We are looking forward to enhancing the program to include CFA shows. We appreciated Darrell Newkirk opening the program via zoom even though late at night at home.

Pakistan is finally on board. We have a club application and fees ready to go and expect the Club to be accepted at June board meeting.

Severe lack of funds to help put on shows in the region is the biggest roadblock to growth at this time. Working with Egypt to find sponsors and at least get us started again.

Looking forward to the stellar Kuwait 10 ring show in February that will bring even more cats to the show because of the board's action last fall to reduce the kitten and premiership point requirements for DW. A full report of success will be submitted after the show.

See attached photos of the India seminar.

*Submitted by
Jan Rogers, AW subchair*



Newkirk: Jan gave a good report on the seminar that happened in India. We had a little bit of wait and see for who was going to be the country rep for India, and Jan has appointed Sandra AlSumait from Kuwait. She is very familiar with the country, so she will be the country rep for India.

Future Projections for the Committee:

Continue to monitor shows and registration stats.

What will be Presented at the Next Meeting

Updates on the combined CFA International Division awards banquet and show.

*Respectfully Submitted
Darrell Newkirk Chair*

Mastin: Do you have anything further? **Newkirk:** That's all I have to report this meeting. **Mastin:** Does anybody have any questions for Darrell? Darrell, thank you to everyone on your team. **Newkirk:** We have a good team that works together. **Mastin:** Great.

8. MARKETING COMMITTEE.

Committee Chair: *Mark Hannon and Melanie Morgan*
Liaison to Board: *Rich Mastin*
List of Committee Members: *Desiree Bobby, Allene Tartaglia*

Mastin: Is Mark Hannon joining us? **Hannon:** I'm here. **Mastin:** Hi Mark. **Hannon:** Hi there. I have submitted a written report which I assume everybody has read.

CAT TALK

The reimagined Cat Talk rolled out on schedule January 6, 2025. There were 19 articles when it made its debut. The following week seven more articles were added. The plan is to add several articles every week in order to maintain interest. We initially marketed it within the cat fancy and we soon expect to market it to the wider audience of general cat lovers. As you can imagine, going from a magazine which was produced six times a year to an online presence that put out new articles several times a week is a major change. Kudos to our editor, Teresa Keiger, who has met the challenge with her talented staff. We have also added more writers to keep up with our new needs. The magazine had around 250 subscribers and our first week with our new iteration brought in 3,400+ views and another 2,000 the following week. We anticipate adding many more readers in the weeks to come.

The most popular article has been the multi-breed article explaining the differences between the Maine Coon Cat, Norwegian Forest Cat, and Siberians. The second most popular article is the analysis Dick Kallmeyer provided of the largest shows in calendar year 2024. We already have more multi-breed articles being written and more tables/graphs with statistical analysis since they proved popular. Teresa has a calendar planning future articles on a variety of interesting topics many of which she already has received from the authors.

The automated bi-weekly email which lists all new articles has launched. It lets readers know of any new articles published since the last notice. Cat Talk includes CFA News items and we will be publishing information from the board meetings. Cat Talk has been added to the CFA App. We have received numerous compliments from happy readers.

Hannon: We rolled out Cat Talk on the 6th of January, as scheduled. We took the magazine and transitioned it to meet the changing concerns of our consumers. People just aren't reading magazines anymore, so we provided something online which seems to be very popular.

Mastin: Mark, just real quick. Reading in your first paragraph, the first week with the new Cat Talk, the reimagined Cat Talk, you had 3,400 and the following week 2,000. So, we went from 250 subscribers to 5,400 in less than two weeks? **Hannon:** Yes. I think that's showing how popular this new concept of presenting our articles is. The plan is to add articles every week. This past week we added two more articles. We have articles lined up to go in this coming week. We think by keeping new, fresh articles coming on a weekly basis, we can maintain interest in Cat Talk. We're also sending out every two weeks a notice of what's been added in the last two weeks so that we don't rely solely on people coming on their own to check out on the website what's new. People just forget to do it, so we send out a CFA News notice every two

weeks which tells people what's been added, so they can go and take a look. I'm trying to hit some things on the Official CFA Discussion Facebook group and I know that the main CFA Facebook group has started, as well. We plan to roll out marketing to the general public soon, because a number of our articles were aimed at them. **Mastin:** That's great, thank you.

Jensen: I had a question about the newsletter. I thought that the last time we talked about it we were going to table it, but then I went to send in a submission and was basically told it's done. So, what happened with that? **Hannon:** I'll ask Allene to address that. **Tartaglia:** There was a newsletter that was put out. It came out I think the beginning of January. Essentially, it's the same information that's included in Cat Talk on the CFA News tab, but it is in somewhat the fashion of the newsletter. The one thing that was decided is, there is no general interest of seeing pictures of regional shows. It's more of a national type thing. It's really just of interest to the regions, so we will be having pictures of shows, but they will be more of the larger shows.

Hannon: I can address that. We felt that pictures of somebody standing with a rosette smiling with the judge, which was part of the regional input in the newsletter, was not of general interest beyond some people locally. What we're doing is focusing on some of the larger shows that do some things over and above, in hopes that it will give other clubs ideas. We already have an article on the San Diego show which Ellyn Honey wrote. We're going to hit just a handful of shows during the course of the year. The purpose of the articles is to share information, not to necessarily give the particular show some attention, but just some of those extra things they did. The one thing that everyone seems to comment about San Diego is the gate and the phenomenal number of people they bring in. How do they do that? Other clubs would like to know. As far as I know, they had local people handle it. I didn't see what Vicki submitted. What did you submit? **Jensen:** I just sent in what I normally sent in about Lewis & Clark, which was a traditional show that we had and was basically told, "we're not doing that anymore." **Hannon:** And I just said the same thing, we're not doing that anymore. **Jensen:** But I thought that as a board that we tabled it. We didn't decide to axe it. **Hannon:** What I got out of the board's discussion was, you wanted to continue a monthly newsletter. While the Committee wanted to do away with it because the information is going to be on Cat Talk, we tried to meet your requirements to continue putting out the newsletter and, at the same time, show you that we've already got all this information of general interest in Cat Talk. Showing the individual shows that took place within your region within the past month is of very limited interest. I know because I submit those things myself for shows in my own region. I sent one in too, Vicki, and it was rejected. **Jensen:** I'll just submit it on my website. **Tartaglia:** I just wanted to point out that Teresa Keiger, who used to prepare the newsletter and what you were used to, spent a bit of time on the newsletter. She is now spending more time having Cat Talk, our online version, be of interest to the general public, reaching so many more people than the newsletter. Because Teresa is spending more time on Cat Talk, for now Shelly Borawski is preparing the newsletter. It takes her approximately 6-7 hours to prepare the newsletter. I know that doesn't seem like a lot, but it is, so we're trying to meet the board's request to provide a newsletter. I just want to make you aware, there is a cost to that in staff time to do that. Essentially, it's the same information that's on Cat Talk under CFA News.

Anger: I think there's a lot of confusion around what's going on with the newsletter. I even had a question, are we still doing the newsletter, so that has been answered. The transition, to me, was very awkward. I think it came on too fast. We weren't prepared, the explanation wasn't satisfactory. The board did mandate that we continue with the newsletter, and I think it's because of that. I voted to continue because I wasn't sure exactly what was happening where, but

now that all the chips have fallen, I think the newsletter has become redundant. The long, scrolling type of newsletter is a little bit clunky and doesn't work well. It's difficult to read. Overall, the Cat Talk format is so much better suited. Because I'm now hearing that Shelly is spending time on it, I think we should do away with the newsletter and I would like to make that motion. **Mastin:** Doreann, you have your hand up next. Are you seconding Rachel's motion? **Nasin:** I'm not really making a motion. I was just asking a question. **Mastin:** OK, I'm going to go to the next person. Kathy, are you seconding Rachel's motion? **Calhoun:** No. My hand was up before the motion was made, so no, I'm not seconding it. **Mastin:** Darrell, will you second Rachel's motion? **Newkirk:** Yes, I will second the motion. It's time to get rid of it. **Mastin:** Thank you. I want to go back to the motion. Any further discussion? Are there objections to Rachel's motion? OK, lower your hand. I will call for the vote. To remind folks, the motion is to do away with the newsletter, and that was seconded by Darrell. Raise your hand.

Mastin called the motion. **Motion Carried.** Jensen and Nasin voting no.

Mastin: Darrell, Rachel, Kathy, Russell, Carol, Pauli, Pam, Howard, John, Marilee, Aki, Kenny, Anne and Carissa. Lower your hand. If you are opposed, raise your hand. Vicki and Doreann. Lower your hand. If you're an abstention, raise your hand. Janet, were you in favor? **Moyer:** Yes. **Mastin:** OK. I think somebody lowered their hand when I was calling out the names and the screen jumped on me. My apologies for missing you. Rachel? **Anger:** That's 15 yes, 2 no, zero abstentions. **Mastin:** OK, motion passes to discontinue doing the newsletter.

Mastin: OK, I'll go back to Doreann specific to this discussion. What was your comment, Doreann? **Nasin:** I just was curious. Has there ever been consideration of creating an app for this? I know that's a pipe dream in a lot of ways, but that would definitely bring in more subscribers. It would definitely attract the younger generation. I'm literally living off my phone on an app, so it's a thought of curiosity of how that works and if anybody has any answers to that. That's all. **Hannon:** We do have a CFA app. Right at the top, one of the choices is Cat Talk. We don't have an app, *per se*, for Cat Talk but we have one for CFA and Cat Talk is very visible on that. **Mastin:** Thank you, Mark, for addressing the question. **Calhoun:** The only comment that I had, Mark you mentioned kudos to Teresa and her talented staff. At some point in time – I'm assuming you're talking about the contributors, because it would just maybe be really nice. It's a lot of work to do this sort of thing and come up with ideas and put them into text. That's a lot of work, so it would be nice. If you're just talking about the talented staff, it would be kind of nice to have a list and at some point in time a little thank you. **Hannon:** One of the things we are going to do is at the bottom of the individual articles, have a sentence or two about the author of that article so that they get some positive feedback on that. We can certainly discuss highlighting the many people that are not even authors that are working on this to review the content, make grammatical changes and the layout, etc.

FIND A BREEDER

We plan to market Find A Breeder to attract more participants. We have plans to roll out a Find A Breed tool but that will lead people to look for breeders once they ascertain the breed(s) that meet their needs. We need a robust list of breeders. This is one of our priorities.

A survey was conducted regarding the website. 30% of the responses dealt with eCats which was outside the scope of this survey. Attached are the survey results with the eCats comments removed.

Hannon: With the website, we conducted a survey and you have the survey results. The most concerning issue that we have not been able to address yet is the ability to easily find things on the website. The search function is not particularly good, and we're really working hard to try and get that fixed. A number of the other issues that were brought up on the survey we have already addressed and made appropriate changes. Overall, people are continuing to be happy with the website. We have the ability now to do some analytics on the website and we did a review of the last 90 days. Interestingly, 45% of the visits to the website were to the show schedule. The second most popular were the breeds. The breeds are where the Marketing Committee spent an awful lot of time, because we knew this was going to be popular with the public and wanted to be able to provide them with the best information possible about our many breeds. We're soon going to be rolling out information on the most popular breeds based on registrations in 2024. For the first time, the Maine Coon is the most registered breed in CFA. When I first joined CFA 50+ years ago, over half of our registrations were Persians. We registered more Persians than all the other breeds combined. That has certainly changed over the years. For the past few years, the Ragdoll was the #1 and their registrations have declined. I'm assuming part of that is because of the decline overall from China, so the Maine Coon is now #1. We're real excited about that because it gives us some things to do with marketing and PR and what have you.

Future Projections for Committee:

The committee will continue developing interesting content for Cat Talk and marketing it to potential readers.

The committee will develop ways to expand participation in Find A Breeder.

Board Action Items:

None

*Respectfully Submitted,
Mark Hannon, Co-Chair*

Mastin: Mark, what else do you have to report? **Hannon:** I have nothing to report, but I want to offer thanks for that most recent vote. **Mastin:** OK, you are welcome. Does anyone else have any questions for Mark? Mark, there are no questions. Thank you very much to you and everybody on the Committee for all the work you folks are doing. **Hannon:** Thank you.

1. How often, approximately, do you visit the CFA website (cfa.org)?



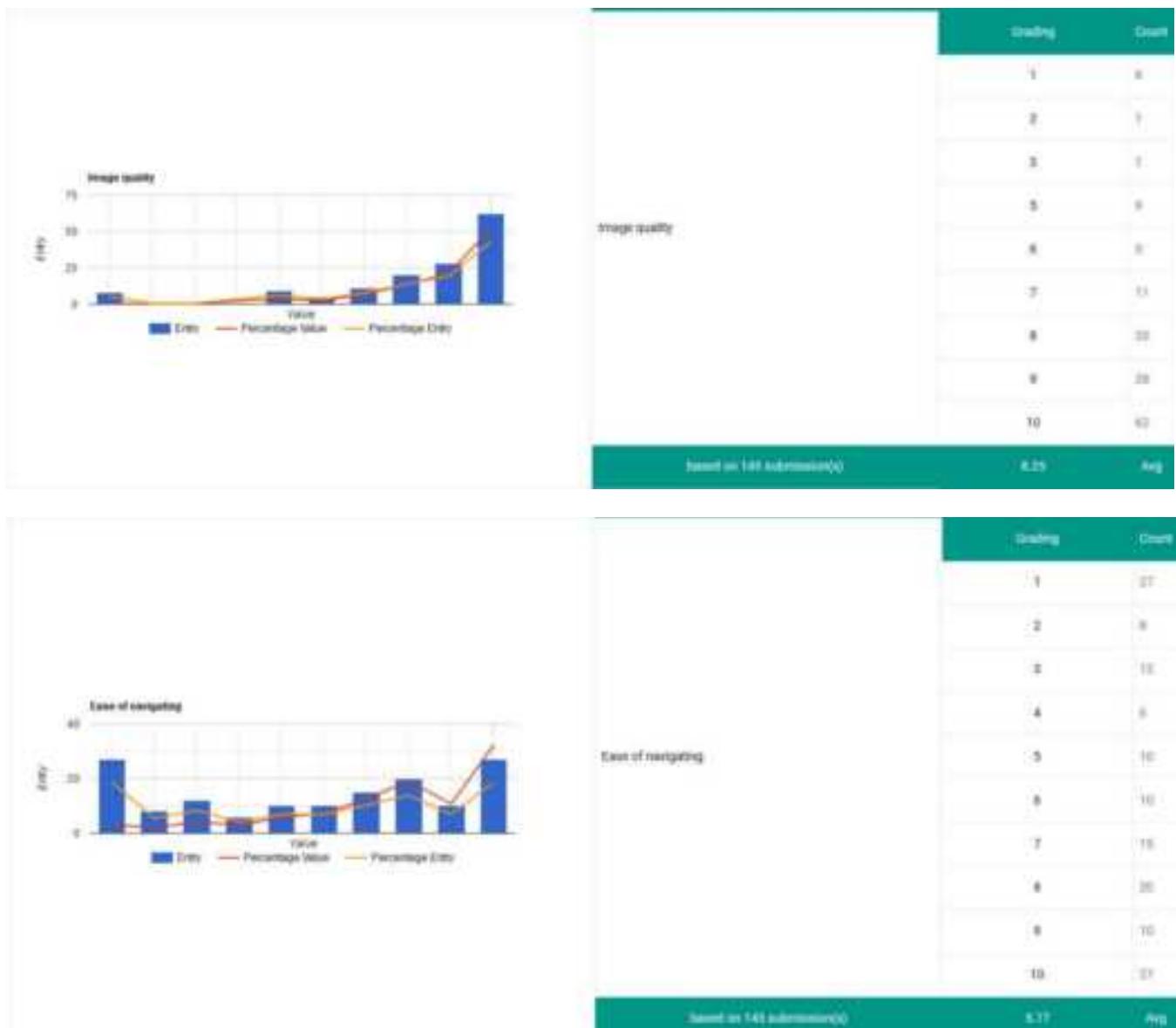
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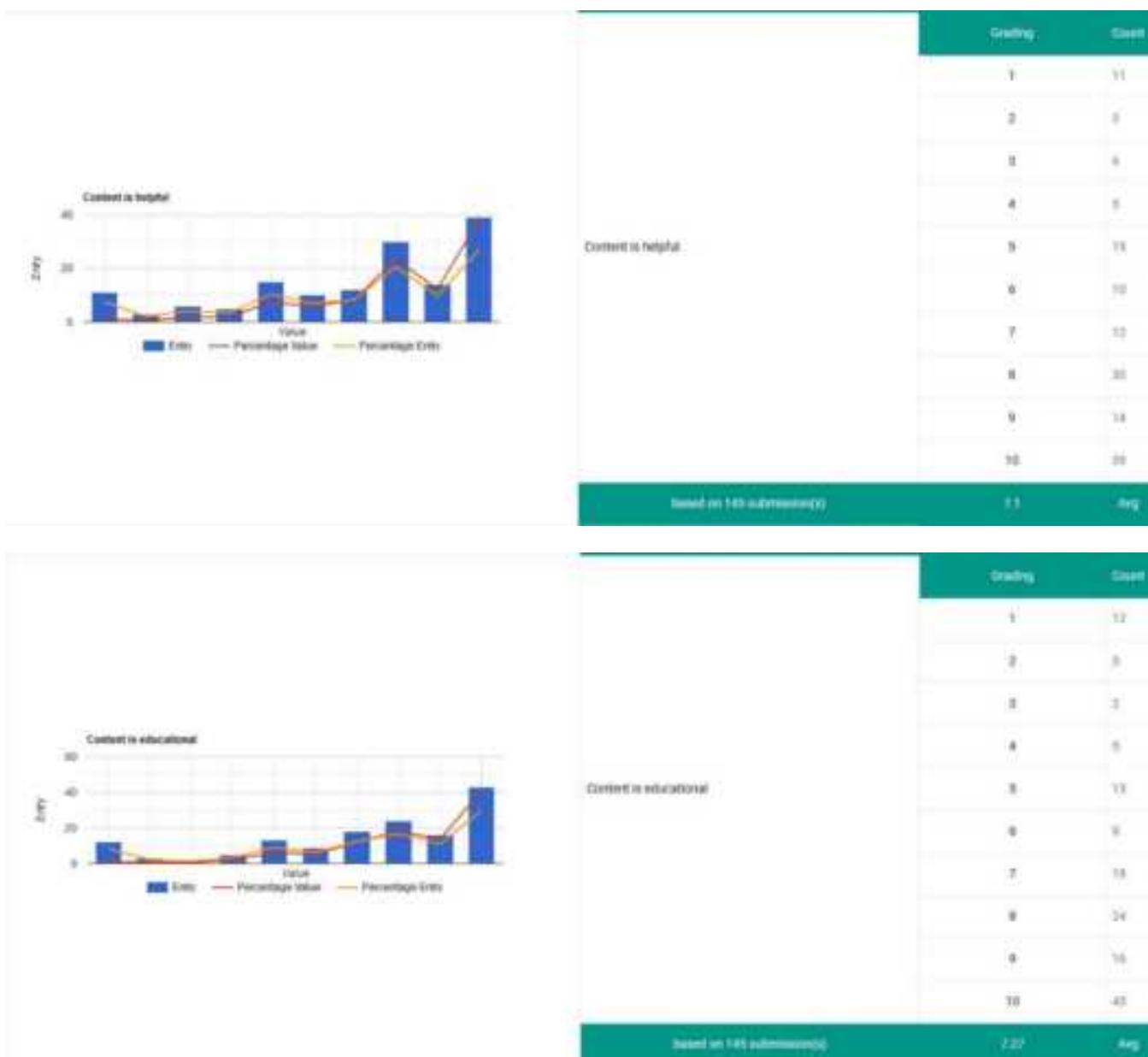
- search bar does not work to find what I need so I spend way too much time trying to find things.
- Depending on what I need at the time.
- I use the CFA website as a regular information resource.
- More some weeks depending on the need.
- Every day, multiple times.
- My visits are more frequent when I have kittens or showing.
- I look at it almost every day
- Locating things is not always intuitive to me - or I go where i think it should be and it doesn't load
- website was way too user UNfriendly previously.....only went there if I REALLY had to
- Sometime several times a day¹. But clustered about once a month.
- More like 6 times a week
- I use it primarily to enter shows.
- often multiple times a day
- I use the CFA website multiple times per day.
- More before a show.
- Where and when are cat shows I can attend with my family?

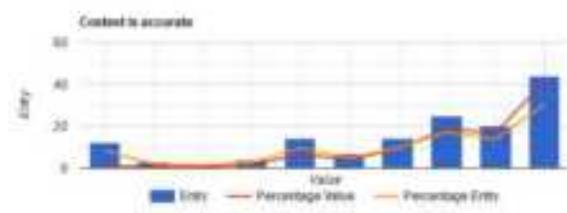
- now will be more often looks good
- I just found this site TODAY Oct 13, 2024
- Not much else. For instance, finding the names of staff members and what is their responsibility. Unfortunately, I have to bug Allene for information as to whom to talk to.
- Search does not work most of the time, hard to navigate
- 5 needs work
- at least once per day to track show entries, enter cats, register, file ch or pr claims, etc.
- The cat on the first page is beautiful but there are only the most famous breeds (i.e. BSH, Bengal, Ragdoll, Persian) I love to see the other rare/non-famous breeds shown on first page as well (American Curl, Siberian, Japanese Bobtail etc.)

2. Rate on a scale of 1 to 10 (1 not at all useful/fails to meet any satisfactory expectations and 10 extremely useful/highly exceeds expectations)



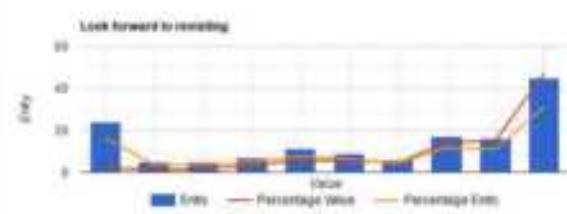






Content is accurate

Grading	Count
1	12
2	4
3	2
4	4
5	16
6	7
7	18
8	22
9	20
10	44
Based on 148 submissions	
7.87	Avg



Look forward to revisiting

Grading	Count
1	24
2	5
3	1
4	9
5	31
6	0
7	0
8	13
9	18
10	45
Based on 147 submissions(s)	
5.4	Avg



Additional comments regarding question 2:

- Why do the pictures always seem to feature 65+ people?
- It is insulting to the people who are a part of cfa to have so many ai images. It also put a poor step forward regarding showing off well-bred cats
- It takes far too long to navigate to certain areas, like the show schedule (which includes show flyers and breed summaries). Isn't there some way to do a shortcut to those?
- The site cannot be optimized or customized for any specific user. Makes the site less useful than it could be.
- You are at the mercy of quality of images submitted. I hope you have guidelines on requirements, which I could not find.
- Content on breeds not completely accurate
- The site is harder to navigate than it used to be. I can't find pages I used as regular resources as easily.
- The website is not eye-catching, information is extremely hard to find. If I were interested in cats, showing, finding a breeder and not already with CFA, I'd close the CFA's webpage and go to TICA's and I have nothing to do with TICA. We spent an obscene amount of money for a crappy website and the designers ignored what people wanted. Much like the god awful new logo.
- I appreciate the work that's gone into updating the site but it's not necessarily easier to navigate. Also removing some features from eCat made things more difficult.
- Hard to find info. Not user friendly at all.
- I'm probably in a different position than most will be answering your survey since I am the cochair of the judging program. This is an essential tool to my work. I have found that there is a lot of content on the CFA website under the judges, that was never reviewed before. It was published with the new brand look. Freeform instructions on applying to the judging program that we didn't realize that were out there. Slowly, we are finding things and getting them corrected with Cathy Durdick
- In my opinion I feel each page is overwhelming with too much information. I feel it needs to be broken down by each subject.

- Finding areas such as judges takes patience and a bit of imagination.
- stop changing it
- Very hard to maneuver or find things usually have to call Central Office and they can give us the link or something. The last one I was just getting to know maneuver this one is more difficult.
- There have been many broken internal links/pages that fail to load and because it wasn't ready when deployed, I've not gone back as frequently as I should have.
- about time y'all made the website user friendly!!! KUDOS -
- no more contact person details
- Some information outdated, difficult to find, or missing (recently could not find listing of current judges which contain their photos and contact info). I use this often to identify who the judges are for photos that go into the breed newsletter that I edit. Also, I would think it important for show secretaries to have since some apparently decline listings in white pages.
- I understand the ambassadors section need reviewed and updated; When will the "What you don't know about (breed)" from Cat Talk be added to each individual breed pages?
- Seriously hard to find what i am looking for! Lack of instructions in some places. Not at all satisfied.
- The more visits to the site the easier it is to navigate. Overall design, flow and images are very good.
- Other than the event Calander, I find the website difficult to navigate, so of the organization does not make sense to me
- Agility standings is not easily found
- Some pages like the color classification numbers cut off when using an iphone. It is impossible to view the number.
- The ombre gold color on the front page is horrendous
- I should be able to search for a topic, like "judge contract", and go straight to that spot. Search is useless.
- It's hard to find what I'm looking for because I'm not used to the new site.
- The site is difficult to navigate and not in the least intuitive. Things are not where you would expect to find them.
- Some of the documents on the <https://cfa.org/cfa-show-catalog-forms/> page are NOT accurate.
- Once you figure out how to navigate the website, it's not too bad.
- Find it hard to navigate sometimes or to find the correct information. e.g. website states transferring a cat from another organisation is \$40, form is \$48. some forms can be emailed in for submission but no email address is indicated, only a mailing address
- The search feature is frustrating. Type in "Persian Breed Standard" and you get a list of options, none of which are what you were looking for. Type in "Newbie" and no results. Type in "Youth" and no results. There is a disconnect between terms that we frequently use and what these categories are now called. If you type in "newbies" you should be directed to New Exhibitors. If you type in "Youth" you should be directed to Junior Fanciers (and the form still says "YFEP Application" so the form should be updated). Perhaps after this International Show, the photo showing the old YFEP program name can be changed to current practice.
- Difficult to find applicable search results.

- First I looked for our show and it wasn't listed on the date but if I put todays date in it found it
- Having the word Menu written above the lines in the upper right corner of the home page would be helpful. Otherwise it's not easy to find. I don't like scrolling down the whole page to find what I want and it's easier to view things as lists.
- Extremely difficult to navigate. Have to scroll to the end to sign in and find where to go. Takes me to irrelevant places. International mixed with national makes it time consuming. Still have to call for help most of the time because it is so confusing
- I can never find anything. The navigation makes absolutely no sense
- I just want to see if there are any cat shows this weekend in Orange County, CA.
- Good
- I don't know if the content is accurate or not. It is certainly incomplete. Also it says that there is still a cat ambassador program but I have my doubts
- The navigation flow of the site is VERY POOR. I cannot believe that robust Usability Testing was done during the conception, initiation, or design phases. The Search functionality does not properly index documents. I can certainly see that a significant amount of capital was invested in the site, but I do not believe that it followed common industry best standards which impacted negatively impacted the final product.
- I'm not sure what to look for
- I love CFA.org
- Is an attractive site, but looks ain't everything.
- Some pages are too busy. For example, the "Resources" page has 56 boxes with links. It's overwhelming. Yes, I see that you've included filter options. Nonetheless, 56 boxes with link boggles the mind.
- I really dislike the colors being used. The yellow/gold is awful.
- Poor
- See comment for no 1
- The color font in the breed descriptions is too opaque and unreadable. Needs a darker font. Also, some links give 404 errors.
- I am trying to find cat shows in Colorado or Utah. Not the southwest or midwest. Doesn't show a region that covers these states.
- Can't find things, requested show dates are not up to date, can't find the white pages, search engines are useless in finding things, view of website on a smartphone is not attractive because fonts are so big that they cover up the faces of people in the photos, block layout for cattery management should not be the default especially for people with large numbers of cats and litters
- Judges panel doesn't list judges or tell you where to find the list. attractive
- filters for calendar are difficult because I want to see shows by month and the filter only accepts single dates.
- The website is not exhibitor/breeder friendly. Perhaps there should be an exhibitor portal that focuses on breeder/exhibitor-specific information. It's there, but it's hard to find.
- please put the calendar and share links back, or publish the calendar so it is subscribable

- Search options aren't effective. Not intuitive or user friendly
- Navigating is difficult and there are no directions to help find what you need
- Where is the list of CFA Judges? I need to select for a show!
- there should be a print version of the show schedule. When it prints it is horrible
- Use black as main background. Just on this form there are multiple colors of gold. Black looks better for cat images. Search function is POOR.
- Love to see CFA suggests the feline courses in any topics. I live in Thailand, there is very few information/knowledge of cat/feline. Would Thai language be another translation option to select?

3. **What do you like best about the website?**

- It's too hard to find kittens for sale , It's too hard to find the information I need , The search bar needs to actually use key words , It's not user friendly , It doesn't appeal to the general public ,It doesn't promote BREEDING and REGISTRATION which should be CFA's main focus.
- not a lot
- Not phone friendly , The Grand points by year is difficult to read
- Ease of use , Information, even though much of it is wrong Super easy to use
- I like seeing the breeds section , photos are great ,It should be easier to determine if your BC membership is current
- Ecat 2.0 , Event schedule ,I like the new event schedule drop downs
- all Very easy to use
- Ecat information , Show listing , Breed information , Links for exhibitors
- The site looks great! , Easier to navigate , Faster download than the previous site ,This is a HUGE improvement over what we had!
- Loads fast
- Design , Ease of navigation , Organization , Quality and resolution of images ,Vast improvement over previous site!
- Ease of Navigation , Organization
- Great for public ecats is ok , Show info , Ecatssho info
- Educational , Design
- I like nothing about the new website
- Ease in finding events , Lots of topics to review , Initial startup page ,The initial page is nice. It brings your attention and focus to it
- Show schedule
- Current photos of cats , Enhanced content- a work in progress for the judges , The boldness of the large photos , The search box seems to be more robust now , ,When displaying photos of judges, please try to choose ones that show the judge with a happy expression, some of the photos really have some serious frowning going on
- Still too new for me and change is hard.

- " ease in finding show data , content is intuitive , good photos ,like the changes that make it easier to navigate
- It is eye catching.
- Search engine does not work very well. , Hard to find what I'm looking for
- The new look is modern and professional. , Ease of finding like and information.
- It's modern looking , Great images , Easy to navigate
- Side bars for navigation , Easy to register cats,etc. ,It was quick and easy to navigate the side bars.
- It no longer has the Google Function for the show , To find officers of Cfa , It's colorful, The pictures are , Maneuver ability
- fresh , relevant , navigation ,I like that it is essentially a one stop shop. for guests, newbees and experienced breeders & exhibitors
- simplicity of look , USER FRIENDLY , accurate ,kudos to the designers!!
- Easy to navigate , Colorful , Useful , online application , Easy to understand
- Not sure if I like it or not yet
- Better than last one , Attractive , Show information
- Ease of understanding finding cat registration , Ease of litter registration , Finding paid content
- Beautiful photos , Ease of registration ,The very best thing for the public when accessing the site is the use of the beautiful photography that captures happy people interacting with happy catsâ€. Unfortuantely, most of us are not so happy and attractive in real life and far too many of our cats appear unhealthy or grotesqueley distorted to the regular folks who visit our events.
- Good idea bot doesn't wirk , Good idea but leaves out al lot of registered cats ,See my above comments. I can't find my registered cats from other catteries and do t have original registration slips in my computer. No one is responding to emails. Support button. Doesn't work . unacceptable
- Pictures are Good but lots of Helen even if she i , Less logo size and more instruction or bigger icon , Better menus' , not so great for the non tech , ,see above
- show calendar , breed gallery ,I like the new website in all parts of its
- The larger print , Ease of entering show from the event box , Ecat use ,Wish it would allow printing from an I phone. Some things have to be done on a desk top / laptop.
- First impression "The Look" , Flow and navigation is done well , Images/Photos are great , The amount of content , Upcoming Shows on the main page ,Overall design is done professionally and in good taste. Navigating through the site is easy and easier on every visit.
- event Calander ,I find the website difficult to navigate
- First impression "The Look" , The flow and ease of navigating , Cat photos/images are clean and crisp , Show schedule on the main page , Breed section , "The Look" is professional and appealing, great job to all involved! The site has a great deal of information and finding what you are looking for takes time at first and easier on repeat visits. Photos, layout and navigating through the breed section is well done.

- Modern ,More current look
- Show schedule , Cat/kitten registration , Paying for shows
- Ease of registering litters. , Having all cats in the cattery listed to be manage , Great information on finding a pedigreed kitten , Show list is easy to use. , Pictures of award winners are confusing. ,Ease of registrations.
- Fairly well organized , Excellent photos , Great use of photos (of people AND cats)
- Lay out ,Its colorful and all the main info is there.
- Outstanding improvement , very easy to navigate , Pleasing design on the eye , Excellent design
- Regional pts , Herman , Reg litters , Reg. Kittens , National pts ,I like the website.
- Navigation ease ,Is better organized than previous
- Modern and streamlined ,
- Very fancy and professional looking, I like the new menu system a lot.
- Show Schedule ,It would be great to be able to check the bleed summary as well!
- Improved appearance & graphics
- Love the incorporation of all the member/cat photo
- Easy
- Updated look
- show schedule ,The main reason I don't enjoy the website is the color palette. I find it dull, boring and these colors do not set off most cat colors. The colors are tired and boring.
- The Fresh Look (Look Expensive) , The Images
- I am an expert user who used to navigate (And find pretty soon) pages of interest on the old website. So far, besides a more appealing graphic layout, I often find a bit more difficult finding contents I am searching for.
- Easy to find show information , Fun , Love the Top Cat Gallery
- Filters on the resources page
- Individual breed pictures , East to navigate awards page
- Overall look/design , Inclusive and diverse photos , Visual appeal to new visitors ,Beautiful to look at
- Show calendar , Show rules availability , Judge's contact information , White Pages availability
- Really clear navigations
- Color , Cat pictures, That there is a website
- I like being able to view the show schedule easily , The updated photos are great , I like being able to see all my cats in E cats , , ,The icons in ecat are confusing. I have to click on each one to see what category it is rather than reading the description like the my cats icon vs the order pedigree icon and so forth. The icons are small and are not user friendly.
- People can order Pedigree easier now.

- Cat Talk is the best! , Pictures are great. , Able to print out certificates , Able to find points from recent show , Educational for new breeds ,I miss the hard copy of Cat Talk, but like not having to pay for it.
- easy to find , good info , its ok , colorful , some good info ,It an ok website
- Nothing. Useless.
- Haven't found anything yet that I like ,I haven't found anything at all that I like better than the last 2 or three versions. Horrible update (can't call it an upgrade).
- Times and Dates , Locations of the show , Where to stay , Who is Judging , Location of lunch ,The web site is very informative.
- easy to find , all together ,very easy to navigate and find items
- Organization , Quality
- Ecats , Archives , Scores
- it has a nice feel & over all look , Site is easier to navigate , upcoming Shows are MUCH easier to read! , Visually easy to read
- Drop-down menu , Ease of use , Search features , Content , Layout
- Lay out is nice and theme/colors are cohesive
- Easy to navigate ,The entire website is very easy to navigate
- the layout ,would like more general cat care info
- Easy to use , Allows copy paste , Pratical , Efficient , Easy navigation
- Easy to use more than before
- Photos of breeds. , Cat Talk Magazine , List of CFA shows ,Enjoy looking at photos of breeds, especially profiles to better understand breed standards
- That it exists as a resource , Pretty pictures , Information available ,I was trying to identify a cat breed because I have a dumoed off stray that seems like some different breed of cat! She has odd features unlike the common cats around here. I am now thinking she may be a British Shorthair or some type of Russian Blue.
- the cats , the pictures , the colors , the cats , the font
- easier to navigate than old site , visually easier to read
- Breeds , Show information
- The photos of the cats , Search function for Top Cats Gallery , Responsive/Mobile friendly design , eCat organization, colorful , bred discriptions , catalog
- The content is good if you can find what you're looking for
- Modern look and feel , Improved usability , Engaging
- Once I got used to it, it was easier to use.
- User Interface , Uniformity between pages , Ease of navigation , Presentation of information , Imagery
- Looks ,Looks nice

- Nothing Just stop changing it around
- education , image ,excellent
- Good for spectators ,Hard to find many I really like
- Please do not use AI photos and use real live actual photographs of cats as much as possible.
- Not much ,Wasn't useful
- epoints reports , upcoming show information ,Would have been nice to get user input BEFORE designing the whole thing and just laying it on us.
- Attractive , Nice photos , Easy to find show info
- Shows , Ease of entering , Don' like having to scroll past internatinal. Typing text dificult to read. Hard to find show flyer to print out.
- access to points, ring reports and Herman , nice breed descriptions for general public ,I probably said enough about that
- It's definitely pretty. , I like the choices to search for a show. ,The website is beautiful. I love the pics of our exhibitors and their cats. How does this promote the goal of the organization?
- Professional appearance , Very easy to find things ,I actually saw information for the first time, although I am sure it was always on the website. I just LOVE the new look.
- ease of finding Top Cats , more photos of beautiful cats , updated look , organization of content , ease of navigating ,None
- I do not like this site
- calendar , entry forms , points and Herman , personalized dashboard manage cats
- Cat show schedule , Links to entries
- easy to see headers and find things
- Show entry/ announcement page ,Need a Breeder/Exibitor Menu of links to the stuff we use regularly: Ch/Pr claims, show entries, show rules, epoints,,etc Current page seems slanted for new folks, but we continue to need the tools. PLEASE fix the search function, as there seem to be multiple broken links. THis is especially true of trying to pay for stuff or buy through CFA catalog.
- Color/theme , Font is easy to read , Beautiful pictures with high quality , Fast update of information , Organized content
- It's difficult to navigate, I can't find where I am trying to get to, hard to find information overall.

4. What do you find most useful about the new website?

- I have i use google to find things
- Nice modern look , The additional Educational material , Easier to navigate
- Ease of use , Event calendar
- Title progression verification , Cat information
- Calendar of Events
- Show schedule , Breeder tools

- Events and calendar , Top cats
- All information in one place
- Ecats , Show info
- Breed Standards , Breed Winners , Show dates
- Nothing. It's a disaster
- Seeing show schedule
- show data concise , nice size font
- Great resources and information. As a newer exhibitor I like having great informati
- Hard to say , I do like the show information , That is fine , Registrations, you can make it into A list , And show counts on show information
- One stop shop , Organization is better than in the past , pages load quickly
- it works!
- Application (cat, litter, cattery) , Show shedule , Breed description
- Stats , Cat info
- Looking things up , Show information
- Herman , Epoints , Registration is easier
- I use Herman but have to find it , I use Cattery names if i can find it , I do registrations, not easy , I look up shows but printing is bad , Look up standards if I can find them ,Navigation takes many clicks to find things and no easy way to search
- show calendar , breeds
- Shows listed on the main page , Content found in each of the headers , Breed section ,Photos of the cats in the breed section are very clean and crisp.
- The event Calander
- Show schedule on main page
- Show schedule , Registrations , Paying for shows
- Pretty easy to navigate. , Love the new litter registration system. , Information on breeds is good. , Easy to find names and information on various comm
- Menu
- I like the new website. No complaints!!
- Ecats , Show Calander
- I use ecat a lot , I like the menus
- Show Schedule
- I will have to use for awhile to really evaluate.
- Show schedule
- I dont find it much for efficient or effective

- The Show Schedule , Easy way to navigate
- I often use CFA website to address newbees to manage individual issues. Unfortunately, not all Itailan newbees are so familiar with English
- Easy to find show information , Talks about the good CFA does
- Filters on the resources page
- Much better organized than before
- looking up the shows and the dates , Registering
- Breed summaries , Show entries count , Info on upcoming CFA Annual
- New navigation system , eCat login is now easy to find
- Show info and ability to pull up and print flyers
- The show schedule , Breed sections
- it is ok
- Online entries count
- Date and times , Location of show , Where to stay , Who is Judging , Location of food
- Menus
- Ecats , Scores
- ease of Navigation , So much info yet still easy to visually separate
- Easy to look up cat show schedules
- The navigation flow of the site is VERY POOR. I can not believe that robust Usability Testing was done during the conception, initiation, or design phases. The Search functionality does not properly index documents. I can certainly see that a significant amount of capital was invested in the site, but I do not believe that it followed common industry best standards which impacted negatively impacted the final product.
- Helpful info for newbies , Cat Talk available to everyone! , View all breeds section is awesome
- Very informative
- Separate categories
- I'm just looking for resources to study. Or possibly to connect with adopters.
- the cats , the articles , the buttons (on the website) , the search bar , the pictures
- the new set up to register for shows , cat inforamtion saved to populate show entry
- show info
- eCat
- Shows/Events
- Breed Information , Cat Care Information , Breeder Finder
- education
- Epoints , Show calendar hard to navigate , Not breeder or exhibitor friendly

- epoints reports , upcoming show information ,It is very difficult to find things. Often important information is not up to date (traditional show dates for example). And seriously the search engines rarely bring up any results
- Information for new show people
- calendar, , events , online entry page , easy access to Herman, points and ring reports , breeder resources
- We can access Ecat from the home page.
- Show Rules , Show Calendar , CFA Programs information , Registration information
- resources/info are better organized , auto-fill show entry feature
- There are shows listed on traditional that are not on this site.
- Used to be the calendar links for IOS , anything related to exhibiting , complete standards with point breakdown , celebration page see details in comments below , ,a celebration page where people can post a TEMPORARY business card size celebration of things like new grands, new litters, and other similar things as a FUNDRAISER for CFA. Charge something like \$35 to the person placing the ad. Replace the page every 3 month and archive the old one so people will continue to pay. That's \$140 a year for anyone who chooses to "advertise" so if just 12 people pay for their brags it's an extra \$420 income a month.
- Registration via pedigree is excellent
- Nothing
- items on one page and easy to navigate
- Show page , Epoints , Might we change from tiles to lists for showing the cats we have registered? Then we could see many more at once when we call up our registrations.
- Entering the show , Downloads , Sharing useful information , source of beautiful cat of all breeds

5. What do you like least about the website?

- Please add if the show is holding Agility to the ,Please add if the show is holding Agility to the Show and Events cover page. Currently we have to do a separate sort or look at each flyer.
- the search bar , lack of obvious place to find kittens for sale , lack of obvious support for breeding , takes too long to load
- no pictures tied in with any url on breeds
- Ai generated images , Seemingly random, incorrect info on breed pages ,The ai generated issues are offensive
- too many navigation steps , BC membership info hard to understand , not intuitive as to where to look for some things
- I wish the app that was associated with the CFA website matched what was available on the website. Every time I look at the app, I am only give a portion of what I am looking for and half the time it is not up to date info.
- I wish there was more information for new exhibitor
- Colors are BORING , Navigation tool are bad , Search is horrible , Hard to find anything
- More resources

- Not geared for breeders exhibitors , Ease of entering shows. Could be done by reg. num
- It can be hard to navigate
- Appearance , Ease to locate information , Takes forever to load , Doesn't look professional , Not user friendly
- The ability to find items is still difficult
- Having to search for info. , Not user friendly
- Trying to find things that I know that are there , E cat/ epoints. the presentation of points , More on e points. The window to view National points is narrow and you have to actually scroll to see all content. I would love to see the window enlarged as there is room on the right hand side.
- I find the website harder to navigate and in the past, had erroneous show information, some shows I might have attended not listed :(
- color not a fan of gold , The colors wash out the photos and just don't grab your attention.
- Busy , Overwhelming with too much info on one page , The coloring doesn't seem inviting it's more bland , The few photos given of cats , No popular breed of cats pictured ,I am only seeing a few cat photos and not the breeds that are most popular. I don't feel it's inviting for one interested in purebred cats. It appears to look like a cat Rescue adoption center in my opinion.
- Navigation
- Resetting settings on the show calendar. , Not having show points.
- trying to locate things where I once knew where to
- nothing negative at first glance
- epoints on mobile view
- Still takes time to find things , Could be easier to navigate
- Finding things with search engine is awful , Finding show info , Finding judge info , Finding breeders in referral
- Still difficult to find many things when needed , I still miss seeing the registration statistics that were printed annually in the CFA Almanac. I think breeders need to see the actual numbers registered for their breed, average # kittens/litter by breed, etc. year to year to help them understand the vitality of the various breeds and the cat fancy in general.
- nothing; it's easier to use ,
- I have difficulty pulling up the Home page from the internet as there are many CFA sites that do not bring up the home page. Clutter of sites! not to mention the financial group that uses CFA
- Unable to return to sites home page (more below) , Too many photos of people on the main page
- Finding current judges list , CFA services
- Only holds the most current information.
- Unable to return to sites home page (more below) , Too many images of people on main page , International Show header on main page larger , Photo for international show on main page ,Once you go to the International show site you cannot return to CFA's homepage site. Find the right balance of how many people should be used on the main page. Specific to the International Show

section: 1. header on the main page could be larger. 2. consider rotating photos of more breeds with one person in each rotating photo.

- See below , Registration of litter and cats. ,Pages that listed the range of registration numbers a breed could have is no longer on the website. For instance, the range of numbers for the Siamese breed and the colors in those registration numbers.
- Nothing. I mainly use it for show entries
- Pictures take up too much space. ,
- The gold typeface , It can be hard to find what I'm looking for , The gold colored typeface might look nice but it is extremely difficult to read; trying to see what a link is for means leaning close to the screen and squinting.
- I dislike the fact that it's not possible to return to the website once you have clicked the ecats link.
- clear and concise
- Difficulty in finding forms , Difficult to find publications
- Hard to correct if made a mistake
- Search feature is terrible , Too difficult to find what I need , I hate the color of yellow used (it's mustard, yuk ,Too difficult to find what I need unless I already know where it is
- Traditional Show Dates ,I often hear people say that Traditional Show Dates are not updated.
- No "least" items.
- Individual contacts for questions are missing
- The new general contact form
- Colors chosen- noted as above. , The logo is simplistic and does not express the ag
- I am an expert user who used to navigate (And find pretty soon) pages of interest on the old website. So far, besides a more appealing graphic layout, I often find a bit more difficult finding contents I am searching for
- There is really nothing I dislike
- Show events page, cannot remove date once set
- Search feature ,It would be helpful to have the "search magnifying glass" as an icon in the top right corner, rather than as part of the lines that indicate a drop down menu. That could be easy to miss.
- Not understanding the show points ,I need to learn more about how the points are divided in each ring.
- Search function
- The logo isn't very nice
- Cannot return to home page , Slow ,Since I couldn't return to the home page there is a ton of info I couldn't easily access. I could have gone back and started all over but that shouldn't be!
- No searching function. It's so difficult that you have to search for the target one by one.
- Difficulty navigating , Going to the wrong place ,I should think that it should be easier to use for someone who is not computer savvy.

- Navigation
- Print is small
- Busy
- Entering a show
- Pictures depicted on Website of Breeds are not the best representation of the breed. Why aren't National Winners depicted? It would be nice for CFA to appreciate all the hard work and dedication exhibitors have poured into their show seasons.
- seems like cattery links were lost had to do over
- See my comments above ,The navigation flow of the site is VERY POOR. I can not believe that robust Usability Testing was done during the conception, initiation, or design phases. The Search functionality does not properly index documents. I can certainly see that a significant amount of capital was invested in the site, but I do not believe that it followed common industry best standards which impacted negatively impacted the final product.
- Nothing I dislike!
- Hard to contact to find some help
- No mention of health problems. ,The breed descriptions make no mention of common health problems. For example, because Exotics and Persians have flat faces their eyes are constantly tearing, they may have trouble breathing and cleaning themselves, and queens usually give birth by c-section because kittens' heads are too massive to go through the birth canal.
- That I had no clue this even existed and I had to stumble across it accidentally.
- difficulty in finding agility information
- navigation still difficult , can't find the page needed
- Too Much Information on some pages , Too Busy on some pages
- navigation is difficult, no go home. , Error messages lacking , Old content not deleted , No Master web design page (outline of links) , no integration between cat registration and site ,No method to contract live people to assist with ordering and processes. shopping cart basket had no receipt, subtotal, no validate before payment. Basic description of associations process, relationship to clubs, payment structure missing. Need to hunt for information and ask for help in other facebook groups in order to find information.
- The colors being used , The colors are awful. , The yellow is garish
- Not easy to find things
- The change
- Never know where to look to find what you need , Search does not take you where you need to go ,Overall not that great
- Can't look up shows in colorado
- block layout for cattery management as the default , inability to find things by using the search engin , smart phone view
- Cannot find judges info , Search is not useful

- Extremely difficult to navigate , Unable to select USA shows . , 1, 2, 3, 4 weeks for shows confusing , Unable to choose flyer to print , Having to call
- filters on calendar are too limiting
- Can't upload the logo easily. , Can't find the catalog easily -paying for champ , It takes skilled searching to find what you want.
- I think I am missing show because they are not listed?
- Fees not linked to a cart that makes payments easy , Ineffective search , Breeder referral isn't easy to find
- No directional instructions , Not user friendly
- Navagation
- the way schedule prints
- Gold color should be accent only. , Search function is weak , Need breeder/exhibito tool menu, We should acknowledge the different users: General public and cat lovers, potential new breeders/exhibitors, and experienced breeders and exhibitors In another area, the galleries of past winners and grands, They need different menus. Breeder/exhibitors need quick links to tools used regularly: epoints, Herman, regional maps, claim forms, show schedules, show rule, etc.
- only showing the top cat breeds
- Pretty much everything including the logo that looks like you stole it from Fanciers Breeder Referral List

6. What do you find not at all useful about the website?

- the search bar , drop down menus are too cluttered
- hard to find most things
- Ai generated images ,As per above
- trying to find publications, etc.
- None at this time. I just started to use the new site. I will be happy to share any "issues" that occur.
- General public information. , Resources are hard to find , Isn't very educational
- Region links?
- Does not make want to explore it , Items are hard to find , Items under categories are not what you think thr , Spme information about breeds are incorrect
- Add back the ability to change certain items in ecat
- Have not explored everything yet
- Too busy with info
- ecat link hard to find
- For me it is hard to manuever around when looking for a cat that should be in there then having to manually input it. Also I could go and see at a glance when was the last time the female had kittens

- Search engine
- It is overall very nice. And there isn't anything that is not useful to someone for something!
- Didn't list all my cats , Support button doesn't work , CFA no longer answers emails , What to do to find my registered cats
- I have yet to find anything that is not useful, maybe over time as I continue to visit the site I may find something that is not useful
- The gold typeface for links. , Reg Rules not updated
- Ecat bring inaccessible
- Lack of ease of navigation
- ECats , Show Calander
- the search feature
- No "least useful" items.
- Its still difficult to find things that I use often
- Nothing, I think the sight is very informative
- Show events page, cannot remove date once set
- i find information is not detailed enough
- front page banner
- Inability to go to home page so as to access other pages
- No searching function. It's so difficult that you have to search for the target one by one.
- Every single kitten having their own cat track id
- Doesn't have the ability to go back and correct.
- difficult to navigate
- Navigation ,Links that used to be on the home page are now hidden in various dropdown menus. Unfortunately, it's a guessing game as to where to find a specific link, not at all intuitive.
- payments don't work with Safari
- Finding CFA documents is tedious.
- The navigation flow of the site is VERY POOR. I can not believe that robust Usability Testing was done during the conception, initiation, or design phases. The Search functionality does not properly index documents. I can certainly see that a significant amount of capital was invested in the site, but I do not believe that it followed common industry best standards which impacted negatively impacted the final product.
- All content is useful!
- Have only 1 email to contact. CFA have so many breeders under the association. Have many questions that have to answer. But have only 1 email to contact.
- In E cat Litter registration ,Not So Useful. It will be more robust if the Ecats can only select sire or dam the with breeding rights only. at the moment as long as we indicate male/ female it will still appear even without breeding rights.

- Navigation , people who can actually help you at CFA
- poor integration , shopping cart , portal index , Processes policies and procedures , overall navigation
- Cat/litter registration
- Search , Trying to renew b c mbership , Shopping , Just can't find where you need to go
- No way to look up by state
- search engines
- breeder directory is only as good as its size.
- The site is not breeder/exhibitor friendly.
- search function is weak , hard to get to ch claim forms ,AIn another area, the galleries of past winners and grands, I was disappointed at the missing pictures. Back when we lost the CFA Almanac, breeders/exhibitors were promised that an on line gallery of past winners would remain available as a record.

7. What specific changes and/or additions do you recommend to improve the overall quality?

- focus more on promoting breeding , focus more on promoting buying kittens , focus more on registrations
- better navigation , better colors instead of ugly mustard
- Use real images of cats. , Update breed info to be more accurate ,Thisbis essential
- It's nice for the public , Breeders info needs to be more prominant
- Cat registration transfer
- A way to stay "signed in" , Link in the CFA app. ,I wish the app that was associated with the CFA website matched what was available on the website. Every time I look at the app, I am only give a portion of what I am looking for and half the time it is not up to date info. It would also be helpful to be able to stay "signed in" if I am using the same phone or computer or have the choice to stay signed in, like when you sign into your email account. It would make it much easier when looking at info at a show.
- Friendlier colors , Allow user defined organization via personal login
- Region links
- Better colors , Split up for specataors and breeders/exhibitors , Better search engine , Ease of entering shows , Make ecats easier to use ,
- Color scheme , Remove cheesy pictures ,Needs a more professional look. We are supposed to be the best of the best. This looks like teenage work.
- Fix E points
- my pet buyers would LOVE a pet buyers corner , pet buyers corner .Cat talk is too specific they want a common sense answer to multiple pet owner questions...kept as reference. Not lengthy tomes with references just answers. I would be very willing to help with this. I write for Cat Talk and understand exactly what they are saying and wanting
- More purebred cat photos such as Persian, exotic ,I know you can search up certain breeds but would be nice to have other cat images on ither pages other than what was chosen.

- I'd like to see the Google Information
- Better QA before go live
- keep it simple but informative, updating as necessary
- epoints mobile view
- HATE the whole change except finding the shows
- Include all our cats
- More user friendly , Easier to find and look up things
- Make search engine more useful , Make search in paid breed recommendations work
- Improve appearance of Registration Slips , Create more autofill capability for all forms ,Add ability to purchase pedigrees to registration slips (both litter and individual along with prices) I think this is something that might motivate both pet buyers and breeders to buy more (income generating for CFA) especially if more reasonably priced for 3 or 5 generations. Also I liked having registration slips be green and the more formal appearance of the fonts used in the old pedigrees
- Add "What You Don't Know About (breed)" articles from Cat Talk to each breed page.
- Include all my registered cats , Make support button work , CFA needs to answer it's emails , Need lots more help to get this to work for me , Frustrating
- Change the way some of the services information , Is available
- " Be able to return to home page. , Less photos of people on home page , Animal Welfare and BA are not committees. , More photos of top 10 breeds , General Health section? ,Already noted above, unable to return to CFA's home page from the International Page. Animal Welfare and Breeders Assistance should be listed under Associated Organizations, these are not committees of CFA, they are independent organizations. Some photos of people are ok, the one of the group of people with the Persians for the International Show is taking away from the image of the cats, maybe it would be more helpful if there were multiple breeds with photo of one person rotating in this section with the group of people.
- There is a great deal of information provided for showing cats or shows or past results of show seasons throughout the site under different headers, this is great. I was unable to find a section specific to General Cat Health. In the October 2024 Cat Talk Edition there are a number of very good articles that could be included in the site, along with more health related information.
- Is there room on the home page and other pages to include future sponsors/ads?
- Many of the links I had on my Cattery website to the CFA website are no longer valid as the new site no longer has that particular page. There was no reason to remove those pages of educational or breed specific info
- Improve award winners category.
- The gold typeface.
- All pages should fully show on an iphone.
- No changes
- Fix ecat

- Not so many hoops to jump through to find info
- Get rid of Cat Track
- Improve the search feature , Get rid of the mustard yellow , This survey seems to be repetitive in that I am saying the same thing over and over. In case you missed it, the search feature is worthless and I hate mustard yellow. Also, I want to see more pictures of Roland, and Roland with me (GC GPD NW Purrtigers Roland).
- Pedigree Paper , I know it's not a website, but I would like to see you sell the old handwritten Pedigree forms again.
- Not enough use time to judge.
- Add back in individual contact names for department questions such as registration person to contact
- Would love if available in Bahasa Indonesia , Would Love if having Video tutorial to Write a for
- Please bring back individual contact information for CFA headquarters.
- There are pages (e.g. CFA price list) I can not find through website nagivation, I often go through goggle to find them
- Make sure all filters can be removed
- ,e.g. criteria on how to become a judge is not clear/ specific enough. one has to go look for additional documents to figure out exact criteria, rather than it being directed specified on the relevant page
- Rotate the cover photos more frequently , This is a huge improvement over the past website, and I realize it is a continuous work in progress. The search feature is the most frustrating thing, unless it is me who needs to understand the navigation process better ;-). Thanks for all of the effort and hard work that has gone into making the eye-catching improvements.
- Change the gold and black theme , Needs more user friendly features
- Please add search function to the litter management and cat management, as the current list is too wide and it is too difficult to find the desired target one by one.
- Not have to call for help navigating. , Ability to correct and edit mistakes
- make it as simple as possible
- I would like all the breeder and exhibitor stuffs completely separate from Show spectators and pet owners
- Go back to a previous version ,Every update that I've seen in the CFA website over the last 15 years has made it more user unfriendly and harder to use.
- Simple Text
- Make it so it's fast to enter a show
- " more options in Ecat , Specific contact info about ALL CFA programs , eliminate info about programs no longer offered , Include a section listing color class codes , add a link in ecat to the pricing page ,You should also be sure that all of the site is compatible with most browsers. Some stuff doesn't work with Safari. There are a LOT of us MAC users out there! . It would be good to have a place where our DNA testing results could be stored.

- It would be very handy to have a place where color class codes are listed without having to search through the CFA rules. Also color changes need to be added to the pricing page
- CFA prides itself on being the most competitive show organization. However, some images on Breeds - are not even the Best of the Best representation.
- This is a terribly crafted digital questionnaire which fails to follow basic standards for structure and flow. The quality of the data received will be unreliable (of significantly diminished value in terms of business analysis) give the questionnaire's design.
- No changes or additions I can think of
- Make it more easy to edit or redo registration card. When breeder make a mistake about information and pay for registration. Breeder can't edit at all. Try to email and CFA ignore to edit. Just for editing color or gender. Now breeder don't have any way to contact CFA like before.
- How to find rare breeds, such as Korat & Burmilla.
- more advertisement to make it known
- Litter register ,limited to cat with breeding right only. allow change of cat status.
- LIST OF STAFF TO HELP WITH ISSUES ,As a 35 year exhibitor I only go to the website when I need to find help.... it's still not very helpful
- Streamline pages , Group information better
- Add policy, Process and procedure section , Add common menu navigation to home page , Add help messages and contract numbers of people , Decrease flow time to receive cat registration , Improve shopping cart experience & integration
- Change the colors , Change the colors , Change the colors , Change the colors , Change the colors ,I suspect CFA will do what it wants to and not take into consideration for the masses say.
- Categories and what goes with them , Search , Gard to find what you want to but like pedigrees
- able to look up by state or zip
- stop with the giant fonts
- More research on how CFA users are using the website
- Easier to navigate , Able to select only USA shows , Click to print flyers , Should be able to go back to correct or change, not start over
- allow calendar to be filtered by month too , include breed directory listing w/ cattery renewal
- Create a breeder/exhibitor portal to make it easy , find items that support show productioncon info , or to find catalog access for br/ex access ,Everything on the website is pretty and inviting for the public. The public does not fund CFA. We need to support/encourage breeders, exhibitors, show-producing clubs. We need to work to encourage litter and kitten registrations. We are no longer the world's largest registry, the premier association. We are still respected worldwide but we need to work to preserve that distinction.
- Change the whole cat show site, go back to the one we had previously
- share links for individual events , subscribable calendar and events
- Improve search function

- Instructions on finding what you need ,I clicked on a support button at one point and nothing happened. Only added to frustration. You need a better programmer.
- Breeders and exhibitors navigation only.)
- Fix the broken links , Breeder Exhibitor Tool Menu. , Black as background for cat pix , Improve search function , ,In another area, the galleries of past winners and grands, I was disappointed at the missing pictures. Back when we lost the CFA Almanac, breeders/exhibitors were promised that an on line gallery of past winners would remain available as a record.
- keep update the knowledge sharing , Give more space to other non-famous breeds

9. CFA LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE.

Committee Chair: **George Eigenhauser**
Liaison to Board: **Howard Webster**
Liaison for Region 9: **Mireille Gobel**
List of Committee Members: **Phil Lindsley, Alene Shafnisky**
CFA Legislative Group: **George Eigenhauser, Sharon Coleman, Kelly Crouch**

Mastin: Is George with us, Allene? **Eigenhauser:** George is here. **Mastin:** Hi George. Welcome to the meeting. **Eigenhauser:** Glad to be here. You have the report. Before we get into questions, a couple things I want to highlight.

Brief Summation of Immediate Past Committee and Group Activities

The CFA Legislative Group monitors legislation proposed each year or carried over from the previous year's session impacting fanciers and their participation in this hobby. Legislation is analyzed, concerns noted, and, if necessary, we help fanciers with the legislation and understanding of the legislative process. For example, when do legislative sessions start, and when do they end? The 119th United States Congress convened on January 3, 2025. Like many states, Congress operates on a two-year legislative session with this session ending in 2026. States with two-year sessions may start in odd-numbered or even-numbered years, and bills may carry over from the first year to the second. Local governments, such as cities and counties, function year-round, introducing legislation with minimal notice.

Monitoring this legislative activity is critical for effective grassroots advocacy, and fanciers are crucial to implementing that advocacy effort. They often send us reports about legislation happening in their area. We review what they send us and work with them if they need to and wish to fight the legislation. If it is a unique issue or legislation affecting many fanciers justifying widespread communication it will be recounted on the Cat Talk Blog and the Legislative Group Blog. To make it easier for fanciers to find these articles and other resources, Kathy Durdick worked with us to transfer the CFA Legislative Group Blog to the CFA website. We believe the move will make it easier for fanciers to find important information affecting them. See more about the Blog below. Other sources of information include our monitoring efforts and our allies outside of CFA. Collaborating with outside organizations is also important for effective advocacy.

The Pet Advocacy Network continues to support CFA by providing comprehensive tracking of federal, state, and select local legislative activities. Using a carefully curated set of search terms that are updated as needed, the network identifies bills relevant to pet ownership, breeding, and animal welfare. Each bill is reviewed for potential significance, and those deemed pertinent are selected for additional tracking. These bills may concern dog breeding, other animal species, or broader animal welfare topics that affect cat fanciers. The Pet Advocacy Network also provides status updates on tracked bills, detailing amendments, committee assignments, hearing schedules, and other critical developments.

Legislative activity varies widely between states. While hundreds of bills are introduced annually, not all move through the legislative process at the same pace. States with short legislative sessions require close monitoring since their timelines to pass bills are compressed. Some bills may be assigned to committees but never receive a hearing for many reasons, including the bill sponsor's decision not to pursue the measure further. For this reason, the CFA Legislative Group strategically focuses its resources. Efforts are concentrated on opposing bills with a realistic chance of passage rather than expending energy on proposals unlikely to advance. However, some bills can progress rapidly and with minimal public notice, especially in states with short legislative windows. Additionally, certain bills may begin as innocuous proposals or even be introduced without substantive content, only to be later transformed through a process known as "gut and amend," where the original text is entirely replaced with unrelated provisions.

To stay ahead of legislative developments, the CFA Legislative Group subscribes to and monitors various online resources related to pet issues. It also collaborates with other animal advocacy organizations, including dog fancier groups, sharing insights about proposed laws and legislative tracking efforts. Information from CFA legislative liaisons and local fanciers is invaluable. These individuals provide critical updates about bills introduced at the state, city, or county levels, particularly those that do not appear in national legislative databases due to search term limitations. Local fanciers often have early knowledge of bills before they gain wider attention, helping the CFA broaden its tracking efforts. Additionally, amendments that significantly change the impact of certain bills are frequently brought to light by local advocates and other allied groups. Continuous monitoring of major animal rights organizations, their events, and their websites also provides insights into forthcoming legislative initiatives.

As of the date of this report the CFA Legislative Group is actively tracking over 250 pieces of animal-related legislation introduced this year, including both newly filed bills and those pre-filed before the official start of state legislative sessions. One recurring legislative trend involves bans on retail pet store sales. While some laws specifically target dogs, others extend restrictions to include cats, rabbits, and occasionally ferrets. Increasingly, these laws shift from outright bans on animal sales to permitting sales only from "rescue groups," raising concerns for fanciers about the evolving definitions of these groups and the potential for regulatory loopholes.

Eigenhauser: I mentioned in the report that we were tracking about 250 bills so far this year. We're now up to almost 400 in the week since, so this is the busy time of year for legislation to be introduced. Obviously, with 400 things coming in at once, we can't go into detail on all of them all the time, but some of them jump to the front of the list. I want to mention Hawaii. Hawaii has one of the shortest legislative sessions and things tend to move rather quickly. We've already had a bill, Hawaii HB 364 which is essentially a mandatory sterilization bill for pets. I want to thank Howard Webster for helping us get the word out there. It has already gone to its first committee hearing. There were some technical amendments to it, but it is nowhere close to being acceptable at this point, so expect more trouble with that.

An unfortunate legislative milestone in 2024 was the introduction of a bill in New Hampshire seeking to prohibit the breeding of certain cat breeds. In a related development, Ojai, California, became the first U.S. city to ban the breeding of specific cat breeds, including Persians, Exotic Shorthairs, Burmese, Himalayans, and any breed identified as having congenital anatomical

features likely to cause suffering. This kind of legislation has been seen in Europe but until last year had not made a beachhead into the U.S. Notably, Ojai had no CFA-registered breeders or documented cat breeding issues. This highlights a common tactic used by animal rights groups: targeting jurisdictions with minimal or nonexistent pet-related problems to push their agendas with little notice and no local opposition. Such campaigns often involve orchestrated public outcry, sometimes referred to as "Astroturf" activism, where artificial grassroots support is manufactured to generate media coverage and influence nearby communities.

Eigenhauser: We also expected New Hampshire would come back to us this year. Last year, New Hampshire was the state that started with the European style bans on breeding what they consider to be defective breeds. This year, New Hampshire SB 290 is adding torture into their animal cruelty provisions and I just got off a meeting with some AKC people up there on Thursday. They are definitely concerned that this is a back door to the torture breeding issue that they tried to get in last year, so this is one we're definitely going to be fighting.

The CFA Legislative Group communicates with fanciers about legislation through email, the CFA newsletter, its Facebook page, and its blog. The CFA Legislative News Facebook page provides cat fanciers with a source of current news articles on legislative issues. By posting various legislative articles from the news media or other groups focused on pet legislation, usually involving cats, fanciers can use the Facebook page as a first stop to check for news that may affect them. The Facebook page has experienced modest growth since September 25, 2024. Likes have grown to 813, and followers have increased to 879. According to Facebook, our followers created 3,224 post reaches and views for the 27 articles posted between September 26, 2024, and January 18, 2025. The articles generating the most interactions is the group of articles on the "unethical breeding ban" prohibiting the breeding of several breeds like Persians and Scottish folds in Ojai, California. Coming in second with only 4 days since being posted on Facebook is the What's Hot Silence in Advocacy is not Golden article. In those four days, 230 views, reaches, and interactions were generated. The two Seaside, CA, articles regarding the adopted that ordinance included MSN, intact animal licenses, and breeder permits was the third set of articles with the most activity.

CFALegislativeNews: <https://www.facebook.com/CFALegislativeNews>

The CFA Legislative Group blog has moved from an individual Word Press account to the CFA website with its original formatting and contents. The blog now has its own URL <https://legislative.cfa.org/> A subscription option has been added to the right-hand column, and the contact and copyright information appears on a footer of each page. The blog posts have typically been the monthly What's Hot articles that had appeared in the monthly CFA Newsletter. Now, the route is posting on the CFA Blog followed by publication on the legislative blog from which the new posts are forwarded to individual subscribers to the legislative blog and announced to Facebook followers. Other relevant reference documents are linked in the right hand column of the blog. The CFA Legislative Group blog may be found at: <https://legislative.cfa.org/>

Eigenhauser: It's mentioned in the report, but we just relocated our Legislative blog. It used to be hosted on Sharon Coleman's personal Word Press website. We've now moved it to the CFA website. So, I want to thank Sharon for putting up with us for as long as she did, and I want to thank Kathy Durdick for helping move it over to the CFA website.

Current Happenings of Committee and Group:

Highlights of a few selected issues: (Not by any means complete - just a few examples.)

Federal

None to report at this time.

State

MA HD 155: Amends the Agriculture Chapter 128, Definitions section of state laws to exclude dogs and cats raised for breeding, commercial use, or grooming from related regulations. On the House Draft Calendar.

MO HB 185: This would establish the “Healthy Pets Act” and mandate “healthy breeding practices” for commercial breeders, as well as provide consumer protection provisions. Read second time in the House.

NJ AB 4051/SB 2511: Carried over from SB 4079. Would repeal the "Pet Purchase Protection Act and add a prohibition on the sale of cats, dogs, or rabbits by pet shops.

NY AB 1344: Would authorize emotion-based damages for the wrongful injury or death of a companion animal. Referred to the Agriculture Committee.

VA SB 903: Would amend pet shop laws to additional recordkeeping requirements and expand sourcing restrictions on dog sales to apply for ALL animals sold or offered for sale by a pet shop. Prefiled.

VA SB 916: Adds a provision that local governing bodies may regulate or restrict the acquisition, marketing, and sale of animals in a pet shop, provided that such ordinance is consistent with state law. Prefiled.

WA HB 1201: Would mandate that local governments include pet-friendly emergency shelters in their disaster plans. Prefiled.

Local

Del Mar, CA: Ordinance 2025001. Would amend the City’s Retail Sale of Dogs, Cats, and Rabbits law to include additional animal classes, namely arachnids, birds, mammals, amphibians, reptiles, and fish in the current provision that it is unlawful to display, offer for sale, deliver, barter, auction, give away, transfer, or sell any live dog, cat or rabbit in any pet shop, retail business, or other commercial establishment located in the City, unless the dog, cat or rabbit was obtained from a city or county animal shelter or animal control agency, a humane society, or a non-profit rescue organization.

Seaside, CA: Adopted an ordinance for breeding permits, mandatory spay/neuter, and intact licenses for unaltered cats and dogs.

Frankfort, KY: Retail Pet Shop Ban was adopted.

Saint Tammany Parish, LA: All cats and dogs in the parish must be spayed or neutered unless they meet the waiver requirements and have an intact license. Adopted.

Longview, TX: Adopted a microchipping, sterilization, and breeding permit ordinance.

Region 9

We continue to consult with our Region 9 liaison, representatives and fanciers who provide critical information on legislation there. As we reported in October, the European Union is proposing to set minimum EU-wide rules for breeding cats and dogs. The proposal includes new rules which would ban breeding some popular cats deemed to have extreme traits. Cats affected could include breeds already restricted in parts of Europe, such as Persians, Exotics, Burmese, Sphynx, Manx, Cymric, Japanese Bobtail, Scottish-Fold, Rex, Cornish Rex, Lykoi, white cats of any breed, etc. Some legislative trends originate in Europe and then spread elsewhere. Knowing the history of those trends can help us fight that type of legislation when it spreads outside the EU.

Litigation

The CFA Board has allowed CFA to join with the Animal Health Institute (AHI) coalition on amicus curiae (friend of the court) briefs opposing non-economic damages (i.e. "pain and suffering") for injuries to animals. They are monitoring lower court litigation and will keep us informed if an appropriate situation develops. There is nothing new to report this time period.

Publications

Until recently the CFA e-Newsletter provides space for a "What's Hot" legislative column used to provide brief information on new and urgent matters of interest to the cat fancy. The Cat Talk Almanac was used to present articles written for less time-sensitive matters with a focus on guidance on advocacy. With the premier of the new Cat Talk Blog, that will become the primary outlet for articles previously published in the e-Newsletter, which will then be re-posted on the Legislative Blog. Longer articles and guidance statements will be posted on the Legislative Blog. Pieces published since the December 2025 CFA Board meeting:

- * *CFA Legislative Blog, December 2024, "Texas to Review the Dog and Cat Breeders Program Rules" by Kelly Crouch, CFA Legislative Information Liaison. This post discussed the Texas Department of Licensing and Regulation (TDLR) review of the Dog and Cat Breeders Program Rules. This is part of a routine, four-year review process. Their goal is to determine whether the rules need to be re-adopted, revised, or repealed. The public could submit comments until December 23, 2024. No changes have been proposed at this time, but any future revisions would go through a separate rulemaking process with an opportunity for public input. Note: this review is to clarify the rules created for the enforcement of the existing law, and not to make any changes to the law itself, which would require legislative action.*

- * CFA Legislative Blog, January 2025 “**Legislation — What’s Hot...Silence in Advocacy is Not Golden!**” by Kelly Crouch, CFA Legislative Information Liaison. Cat and dog fanciers have faced increasing pressure from anti-breeder and anti-pet legislation for years. Without strong advocacy, these laws will continue to threaten the future of pet breeding and ownership. The responsibility to protect the hobby falls on those who love it—failure to speak out invites its demise. While some advocates are already fighting, every fancier must get involved. Recently Ojai, California, passed a law inspired by European-style “unethical breeding” ordinances. This ordinance became law before breeders knew about it, showing how easily harmful legislation can slip through. Preventing bad laws is far easier than repealing them. Although a similar bill in New Hampshire was defeated, history shows animal rights groups won’t stop with one victory. Their long-term goal is to end all animal use, including pet ownership, by making incremental legislative gains.

Meetings and Conferences:

The Pet Industry Leadership Summit 2025 was held from January 13-15, 2025, in Bonita Springs, Florida. Sponsored by four pet industry leaders—the American Pet Products Association (APPA), the Pet Industry Distributors Association (PIDA), the Pet Advocacy Network, and the World Pet Association (WPA)—this premier conference brought together hundreds of leaders from across the industry. Open exclusively to members of the sponsoring trade organizations, the summit drew a mix of industry decision-makers, including suppliers, wholesalers, retailers, and other key stakeholders. These participants shared insights, explored new trends, and collaborated on strategies to advance the pet business and better serve pet owners and their beloved companions. The Cat Fanciers’ Association (CFA) has a long-standing partnership with the organizations hosting the summit. This event presented a unique opportunity for CFA to strengthen alliances with other groups committed to promoting responsible pet ownership and supporting the well-being of animals. Representing CFA at this year’s summit was George Eigenhauser, whose participation underscored CFA’s dedication to remaining at the forefront of industry developments.

Future Projections for Committee and Legislative Group:

Upcoming conferences related to legislation –committed or pending:

HSUS Animal Care Expo 2024, April 15-18, 2025, in Las Vegas, Nevada. This is the largest annual animal rights conference, attracting 2,500 participants from a broad spectrum of organizations, including animal welfare advocates, middle-ground groups, and more radical animal rights proponents. The Expo serves as a vital platform for networking with diverse animal-focused groups and influential leaders who may be unfamiliar with CFA’s commitment to feline welfare and public education. Our consistent presence at the Expo reinforces our mission to promote respect for all cats and advocate for their well-being. By participating each year, we highlight our dedication to responsible cat ownership, proper care practices, and the broader welfare of felines. The Expo also provides invaluable insights into the Humane Society of the United States (HSUS) upcoming legislative and public relations initiatives. This awareness helps CFA anticipate and prepare for future advocacy efforts and policy discussions that may impact the feline community. George Eigenhauser is scheduled to attend this year.

Ongoing goals -

- *Networking with the sheltering community, aligned organizations, veterinarians and lawmakers so we better understand the problems and trends that cause homeless animals to be in shelters and develop ways to address the issues that motivate legislation detrimental to our interests.*
- *Continuing to find new methods for presenting perspective on the cat fancy views to those in animal related fields and government.*
- *Working with national and local cat fancy teams to defeat legislation/regulation detrimental to pedigree cats, feral/unowned cats, CFA's mission and cat ownership.*
- *Enlisting professional help with strategic public relations and communication to build greater public awareness and gain more support for our opposition to mandated sterilization laws across the country.*
- *Increasing efforts to raise funds for the Sy Howard Legislative Fund and to help clubs present projects suitable for funding.*

Action Items:

None at this time.

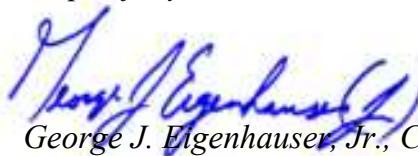
Time Frame:

Ongoing.

What Will be Presented at the Next Meeting:

Updates and pending legislative matters.

Respectfully Submitted,



George J. Eigenhauser, Jr.

Eigenhauser: Everything else, we're trying to put out the hottest fire and the closest fire quickest, so everything doesn't get the same amount of attention. If you have any specific questions about what's going on, now is the time. **Mastin:** Anybody have any questions for George? No questions, George. Do you have anything further on that, George? **Eigenhauser:** Not on Legislation, no.

Griswold: I just kind of have a question. So, when we find these types of legislations that are pretty pressing and poignant for us, do we as CFA do some sort of letter or official response? **Eigenhauser:** It depends on the circumstance. Every circumstance is different. For example, let's say it's going to a local government committee. Then, our response will be based on the

interest that a local government committee would want to hear. If it's going to an animal welfare committee, then our response will be based on what an animal welfare committee would want to hear about. So, it actually depends not just on what the bill says, but what committee it's assigned to and what are the interests within those committees. Sometimes we do a CFA letter. Sometimes we do a joint letter. We've done joint letters with TICA, we've done joint letters with Animal Health Institute. We've done joint letters with AKC, but the biggest thing we can do is get local fanciers involved. Hawaii may or may not care what CFA does, but legislators in Hawaii care what people in Hawaii want. So, the most important part is getting the grass roots going. What we try to do is, if there's an interest in the area, we try to get the word out to those people, we'll help them write letters if they need help. If there are sufficient people, we might do a more generic form letter that people can just modify to suit their own needs, but a lot of times it depends on the interest. If we're going someplace and there's absolutely nobody local who could write a letter or attend a public hearing, then we're not going to spend a lot of time writing a letter for the fancy to write if there's nobody in the fancy that's going to write it. Like in Ojai – when Ojai had that problem last year, there are no cat fanciers in Ojai. That's why they were able to get the bill through so easily is because there was nobody there to oppose it. So, there's no "one size fits all" solution to every piece of legislation, but the gold standard is to be able to get local constituents willing to step up and contact their legislators and say, "I live in your district, I vote, and this is why I don't like that." Everything else we just do the best we can. **Mastin:** Thank you, George.

10. PROTEST COMMITTEE.

Committee Chair: George J. Eigenhauser, Jr.
Liaison to Board: Howard Webster
Committee Members: Dick Kallmeyer, Betsy Arnold, Brian Moser,
Michael Shelton and Howard Webster
Animal Welfare: Charlene Campbell
Europe Region liaison: Pauli Huhtaniemi
Japan liaison: TBD
ID liaison: Kathy Calhoun
Judging liaison: Victoria Nye
Legal Counsel: Ed Raymond

Protest Committee Chair George Eigenhauser gave the Protest Committee report containing recommendations for disposition of pending matters (see Agenda Item #____).
Motion Carried [vote sealed].

Mastin: Moving onto Protests. **Eigenhauser:** There's no open session items for Protests at this point. **Mastin:** There's nothing on there, so we can move forward on that one. Correct, George? **Eigenhauser:** Yes. **Mastin:** Thank you, George. We're going to see you tomorrow, right? **Eigenhauser:** Tomorrow, yes. Good-bye.

11. AWARDS.

*Committee Chair: Cathy Dunham
Liaison to Board: Janet Moyer
List of Committee Members: Martha Auspitz, Cyndy Byrd, Leslie Carr*

Mastin: Is Cathy Dunham with us? **Tartaglia:** Yes. **Mastin:** Hi Cathy. Welcome to the meeting, Cathy. **Dunham:** Hello. **Mastin:** I don't know if you were on earlier, but you got some nice kudos during Show Rules. Great job. **Dunham:** I did hear that. Thank you very much. **Mastin:** Thank you for all you do for us.

Brief Summation of Immediate Past Committee Activities:

Presented additional options for cost savings on the 2024-2025 national awards. Worked with the central office to order the awards after approval from the board of directors. The committee would like to thank the board of directors for working with us.

Current Happenings of Committee:

The committee is preparing to accept nominations for the 2025 star and diamond star awards. Information will be posted, and nominations accepted from February 3rd through 28th.

Mastin: What do you have for us during the Awards here? **Dunham:** It's a pretty straightforward report, just reminding everybody that nominations for the 2025 Star and Diamond Star Awards will be opening up as of Monday and will run through the end of February. So, this is a gentle reminder for board members. If you have nominations you would like to make, get them sent in and we will be posting it to everybody in the cat fancy on Monday. **DelaBar:** Cathy, could you review what the Diamond Star Award is? **Dunham:** The Diamond Star Award is really – the criteria involves having done your job for 5 years and the Committee actually reviews that information, so if somebody submits a nomination, we look at the number of years that the person has done the job. We will ask additional questions and then we will make those recommendations to the board, if we feel like somebody has qualified and should be elevated to that level of award.

Future Projections for Committee:

Review of the Star and Diamond Star award nominations for 2025

Board Action Items:

None

Time Frame:

Ongoing

What Will be Presented at the Next Meeting:

Nominations for Star and Diamond Star Award winners for 2025.

*Respectfully Submitted,
Cathy Dunham, Chair*

Mastin: Does anybody else have any further questions for Cathy? Cathy, do you have anything else? **Dunham:** Not for this report. **Mastin:** OK, thank you very much, Cathy.

12. ENTRY CLERK PROGRAM.

Committee Chair: *Cathy Dunham*
Liaison to Board: *Janet Moyer*
List of Committee Members: *Sheryl Zink and Paul Noble*

Mastin: Entry Clerk Program. That's you, Cathy. We're going to continue with you.

Dunham: This is just a general update.

Brief Summation of Immediate Past Committee Activities:

Prior to being a formal committee all of us provided training and support as needed for the entry clerking program and new entry clerks.

The four new China entry clerks were setup in the entry clerking program and their Ecat accounts.

Provided training to new entry clerks on January 17. 2025.

Dunham: We had done a few things prior to this Committee becoming a formal committee and I just kind of documented that there. The four new China entry clerks are set up in the entry clerking program, as well as in their eCat accounts where the entries will come in. I did provide training for the entry clerks on January 17th. I was only able to work with one, but it was a very good give and take during that training session and we did record it, so that recording and video will be available very shortly for anyone that wants to look at it, but certainly for our entry clerks in the International Division and in China.

Mastin: Does anyone have any questions for Cathy? **Jensen:** Yes, I'm not so sure if this is for the entry clerk or for the eCats, but when a cat is co-owned, an issue came up in my region where a cat was co-owned between a person in Region 2 and a person in Region 5. There was a little bit of confusion on that, because somebody was wanting to move all the cats instead of just the one. **Dunham:** I'm not sure I understand what you're talking about, Vicki, but I'm certainly happy to address the issue offline with you and we'll see if we can get that sorted out. **Jensen:** OK, thank you. I mean, can a cat that's co-owned between two people, can that be in both persons' eCat? **Dunham:** Absolutely. You just have to link them to each account. **Jensen:** OK.

Current Happenings of Committee:

The recent training was recorded, and we are currently working on editing the video which will be posted for anyone to reference. Additional video topics are being determined so the video reference library can be updated.

Future Projections for Committee:

Continue to work on the video reference library and answer questions as needed.

Board Action Items:

None

Time Frame:

Ongoing

What Will be Presented at the Next Meeting:

Update on ongoing projects.

*Respectfully Submitted,
Cathy Dunham, Chair*

Mastin: Any further questions for Cathy Dunham? No further questions, Cathy.

Dunham: OK, thank you very much. I will talk to anybody that needs help. Let me know.

Mastin: Great. Thank you, Cathy.

13. JUDGING PROGRAM.

Executive Committee

Co-Chair: Vicki Nye
Co-Chair and Board Liaison: Russell Webb
Advisor/Coordinator: Rachel Anger

List of Committee Members:

<i>Rachel Anger:</i>	<i>Associate Program Applications Administrator</i>
<i>Anne Mathis:</i>	<i>Associate Program Training Administrator, Education – Judges’ Training/Tests and Continuing Education</i>
<i>Nancy Dodds:</i>	<i>File Administrator</i>
<i>Marilee Griswold:</i>	<i>File Administrator</i>
<i>Leslie Carr:</i>	<i>Application Administrator – Regions 1-9</i>
<i>Jodell Raymond:</i>	<i>Application Administrator – International Division</i>
<i>Barbara Jaeger:</i>	<i>Education – Breed Awareness & Orientation</i>
<i>Wendy Heidt:</i>	<i>Guest Judge Administrator</i>
<i>Teresa Sweeney:</i>	<i>Recruitment, Development and Mentoring Administrator</i>
<i>Carla Bizzell:</i>	<i>Ombudsperson</i>

Mastin: Agenda Item #13, Vicki Nye. Hi Vicki. Welcome to the meeting. Before you start, I want to know if Russell is going to be a standing motion on any action items. Russell?
Webb: Yes. **Mastin:** Thank you. Darrell, are you a standing second on any action items that may come forward? **Newkirk:** I am. **Mastin:** Thank you. OK Vicki Nye, welcome. **Nye:** Thank you very much, and I thank the board for the opportunity to address you. Hopefully, I can meet the challenge of getting this done quickly.

Brief Summation of Immediate Past Committee Activities:

Rachel Anger, who takes responsibility for updating the Judging Program Rules has completed all revisions to the Judging Program Rules from October and December 2024 and posted them on the CFA Website. The JP Co-Chair Vicki Nye has communicated these changes with the Judging Program panel through CFAJudgeslist@groups.io.

Nye: First of all, I would like to thank Rachel Anger, who is always on the ball for updating our Judging Program Rules. Some of these updates have been huge; others are just minimal, but she gets them updated and put up on the CFA website immediately. It's essential. We have a lot of people working on application and going through the Judging Program right now. For us to have the current one up on the CFA website is absolutely necessary, so thank you very much Rachel.

Current Happenings Of Committee:

The Spring BAOS will take place April 17, 18 & 20 in Bangkok, Thailand in conjunction with a two day show to be held on April 19-20, 2025. The two days of classroom teaching Thursday and

Friday, April 17-18, 2025 will occur at the Koon Hotel with Vicki Nye and Anne Mathis as faculty. The 2 day show on April 19-20, 2025 will be held at the venue, Central Bangna, 587, 589 Debaratana Road, Bangna Nuea, Bangna, Bangkok Thailand 10260 where the handling portion of the BAOS will occur on Sunday, April 20th, 2025.

This is a terrific location and the JPC has had several requests in the last 2 years for a BAOS in this geographic area. Japan will be working on plans for a BAOS with a 2 day show and classroom facilities for the 2025-2026 show season.

Nye: With regard to current happenings of the Committee, we were able to get a team in Thailand who is putting on a two-day show the third week of April. We will be having the BAOS in conjunction with that. The BAOS will be on Thursday/Friday and the handling will be on Sunday. It's almost three months before and we already have like 10 registrations for the BAOS, so I am delighted with that. This is an area of the world where we have several requests to put on a BAOS, so we expect registrations to come from Hong Kong, Thailand, Malaysia and some from China also.

The Judging Program Rules are continually being reviewed, and oftentimes a situation occurs which points out a need for change. Judging Program Rule 8.2c. is an example of a change that should have been made, perhaps in 2020 when training sessions were reduced from eight (8) to six (6), however with the recent change of Associate Judges with a certain level of judging experience needing fewer than six (6) session, perhaps five (5) or even four (4) it seems logical that the out of region/country/area training requirement be reduced from three (3) to two (2). This proposed change is presented below.

Furthermore, Show Rule 3.02.b., and the identical Judging Program Rule 12.2.a., prohibit an APT or APP Single Specialty Judge residing in Regions 1-9 from judging in the International Division. An APT or APP Single Specialty Judge from the International Division may judge anywhere in the world, including Regions 1-9. The ID has grown with many more shows and judges who reside in the International Division, since this rule was written. This requested change will allow all judges the same opportunity to judge anywhere in the world. The Show Rule change to 3.02 b. will be included in the Show Rules Committee requested changes.

The Judging Program Committee met on January 21, 2025 to discuss applicants, advancements and other business to bring before the board.

Judging Program Rule Changes

Action Item: Adopt the following Judging Program rule changes, effective immediately.

Section 8 – Trainees	Judging Program Committee
Existing Wording	Proposed Wording
8.2 Breed/Division Color Class Sessions	8.2 Breed/Division Color Class Sessions
c. A total of three (3) shows must be outside their region, country or area (for China), or not less	c. A total of <u>three (3)</u> <u>two (2)</u> shows must be outside their region, country or area (for China), or

than five hundred (500) miles or four hundred (400) kilometers from their place of residence.	not less than five hundred (500) miles or four hundred (400) kilometers from their place of residence.
RATIONALE: In 2020, when the number of training assignments was reduced from 8 to 6, consideration should have been given to how many out of region/country/area assignments a trainee must complete. Since 8.2 a. now requires 6 training sessions, and this might be fewer, such as 5 or 4 sessions for an Associate Judge with experience, the JPC would like to lower the number of out of region/country/area assignments a trainee must successfully complete to two (2). Training is currently not permitted for first specialty applicants in China.	

Board Action Item: *Approve change to Judging Program Rule 8.2 c. reducing the number of shows a first or second specialty trainee must train at, out of region. Country or area (China).*

Nye: Moving on to the rule changes, this first rule change is something that – I wish we could make all the changes and have it all up to date at one time, but sometimes these things don't rear their ugly heads until we have an incident which makes them show up as perhaps this is an issue. This first rule change has to do with the number of training sessions an individual has to complete out of the region. This rule was written when we still had the trainees going through 8 training sessions. This was not ever addressed at that time, so we felt that it was only appropriate since they do 6 now and in some cases if they are coming from the Associate Judging Program with experienced judging that meets the criteria, they may only do 4. So, we have lowered it from 3 out-of-region country or area to 2. With regard to the mileage, those two miles – the mileage and the kilometers – they were not ever supposed to be equal. I don't know the reasoning why the kilometers is so much less. Perhaps Pam knows because she's from an area which uses kilometers instead of miles, but we did not change or we're not intending to change that part of the rule. I did get some questions on that, however. **DelaBar:** Obviously, 500 miles does not equate to 400 kilometers. It actually equates to twice that many. Vicki and I talked about this, and I was trying to remember back when we were coming up with kilometers. Basically, at that time, we were talking about Europe and 400 kilometers oftentimes will put you through two different countries. Our best thing is just to leave it as it, because the Judging Program will say, "hey, if you're in northern Italy, doing a color class in southern Switzerland might not be the thing to do," but to work it out with the particular file administrator. So, just leave it as is. I just wanted people to know, 500 miles is 800 kilometers, just to answer Vicki's question. **Mastin:** Thank you, Pam. Any further questions or comments? I'm going to call if there are any objections to this change. Seeing no objections to the motion, the motion passes unanimously.

The motion is ratified by unanimous consent.

Section 12 – Judging Invitation Clarifications	Judging Program Committee	
	Existing Wording	Proposed Wording
12.2 Judging Invitations to CFA Judges from International Division CFA Clubs		12.2 Judging Invitations to CFA Judges from International Division CFA Clubs

<p>a. Invitations from CFA clubs in the International Division may be considered by Approved or Approval Pending Judges, as well as those that are Approved in one Specialty and at least Apprentice in the Second Specialty, or Judges at any level that reside in the International Division. A Judge may judge only the specialty/specialties in which they are approved.</p> <p>b. Associate Judges may judge only in their designated area. They may not accept invitations outside their designated area.</p>	<p>a. Invitations from CFA clubs in the International Division may be considered by <u>CFA Judges of any status, Apprentice, Approval Pending or Approved</u>. Approved or Approval Pending Judges, as well as those that are Approved in one Specialty and at least Apprentice in the Second Specialty, or Judges at any level that reside in the International Division.—A Judge may judge only the specialty/specialties in which they are approved.</p> <p>b. Associate Judges may judge only in their designated area. They may not accept invitations outside their designated area.</p>
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RATIONALE: The current Judging Program Rule 12.2 a allows judges of any status who reside in the International Division to judge anywhere in the world, including the International Division, however it restricts APT or Specialty APP Judges from Regions 1-9 the same judging opportunity. An APT Judge from Thailand can judge in Japan, and an APT Judge from Japan should be able to judge in Thailand. An APT judge from Regions 1-9 should be able to accept an assignment in Hong Kong or elsewhere in the ID.

Board Action Item: *Approve change to Judging Program Rule 12.2 a, to allow CFA Judges of any status in regions 1-9 and in the International Division to judge in the International Division.*

Nye: The second Judging Program Rule change I have is actually the same as the Show Rule change that you approved earlier, #3 which allows apprentices from any part of the world to judge in any part of the world. I do appreciate the concern from those that mentioned that these judges are not that experienced, that are maybe going into areas where we have not had shows, but as it is right now, many of these people are training in these areas. They go and they train and then they turn around and they get a request to judge there. We do not feel that it was fair that they could not do that, so oftentimes with these emerging areas, they have a number of very experienced judges there to rely on to set the stage or help them meet the rules and all the other issues that come up with emerging areas putting on shows. So, I ask for your support of this change to the Judging Program Rules because it will now be the same as the show rules. **Mastin:** Open for discussion. Any objections? Seeing no objection, the motion passes unanimously.

The motion is ratified by unanimous consent.

Leave of Absence:

Cathy Dinesen – October 15, 2024 through June 1, 2025

Mastin: OK Vicki, continue. **Nye:** Just to mention that Cathy Dinesen is on a medical leave of absence through June 1, 2025.

Retirements/Resignations:

None

Death of previously retired CFA Judges:

None

Applications and Advancements:

APPLICATIONS:

First Specialty Applications received by the October 1, 2024 deadline, to be considered at the February 1, 2025 Board Meeting.

- *Phebe Low-Shorthair Associate Judge, First Specialty Shorthair, International Division--Fotan, Shatan, Hong Kong. Pre-notice of application was posted on the CFA website November 1, 2024.*
- *Agnes Sun—Longhair Associate Judge, First Specialty Longhair, International Division—Shanghai, China. Pre-notice of application was posted on the CFA website November 1, 2024.*
- *Jon Lee, First Specialty Longhair, International Division—Chongqing, China. Pre-notice of application was posted on the CFA website November 1, 2024.*

Second Specialty Application received by the December 15, 2024 deadline, to be considered at the February 1, 2025 Board Meeting.

- *Alex Luk Chun Lap-Approval Pending LH, Application for Shorthair 2nd Specialty, International Division, Hong Kong*
- *Yi Chang-Approval Pending LH. Application for Shorthair 2nd Specialty, International Division, China*

Nye: We also mention in the body of the open session that we have three new applicants to the Judging Program and two second specialty applicants to the Judging Program – five altogether – to consider in closed session.

Applicant – from Associate Judge Program:

Accept as Trainee – 1st Specialty:

*Phebe Low (Fotan, Shatan, Hong Kong – ID-Other) 18 yes
Shorthair 1st Specialty*

*Agnes Sun (Shanghai, China – ID-China) 18 yes
Longhair 1st Specialty*

Applicant – Regular Judging Program:

Accept as Trainee – 1st Specialty:

*Jon Lee (Chonqing, China – ID-China)
Longhair 1st Specialty* 18 yes

Accept as Trainee – 2nd Specialty:

*Alex Chun Lap (Hong King – ID-Other)
Shorthair 2nd Specialty* 18 yes

*Yi Chang (Beijing, China – ID-China)
Shorthair 2nd Specialty* 18 yes

ADVANCEMENTS:

Five (5) advancements to be presented in closed session

Nye: We also have five individuals who are coming up for advancement in the Judging Program.

Advancements – Regular Judging Program:

Advance from Trainee to Apprentice Specialty:

*Laura Gregory (Lutz Florida - Region 7)
Shorthair 2nd Specialty* 18 yes

Advance from Apprentice to Approval Pending Specialty:

*Gavin Cao (Chengdu, China – ID-China)
Longhair 2nd Specialty* 18 yes

*Issariya Rattanaweerawong (Thailand – ID-Other)
Shorthair 1st Specialty* 18 yes

Advance from Approval Pending to Approved Specialty:

*Chate Ruengruglikit (Thailand – ID-Other)
Longhair 1st Specialty* 18 yes

*Pattama Weeranon (Thailand – ID-Other)
Longhair 1st Specialty* 18 yes

Relicense:

Relicense Judges: All Approved and Approval Pending judges are presented to the Board for relicensing, which requires the affirmative vote of a majority of board members present.

Action Item: *Approve the annual relicensing of all Judges who are in good standing.*

In an executive session action, all judges in good standing were relicensed.

Anger: I just have to announce for open session about the judges who were advanced.

Mastin: OK. Let's go ahead and do that announcement. **Anger:** OK. All the judges' applications and advancements were approved by the board. **Mastin:** Congratulations. **Anger:** That's it.

Mastin: Alright. Thank you. That was easy. **Newkirk:** Rich, point of order. **Mastin:** I'm sorry?

Newkirk: Were all the judges re-licensed? **Anger:** They were, except the Associate Judges that were put on the inactive list. **Newkirk:** OK. **Mastin:** Thank you, Rachel. Thank you, Darrell.

Nasin: So, if I understand correctly, Liz Watson is also re-licensed until she retires? **Mastin:** Rachel, can you answer that? **Anger:** That's correct. **Nasin:** OK.

What Will be Presented at the Next Meeting:

As of January 16, 2025 two (2) first specialty applications to the CFA Judging Program have been received; Japanese applicant for Shorthair, Makoto Wakamatsu and Chinese applicant Zhang (Leonie) Yu, First Specialty Longhair. Deadline for first specialty applications for consideration at the June 25, 2025 Board Meeting is February 25, 2025. There are several more applicants currently working on pre-application requirements, including Marking A Judges Book, and the JP may have several more applicants for the Board to consider at the June 25, 2025 Board Meeting. Second Specialty Application deadline for the June 25, 2025 Board Meeting would be 6 weeks prior, or May 14th, 2025.

Breed Awareness and Orientation School Subcommittee

Subcommittee Chair: *Barbara Jaeger*

Brief Summation of Immediate Past Committee Activities:

The last BAOS was held in conjunction with the International Show October 10-13, 2024. Vicki Nye took over as lead for the School, since I was sick during the Annual and International Show. I am now recovered and will be handing registrations and oversight for the April 17-20, 2025 BAOS in Bangkok, Thailand, along with Vicki Nye.

Nye: The Breed Awareness School, as I mentioned earlier, is in Thailand. We already have registrations for that. The two judges that are judging that show are also the two that are going to be presenting the BAOS so that we can watch our expenses for this event. Also, of course, we are pending planning for the BAOS at the next International Show, depending on what happens with the structure of that show.

Current Happenings of Committee:

Vicki Nye was successful in working with a group in Thailand to host the next BAOS. The School is scheduled for April 17, 18 & 20, 2025 in Bangkok. In an effort to save money, the two instructors for the school will be Vicki Nye and Anne Mathis, who will also be judging the show. The flyer has been distributed, the registration link has been established, and BAOS information

updated on the CFA website. The flyer has been posted through CAT TALK, the CFA website catalog, the CFA Facebook page, CFA BAOS Facebook Page and several lists.

If you have an interest in applying to the CFA Judging Program, you will need to attend the BAOS, including the handling portion, within two years prior to submission of your application. Furthermore, if applying to a second specialty, the pre-applicant will then need to take the BAOS for that second specialty.

The link for registration is <https://catalog.cfa.org/fees.shtml#baos>. The fees remain the same and registrations will close April 4, 2025 or when 40 registrations have been received. Should you have any questions, please free to contact me at barbara.jaeger911@gmail.com.

Additional breed videos are in the process of being completed. Melody Y OngBoyd has been working with Vicki Nye to make more breed videos available for training purposes.

Future Projections for Committee:

Planning for the BAOS for October 9 - 12 to be held in-conjunction with the International Show in Cleveland, OH. More details for this school will be available around June 2025.

*Respectfully Submitted,
Barbara Jaeger, Subcommittee Chair*



ENROLL ONLINE: <https://catalog.cfa.org/fees.shtml#baos>

- **LOCATION:** Koon Hotel - Samut Prakarn, Thailand
address : 998 M.10, Soi Bearing 34, Sukhumvit 107 Rd.,
T.Samrongnua, A.Muang, Samutprakan 10270, Thailand
Tel. 02-743-2844-6. Fax. 02-743-2847
E-mail : info@koonhotel.com
Location: <https://maps.app.goo.gl/5QErLcrpX3VDk7fs7>
- **DATE:** April 17-18 classroom & April 20 for handling ring
- **TIME:** 8:30 am-5:30 pm
- **ATTENDANCE AT A BAOS:** Required for application to the CFA Judging Program within 2 years prior to application—Must attend all 3 days. If you are attending for Continuing Education Units, 10 units will be earned for Thursday & Friday attendance.
 - Class room : Thursday - Glass house room
 - Friday LH : Samut Prakarn room
 - Friday SH : Glass house room
- Ample breaks will be afforded for meals, etc. Lunch will be supplied on Thursday and Friday.
- In the Ring Handling will take place in the show hall April 20th, 2025:
Central Bangna,
587, 589 Debaratana Road, Bangna Nuea, Bangna, Bangkok Thailand 10260
- **CLASS SIZE:** Class size is limited to the first 40 registrations.
- **MATERIALS:** Pre-Course Materials will be available on-line. Link will be sent to you once you have registered.

CURRICULUM:

All Day Sessions (Thurs, April 17, 2025)

- Welcome and Introductions
- Applying to the CFA Judging Program
- Getting Started/How To Be a Good Trainee
- Marking a Judges Book and Mechanics
- Judging Etiquette and Ethics
- Condition, Standards and Structure
- Managing your Judging Ring and Handling
- The Psychology of Judging
- Colors and Patterns in the Pedigreed Cat
- Role of a Mentor
- SH Breeds – Siamese/Oriental Thursday.

All Day Sessions: Friday, April 18, 2025

- SH Breeds
- LH Breeds
- Instructors: Victoria Nye
Anne Mathis

- **FEES:** \$275.00 USD for the full BAOS- 3 days Thursday, Friday and Sunday.

\$150.00 USD for CFA Judges taking the course for Continuing Education Credit only—Thursday & Friday.

- **FORMAT:** Each attendee must choose EITHER Longhair or Shorthair specialty (choice must be indicated with online reservation).

CFA Breed Awareness & Orientation School – April 17, 18 & 20, 2025

Questions on Registration: CFA – Attn: Allene Tartaglia astartaglia@cfa.org Phone: +1-330-680-4070
Fax +1-330-680-4633 260 E. Main St. Alliance, OH 44601 USA

Questions on BAOS and Curriculum: Barbara Jaeger barbara.jaeger911@gmail.com +1-602-692-6852

REGISTER ONLINE AT: <https://catalog.cfa.org/fees.shtml#baos>

RESERVATION DEADLINE: April 4, 2025 or when 40 Registrations have been received.

Nye: Here is the flyer just so that it can be documented. This is what the BAOS flyer looks like, so that everyone has the curriculum, all the necessary data they have to get there and to register for it.

Guest Judging Report

Guest Judging Administrator: Wendy Heidt

Current Happenings of Committee:

In addition to approving CFA Club requests to contract Guest Judges from Approved Associations, the Guest Judge Administrator also approves requests for CFA Judges to officiate for other approved Associations.

CFA Judges to Judge non-CFA Assignments or present seminars:

Judge	Assn	Sponsor/Club	City/Country	Date
Etsuko Hamayasu	CCCA	NSW CF Assoc INC	Sydney, Australia	8/25/25
Pam Delabar	FiFe	RUROK	Karkkila, Finland	8/30/25
Chuck Gradowski	CCA	PAWSitive PAWS Cat Club	London, Ont. Canada	11/15/25
Pam Delabar	Felidae	International Show	Stuttgart, Germany	11/21/25
Allan Raymond	ACF	National Show	Adelaide, Australia	6/6/26

CFA Club Requests to use a Guest Judge:

Judge	Assn	CFA Show	City/Country	Date	Date Approved or Tier 1 Guest Judge
Jurgen Trautmann	WCF	Angel Fairy Sphynx Club	Tainjin, China	3/1/2025	1/2/2025
Jurgen Trautmann	WCF	Cat Fanciers of Finland	Kerava, Finland	3/15/25	1/16/25
Elaine Gleason	CCA	Santa Monica CC	Glendale, CA	9/14/25	1/16/25
Robert Gleason	CCA	Santa Monica CC	Glendale, CA	9/14/25	1/16/25

2024-2025 Season Guest Judging.

Approved Guest Judges limited to 10 or less without Board Approval, all other guest judges may only judge 5 CFA shows per season.

Guest Judge Name	# Shows
Bielova, Natalia	1
Billing, Jurgen	1
Buchanan, Pat	1
Christison, Janis	3
Comorio, Luigi	1
DeLuca, Chiara	1
Gleason, Elaine	2

<i>Gleason, Robert</i>	<i>1</i>
<i>Gnatkevitch, Elena</i>	<i>3</i>
<i>Gubenko, Dmitriy</i>	<i>4</i>
<i>Hamalainen, Satu</i>	<i>4</i>
<i>Ignatova, Elena</i>	<i>1</i>
<i>Lanigan, Pamela</i>	<i>1</i>
<i>Ling, Christine</i>	<i>2</i>
<i>Mantovani, Gianfanco</i>	<i>1</i>
<i>Matskevich, Natalia</i>	<i>1</i>
<i>Merrill, Vicky</i>	<i>1</i>
<i>Merritt, Chris</i>	<i>2</i>
<i>Pokhvalina, Viktoria</i>	<i>1</i>
<i>Sadovinkova, Irina</i>	<i>1</i>
<i>Slizhevskaya, Tatiana</i>	<i>1</i>
<i>Trautmann, Jurgen</i>	<i>5</i>
<i>Vasilieva, Vera</i>	<i>1</i>

Nye: Guest Judging Program. We have the CFA judges who have been asked to judge for other approved associations, and judges that are from approved associations that are judging for CFA, and then the current list by show season of who has how many judging assignments. They are limited to 5 for judges who are not an Approved Guest Judge and 10 for those who are Approved Guest Judges.

Associate Judge Program and Continuing Education

Sub-Committee Chair:

Anne Mathis

Coaches

Jacqui Bennett, Pam DelaBar, Chloe Chung, Hope Gonano, Barbara Jaeger, Anne Mathis, Teresa Sweeney, Liz Watson, Russell Webb, Bob Zenda

Current Happenings of Committee:

The next Breed Presentation will be on the Oriental Shorthair. This will be delivered via ZOOM on Wednesday, February 26, 2025 -- 4PM PT, 7PM ET, Europe 1AM/2AM 2/27/25, Thailand/Malaysia 7AM 2/27/25, China 8AM 2/27/25, and Japan 9AM 2/27/25. This session will be recorded, and the recording available to CFA Judges only to receive Continuing Education Credits.

Nye: The Associate Program and Continuing Education. The next breed presentation will be the Oriental Shorthair. That is occurring on Zoom on February 26th. It will be recorded and sent out on the judges' list, so anyone who is not able to participate in the live Zoom call can collect continuing education credits by watching it there and submitting their request to Anne.

Future Projections for Committee:

The Judges Workshop will take place at the Orlando, Florida Annual on Thursday June 26, 2025 6PM-8PM. Boxed dinner and drinks are provided. There will be several topics presented and these will be announced soon on the CFAJudgeslist@groups.io.

Nye: We have the workshop that we are planning right now which will occur on Thursday, June 26th at the CFA Annual in Orlando from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. We will be doing that with multiple topics and not the breeds which we have done in the past, because we're actually doing breed presentations via Zoom.

*Respectfully Submitted,
Anne Mathis, Subcommittee Chair*

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Judging Program Reports

Respectfully Submitted

Vicki Nye, Co-Chair

CFA Judging Program

Nye: That's almost the end of my report. I do have a question or a comment to make to the CFA board with regard to 2.23, which is the stacked mutations. I don't want to beat this to death, but I just want to remind everyone I will need to communicate this to all our judges and so right now what we're going back to, since the new proposed wording failed, we're going back to the existing wording which says, *any two structural mutations or one structural mutation plus a coat mutation*. It doesn't leave any structural mutations out or coat mutations out, so that would include any curled-back ear, folded-over ear, any sort of tail mutation, dwarfism, munchkinism, and possibly any of those structural mutations plus any coat mutation, which would be hairlessness, wiring or wavy coat. So, I just wanted to make sure you are all aware that that's what I'm going to need to communicate to all our judges. **Mastin:** Thank you, Vicki. **DelaBar:** Vicki, I know that we're going to be talking about several subjects during the judges' workshop, but one thing that having the breeds or a breed at the judges' workshop allows those of us who do not live in the United States, which is like 54% of the Judging Program lives outside of North America, at least gives us a chance for having responses and interchange and feeling the cats without having to be up at 2:00 in the morning for a video. That's just a comment. You know how I feel on this but do think possibly about having a breed at the workshop. **Nye:** OK. Thank you, Pam. I'll take it under advisement. Some of the issues are actually getting the cats to where we have the annual, the hotel's willingness to have pets there and in that meeting room, but you and I will talk about this, OK? **Mastin:** She is shaking her head yes. **Nye:** Thank you.

Mastin: Do you have any further comments? **Nye:** No, I'm complete. **Mastin:** Does anybody have any other questions for Vicki Nye? No additional comments. Vicki Nye, thank you very much. **Nye:** Thank you very much. I appreciate the time. **Mastin:** We appreciate everything your Committee is doing. **Nye:** I will let them know. **Mastin:** Vicki, we're going to see you tomorrow, correct? **Nye:** First thing, bright and early. **Mastin:** OK, great. You have a good rest of the day. Thank you, Vicki.

14. NEW CLUB APPLICATIONS.

*Committee Chair: Carol Krzanowski
List of Committee Members: Pauli Huhtaniemi*

Mastin: Moving on to agenda item #14, Club Memberships. Carol? **Krzanowski:** My report is rather short this time. We do not have any new club applications that were submitted for this meeting. We do expect several to be submitted for consideration in June.

Brief Summation of Immediate Past Committee Activities:

Assistance and guidance were provided to clubs with questions and issues regarding membership and applications.

No new club applications were submitted for consideration at this meeting.

Club Resignations (See Attached)

Twelve clubs have indicated to Central Office that they are resigning from CFA membership.

Action Item: Accept with regret the resignation of the following clubs:

1. *Country Faire Cat Fanciers, Region 2, effective January 8, 2025*
2. *Fancy That Cat Club, Region 2, effective January 8, 2025*
3. *International Havana Brown Society, Region 3, effective December 12, 2024*
4. *Jazz Cats, Region 4, effective January 1, 2025*
5. *Longhair Japanese Bobtail Breeders, Region 2, effective January 1, 2025*
6. *Muskogee Cat Club, Region 3, effective January 8, 2025*
7. *Oakway Cat Fanciers, Region 4, effective January 1, 2025*
8. *North American Blues Allbreed Cat Fanciers, Region 2, effective January 1, 2025*
9. *Ocicat Society, Region 4, effective December 7, 2025*
10. *Southeastern Michigan Cat Fanciers, Region 4, effective January 1, 2025*
11. *Vieux Carre Feline Fanciers, Region 3, effective January 1, 2025*
12. *Wenatchee Valley Cat Club, Region 2, effective January 1, 2025*

Krzanowski: My action item is a motion to accept with regret the resignation of the following clubs. I'll just read off the names [reads]. **Mastin:** Thank you, Carol. Darrell, are you a second? **Newkirk:** I second. **Mastin:** Thank you, Darrell. Darrell, do you have a comment?

Newkirk: There's going to be more, because I've already been questioned on what to do if they don't want to renew their membership. **Currle:** Carol, this is the first time I've seen this many resignations all at once. Do you think it's a direct result of our fee structure being increased?

Krzanowski: Yes, it definitely is. Not all of the clubs indicated a reason for their resignation, but a number of them did mention that the fee increase was the primary reason. **Currle:** I have one other question I would like to ask. Within these 12, are there any duplicates for secretaries?

Krzanowski: Yes. **Currle:** That's all I need to know, thank you. **Mastin:** Carol, to be a little more specific on Kenny's question, all 12 are there duplicates or just some of the 12?

Krzanowski: I would say $\frac{3}{4}$ of them are duplicates. There are some duplicates in the $\frac{3}{4}$. There

are a couple that are single club secretaries, but there are a number that have multiple clubs.

DelaBar: I have a couple of clubs that are wavering on whether they are going to renew or not. The fee increase has been a major contention. What we are trying to do, we have where we might be losing some clubs is gaining some clubs or applications for clubs. We're trying to see if we can't work among these people to get maybe membership transferred, so we really don't lose a club but it might be changing where it's located, something like that. So, it would be an even Steven on the number of clubs, but we have had 3 secretaries tell me that the problem is that the \$190, even with the Euro being very even now with the U.S. dollar, is a big hit for them.

Calhoun: Just to give you a little bit of data, in 2023-2024 season, club dues we had \$47,935 in revenue. Thus far, May through the end of December, we have \$46,490 – that's \$1,445.01 – which is very, very close to exactly what the revenue from the 12 clubs is. So, if we look at the past, in the past, since probably – I'm looking back as far as 2018-2019 – we averaged about \$48,000 to \$49,000 in revenue driven by club dues. Again, last season, it was let's say rounded up \$48,000. Right now, if you round us up, and thus far this fiscal year we're at \$46,000. Just trying to give you some numbers.

Newkirk: I have a question for Carol. Carol, do we know how many of these 12 clubs are actual show-producing clubs versus being so-called paper clubs or non-show producing clubs? **Krzanowski:** I do not have that information but looking at some of the names of these clubs, I somewhat recognize that they have not been show producing clubs recently. **Mastin:** James or Allene, can you guys do that sometime today and then report on it later? **Tartaglia:** Yes. . **Mastin:** Thank you. **Mathis:** Jazz Cats was a show producing club in my region. .

Mastin: OK, thank you. **DelaBar:** Remember, clubs have other functions besides just putting on shows. They work with Animal Welfare and working with shelters and building the reputation of CFA in their locales. So, show producing does not always mean that the club is active. **Mastin:** OK, thank you Pam. Is there any further questions for Carol? Before I close this out, Allene, this is a good opportunity for you to remind all those that are signed in with us, what is the submission deadlines for this year for the delegate and voting? **Tartaglia:** I don't know. I have to look it up. **Mastin:** Oh, you don't have it, OK. **Tartaglia:** It changes all the time. So we publish that and we send out reminders all the time. **Mastin:** OK, very good. All right, Carol, do you have anything else? **Krzanowski:** No I do not. **Mastin:** Alright, thank you very much Carol. **Krzanowski:** We do need to vote on this, do we not? **Mastin:** Oh I'm sorry you're right. Thank you for the reminder. I got lost in the discussion here. Any objections to the motion? Seeing no objection, motion passes unanimously.

The motion is ratified by unanimous consent.

Mastin: Carol, thank you for reminding me of that. **Krzanowski:** You're welcome.

[From Unfinished Business] **Newkirk:** Point of order. **Mastin:** I'm sorry. Go ahead, Darrell. **Newkirk:** I think Allene said she had the show producing clubs. **Mastin:** Oh, I didn't hear. Allene, do you have it? **Tartaglia:** Yes. James did the research for us and there were five. I think there was five Region 2. Well, first, none of these clubs have had a show since 2018, 2019, so they're not what we would call show-producing clubs. The clubs in Region 2, the secretary was the same person. In Region 4, three of the clubs were the same club secretary. One was different. In Region 3, they were mixed as far as the club secretary. I think it was mentioned that when we raised the dues, that we may see clubs resigning, which we would consider non-active

clubs because now it was too expensive to maintain those memberships. So, I think we're seeing what we thought may happen with some clubs. **Mastin:** OK. Anybody have any additional comments or questions? **Anger:** Several of the Michigan clubs were holdovers from the vault of Mid-Michigan and that club has been retired for a number of years now. So, unfortunately, one of the clubs put on a show in conjunction with a currently in good standing Michigan club. I'm just sorry to see them go. It's a missed opportunity.

Future Projections for Committee:

Process and submit new club applications for consideration by the Board.

Time Frame:

February 2025 to June 2025 CFA Board meeting.

What Will be Presented at the Next Meeting:

All new clubs that have applied for membership and satisfactorily completed their documentation.

*Respectfully submitted,
Carol Krzanowski, Chair*

Krzanowski: That's all I have. **Mastin:** OK, thank you.

15. BREEDS AND STANDARDS.

*Committee Chair: Annette Wilson
Liaison to Board: Darrell Newkirk
List of Committee Members: Carla Bizzell, Melanie Morgan, Krista Schmitt*

Mastin: Agenda item #15, Breeds and Standards. Let's see, we're going to bring in Annette, correct? **Tartaglia:** She's here. **Mastin:** All right, and Darrell, you're going to be a standing motion? **Newkirk:** I am. **Mastin:** OK, may I have a standing second? Rachel, you are a standing second. **Anger:** I'll be a standing second. **Mastin:** OK. I know some of us ate lunch or dinner or breakfast, whatever time it is. Rachel, when should we schedule the break? You want to shoot a break for like 2:30 Eastern Time? **Anger:** I think that is a great time. I have the break currently scheduled at 3:30 but since we're 20 minutes ahead I think that would be a reasonable time. **Mastin:** Let's do that. We'll just keep an eye on that if you would. **Anger:** Yes. **Mastin:** OK, Annette welcome to the meeting. **Wilson:** Thank you. Are we ready? **Mastin:** We are ready. **Wilson:** OK. Well, you all have the very long and involved report that Rachel kindly sectioned together.

Brief Summation of Immediate Past Committee Activities:

Reviewed and disseminated results of breed council ballots. Requested updated report on registered/exhibited Khao Manee.

Current Happenings of Committee:

Participating in the breed welfare committee's ZOOM calls.

Updating Khao Manee Breed Summary and joined a FB group of Khao Manee breeders in Thailand to aid in addressing steps towards Provisional status.

Future Projections for Committee:

Work on some issues brought by BCS related to having Central Office provide contact information as new members join as well as a list of members expiring. Pursue the capture of M/C numbers on registrations. Assist with a standardized form for meeting individual breed registration rules. Work on an agenda for the June BCS meeting with the CFA Board (board members suggestions are welcome!). Continue search for an active Khao Manee breeder eligible for the breed committee to be the cheerleader for this breed. An updated Khao Manee breed summary is included with this report.

Wilson: My first action item will be to go through the elections and ballot proposals. So we'll go right in order of how we have things here. The first, let's see so you can move up. I'll come back to my other action items after we get through this because we have some people that want to speak. You can go past the Khao Manee thing, also. That's information.

Board Action Items:

1. *Breed Council Elections and Ballot Proposals (per compiled report and spreadsheet summary). Several BCS/BCC have indicated they will join the meeting via ZOOM to be available to discuss the proposals that passed the BC.*
2. *Direct Central Office to notify Breed Council Secretaries with a list of member status at May 1 July 1 and after August 1 (so BCS can follow up and encourage membership) as well as a notice when a new member joins after August 1 and before May 1 so that the BCS can welcome new members. (IMO, the way to do this is to have a CO email go to the new member welcoming them with a CC to the BCS).*

Mastin: Now we're going back to the beginning, right? **Wilson:** Back to the beginning, yes. **Mastin:** OK. I've got to get my sheets out. **Wilson:** Oh, I should've wrote the page number down. **Tartaglia:** I've got it right here. It's page 51. There we go, 52, right around there.

Mastin: Go ahead, Annette. **Wilson:** OK. My second action item is to ask the board to direct Central Office to notify breed council secretaries with a list of member status at May 1 and after August 1 – I'm sorry, after July one – so breed council secretaries can follow up and encourage membership, as well as notice when a new member joins after August 1st and before May 1st. These next proposals are a result from a lot of input from breed council secretaries, and while it kind of sounds mean to say *direct Central Office*, we brought this up several times and nothing ever seems to get done with it. We would like to encourage breed council members to re-up and to join the breed council, and we would, as breed council secretaries, like to welcome them. So, right now, if we want a list of our breed council members and their contact information, their email addresses, we, we can contact Central Office and ask for it, but wouldn't it be just easier if Central Office could give every breed council secretary, a list of their members and their email address so we could do that? And then when a new member joins after August 1st and before the next May 1st, if Central Office could have an email go to the new member welcoming them and cc the breed council secretary that that would work. So, how many times is this done? We would like it to be done at least once, who is current as of May 1st and what's their contact information and let us contact them. **DelaBar:** May 1st might be a little hard, with all of the scoring and getting ready for regional and the annual meeting and national awards. We do our best to try to avoid anything around the 1st of May – actually to avoid the month of May. **Wilson:** Well then, they could do it now – not send it now, but kind of, pretty much, we do have members joining throughout the year, but the people who are the breed council members now will probably be the breed council members May 1st. If I say do it July 1st, then it's going to be, well, it's right after the annual. It's difficult, I know, that time of year, but if we could get a list in time to remind our members, it would really be helpful. **Tartaglia:** We send out a reminder notice the very end of April, beginning of May, because the membership year is still basically May 1st to August. That's what everybody's used to, so for us to send out the list in May, you're going to get the entire list practically, and I don't think breed councils want to do that. I would suggest that you give the breed council members a bit of time to renew. So, maybe the date is. I don't know, the end of May or by June 1st or something like that. That way, we will have had a month of adding breed council members. As far as the timing, the person who would be working on this is not working on year-end stuff, doesn't score shows or anything like that, so I appreciate Pam making that comment because it is a crazy time for some of us, but it won't be for the person who is going to be doing breed council. The main reason to wait would be, let people have the

opportunity to join after we send out renewals. We automatically do that every year. **Mastin:** So, Allene, you don't have any issues with #2 from Central Office? **Tartaglia:** No, just the timing was a little bit weird, but no, I don't have any issue with it. **Wilson:** I think July would be actually better, July 1st. That gives people a month to contact people who have not renewed, but people do want a list of all of their members and their email addresses. I mean, I have to hunt all these people down because many of us communicate with them. So, that's why it says, before May 1st and after August 1st, so we then know who is a member. **Tartaglia:** And we can do that. It's easier. Not everybody wants the list. I'm not sure that everybody rallies the troops and reaches out, so if you want us to just send a list out July 1st, one list – it's 45 individual lists that we have to send out, so it's, it's not just something, push the button and it all gets sent. Somebody has to sit there and produce the list, attach and send all the emails out, so it's a bit time consuming. It's doable but does take time, so if we do it more than once, then there's that much more, especially if we're doing it for every breed council, not just those that request it. So, we can do whichever you'd like, whatever makes sense. I just would say not May 1st. **Wilson:** OK, I'm fine with not May 1st. I'm good with July 1st. **Tartaglia:** OK, that's good. we'll do it on July 1st.

Mastin: OK, so what on here are we changing? What is being changed on the proposed #2? Are we changing dates? **Wilson:** Cross out *at May 1st and after August 1st* and put *at July 1st*. **Mastin:** Are you doing that, Allene? **Tartaglia:** I'm doing that, and we can send the breed council secretaries a – if you will supply the letter that you want to go out to new members and – and by new members, I'm assuming you mean brand new members, not somebody who renews by rapid renewal. That would be a big job, but if it's just for new applicants, we can certainly do that. It would be a manual process. **Mastin:** Allene, can you correct it on our screen so we know what we're voting on? **Tartaglia:** Sure. Is that all we have to change? We don't have to change the other two dates. Is that fine, Annette? **Wilson:** Yeah. **Tartaglia:** When you say, *as well as a notice when a new member joins after August 1st and before May 1st*, what about people that join between May and August? You mean for any new member who joins? **Wilson:** I mean, between August 1st and the subsequent May 1st. So just after August 1st. Take off *and before May 1st*. There you go. **Tartaglia:** Alright, so you don't want anybody that joins like June 1st? **Wilson:** Well, they'll be on the list, right? **Tartaglia:** OK, but you won't know that they're new. We'll talk. We'll figure it out. I know what you want to achieve. We'll figure it out. **Wilson:** Alright. **Mastin:** So, is that August 1st? **Tartaglia:** How about we just say *when a new member joins*. How's that? **Wilson:** OK. **Tartaglia:** And then we'll get together.

Mastin: Darrell and Rachel, do you agree with the changes? **Newkirk:** Yes. **Mastin:** Rachel? Is Rachel still there? **Tartaglia:** It looks like Rachel dropped off. **Mastin:** She's been doing this on her cell phone. **Tartaglia:** I wonder if she lost power. I don't see her. She's not in the audience. **Mastin:** Darrell has the standing motion. He's a standing motion on all the action items. Rachel's a standing second. Ed, what do I need to do? Rachel's not here. **Raymond:** I think you just get another second. **Mastin:** What'd you just say? **Raymond:** Request someone else to second the motion. **Mastin:** OK. Marilee, are you seconding the motion? **Griswold:** Yes. **Mastin:** Thank you. OK, any further discussion? Any objections? Pam, are you going to discuss or object? **DelaBar:** I was just going to let you know, Rachel is here. **Mastin:** Where is she? She's hiding. **DelaBar:** She says she's here. **Tartaglia:** I don't see her. We can't hear her. **Mastin:** I don't see her on the list either. **DelaBar:** She's going to reboot. **Mastin:** Is she in the audience, Allene? **Tartaglia:** No. **DelaBar:** She's rebooting. **Mastin:** OK. We're doing pretty

good on our schedule. We'll give her a minute or so. So I did receive a text message from Rachel, and she does agree. She is a second. She says she is here, but we do not see her. **Wilson:** She's a ghost. **Mastin:** Yes. **Tartaglia:** She's not here. **Mastin:** Yeah, I don't see her. **DelaBar:** I have her. **Mastin:** I think she just came back. Rachel, are you here? **Anger:** Yes. I was here the whole time, but I didn't have any buttons. **Mastin:** We didn't have you on the screen for some reason. **Anger:** I was able to hear the entire discussion. **Mastin:** So, you agreed to the change? **Anger:** I do, to #2. **Mastin:** OK, great. Any objections? Seeing no objection, #2 passes unanimously.

The motion is ratified by unanimous consent.

3. *Direct Central Office to make the CFA Breed Council and Breed Committee Application forms on-line forms to make it easier for breeders in non-US countries to join. Currently the forms must be printed, there is no direction to whom to email it and no clear idea of how to pay the dues. The Breed Committee form should be rewritten to make the dates, etc., generic fill-in-the-blank so it doesn't have to constantly be updated (the Breed Council form HAS been updated this way). Link to current, out of date, Breed Committee Application:*
<https://cfa.org/wp-content/uploads/2024/07/breed-committee-application.pdf>

Mastin: Annette, #3. **Wilson:** #3 would be to have Central Office make the CFA breed council and breed committee application forms, actual online forms. We have a lot of difficulty getting people to join the breed council and breed committees that are overseas, and the only way they can join is to either print the form and fill it out and email it, but they don't know who to email it to, and they don't know how to pay. If it could be easier for people in non-U.S. countries to join, and if it was an online form, it would actually be easy for people in every country to join the breed council. I think it would benefit us all. **Mastin:** Allene or James, is there any issues or concerns with that request? **Tartaglia:** I think what – you know, we can make a fillable PDF. However, that's still something that somebody has to fill in, save, email. Our only other option, and James may address this too, is to have a web form. So, we would have to create a web form. There would be a bit of a cost involved with that, and that might be what James is going to speak to. **Mastin:** Can't you do a Google doc, James? **Simbro:** No, no. **Mastin:** OK. **Simbro:** Probably the thing we could do, if anybody's familiar with the registration via pedigree form, that is a web form. The nice thing about that is when it gets filled out and submitted by a person, it goes directly into our digital workflow for work. So, a breed council application form would be just absolutely perfect for this case, because the person would fill it out, click submit, and it would be routed directly to the person who is handling breed council. So, yeah, that would be the way to do it. **Mastin:** So, how long will it take you to make this available? **Simbro:** I would probably – this is what the cost would involve. The company that we contract with for what's called FileBound, our digital filing system, they would create the form. I'm trying to think what they charged us when we did registration via pedigree. **Mastin:** It was like \$500? **Simbro:** Yeah, I want to say about \$500. **Wilson:** I would be happy to pay it out of my pocket. **Mastin:** We accept. **Altschul:** I was going to say, as a breed council secretary, I'm sure you could ask all the breed council secretaries and we would all pay money to have this done. I spend an inordinate amount of time trying to help people fill out the forms, because it is so difficult, and I think we would get a lot more breed council members if they could do just a web form. **Calhoun:** Don't

get me wrong, I'm not opposed to this at all. I'm just going to say, whether it's \$500 or \$550 or \$600, put it in your budget and identify it, James.

Mastin: Darrell and Rachel, what do you want to do with the motion? Do you want to make it not to exceed \$500 or what do you want to do? **Calhoun:** I'm not saying that, because I actually think, I don't know who does anything for \$500, but just identify it so that when we have the discussion about the budget and we know what it is and it definitely sounds like it's necessary and it will be very helpful and it may pay for itself, but just budget it. Go out and get what the number is and put it in the budget. **Mastin:** Rachel, did you have a comment? **Anger:** That was what I was going to say is, we have a procedure and Kathy is willing to do her part in it and it should go in this budget. James knows what the board's expectation is, I think, by the discussion. **Mastin:** Alright, are there any objections to this motion? Motion passes unanimously. **Wilson:** Thank you.

The motion is ratified by unanimous consent.

4. *Direct Central Office to establish a reminder (similar to the current one regarding expiration of ePoints subscription) on eCat regarding expiration of BC membership.*

Mastin: Annette, #4. **Wilson:** #4 is to ask Central Office to establish a reminder similar to the current one regarding expiration of ePoints subscription on eCat regarding expiration of breed council membership. I know that a reminder is sent out and I know that people try to remind their breed council members and now hopefully we'll have an easy way to follow up with them, but one of the breed council secretaries mentioned actually having that pop-up on ePoints saying, *have you renewed your breed council membership?* And it doesn't even have to be only for those who are expiring, just a little pop-up reminder. Now, I realize this could be, there could be a big, I don't know what the cost is for something like this, but I think we should consider this. **Mastin:** James? **Simbro:** A lot of questions on that. The biggest problem is, there is no correlation between an eCat account and a person's breed council membership, so we would have to do a lot of work to establish that type of a relationship to know to put a reminder. **Wilson:** OK, so I'm confused. I thought on eCats there's a list of breed council members. It's there. **Simbro:** Yeah, that's just a list of breed council members, but there's no relationship to, you know, Mary Smith. We don't know that Mary Smith, breed council member, is Mary Smith, eCat account holder. I mean, we can try to match up some stuff based on email addresses. It gets a little janky. **Wilson:** OK. Well then, then maybe it should say, *are you a breed council member? Have you renewed?* Okay, I just got confused. I thought since, well, there's the breed council members, so there must be a way to do this. I will withdraw this. **Mastin:** Darrell and Rachel, do you agree? **Newkirk:** Fine by me. **Anger:** I agree. **Mastin:** Thank you.

Withdrawn.

5. *Ask Central Office if there is a way to provide a report of breeders eligible for BC membership and if that information could be disseminated to Breed Council Secretaries so they can contact breeders to encourage joining the breed council OR (if there's an issue with providing contact info), then can CO contact eligible breeders directly with information on how to join (I envision something like: Congratulations! You may be*

eligible to join your Breed Council...here's a link to the application form and the address of the current Breed Council Secretary).

Mastin: Moving on to #5. **Wilson:** #5 I am also going to withdraw because apparently this would be time consuming and cost prohibitive. **Mastin:** OK.

Withdrawn.

What Will be Presented at the Next Meeting: *A report if there is any updated or outstanding information.*

*Respectfully Submitted,
Annette Wilson, Chair*

Wilson: And then I'm done. **Mastin:** Well, thank you very much Annette. **Wilson:** You're welcome. **Mastin:** Sorry you had to do this on a hoarse voice or sore throat or – **Wilson:** It's not sore. It just doesn't sound good. **Mastin:** OK. Well, thank you to you and your Committee.

KHAO MANEE – MISC Breed Status Report (Feb. 2025)

May 1, 2018 Accepted for Registration and MISC Status
May 1, 2019 Standard Revision
May 1, 2022 Standard Revision

Summary: 182 Khao Manee registered over 7 years. There is a slight increase in registrations from 2023 to 2024.

There was a large drop-off in the number of cats shown after 2020. Current exhibit data shows an increase in the 2024-25 show season over the previous two show seasons...however, there is still an issue with clubs allowing entries with TRN's.

Cattery prefixes/suffixes: 14

Breed Committee: there are **no** current members of the breed committee and **no** chair

Breed Standard Revised May 1, 2022

Breed Club: Khao Manee Cat Club is not in good standing currently (per eCat 1.22.2025)

25 Active Breeders – NO, Requirement Not Met

Khao Manee - Cal Year Registrations

Row Labels	Count of CY REG
2018	81
DENMARK	1
FRANCE	6
SLOVENIA	2
THAILAND	19
UNITED STATES	53
2019	27
CANADA	1
FRANCE	11
THAILAND	3
UNITED STATES	12
2020	13
CANADA	2
FRANCE	1
JAPAN	6
UNITED STATES	4
2021	30
CANADA	3
FRANCE	9

ITALY	1
JAPAN	10
NETHERLANDS	1
UNITED KINGDOM	3
UNITED STATES	3
2022	8
AUSTRIA	1
FRANCE	2
JAPAN	1
UNITED STATES	4
2023	8
CANADA	1
FRANCE	2
JAPAN	3
THAILAND	2
2024	15
JAPAN	3
SAUDI ARABIA	1
THAILAND	5
UNITED STATES	6
Grand Total	182

Khao Manee Updated Exhibit Data (Show entries, not unique cats, 2022 through Dec 2025)

Khao Manee Exhibited in past three show seasons

Row Labels	Count of CATNAME	Column Labels			
		2022_2023	2023_2024	2024_2025	Grand Total
2					
8501-03034841			1	1	2
AISHA OF DENNIGAN			1	1	2
9					
8500-02965095		1			1
SIIH AAM SIIH KHOW		1			1
8505-02922932		1			1
SIIH AAM AQUA AURA		1			1
8521-02826076		1			1
SIIH AAM OH GAAT SIANG PAAI		1			1
ID					
8501-03047103				3	3
TRIPLE-9 STELLA				3	3
8502-03047149				2	2
TRIPLE-9 AKIN				2	2
8502-03047150				3	3
TRIPLE-9 ATHIP				3	3
8503-03013125				1	1
CITRINE OF TRIPLE-9				1	1

8505-03047005		1	1
TRIPLE-9 ESTELLA		1	1
TRN130750017		1	1
ST KHAO MANEE NONT SONGPEEP		1	1
TRN130750018		1	1
ST KHAO MANEE NONT MEERAK		1	1
TRN130750019		1	1
BANCHOET		1	1
TRNA40811003		2	2
DXKRAK		2	2
TRNA41005008		1	1
KHAWTXK		1	1
Int'l Show			
8503-03020149		1	1
SAPHIRA BOREALE		1	1
Grand Total	3	2	17
			22

Note: cats with TRN's are not eligible for entry in MISC or PROV classes and should be disregarded
 10 unique Khao Manee were shown in the 2023-24 and 2024-25 show seasons.

Breed Council Ballots

<i>Breed</i>	<i>Members</i>	<i>Ballots Returned</i>
<i>Abyssinian</i>	50	39
<i>American Shorthair</i>	35	27
<i>American Wirehair</i>	11	7
<i>British Shorthair</i>	40	32
<i>Colorpoint Shorthair</i>	24	16
<i>Devon Rex</i>	22	17
<i>Exotic</i>	58	45
<i>Havana Brown</i>	16	10
<i>LaPerm</i>	2	2
<i>Maine Coon</i>	83	61
<i>Norwegian Forest Cat</i>	24	16
<i>Persian General</i>	118	72
<i>Persian Bi-Color</i>	41	25
<i>Persian Himi</i>	23	16
<i>Persian Silver/Golden</i>	11	6
<i>Scottish</i>	24	12
<i>Sphynx</i>	23	16

2024 Breed Council Secretary Election Results

Abyssinian

Members.....	50
Ballots received.....	39
Beth Reilly	35 Elected
Abstain	4

American Bobtail

Members.....	3
Ballots received.....	3
Shelby Friemoth	3 Elected
Abstain	0

American Curl

Members.....	6
Ballots received.....	5
Susan Baxter	5 Elected
Abstain	0

American Shorthair

Members.....	35
Ballots received.....	27
Carol W. Johnson	24 Elected
Abstain	3

American Wirehair

Members.....	11
Ballots received.....	7
Jan Rogers	7 Elected
Abstain	0

Balinese/Javanese

Members.....	19
Ballots received.....	15
<i>Lorna Friemoth-Gallion</i>	6
Howard Webster	9 Elected
Abstain	0

Bengal

Members.....	47
Ballots received.....	23
Pau Badia Grimalt	21 Elected
Abstain	2

Birman

Members.....	38
Ballots received.....	27
Karen L. Lane	22 Elected
Abstain	5

Bombay

Members.....	21
Ballots received.....	16
<i>Brian Tripp</i>	6
Jeri Zottoli	9 Elected
Abstain	1

British Shorthair

Members.....	40
Ballots received.....	32
Cathy Dunham	20 Elected
Abstain	12

Burmese

Members.....	26
Ballots received.....	19
Art Graafmans	14 Elected
Abstain	5

Burmilla

Members.....	9
Ballots received.....	5
Keith Kimberlin	5 Elected
Abstain	0

Chartreux

Members.....	23
Ballots received.....	16
Orca Starbuck	14 Elected
Abstain	2

Colorpoint Shorthair

Members.....	24
Ballots received.....	17
Mary Kolencik	15 Elected
Abstain	2

Cornish Rex	
Members.....	28
Ballots received.....	17
Michael Blees	13 Elected
Abstain	4

Devon Rex	
Members.....	22
Ballots received.....	17
Linda Peterson	17 Elected
Abstain	0

Egyptian Mau	
Members.....	5
Ballots received.....	1
Melanie Morgan	1 Elected
Abstain	0

European Burmese	
Members.....	18
Ballots received.....	15
Wendy P. Klamm	9 Elected
Elizabeth Yoakum	5
Abstain	1

Exotic	
Members.....	58
Ballots received.....	46
Lynn A. Cooke	34 Elected
Abstain	12

Havana Brown	
Members.....	16
Ballots received.....	10
LeAnn Rupy	4 Elected
Abstain	6

Japanese Bobtail	
Members.....	20
Ballots received.....	12
Marianne Clark	5
Jennifer Reding	7 Elected
Abstain	0

Korat	
Members.....	5
Ballots received.....	5
Cheryl Coleman	5 Elected
Abstain	0

La Perm	
Members.....	2
Ballots received.....	2
Dennis J. Ganoe	2 Elected
Abstain	0

Lykoi	
Members.....	5
Ballots received.....	2
Desiree Bobby	2 Elected
Abstain	0

Maine Coon	
Members.....	83
Ballots received.....	62
Elaine Magee	39 Elected
Beth Polstra	22
Abstain	1

Manx	
Members.....	17
Ballots received.....	8
Joy Dey	6 Elected
Abstain	2

Norwegian Forest Cat	
Members.....	24
Ballots received.....	17
J. Brook Cole	16 Elected
Abstain	1

Ocicat	
Members.....	20
Ballots received.....	12
Sonja Moscoffian	10 Elected
Abstain	2

Oriental

<i>Members</i>	46
<i>Ballots received</i>	24
Dotti Olsen	22 Elected
<i>Abstain</i>	2

Persian

<i>Members</i>	118
<i>Ballots received</i>	74
Carissa Altschul	59 Elected
<i>Abstain</i>	15

Ragamuffin

<i>Members</i>	10
<i>Ballots received</i>	7
Laura Gregory	4 Elected
<i>Abstain</i>	3

Ragdoll

<i>Members</i>	12
<i>Ballots received</i>	6
Lauren Tan	4 Elected
<i>Abstain</i>	2

Russian Blue

<i>Members</i>	38
<i>Ballots received</i>	31
Annette Wilson	31 Elected
<i>Abstain</i>	0

Scottish Fold

<i>Members</i>	24
<i>Ballots received</i>	13
Marilee Griswold	13 Elected
<i>Abstain</i>	0

Selkirk Rex

<i>Members</i>	9
<i>Ballots received</i>	6
Laura Jo Barber	5 Elected
<i>Abstain</i>	1

Siamese

<i>Members</i>	46
<i>Ballots received</i>	39
Betsy Arnold	29 Elected
<i>Donna Fujie</i>	10

Siberian

<i>Members</i>	13
<i>Ballots received</i>	9
Lucy Drury	8 Elected
<i>Abstain</i>	1

Singapura

<i>Members</i>	7
<i>Ballots received</i>	5
Ikuyo Takase	5 Elected
<i>Abstain</i>	0

Somali

<i>Members</i>	11
<i>Ballots received</i>	9
Charlene Munro	8 Elected
<i>Abstain</i>	1

Sphynx

<i>Members</i>	23
<i>Ballots received</i>	16
Cyndee Hill	15 Elected
<i>Abstain</i>	1

Tonkinese

<i>Members</i>	15
<i>Ballots received</i>	12
Clinton Parker	12 Elected
<i>Abstain</i>	0

Toybob

<i>Members</i>	5
<i>Ballots received</i>	4
Giselle Guerriero	4 Elected
<i>Abstain</i>	0

Turkish Angora

Members.....	11
Ballots received.....	10
Alene Shafnisky.....	Elected
Abstain	2

Turkish Van

Members.....	4
Ballots received.....	2
Linda Gorsuch.....	Elected
Abstain	0

Wilson: These are the results of the election of Breed Council Secretaries and Committee Chairs which occurred this year and I want to welcome the re-elected Breed Council Secretaries and Breed Committee Chairs, as well as the newly elected ones.

The Cat Fanciers' Association, Inc.
2024 BREED COUNCIL POLL

NOTE: "No action taken" indicates that a breed standard proposal did not meet or exceed a 60% (standard change) or 50% (registration issue) favorable vote from the voting members (i.e., no rounding down). Deleted text is shown with a ~~strikethrough~~ and new text is underscored.

ABYSSINIAN

Breed Council Secretary: Beth Reilly (Snyder NY)
 Total Members: 50

1 - STANDARD CHANGE (passes)

Votes: 38
 60% of Voting: 23

Yes	No	Abstain
35	3	1

1. **PROPOSED:** move the color of the hair on the ears from the EARS section to the color descriptions:

EARS: alert, large, and moderately pointed, ~~broad, and cupped~~ broad and cupped at base and set as though listening. Hair on ears very short and close lying, ~~preferably tipped with black on a ruddy Abyssinian, chocolate on a cinnamon Abyssinian, slate blue on the blue Abyssinian or light cocoa brown on a fawn Abyssinian.~~

ABYSSINIAN COLORS

RUDDY: coat ruddy brown (burnt-sienna) ticked with black: the extreme outer tip to be the darkest, with orange-brown undercoat. Tail and ears tipped in black.

CINNAMON: coat rich, warm glowing red, ticked with chocolate-brown, the extreme outer tip to be the darkest with red-orange undercoat. Tail and ears tipped with chocolate brown.

BLUE: coat warm beige, ticked with slate blue, the extreme outer tip to be the darkest, with blush beige undercoat. Tail and ears tipped with slate blue.

FAWN: coat warm rose-beige, ticked with light cocoa brown, the extreme outer tip to be the darkest, with blush beige undercoat. Tail and ears tipped with light cocoa brown.

RATIONALE: this does not change the standard. This puts ear color in the color section rather than in the ear section. It is more concise and logical. Excessive comma removed between 'broad and cupped at base'.

Wilson: The first ballot that has an action item is the Abyssinian. I believe that Beth Riley might be available if there's any questions on any of these. I can only do one thing at a time so I can't actually look and see if she's in the room. **Tartaglia:** I don't see her. **Wilson:** OK, well maybe there won't be any questions. So, the first proposal was to move the point about the color of the hair which is currently in the section of Ears, from that section to the color description and you see that on there and it passed by 60%. **Mastin:** Is there discussion? Objection? Seeing no objection, passes unanimously.

The motion is ratified by unanimous consent.

2 - STANDARD CHANGE (passes)

Votes: 39
60% of Voting: 24

Yes	No	Abstain
29	10	0

2. PROPOSED: More clearly describe the ear set:

EARS: alert, large, and moderately pointed: broad and cupped at the base and set as though listening so that the outside line of the ear follows the outer line of the modified wedge shape without interruption.

RATIONALE: This is more descriptive of the ear set.

Wilson: The next proposal – sorry I'm trying to read what you have up there Allene, but I could bring mine up and we'll probably get further ahead. This proposal more clearly describes the ear set removing the *set as though listening* to read *set so that the outside line of the ear follows the outer line of the modified wedge shape without interruption*. That also passed by 60%. **Mastin:** OK, is there any discussion? Any objections? I see an objection or Rachel, are you a discussion? **Anger:** Just a question. So, to me the new language implies a wedge shaped head and when I read this that was my initial reaction. I kind of like the existing language and I would love somebody to explain to me how this does not describe a wedge shaped head rather than a modified wedge shaped head. **Mastin:** Annette do you want to address that? **Wilson:** Well, the Breed Council Secretary would have to address it but this isn't actually describing the head, it's describing the ear set. Am I missing something? I have a head cold so I'm – you know. **Anger:** Well, it describes how the ears fit with the outer line of the modified wedge shape. I assume that means the modified wedge shaped head. **Newkirk:** In my opinion, a wedge shaped head would be more in line with the foreign shorthairs or Oriental style. Our Abys do not have clean lines from the tip of the nose to the base of the ear. There's some width across the zygomatic arch to create a modified wedge but still it's a wedge shape overall and to me if you put your fingers

down the side of the head as it narrows down to the nose, it widens as you go toward the back of the skull and so the ear set should be in a line with that line from the tip of the nose to the base of the ear. **Wilson:** The actual shape of the head is described under the head section of the standard and it says *shape modified wedge without flat planes moderately longer than* – I’m sorry I’m on the wrong breed. Hang on. I just got it I’m not going to be good at this today. **HEAD:** *a modified, slightly rounded wedge without flat planes; the brow, cheek, and profile lines all showing a gentle contour. A slight rise from the bridge of the nose to the forehead, which should be of good size, with width between the ears and flowing into the arched neck without a break.* So, that’s the current head description. What this is trying to clarify is what does *set as though listening* really mean? So, they’re taking that out and they’re more clearly describing the ear set that they want. So, *following the outer line of the modified wedge shape* which is what the head description calls for. **Anger:** Yes, thank you Annette. I know what the head description says which is why I have an issue. I’m going to vote yes for this because the breed council supported it and I will take my discussions offline with the Aby breeders. Maybe they can school me on – **Wilson:** Or maybe talk to the Aby breed council secretary who may be on at two o’clock I don’t know. That’s what I told them the time would be. **Newkirk:** To me, the part that they’re taking out, *set as though listening* means that the ears are pricked forward to increase the sound waves coming into the ear because the pina is what gets the ear sound and directs it to the inner ear, so to me that’s *what set as though listening* means. **Mastin:** Is there any further discussion? Is there any objections? Seeing no objection, the motion passes unanimously.

The motion is ratified by unanimous consent.

3 - STANDARD CHANGE (passes)

Votes: 37
60% of Voting: 23

Yes	No	Abstain
29	8	2

3. **PROPOSED:** include undesirable ear set in the PENALIZE section:

PENALIZE: off-color pads. Long narrow head, short, round head... Ears too high or too low that disrupt the smooth lines of the modified wedge.

RATIONALE: Both high and low ears do not meet the standard.

Wilson: The third standard change is to add to the Penalize section, *ears too high or too low that disrupt the smooth lines of the modified wedge.* **Mastin:** Discussion? Objections? Seeing no objections, the motion passes unanimously.

The motion is ratified by unanimous consent.

4 – REGISTRATION RULE (passes)

Votes: 35
60% of Voting: 21

Yes	No	Abstain
24	11	4

4. PROPOSED: Update Registration Rules:

Cats assigned 0358/0359 prefixes can be reregistered with prefixes matching their color (0380-0387) if they have 8 generations of Abyssinian x Abyssinian and a DNA test to show they do not carry the longhair gene.

RATIONALE: It's time to move past the 'in perpetuity' of an issue that happened years ago.

Wilson: Their fourth proposal is a registration rule that cats assigned with 0358-0359 prefixes can be re-registered with prefixes matching their color if they have eight generations of Abyssinian X Abyssinian and a DNA test to show they do not carry the longhair gene. **Mastin:** Discussion? Objections? Seeing no objections, the motion passes unanimously

The motion is ratified by unanimous consent.

AMERICAN SHORTHAIR

Breed Council Secretary: Carol W. Johnson (Newbury Park, CA)

Total Members: 35

Mastin: Is Carol with us? **Johnson:** **Tartaglia:** Yes. **Mastin:** Hi Carol. Annette, why don't you go ahead and make the proposal and we'll ask Carol to comment, OK? Go ahead, Annette. **Wilson:** I'm going to lose my voice by the end of the hour. The American Shorthair Breed Council had two informational proposals. Both of them failed their breed council and they were in response to the American Wirehair proposal that follows. The American Wirehair proposal follows only because of alphabetization, but basically these two questions were in response to, *would you be in favor of the American Wirehair breed to add a color class to show their straight-coated cats*, and the second proposal, *would you be in favor of having the straight-coated American Wirehair added as a division of American Shorthair?* They added that last one, both breed reconciles did at my request to try to get some input ahead of the game. I want to thank both Carol and Jan Rogers for participating in a Zoom discussion so we could kind of go through how this might work or how people might feel. Is Jan on? **Tartaglia:** She is in the audience. I just can't get her to accept the promotion to panelists or perhaps she's – **Wilson:** She's out of the country and I don't know, has she just dialed in or she actually Zoomed in? **Tartaglia:** Well, and then there was a *Jan's iPhone* but I don't know if that's Jan. Now I see it's just identified as an iPhone. I have no idea who that might be. We can I guess find out. We can bring the person in and see who it is. **Mastin:** Yeah, let's bring the person in. **Tartaglia:** OK, she raised her hand. That must be Jan. She's at the top now. I can allow her to talk. Let's see.

Rogers: I am now unmuted. **Tartaglia:** OK, there she is. **Mastin:** Jan and Carol, welcome to the meeting. Annette, when you're done we can start with Carol and then we'll talk to Jan. However

you want to do this. **Wilson:** OK. If we could go to the American Wirehair which actually has proposals that passed, and then we could maybe ask Carol and Jan to speak to each one of these in turn. [Transcript goes to American Wirehair proposals.]

The American Wirehair breed is voting on adding a color class to show straight-coated cats produced by American Wirehairs. Since those cats might be considered “lookalikes” of American Shorthairs, the input of American Shorthair breed council members is sought. Another option might be to show Wire Coated cats in a separate division of American Shorthairs. That option will also be on both ballots. You should vote on each (and of course, may vote differently on each.

THE FOLLOWING QUESTIONS ARE FOR INFORMATION ONLY

1 – INFORMATION ONLY (fails)

Votes: 27
60% of Voting: 17

Yes	No	Abstain
8	19	0

1. **PROPOSED:** Would you consider the American Wirehair breed becoming a division of the American Shorthair breed at some point in the future?

RATIONALE: The American Wirehair breed is rapidly becoming a rare breed with American Wirehair breeders highly concerned that the breed might be lost. One of the difficulties are that there are too few breeders to allow breeding wirehair to wirehair, so an effective breeding program includes outcrossing to the American Shorthair breed (the only allowable outcross). One problem that discourages American Wirehair breeders is that the straight haired kittens from an outcross can't be shown or sold as wire-haired cats. Since the only allowable outcross is to American Shorthair, American Wirehairs are nearly identical to American Shorthairs except for the wire-hair gene. Inclusion of the American Wirehair into the American Shorthair breed may help save it from dying out and would allow breeders to show their straight-haired cats without creating a straight-haired color class very similar to the American Shorthair breed.

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A similar poll regarding becoming a division of the American Shorthair will be on the American Wirehair ballot (see American Wirehair ballot below). Responses will be info/advisory only to the affected Breed Councils, the Breeds & Standards Committee and the CFA Board of Directors.

Information Only.

2 – INFORMATION ONLY (fails)

Votes: 26
50% of Voting: 13

Yes	No	Abstain
11	15	1

The following proposal is advisory to the CFA Board on the question of the American Wirehair proposal to add a color class for straight-coated cats:

2. **PROPOSED:** Are you in favor of the addition of a color class to the American Wirehair breed enabling them to show and title their straight-coated cats?

RATIONALE: The American Wirehair breed is rapidly becoming a rare breed with American Wirehair breeders highly concerned that the breed might be lost. One of the difficulties is that there are too few breeders to allow breeding wirehair to wirehair, so an effective breeding program includes outcrossing to the American Shorthair breed (the only allowable outcross). One problem that discourages American Wirehair breeders is that the straight haired kittens from an outcross can't be shown or sold as wire-haired cats. Since the only allowable outcross is to American Shorthair, American Wirehairs are nearly identical to American Shorthairs except for the wire-hair gene. Inclusion of the American Wirehair into the American Shorthair breed may help save it from dying out and would allow breeders to show their straight-haired cats without creating a straight-haired color class very similar to the American Shorthair breed.

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Information Only.

AMERICAN WIREHAIR

Breed Council Secretary: Jan Rogers (Stephenville, TX)
Total Members: 11

Wilson: I first feel like I need to point something out that I've never run into before. The American Wirehair Breed Council, of which there were seven who voted, four voted in favor of the American Wirehair proposals and three voted no. That means the proposal to actually describe the coat of a straight-coated American Wirehair failed. If the board decides they want to vote for the American Wirehair to have a color class for straight-coated cats, they will not have a description of what that means. So, we have a bit of an impasse there and I don't know really what we can do about it. **Mastin:** So, you're saying because #2 failed, we have an issue with number one, correct? **Wilson:** Yes, that is correct, and that's assuming the board believes that changing an AOV – currently the American Wirehair straight-coated cats can be shown in their AOV class, so in a way there is a place for them to show currently but they can't of course be titled or get any points. We've always treated a color class change as a show rule change, but maybe when you're promoting a new trait, that's not the way it should be but I don't have

anything that says any differently, so what we would be operating against basically would be cats that would be shown and that would be disqualified for having the wrong coat. **Mastin:** Jan Rogers, do you want to comment on this? Did we lose Jan? **Rogers:** I'm here now. **Mastin:** We can hear you now, Jan. **Rogers:** OK. The American Wirehair has been around for quite some time but it's one of those breeds that really doesn't have a great underlying support across the country. The idea of having – and Annette was very helpful in this and saying that it's really important if you have an AOV class to show those AOVs and get them in front of the judges so that they can be advanced to a division of their own, much like our longhair Exotics, etc., etc. Unfortunately, worldwide, we have five breeders. One of those is in Canada, who has been sanctioned against CFA and we can't even – he has no authority. We can't use his cats. We have one breeder in America and I'm not counting myself or my partner. We aren't really seriously breeding – another story. We have one in Germany. We have one quasi person in China and two in Hong Kong. We are not talking about a lot of cats. Carol and I have spent a lot of time talking about this, since the last five years we've had 35 distinct individuals shown in championship in American Wirehairs. That's all. For AOVs, the problem is because of our Asian connections, they don't register AOVs because they don't mean anything. They don't register AOVs and any of the other cats that they breed or show because they don't have any credentials. Since 2011 there have been three – count them three – and these statistics are per Dick Kallmeyer and I working together – three AOVs have been registered. Two out of those three AOVs are mine. We don't have enough cats or interest in showing AOVs to promote Annette's premise to show AOVs to make us into championship. The comment that I have gotten, and I do have someone in southeast Asia who had been breeding our American Wirehairs and is interested, but he was the first to tell me some years back that, "we don't want to register the AOVs, they don't mean anything." The same thing comes out of China and my associates in Hong Kong. They're not registered. They have all indicated to me that if you would just give us a chance to show those AOVs as a separate division of American Wirehairs – not American Shorthairs – and Carol and I have talked about that. We don't want to be part of the American Shorthairs; they don't want to be a part of us, as opposed to TICA. TICA allows straight-haired American Wirehairs to be shown as American Shorthairs in TICA. We don't want that. We are a distinctly different breed and we want to be that distinctly different breed and to be able to use our AOVs and to get credentials or awards on those cats and be able to continue to use them in our American Wirehair program. Having an AOV American Wirehair increases the probability genetically of having an American Wirehair down the road and we can still use our American Shorthairs as an outcross but it lowers the percentage of the opportunity to actually produce a Wirehair kitten. The genetics of the American Wirehair are incomplete dominants and Carissa can speak to this as well because she has had American Wirehairs from me and has produced American Wirehairs that have gone on and been part of that 35 cats in the last five years that have gone on to championship. **Mastin:** Jan – **Rogers:** We really want a chance. That's all we're asking for or we're going to go out of the world of cats. **Mastin:** Jan. **Rogers:** Yes, sir? **Mastin:** Annette brought up what some would think is a conundrum. If the board passes #1, as did the breed council, but yet #2 failed, based on what Annette is telling us, it for the most part disqualifies what the board did in passing it. How can we pass #1 if #2 fails? That's a concern. **Rogers:** We need to readdress #2 because the coat is distinctly different and when I sent the proposal in, I had a description for that straight-haired coat. **Altschul:** I'm looking through the numbers that I had that I've registered in the last registered numbers, but since I started breeding American Wirehairs I think was about 10 years ago. I've produced 14 grands, so it's probably a good

chunk and shown a few others that didn't grand and I have to say that my straight-hair Wires almost always had the exact same coat as my American Shorthairs and really the reason why I have really moved away from breeding Wires – and I'm probably a quasi-Wirehair breeder now because technically I still have a couple left – is because, to be completely honest, I could not sell my pet kittens that were straight-hairs and if you cannot sell your kittens you cannot breed and the reason why I couldn't sell them is when presenting the – **Mastin:** Carissa, you're breaking up. We just lost the last two sentences of what you said. **Altschul:** I would never use a straight-haired Wire in my breeding program. You still can't hear me? **Mastin:** We're not getting your information. Are you in the same room with Janet? **Altschul:** No, she's not in the room. **Mastin:** OK, try it again. **Altschul:** Let me step outside. Give me a minute. Is it better now? **Mastin:** Well, it was. **Altschul:** I'm going to step outside. Can you come back to me? I'm going to go outside. **Mastin:** Yeah, we'll come back to you.

Mastin: Annette, I'm going to ask you and Darrell to comment on this and then I'm going to ask Carol Johnson so give us your thoughts. **Wilson:** OK. **Rogers:** Rich, can I say one things? **Mastin:** No, no because I've got to keep this in order. I'm going with Annette, Darrell, Carol, then Jan, then if we can get Carissa back. **Wilson:** So Jan, your coat description for the straight coat is here, it just wasn't up on the screen. So if you scroll down, you'll see the coat description for the straight coated. My suggestion would be is that we ask Central Office to re-poll the American Wirehair breed council just on this one issue and hope for a better outcome and then Jan would need to get with her breed council members and convince them that they need to vote for it. We can't change the standard. Only the breed council can change the standard. **Newkirk:** I agree with what Annette. **Mastin:** OK, thank you, Darrell. **Johnson:** I want to say that this was the first time we had seen these proposals and what I would not say is that American Shorthair breeders don't want to help the Wirehairs. I think they do overall but there's going to need a lot of work to do this. If you were going to make these the same division, there has to be a lot of changes to the breed standards on probably both sides and we don't see that happening very quickly. Regarding whether or not they should be shown as straight hairs, I think we have more room for change on that but it would certainly be helpful if somebody such as Carissa or somebody who does have straight hair Wires would show a few in the spirit of the rules for accepting more colors. The major difference, I saw a fair amount of support for American Wirehairs and for the breed standards when I went through the our questionnaire which I shared with the board and I shared with Jan, as well. I think there's more support underlying it than some of the comments reflect, but we would like you to consider showing a few and it could be one to three. It doesn't have to be a lot. The other thing that I think that they would like to see is, they want to make sure that there's a standard that they can show against, so that has to do with what you're discussing right now with the board. Thank you.

Mastin: Thank you, Carol. **Rogers:** I would like to mention that the only straight haired Wires that are viable right now are the two that were produced this past year. One of them is in Grand Rapids, Michigan with Victor. Annette knows that person. The other one is in my house. Those are the only two straight haired Wirehairs that have been produced in the last 18 months that have been registered and they were my cats. I can tell you, I have been breeding Wirehairs since 2000 and I have had AOVs. I didn't register them. They were pets, because there was no credibility to showing the AOVs and that's my bad. I accept full responsibility for that because I never thought that we would reach this point. I want to tell you unequivocally every single AOV that I produced never had the same coat as an American Shorthair. Carissa had bred her cats with American Shorthairs and perhaps doubling up on that caused the coat to be more like an

American Shorthair, but I bred my AOVs that I had registered to American Wirehairs. The coats of the two cats that we have right now that are eight months old, they're not even close to an American Shorthair and if any judge said it was, they really need to get with Carol.

Altschul: I went out to my car so I hope you can hear me better. **Mastin:** Yeah, this is good. **Altschul:** OK. So, the reason why I never registered my AOVs was because the lack of genetic diversity. I would not use them in my Wirehair program, and if I wasn't going to use them for breeding, I did not see a reason to show them. One or two of them actually ended up in the Household Pet division. That is where they ended up being shown and one did quite well. I know a couple of other straight haired Wires that were also shown in the Household Pet division in our area. So, they've been in the show rings, just not as AOV American Wirehairs. I'm still on the breed council. I'm still technically like a quasi-breeder. I don't know that showing the straight hairs is going to save the breed. I really think the only way is to try to do what has been done in another association, which is to bring them into the American Shorthair, but that would require some standard changes. I think the way the vote went here, we cannot pass the show rule change because we cannot override the breed council on a failed vote. **Mastin:** Annette? If somebody wants to talk, you've got to raise your hand. **Wilson:** I have nothing else to say. I said what I had to say. **Griswold:** This is clearly a minority breed. It seems to be getting more minority as time goes by, so I do kind of worry where Jan is saying that this breed is going to disappear off the face of the planet if we don't do something. Really, if you're talking about only two straight hair Wirehairs being produced in the last year, I don't really see where it's going to be a terrible issue to allow them to be shown in their own division, so the American Wirehair wired and the American Wirehair straight. I would say, this description of the coat that we have here to me is not very descriptive at all, so as a judge I'm like, does it stand away from the body, does it feel hard and coarse, or is it soft? What are the differences I really need to look at? If we do pass this, we're going to need to have a really good description of that coat anyway. I don't know if maybe it didn't pass because this isn't a really intense description of the coat and maybe we can just take that back as a special ballot if that's even possible to do, where we can send them like an off-cycle ballot to try to get a coat description passed before we put it into play. **Wilson:** First of all this would not be a division, it would be a color class. We would not have two different divisions of American Wirehair. That would give them a chance to get their numbers up and at some point there would maybe be enough to be a division and we could reconsider that. So, this would be giving them a color class. However, we still have the standard change #2 which did not pass and I think we should – I don't know if "table" is the right word – pend a vote on #1 and ask Central Office or the breed council secretary to come up with maybe two possible standard changes for the coat, find out from your breed council members what might be acceptable to them or more descriptive, and see if you can get that passed. Certainly that could be done – I don't know, Allene – maybe within the next 30 to 60 days and then we could re-address this at the April meeting. **Newkirk:** I will reiterate what Annette said a little earlier. We cannot change the standard without the breed council's approval so our hands are tied here. I'm very sympathetic to the breed, Don't get me wrong, OK, because I don't want to see the breed disappear but we've got to have the vote and we don't have the vote, so we're sort of spinning our wheels. **Raymond:** It seems to me that these are being considered in the wrong order. Until you have a standard change, how can you change the show rules to allow straight-coated cats to be shown when the standard doesn't seem to allow for that? It's really a wired standard, so I would suggest that you table the show will change until something passes the breed council as far as the standard.

Johnson: I'm going to say one thing to the American Wirehair breed council. I've heard reasons why cats have not been shown, but it would seem to me that if you really wanted this to pass the American Shorthair or get some buy-in from this breed council that you would pay the entry fee at \$70 or so, one cat in one show, in the spirit of the rules for color change. We're not talking about a lot of money. We're not talking about showing this cat on a whole lot of shows, but that has not been done yet and I would like to encourage them to do this.

Mastin: So Annette, I just want to get clear on this. We're not doing anything with the American Shorthair for #1 and #2 because both those failed, correct? **Wilson:** Well, the first one passed. The second one failed. That's correct, but we can't – **Mastin:** I'm talking about the American Shorthair. **Wilson:** Oh, I'm sorry. Well, those were information only. **Mastin:** OK, right. So, we don't have to do anything with those and that's why Carol is on, because she was talking about what to do. **Wilson:** Right.

1 – SHOW RULE (passes)

Votes: 7
50% of Voting: 4

Yes	No	Abstain
4	3	0

1. PROPOSED: Add a Color Class for straight-coated cats.

*The following information is for reference purposes only
and not an official part of the CFA Show Standard.*

American Wirehair Color Class Numbers

All Championship Wire Coated Colors.....	9900	9901
<i>(Wire-coated cats in All <u>all</u> accepted colors and <u>patterns as defined in the standard</u> <u>(including OWC), Show Standards and Other</u> <u>Wirehair Colors and patterns with the</u> <u>exception of those showing evidence of</u> <u>hybridization resulting in the colors</u> <u>chocolate, lavender, the himalayan pattern or</u> <u>these combinations with white, etc.)</u></i>		
Straight Coated Colors.....	xxxx	xxxx
<i>(Straight-coated cats in all <u>accepted colors</u> <u>and <u>patterns as defined in the standard</u></u> <u>(including OWC), with the exception of those</u> <u>showing evidence of hybridization resulting in</u> <u>the colors chocolate, lavender, the himalayan</u> <u>pattern or these combinations with white, etc.)</u></i>		
AOV	9998	9999

RATIONALE: allowing straight coated cats to be shown and earn titles to encourage growth in the breed and the breed council.

Mastin: OK, so now we're on the American Wirehair #1. It passes and what I'm hearing from you and Darrell and others, the board can't pass that is my understanding, sort of, because the breed council did not pass their #1. Am I understanding that correctly, Ed? **Wilson:** We could we could pass it, but then any cats shown in the straight coated color class would be disqualifiable for having the incorrect coat. **Mastin:** OK, so that's what would happen if we pass #1? **Wilson:** Yes. **Mastin:** Thank you for clarifying that. **Griswold:** We've got many breeds that have colors that are not specifically defined that we judge all the time. As time goes by, we start to get some of those color descriptions added, so I don't see why we can't do that here and especially if we're talking about something that they can get passed by April or get an agreement on by April, we could just make that color class description at that time, but we've got many colors in many breeds that we don't have a description for. **Newkirk:** I think Ed is correct. I think these are out of sync. #2 should have been voted on first and then if it passed then #1 should have been considered. So Ed, I think the correct thing to do, as you suggest, would be to table #1 and re-poll the breed council and make it obvious to the people that if they want this, then they need to get their votes changed and up. Is that what you are recommending?

Raymond: Yes, that is what I was recommending. **Newkirk:** Then I will make the motion to do that – table one – **Rogers:** Rich, I can't raise my hand. Can I say something? **Mastin:** OK Jan, go ahead. **Rogers:** OK, you're talking about "all these people." Darrell, there's 12 of us in the world. There are two straight haired Wirehairs and they're mine. **Mastin:** Anything further, Jan? **Rogers:** No, sir. **Mastin:** Darrell, continue. **Newkirk:** Well, I was just going to say, we have procedure that we have to follow and we can't make an exception to it, so I mean, is Jan saying she's not willing to show her two straight coated Wirehairs? **Mastin:** Jan, that questions to you. **Rogers:** I'm happy to show them. Will two do it for the board? **Newkirk:** I think the request was for one. **Rogers:** I can do that. **Newkirk:** But we can't change the standard unless there's a 60% vote and you don't have 60%. You're short one vote, so you've got to get one of three people to change their vote to yes. **Rogers:** OK. **Newkirk:** At that point in time, then #1 could be considered, so again, I will go back to, we need to table #1 and then #2 fails and I guess we can make an exception to the rule to allow a re-polling of this due to the dire circumstances of the viability of the breed to survive over the next few years. **Mastin:** That is your motion, correct Darrell? **Newkirk:** That's correct. **Mastin:** Rachel, you were the standing second. Do you agree with that? **Anger:** I agree. **Wilson:** I just want to point out that that was exactly what I said before Darrell and Ed repeated it. Yes, and normally that wouldn't bother me but these days it kind of does, so I'm in agreement with that. I didn't realize we didn't have a rule about re-polling and that was an issue, but if there is I'll keep that in mind. I don't know, can Allene tell us how quickly we could do this? **Tartaglia:** Yes. I would like to get it out next week. If you can get us the verbiage, we can get it out next week. I would like to do a three week turnaround so that if this passes – the standard change – that it's printed in the show standards. It really can't wait 45 or 60 days. We need to have them to the printer, and it's only seven people. I think that's all that's on the breed council. **Rogers:** That can vote. That can vote. **Tartaglia:** Right. **Anger:** I just wanted to mention, we have repolled in the past, so this is not a precedent. **Mastin:** OK, very good. Thank you for pointing that out. Any further discussion? Any objections? OK, seeing no objection that motion passes unanimously. **Rogers:** Thank you.

The motion is ratified by unanimous consent.

2 - STANDARD CHANGE (fails)

Votes: 7
60% of Voting:5

Yes	No	Abstain
4	3	0

2. **PROPOSED:** If #1 passes, amend the General Description, COAT Description and PENALIZE as follows, with no change to the Point Score:

GENERAL: the American Wirehair is a spontaneous mutation. The WIRED coat, which is not only springy, dense, and resilient, but also coarse and hard to the touch, distinguishes the American Wirehair from all other breeds. The STRAIGHT coat variation is dense and thick. Characteristics is are activity, agility, and keen interest in its surroundings. The American Wirehair can be shown in either the wired version or in the straight haired (non-wired version) in the appropriate class.

HEAD: in proportion to the body. Underlying bone structure is round with prominent cheekbones and well-developed muzzle and chin. There is a slight whisker break.

NOSE: in profile the nose shows a gentle concave curve.

MUZZLE: well-developed. Allowance for jowls in adult males.

CHIN: firm and well-developed with no malocclusion.

EARS: medium, slightly rounded at tips, set wide and not unduly open at the base.

EYES: large, rounded, bright, and clear. Set well apart. Aperture has slight upward tilt. The color should reflect intensity and complement the color of the cat.

BODY: medium to large. Back level, shoulders and hips same width, torso well-rounded and in proportion. Males larger than females.

LEGS: medium in length and bone, well-muscled and proportionate to body.

PAWS: firm, full and rounded, with heavy pads. Toes, five in front and four behind.

TAIL: in proportion to body, tapering from the well-rounded rump to a rounded tip, neither blunt nor pointed.

COAT – Wired coat: springy, tight, medium in length. Individual hairs are crimped, hooked, or bent, including hair within the ears. The overall appearance of wiring and the coarseness and resilience of the coat is more important than the crimping of each hair. The density of the wired coat leads to ringlet formation rather than waves. That coat, which is very dense, resilient, crimped, and coarse, is most desirable, as are curly whiskers.

COAT – Straight coat: Coat is dense and thick. Medium in length but straight haired. Some waves and slight crimping may be visible at base of tail and inside ears, along with curly whiskers.

PENALIZE: deep nose break. Close lying coat.

DISQUALIFY: incorrect coat. Kinked or abnormal tail. Long or fluffy fur. Incorrect number of toes. Evidence of hybridization resulting in the colors chocolate, lavender, the Himalayan pattern, or these combinations with white.

RATIONALE: The standard point allocation stresses to continue to emphasize the coat, wired or straight coated, without differentiating between other aspects of the breed. By giving the straight coated offspring a way to earn titles, improve their status within the breed, there is hope to revitalize the breed.

No Action.

3 – INFORMATION ONLY (passes)

Votes: 7
50% of Voting:

Yes	No	Abstain
4	3	0

INFORMATION ONLY (Requested by Breeds & Standards Committee):

3. **PROPOSED:** Should the American Wirehair breed consider becoming a division of the American Shorthair breed, with straight-coated cats being “shown as” American Shorthair? (Note, this same question will be on the American Shorthair ballot).

RATIONALE: The only outcross for the American Wirehair is the American Shorthair. Currently, straight-coated offspring of American Wirehairs can be shown in an AOV Class of American Wirehair, to little effect. If the proposals (#1 and #2) above pass the Breed Council, it would create somewhat of a “look alike” of the American Shorthair. This question is to determine whether there is interest in another option.

No Action.

BRITISH SHORTHAIR

Breed Council Secretary: Ginger Meeker (Alliance, Ohio)
Total Members: 40

1 - STANDARD CHANGE (passes)

Votes: 32
60% of Voting: 20

Yes	No	Abstain
27	5	0

Mastin: Annette? **Wilson:** Just when you thought it was going to get easy, now we have the British Shorthair. Is Ginger on? **Tartaglia:** Yes, she is. Let me try and promote her. **Mastin:** So Annette, were we were we done with the American Wirehair? **Wilson:** Yes. The third one

was the information only. **Mastin:** Information only. OK, thank you. **Wilson:** Right. Which, by the way, I will just mention this while we're waiting, it actually passed. There are more members of the American Wirehair breed council voting for it than not to become a division or part of the American Shorthair breed. **Mastin:** OK, thank you. Now we're moving on to British Shorthair, correct? **Wilson:** Yes, British Shorthair. **Tartaglia:** Ginger is here. **Wilson:** Alright, so a number of these passed and then we get to a bunch that didn't pass. We're only going to talk about the ones that passed.

1. **PROPOSED:** Revise the HEAD section:

HEAD: round and massive. Round face with round underlying bone structure well set on a short thick neck. The forehead should be rounded with a mandatory slight flat plane on the top of the head. The forehead should not slope. The profile (seen from the side) should reflect a gentle nose dip, firm round whisker pads, and the jaw aligned top to bottom.

RATIONALE: The head structure of the BSH should maintain a visible profile avoiding "hypertype" or profile flattening.

Wilson: #1 revises the head standard to further describe the top of the head and the profile, and it passed by 60%. **DelaBar:** Let me state that I have been very, very fortunate to judge outstanding examples of British Shorthairs in Australia, New Zealand and throughout Europe. several of the changes that have been voted on in this breed council describe a cat that I have not seen and does not exist, at least in Europe at this point in time. Under the head structure FIFE, which is one of our predominant organizations with lots of British, calls for a round and massive head with a broad skull, a short, broad and straight nose with slight indentation but not a stop as with the Exotic. With a new concept that I've been trying to get passed to some of my colleagues in other organizations, especially when dealing with Maine Coon types that we're seeing now, I went to the country of origin, to the Governing Council of the Cat Fancy – GCCF – and many of you may know that the British Shorthair was almost extinct after World War II and only with intensive breeding through using of several different breeds did we get what we have today. GCCF calls the head, *Round face with full broad cheeks and good breadth of skull with a round underlining bone structure. The head should be set on a short, thick neck. Nose: the nose should be short, broad and straight, and of uniform width face on and show no signs of reduced nasal aperture. In profile, a rounded forehead should lead to a short, straight nose with a break which is neither too pronounced nor too shallow.* **Meeker:** We don't have a break.

DelaBar: Let me, please. I have the floor. **Mastin:** Go ahead. Continue. **DelaBar:** FIFE calls the nose, *Short, broad and straight with a slight indentation, but not a stop as in the Exotic.* I sent a letter to the board members from the person who had the best British Shorthair in CFA last year and he, I thought, gave a very good description of what we're facing in an area which could see increased British Shorthair competition in CFA, but not with the drastic changes to a skull structure that is not recognized in the majority of the world. We don't have flat planes over here; we have rounded skull structures. We don't have curving profiles; we do have stops. There are some other questions I have about other portions. I was disappointed to see that two colors were accepted, yet the genetic background colors to the chocolate and the lilac – being fawn and cinnamon – were not accepted and the board's hands are tied by vote of the delegation last summer that we could not even allow cats to be registered with those in the background. I am highly concerned about several of these changes. Some I definitely support, but these structural changes will kill our competition in the British Shorthair in Europe. **Mastin:** OK, thank you,

Pam. Ginger, welcome to the meeting. Annette, did you have any additional comments? **Wilson:** Well, I think we should just go through the proposals that passed. First of all, the the standard already said the forehead should be rounded with a slight flat plane on the top. Now they're adding *mandatory*. I thought we were concerned about extremity and what some people are considering British Shorthairs to be brachycephalic, so don't we want to move away from that? I don't want to get into an argument about it; I'm just trying to point out that this breed council is trying to address those things by what they put on their ballot. **Newkirk:** I agree exactly with what Annette just said. Already, a slight flat plane is in the head standard of the British, and to make it mandatory, they all don't have that. I think that's just going a little bit too far, in my opinion. **Mastin:** Thank you, Darrell. Ginger, did you want to comment on proposed #1?

Meeker: Yes, I do. Can you hear me? **Mastin:** We can hear you. **Meeker:** One of the things that these changes were based on was a discussion with the board that many of our breeds were in danger of being shut down because of extremity; meaning, too extreme, not arms and legs. So, I approached Leslie Lyons and we talked about the points of structure in the British Shorthair standard that were vague enough to allow that standard to be brought to an extreme. I understand the problem in Europe, and Europe in some of the associations allow their British to go back to Persians in the third generation, just as some British Shorthairs in China are being taken back to Persians in the third generation. This is resulting in a cat. as Pam has described, that is far too extreme to meet the standard of the British Shorthair that we currently want to breed. If I wanted to breed Exotics, I would breed Exotics, and that's what many of these cats are starting to look like. We work structurally not only on this first part, the head, but I think the first seven items in this standard have to do specifically with structure – the head, the leg length. Our cats should be balanced, not have short, stubby legs. We don't want munchkin Brits. We want that cat to be moderate to large and not extreme in any way. The British head, because it's round, has always been classified as brachiocephalic. What happens with brachiocephalic is, once you get to the Persian definition, you have basically a flat profile. In the British, we are trying to maintain a viewable profile when you look at the side of the head. Darrell, thank you for agreeing. We have worked many years to try to maintain our standard and for many years we had no changes at all. Like I said before, these structural changes were made based on the understanding of our standard and Leslie Lyons' work with us to pick out those areas that could be brought to the extreme, and damage the health and structure of our cats. **Mastin:** OK, thank you, Ginger. I'm going to call the vote on this. If you're in favor, raise your hand. If you support this motion, raise your hand.

Mastin called the motion. **Motion Carried.** Newkirk, DelaBar and Anger voting no.

Mastin: Marliee, Carissa, Carol, Pauli, Kenny, Doreann, Aki, Russell, Vicki, Kathy, John, Anne and Howard. OK, lower your hand. If you're opposed, raise your hand. Darrell, Pam and Rachel. Lower your hand. If you're an abstention, raise your hand. No abstentions. Rachel?

Anger: I did not get a vote for Janet. **Mastin:** Janet? **Calhoun:** She sent a message that she is in favor. **Mastin:** Janet, you've got your hand up now, thank you. You're a yes vote, Janet?

Moyer: No. I was just trying to raise my hand and it wasn't cooperating, so I texted. I'm for.

Mastin: OK, thank you. **Anger:** That's 14 yes, 3 no, zero abstentions. **Mastin:** OK, the motion passes.

2 - STANDARD CHANGE (passes)

Votes: 32
60% of Voting: 20

Yes	No	Abstain
25	7	0

2. PROPOSED: Revise the NOSE description:

NOSE: medium, broad. In profile there is a gentle dip. dip with no stop or break. Front on view shows wide-open nostrils (nares).

RATIONALE: Narrow nostrils (nares) can result in chronic health issues and difficulty breathing.

Mastin: Annette? **Wilson:** Proposal #2 revises the nose description, so that it says, *In profile there is a gentle dip with no stop or break. The front on view shows wide open nostrils (nares).* **Mastin:** Discussion? Are there any objections? OK, I'll call the vote. If you are in favor, raise your hand.

Mastin called the motion. **Motion Carried.** DelaBar voting no.

Mastin: Marilee, Carol, Kenny, Darrell, Carissa, Pauli, Doreann, Janet, Russell, Rachel, Kathy, Anne, Aki, Vicki, Howard and John. Lower your hand please. If you are opposed, raise your hand. Pam. Lower your hand. If you are an abstention, raise your hand. No abstentions. Rachel? **Anger:** That's 16 yes, 1 no, zero abstentions. **Mastin:** Motion passes.

3 - STANDARD CHANGE (passes)

Votes: 31
60% of Voting: 19

Yes	No	Abstain
25	6	1

3. PROPOSED: Revise MUZZLE description:

MUZZLE: distinctive, well-developed, with a definite stop beyond large, round whisker pads. pads that do not droop.

RATIONALE: Maintenance of the proper profile of the head. Maintain the proper face-on on look of the cat.

Mastin: Annette? **Wilson:** Proposal #3 revises the muzzle description. At the end it says, *round whisker pads that do not droop*. The added words are, *that do not droop*. **Mastin:** Discussion? **DelaBar:** Please define "droop". **Meeker:** OK. First, let me explain. I've lost my page. I have a blank Zoom page and I can't see what's happening, so you'll have to call on me if I'm needed. What we're trying to say here is that the British Shorthair muzzle should be succinct and the two pads on either side of the nares have often been described as "gumdrops". The

Exotic Shorthair has whisker pads that, in our estimation, droop. They look more like the flues on a dog. The posterior edge hangs down further and the British Shorthair, that muzzle should be succinct, round structures on either side of the nose that do not droop like an Exotic Shorthair.

Wilson: Just for reference, anybody that's over 50, take off your clothes, get in front of a mirror. It will be easy to figure out. **Meeker:** Thank you, Annette. That painted a real good picture.

Mastin: Rachel, this is when you say "point of order". I'm just reminding you. **Anger:** Off topic! Point of Order! **Mastin:** Thank you. **DelaBar:** Speak for yourself, Annette. Honestly, I think that there could be a much better – when we're talking about the rounded whisker pads with a round bottom with the chin, it fits in that way. I've just got a question on using the word "droop". There's got to be a better word. **Mastin:** Is there any further discussion? I will try this. Is there objection to this motion? Seeing no objection, the motion passes unanimously.

The motion is ratified by unanimous consent.

4 - STANDARD CHANGE (passes)

Votes: 32

60% of Voting: 20

Yes	No	Abstain
30	2	0

4. PROPOSED: Revise the description of LEGS:

LEGS: well-boned and strong, short to medium short to medium, well boned and strong. In in proportion to the body. All legs Forelegs are straight with no signs of being foreshortened.

RATIONALE: Body proportions need to be maintained to ensure the full health of the cat.

Mastin: Annette, #4. **Wilson:** #4, Proposed, revise the description of legs. Remove *short to medium well-bound and strong* and add *well-bound and strong, short to medium in proportion to the body*. It puts it in a different order. *All legs are straight with no signs of being foreshortened.* **Mastin:** OK, discussion? Objections? Darrell, did you have a discussion?

Newkirk: Well yeah, because *foreshorten* means they're short. I mean, this doesn't match up. Just my opinion. **Nasin:** My question is, are they all equal short, like a square and a level back? I mean, yeah, *foreshortened* is kind of a vague description to me. It's confusing to me. **Mastin:** Ginger, please comment. **Meeker:** OK. What we were trying to get across here is, the legs are short to medium, and we do not want them to be foreshortened. There's a British Shorthair breeder in England that wants to munchkinize the British Shorthair and we don't want those legs foreshortened. That's a big, powerful body with a level back and we don't want it on short little legs. We want the legs to be straight, strong and in proportion to the cat. Short, as we all know, is relative. The length of a 10 pound female leg would be shorter in measurement than an 18 pound whole male. Everything needs to be in balance in this cat, and the whole reason for this is we don't want any foreshortening of the legs. **Wilson:** "Foreshortening" is actually a term that includes scale and so what it kind of means is overly short but it's in conjunction with the rest of the cat, so foreshorten would be, the cat is everywhere else fine. Its legs may be short or medium, depending on the rest of the size of the cat, but foreshorten puts it out of balance and out of proportion. **Meeker:** Right Annette, thank you. Well said and in reference to Pam's last

comment, for next year's ballot we will certainly remember to see if we can find a better word than "droopy". **Mastin:** OK, thank you. **DelaBar:** I think on *all legs are straight* period, *with no signs of being foreshortened* you describe the positive cat with *well boned and strong, short to medium and in proportion to the body*. That says it in a positive manner without bringing in questionable concepts of being foreshortened and by the by, the they've already munchkinized Brits along with everything else in eastern Europe so it's there. It was in the U.S. first. **Nasin:** OK, so is there any way that we can add like not munchkinized or something? I mean, obviously, that's up to the committee to figure that kind of wordage out but I just think especially with people with English as their second language, "foreshortened" is going to be kind of confusing to them. Just my opinion. **Wilson:** Let me answer that, Doreann. We do not reference other breeds within a breed standard and particularly a breed that we don't recognize at all, so "foreshortened" is the best way to address that. **Newkirk:** I think the better word would be *without showing signs of dwarfism*. That's not a breed, that's a condition. To answer Doreann's question, this was voted on by the breed council. You cannot change anything in this wording without breed council approval, so no, it can't be changed. **Mastin:** Any further discussion? Are there objections to this motion? Seeing no objection, motion passes unanimously.

The motion is ratified by unanimous consent.

Mastin: Ginger, maybe you will go to your committee and ask them to use a different word for next year. **Meeker:** You betcha. Cathy [Dunham] is sitting here and it's on her list of to-do things. **Mastin:** I've got to be honest. I wasn't exactly sure what it meant. I knew it had to do with something that was short so i looked it up and it says, the definition I got was, *dramatically shortened*.

5 - STANDARD CHANGE (passes)

Votes: 32
60% of Voting: 20

Yes	No	Abstain
29	3	0

5. **PROPOSED:** Clarify the coat description specific to texture:

COAT: short, very dense, well bodied, firm to the touch, with a crisp, resilient texture. Not double coated or woolly. If the coat is pushed against the grain, the coat will return toward its prior position.

RATIONALE: The BSH coat is one of the major features of our breed.

Mastin: Let's move on to #5. **Wilson:** Google is our friend. Change #5 is clarify the coat description specific to the texture, so they're adding the word *resilient* after *crisp* and then describing what that would mean. *If the coat is pushed against the grain, the coat will return towards its prior position.* **Mastin:** Discussion? Objections? Seeing no objection, the motion passes unanimously.

The motion is ratified by unanimous consent.

6 - STANDARD CHANGE (passes)

Votes: 32
60% of Voting: 20

Yes	No	Abstain
31	1	0

6. **PROPOSED:** Further clarify the coat color, in general:

COLOR: for cats with special markings: 5 points for coat color and 10 points for markings. Color should be sound from root to tip in solid colors. Shadow tabby markings in solid color, smoke, shaded, shaded golden, bi-color, or calico kittens are not a fault.

RATIONALE: Coat of solid colors should be sound from root to tip.

Mastin: #6. **Wilson:** #6 further clarifies the coat color in general. *Color should be sound from root to tip in solid colors* has been added. **Mastin:** Discussion? Objections? Seeing no objection, the motion passes unanimously.

The motion is ratified by unanimous consent.

7 - STANDARD CHANGE (passes)

Votes: 32
60% of Voting: 20

Yes	No	Abstain
27	5	0

7. **PROPOSED:** Move 'definite nose stop' to DISQUALIFY from PENALIZE:

PENALIZE: ~~definite nose stop~~. Overlong or light undercoat. Soft coat. Rangy body. Weak chin.*

DISQUALIFY: definite nose stop/nose break. Incorrect eye color, green rims in adults ...

RATIONALE: We need to move away from the extreme head styles.

Mastin: #7. **Wilson:** #7 moves *definite nose stop* from penalized to disqualify, so penalizes removes *definite nose stop* and disqualify adds *definite no stop/nose break*. **DelaBar:** You have my objections to this, as it changes the standard of the cat as we have seen it worldwide. **Mastin:** OK, I'll call for the vote on this, thank you. Any further discussion? **Meeker:** Rich, I would like to make a comment to that. I don't remember seeing British Shorthairs on the U.S. bench or any that we've imported from other countries that have a nose stop or a nose break. That's always been a penalized or DQ in the standard. **DelaBar:** We might have a difference of a conceptual definition here. When I'm saying *stop* and what we're seeing is a change of direction of the nose. Nobody wants a break. None of the associations want a break, but what we are seeing is a change of direction, which is sort of a stop to change the direction. I'm not saying something as defined as like on a Havana Brown or something, but it's a change

of direction. It's not a smooth curve. **Mastin:** So Pam, specific to #7, I just have a question for you. They're moving *definite nose stop* from penalized to disqualify and adding *nose break*. Can you just share with me what your objection is, specific to moving from penalized to disqualify?

DelaBar: That would take our cats off the bench. It would take the European cats off the bench.

Mastin: Thank you for clarifying. **DelaBar:** The other thing is, that would definitely limit genetic diversity in being able to bring new lines in to the U.S. from Europe and beyond.

Meeker: Rich? **Mastin:** Ginger, hang on a second. Let Darrell and then I'll call on you last.

Newkirk: So Pam, I have a question. So, in Europe you're saying that the British have a nose stop? They're not present in Australia or in the United States or in Japan? **DelaBar:** I didn't say

that. I have recently judged British in Europe. That's why I'm using that, but I'm not talking

about the kalufas or the cats in China, which have stops when you're talking about the nose

break. With it going to disqualify, so I said, it takes the British out of our shows for CFA in

Region 9. Let me speak with Region 9, but when I can go into a show and judge 20-some odd

British Shorthairs, it's a real thrill and especially in such countries as Poland where we would

love to get a foot in. **Mastin:** Darrell, were you finished? **Newkirk:** Yes, I'm done. I just find

that amazing. **Meeker:** I would like to speak to the fact that we moved *stop* and *break* to

disqualify. This is one of the major head structures that put our cats at greater risk for health

problems and disease. If you think about the structural head plates that require a break, you are

moving everything back and apart. That's directly opposed to the gentle dip we want on the nose

on the profile of the British. We don't want stops and breaks. **Mastin:** I want to point out, we did

we did discuss that earlier maybe on the very first one. **Meeker:** Absolutely. **Mastin:** We want to

avoid having to repeat over and over the same topic. **DelaBar:** I agree on breaks. We don't want

breaks. Even GCCF does not want to break, but a stop is a change of direction. It's not a break.

As I said, I'm trying to keep things going here because Region 9 used to – I don't know how to

this year is going to end up – used to provide more registrations than any other region and I've

been trying to build upon that. That's why I am so concerned about drastic changes and going

from penalize to disqualify on a stop. Break I agree with, but on a stop it's not a break. It doesn't

indentate whatsoever and as for problems in Europe, Lufthansa decided it will not allow Brits in

cargo. None of my cats go in cargo and I don't have anything like this. We are being very, very

careful. In fact, the longhair Brit is now overtaking the Persian in several countries because it is

less extreme. Offline Ginger, Rachel and I can tell you about some comments made at the World

Cat Congress where assumptions were made that were not correct. **Griswold:** I was just

thinking, at this point, this is a little bit of a late discussion and kind of a moot point because of

all the things voted on by the British Shorthair breed council, this one did not seem to really be in

much of contention. It got voted for pretty squarely, so this is clearly where this breed council

wants to go. There's other things that didn't pass or that are much closer than this one, so as far

as I'm concerned, the breed council is the defining – they define what we're to look for as judges

in their breed and where they want their breed to go and the breed council voted on this and very

clearly, this is where they want their breed to go. So, do they have to look like GCCF British? Do

they have to look like FIFE British? You know, no they don't. The CFA breed council has the

power to do what they want and to define where they want their breed to go. So, that's how I feel

about it from that. **Mastin:** OK, I'm going to call the vote on this. If you are in favor, raise your

hand.

Mastin called the motion. **Motion Carried.** DelaBar voting no.

Mastin: Darrell, Marilee, Carol, Kenny, Anne, Pauli, Kathy, Carissa, Janet, Vicki, Doreann, Aki, Russell, John and Howard. OK, lower your hand. If you're opposed, raise your hand. Pam. Lower your hand. If you are an abstention, raise your hand. No abstentions. Rachel, I don't think I got you the first time around. **Anger:** You did not, and I was going to mention that before I announced the vote. I'm a yes. That's 16 yes, 1 no, zero abstentions. **Mastin:** OK, the motion passes.

8 - STANDARD CHANGE (passes)

Votes: 32
60% of Voting: 20

Yes	No	Abstain
22	10	0

8. PROPOSED: Move undesirable coat descriptions from DISQUALIFY to PENALIZE:

PENALIZE: definite nose stop. Overlong or fluffy coat. light undercoat. Soft coat. Rangy body. Weak chin. *

DISQUALIFY: incorrect eye color, green rims in adults. Tail defects. Long or fluffy coat. Incorrect number of toes ...

RATIONALE: Coat is mentioned in both sections; this groups it all under Penalize.

Mastin: Annette, #8. **Wilson:** #8 moves undesirable coat descriptions from disqualify to penalize. Currently, you are to disqualify for a long or fluffy coat and that is struck out. Penalize will now include *over long or fluffy coat*. **Mastin:** OK, discussion? Objections? Seeing no objections, the motion passes unanimously.

The motion is ratified by unanimous consent.

9 - STANDARD CHANGE (passes)

Votes: 32
60% of Voting: 20

Yes	No	Abstain
28	4	0

9. PROPOSED: Revise the PENALIZE section to include additional items (note, any changes passed above will also be included if passed):

PENALIZE: definite nose stop. Overlong or light undercoat. Soft coat that lacks resiliency. Rangy body. Foreshortened legs. Weak Chin or over prominent chin. Foreshortened head in profile. *

RATIONALE: Further describes coat penalization and adds structural penalties.

Mastin: #9. There's that word again. **Wilson:** #9 revises the penalized section to include additional items. It's adding to penalize *foreshortened legs, over prominent chin or a foreshortened head in profile* as well as *soft coat that lacks resiliency*. So, basically that's describing what a soft coat is. **Mastin:** OK, discussion? Objections? Seeing no objection, the motion passes unanimously.

The motion is ratified by unanimous consent.

10 - STANDARD CHANGE (passes)

Votes: 32
60% of Voting: 20

Yes	No	Abstain
27	5	0

10. PROPOSED: Revised DISQUALIFY section further:

DISQUALIFY: incorrect eye color, green rims in adults. Eyes set on the bias. Any Tail tail defects. Long or fluffy coat. Droopy whisker pads. Incorrect number of toes. Locket or button. Improper color or pigment in nose leather and/or paw pads in part or total. Any evidence of illness or poor health. Any evidence of wryness of jaw, poor dentition (arrangement of teeth), or malocclusion; or foreshortened head structure that results in narrowed nares. Evidence of hybridization resulting in cinnamon or fawn, the Himalayan pattern or these combinations with white. Any evidence of the CORIN gene or evidence of DBE. *

RATIONALE: Further supports the need to move away from 'extreme' looks that may endanger our breed.

Mastin: #10. **Wilson:** Alright, #10 proposes to revise the disqualify section further to disqualify for *eyes set on a bias, any tail defects, droopy whisker pads, malocclusion or foreshortened head structure that results in narrowed nares, any evidence of the corin gene or evidence of dominant blue eye*. **Mastin:** OK, discussion? Any objections? Pam, do you want to say something? **DelaBar:** I was asking the corin gene, are you talking about the white paws, Ginger? **Meeker:** Yes, white across the toes, white on the chest and sometimes they have some white on the face, not to be confused with the cream and white bi-color. I am told by multiple judges that it's very easy to recognize the corin gene because of the limited presence of white and it may not be a true stark white, it may be an off-white. **DelaBar:** Because Leslie has found no health problems with the corin gene. **Meeker:** When I communicated with Leslie, she said it's very much involved in cardiovascular issues like hypertension and an increased propensity to stroke. **DelaBar:** Then that must be very, very new from the last time I met with her in Helsinki. **Meeker:** I don't know. I just know that she said it was involved with cardiovascular problems and we don't want those. **DelaBar:** No, I can't blame you. OK, you answered my question on the corin. **Meeker:** Thank you. **Mastin:** Any further discussion? Any objections? OK, I have to call the vote. There's an objection. John, lower your hand. **Colilla:** I was not an objection. I'm sorry. **Mastin:** Well, lower your hand. Let me just go through this again. John, why did you raise your hand? **Colilla:** I keep on hitting it by accident. I'm sorry. **Mastin:** OK, are there any objections? Seeing no objection, the motion passes unanimously.

The motion is ratified by unanimous consent.

11 - STANDARD CHANGE (passes)

Votes: 29
60% of Voting: 18

Yes	No	Abstain
28	1	3

11. PROPOSED: Change the Color section Headings and Subheadings to the following and allow Central Office some leeway to work with the Breed Council Secretary on the format and the order of the colors and patterns as well as punctuation, capitalization and grammar (any changes will have final approval of BCS):

Solid Colors

Silver and Golden Colors

Shaded and Smoke Colors

Tabby Colors

Parti-Colors

Calico and Bi-Color Colors

RATIONALE: To standardize the color/pattern heading format for our breed standard.

Mastin: #11. Wilson: #11, change the color class headings and subheadings to the following and allow Central Office some leeway to work with the breed council secretary on the format and the order of the colors and patterns, as well as punctuation, capitalization and grammar. Any changes will have final approval of the BCS. If I can just ad lib a little bit here, the breed council secretary promises that, concerning when standards need to be revised, that this is an important thing to address immediately. **Mastin:** OK, discussion? Any objections? Motion passes unanimously.

The motion is ratified by unanimous consent.

12 - STANDARD CHANGE (passes)

Votes: 32
60% of Voting: 20

Yes	No	Abstain
25	7	0

12. PROPOSED: Update the color description for BLUE:

BLUE: light to medium blue, lighter shade preferred, any sound shade of blue, very level in color. Sound medium shade more acceptable than an unsound lighter shade. No tabby markings or white anywhere. **Nose leather and paw pads:** Blue. **Eye color:** gold or copper.

RATIONALE: Darker shades of blue should not be overlooked.

Mastin: That was #11 right? **Wilson:** Yes. **Mastin:** Hang on, Annette. I'm just looking to see how many more we have with this breed. **Wilson:** We have three. **Mastin:** Just three?

Wilson: The others didn't pass. **Mastin:** Oh great. We'll finish these three, then we'll go to a break. Alright, #12. **Wilson:** #12, update the color description for blue, *changing light to medium blue, lighter shade preferred to any sound shade of blue*. **Mastin:** OK, discussion? Objections? Seeing no objections, the motion passes unanimously.

The motion is ratified by unanimous consent.

13 - STANDARD CHANGE (passes)

Votes: 30
60% of Voting: 18

Yes	No	Abstain
29	1	2

13. PROPOSED: Insert color descriptions and patterns for already accepted colors not previously described. Also, group all Tabby & White Color Descriptions with BiColor Descriptions; delete the existing descriptions of all Patched Tabby & White (see below for all Tabby & White).

Tabby:

BLUE-SILVER TABBY (classic, mackerel, spotted): ground color pale bluish silver. Markings sound blue. Undercoat white. Lips and chin the same shade as the rings around the eyes. Nose leather: blue or old rose trimmed with blue. Paw pads: blue or old rose. Eye color: green, hazel, gold or copper.

BLUE-SILVER PATCHED TABBY (classic, mackerel, spotted): ground color pale bluish silver. Markings sound blue. Patches of cream or softly intermingled areas of cream on both body and extremities. Undercoat white. Lips and chin the same shade as the rings around the eyes. Nose leather: blue or old rose trimmed with blue and/or pink. Paw pads: blue or old rose and/or pink. Eye color: green, hazel, gold or copper.

RED SILVER TABBY (Red Silver Tabby) (classic, mackerel, spotted): ground color off-white. Markings red. Undercoat white. Lips and chin the same shade as the rings around the eyes. Nose leather and paw pads: pink. Eye color: gold or copper.

CREAM SILVER TABBY (classic, mackerel, spotted): ground color off white. Markings cream. Undercoat white. Lips and chin the same shade as the rings around the eyes. Nose leather and paw pads: pink. Eye color: green, hazel, gold or copper.

Calico and Bi-Color:

BI-COLOR: black and white, blue and white, red and white, or cream and white, blue-silver and white, red silver and white, cream silver and white, shaded and white, or chinchilla and white. As a preferred minimum, the cat should have some white on the feet, legs, undersides, chest and muzzle. Less white then than this should be penalized proportionately. Symmetry of those markings, no matter the amount of color vs. white, is desired. White blaze desirable. Eye color: green/blue-green; gold to copper, as appropriate to base color description; or odd-eyed.

VAN BI-COLOR: black and white, blue and white, red and white, and cream and white, blue-silver and white, red silver and white, cream silver and white, shaded and white, or chinchilla and white. White cat with color confined to the extremities: head, tail, and legs. One or two small colored patches on body allowable. **Eye color:** green/blue-green; gold to copper as appropriate to base color description; or odd eye. **Nose leather and paw pads:** to conform to the already established solid requirements; nose leather and paw pads may also be pink.

SMOKE AND WHITE: black smoke and white, blue smoke and white, red smoke and white, cream smoke and white, tortie smoke and white, blue-cream smoke and white. White with colored portions, the colored portions of the cat to conform to these currently established smoke color standards.

TABBY AND WHITE (all patterns, including patched): silver tabby and white, brown tabby and white, red tabby and white, blue tabby and white, cream tabby and white, blue-silver tabby and white, red-silver tabby and white, cream-silver tabby and white. White with colored portions, the colored portions of the cat to conform to the currently established tabby color descriptions.

RATIONALE: Add color descriptions and patterns for already accepted colors not previously described and move all Tabby & White to the Bi-Color section.

Mastin: #13, right? **Wilson:** #13, insert color descriptions and patterns for already accepted colors that were not previously described. Group all tabby and white color descriptions with the bi-color descriptions. Delete the existing descriptions of all patched tabby and white. This is complicated, but this is part of working with Central Office to get this organized. **Mastin:** OK, is there any discussion? Any objections? Seeing no objections, the motion passes unanimously.

The motion is ratified by unanimous consent.

14 - STANDARD CHANGE (passes)

Votes: 32
60% of Voting: 20

Yes	No	Abstain
21	11	0

14. PROPOSED: Move colors currently listed as AOV to Championship status and if passed, move colors to the appropriate place in the existing British Shorthair Colors and address the color classes.

Solid

CHOCOLATE: rich, warm chocolate-brown, sound from roots to tip of fur. **Nose leather:** brown. **Paw pads:** cinnamon-pink. **Eye color:** gold or copper.

LILAC: rich, warm lavender with a pinkish tone, sound and even throughout. **Nose leather and paw pads:** lavender-pink. **Eye color:** gold or copper.

Silver and Golden

CHOCOLATE SILVER: undercoat white with a mantle of chocolate tipping. Rims of eyes, lips and nose outlined with chocolate. **Nose leather:** brown. **Paw pads:** cinnamon-pink. **Eye color:** gold or copper.

LILAC SILVER: undercoat white with a mantle of lavender tipping. Rims of eyes, lips and nose outlined with lavender. **Nose leather:** lavender-pink. **Paw pads:** lavender-pink. **Eye color:** gold or copper.

TORTOISESHELL AND CHOCOLATE TORTOISESHELL SILVER: the undercoat is pure white; back, flanks, head, ears and tail tipped with black or chocolate and red (light and dark shades) harmoniously distributed in tortoiseshell pattern. **Eye and nose rims:** outlined in black, pink, or patched with both. **Nose leather:** black, cinnamon pink, pink, or patched with both. **Paw pads:** black, cinnamon pink, pink, or patched with both. **Eye color:** gold or copper.

BLUE-CREAM AND LILAC-CREAM SILVER: the undercoat is pure white; back, flanks, head, ears and tail tipped with blue-grey or lilac and cream (light and dark shades) harmoniously distributed in tortoiseshell pattern. **Eye and nose rims:** outlined in blue-grey, lilac, pink or patched with both. **Nose leather:** blue-grey, lavender-pink, pink or patched with both. **Paw pads:** blue-grey, lavender-pink, pink or patched with both. **Eye color:** gold or copper.

CHOCOLATE GOLDEN: undercoat ivory to pale honey or apricot with a mantle of chocolate tipping. Rims of eyes, lips and nose outlined with chocolate. **Nose leather:** brown. **Paw pads:** cinnamon-pink. **Eye color:** gold or copper.

LILAC GOLDEN: undercoat ivory to pale honey or apricot with a mantle of lilac tipping. Rims of eyes, lips and nose outlined with lilac. **Nose leather:** lilac-pink. **Paw pads:** lilac-pink. **Eye Color:** gold or copper.

TORTOISESHELL SILVER: chocolate, the undercoat is pure white; back, flanks, head, ears and tail tipped with black and red (light and dark shades) harmoniously distributed in tortoiseshell pattern. **Eye and nose rims:** outlined in black, pink, or patched with both. **Nose leather:** black, pink, or patched with both. **Paw pads:** black, pink, or patched with both. **Eye color:** gold or copper.

TORTOISESHELL, AND BLUE-CREAM, CHOCOLATE TORTOISESHELL AND LILAC-CREAM GOLDEN: the undercoat is ivory to neutral beige; back, flanks, head, ears and tail tipped with the appropriate base color (Black and Red; Blue and Cream; Chocolate and Red or Lilac and Cream) mottled or patched with areas of red, shades of red or cream. **Eye and nose rims:** outlined in base color, pink, or patched with both. **Nose leather:** appropriate to base color and/or pink. **Paw pads:** appropriate to base color and/or pink. **Eye color:** gold or copper.

Smoke/Shaded

SMOKE COLORS: Black Smoke, Blue Smoke, Red Smoke, Cream Smoke, Tortoiseshell Smoke, Blue-Cream Smoke, chocolate smoke, chocolate tortoiseshell smoke, chocolate calico smoke, lilac smoke, lilac-cream smoke, lilac calico smoke.

Tabby

CHOCOLATE TABBY (classic, mackerel, spotted): ground color milk chocolate. Tabby markings a deep, dark chocolate affording sufficient contrast with ground color. Lips and chin the same shade as around the eyes. **Nose leather**: brown and/or brick red. **Paw pads**: brick red to cinnamon pink. **Eye color**: gold or copper.

CHOCOLATE PATCHED TABBY (classic, mackerel, spotted): milk chocolate ground color marked with darker chocolate tabby markings and patches or softly intermingled areas of red. Lips and chin the same color as rings around the eyes. **Nose leather**: brown, brick red and/or cinnamon pink. **Paw pads**: brick red, cinnamon pink and/or coral pink. **Eye color**: gold or copper.

CHOCOLATE SILVER TABBY (classic, mackerel, spotted): ground color milk chocolate, undercoat white. Tabby markings a deep, dark chocolate affording sufficient contrast with ground color. Lips and chin the same shade as around the eyes. **Nose leather**: brick red. **Paw pads**: brick red to cinnamon pink. **Eye color**: green, hazel, gold or copper.

CHOCOLATE SILVER PATCHED TABBY (classic, mackerel, spotted): milk chocolate ground color marked with darker chocolate tabby markings and patches or softly intermingled areas of red, undercoat white. Lips and chin the same color as rings around the eyes. **Nose leather**: brick red to cinnamon pink. **Paw pads**: brick red, cinnamon pink and/or coral pink. **Eye color**: green, hazel, gold or copper.

LILAC TABBY (classic, mackerel, spotted): ground color pale frosty lavender with a pinkish patina, marked with darker lavender tabby markings affording sufficient contrast with ground color. **Nose leather**: lavender. **Paw pads**: pink. **Eye color**: gold or copper.

LILAC PATCHED TABBY (classic, mackerel, spotted): ground color pale frosty lavender with pinkish patina, marked with darker lavender tabby markings and patches or softly intermingled areas of cream. Lips and chin the same color as rings around the eyes. **Nose leather**: lavender and/or pink. **Paw pads**: lavender pink and/or pink. **Eye color**: gold or copper.

LILAC SILVER TABBY (classic, mackerel, spotted): ground color pale frosty lavender with a pinkish patina, marked with darker lavender tabby markings affording sufficient contrast with ground color, undercoat white. **Nose leather**: pink. **Paw pads**: pink. **Eye color**: green, hazel, gold or copper.

LILAC SILVER PATCHED TABBY (classic, mackerel, spotted): ground color pale frosty lavender with pinkish patina, marked with darker lavender tabby markings and patches or softly intermingled areas of cream, undercoat white. Lips and chin the same color as rings around the eyes. **Nose leather**: pink. **Paw pads**: lavender pink and/or pink. **Eye color**: green, hazel, gold or copper.

Parti-Color

Move Blue-Cream color description to follow the tortoise color description.

CHOCOLATE TORTOISESHELL: rich, warm chocolate brown with patches of red or softly intermingled areas of red on both body and extremities. The presence of several shades of red acceptable. **Nose leather**: brown, brick red and/or pink. **Paw pads**: brick red, cinnamon pink and/or pink. **Eye color**: gold or copper.

LILAC-CREAM: rich, warm pinkish toned lavender with patches of cream or softly intermingled areas of cream on both body and extremities. **Nose leather:** lavender, lavender pink and/or pink. **Paw pads:** lavender pink and/or pink. **Eye color:** gold or copper.

Tabby

Move existing tabby and white descriptions to the Calico/Bi-Color Section; if previous proposals pass, consolidate these in a similar fashion (i.e., list the color/pattern, don't describe fully).

CHOCOLATE CALICO: a tri-color cat of chocolate, red and white. The red and the chocolate should appear as clear, unbrindled patches. As a preferred minimum, the cat should have white feet, legs, undersides, chest, and muzzle. Less white than this minimum should be penalized proportionately. As a preferred minimum, the cat should have a colored tail and one or more colored patches on the head and/or body. Less color than this minimum should be penalized proportionately. **Eye color:** gold or copper, or odd-eyed.

LILAC CALICO: a tri-color cat of lilac, cream and white. The cream and the lilac should appear as clear, unbrindled patches. As a preferred minimum, the cat should have white feet, legs, undersides, chest, and muzzle. Less white than this minimum should be penalized proportionately. As a preferred minimum, the cat should have a colored tail and one or more colored patches on the head and/or body. Less color than this minimum should be penalized proportionately. **Eye color:** gold or copper, or odd-eyed.

CHOCOLATE PATCHED TABBY AND WHITE (classic, mackerel, spotted): same as chocolate patched tabby with the addition of white. Blaze desirable. **Nose leather:** brown, brick red and/or cinnamon pink. **Paw pads:** brick red, cinnamon pink and/or coral pink. **Eye color:** gold or copper.

CHOCOLATE SILVER PATCHED TABBY AND WHITE (classic, mackerel, spotted): same as chocolate silver patched tabby with the addition of white. Blaze desirable. **Nose leather:** brick red to cinnamon pink. **Paw pads:** brick red, cinnamon pink and/or coral pink. **Eye color:** green, hazel, gold or copper.

LILAC PATCHED TABBY AND WHITE (classic, mackerel, spotted): same as lilac patched tabby with the addition of white. Blaze desirable. **Nose leather:** lavender and/or pink. **Paw pads:** lavender pink and/or pink. **Eye color:** gold or copper.

LILAC SILVER PATCHED TABBY AND WHITE (classic, mackerel, spotted): same as lilac silver patched tabby with the addition of white. Blaze desirable. **Nose leather:** pink. **Paw pads:** lavender pink and/or pink. **Eye color:** green, hazel, gold or copper.

BI-COLOR: black and white, blue and white, red and white, or cream and white, chocolate and white, or lilac and white, smoke and white, shaded and white chinchilla and white. As a preferred minimum, the cat should have some white on the feet, legs, undersides, chest and muzzle. Less white than this should be penalized proportionately. Symmetry of those markings, no matter the amount of color vs. white, is desired. White blaze desirable. **Eye color:** gold to copper or odd eye.

VAN BI-COLOR: black and white, blue and white, red and white, and cream and white, chocolate and white, or lilac and white, smoke and white, shaded and white chinchilla and white. White cat with color confined to the extremities: head, tail, and legs. One or two small colored patches on body allowable. **Eye color:** gold to copper or odd eye. **Nose leather and paw pads:** to conform to the already established solid requirements; nose leather and paw pads may also be pink.

SMOKE AND WHITE: White with colored portions, the colored portions of the cat to conform to these currently established smoke color standards, black smoke and white, blue smoke and white, red smoke and white, cream smoke and white, chocolate smoke and white, lilac smoke and white, tortie smoke and white, chocolate tortie smoke and white, blue cream smoke and white, lilac cream smoke and white.

~~Chocolate, Chocolate Tortoiseshell in the Shaded and Chinchilla patterns, excluding 'with white'~~
~~Lilac, Lilac Cream in the Shaded and Chinchilla patterns, excluding 'with white'~~

AND

Remove current AOV colors/patterns from the standard as follows:

AOV COLOR DESCRIPTIONS

Solid Colors: Chocolate and Lilac in the accepted British Shorthair patterns.

CHOCOLATE: rich, warm chocolate brown, sound from roots to tip of fur. **Nose leather:** brown.

Paw pads: cinnamon pink. **Eye color:** gold or copper.

LILAC: rich, warm lavender with a pinkish tone, sound and even throughout. **Nose leather and paw pads:** lavender pink. **Eye color:** gold or copper.

PartiColor: Chocolate Tortoiseshell, Lilac Cream.

Smoke/Shaded: Chocolate Smoke, Lilac Smoke, Chocolate Tortoiseshell Smoke, Lilac Cream Smoke, Shaded Chocolate, Shaded Lilac, Chinchilla Chocolate, Chinchilla Lilac, Shaded Chocolate Tortoiseshell, Shaded Lilac Cream, Chinchilla Chocolate Tortoiseshell, Chinchilla Lilac Cream.

Tabby: Chocolate Tabby, Chocolate Patched Tabby, Lilac Tabby, Lilac Patched Tabby.

Calico & Bi-Color: Chocolate and White, Chocolate Tabby and White, Chocolate Patched Tabby and White, Lilac and White, Lilac Tabby and White, Lilac Patched Tabby and White, Chocolate Calico, Lilac Calico.

AND

Remove Chocolate and Lilac from the AOV color classes in the show rules Article XXXI and add to appropriate classes:

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and not an official part of the CFA Show Standard.*

British Shorthair Color Class Numbers

Solid Color Class	2500	2501
(<i>Black, Blue, Cream, Red, Blue-Eyed White, Gold-Eyed White, Odd-Eyed White, Chocolate, Lilac</i>)		

Tabby Class (spotted, classic, mackerel)	2536	2537
(<i>Blue Tabby, Brown Tabby, Cream Tabby, Red Tabby, Silver Tabby, Blue Patched Tabby, Brown Patched Tabby and Silver Patched Tabby, Chocolate Tabby, Lilac Tabby</i>)		
Parti-Color & Bi-Color Class.....	2546	2547
(<i>Blue-Cream, Tortoiseshell, Calico, Van Calico, Dilute Calico, Van Dilute Calico, Solid Color and White, Van Solid Color and White, Tabby and White, Van Tabby and White, Patched Tabby and White, Chocolate and White, Chocolate Tabby and White, Chocolate Patched Tabby and White, Lilac and White, Lilac Tabby and White, Lilac Patched Tabby and White, Chocolate Calico, Lilac Calico</i>)		
...		

RATIONALE: Chocolate and Lilac have been recognized and worked with in many different respected registries. Our own judges have handled these cats while judging all over the world. We do not need to provide any further barrier to these colors being recognized for championship status. It is in our best interest to remove the obstacles to registration and exhibiting of these BSH colors. If we, as a breed, want to expand the gene pool, keep our breed healthy and work in conjunction with our fellow breeders from around the world we need to accept these colors for championship status.

Mastin: OK, #14. **Wilson:** #14, move colors currently listed as AOV to championship status and, if passed, move colors to the appropriate place in the existing British Shorthair colors and address the color classes. This would be moving chocolate and lilac and their associated patterns, as described, to championship from AOV. **Mastin:** OK, discussion? Any objections? Motion passes unanimously.

The motion is ratified by unanimous consent.

15 – REGISTRATION RULE (fails)

Votes: 32
60% of Voting: 20

Yes	No	Abstain
18	14	0

15. PROPOSED: Accept cinnamon and fawn colors for registration:

Revise the British Shorthair Rules for Registration to accept cinnamon and fawn, establish these as colors for registration, and revise the registration via pedigree requirements.

DO NOT ACCEPT (cat to be registered or cats in background):

Pointed		Longhair *	Fawn
<u>Ticked tabby-allowed in 3rd through 5th generation only</u>		<u>Cinnamon</u>	

*Any cat submitted for Registration Via Pedigree that contains the pointed pattern in the first five generations must include documentation that the cat has been microchipped for identification purposes and submit a DNA test proving the cat does not carry ~~cinnamon, fawn~~ or the pointed pattern in order to be registered. All such cats will be assigned the regular BCS code for the cat's color and a notation will be made in the cat's record that a DNA test has been received confirming the cat does not include ~~cinnamon, fawn~~ and/or the pointed pattern, in its five-generation pedigree.

RATIONALE: Cinnamon and fawn have been recognized and worked with in many different respected registries. Our own judges have handled these cats while judging all over the world. If we, as a breed, want to expand the gene pool, keep our breed healthy and work in conjunction with our fellow breeders from around the world we need to accept these colors for registration.

No Action.

16 - STANDARD CHANGE (fails)

Votes: 32
60% of Voting: 20

Yes	No	Abstain
16	16	0

16. PROPOSED: If the previous proposal passes, add cinnamon and fawn to an AOV Color Class.

Fawn
Fawn-Cream
Fawn Calico
Fawn Tabby
Fawn Silver Tabby
Fawn Patched Tabby
Fawn Smoke
Fawn Calico Smoke
Fawn Silver
Fawn Golden
Cinnamon
Cinnamon Tortoiseshell
Cinnamon Calico
Cinnamon Tabby
Cinnamon Silver Tabby
Cinnamon Patched Tabby
Cinnamon Smoke
Cinnamon Calico Smoke
Cinnamon Silver
Cinnamon Golden
Parti-Color Smoke

Parti-Color Golden

Parti-Color Silver

Any of these colors in combination with white

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British Shorthair Color Class Numbers

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AOV 2598 2599

*[Chocolate, and lilac, cinnamon, fawn in the
accepted British Shorthair patterns: solid,
tabby, patched tabby, tabby & white, patched
tabby & white, parti-color, calico, smoke,
shaded, chinchilla]*

And update the DISQUALIFY section of the standard:

DISQUALIFY: incorrect eye color, green rims in adults. Tail defects. Long or fluffy coat. Incorrect number of toes. Locket or button. Improper color or pigment in nose leather and/or paw pads in part or total. Any evidence of illness or poor health. Any evidence of wryness of jaw, poor dentition (arrangement of teeth), or malocclusion. Evidence of hybridization resulting in ~~cinnamon or fawn~~, the Himalayan pattern or ~~these combinations~~ the Himalayan pattern with white*

RATIONALE: Allows cinnamon and fawn BSH to be seen in the AOV class.

No Action.

17 - STANDARD CHANGE (fails)

Votes: 32
60% of Voting: 20

Yes	No	Abstain
18	14	0

17. (If #15 Passes) PROPOSED: Move cinnamon and fawn to Championship color classes. Central Office will define the registration color numbers within the already established numeric series.

Fawn

Fawn-Cream

Fawn Calico

Fawn Tabby

Fawn Silver Tabby

Fawn Patched Tabby

Fawn Smoke

Fawn Calico Smoke

Fawn Silver

Fawn Golden

Cinnamon

Cinnamon Tortoiseshell
Cinnamon Calico
Cinnamon Tabby
Cinnamon Silver Tabby
Cinnamon Patched Tabby
Cinnamon Smoke
Cinnamon Calico Smoke
Cinnamon Silver
Cinnamon Golden
Parti-Color Smoke
Parti-Color Golden
Parti-Color Silver
Any of these colors in combination with white

AND revise Disqualify section:

DISQUALIFY: incorrect eye color, green rims in adults. Tail defects. Long or fluffy coat. Incorrect number of toes. Locket or button. Improper color or pigment in nose leather and/or paw pads in part or total. Any evidence of illness or poor health. Any evidence of wryness of jaw, poor dentition (arrangement of teeth), or malocclusion. Evidence of hybridization resulting in ~~cinnamon or fawn~~, the Himalayan pattern or ~~these combinations~~ the Himalayan pattern with white*

AND

Add Cinnamon and Fawn colors/patterns to Color Class Codes:

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British Shorthair Color Class Numbers

Solid Color Class	2500	2501
(<i>Black, Blue, Cream, Red, Blue-Eyed White, Gold-Eyed White, Odd-Eyed White, Cinnamon, Fawn</i>)		
Tabby Class (<i>spotted, classic, mackerel</i>)	2536	2537
(<i>Blue Tabby, Brown Tabby, Cream Tabby, Red Tabby, Silver Tabby, Blue Patched Tabby, Brown Patched Tabby and Silver Patched Tabby, Cinnamon Tabby, Cinnamon Patched Tabby, Fawn Tabby, Fawn Patched Tabby</i>)		
Parti-Color & Bi-Color Class	2546	2547
(<i>Blue-Cream, Tortoiseshell, Calico, Van Calico, Dilute Calico, Van Dilute Calico, Solid Color and White, Van Solid Color and White, Tabby and White, Van Tabby and White, Patched Tabby and White, Cinnamon and White, Cinnamon Tabby and White, Cinnamon Patched Tabby and White, Fawn and White, Fawn Tabby and White, Fawn</i>)		

Patched Tabby and White, Cinnamon Calico,
Fawn Calico)

...

RATIONALE: Cinnamon and fawn have been recognized and worked with in many different respected registries. Our own judges have handled these cats while judging all over the world. If we, as a breed, want to expand the gene pool, keep our breed healthy and work in conjunction with our fellow breeders from around the world we need to accept these colors for championship status.

No Action.

18 - STANDARD CHANGE (fails)

Votes: 32
60% of Voting: 20

Yes	No	Abstain
18	14	0

18. PROPOSED: If #15 or #16 or #17 passes add the cinnamon and fawn colors and patterns to the color classes as appropriate, as passed previously, etc.

Solid Colors:

CINNAMON: light reddish brown, the color of a cinnamon stick, distinctly warmer, lighter and redder than chocolate. **Nose leather and paw pads:** tan to pinkish beige. **Eye color:** gold or copper.

FAWN: light lavender with pale cocoa overtones. **Nose leather and paw pads:** a light shade of dusty rose pink (no blue or lavender tones). **Eye color:** gold or copper.

Silver and Golden

TORTOISESHELL, CHOCOLATE TORTOISESHELL AND CINNAMON

TORTOISESHELL SILVER: the undercoat is pure white; back, flanks, head, ears and tail tipped with black, chocolate or cinnamon and red (light and dark shades) harmoniously distributed in tortoiseshell pattern. **Eye and nose rims:** outlined in black, brown, pink, or patched with both. **Nose leather:** black, brown, pink, or patched with both. **Paw pads:** black, brown, pink, or patched with both. **Eye Color:** gold or copper.

BLUE-CREAM, LILAC-CREAM AND FAWN-CREAM SILVER: the undercoat is pure white; back, flanks, head, ears and tail tipped with blue-grey, lilac or fawn and cream (light and dark shades) harmoniously distributed in tortoiseshell pattern. **Eye and nose rims:** outlined in blue-grey, lilac, fawn, pink or patched with both. **Nose leather:** blue-grey, pink or patched with both. **Paw pads:** blue-grey, pink or patched with both. **Eye Color:** gold or copper.

TORTOISESHELL, AND BLUE-CREAM, CHOCOLATE TORTOISESHELL, LILAC-CREAM, CINNAMON TORTOISESHELL, FAWN-CREAM GOLDEN: the undercoat is ivory to neutral beige; back, flanks, head, ears and tail tipped with the appropriate base color (Black and Red; or, Blue-Cream, Chocolate or Fawn) mottled or patched with areas of red, shades of red or cream. **Eye and nose rims:** outlined in base color, pink, or patched with both. **Nose leather:**

appropriate to base color and/or pink. **Paw pads:** appropriate to base color and/or pink. **Eye Color:** gold or copper.

CINNAMON SILVER: undercoat white with a mantle of cinnamon tipping. Rims of eyes, lips and nose outlined with cinnamon. **Nose leather:** pink. **Paw pads:** coral pink. **Eye Color:** green, hazel, gold or copper.

FAWN SILVER: undercoat white with a mantle of fawn tipping. Rims of eyes, lips and nose outlined with fawn. **Nose leather:** pink. **Paw pads:** pink. **Eye Color:** green, hazel, gold or copper.

CINNAMON GOLDEN: undercoat ivory to pale honey or apricot with a mantle of cinnamon tipping. Rims of eyes, lips and nose outlined with cinnamon. **Nose leather:** pink. **Paw pads:** coral pink. **Eye Color:** gold or copper.

FAWN GOLDEN: undercoat ivory to pale honey or apricot with a mantle of fawn tipping. Rims of eyes, lips and nose outlined with fawn. **Nose leather:** pink. **Paw pads:** pink. **Eye Color:** gold or copper.

Smoke/Shaded:

CINNAMON SMOKE: coat is deeply tipped with cinnamon. **Nose leather:** cinnamon. **Paw pads:** coral. **Eye Color:** gold or copper.

FAWN SMOKE: coat is deeply tipped with fawn. **Nose leather:** fawn. **Paw pads:** pink. **Eye Color:** gold or copper.

SMOKE COLORS: Black Smoke, Blue Smoke, Red Smoke, Cream Smoke, Tortoiseshell Smoke, Blue-Cream Smoke, chocolate smoke, chocolate tortoiseshell smoke, chocolate calico smoke, lilac smoke, lilac-cream smoke, lilac calico smoke, cinnamon smoke, fawn smoke, cinnamon tortoiseshell smoke, cinnamon calico smoke, fawn-cream smoke, fawn calico smoke and fawn-cream smoke.

Tabby:

CINNAMON TABBY: ground color, including lips and chin, a pale warm honey, markings a dense cinnamon, affording a good contrast with ground color. **Nose leather:** cinnamon or coral rimmed with cinnamon. **Paw pads:** cinnamon. **Eye Color:** gold or copper.

CINNAMON SILVER TABBY: ground color, including lips and chin, pale glistening silver. Markings dense cinnamon. **Nose leather:** cinnamon, or pink rimmed with cinnamon. **Paw pads:** coral pink. **Eye Color:** green, hazel, gold or copper.

FAWN TABBY: ground color, including lips and chin, pale ivory. Markings dense fawn, affording good contrast with ground color. **Nose leather and paw pads:** pale fawn. **Eye Color:** gold or copper.

FAWN SILVER TABBY: ground color, including lips and chin, pale glistening silver. Markings dense fawn. **Nose leather:** fawn, or pink rimmed with fawn. **Paw pads:** pink. **Eye Color:** green, hazel, gold or copper.

PATCHED TABBY PATTERN: a patched tabby is an established Classic, Mackerel, or Spotted in blue*, cinnamon, fawn* or lavender*, or any of these colors in silver, with patches of red or softly intermingled areas of red on both body and extremities (presence of several shades of red acceptable;

*dilute colors exhibit cream instead of red). Nose leather and paw pads: same as non-patched tabbies, may be mottled with pink. **Eye Color:** gold, copper or odd eye.

Parti-Color:

CINNAMON TORTOISESHELL: cinnamon with patches of red or softly intermingled areas of red on both body and extremities (presence of several shades of red acceptable). **Nose leather and paw pads:** tan to pinkish beige, may be mottled with pink. **Eye Color:** gold or copper.

FAWN-CREAM: fawn mottled or patched with cream. **Nose leather and paw pads:** a light shade of dusty rose (no blue or lavender tones), may be mottled with pink. **Eye Color:** gold or copper.

Calico & Bi-Color:

CINNAMON TABBY AND WHITE: ground color, including lips and chin, a pale warm honey, markings are a dense cinnamon, affording a good contrast with ground color, with white. **Nose leather:** cinnamon or coral rimmed with cinnamon. **Paw pads:** cinnamon. **Eye Color:** gold or copper.

CINNAMON SILVER TABBY AND WHITE: ground color, including lips and chin, pale glistening silver. Markings dense cinnamon affording a good contrast with ground color, with white. **Nose leather:** cinnamon, or pink rimmed with cinnamon. **Paw pads:** coral pink. **Eye Color:** green, hazel, gold or copper.

FAWN TABBY AND WHITE: ground color, including lips and chin, pale ivory. Markings dense fawn, affording good contrast with ground color, with white. **Nose leather and paw pads:** pale fawn. **Eye Color:** gold or copper.

FAWN SILVER TABBY AND WHITE: ground color, including lips and chin, pale glistening silver. Markings dense fawn, with white. **Nose leather:** fawn, or pink rimmed with fawn. **Paw pads:** pink. **Eye Color:** green, hazel, gold or copper.

PATCHED TABBY PATTERN AND WHITE: a patched tabby is an established Classic, Mackerel, or Spotted in blue*, cinnamon, fawn* or lavender*, or any of these colors in silver, with patches of red or softly intermingled areas of red on both body and extremities (presence of several shades of red acceptable; *dilute colors exhibit cream instead of red), with white. **Nose leather and paw pads:** same as non-patched tabbies, may be mottled with pink. **Eye Color:** gold, copper or odd eye.

BI-COLOR: black and white, blue and white, red and white, ~~or~~ cream and white, chocolate and white, ~~or~~ lilac and white, cinnamon and white, ~~or~~ fawn and white. As a preferred minimum, the cat should have some white on the feet, legs, undersides, chest and muzzle. Less white ~~then~~ than this should be penalized proportionately. Symmetry of those markings, no matter the amount of color vs. white, is desired. White blaze desirable. **Eye Color:** gold to copper or odd eye.

VAN BI-COLOR: black and white, blue and white, red and white, ~~and~~ cream and white, chocolate and white, lilac and white, cinnamon and white, ~~or~~ fawn and white. White cat with color confined to the extremities: head, tail, and legs. One or two small colored patches on body allowable. **Eye Color:** gold to copper or odd eye. **Nose leather and paw pads:** to conform to the already established solid requirements; nose leather and paw pads may also be pink.

SMOKE AND WHITE: black smoke and white, blue smoke and white, red smoke and white, cream smoke and white, chocolate smoke and white, lilac smoke and white, cinnamon smoke and white, fawn smoke and white, tortie smoke and white, chocolate tortie smoke and white, cinnamon tortie smoke and white, blue cream smoke and white, lilac cream smoke and white, and fawn cream smoke and white. White with colored portions, the colored portions of the cat to conform to these currently established smoke color standards.

TABBY AND WHITE (including patched): cinnamon tabby, fawn tabby or lavender or any of these colors in silver, with patches of red or softly intermingled areas of red on both body and extremities (presence of several shades of red acceptable; *dilute colors exhibit cream instead of red). **Nose leather and paw pads:** same as non-patched tabbies, may be mottled with pink. **Eye Color:** gold, copper or odd eye.

RATIONALE: Add the cinnamon and fawn colors and patterns to the color classes as appropriate.

No Action.

19 – REGISTRATION RULE (fails)

Votes: 32
60% of Voting: 20

Yes	No	Abstain
15	17	0

19. PROPOSED: Accept pointed colors (Himalayan pattern) for registration.

Revise the British Shorthair Rules for Registration to accept pointed, establish these as colors for registration, and revise the registration via pedigree requirements.

DO NOT ACCEPT (cat to be registered or cats in background):

Pointed		Longhair *	Fawn
Ticked tabby-allowed in 3 rd through 5 th generation only		Cinnamon	

*Any cat submitted for Registration Via Pedigree that contains the pointed pattern in the first five generations must include documentation that the cat has been microchipped for identification purposes and submit a DNA test proving the cat does not carry cinnamon, or fawn or the pointed pattern in order to be registered. All such cats will be assigned the regular BCS code for the cat's color and a notation will be made in the cat's record that a DNA test has been received confirming the cat does not include cinnamon, or fawn and/or the pointed pattern, in its five-generation pedigree.

RATIONALE: The Pointed Pattern has been recognized and worked with in many different respected registries. Our own judges have handled these cats while judging all over the world. If we, as a breed, want to expand the gene pool, keep our breed healthy and work in conjunction with our fellow breeders from around the world we need to accept these colors for registration.

No Action.

20 - STANDARD CHANGE (fails)

Votes: 32
60% of Voting: 20

Yes	No	Abstain
13	19	0

20. PROPOSED: If the registration proposal above passes, add pointed (color point colors) to the AOV color descriptions:

AOV COLORS DESCRIPTIONS:

Pointed Pattern: Chocolate Point, Seal Point, Lilac Point, Blue Point, Red Point, Cream Point, Cinnamon Point, Fawn Point, Tortie Point, Blue-Cream Point, Chocolate-Tortie Point, Lilac-Cream Point, Cinnamon-Tortie Point, Fawn-Cream Point, Seal Lynx Point, Blue Lynx Point, Red Lynx Point, Cream Lynx Point, Tortie Lynx Point, Blue-Cream Lynx Point, Chocolate Lynx Point, Lilac Lynx Point, Cinnamon Lynx Point, Fawn Lynx Point, Chocolate-Tortie Lynx Point, Lilac-Cream Lynx Point, Cinnamon-Tortie Lynx Point, Fawn-Cream Lynx Point. **Eye Color:** Blue

AND modify DISQUALIFY section as follows:

DISQUALIFY: incorrect eye color, green rims in adults. Tail defects. Long or fluffy coat. Incorrect number of toes. Locket or button. Improper color or pigment in nose leather and/or paw pads in part or total. Any evidence of illness or poor health. Any evidence of wryness of jaw, poor dentition (arrangement of teeth), or malocclusion. Evidence of hybridization resulting in cinnamon or fawn, ~~the Himalayan pattern~~ or these combinations with white*

AND add the Pointed Pattern to AOV Color Class:

*The following information is for reference purposes only
and not an official part of the CFA Show Standard.*

British Shorthair Color Class Numbers

...
AOV 2598 2599
*[Chocolate, and lilac, and Pointed patterns in
the accepted British Shorthair patterns: solid,
tabby, patched tabby, tabby & white, patched
tabby & white, parti-color, calico, smoke,
shaded, chinchilla]*

RATIONALE: The pointed pattern has been recognized and worked with in many different respected registries. Our own judges have handled these cats while judging all over the world. If we, as a breed, want to expand the gene pool, keep our breed healthy and work in conjunction with our fellow breeders from around the world we need to accept these colors for championship status.

No Action.

21 - STANDARD CHANGE (fails)

Votes: 32
60% of Voting: 20

Yes	No	Abstain
15	17	0

21. PROPOSED: If registration for the pointed pattern passes, then move pointed to Championship color classes. Central Office will define the registration color numbers within the already established numeric series:

Chocolate Point

Seal Point

Lilac Point

Blue Point

Flame Point

Cream Point

Cinnamon Point

Fawn Point

Tortie Point

Blue-Cream Point

Chocolate-Totie Point

Lilac-Cream Point

Cinnamon-Tortie Point

Fawn-Cream Point

Seal Lynx Point

Blue Lynx Point

Flame Lynx Point

Cream Lynx Point

Tortie Lynx Point

Blue-Cream Lynx Point

Chocolate Lynx Point

Lilac Lynx Point

Cinnamon Lynx Point

Fawn Lynx Point

Chocolate-Tortie Lynx Point

Lilac-Cream Lynx Point

Cinnamon-Tortie Lynx Point

Fawn-Cream Lynx Point

Shaded Point

Smoke Point

AND modify DISQUALIFY section as follows:

DISQUALIFY: incorrect eye color, green rims in adults. Tail defects. Long or fluffy coat. Incorrect number of toes. Locket or button. Improper color or pigment in nose leather and/or paw pads in part or total. Any evidence of illness or poor health. Any evidence of wryness of jaw, poor dentition (arrangement of teeth), or malocclusion. Evidence of hybridization resulting in cinnamon or fawn, ~~the~~ Himalayan pattern or these combinations with white*

AND add the Pointed Pattern to Color Class Codes:

*The following information is for reference purposes only
and not an official part of the CFA Show Standard.*

British Shorthair Color Class Numbers

...
OBSHC (Other British Shorthair Colors) 2598 2599
(Pointed, Smoke, Shaded and Chinchilla
patterns and colors as described in the
standard)
...

AND revise OBSHC section in the standard as follows:

OBSHC (Other British Shorthair Colors): Pointed, Smoke, Shaded and Chinchilla patterns and colors as described in the standard.

AND

Change the Color section Headings and Subheadings to the following and allow Central Office some leeway to work with the Breed Council Secretary on the format and the order of the colors and patterns.

Solid Colors

Silver and Golden Colors

Shaded and Smoke Colors

Tabby Colors

Parti-Colors

Calico and Bi-Color Colors

Pointed Colors

RATIONALE: The pointed pattern has been recognized and worked with in many different respected registries. Our own judges have handled these cats while judging all over the world. If we, as a breed, want to expand the gene pool, keep our breed healthy and work in conjunction with our fellow breeders from around the world we need to accept these colors for championship status.

No Action.

22 - STANDARD CHANGE (fails)

Votes: 32
60% of Voting: 20

Yes	No	Abstain
15	17	0

22. PROPOSED: If #21 passes add pointed colors and patterns to the color classes as appropriate.

POINTED PATTERN: Body: clear color is preferred with subtle shading allowed. Allowance should be made for darker color in older cats but there must be a definite contrast between body color and point color. The points, consisting of ears, legs, feet, tail, and mask show the basic color of the cat. The ideal mask extends from above the eyes down through the chin and stretches beyond the eyes from side to side.

LYNX POINT PATTERN: Mask must be clearly lined with dark stripes, vertical and forming the classic "M" on the forehead; horizontal on the cheeks. The mask contains light rings around the eyes and dark spots on light whisker pads, clearly out-lined in dark color edges. Inner ear light with ticking on outer ear. Markings dense, clearly defined and broad. Legs evenly barred with bracelets. Tail barred with lighter underside. No striping or mottling on body.

CHOCOLATE POINT: body ivory. Points milk-chocolate color, warm in tone. **Nose leather and paw pads:** cinnamon pink. **Eye color:** deep vivid blue. **Disqualify:** white toes, eye color other than blue.

SEAL POINT: body even pale fawn to cream, warm in tone, shading gradually into lighter color on the stomach and chest. Points deep seal brown. **Nose leather and paw pads:** seal brown. **Eye color:** deep vivid blue. **Disqualify:** white toes, eye color other than blue.

LILAC POINT: body glacial white. Points frosty grey with pinkish tone. **Nose leather and paw pads:** lavender pink. **Eye color:** deep vivid blue. **Disqualify:** white toes, eye color other than blue.

BLUE POINT: body bluish white, cold in tone. Points blue. **Nose leather and paw pads:** slate blue. **Eye color:** deep vivid blue. **Disqualify:** white toes, eye color other than blue.

RED POINT: body creamy white. Points deep orange flame to deep red. **Nose leather and paw pads:** flesh to coral pink. **Eye color:** deep vivid blue. **Disqualify:** white toes, eye color other than blue.

CREAM POINT: body creamy white. Points buff cream. **Nose leather and paw pads:** flesh to coral pink. **Eye color:** deep vivid blue. **Disqualify:** white toes, eye color other than blue.

CINNAMON POINT (including smoke): body ivory with no shading. Points light reddish brown, distinctly warmer and lighter than chocolate - the color of a cinnamon stick. **Nose leather and paw pads:** tan to pinkish beige. **Eye color:** deep vivid blue. **Disqualify:** white toes, eye color other than blue.

FAWN POINT (including smoke): body glacial white with no shading. Points light lavender with pale cocoa overtones. **Nose leather and paw pads:** pink and/or a light shade of dusty rose (no blue or lavender tones). **Eye color:** deep vivid blue. **Disqualify:** white toes, eye color other than blue.

TORTIE POINT: body creamy white or pale fawn. Points seal with unbrindled patches of red and/or cream. **Nose leather and paw pads:** seal brown and/or coral pink. **Eye color:** deep vivid blue. **Disqualify:** white toes, eye color other than blue.

BLUE-CREAM POINT: body bluish white or creamy white. Points blue with patches of cream. **Nose leather and paw pads:** slate blue and/or pink. **Eye color:** deep vivid blue. **Disqualify:** white toes, eye color other than blue.

CHOCOLATE-TORTIE POINT: body ivory. Points chocolate with unbrindled patches of red and/or cream. **Nose leather and paw pads:** cinnamon pink and/or coral pink. **Eye color:** deep vivid blue. **Disqualify:** white toes, eye color other than blue.

LILAC-CREAM POINT: body glacial white. Points lilac with patches of cream. **Nose leather and paw pads:** lavender pink and/or pink. **Eye color:** deep vivid blue. **Disqualify:** white toes, eye color other than blue.

CINNAMON-TORTIE POINT (including smoke): body ivory, may be mottled in older cats Points light reddish brown, randomly mottled with red. **Nose leather and paw pads:** tan to pinkish beige; flesh or coral pink mottling desirable. **Eye color:** deep vivid blue. **Disqualify:** white toes, eye color other than blue.

FAWN-CREAM POINT (including smoke): body glacial white; mottling, if any, in the shade of the points. Points light lavender with pale cocoa overtones, randomly mottled with pale cream. **Nose leather and paw pads:** dusty rose; flesh or coral pink mottling desirable. **Eye color:** deep vivid blue. **Disqualify:** white toes, eye color other than blue.

SEAL LYNX POINT: points beige-brown ticked with darker brown tabby markings. **Body color:** pale cream to fawn, warm in tone. **Nose leather:** seal brown or brick red. **Paw pads:** seal brown. **Eye color:** deep vivid blue. **Disqualify:** white toes, eye color other than blue.

BLUE LYNX POINT: points light, silvery blue, ticked with darker blue tabby markings. **Body color:** bluish white, cold in tone. **Nose leather:** blue or old rose. **Paw pads:** blue. **Eye color:** deep vivid blue. **Disqualify:** white toes, eye color other than blue.

RED LYNX POINT (flame): points deep orange flame ticked with deep red tabby markings. **Body color:** creamy white. **Nose leather and paw pads:** flesh to coral pink. **Eye color:** deep vivid blue. **Disqualify:** white toes, eye color other than blue.

CREAM LYNX POINT: points pale cream ticked with dark cream tabby markings. **Body color:** creamy white, significantly lighter in tone than the points. **Nose leather and paw pads:** flesh to coral pink. **Eye color:** deep vivid blue. **Disqualify:** white toes, eye color other than blue.

TORTIE LYNX POINT: points beige-brown with dark brown tabby markings and patches of red. **Body color:** creamy white or pale fawn. **Nose leather and paw pads:** seal brown, brick red and/or coral pink. **Eye color:** deep vivid blue. **Disqualify:** white toes, eye color other than blue.

BLUE-CREAM LYNX POINT: points blue with darker blue tabby markings and patches of cream. **Body color:** bluish white, cold in tone. **Nose leather and paw pads:** blue, old rose and/or pink. **Eye color:** deep vivid blue. **Disqualify:** white toes, eye color other than blue.

CHOCOLATE LYNX POINT: points milk-chocolate ticked with darker chocolate tabby markings. **Body color:** ivory. **Nose leather and paw pads:** cinnamon pink or coral pink. **Eye color:** deep vivid blue. **Disqualify:** white toes, eye color other than blue.

LILAC LYNX POINT: points pale frosty grey with pinkish tone ticked with darker lilac tabby markings. **Body color:** glacial white. **Nose leather and paw pads:** lavender pink. **Eye color:** deep vivid blue. **Disqualify:** white toes, eye color other than blue.

CINNAMON LYNX POINT (including silver & shaded): body ivory. Body shading may take form of ghost striping. Points light reddish-brown bars, distinct and separated by lighter background color; ears cinnamon with paler thumbprint in center. **Nose leather**: tan to pinkish beige permitted, pink edged in tan preferred. **Paw pads**: tan to pinkish beige. **Eye color**: deep vivid blue. **Disqualify**: white toes, eye color other than blue.

FAWN LYNX POINT (including silver & shaded): body glacial white. Body shading may take form of ghost striping. Points light lavender bars with pale cocoa overtones, distinct and separated by lighter background color; ears fawn, paler thumbprint in center. **Nose leather**: dusty rose permitted, pink edged in dusty rose preferred. **Paw pads**: dusty rose. **Eye color**: deep vivid blue. **Disqualify**: white toes, eye color other than blue.

CHOCOLATE-TORTIE LYNX POINT: points milk-chocolate ticked with darker chocolate tabby markings and patches of red. Body color ivory. **Nose leather and paw pads**: cinnamon pink and/or coral pink. **Eye color**: deep vivid blue. **Disqualify**: white toes, eye color other than blue.

LILAC-CREAM LYNX POINT: points pale frosty grey with pinkish tone ticked with darker lilac tabby markings and patches of cream. Body color glacial white. **Nose leather and paw pads**: lavender pink and/or coral pink. **Eye color**: deep vivid blue. **Disqualify**: white toes, eye color other than blue.

CINNAMON-TORTIE LYNX POINT (including silver & shaded): body ivory. Body shading may take form of ghost striping and/or mottling. Points light reddish-brown bars, distinct and separated by lighter background color; ears cinnamon with paler thumbprint in center. Random mottling of red overlays the markings of the points. **Nose leather**: tan to pinkish beige permitted, pink edged in tan preferred, flesh or coral pink mottling may be present. **Paw pads**: tan to pinkish beige, may be mottled with flesh or coral pink. **NOTE**: these cats resemble lynx points more than tortie points. **Eye color**: deep vivid blue. **Disqualify**: white toes, eye color other than blue.

FAWN-CREAM LYNX POINT (including silver & shaded): body glacial white. Body shading may take form of ghost striping and/or mottling. Points: light lavender bars with pale cocoa overtones, distinct and separated by lighter background color; ears fawn, paler thumbprint in center. Random mottling of cream overlays the markings of the points. **Nose leather**: dusty rose permitted, pink edged in dusty rose preferred, flesh or coral pink mottling may be present. **Paw pads**: dusty rose, may be mottled with flesh or coral pink. **NOTE**: these cats resemble lynx points more than tortie points. **Eye color**: deep vivid blue. **Disqualify**: white toes, eye color other than blue.

SHADED POINT: white undercoat with a mantle of tipping consistent with the base colors of red, cream, seal, blue, chocolate, lilac, cinnamon or fawn, or any of the appropriate base colors in part-color, shading down from sides, face and tail from dark on the ridge to white on the chin, chest, underside and under the tail. Legs to be the same tone as the face. Rims of eyes, lips and nose outlined with color consistent with the corresponding base color. **Nose leather and paw pads**: appropriate base color. **Eye color**: deep vivid blue. **Disqualify**: white toes, eye color other than blue.

RATIONALE: Add the pointed colors and pattern descriptions to the color classes as appropriate.

No Action.

Wilson: That is the end of the British Shorthair. **Mastin**: That is the end – **Wilson**: – of the British Shorthair. **Mastin**: Great. Ginger, thank you very much. **Meeker**: You're more than

welcome, and thank you to Annette for her help. Be assured those changes will be expediently accomplished. **Wilson:** OK. **Mastin:** Wonderful, thank you.

Mastin: Let's take a 10-minute break. It's 3:05. Let's return at 3:15.

BREAK.

BURMESE

Breed Council Secretary: Art Graafmans (Newport Beach, CA)

Total Members: 26

1 – REGISTRATION RULE (passes)

Votes: 17
60% of Voting: 11

Yes	No	Abstain
17	0	2

1. **PROPOSED:** changes to the current outcross to Bombay policy:

CFA Burmese Breed Council: Out-Cross To Bombay Policy (Approved 02/13)

The Burmese breed may outcross to a Bombay for the time period beginning January 1, 2013 and extending through December 31, 2031. Offspring of these breedings whose coat color is one of the approved Burmese colors may be registered as Burmese. Note that in the case where the Burmese parent is either Champagne, Blue or Platinum, the litter may only be registered as Burmese.

General Requirements:

1. The Bombay parent must be registered in CFA. A Bombay cat registered in a foreign registry may be used once it has been registered in CFA.
2. The Bombay parent must be color tested to not carry cinnamon (negative for bl).

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- A CFA litter application is provided.
- A CFA registration number is provided for the Burmese parent.
- A CFA registration number is provided for the Bombay parent.
- A genetic test is provided indicating the Bombay parent tests negative for cinnamon.

RATIONALE: After more than a decade of Burmese cats being outcrossed to Bombay cats, not a single Bombay cat used for these breedings has tested positive for the Cinnamon gene. In the

extremely unlikely case a Cinnamon carrier would be used, the gene does not present any health issues to the Burmese breed and can be easily bred out. It is the opinion of the Burmese breeders that this test is unnecessary, adds a cost to the registration process and adds a complication for Central Office to confirm a Burmese to Bombay outcross litter.

Mastin: OK, we are back from break. Annette, Devon Rex, correct? **Wilson:** What about Burmese? **Mastin:** Sorry, I missed it. **Wilson:** You're jumping ahead. **Mastin:** I didn't mean to. I didn't mean to. You're right. Too many pages. Burmese, thank you. **Wilson:** OK, so this is a change to the Registration Rules for the Burmese to their outcross policy. I have no idea what this is. Hold on. Oh, it's removing the requirement that if there is a Bombay parent, previously had to be color tested to not carry cinnamon and they're removing that requirement. **Mastin:** OK. Is there any discussion? Any objections? Seeing no objection, the motion passes unanimously.

The motion is ratified by unanimous consent.

COLORPOINT SHORTHAIIR

Breed Council Secretary: Mary Kolencik (Kissimmee, FL)

Total Members: 24

1 – REGISTRATION RULE (passes)

Votes: 16

60% of Voting: 10

Yes	No	Abstain
14	2	1

Wilson: Can Mary Kolencik be let in as a panelist? **Tartaglia:** Yes, I will. She is in the audience. I'll bring her in. **Wilson:** Thank you. **Mastin:** Hi, Mary. **Kolencik:** Hello. Can you hear me now? **Mastin:** I can hear you now. **Kolencik:** OK, great. I don't have a picture but I can talk. Is it OK to go ahead? **Mastin:** Sure, go ahead. **Kolencik:** OK. Good afternoon, everybody. Thanks for allowing me to speak. I'll be brief. We just have one item this year.

- PROPOSED:** Revise the Colorpoint Shorthair Rules for Registration (ROR) to clarify whether cats with longhair (LH) or longhair carrier (LHC) designations within the number of generations required for registration by pedigree is allowed. The proposed change clearly makes such cats not allowed unless the owner submits documentation of DNA testing showing the cat is not itself a longhair and does not carry LH.

Current:

DO NOT ACCEPT (cat to be registered or cats in background):

Cinnamon Point	Fawn Point	(02/12) effective 05/12 do not accept albino colors
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Proposed:

DO NOT ACCEPT (cat to be registered or cats in background):

Cinnamon Point	Fawn Point	(02/12) effective 05/12 do not accept albino colors
<u>(02/24) Longhair or Longhair Carrier*</u>		

* Any cat submitted for Registration Via Pedigree that contains longhair or longhair carrier within the number of generations required for registration with a 52xx prefix must include documentation of DNA testing to prove the cat is not itself longhair and does not carry longhair in order to be registered via pedigree. All such cats will be assigned the regular BCS code for the cat's color. A notation will be made in the cat's record that DNA testing documentation has been received confirming the cat is not a longhair and does not carry longhair.

RATIONALE: The current ROR for CPSH states that the only allowable outcross for CPSH or CPSH registered by pedigree (aka imports) is Siamese. However some associations that register Siamese-type cats phenotypically may include a designation of LHC (longhair carrier) while still registering the cat as Siamese in their registry. The CPSH ROR do not make it clear whether such cats can be imported.

This proposal would do two things. First, it would clarify that cats with LH or LHC in their 2-gen pedigree cannot be imported as CPSH. Second, it would allow such cats to be imported if the owner provides DNA testing to prove the cat itself is a shorthair and does not carry the LH recessive. This language is similar to what is in the ROR of the British Shorthair.

With our current requirement to import a cat with two generations as a 52xx prefix CPSH, it would not be difficult to import cats that could be carriers of the LH recessive. If an owner finds a cat of an appropriate CPSH color but with LH or LHC in the 1st or 2nd generation, the owner need only breed it for a generation or two until the LH/LHC is off the two generations and then import the offspring. The offspring could theoretically carry the LH recessive. By allowing the cat to be imported as long as DNA testing shows it does not carry LH, we would know the status of the cat to be a homozygous shorthair. LH or LHC cats could still appear in the 3rd or higher generations, but with LH in those higher generations the likelihood that the cat being imported carries the recessive that far is less probable.

Kolencik: I was asked about a pedigree from another association that designates a cat as a longhair carrier, and whether or not the cat could be imported. Some associations have these designations for carried recessives and when I looked at our registration rules and I consulted with Monique about this, it was not clear to me that our Rules of Registration cover what to do with such a pedigree. So, this proposal is to just clarify that the import pedigrees must be clear of any indication of longhair or longhair carrier within our two generations. However, the second thing that it does is allow a cat with such a pedigree to be imported with DNA testing, showing the cat doesn't carry longhair. So, this parallels existing language in the British Shorthair rules. I'm hoping this is a first step for us, because there are other recessive designations with some associations that we might want to consider allowing with DNA testing, so you might be hearing from us again on this next year. **Mastin:** OK, thank you, Mary. Does anybody have any

comments or questions for Mary? Are there any objections? Seeing no objection, the motion passes unanimously.

The motion is ratified by unanimous consent.

Kolencik: Thank you. Thank you everybody and have a good afternoon. **Mastin:** You do the same.

DEVON REX

Breed Council Secretary: Linda Peterson (Clifton, VA)

Total Members: 22

1 - STANDARD CHANGE (passes)

Votes: 17

60% of Voting: 11

Yes	No	Abstain
17	0	0

Mastin: Annette? **Wilson:** I don't know if Linda Peterson is on or not. **Tartaglia:** She is not. **Wilson:** OK. I don't think she thought there would be many questions, but if there are I will try to answer them.

- PROPOSED:** Remove the use of the terms Platinum, Champagne, Lilac, Natural, and Sable from the entirety of the Devon Rex Breed Standard, as well as the associated editing/housekeeping that it would entail throughout the pointed, mink, and sepia sections in the standard (to which it primarily applies). The term Lavender would no longer need to be defined as it would apply to ALL categories:

DEVON REX COLORS

COAT COLOR: any genetically possible color and pattern and any combination of genetically possible color and pattern are allowed. ***For purposes of clarification and consistency the following applies:**

LAVENDER: used in place of ~~Lilac in Solid, Tabby, Calico, Smoke, Silver and Shaded colors and patterns.~~

PLATINUM: used in place of ~~Lavender in Mink and Sepia patterns.~~

LILAC: used in place of ~~Lavender in the Pointed pattern.~~

CHAMPAGNE: used in place of ~~Chocolate in Mink and Sepia patterns.~~

NATURAL: used in place of ~~Black in the Mink pattern.~~

SABLE: used in place of ~~Black in the Sepia pattern.~~

SEAL: used in place of ~~Black in the Pointed, Mink, and Sepia pattern.~~

POINTED PATTERN: body color lighter, with some color allowed. Allowance to be made for darker body color in older cats, but contrast between points and body must be evident. **Points:** mask, ears, legs, tail and feet clearly defined. Mask should not extend over the top of the head. **Nose leather and paw pads:** appropriate to coat color. The pointed pattern may be combined with ANY other pattern (except mink) and ANY colors, e.g. lilaclavender-silver lynx point and seal-tortie point with white (shown in the Bi-Color Class).

MINK PATTERN: body with some color. Contrast between body color and points ranging from subtle to distinct in kittens and young cats. Contrast minimal in older cats, particularly in darker colors, tabbies and torties. Points: mask, ears, legs, tail and feet with even color. Nose leather and paw pads: appropriate to coat color. Eye color: aqua. The mink pattern may be combined with ANY other pattern (except pointed or sepia) and ANY colors, e.g. natural seal mink, blue mink, champagne chocolate mink, platinum lavender mink, cinnamon mink, fawn mink, red mink, cream mink, natural seal tabby mink, blue-cream mink, tortie mink, platinum-lavender-smoke mink, etc., or combined with red in dominant colors and cream in recessive colors, smoke, shaded, and tabby patterns, all shown in the ODRC class. Any color and pattern, when combined with white, is shown in the Bi-color class

SEPIA PATTERN: the mature cat should be rich and even in color, shading almost imperceptibly to a slightly lighter hue on the under parts. Kittens are often lighter in color. Nose leather and paw pads: appropriate to coat color. Eye color: yellow/gold to green. The sepia pattern may be combined with ANY other pattern (except pointed or mink) and ANY colors, e.g. sable seal sepia, blue sepia, champagne chocolate sepia, platinum lavender sepia, cinnamon sepia, fawn sepia, red sepia, cream sepia, etc., or combined with red in dominant colors and cream in recessive colors, smoke, shaded, and tabby patterns, all shown in the ODRC class.

ODRC (Other Devon Rex Colors): any other color or pattern. Cats with no more than a locket and/or button do not qualify for this class, such cats shall be judged in the color class of their basic color with no penalty for such locket and/or button. Examples include, but are not limited to: smoke pattern, all point restricted colors (such as seal point, chocolate point, blue point, lilac lavender point, cream point, lynx points, cinnamon point), mink tabby and sepia tabby.

RATIONALE: Originally the terms Platinum, Champagne, Lilac, Natural and Sable were honorary “nods” to the ancestral breeds, the Siamese, Tonkinese, and Burmese. It should be noted that these breeds were not used in developing the Devon Rex Breed historically in CFA and the color terms have only served to become pedantic and cumbersome within the construct of our standard which is one of the few in CFA which by definition allows “any genetically possible color and pattern and any combination of genetically possible color and pattern”. Having a clear and more cohesive color classification for our breed standard would benefit breeders, judges and simplify registration. If passed, it would go into effect once published and would not be retroactive.

Wilson: The first standard change is to remove the use of the terms platinum, champagne, lilac, natural and sable from the entirety of the Devon Rex breed standard, as well as any associated editing housekeeping and then what entails throughout the pointed, mink, and sepia section. The term lavender would no longer need to be defined as it would apply to all categories. So, there’s no more lavender, there’s lilac. **Mastin:** OK. Any further discussion? Any objections? Seeing no objection, the motion passes unanimously.

The motion is ratified by unanimous consent.

2 - STANDARD CHANGE (passes)

Votes: 17
60% of Voting: 11

Yes	No	Abstain
17	0	0

2. PROPOSED: Update the description for the pointed pattern to include eye color and sepia:

POINTED PATTERN: body color lighter, with some color allowed. Allowance to be made for darker body color in older cats, but contrast between points and body must be evident. **Points:** mask, ears, legs, tail and feet clearly defined. Mask should not extend over the top of the head. **Nose leather and paw pads:** appropriate to coat color. **Eye color: any shade of blue.** The pointed pattern may be combined with ANY other pattern (except mink or sepia) and ANY colors, e.g. lilac-silver lynx point and seal-tortie point with white (shown in the Bi-Color Class).

RATIONALE: Housekeeping issue to provide clarification regarding eye color and the mink and sepia tabby pattern which cannot be combined with the pointed pattern. This provides consistency with the descriptions of both the mink and sepia pattern.

Wilson: #2, update the description for the pointed pattern to include eye color and sepia. The word sepia, not the eye color sepia. I got a little confused there. This is, according to them, housekeeping and it appears to be such. They're just updating the eye color. **Mastin:** OK. Any further discussion? Any objections? Seeing no objection, the motion passes unanimously.

The motion is ratified by unanimous consent.

3 - STANDARD CHANGE (passes)

Votes: 17
60% of Voting: 11

Yes	No	Abstain
17	0	0

3. PROPOSED: Update the description for the mink pattern to place the word tabby after mink, and add silver to the color examples:

MINK PATTERN: body with some color. Contrast between body color and points ranging from subtle to distinct in kittens and young cats. Contrast minimal in older cats, particularly in darker colors, tabbies and torties. Points: mask, ears, legs, tail and feet with even color. Nose leather and paw pads: appropriate to coat color. Eye color: aqua. The mink pattern may be combined with ANY other pattern (except pointed or sepia) and ANY colors, e.g. natural mink, blue mink, champagne mink, platinum mink, cinnamon mink, fawn mink, red mink, cream mink, natural tabby mink **tabby**, blue-cream mink, tortie mink, platinum-smoke mink, etc., or combined with red in dominant colors and cream in recessive colors, silver, smoke, shaded, and tabby patterns, all shown in the ODRC class. Any color and pattern, when combined with white, is shown in the Bi-color class.

RATIONALE: Housekeeping issue. This provides consistency throughout the standard. Add silver to the examples of color to provide consistency.

Wilson: #3, update the description for the mink pattern to place the word *tabby* after *mink* and add silver to the color examples. So, instead of calling something natural tabby mink it's natural mink tabby. **Mastin:** OK. Any discussion? Any objections? Seeing no objection, the motion passes unanimously.

The motion is ratified by unanimous consent.

4 - STANDARD CHANGE (passes)

Votes: 17
60% of Voting: 11

Yes	No	Abstain
16	1	0

4. **PROPOSED:** Update the description for the sepia pattern to add blue/green to eye color description, and add silver to the color examples:

SEPIA PATTERN: the mature cat should be rich and even in color, shading almost imperceptibly to a slightly lighter hue on the under parts. Kittens are often lighter in color. Nose leather and paw pads: appropriate to coat color. Eye color: yellow/gold, to-green, to **blue/green**. The sepia pattern may be combined with ANY other pattern (except pointed or mink) and ANY colors, e.g. sable sepia, blue sepia, champagne sepia, platinum sepia, cinnamon sepia, fawn sepia, red sepia, cream sepia, etc., or combined with red in dominant colors and cream in recessive colors, silver, smoke, shaded, and tabby patterns, all shown in the ODRC class. Any color and pattern, when combined with white, is shown in the Bi-color class.

RATIONALE: Housekeeping issue. With the use of readily available DNA tests, Devons who have tested as sepia also have eye color that ranges from yellow/gold, green, to blue/green. Cats where you have the silver gene present may be more blue/green in color. Add silver to the examples of color to provide consistency.

Wilson: #4, update the description for the sepia pattern to add blue/green to eye color description and add silver to the color examples. **Mastin:** Discussion? Objections? Seeing no objection, the motion passes unanimously.

The motion is ratified by unanimous consent.

5 - STANDARD CHANGE (passes)

Votes: 16
60% of Voting: 10

Yes	No	Abstain
16	0	1

5. PROPOSED: Allow Central Office to make changes to capitalization, punctuation, grammar. Example: words following a colon should not be capitalized:

PENALIZE: Heads heads that are long and/or narrow ...

RATIONALE: Central Office is working on updating the standards for consistency in punctuation, etc. Any and all changes will be run past the Breed Council Secretary and will be updated in the next publication of the Breed Standards.

Wilson: #5 is to allow Central Office to make changes to capitalization punctuation and grammar. Example: words following a colon should not be capitalized. What's shown there isn't just an example of that. So, it should say penalized colon and then small h *heads*. This is something a number of the breed councils have been putting on there to not have to put every little minor grammar or capitalization change on their ballot. So, if the breed council agrees to this, then Central Office can note that perhaps in the Registration Rules or someplace they can find it and then go directly to the breed council secretary if they need to make some changes like that. **Mastin:** Discussion? Any objections? Seeing no objection, the motion passes unanimously.

The motion is ratified by unanimous consent.

Mastin: Annette, before you go on to the Exotic, is the intent for all the breed councils to present that motion to the board? **Wilson:** No. I mean, we've talked about it for a couple of years at the meeting with the breed council secretaries and the board and in discussions online, and there really aren't too many standards according to Allene that need some of this done, but the idea was – and this goes back to an August board meeting several years ago when it appeared that there was a lot of this minute little stuff being done on proposals, when it seemed like it didn't actually change the standard, and that's the key. Now, so there's a few breed councils that just said, "Look, we're okay with it. We trust our breed council secretary to know," and breed council secretaries agreed to run it by their members if they feel it's necessary. So, basically, we just kind of moved forward with it, and if they wanted to put it on, they put it on. We could take a look and see how many didn't put it on and see if we – you know, it's kind of up to Central Office. Is this going to help them or not? **Mastin:** OK. I raised the question because I think this has come up twice, a couple of times on this exact same thing. **Wilson:** Yes, so I told them if they wanted to do it, they needed to get their breed council members' agreement that it should be done, but if they agree, then some of these things could be an easy fix. **Mastin:** OK, great.

EXOTIC – GENERAL

Breed Council Secretary: Lynn A. Cooke (North Salem, NY)
Total Members: 58

1 - STANDARD CHANGE (passes)

Votes: 44
60% of Voting: 27

Yes	No	Abstain
39	5	2

1. **PROPOSED:** Change the current standard under the section NOSE to add, “open nostrils” to the description:

NOSE: short, snub, and broad, with open nostrils, and a “break” centered between the eyes.

RATIONALE: In order to stress breeding healthy cats that can breathe freely, the standard should be more descriptive about the nostril opening. Pinched nares that restrict airflow is neither desirable nor ethical breeding.

Mastin: Moving on to the Exotic. Is Lynn with us? **Tartaglia:** She is here. I’ll see if she’ll come in. She’s in. **Cooke:** Can you hear me? **Mastin:** Hi, Lynn. We can hear you. Welcome to the meeting. **Wilson:** So Lynn, do you want me to read the proposals? **Cooke:** Yes, please. **Wilson:** OK. The first proposal changes the section under nose to add *open nostrils* to the description. So, the nose will *say short, snub, and broad with open nostrils and a break centered between the eyes*. The new words are *open nostrils and a ...* **Mastin:** OK. Does anybody have any comments or questions for Lynn or Annette? Any objections? Seeing no objection, motion passes unanimously. Okay.

The motion is ratified by unanimous consent.

2 - STANDARD CHANGE (passes)

Votes: 43
60% of Voting: 26

Yes	No	Abstain
29	14	3

2. **PROPOSED:** Change the current standard under the section DISQUALIFY to add the description “Break level with, or higher than the top of the eyes:”

DISQUALIFY: locket or button. Kinked or abnormal tail. Incorrect number of toes. Any apparent weakness in the hind quarters. Any apparent deformity of the spine. Deformity of the skull resulting in an asymmetrical face and/or head. Crossed eyes. Break level with or higher than the top of the eyes.*

RATIONALE: The standard should stress a sweet open expression, penalizing a coarse, overly extreme head, which is neither desirable nor ethical breeding.

Wilson: #2, change the current standard under disqualify to add *break level with or higher than the top of the eyes*. So, the disqualify list would now include to disqualify for a break that is level with or higher than the top of the eyes. I want you all to get a picture of an Exotic head in your mind, the top of the eyes. If a break is level with that or higher, it’s to be disqualified. **Cooke:** Yes, vertically. **Wilson:** Yes. **Cooke:** I think a lot of people get confused when they see the description. I know new people too, when they think horizontally only, they’re not thinking vertically. When I point that out, they’re like, “oh, now I get it.” So, I was wondering if we should add that too, maybe in the future. **Wilson:** I think people know what it means. **Cooke:** You would be surprised, but OK. **Mastin:** OK, Comments or questions? Objections? Seeing no objection, the motion passes unanimously.

The motion is ratified by unanimous consent.

Wilson: And if you don't mind, I'll just add right in here, since Lynn brought that up. You know, these things that pass that might be, you know, what does this really mean when you're looking at it? If you have some pictures, you could put in a little, you know, two slide PowerPoint. I'm sure the Judging Program Committee would be happy to share that, so that it would explain what some of these new things mean.

3 – SHOW RULE (passes)

Votes: 43
50% of Voting: 22

Yes	No	Abstain
36	7	3

3. **PROPOSED:** Add a color class for “Silver Tabby White” in the CALICO and Bi-COLOR DIVISION:

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and not an official part of the CFA Show Standard.*

Exotic Color Class Numbers

CALICO & BI-COLOR DIVISION

...		
Red Tabby & White	7940	7941
<i>(classic, mackerel, spotted)</i>		
Brown Tabby & White	7944	7945
<i>(classic, mackerel, spotted)</i>		
Silver Tabby & White	xxxx	xxxx
<i>(classic, mackerel, spotted)</i>		

RATIONALE: The Calico & Bicolor Division is one of the most popular divisions in Exotics, warranting more individual color classes.

Wilson: #3, Proposed, add a color class for silver tabby and white in the Calico and Bi-Color Division. So, this would break out silver tabby and white from other tabby and white colors and put it in a separate color class. **Mastin:** Comments or questions? Objections? Seeing no objections, motion passes unanimously.

The motion is ratified by unanimous consent.

4 - STANDARD CHANGE (passes)

Votes: 43
60% of Voting: 26

Yes	No	Abstain
36	7	3

4. **PROPOSED:** Should Proposal 3 pass, add the color description for Silver Tabby and White to the Standard and adjust the OTHER TABBY & WHITE description accordingly:

SILVER TABBY AND WHITE (classic, mackerel, spotted): a cat of white and colored portions, the colored portions to conform to the currently established silver tabby standard.

OTHER TABBY & WHITE (classic, mackerel and spotted): ...with the exception of red, brown, silver or patched ...**Eye color:** brilliant copper, blue or odd-eyed, with noted exception....**NOTE:** ~~silver tabby and white~~ and blue silver tabby and white **eye color:** green, hazel or brilliant copper. These colors in odd-eyed ...

RATIONALE: Considering the popularity of this division, and increasing diversity of colors shown, adding more discrete color classes is appropriate.

Wilson: #4 adds the color description for silver tabby and white to the standard and adjusts the other tabby and white descriptions accordingly. **Mastin:** Comments or questions? Objections? Seeing no objection, motion passes unanimously.

The motion is ratified by unanimous consent.

5 – SHOW RULE (passes)

Votes: 43
50% of Voting: 22

Yes	No	Abstain
36	7	3

5. **PROPOSED:** Add a color class for “Blue Tabby & White”:

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Exotic Color Class Numbers

CALICO & BI-COLOR DIVISION

...		
Red Tabby & White <i>(classic, mackerel, spotted)</i>	7940	7941
Brown Tabby & White <i>(classic, mackerel, spotted)</i>	7944	7945
Blue Tabby & White <i>(classic, mackerel, spotted)</i>	xxxx	xxxx

Wilson: #5 breaks out the color class for blue tabby and white, and makes it a separate color class. **Mastin:** Discussion? Objections? No objection, motion passes unanimously.

The motion is ratified by unanimous consent.

6 - STANDARD CHANGE (passes)

Votes: 45
60% of Voting: 27

Yes	No	Abstain
37	8	1

6. **PROPOSED:** Should Proposal 5 pass, add the color description for Blue Tabby and White to the Standard and adjust the OTHER TABBY & WHITE description accordingly:

BLUE TABBY AND WHITE (classic, mackerel, spotted): a cat of white and colored portions, the colored portions to conform to the currently established blue tabby standard.

OTHER TABBY & WHITE (classic, mackerel and spotted): ...with the exception of red, brown, blue or patched ...**Eye color:** brilliant copper, blue or odd-eyed,...

RATIONALE: Considering the popularity of this division, and increasing diversity of colors shown, adding more discrete color classes is appropriate.

Wilson: #6 breaks out the color description for blue tabby and white. **Mastin:** Discussion? Any objections? Seeing no objection, motion passes unanimously.

The motion is ratified by unanimous consent.

7 – SHOW RULE (passes)

Votes: 44
50% of Voting: 22

Yes	No	Abstain
37	7	2

7. **PROPOSED:** Add a color class for “Cream Tabby & White”:

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Exotic Color Class Numbers

CALICO & BI-COLOR DIVISION

...		
Red Tabby & White	7940	7941
(classic, mackerel, spotted)		
Brown Tabby & White	7944	7945
(classic, mackerel, spotted)		
Cream Tabby & White	xxxx	xxxx
(classic, mackerel, spotted)		

Wilson: #7 breaks out the color class for cream tabby and white. **Mastin:** Discussion? Any objections? Seeing no objection, motion passes unanimously.

The motion is ratified by unanimous consent.

8 - STANDARD CHANGE (passes)

Votes: 45
60% of Voting: 27

Yes	No	Abstain
37	8	1

8. **PROPOSED:** Should Proposal 7 pass, add the color description for Cream Tabby and White to the Standard:

CREAM TABBY AND WHITE (classic, mackerel, spotted): a cat of white and colored portions, the colored portions to conform to the currently established cream tabby standard.

OTHER TABBY & WHITE (classic, mackerel and spotted): ...with the exception of red, brown, cream or patched ...**Eye color:** brilliant copper, blue or odd-eyed,....

RATIONALE: Considering the popularity of this division, and increasing diversity of colors shown, adding more discrete color classes is appropriate.

Wilson: #8 adds the color description for cream tabby and white. **Mastin:** Discussion? Objections? No objection, motion passes unanimously.

The motion is ratified by unanimous consent.

9 – SHOW RULE (passes)

Votes: 44
50% of Voting: 22

Yes	No	Abstain
37	7	2

9. **PROPOSED:** Add a color class for “Brown Patched Tabby & White” in the Calico and BI-COLOR DIVISION:

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and not an official part of the CFA Show Standard.*

Exotic Color Class Numbers

CALICO & BI-COLOR DIVISION

...

Red Tabby & White 7940 7941
(classic, mackerel, spotted)

Brown Tabby & White	7944	7945
<i>(classic, mackerel, spotted)</i>		
Brown Patched Tabby & White	xxxx	xxxx
<i>(classic, mackerel, spotted)</i>		
Other Patched Tabby & White		7987
<i>(classic, mackerel, spotted)</i>		

Wilson: #9 adds the color class for brown patch tabby and white. **Mastin:** Discussion? Objections? Seeing no objection, motion passes unanimously.

The motion is ratified by unanimous consent.

10 - STANDARD CHANGE (passes)

Votes: 45
60% of Voting: 27

Yes	No	Abstain
38	7	1

10. PROPOSED: Should proposal 9 pass, add the color description for Brown Patched Tabby and White to the standard:

BROWN PATCHED TABBY AND WHITE (classic, mackerel, spotted): a cat of white and colored portions, the colored portions to conform to the currently established brown patched tabby standard.

RATIONALE: Considering the popularity of this division, and increasing diversity of colors shown, adding more discrete color classes is appropriate.

Wilson: #10 adds the color description for brown patch tabby and white. **Mastin:** Discussion? Objections? Passes unanimously.

The motion is ratified by unanimous consent.

11 – SHOW RULE (passes)

Votes: 44
50% of Voting: 22

Yes	No	Abstain
37	7	2

11. PROPOSED: Add a color class for “Blue Patched Tabby & White” in the CALICO and BI-COLOR DIVISION:

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Exotic Color Class Numbers

CALICO & BI-COLOR DIVISION

...		
Red Tabby & White	7940	7941
<i>(classic, mackerel, spotted)</i>		
Brown Tabby & White	7944	7945
<i>(classic, mackerel, spotted)</i>		
Blue Patched Tabby & White	xxxx	xxxx
<i>(classic, mackerel, spotted)</i>		
Other Patched Tabby & White		7987
<i>(classic, mackerel, spotted)</i>		

RATIONALE: The Calico & Bicolor Division is one of the most popular divisions in Exotics, warranting more individual color classes.

Wilson: #11 adds the color class for blue patched tabby and white. **Mastin:** Discussion? Objections? Motion passes unanimously.

The motion is ratified by unanimous consent.

12 - STANDARD CHANGE (passes)

Votes: 45
60% of Voting: 27

Yes	No	Abstain
38	7	1

12. PROPOSED: Should Proposal 11 pass, add the color description for Blue Patched Tabby and White to the Standard:

BLUE PATCHED TABBY AND WHITE *(classic, mackerel, spotted): a cat of white and colored portions, the colored portions to conform to the currently established blue patched tabby standard.*

RATIONALE: Considering the popularity of this division, and increasing diversity of colors shown, adding more discrete color classes is appropriate.

Wilson: #12 adds the color description for blue patched tabby and white. **Mastin:** Discussion? Objections? Passes unanimously.

The motion is ratified by unanimous consent.

13 - STANDARD CHANGE (passes)

Votes: 44
60% of Voting: 27

Yes	No	Abstain
37	7	2

13. PROPOSED: If either or both proposals #10 and #12 pass, then rename the color description in the standard to **OTHER PATCHED TABBY & WHITE** (currently **PATCHED TABBY & WHITE**):

OTHER PATCHED TABBY & WHITE (classic, mackerel, spotted): white with colored portions, the colored portions to conform...

RATIONALE: This will have the description conform to the name of the color class.

Wilson: #13 asks to rename the color description in the standard to “other patched tabby and white” instead of “patched tabby and white”. **Mastin:** Discussion? Objections? Passes unanimously.

The motion is ratified by unanimous consent.

14 - STANDARD CHANGE (passes)

Votes: 45
60% of Voting: 27

Yes	No	Abstain
38	7	1

14. PROPOSED: Condense the pattern description for Calico and Bi-Color Division Colors (similar to Tabby Pattern descriptions) AND remove the redundant sentences from ALL of the individual calico and bicolor descriptions as shown in the CALICO example below:

CALICO & BI-COLOR DIVISION

CALICO and BI-COLOR PATTERN: as a preferred minimum, the cat should have white feet, legs, undersides, chest and muzzle. Less white than this minimum should be penalized proportionately. As a preferred minimum, the cat should have a colored tail and one or more colored patches on the head or body. Less color than this minimum should be penalized proportionately. **Eye Color:** brilliant copper, blue or odd-eyed. Odd-eyed calico and bicolor shall have one blue and one copper eye with equal color depth.

Remove these sentences from all the individual calico and bicolor descriptions as shown here as an example:

CALICO: a tri-color cat of black, red and white. The red and the black should appear as clear, unbrindled patches. ~~As a preferred minimum, the cat should have white feet, legs, undersides, chest and muzzle. Less white than this minimum should be penalized proportionately. As a preferred~~

~~minimum, the cat should have a colored tail and one or more colored patches on the head or body. Less color than this minimum should be penalized proportionately.~~

RATIONALE: As a housekeeping matter, and to avoid repetition in the current color descriptions, all calico and bi-colors should be described as above. All calico and Bi-colors have the exact same wording describing the desired amount of white and color. Repeating it for everyone is unnecessary and redundant.

Wilson: #14 looks complicated, but it's actually a nice thing to do. It condenses the pattern description for calico and bi-color, and removes the redundant sentences from all of the individual calico and bi-color descriptions. So, it makes it much more concise. **Mastin:** Discussion? Objections? Passes unanimously.

The motion is ratified by unanimous consent.

Wilson: Done. **Mastin:** Lynn, thank you very much. **Cooke:** Thank you. **Mastin:** Great job. **Cooke:** Thank you, bye.

HAVANA BROWN

Breed Council Secretary: LeAnn Rupy (Spring Grove, IL)
Total Members: 16

1 - STANDARD CHANGE (passes)

Votes: 9
60% of Voting: 6

Yes	No	Abstain
8	1	1

Mastin: Annette, continue. **Wilson:** Is Leanne on? **Tartaglia:** She is not on, no. **Wilson:** She said she was going to try to be, but perhaps she would not be. All right. Havana Brown coming up.

1. **PROPOSED:** Remove the words RED and MAHOGANY from the coat color description:

COLOR: ~~a rich and any even shade of rich, warm brown (chocolate-bb); throughout; the same sound shade should be observed throughout the hair shaft. color tends toward red brown (mahogany) rather than black brown. Preference should not be given to lighter or darker shades.~~

RATIONALE: the word RED was not in the breed standard for 30+ years and it does not belong in the description. If a Havana Brown has red, or is 'hot chocolate' it is either due to excessive sun exposure or they are carrying cinnamon, which is not allowed in our breed.

The word MAHOGANY is an antiquated term that was used frequently when the standard was established, everyone knew what it was because mahogany furniture was very commonplace in that time. Now, people are confused about what color mahogany is – brownish purple or red brown or

orange undertones? We can't articulate a description of mahogany so it should not be used as a descriptor in a standard.

Without cinnamon or dilute, coat colors often appear darker but, in natural light, still show the rich undertones expected from our breed. In the blue light often found in show halls, the warmth appears stripped from the coat, however you will always be able to visualize it under a warmer lighting or in sunlight.

Wilson: The first proposal removes the words *red and mahogany* from the coat color description. And to save my voice, you can see it. I'm not going to read it to you. **Mastin:** OK. Discussion? Objections? Passes unanimously.

The motion is ratified by unanimous consent.

2 - STANDARD CHANGE (passes)

Votes: 9
60% of Voting: 6

Yes	No	Abstain
7	2	1

2. PROPOSED: Clarify the coat description:

COAT: short to medium in length, smooth and lustrous. and lustrous; should not appear open or have an undercoat.

RATIONALE: Using the domestic outcross has produced a variety of coat types. Most frequently we are seeing more open coats or thick coats that appear to have an undercoat. Neither is appropriate for the Havana Brown.

Wilson: #2, clarify the coat description to add the word *lustrous*. **Maslin:** Discussion? Objections? Passes unanimously.

The motion is ratified by unanimous consent.

3 - STANDARD CHANGE (passes)

Votes: 10
60% of Voting: 6

Yes	No	Abstain
10	0	0

3. PROPOSED: Clarify the HEAD description by adding the wording 'forehead should be visibly evident without protruding':

HEAD: when viewed from above, the head is longer than it is wide, narrowing to a rounded muzzle with a pronounced break on both sides behind the whisker pads. The somewhat narrow muzzle and the whisker break are distinctive characteristics of the breed and must be evident in the typical

specimen. When viewed in profile, there is a distinct stop at the eyes; the end of the muzzle appears almost square; this illusion is heightened by a well-developed chin, the profile outline of which is more square than round. Ideally, the tip of the nose and the chin form an almost perpendicular line. The forehead should be visibly evident without protruding. Allowance to be made for somewhat broader heads and stud jowls in the adult male. Allow for sparse hair on chin, directly below lower lip.

RATIONALE: Using the Siamese for outcross, we are at risk of losing the typical forehead the for which the Havana Brown is known.

Wilson: #3, clarify the head description by adding the wording *forehead should be visibly evident without protruding.* **Mastin:** Discussion? Objections? Passes unanimously.

The motion is ratified by unanimous consent.

4 - STANDARD CHANGE (passes)

Votes: 9
60% of Voting: 6

Yes	No	Abstain
9	0	1

4. PROPOSED: Allow Central Office to recommend minor changes in capitalization, punctuation, grammar and formatting, with BC Secretary approval:

RATIONALE: As we move toward more consistency in the format of our standards, sometimes very minor changes in punctuation, capitalization, etc. need to be made. This would allow Central Office staff and the Breed Council Secretary to work together to make changes that do not impact the meaning of the standards without putting each and every one on a ballot.

Wilson: #4, allow Central Office to recommend minor changes in capitalization, punctuation, grammar, and formatting with breed council secretary approval. **Mastin:** Discussion? Objections? Passes unanimously.

The motion is ratified by unanimous consent.

LA PERM

Breed Council Secretary: Dennis Ganoe (Milwaukie, OR)
Total Members: 2

1 – REGISTRATION RULE (passes)

Votes: 2
60% of Voting: 2

Yes	No	Abstain
2	0	0

Wilson: OK, the next read is LaPerm. I don't know if Dennis is on, but this is pretty straightforward. **Tartaglia:** He's not. **Mastin:** He's on? **Tartaglia:** He is not, no. **Mastin:** Kathy, do you have a question or a comment? Kathy? **Calhoun:** I just wondered if you would like to put discussion on tape so that you don't have to repeat the same three lines over and over again. **Mastin:** You want me to put it on tape? **Calhoun:** Never mind. Never mind. It was a joke, Rich, to lighten up. **Mastin:** Oh, OK. **Calhoun:** Discussion? Objection? Passes unanimously. You said it like 500 times. **Maslin:** I know. **Calhoun:** You can push the button. **Mastin:** Push the button. **Newkirk:** Easier than calling a vote. **Mastin:** It is. Thank you. Darrell, thank you for teaching me that. Okay, Annette.

1. **PROPOSED:** Extend the Domestic Outcross allowance in the LaPerm Rules of Registration to January 2035 as follows:

“Extend the cutoff date for Domestic Outcross litters from 2025 2020 to 2035 2025”.

RATIONALE: Many breeders from other associations continue to use domestics as their outcross. This will enable those kittens to continue to be registered in CFA.

Wilson: The LaPerm breed council asked to extend the domestic outcross, which currently was going to end at the end of 2025, and being proactive, they have asked to extend it to 2035. **Mastin:** Kathy, have you got a comment? OK, objections? Passes unanimously.

The motion is ratified by unanimous consent.

MAINE COON

Breed Council Secretary: Bethany Colilla
Total Members: 83

1 - STANDARD CHANGE (passes)

Votes: 61
60% of Voting: 37

Yes	No	Abstain
53	8	1

Wilson: OK. **Mastin:** Is Elaine available? **Wilson:** This is a typo. Elaine McGee is not the current breed council secretary. She's the newly elected breed council secretary. I think we have Bethany Colilla on, though. **Tartaglia:** She is. I can bring her in. **Maslin:** OK. **Wilson:** Can you note that, Rachel? I didn't catch it on the first read through. **Maslin:** I think that was the same on the British Shorthair. I think Cathy Dunham was listed. **Wilson:** Yeah, and it's Ginger Meeker. I'll make a note of it. **Anger:** Consider it done. I got a little ahead of myself. **Tartaglia:** Bethany is with us. **Mastin:** Hi Bethany. **B. Colilla:** OK, hello. **Mastin:** Welcome to the meeting. **B. Colilla:** Thank you.

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.

Wilson: I'll read the proposals. The first Maine Coon proposal – **B. Colilla:** Would you like me to do it so you can spare your voice? **Wilson:** Not if you're driving. I'll do it. **B. Colilla:** OK. **Wilson:** The first Maine Coon proposal is to clearly define kink tail in the Disqualify section of the standard. So, they're defining kinked tail as a *change of direction*. **Mastin:** OK. Bethany, I think you know the routine. If somebody has a question or comment, I'll call on you. Otherwise, I'm just going to go right to the vote, OK? **B. Colilla:** No problem. **Mastin:** Alright. Discussion? Objections? Passes unanimously.

The motion is ratified by unanimous consent.

2 - STANDARD CHANGE (passes)

Votes: 61
60% of Voting: 37

Yes	No	Abstain
37	24	1

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.”

Wilson: #2 proposes to add *abnormal tail* to the Disqualify section of the standard, so it would read *kinked*, and then since we just passed that, would say *kinked, change of direction or abnormal tail*. **Mastin:** OK, discussion? Objections? Passes unanimously.

The motion is ratified by unanimous consent.

3 - STANDARD CHANGE (passes)

Votes: 60
60% of Voting: 36

Yes	No	Abstain
53	7	2

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.

Wilson: #3 clarifies that patterned cats with white that don’t have white on one or more of the required areas should be penalized. So, adding to Penalize, *all colors and patterns with white which do not have the required areas of white (bib, belly, four white paws)*. **Mastin:** Discussion? Objections? Passes unanimously.

The motion is ratified by unanimous consent.

Wilson: That’s it. **Mastin:** That was it? **Wilson:** That’s it for Maine Coons. **Mastin:** OK Bethany. **B. Colilla:** Thank you. Have a great day. **Mastin:** Thank you.

NORWEGIAN FOREST CAT

Breed Council Secretary: J. Brook Cole (Cincinnati, OH)

Total Members: 24

1 - STANDARD CHANGE (passes)

Votes: 16

60% of Voting: 10

Yes	No	Abstain
16	0	1

Wilson: Norwegian Forest Cat. I don’t know if Brook – she didn’t tell me if she was going to be on or not. **Tartaglia:** She is here. I’m trying to promote her to panelists, so we’ll see if she accepts. **Wilson:** Alright. **Tartaglia:** She’s not. **Wilson:** OK, it’s pretty straightforward. **Tartaglia:** Oh, here she is. **Mastin:** OK, bring her in. Hi Brook, welcome to the meeting. Hopefully she heard me.

1. **PROPOSED:** Add the following color descriptions, CALICO SMOKE and DILUTE CALICO SMOKE following Dilute Calico and SMOKE VAN BI-COLOR following VAN BI-COLOR:

CALICO SMOKE: white undercoat, deeply tipped with unbrindled patches of black and red. Cat in repose appears calico. In motion the white undercoat is clearly apparent. Points and mask (i.e. face, ears, paws, and tip of tail) patches of black and red with narrow band of white at base on hairs next to skin which may be seen only when fur is parted. White frill and ear tufts.

DILUTE CALICO SMOKE: white undercoat, deeply tipped with unbrindled patches of blue and cream. Cat in repose appears dilute calico. In motion the white undercoat is clearly apparent. Points and mask (i.e. face, ears, paws, and tip of tail) patches of blue and cream with narrow band of white at base on hairs next to skin which may be seen only when fur is parted. White frill and ear tufts.

SMOKE VAN BI-COLOR [black smoke, blue smoke, cream smoke, cameo (red) smoke, calico smoke, dilute calico smoke]: similar to the corresponding bicolor standards, but with color confined to the extremities: head, tail, and legs. One or two small colored patches on body allowable.

(NOTE: cats having more than two small body spots should be shown in the regular bi-color class.)

RATIONALE: This consolidates the smoke van into a single paragraph instead of listing them separately. These additional smoke colors/patterns are acceptable for registration, but have not been included in the standard, so we are adding them.

Wilson: They're adding calico smoke and dilute calico smoke color descriptions. **Masin:** OK, on #1 is there any discussion? Is there any objections? Motion passes unanimously.

The motion is ratified by unanimous consent.

2 - STANDARD CHANGE (passes)

Votes: 16
60% of Voting: 10

Yes	No	Abstain
16	0	1

2. **PROPOSED:** Permit Central Office and the BC Secretary to make changes in the standard relating to capitalization, punctuation, grammar and format (including re-ordering of color descriptions, adding subheadings to colors and patterns). Any changes would be approved by the Breed Council Secretary:

RATIONALE: As we aim towards consistency in the formatting our standards and adopt a universal style for how they are written, we believe that as long as no meaning is changed and the BC secretary approves any changes, that we can progress more quickly without balloting every minor punctuation and formatting change.

Wilson: #2 permits Central Office and the breed council secretary to make changes in the standard relating to capitalization, punctuation, grammar and format, including reordering of color descriptions and adding subheadings to colors and patterns. Any changes would be approved by the breed council secretary. **Masin:** Discussion? Objections? Passes unanimously.

The motion is ratified by unanimous consent.

Masin: Brook, thank you for joining and I'm sorry we didn't need to hear from you, but thank you for being available.

PERSIAN – GENERAL

Breed Council Secretary: Carissa Altschul (Joshua, TX)
Total Members: 118

1 - STANDARD CHANGE (passes)

Votes: 72
60% of Voting: 44

Yes	No	Abstain
59	13	2

Wilson: There's several. There's a General Persian ballot and then there were several divisional ballots also. So, Persian General, and Carissa will handle all of these. She's the breed council secretary for Persians. **Altschul:** I'm hoping the sound works. Can you all hear me OK?
Mastin: Yes. **Wilson:** Yes. **Altschul:** Cool. Alright.

1. **PROPOSED:** Revise the NOSE description to address nostrils:

NOSE: short, snub, and broad, with “break” centered between the eyes. Nostrils (nares) sufficiently open to allow cat to breathe without restriction.

RATIONALE: In conversations with Persian breeders over the years, most have spoken to the size of the nostrils being large or open as part of what ethical and responsible breeders work for in their program. Many even believed it was already part of the standard. As it was not, it is fitting to add something breeders have already been working toward for years as it is in the best interest for the health of the breed.

Altschul: The first thing is, we are adding to our Nose description. *Nostrils (nares) sufficiently open to allow the cat to breathe without restriction.* A lot of people thought this was already in our standard and it was not, and it passed by a pretty wide margin. **Mastin:** Discussion? Objections? Passes unanimously. **Altschul:** Thank you.

The motion is ratified by unanimous consent.

2 - STANDARD CHANGE (passes)

Votes: 68
60% of Voting: 32

Yes	No	Abstain
52	16	6

2. **PROPOSED:** Update the DISQUALIFY section to include nose leather too high:

DISQUALIFY: locket or button. Kinked or abnormal tail. Incorrect number of toes. Any apparent weakness in the hind quarters. Any apparent deformity of the spine. Deformity of the skull resulting

in an asymmetrical face and/or head. Nose that is visibly set to one side of the vertical centerline of the face. Crossed eyes. Nose leather that is above the top line of a fully opened eye. *

RATIONALE: A nose leather that is above the topline of the eyes is neither pleasing nor sweet, as well as not being in the best interest of the health of the breed.

Altschul: The second one goes to our Disqualify section. We are adding *nose leather that is above the top line of the fully opened eye*. Got a lot of input from my breed council about this one and I took their suggestions and again passed by a wide margin. **Mastin:** Discussion? Objections? Passes unanimously. **Altschul:** Thank you.

The motion is ratified by unanimous consent.

3 - STANDARD CHANGE (passes)

Votes: 70
60% of Voting: 39

Yes	No	Abstain
65	5	4

3. **PROPOSED:** Allow Central Office to make capitalization, punctuation, grammatical and/or formatting changes as needed, with approval of the Breed Council Secretary:

RATIONALE: From time to time, there are minor changes necessary as we move towards a consistent style for our Breed Standards. No changes will be made without the approval of the BCS. Example: all first words following a colon should not be capitalized.

Altschul: The next one is in the Calico and Bi-Color Division. This was housekeeping that I did not have last year. We took out some colors and their classes for this is brown patched tabby and white and the blue patched tabby and white. So, this just says that they are no longer in the other patched tabby and white division. Again, large margin, it passed. **Mastin:** So, you skipped one. **Altschul:** Oh, did I skip one? **Mastin:** Yes, you skipped #3. **Altschul:** Oh, I'm sorry. I skipped the one that has to do with the punctuation and grammar that we've gone over for several other breed councils. I don't think I need to read it all. **Mastin:** OK. Discussion? Objections? Passes unanimously.

The motion is ratified by unanimous consent.

PERSIAN – CALICO & BI-COLOR DIVISION

Breed Council Secretary: Carissa Altschul (Joshua, TX)
Total Members: 41

1 - STANDARD CHANGE (passes)

Votes: 24
60% of Voting: 15

Yes	No	Abstain
22	2	3

1. **PROPOSED:** Correct the existing Patched Tabby and White Color Description to indicate it includes those patched tabby & white colors not otherwise described:

OTHER PATCHED TABBY AND WHITE (classic, mackerel): a cat of white and colored portions, the colored portions to conform to the currently established patched tabby color description (with the exception of brown patched tabby and white and blue patched tabby and white).

RATIONALE: Housekeeping with the addition of the brown patched tabby and white and blue patched tabby and white color classes this season.

Mastin: I'm sorry, go ahead and do the Calico and Bi-Color. **Altschul:** Again, this just takes out the colors from the other patched tabby and white class that we put into their own color class last year. That is brown patched tabby and white and blue patched tabby and white.

Mastin: OK, discussion? Objections? Passes unanimously.

The motion is ratified by unanimous consent.

2 – SHOW RULE (passes)

Votes: 23
50% of Voting: 12

Yes	No	Abstain
21	2	4

2. **PROPOSED:** If #1 passes, update the Color Class accordingly:

*The following information is for reference purposes only
and not an official part of the CFA Show Standard.*

Persian Color Class Numbers

CALICO & BI-COLOR DIVISION

...
Other Patched Tabby & White -- 1159
(all currently established patched tabby
patterns in classic and mackerel with the
addition of white with the exception of brown
patched tabby & white and blue patched
tabby & white those described separately)

Altschul: The second one is housekeeping for the show rule. It takes them out of the color description for the other patched tabby and white class. **Mastin:** OK, discussion? Objections? Passes unanimously.

The motion is ratified by unanimous consent.

3 - STANDARD CHANGE (passes)

Votes: 25
60% of Voting: 15

Yes	No	Abstain
24	1	2

3. PROPOSED: Correct the existing Other Tabby & White pattern/color description to remove the reference to those colors separately described:

OTHER TABBY AND WHITE (classic, mackerel) a cat of white and colored portions, the colored portions of the cat to conform to the currently established classic and mackerel color standards (with the exception of red, brown, silver, blue, cream, and patched tabby) color description.

RATIONALE: Housekeeping with the addition of silver tabby and white, blue tabby and white, and cream tabby and white color classes this season.

Altschul: Again, another housekeeping. We made separate color classes for silver tabby and white, blue tabby and white, and cream tabby and white, so we are pulling them out of the other tabby and white color description. **Mastin:** OK, discussion? Objections? Passes unanimously.

The motion is ratified by unanimous consent.

PERSIAN – HIMALAYAN DIVISION

Breed Council Secretary: Carissa Altschul (Joshua, TX)
Total Members: 23

1 - STANDARD CHANGE (passes)

Votes: 16
60% of Voting: 10

Yes	No	Abstain
16	0	0

1. PROPOSED: Add eye color and Disqualify for all point colors to the Pattern Description and remove from the individual color descriptions:

Himalayan Division Colors

HIMALAYAN (POINT) PATTERN: Body: clear color is preferred with subtle shading allowed. Allowance should be made for darker color in older cats but there must be a definite contrast between body color and point color. The points, consisting of ears, legs, feet, tail, and mask show the basic color of the cat. The ideal mask extends from above the eyes down through the chin and stretches beyond the eyes from side to side. For all colors, eye color: deep vivid blue. Disqualify: white toes, eye color other than blue.

CHOCOLATE POINT: body ivory. Points milk-chocolate color, warm in tone. Nose leather and paw pads: cinnamon pink. ~~Eye color: deep vivid blue. Disqualify: white toes, eye color other than blue.~~

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LILAC-CREAM LYNX POINT

RATIONALE: Housekeeping, as the same two sentences appear 20 times in this division. Keeping the standards more simplified and shorter is helpful for all.

Altschul: Moving on to the Himalayan Division. I did something that I had done for a couple of the other divisions. All 16 colors described the eye color and also had the same disqualify, so I took that sentence, stuck it at the beginning, and I'm just trying to shorten and simplify the standard. **Mastin:** Discussion? Objections? Passes unanimously.

The motion is ratified by unanimous consent.

PERSIAN – SILVER & GOLDEN DIVISION

Breed Council Secretary: Carissa Altschul (Joshua, TX)
Total Members: 11

1 - STANDARD CHANGE (passes)

Votes: 6
60% of Voting: 4

Yes	No	Abstain
6	0	0

- PROPOSED:** Remove the existing eye color descriptions and add a note under the Silver and Golden Division Color subheading to describe the eye color:

Silver and Golden Division Colors

NOTE: for all colors in this division, Eye Color should be green or blue-green. **Disqualify** for incorrect eye color, incorrect eye color being copper, yellow, gold, amber, or any color other than green or blue-green.

CHINCHILLA SILVER: undercoat pure white. Coat on back, flanks, head, and tail sufficiently tipped with black to give the characteristic sparkling silver appearance. Legs may be slightly shaded with tipping. Chin, ear tufts, stomach, and chest, pure white. Rims of eyes, lips, and nose outlined with black. Nose leather: brick red. Paw pads: black. ~~Eye color: green or blue-green. Disqualify for incorrect eye color, incorrect eye color being copper, yellow, gold, amber, or any color other than green or blue-green.~~

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BLUE SHADED GOLDEN

RATIONALE: Housekeeping, as the same two sentences appear 8 times in this division. Keeping the standards more simplified and shorter is helpful for all.

Altschul: I think this is the last one, Silver and Golden. Again, this was kind of cleaning up the standard. Silver and Golden have the same thing eight times in their division, describing their eye color and also what to disqualify for, so we put it at the beginning of the Division to just make things a little tidier. **Mastin:** OK, discussion? Objection? Passes unanimously.

The motion is ratified by unanimous consent.

Altschul: Thank you to the board. **Mastin:** Thank you, Carissa.

SCOTTISH FOLD

Breed Council Secretary: Marilee Griswold (Blythewood, SC)
Total Members: 24

1 – INFORMATION ONLY (passes)

Votes: 11
50% of Voting: 6

Yes	No	Abstain
10	1	2

Mastin: Annette, is Marilee going to do Scottish Fold? **Wilson:** She can, yes, but I would like to point out that these were just information only, so it was a poll of her breed council members about adding some requirements to the rules. **Mastin:** Thank you for pointing that out. Marilee, do you have anything you want to add? **Griswold:** No. So this is information only this year. Given that it passed. I think we're going to be trying to put this in as registration requirements for next year, just so you can see and understand, and it'll take you a year, I guess, to digest this. But basically, this may very well limit the number of Scottish Folds registered, because we're going to require microchip and DNA testing, and also require some training for people who want to breed this breed. So it's a lot. It'll be a lot of work for the breed council secretary, both myself and whoever would take over for me going forward, but if you know anything about this breed and if you know anything about this gene, we have to address these issues going forward. I see no other way to do it, other than with DNA scientific testing and education. So, for information going forward, it may affect how many cats we have registered. I know that is our bottom line, but it's better than having no Scottish Folds registered, which is kind of the way it's going. So I just wanted to throw that out there for the future. **Mastin:** Thank you, Marilee. OK, Annette? **Wilson:** Marilee, I was wondering, did you ever get a list of how many Scottish Folds are registered for breeding in a year or six months? Do we have a count of how many cats would fall into this requirement? **Griswold:** No, I just had the numbers for overall numbers, which are in the thousands, obviously, but I didn't get any numbers for the last year, say. **Wilson:** I think we should see what kind of numbers you're talking about. It would just be information that would be probably – **Griswold:** Kind of interesting. **Wilson:** Well, it would certainly give you an idea of what you're in for. **Griswold:** Right. This education would

be by breeder. It wouldn't be by each cat, obviously. So once the breeder was trained, that's it. We don't have that many breeders, but anyway, it's an interesting idea. **Wilson:** Yeah, and you have to work out a process on how you would work with Central Office. **Newkirk:** I think this is something the Manx breed should also consider. **DelaBar:** Through the chair to Darrell, I have talked with the Manx breed council secretary and several of the Manx breeders over here in Europe, and they are considering a study on the four different Manx genes. They don't know which one is best or the opposite, but it is being considered. **Mastin:** Thank you, Pam.

1. **PROPOSED:** Would you be in favor of adding requirements to the registration rules for "FOR BREEDING" cats of the Scottish fold breed group (folded and straight) to require that Scottish folds registered FOR BREEDING would require a microchip and a DNA test for the TRPV4/Fold gene? This would be performed by a licensed veterinarian. FOR BREEDING cats with folded ears must have only one copy of this gene and straight ear cats must have no copies of this gene. This requirement would not be necessary for registration of spayed or neutered cats:

RATIONALE: Currently anti-breed legislation is sweeping through Europe and Scottish folds are at the forefront. We need to be proactive. For the Scottish fold breed, when breeders breed 2 cats with the TRPV4 gene together, the resulting osteochondroplasia is devastating. We need to stop these breedings from occurring at all costs. The reasons people may perform such breedings may come from ignorance and lack of education but may also be motivated monetarily. We should not allow registration of such breedings.

Information Only.

2 – INFORMATION ONLY

Votes: 12
50% of Voting: 6

Yes	No	Abstain
10	2	1

2. **PROPOSED:** Would you be in favor of adding the requirement of basic education for all breeders prior to allowing a litter of Scottish folds to be registered? They would be referred to the Breed Council Secretary for training that would include watching a video and taking a post-test to assure the new breeder understands the genetics of the breed, the health issues facing the breed and how best to improve the health and welfare of the breed:

RATIONALE: Even well-seasoned Scottish fold breeders have not 'kept up' with the science on this gene and know very little in the way of how to create healthier progeny. By implementing required training, we can assure that all breeders have some basic knowledge of the genetics and potential health risks in the Scottish fold breed.

By implementing these registration requirements, we are showing that our organization takes very seriously the health issues facing this breed.

Information Only.

SPHYNX

Breed Council Secretary: Cyndee Hill (Chesapeake, VA)
Total Members: 23

1 - STANDARD CHANGE (passes)

Votes: 16
60% of Voting: 10

Yes	No	Abstain
16	0	0

Mastin: Annette, moving forward. Cyndee Hill, I can see she's been added. **Tartaglia:** She is. **Mastin:** OK, thank you. **Wilson:** OK. You want me to read them, Cindy? **Mastin:** Hang on one second. [transcript goes back to Scottish Fold] Hi, Cyndee. Welcome to the meeting. **Hill:** Thank you. Annette, you can read. That's fine. **Wilson:** OK.

1. PROPOSED: Change the Penalize section of the standard regarding wrinkling and head structure:

PENALIZE: hair other than described. Delicate or frail appearance. Thin abdomen, thin rump, or narrow chest. Bowed front legs. Should not resemble the Devon Rex, Cornish Rex or Oriental body types. Excessive wrinkles that distort the appearance of the head and/or eye structure and shape. Head shapes that are wider than long.

RATIONALE: We are seeing trends towards breeding sphynx with extreme wrinkles and super short head styles, similar to Exotic and Persian breeds. Neither of these are in line with our standard and should be discouraged.

Wilson: The first proposal changes the Penalize section of the standard regarding wrinkling and head structure. It adds to penalize for *excessive wrinkles that distort the appearance of the head and or eye structure and shape*. And it also adds *penalize for head shapes that are wider than long*. **Mastin:** OK, does anybody have any comments or questions for Cyndee? Any objections? Motion passes unanimously.

The motion is ratified by unanimous consent.

2 - STANDARD CHANGE (passes)

Votes: 16
60% of Voting: 10

Yes	No	Abstain
16	0	0

2. PROPOSED: Change the Disqualify section of the standard regarding structural abnormalities:

DISQUALIFY: kinked or abnormal tail. **Structural abnormalities:** Aggressive behavior endangering the judge. The appearance of any form of structural abnormalities, including, but not limited to,

curled ears, folded ears, any form of shortened tail length and/or tail structural change, short legs (achondroplasia), polydactyly.

RATIONALE: The breed standard is available to the public, not just CFA breeders and judges. We want to send a clear message that multiple structural mutation breedings are not in line with the CFA Sphynx standard. These changes will make this evident to anyone who views the standard, including new breeders who may not be aware that these types of breedings are not supported by CFA.

Wilson: #2, Change the Disqualify section of the standard regarding structural abnormalities, to add to disqualify, it removes the words *structural abnormalities* and then clarifies what that means. So it says, *disqualify for the appearance of any form of structural abnormalities, including, but not limited to, curled ears, folded ears, any form of shortened tail length and any end or tail structural change, short legs, achondroplasia, and polydactyly.*

DelaBar: Cyndee, I don't know how you could possibly reword this, but curled ears are not structural abnormalities and actually folded ears are not abnormal to a Scottish Fold. We do know that with the Fold, there may be other questions. I know what you don't want and everything. It just comes across as, this is abnormal, when it's a very normal appearance of this curled ear and without health problems. **Hill:** Well, and I get what you're saying, but keep in mind, this is just for the Sphynx breed here. Here's what we're running into and what we're seeing with all of these crazy mutations that are out there is, you know, you have breeders of these cats who are selling these cats as breeding cats to individuals who think they're buying a Sphynx. They think this is a Sphynx, then they come and they want to get involved in CFA or TICA or whatever, and then they submit a pedigree and it's got an American Curl in there. The cat's got an abnormality that disqualifies it, and their argument is, "well, we didn't know that these aren't considered being Sphynx because it's not clearly defined in our standard." So, I'm all for wording this however it is clear. We just want to make sure that when people are going online and they're reading the Sphynx standard per CFA, that they understand that a naked cat with curled ears or a naked cat with folded ears or a naked cat with short legs is not by definition of CFA a Sphynx because that's what we're running into. **DelaBar:** I understand you perfectly. OK? Just understand that you might hear from Susan Baxter saying, "by the by, there's not, this is not abnormal for us". **Hill:** Right, and I think anybody who reads this is going to understand, especially with all of the education that's going on out there about what's happening to our breed with these crazy, wacky breeds that are coming up every year and month, it seems. I think they're going to understand that we're just trying to make it clear to the public that a cat that is naked, that exhibits one of those traits is not a Sphynx by definition. **Mastin:** OK, any further discussion? Are there any objections? Seeing no objection, motion passes unanimously.

The motion is ratified by unanimous consent.

Mastin: Annette, do we have anything else for Sphynx? **Wilson:** No, I'm done. Oh, no, I'm done with that. **Mastin:** Done with that, OK. Cyndee, thank you. **Hill:** Alright, thank you guys.

16. UNFINISHED BUSINESS.

Mastin: Let's move on. Rachel, do we have Unfinished Business? Is that where we're going? **Anger:** Yes. Let me be sure here. **Mastin:** OK. What do we have for unfinished business? **Anger:** Let me just get us there to #16. That would actually be in my notes because we have no Unfinished Business. We are looking for a list of show producing clubs who resigned. That's just bringing that up as a note because it's on my list to bring up today. Other than that, we have no Unfinished Business for today. **Mastin:** Alright. [Transcript goes to New Club Applications] **Mastin:** OK. Alright, no other unfinished business.

17. OTHER COMMITTEES.

Mastin: And then the next is Other Committees. Do we have anything? Yes, we do.

Anger: We do. **Mastin:** That's you.

EXPERIMENTAL FORMATS.

Committee Chair: *Rachel Anger*

Experimental Format Proposal Region 2 - December, 2025, Woodland CA, Poppy State Cat Club

PROPOSED: *Allow a 1 day, 8 ring show with a split ring format. This includes 4 Allbreed/HHP rings in the morning (8:00-1:00) and 3 Allbreed/HHP rings and 1 LH/SH/HHP ring in the afternoon (1:30 – 6:30) with a 140 cat limit. Request an exception to Show Rule 4.06 to allow eight judgments in one day and an exception to Show Rule 9.04 to allow two judges to share a ring (AM/PM). Exhibitors will be requested to fill out a short questionnaire on the format following the show.*

RATIONALE: *A similar proposal was presented to the board in 2022. This proposal has been revised to address the concerns by board members expressed at that time. Specifically:*

- *The entry limit has been decreased to 140, which is within the guideline stated of scheduling no more than 30 cats an hour.*
- *The morning session will conclude before the afternoon session begins*
- *The show manager now has experience in putting on multiple shows in the region*

With escalating expenses for venue rental and judges' accommodation, this format will allow an increase in entry fees by giving exhibitors more value: 33% more rings, while they do not incur the hotel expenses of a two-day show. We purport that an extended one day show schedule is actually less stressful to the cats than a two day show, allowing cats to spend more time in their familiar home environment. Keep in mind that each exhibitor is responsible for the well-being of their cat and they are free to present their exhibit in only 6 qualifying rings in order to obtain a title.

In the future, we believe this format may allow other clubs to be able to afford smaller, less expensive venues in major metropolitan areas instead of continually moving to more remote areas in order to reduce costs. This assists in the marketing of CFA in these desirable areas. The show is planning a costume contest or stuffed animal contest during the break to further engage the community and allow exhibitors to socialize.

We reject the "slippery slope" argument; one day shows have proven to be extremely popular. We do not believe that there is any desire among clubs or exhibitors for a theoretical 8x8 show. Financial implications and availability of judges will prevent even the consideration of such a format, in our opinion. If the 8 ring, split format show proves to be successful, we will propose a show rule amendment to prohibit a 2 day, 16 ring format.

Thank you for your consideration of this proposal.

MOTION: *Grant an exception to Show Rules 4.06 and 9.04 to allow the Poppy State Cat Club to have eight judgings in one day with ring splitting (one ring in the morning and one ring in the afternoon), with an entry limit of 140 for their show in December 2025.*

Anger: This is a proposal from a California club that wishes to do something similar to what we've done in Region 9. They want to have a small entry show limited to 140 cats with the four allbreed rings in the morning and the rest of the rings in the afternoon from 1:30 to 6:30. This allows the club to rent a reasonably priced show hall, which in southern California is very rare. The club feels that this will help promote CFA and will offer to the exhibitors in that area a nice little show to go to. **Mastin:** OK, that's your motion? **Anger:** Yes, and their motion is to *grant an exception to show rules 4.06 and 9.04 to allow Poppy State to have eight judging rings in one day with ring splitting, which is one ring in the morning and one ring in the afternoon with an entry limit of 140 for their show in December, 2025.* I had a discussion with the club and expressed my concern about their lineup and wanted to make sure they were mindful of having judges that are known to be able to get through a schedule and not lollygag, and the club understands this and is very excited about the possibility of trying this out. **Calhoun:** I would like to second that motion. **Mastin:** OK, thank you.

DelaBar: Does anybody else have a concern about cats being handled actually, a minimum of eight times a day, not counting finals? **Jensen:** I do have a concern with how many times the cats would be handled and whether or not you would be able to get 140 cats up in the morning and also up in the afternoon. That would just be very, very difficult and a costume contest in the middle. **Anger:** I want to say, some of these same objections, while I understand the concerns, were brought up when the one day 6 ring show format was introduced and then when we expanded that to a 6x6, the same objections were brought up and the response has always been, if your cat is not going the distance, the owners have the option of pulling their cat. They can show just in the morning, just in the afternoon, whatever they like. **Griswold:** Rachel, do we know, are these eight rings going to be all allbreed rings or would they be specialty rings? We may have to – I would feel better if they were all allbreed rings. That's fewer finals. It takes less time to do that, but we would have to make another show rule exception, I think. **Webster:** I think it's worth trying out. I think we should start looking at shows and different formats that might work better or work differently than we've done. I think it's a good idea to maybe experiment a little bit and see how it goes, in my opinion. **Nasin:** I would consider it with the advisement of not having any cats pulled out during the final. That will help with the handling and make things move quicker as well. **Newkirk:** I agree with what Howard and what Doreann just said. The cats probably should not be presented during the finals. That will decrease the handling in this experimental format, but if we don't try new things, how do we know whether they'll work or not? So, I'm in full support of this. **Altschul:** I think the new idea is definitely worth looking into. My only concern is if they actually get 140 cats. I've been to quite a few shows recently that have had far less than 140, and yes, I know the judges were probably intentionally going slow, but I'm concerned about pushing judges to do 140 in half a day and then having to turn around and do another 140 with another set of judges. My questions would be, do they have a contingency plan if their morning judges do not finish on time? I'll probably vote in favor of this and hope they don't have problems, but my recommendation was that they

would reconsider their 140 limit, consider maybe 120, and let us know what the contingency plan is if they don't finish at the time they expected.

Anger: In answer to Marilee's question, the show format was in the proposal – seven all breed, one specialty. The club was willing to lower their entry limit if that is a point of contention. **Calhoun:** I'm going to support this, and it's been said, so I won't belabor the issue, but we have to be willing to try new things. We have a club that's willing to do this and if there are issues, we'll learn and we will modify that moving forward, but I think it's really important that we try new ways of serving our constituents. **Huhtaniemi:** I'm very much in favor to split rings, but like Carissa said, I would like to see the entry limit be around 120. We have had split rings with 100 cats, and judges can do that, but the day is going to be longer. Another thing is that we should recommend that they have 16 cages, because when the entry limit is less than 150, they can do the show with 12 cages. **Krzanowski:** Some of my comments were already made. I agree with Carissa and Pauli. I think I would be more apt to support this if the entry limit was lower, and I do like Pauli's idea of requiring 16 cages. I think that would help move things along. **Jensen:** I would be in agreement with Pauli. If it was 16 cages and they reduced it to 120, then I would be in agreement with this. **Newkirk:** I was thinking 125 entry limit and 16 cages. **Griswold:** I'm still worried about that specialty ring. Can we get them to do eight allbreed rings? I worry that one judge is going to be in a world of hurt. **Mastin:** Vicki, you have your hand up again? **Jensen:** I think that you do have to have the specialty ring. Maybe have, instead of one judge do specialty, maybe have one judge do championship specialty, another judge do kitten specialty so that it breaks it up, but you do need to have the specialty ring. I think that an eight allbreed would just be eliminating the specialty altogether. This would become the norm instead of the exception. **Nasin:** Are they planning to set up four rings or five rings? Because if you get an extra ring, then if something happens where a judge is getting way behind, you can move judges around a bit to try to take up the loss of time. And then, like I said, it's some kind of advisement about who is having the best cat to be taken out in the final. That's all my suggestions.

Mastin: I have a couple of comments and some questions. I'm going to start with Rachel. Rachel, when we approved the X number of rings in the morning and X number of rings in the evening for that show, how many rings was it? Do you remember? **Anger:** I would have to look that up. **Mastin:** Pam, do you know that answer? **DelaBar:** Six. Three in the morning, three in the afternoon. **Mastin:** OK. I'm trying to go from memory a little bit. As I recall. The board's position – not all board members, but some – was, we were concerned that the cats were being handled too many times beyond the six rings, so the limit was six rings per day. We have turned down requests for more than six rings being judged in one day. Are we concerned about that at all? If we're not, then my question is; if this is approved, what if a club just says, well, "we want to do a one day 8 ring show and just do a one day 8 ring show. Is this the beginning to moving to 7 ring and 8 ring one day shows? So, I just want to caution the board. Are we ready for the next level? Because I can see the unintended consequences from this request. If we're willing to give a club – I don't care what the number is, whether it's 120 or it's 140 or it's a 100, it's still eight judging's plus whatever possible finals. So, that's just a question to the board. Are we ready for that? **Newkirk:** I think our competitor has more than eight rings, so I'm not sure that it's a problem. As someone stated prior, if your cat's getting tired or cranky, then don't show it in all rings. I think the exhibitor has to take on a certain amount of responsibility when we try something new like this. **Anger:** This is, to me, the very definition of what an experimental

format is for – in order to give it a try. If the format doesn't work, if it crashes and burns, then we're not going to be as open-minded about trying it again, unless there are identifiable issues that can be corrected. So, to prepare the board for additional requests like this, I think is putting the cart before the horse. This is the request that's going to be the benchmark. Will the reviews of the format be favorable or will it not? So, you know, it's an information-gathering thing. I think we have a duty to our constituents to give it a try and go forward with it. **Currie:** I agree totally with Rachel. Let's let them give it a try and give us a full report. Let's see if they can start that show at 8:30 in the morning and be done by 5:30. Let's see what happens. I'm going to vote in favor of this.

Mastin: OK. The motion is as it is on the screen. **DelaBar:** Are we going to lower the entry limit or are we going to keep it at 140? **Mastin:** I haven't heard from Rachel or Kathy on being willing to lower it. Rachel? **Anger:** I would like to try the motion that the club requested first and see how that goes. **Mastin:** Kathy, do you agree? **Calhoun:** I do agree. **Mastin:** OK, thank you. I'm going to try this. **DelaBar:** OK, let's go for it. **Tartaglia:** What about the 16 judging cages? That was not in the original motion, but it was discussed. Just take that out and go with the original? **Mastin:** That's what Rachel and Kathy are saying. They want to go with the original. If you don't approve it, then object to my next question. Are there any objections? **Anger:** Can I make a comment first? Sorry. **Mastin:** Go ahead, Rachel. **Anger:** I did want to point out that in the proposal, the show hours were 8:00 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. **Mastin:** OK, I'm going to call the boat because I saw people raising their hand because they had objections. If you're in favor, as it is written, raise your hand.

Mastin called the motion. **Motion Carried.** Newkirk, Altschul, DelaBar, Jensen, Krzanowski, Tamura and Nasin voting no.

Mastin: Howard, Kathy, Russell, Marilee, Pauli, Kenny, John, Rachel and Anne. Lower your hand. Janet just raised her hand. Lower your hands. If you're opposed, raise your hand. Darrell, Carissa, Pam, Vicki, Carol, Aki and Doreann. Lower your hand. If you're an abstention, raise your hand. No abstentions. Rachel, when you're ready. **Anger:** That's 10 yes, 7 no, zero abstentions. **Mastin:** OK, motion passes. **Anger:** Thank you, everyone.

Mastin: OK Rachel, you want to move on to number two? **Newkirk:** Got hands up, Rich. **Mastin:** OK, I'm sorry, **DelaBar:** Can we request the club consider using 16 cages? That's the only reason I voted against. **Mastin:** Make a motion. **DelaBar:** I just saying that we recommend. It's up to Rachel, whether she wants to – I mean, she's going to pass this on. This is what we passed. All I'm saying is I'm suggesting that the club use 16 cages. I don't think we need a motion. **Currie:** Do they have enough room to put 16 cages in each of these rings? I think that's a restriction, but I think as a suggestion, I agree with you, Pam. I think that that would make things go much faster and smoother for the club. **Mastin:** Are there any further comments on this? **Nasin:** And then, this is an advisement. If they can do it, if they can add an extra ring instead of four rings, make five rings so you have a backup ring, especially on the specialty. Just an advisement. **Jensen:** I've actually been in that show hall. They don't have room for a fifth ring, I don't believe. I just don't think that they have the room for it. **Mastin:** OK. Any further discussion? Rachel, do you have anything further? Not on that.

PRESERVATION BREED COMMITTEE

Committee Chair: *Ginger Meeker (Chair); Jacqui Bennett (Vice Chair)*
Liaison to Board: *Howard Webster*

List of Committee Members:

*Judy Bemis (Recording Secretary)
Joy Yoders
Cathy Dunham
Martha Auspitz
Gwendolyn Lorch, DVM
Connie Hurley, DVM
Katia Kingston*

Brief Summation of Immediate Past Committee Activities:

Charter Statement – The Preservation Breed Committee has been created to analyze the reasons behind the threats to CFA breeds.

We will create definitions. Analyze existing gaps and propose a course of action to address what is needed to accomplish Preservation Breeding through education in 5 areas - general public, exhibitors, breeders, judges and veterinarians

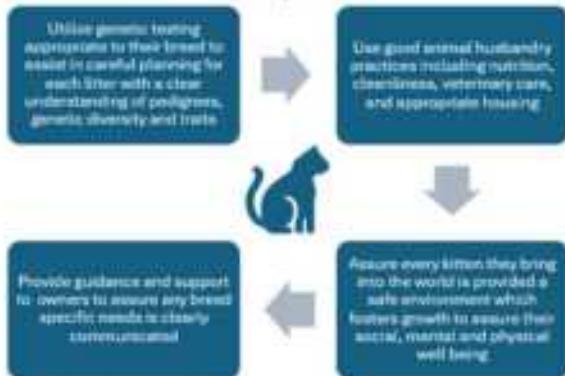
Preservation breeding is:

a commitment to preserve the unique look, essence and history of a breed consistent with a documented breed standard focusing on the overall health and wellbeing of the cat through careful selection of healthy cats that exemplify the characteristics typical of each breed

A Preservation Breeder is:

a responsible, educated and ethical individual who breeds to sustain and safeguard their breed to assure its continued existence and produce litters which meets the written breed standard

They will:



Current Happenings of Committee:

- *Countermeasure Status:*

Proposed Countermeasures – Create educational material for breeders, exhibitors, CFA officials, Animal Professionals and the public to counter the AR attacks and education local governments

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Breeders: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Understand current level of knowledge of breed councils through anonymous voluntary surveys to analyze the understanding of currently available resources • Review existing breed policies put together for other organizations such as GOCF and work with breed councils to develop CFA specific tools • Create talking points for breeders to use with potential pet buyers, new breeders and the public to provide consistent messaging 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Exhibitors <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provide readily available breed specific materials to show producing clubs and exhibitors to be given to the public attending cat shows concerning the mission and objectives of CFA, and its breed councils • Create talking points for exhibitors to use with the public to provide consistent messaging 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CFA Officials (Judges etc.) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Create training materials and set expectations for consistent messaging and "actions match message" including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • assuring show rules are understood and followed • surrounding animals allowed in show halls, • show standards are consistently enforced • surrounding disqualification s and penalties • Create talking points for officials to communicate in a kind and fact based manner to exhibitors and spectators 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Public <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Create videos and other education materials to share with the public to disseminate the information • Create an easily accessible library of information for clubs to use and share • Work with Legislation committee and board to present information with local governments 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Veterinarian, Animal Professionals and Professional Organizations <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Create training materials to assist with true breed recognition • Share educational materials with veterinarian offices and shelters explaining preservation breeding • Partner with Every Cat Foundation, Cat Writers Association and other professional groups to expand awareness
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- *Public – We have created 26 Preservation Breed videos for 21 breeds which have accumulated almost 1.7 million views in various social media platforms.*

Description	Presenter	Date Posted	Instagram	Facebook	Tiktok	
Bengal	Jacqui Bennett	1/17/2024	34,383	3,500	8,343	
Selkirk Rex	Laura Jo Barber	1/6/2025	52,980	4,100		
Burmese	Jennifer Herr	12/30/2024	44,193	4,600	22,100	
Exotic SH	Hope Gonano	12/8/2024	55,100	12,300	14,500	
Oriental SH	Lynne Von Egidy	12/4/2024	54,300	6,300	11,600	
Tonkinese Part 2	Sheri Smalls	11/29/2024	42,200	7,200	12,900	
Tonkinese Part 1	Sheri Smalls	11/29/2024	42,200	8,000	9,607	
NFC	Michael Shelton	11/23/2024	60,800	8,600	16,200	
What is PB - Exotic	Jacqui Bennett	11/14/2024	77,400	5,700	18,600	
Japanese Bobtail	Anne Mathis	11/12/2024	69,400	10,100	20,200	
Spynx	Don Williams	11/3/2024	89,600	19,000	45,700	
HHP and PB	Jacqui Bennett	10/31/2024	49,100	16,000	36,700	
BSH	Ginger Meeker	10/11/2024	31,300	8,200	12,400	
Russian Blue	Teresa Keiger	10/4/2024	29,299	4,600	11,800	
Abyssinian	Don Williams	9/28/2024	38,700	7,100	14,700	
Devon Rex	Barbara Erie	9/26/2024	26,600	3,700	12,800	
Abyssinian	Martha Auspitz	9/13/2024	36,200	10,600	32,800	
What is a Pbreeder	Text	8/30/2024	20,800	2,200		
Persian	Linda Lopiano	8/23/2024	37,700	9,700	14,200	
Maine Coon	Elizabeth Nolte	8/16/2024	22,400	2,900		
Chartreux	Carla Bizzell	8/9/2024	41,200	5,700		
OSH	Ellyn Honey	8/2/2024	40,500	5,100		
Manx	Jacqui Bennett	7/26/2024	33,400	5,100	23,100	
What is PB	Jacqui Bennett	7/25/2024	31,200	4,400	14,300	
Scottish Fold	Jacqui Bennett	7/19/2024	49,900	7,100	25,500	
What is PB - Series Announcement	Text Only	7/16/2024	1,127	5,200		
TOTAL			1,111,982	187,000	378,050	1,677,032

Links to the Facebook videos are available below by Topic:

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Bengal	Jacqui Bennett	https://www.facebook.com/share/r/1XsFRACjY9/
Selkirk Rex	Laura Jo Barber	https://www.facebook.com/share/r/1X6hd54EnF/
Burmese	Jennifer Herr	https://www.facebook.com/share/r/19n1C2a9wL/
Exotic SH	Hope Gonano	https://www.facebook.com/reel/1610447572882494
Oriental SH	Lynne Von Egidy	https://www.facebook.com/reel/8750324151726197
Tonkinese Part 2	Sheri Smalls	https://www.facebook.com/share/r/17jjjGBo6c/
Tonkinese Part 1	Sheri Smalls	https://www.facebook.com/share/r/15knh1K4j4/
NFC	Michael Shelton	https://www.facebook.com/share/r/1BsMXAaKLX/
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Spynx	Don Williams	https://www.facebook.com/reel/1547225929237015
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Russian Blue	Teresa Keiger	https://www.facebook.com/reel/874262114849692
Abyssinian	Don Williams	https://www.facebook.com/reel/1884280555399218
Devon Rex	Don Williams & Barbara Erie	https://www.facebook.com/reel/905366371636617
Abyssinian	Martha Auspitz	https://www.facebook.com/reel/1633361283904417
What is a Pbreeders	Text	https://www.facebook.com/reel/532321159152816
Persian	Linda Lopiano	https://www.facebook.com/reel/858988539115512
Maine Coon	Elizabeth Nolte	https://www.facebook.com/reel/1466281954765510
Chartreux	Carla Bizzell	https://www.facebook.com/reel/529521006163601
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- *Exhibitors – Articles are being created for the “breeders too box” for the Cat Talk Blog with the assistance of Teresa Keiger*
 - *Siamese and Color Points by Howard Webster complete*
 - *British Shorthair by Ginger Meeker and Kathy Dunham in progress*
 - *Abyssinian by Martha Auspitz in progress*
 - *Manx by Joy Yoder in progress*
 - *How to read a genetics report by Jacqui Bennett in progress*

Future Projections for Committee:

Complete assigned articles for the Breeders Tool Box

Continue to create social media content

Work to create talking points for judges with the JPC (CFA Officials Pillar of Countermeasures)

Board Action Items:

None at this time

Time Frame:

2025

What Will be Presented at the Next Meeting:

Plans for “Breeder Tool Box” Page



*Respectfully Submitted,
Jacqui Bennett, Vice Chair*

Anger: There's a Preservation Committee report that was submitted late, so this is where I put it, under Other Committees. They had no action items. **Mastin:** OK. Any questions. All right. Rachel, thank you for that.

18. OLD BUSINESS/NEW BUSINESS.

[Secretary's Note: The following transcript also appears under Show Rule Proposal #1 regarding amending Show Rules 2.23f, g & h, at which time it was taken off the table and voted on.]

Mastin: Do we have Old Business/New Business? **Anger:** No Old Business or New Business? **Mastin:** No New Business either. **Anger:** Correct. **Mastin:** OK. Are we done? **Raymond:** When the board at its December meeting passed the double mutation policy, there were a few inquiries afterwards about whether the board would entertain grandfathering Household Pets that we're working towards multi-year awards and I think the individuals were told that that would be discussed in February. I don't know if you want to do it, nor do I know how you would do it to inform a judge that the cat in front of them is grandfathered. **Currle:** I see their point of view. You know, you're changing the rules midstream. These people have committed themselves to reaching a particular goal. Maybe we can come up with something that would identify these cats and that our judges wouldn't be throwing them out of the show hall via the show manager, so that's for others. Howard, why don't you take that on so we can get it to an agreement? **Mastin:** So, are we going to bring this back at the April meeting? **Newkirk:** I think if you do something like this, you're going to open up a whole can of worms. It is not going to be pretty, whichever way we go about it. **Jensen:** I think that any kind of way of identifying a particular cat to a judge just goes down a road of impropriety. I just don't think that there is a way to do it that doesn't create an aura of bias. **Mathis:** I'm confused. Why would we need to have these cats identified to us? Aren't we just going to final the cats we're going to final? I assume this doesn't take effect until May, or does it take effect immediately? May? So, I guess I just don't understand why. Someone needs to explain that to me. And I did ask. I was approached yesterday at set-up for our club and I was approached by the woman that owns the polydactyl cat with the curly coat and the curly ears, and she's crying, you know. She said, "I really worked for this for two years." I said, "other than your cat, how many do you know of that are in the same predicament?" She said, as far as she knew, certainly in our area, there were no others. **Raymond:** Anne, I think she's in year two of a three year program. So technically, if that cat showed up on the judging bench in May, it should be removed for being ineligible for entry. **Mathis:** OK. I thought we were discussing potentially giving these cats – or that cat, if it's the only one – that only had the two years, giving it the Grand of Distinction title, because we can't judge it again next year. **Raymond:** That wasn't what was asked. I'm certain that is potentially a solution. What was asked is, could we grandfather it so that the cat could be shown next year without being – **Mathis:** Oh, yeah. Big, old can of worms there.

DelaBar: Can we address these on a case-by-case basis and not try to come up with a – we're not talking about that many cats, and I think this is something that we can look at on an individual level without talking about the person's name or the particular cat, but the situations in there, and not right now but at a later meeting, to where we have something in writing. **Newkirk:** I think we're changing the rules in the middle of the game on something like this, so we've got to come up with a solution. If the solution is award the cat the grand distinction in two show seasons, then to me that's a viable option. It sure beats saying you're not going to ever get it. **Anger:** I passed along to the board that email in which we responded that the topic of grandfathering Household Pets currently being shown will be considered by CFA's executive board and its February 2025 meeting. I think we told this exhibitor that we would do it and we

have a duty to do it. Do we want to discuss this when we go into executive session or shall we continue the discussion now?

Currie: Without identifying this particular individual or cat, I would like to make a motion to award them at the end of the show season the Grand of Distinction within the Household Pet category. **Mastin:** Pam, are you seconding Kenny's motion? **DelaBar:** Not yet. **Mastin:** OK. I'll come back to you. Darrell, are you seconding Kenny's motion? **Newkirk:** I am. **Mastin:** OK.

DelaBar: I would like to see something in writing tomorrow if we're going to be discussing this and making a decision; specifically, how far along is the cat in achieving these required finals for the Grand of Distinction? I know that they have to get X number of finals each season for three seasons. As I said, we need to look at this on a case-by-case basis, and if this is the one case we're going to be considering, then let's see how far along they are. I would not want to be awarding something that did not look like it was going to be successful in the second season. **Calhoun:** I just wondered if, to our knowledge, is this the only cat that may be in this position or don't we know? **Colilla:** She seemed to be the only one I've seen so far. Why don't we wait too close to the end of the season? If it meets all the eligibility to receive the award of Grand of Distinction, then they get it. If it didn't meet all the requirements, then nothing can do about it. **Mastin:** Kenny and Darrell can make that part of their motion. That could be included now if they choose to go in that direction. **Anger:** Just to answer a question that was asked, this was the only request that came forward. **Mastin:** Thank you. **Newkirk:** I believe the person has met the requirement, but I'm not 100% sure, for the second year. That should be easy enough to find out and if you want, we can make the motion contingent on completing the second year finals. **Currie:** Agree. I agree with that, Darrell. **Mastin:** That's how you handle that. Darrell, do you have any other comments? **Newkirk:** No. **Mastin:** Kenny? **Currie:** No. **Mastin:** Alright. So I'm going to ask Kenny, restate your motion. **Currie:** Let me amend the motion completely, to allow the Grand of Distinction in the Household Pet category to be achieved within a two-year period. **Newkirk:** Don't we need to add *as long as the requirements have been met?* **Currie:** As long as the requirements have been met. Thank you.

Anger: The email requesting the reconsideration states that this show season will complete her second year of showing. I don't know if that helps in your deliberation of the motion, but she's already completing year #2. **Mastin:** Ed, I'm going to call on you after I call on Vicki. **Jensen:** I just want to make sure that we're only talking about this one particular situation and not that we're going to change the Grand of Distinction to two years for Household Pets from now on. **Raymond:** The language that Kenny proposed sounded like it was going to change all cats. I might suggest that you do something like, any Household Pet which is ineligible to be shown beginning in the 2025-2026 show season, which has completed two years of qualifications for the Household Pet Grand of Distinction will be awarded that award. **Currie:** I so move. **Mastin:** Darrell? **Newkirk:** Well, I'm fine with that, but we're talking about one specific example in here and we were to make a decision on that cat at this meeting and let her know. So, I understand what Ed's concern is with the motion and the wording of it, but we're actually talking about one specific example here. **Raymond:** Darrell, we know of one example, but do you want to cover all cats that are similarly situated at the same time; which is, cats that have completed two years of qualification towards a Grand of Distinction and are not eligible to be shown in future seasons? **Mastin:** So Ed, what you're saying is, we know there's one. We

don't know if there's more. **Raymond:** Right. **Mastin:** That's what you're saying. **Raymond:** Let's treat all of them that are similarly situated the same way. **Mastin:** I understand. Nobody's getting special treatment, so we get through the end of the year and we find out there's three other cats out there, but we're not handling each one separately. They're all cover under the same motion passed by the board. **Raymond:** No. **Mastin:** OK. Did you have any other comments? **Raymond:** No. **Griswold:** I'm not sure about the verbiage of *no longer eligible*. I mean, do we want to say, *no longer eligible based on multiple mutations*, because I don't know if there's another condition that would make them no longer eligible. I also wanted to make sure that we say globally that they meet the requirements because it's not only your 30 finals, you also have to have, I think it's 250 points as well to complete the year. So, I'm OK with the global thoughts of completing the requirements for the year and just not specifying final. **Mathis:** The cat has 41 rings and 485 points as of the new ePoints, and they wouldn't have any rings that weren't finals, would they? Because they don't win breed points. So she's already completed the second year. **Newkirk:** I'd like to make a suggestion, and that would be that Ed, would you write this up and bring it back so we can vote on it in the morning instead of sitting there trying to piecemeal this all together. It would just seem smarter if you could get the wording down the way you want it so that it would satisfy the rest of the board members. **Raymond:** Sure. I raised my hand to make that very suggestion.

Colilla: I'm going to be the bad guy. I showed this cat two years ago. Now I figured there's an easy way to go. I'm going to pull my cat out this year. Start showing it for the rest of the year to meet the Grand of Distinction. I wouldn't give it to this person. **Mastin:** I didn't understand your comment, John. **Colilla:** OK. I show a cat, Household Pet, that had to meet the requirements earning a Grand of Distinction title two years ago and I stopped showing it. All of a sudden, I find out about this thing we're about to pass. I decide to start showing my cat now because I only have four months to earn the other half of my Grand of Distinction. All the wins that I need to meet the requirement for this new rule that's going to be passed. Is that making sense? **Mastin:** It makes sense now that you said it the second time, yes. **Colilla:** Sorry. I don't feel well. I'm sorry. **Mastin:** Does anybody want to comment on John's comment? **Newkirk:** It was my understanding this had to be three consecutive years. Am I wrong? **Mastin:** Ed, do you know the show rule? Can you just read the show rule? **Raymond:** I do not. I have to look it up. **Mastin:** John, do you have anything else you want to talk on? **Colilla:** No, I just thought maybe it's not frequency. I don't have no idea.

Mastin: Darrell, I'm going to call on you since Ed's looking it up. **Newkirk:** We're going to need a motion to table this. **Mastin:** Are you motioning to table or you want somebody else to make the motion? **Newkirk:** No, I'll make the motion. **Mastin:** Kenny, are you a second? **Currie:** Why don't I just withdraw it for now? **Newkirk:** Our thought was, Ed's going to rewrite it and bring it back to us in the morning. **Currie:** Sounds good. **Newkirk:** So that's why the motion to table was made. **Currie:** I'll second. **Mastin:** Alright, and you both agree, correct? **Currie:** Yes, sir. **Mastin:** Thank you. Alright, I will call the vote on tabling. Are there any objections to tabling the motion? There are no objections, so that motion passes unanimously.

The motion [to table] is ratified by unanimous consent.

Mastin: All we're doing right now is just waiting for Ed to confirm what the show rule is, if it's three consecutive years or what it is. **Raymond:** The show rule says three separate

seasons. It does not say that they need to be consecutive. **Newkirk:** OK. **Mastin:** Thanks for clarifying that.

[From Sunday transcript] **Mastin:** Rachel, are we going to take up what Ed is supposed to bring back before we do the strategic planning? **Anger:** That's correct. **Mastin:** Thank you. Ed? **Raymond:** So, Allene just is putting it up on the screen right now. This is the language that I drafted this morning.

Any HHP cat that has achieved the minimum number of top 10/top 15 finals and CFA award points per season as set forth in SR 29.04 in two separate seasons which is ineligible to be shown in the 2025-2026 season because of the prohibition in SR 2.23 f will be awarded the "Grand Household Pet of Distinction" title. Requests to have the title added to a cat's record must be received in Central Office by August 1, 2025.

Raymond: So, the policy statement would be that *any household pet that has achieved the minimum number of top 10 slash top 15 finals and CFA award points per season as set forth in show rule 29.04 in two separate seasons, which is ineligible to be shown in the 2025-2026 season because of the prohibition in show rule 2.23.f. will be awarded the Grand Household Pet of Distinction title. Request to have the title added to a cat's record must be received in Central Office by August 1, 2025.* Normally, these happen automatically once it's three years, but there's no way for Central Office to know which cats are going to be ineligible after two years. So, we'll give folks 90 days to make the request. **Mastin:** OK. Thanks, Ed, for bringing this back. Darrell, are you making the motion? **Newkirk:** I am making the motion, and I would also think that we need to publicize this out of closed session once it's approved, if it's approved. **Mastin:** Pam, I know it's late. Just a reminder, you got to raise your hand if you're going to say anything, OK? Rachel, are you seconding? **Anger:** I am. **Mastin:** OK. Thank you, Rachel.

Mastin: Kenny, do you have a comment? **Currlle:** Yeah, very quickly, since we're restricting it to two years, could we amend the needed number of rings by one-third as well? **Mastin:** I'm going to kick it back to Ed, but my initial thought is, I don't think so. **Raymond:** Kenny, this award requires certain achievement in three separate seasons. So, basically, what we're saying is, if you've completed the requirements for two of the three seasons, and we have made you ineligible to be shown in the third season, we'll give you the award. **Mastin:** You don't have to be shown after this season, Ed. **Raymond:** Excuse me? **Mastin:** They can't go after the title after the season we're in. **Raymond:** Correct. **Currlle:** Isn't there a minimum that they have to reach, in order to have this, because if they lost a season – **Raymond:** They have to meet the minimum number of both finals and points in each season for three seasons. I started to list – **Currlle:** But now you're saying if they do it in two, they get the same award? **Raymond:** If they are cats that are ineligible to be shown further because of the double mutation language. If it's a regular Household Pet, they got to go through the three seasons. This only applies for cats who are ineligible because of the double mutation. **Currlle:** I understand. Thank you. **Raymond:** The reason the number of points and the number of finals is not listed is because there are different requirements for Hawaii and certain intervening seasons along the way, so it's better just to send people back to the original rule. **Mastin:** Great. Thank you, Ed, for clarifying that. Kenny, thanks for bringing that up. **Griswold:** Ed, I love the way you worded this. It takes into account that they would be ineligible to be shown because of our new rule that we added, not just ineligible for whatever reason. So, I am very much impressed with the way this is worded. So

thank you. **Mastin:** Marilee, we get what we pay for. We are buying a Ferrari and we got a Ferrari. **Calhoun:** We didn't pay for a Ferrari, did we? **Mastin:** Well, we got a discount. **Calhoun:** I didn't order a Ferrari. OK, I'm sorry. **Altschul:** Quick question. How do we know if they claim that they are ineligible for entry? How do we know that they are really ineligible for entry? Will we create a process where they have to submit a picture showing that their animal or their Household Pet – because what if somebody is shown for two seasons and they don't want to show the third season? They're like, "hey, I'm going to claim that I can't be shown anymore and I'm going to get that title." **Raymond:** We don't have any language around that. I would suggest that Central Office review all requests with the regional director from the owner's region so that somebody should know something about the cat. That's an interesting thought there, Carissa. We may have to put something in place to prevent somebody who is eligible who doesn't want to show anymore and claiming they're ineligible. I don't know that anybody would do that, but interesting. **DelaBar:** I was just going to say, we could verify with the regional directors because they should know. I think that the regional directors can help CFA verify that the cat is eligible. It's only after this year, it won't be anymore. This is a situation that we're now faced with that we won't be faced with in the future. **Mastin:** Unless the board decides to change it in the future. Right. OK. Any further discussion? Any objections? OK. Seeing no objection, the new show rule passes unanimously.

The motion is ratified by unanimous consent.

Raymond: Rich, I wouldn't call this a show rule. I would call this a board policy. Oh, you're right. Right. Thank you for correcting. It's a board policy. You're right. We talked about that yesterday.

Newkirk: Do you want a separate motion to bring this into open session? **Mastin:** Yes. **Newkirk:** I'll make that motion then. **Mastin:** Thank you. Show of hand. Who's second? Kenny will second. Thank you, Kenny. Is there discussion? Is there objections? Seeing no objection. Motion passes unanimously.

The motion is ratified by unanimous consent.

Mastin: Darrell, thank you for bringing that up. Ed, do you have anything else?

Raymond: No, not with regard to this issue. **Mastin:** How about to any other show rules? That was the only thing you were tasked with, right? **Raymond:** That is correct. **Mastin:** OK, great. Great job. Thank you for doing that.

19. CFA INTERNATIONAL CAT SHOW AND EXPO.

Committee Chairs: *Ed Raymond*

Liaison to Board: *Rich Mastin*

List of Committee Members: *Mark Hannon, Allene Tartaglia, Linda Murphy, Noralyn Heisig, Desiree Bobby, Rachel Anger, Cathy Calhoun*

[Secretary's Note: The following motions were discussed in executive session and appear here for publication.]

Board Action Items:

Mastin: Just a reminder to the board, Kathy has a standing motion on all action items. I believe there's six of them. Rachel has the standing second.

The Committee recommends the following for the 2025 International Show:

- *One show with 12 judging rings*

The motion is ratified by unanimous consent.

- *Each entry will be judged in 8 rings -- 5 AB and 3 SP rings*

The motion is ratified by unanimous consent.

- ~~*No limit on the number of entries*~~ *Entry limit of 600*

The motion is ratified by unanimous consent.

- *Awards for Top 20 Kittens; Top 15 in Championship (Top 5 LH/SH/AB Champions as appropriate); Top 15 in Premiership (Top 3 LH/SH/AB Premiers as appropriate); and Top 15 HHPs in each ring*

The motion is ratified by unanimous consent.

- *Points for Regional and National Awards will be calculated at 50%-75%; Grand points will be calculated at 100%. The reason for scoring Regional and National Award points at 50%-75%; is to prevent kittens and cats which cannot attend the show, for whatever reason, from being unduly penalized in what is supposed to be a season-long competition.*

Mastin called the motion. **Motion Carried.** Currel voting no.

- *Judges will be selected by a vote of CFA member clubs. Clubs will be asked to vote for 12 ring judges and a Best in Show judge.*

The motion is ratified by unanimous consent.

Motion: *Approve the Committee's recommendations as set forth above, including waivers of any applicable show rules.*

Mastin: I take that as, the board is unanimously in support of having a show this year. Very good. OK.

*Respectfully Submitted,
Ed Raymond, Chair*

20. REGION 9 REPORT.

[Secretary's Note: The following motion was discussed in executive session and appears here for publication.]

Motion: *Effective immediately, rescind the current policy on Russian clubs, Russian judges, and Russian exhibitors, and show production in Russia, as reflected in paragraph 1 above. Allow CFA shows in Russia conducted per our Show Rules with addendum, and By-Laws.*

The motion is ratified by unanimous consent.

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Mastin: Alright, is there anything else we need to discuss about Old Business or this matter? Rachel, do you have any? We don't have anything else in old business, correct? **Anger:** I don't have anything else in old or new business, correct. **Mastin:** OK. Does anybody else have anything in Old Business? Alright, I think we are at the end of the meeting and we can adjourn the meeting. Thank you all for attending and we'll see you tomorrow at 10 a.m. Eastern time.

The open session meeting adjourned at 4:34 p.m. Eastern Standard Time.

Respectfully submitted,
Rachel Anger, Secretary
The Cat Fanciers' Association, Inc.

21. DISCIPLINARY HEARINGS AND SUSPENSIONS.

Disciplinary Hearings And Suspensions: Cases that have been reviewed by the Protest Committee and for which a recommendation was presented to the Board. The following case was heard, a tentative decision was rendered, timely notice was given to the parties, and no appeal and/or appeal fee was filed. Therefore, final disposition is as follows:

None

Appeals: Cases that have been reviewed by the Protest Committee and for which a recommendation was presented to and heard by the Board, a tentative decision was rendered, timely notice was given to the party, an appeal and/or appeal fee was timely filed, and the appeal was heard by the Board of Directors. Therefore, final disposition is as follows:

Board-Cited Hearing: The Board may consider any protest filed by any member of a member club or in any other manner brought to the attention of the Executive Board. The Board may delegate authority to one or more persons to review, investigate, and determine if probable cause exists for the filing of a formal protest. This case was heard on direct cite by the CFA Executive Board. Timely notice was given to the parties, and the matter was heard. Final disposition is as follows: