

## MINUTES

### CFA EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING OCTOBER 4/5, 2025

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**Secretary's Note:** The Officers and Board of Directors of the Cat Fanciers' Association, Inc. met on Saturday, October 4, 2025, via Zoom video conference. **President Richard Mastin** called the video conference meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. Eastern Daylight 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)**  
**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) X**  
**Ms. Janet Moyer (MWR Director)**  
**Mr. Kenny Currie (SOR Director)**  
**Ms. Aki Tamura (Japan Regional Director)**  
**Ms. Pam DelaBar (Europe Regional Director)**  
**Mrs. Jacqui Bennett (Director-at-Large)**  
**Dr. Marilee Griswold (Director-at-Large) +**  
**Mr. Pauli Huhtaniemi (Director-at-Large)**  
**Mrs. Carol Krzanowski (Director-at-Large)**  
**Ms. Victoria Nye (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:**

**Ms. Kathy Calhoun (Treasurer)**

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

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**Mastin:** Hello everyone. Welcome to CFA's October 4th and 5th 2025 Executive Board Meeting. [Secretary's Note: Secretary Rachel Anger called the roll, as reflected above. All board members confirmed that they are abiding by the CFA Board of Directors' Code of Ethics and Confidentiality Agreement.]

**(1) MEETING CALLED TO ORDER/APPROVE ORDERS OF THE DAY.**

<b>CFA QUARTERLY MEETING AGENDA</b>			
<b>October 4/5, 2025</b>			
<b>All Times in Eastern Daylight Time</b>			
<b>Saturday, October 4, 2025 • Board of Directors Meeting</b>			
10:00 a.m.	1.	Meeting Called to Order/Approve Orders of the Day	Mastin
<b>Reports of Officers, Boards, and Standing Committees</b>			
12:00 p.m.	2.	Minutes (corrections/additions); Ratification of Online Motions	Anger
12:05 p.m.	3.	Central Office Operations	Tartaglia
12:15 p.m.	4.	Club Applications	Krzanowski
12:35 p.m.	5.	CFA Legislative Committee	Shafnisky
12:45 p.m.	6.	International Division	Newkirk
1:00 p.m.	LUNCH BREAK		
1:30 p.m.	7.	Judging Program	Nye/Webb
2:00 p.m.	8.	Health, Welfare and Preservation Breeding Committee	Bennett
2:15 p.m.	9.	Household Pet Committee	Wickle
2:30 p.m.	10.	Experimental Format Committee	Anger
2:45 p.m.	11.	Protests	Kallmeyer
2:50 p.m.	BREAK		
<b>Reports of Special (Select or Ad Hoc) Committees</b>			
		None	
<b>Reports of Affiliates</b>			
		None	
<b>Unfinished Business and General Orders</b>			
3:00 p.m.	12.	Other Committees	
3:05 p.m.	13.	Old Business	
3:10 p.m.	14.	New Business (a) Traditional Date Weekend Issues (b) Minutes Retention (c) Disbanding of Inactive Committees (d) Cattery of Distinction Program (e) Show Package Sponsorship	Altschul Bennett Bennett DelaBar Jensen
3:55 p.m.	15.	Unfinished Business	
4:00 p.m.	ADJOURN OPEN SESSION		
<b>Sunday, October 5, 2025 • Board of Directors Meeting</b>			
10:00 a.m.	16.	Meeting Called to Order/Approve Orders of the Day	Mastin
11:00 a.m.	17.	Show Rules	E. Raymond
12:00 p.m.	BREAK		
12:15 p.m.	18.	Treasurer's Report	Calhoun
12:30 p.m.	19.	Show Technology	Dunham
12:35 p.m.	20.	Awards Committee	Dunham
1:00 p.m.	LUNCH		
1:30 p.m.	21.	Old Business	
1:40 p.m.	22.	New Business	
1:50 p.m.	23.	Unfinished Business	
2:00 p.m.	ADOURN		

**Mastin:** Meeting is called to order. **Dr. Griswold** moved to approve the Orders of the Day. Seconded by **Ms. DelaBar.**

**The Orders of the Day were accepted without objection and became the Orders of Business.**

## Reports of Officers, Boards, and Standing Committees

### (2) SECRETARY'S REPORT: ADDITIONS/CORRECTIONS TO THE MINUTES; RATIFICATION OF ON-LINE MOTIONS

#### (a) Additions/Corrections to the Minutes.

*None.*

**Mastin:** Our first item of business in open session is to have Rachel present the minutes, corrections, additions, ratification of online motions. **Anger:** There were no additions or corrections to the minutes to present.

#### (b) Ratification of August 5, 2025 Zoom Video Conference Board Meeting Minutes.

**Action Item:** Approve the August 5, 2025 Zoom video conference board meeting minutes, as published.

Secretary **Anger** moved to approve the August 5, 2025 Zoom video conference board meeting minutes, as published. Seconded by **Dr. Griswold**.

**The motion is ratified by unanimous consent.**

#### (c) Ratification of Online Motions.

Moved/ Seconded	Motion	Vote
1. Calhoun Anger 08.25.2025	Approve an expenditure of up to \$10,000 to replace the HVAC unit at the Central Office building with a new unit.	<b>Motion Carried.</b>
2. Anger	For Temiro Cat Fanciers club's 8 ring show on November 22-	<b>Motion Failed.</b>

**Bennett:** Do we know what the permit costs will be? Just want to be sure the 10k is adequate. **Anger:** There is an Alliance Building Permit required of \$171.50. **Mastin:** This is from Allene – There is an Alliance Building Permit required of \$171.50. The total amount is \$9,921.70. Rachel, sorry, I responded to Jacqui before I read your email. **Currlle:** What is the square footage of Central Office? I'm quite familiar, the square footage and efficiency with the AC unit. **Mastin:** The square footage (sf) of the building is listed as 16,560 (not including the basement storage space). The Foundation has 7,631 sf. The upper level where Central Office is located is the same 7,631. There are two mezzanine levels, one in the front (not very large) and one in the back that has two decent size office spaces with bathrooms making up the majority of the remaining space. There are multiple HVAC units (maybe four). I believe the one unit that is no longer operating supplies one side of the upper level CO space. The recent high temperatures have been noticeable (not yet unbearable). Please keep in mind this is only one unit that needs to be replaced, not all of them. Allene, how many HVAC units does the entire building have? **Currlle:** 5 ton unit is properly priced at 9k. I support the motion. **Tartaglia:** There are two 5-ton two (condenser and evaporator/air handler together) on the roof which supply a/c and heat to the 2nd level, CO offices. One unit for each side of the floor. There are 4 units which cover the 1st floor museum, the large and small mezzanines and the lobby/stairwell. Similar to a residential unit, the condensers are located outside at the back of the building right outside the garage. Two of the evaporator/air handler units inside are located in the basement by the elevator and the other two are in the garage. These are 5-ton units as well.

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Huhtaniemi 08.17.2025	23, 2025 in Istanbul, Turkey, grant an exception to Show Rule 4.06.b. and Appendix A - Minimum Number of Specialty Rings Required, and allow the club to have all allbreed rings.		Altschul voting no.
<p><b>Altschul:</b> Didn't the Kuwait show already have an unusually high number of one-show grands? It feels like we're starting to dilute the value of our titles by continually granting exceptions to regions labeled as "growing" when, in reality, we aren't seeing meaningful growth. Just take a look at the brag from the last Kuwait show — it's clear these exceptions are being used to inflate participation and fast-track titles. Now we're being asked to do the same for Turkey, using Kuwait and Egypt as precedent. I understand the logistical challenges new clubs face, but repeatedly bypassing specialty ring requirements undermines the integrity of our awards system. At some point, we have to ask whether these accommodations are helping the region grow — or simply making it easier to hand out titles without the usual standards. <b>Currie:</b> Just to be clear, the majority of the grands that achieved the title at the last Kuwait show had received points from an earlier Kuwait show which had taken place a year past. A specialty ring this area would be a waste. I support all AB Rings. <b>Moyer:</b> Isn't this the first show in a very long time in Turkey? I support!!</p>			
3. Executive Committee 08.17.2025	For the Rebel Rousers Cat Club show on August 16/17, 2025 in Lawrenceville, Georgia (Region 7), grant the club an exception to Show Rule 8.03 to allow the club to use an alternate merit award designation until the Household Pet merit awards arrive at the show hall.		<b>Motion Carried</b> (subject to ratification).
No discussion.			
4. Executive Committee 08.20.2025	Grant an exception to Show Rule 6.36.a. and allow Sacred Cat of Burma Fanciers to accept the one entry submitted on Tuesday, August 19 before 11:59 p.m., the closing date and time on the show flyer appearing online.		<b>Motion Failed.</b> Anger and Mastin voting no.
<p><b>Anger:</b> I am not inclined to support setting aside our show rules for one entry. What about other people that thought it was Tuesday and didn't enter because they didn't have the chance? <b>Mastin:</b> I am also not in favor of supporting this motion even though the club made a mistake on the show flyer by listing it as a Tuesday date. The show rule has been in place for a number of years and it should be adhered to. <b>Calhoun:</b> My reason for supporting is that the club AND the Central Office should have caught the error. The person being harmed is the person simply trying to participate in our business. <b>Mastin:</b> I understand the club made a mistake and maybe Central Office missed it. The expectation of all exhibitors and show producing clubs is to follow the show rules, imo regardless of what is printed on the flyer. <b>Anger:</b> Kathy, aren't you judging the show? <b>Calhoun:</b> Yes I am judging the show. Why do you ask? <b>Anger:</b> I ask because you brought up the topic at the August 5, 2025 teleconference. Your statement was: &lt;&lt;if you're judging a show that is impacted by the decision in the motion, in the past we have abstained.&gt;&gt;</p>			
5. Anger Bennett 09.06.2025	For the Royal Cat Club's show on October 4, 2026 in Kyiv, Ukraine (Region 9), grant an exception to Show Rule 4.04 to allow a show format change from a 6 ring one-day show on October 4, 2025 to an 8 ring two-day show on October 4/5, 2025, and add Olga Korotonozhkina and Olga Grebneva to judge the show, on the condition that the club will issue an updated flyer, publicize the change, and send notifications to Central Office, all entered exhibitors, the judges and the Regional Director.		<b>Motion Carried.</b>
<p><b>Currie:</b> I am in favor, the situation needs all of the help I can get. <b>Bennett:</b> I fully support this. These are CFA judges being added and increases visibility of CFA in Ukraine. <b>Webb:</b> I support this 100% . Good exposure for CFA.</p>			
<p><b>DelaBar:</b> I will support this request. But I do want you all to be aware of some facts. There are 8 approved</p>			

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	<p>scheduled shows for the Ukrainian clubs for this show season and one more in Poland for an In conjunction show with WCF. Except for Rolandus Union International, there are no other associations conducting shows in Ukraine. CFA is the predominant organization there. Three CFA shows were held last show season resulting 55 grands, at least 39 were one show grands (one amassing 515 grand points), and gaining 7 regional winners at the last show in April. The points required for a grand champion were 75; this show season the points for GRC are 100. Royal Cat Club wanted to add another show the weekend before the Rolandus Cat Club show in November (a traditional date for Rolandus), and again the weekend after the Rolandus show. I have disapproved both of these shows for Royal CC. I do not allow such conduct in the rest of the region and will not allow it for the Ukraine clubs. And yes, there are morale problems in the rest of the region because of the cats shown throughout the season being knocked out of RW by cats shown once during the season with a somewhat suspicious count of 90 in championship (and only championship entries) and closed also as soon as the entry was opened. I am currently working to overcome the perception that the Ukraine clubs are trying to monopolize regional wins. The war has only affected one show last season and that was when the show hall owner was afraid for his property after a massive Russian missile strike. We were able to get board approval for the show to held on one day instead of two days. We had a saying in the Army: beware of smoke and mirrors. <b>Altschul:</b> Can I ask why, in light of all the information you shared, you would still support this? <b>DelaBar:</b> The show is going on. It is approved show on the calendar. Other shows can have increased rings. <b>Anger:</b> Regarding the "all champion" show with no European exhibitors, I asked the club to explain how this could happen. Here is the club's response: Last season was big interest to showing adults as was not CFA shows at Ukraine for 6years and breeders have many adults whom want to make even CH title. Not many have and want to show kittens, as many was afraid to breed and keep in war time and many catteries did close. Now mostly all are believe in good future and start to breed and have more kittens and keep breeding. Also with dates many was become 8 month at dates of show. For previous show was only 1 entry from Europe and was send 7days later after show was closed and announced about closing catalogue. October show have still open entry and no one from abroad are entered (all who complained not even interest to come), as I know from entry clerk, also for now entries looks like 25/35/10 kit/ch/pr with entry limit 120. And we are happy to have kittens and premiers too. So we already have 3 show classes kit/ch/pr.</p> <p><b>Huhtaniemi:</b> I am going to support the club's request, as this is ultimately in the best interest of the CFA. It is great that we can support Ukrainian exhibitors to show their cats, and hopefully this will also boost our registrations. However, speaking personally as an exhibitor in Region 9, I do not support their request. At present, the Grand Point requirements to grand a cat are far too low for Ukraine. As I have been told, the reduced point requirement was approved because no shows could be held during the war, and it might take years before CFA shows could take place there again. The board wanted to lower the points to attract exhibitors back to the show halls once that became possible. Now there are eight shows with 6–9 rings planned for this season. Based on last season's statistics (Opens/Champions: November show 86, January 85, and April 79), there is no longer any need for lowered requirements because granding is way too easy. We should return to the 200-point requirement. Since Ukraine is a limited access area within the region due to the ongoing war, I would recommend reserving a certain number of RW titles specifically for Ukrainian cats. Otherwise, the current situation will soon have negative consequences to the CFA. <b>Altschul:</b> Pauli, I would support a motion to increase the grand points for Ukraine back to 200 effective Jan 1 2026 (to give them time to get ready). I would not support a motion for additional RWs within a region, however. I can see no reason against this show changing format from one approved format to another, however, I do take issue with the disingenuous reasoning provided by the club. <b>Huhtaniemi:</b> Carissa - not thinking additional RWs but reserving certain number of those 25 RWs to Ukraine until the war is over and situation is getting back to normal. <b>Bennett:</b> We have special area wins for Hawaii in the US even though they're part of region five because they are a geographic limited area. It would not be outside precedent to do something for Ukraine as well. And for that matter, possibly Russia. <b>Altschul:</b> Those wins do not confer titles. And it is because Hawaii has so few cats competing that they cannot compete with the rest of their region. This is because Ukraine has more cats competing, and the rest of Europe is mad that there is competition. It's not even close to the same thing and the delegation voted this down. <b>Mastin:</b> All, just a reminder to please keep the discussion specific to the motion that has been presented (6-ring show to 8-ring show). The points have been made very clearly on grand points being too low and too many cats from Ukraine will end up with Regional Wins. This may or may not be all that important to approve the current motion (or not approving). Imo, these are two separate matters that should be addressed in two separate motions. I must admit, I do like the information and comments on the discussion and I look forward to further discussion points</p>	

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6. Moyer Altschul 09.15.2025	<p>[For the 2025 CFA International Show] Implement a tiered scoring percentage based on total entry counts per class. This keeps scoring proportional to the size of the event but rewards exhibitors for supporting the show when numbers are lower.</p> <p>Suggested Structure:</p> <table> <thead> <tr> <th>Class</th> <th>Entry Count</th> <th>Scoring %</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td rowspan="4">Kittens &amp; Championship</td> <td><math>\leq 100</math></td> <td>100%</td> </tr> <tr> <td>101–125</td> <td>90%</td> </tr> <tr> <td>126–150</td> <td>80%</td> </tr> <tr> <td>151+</td> <td>75%</td> </tr> <tr> <td rowspan="4">Premiership</td> <td><math>\leq 50</math></td> <td>100%</td> </tr> <tr> <td>51–65</td> <td>90%</td> </tr> <tr> <td>66–80</td> <td>80%</td> </tr> <tr> <td>81+</td> <td>75%</td> </tr> <tr> <td rowspan="4">Household Pets</td> <td><math>\leq 30</math></td> <td>100%</td> </tr> <tr> <td>31–40</td> <td>90%</td> </tr> <tr> <td>41–50</td> <td>80%</td> </tr> <tr> <td>51+</td> <td>75%</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	Class	Entry Count	Scoring %	Kittens & Championship	$\leq 100$	100%	101–125	90%	126–150	80%	151+	75%	Premiership	$\leq 50$	100%	51–65	90%	66–80	80%	81+	75%	Household Pets	$\leq 30$	100%	31–40	90%	41–50	80%	51+	75%		
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	<p><b>DelaBar:</b> Will someone please explain the reluctance to enter based on “one show” - the classes are divided among the judges. Or is it that the “choice” has been taken away? I understand the emphasis on points (sadly). Please be aware I am hearing some reluctance to travel to the US right now. <b>Tamura:</b> It seems that several exhibitors from Japan are planning to travel to the US, but they did not express any positive feelings about the 75% points. <b>Altschul:</b> I have heard nothing about a reluctance to travel beyond those who are annoyed that it’s in the same place again and again. For many, the distance is just too far and/or too expensive. There is no general feeling of fear to travel that I am aware of. There are some that don’t want the competition of one show - but that’s just whining cause those same people are happy to enter ‘one show’ at other times and compete like at Cotton States. <b>Moyer:</b> The International Show is our most competitive event of the year. When we had two shows, exhibitors felt they had options — for example, they could enter the show where they had a better chance against competition in their breed. With only one show, many feel they have no chance and don’t want to spend significant money and travel only to be “fodder.” The reduced scoring percentage further discourages participation because even if they do well, their points are worth less. This combination appears to be reducing entries and risks the financial viability of the event. Restoring 100% scoring when entries are lower should encourage participation, while the tiered system still reduces national impact if entries are very high. With entries closing in a week, counts are very low. <b>Jensen:</b> Along those lines, increasing the points can have a detrimental effect since the same people that would have entered “the other show” of their competition in a breed would not want to be a point for their competitors that’s cat is currently “hot”. I’m not a fan of changing the rules after entries have already been accepted. We need to consider all the different ways our decisions affect exhibitors in the initial stages rather than bandages after entries have started. Since some board members also show cats, when we make changes midstream it can create an appearance that we might be altering the rules to favors particular cats. Although I have no doubt everyone on the Board has the best of CFA’s interest in mind, we should also avoid any appearance of impropriety. Maybe there are alternatives that could entice entries that would not “change the scoring” that should be explored. Or reevaluating some of the costs and searching for more affordable options. <b>DelaBar:</b> Perhaps traveling on an ESTA from Europe is not the same as going from Texas to Ohio.</p> <p><b>Mastin:</b> Ed, as Chair of the International Show, please share your comments. <b>Raymond:</b> Thanks for the opportunity to share my thoughts. While I appreciate the intent behind Janet’s motion, I would urge the board to carefully consider the unintended consequences. If the threshold for reducing the percentage is set too low, it might actually dis-incent someone from entering more than one cat in order to ensure that points remain at 100%. To use Janet’s threshold of 100 entries for kittens and championship as an example, Best</p>																																

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	with 100 entries would receive 99 points; Best with 110 entries would receive 98.1 points. It would take 111 entries or more to earn the same or greater points as would be earned with 100 entries. Unless an entry of 111 or greater can be guaranteed, smart exhibitors would keep the count at 100 or fewer. The counts from last year's shows were –			
GOLD	92 Kittens	83 Championship	41 Premiership	
WHITE	110 kittens	84 Championship	52 Premiership	46 HHP
We already have the following entries for this year's show (as of Saturday) – 56 Kitten, 55 Championship, 47 Premiership and 31 HHPs. That means Premiership is within 3 entries of the 50 that Janet is proposing for 100% and HHPs are already at 90% based on her proposal. If the Board wants to change the way points are awarded, I would strongly urge that you take the 100% number up to 150 for Kittens and Championship, 100 for Premiership and 50 for HHPs. That would be a 450-count show. (An argument could be made that no limit for HHPs is required because they've only been included in one of the two shows for many years so there is no disincentive to entry based on reduced points.) <b>Moyer:</b> I appreciate Eds input. The numbers were intended to start a discussion. I will amend my motion to the following :				
Amendment: Moyer Altschul	<u>Class</u>	Entry Count	Scoring %	<b>Motion Failed.</b> Altschul voted yes. Bennett, Griswold, Anger, Webb and Nye abstained due to conflict. Moyer abstained.
	Kittens & Championship	≤ 150 151–180 181+	100% 90% 75%	
	Premiership	≤ 75 76–90 91+	100% 90% 75%	
	Household Pets	≤ 40 41–55 56+	100% 90% 75%	
<b>Moyer:</b> I also want to clarify this would be based on cats present. Thank you for your consideration. <b>Jensen:</b> Along those lines, increasing the points can have a detrimental effect since the same people that would have entered "the other show" of their competition in a breed would not want to be a point for their competitors that's cat is currently "hot". I'm not a fan of changing the rules after entries have already been accepted. We need to consider all the different ways our decisions affect exhibitors in the initial stages rather than bandages after entries have started. Since some board members also show cats, when we make changes midstream it can create an appearance that we might be altering the rules to favors particular cats. Although I have no doubt everyone on the Board has the best of CFA's interest in mind, we should also avoid any appearance of impropriety. Maybe there are alternatives that could entice entries that would not "change the scoring" that should be explored. Or reevaluating some of the costs and searching for more affordable options. <b>Mastin:</b> I invite all of you to share your thoughts on a concern that should be discussed before I call for the vote at 10:19 am EDT on Monday, September 15. The concern is specific to the perception/action of conflict for all board members who are either judging or showing at this year's International Cat Show. As stated below in Janet's motion, the objective - "Encourage higher entry counts ..." I understand the objective is also for the financial success of the event. I believe it is very import this motion is handled correctly and we avoid creating unintended negative consequences. <b>Altschul:</b> This idea to change the scoring actually came from me. I was at work today and didn't have the time to write it all out nicely so I sent a quick message to Janet with a brief outline and asked her to write it out and make a motion for me to second. To be clear, I am not planning on attending the International. But I want it to be successful and not a loss to CFA. I was also strongly in support of the scoring at 75%. But more it makes more sense to me now to only implement that if the count reaches levels that could determine a large portion of NWs. I think those that already entered would be thrilled with the potential of more points. As board members, every motion we make and every vote we cast should only be in the best interest of CFA.				
<b>Raymond:</b> In my opinion, a board member should abstain for cause any time such action is necessary to avoid the appearance of impropriety. It is important to note that the standard is not the avoidance of impropriety; it is the avoidance of the appearance of impropriety. With this in mind, I believe that someone who is judging the show or showing a cat at the show would fall into that category. As such, I would urge them to abstain for cause when the				

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	<p>vote is called. <b>Altschul:</b> I have some concerns with this position. There are many instances where board members vote on matters that could potentially impact them in some way—because, naturally, anything that happens within CFA can affect all of us. If we start avoiding votes based solely on the appearance of impropriety, we risk creating a situation where only a small subset of the board can participate in decision-making. We were elected to serve in these roles, and with that comes a responsibility to vote in the best interest of CFA. We took an oath to do exactly that, and there should be trust in our ability to uphold that commitment. I encourage you to reconsider your position, as it could significantly limit the board's ability to act on a wide range of important matters. In my view, it also sets a troubling precedent for how we govern ourselves moving forward. <b>Calhoun:</b> While I have no doubt that the intent of this motion is targeted to best serve CFA, perceived conflicts of interest exist. We must avoid this perception in order to be trusted by our constituents. The idea of adjusting scoring should have been considered when the format change was approved by the CFA Board. With only seven days until the show closed, communication to the entire Fancy of the new scoring system is nearly impossible. As diligently as the committee and CFA at large may be to communicate the change, there will be individuals that are not aware of the change .... until it is too late to benefit. The feedback I am receiving has little to do with scoring, rather I am hearing that the concern revolves around changing the format from two mid-sized shows to one large show. This year is an experiment and I think we should see it through. I would rather see a huge campaign over the next seven days to drive interest and entries. <b>Moyer:</b> I agreed with Carissa and made the motion because I sincerely believe it benefits CFA as a whole. I've been watching entries come in very slowly for this event, and I'm at shows nearly every weekend talking with exhibitors and hearing their concerns about why they are not planning to attend. Impropriety would mean I was giving myself an advantage that other exhibitors do not have — but this motion does not do that. It applies equally to every exhibitor. If I attend the show, I will compete for the same points as every other exhibitor — whether they are reduced or not. I also believe it's important that our participation as exhibitors does not prevent us from voting on issues affecting shows. If we set that precedent, nearly every exhibitor on the board would have to abstain from almost every vote related to shows or scoring, which would make it difficult for the board to function effectively. The same applies to board members who are also judges. Our responsibility is to make decisions in the best interest of CFA, even when those decisions may have some indirect effect on us personally. <b>Krzanowski:</b> Conflict of interest has always been a concern for the Board. Ed is right about perception, even if a conflict is not truly valid. We must always be cognizant of whether or not our constituents feel confident with how we conduct business. Frankly, the feedback I have been hearing about how the Board operates is not favorable in general. We tend to make too many decisions that are later reversed. Also, I do not agree with changing the scoring for this show just a week prior to its closing. As Kathy stated, not everyone would be able to learn of the scoring change or make appropriate travel arrangements in time to benefit from the change. On the other hand, it is possible that some exhibitors may not have entered the show if they knew the scoring would be changed at the last minute. Most of the concerns I have heard are related not to scoring, but to the change from two shows to one. Two shows allowed exhibitors to avoid some of the "runners", but now they all have to compete in one show. This makes it more difficult for those exhibitors who may only showing for grand or regional titles. We also have to keep in mind that exhibitors often wait until near or just before closing to enter not only this show, but all shows. It is likely the count will rise to an acceptable level in a week's time. I cannot support this motion. <b>DelaBar:</b> I agree we should not reverse our scoring so close to the closing of the show. As for the "competition", somehow I thought we engaged in a competition when showing cats. So avoiding competition while competing? <b>Krzanowski:</b> Yes, of course showing cats is a competition and we should all take our chances, but it is a fact that some exhibitors do not want to compete with some others. I have seen and heard this many times over the years. <b>Bennett:</b> To be clear, you feel judges from the international should vote on a measure which directly impacts how a show we are judging is scored with the express intent of attracting entries? I actually need to know as up til now I fully intended to abstain based on that fact? <b>Raymond:</b> No, just the opposite. I feel that board members who are judging the International Show should abstain with conflict when the vote on that motion is called. Judges on the board are free to participate in discussion/voting on other motions which have general application. <b>Bennett:</b> Thank you I wanted to make sure I understood. I fully intend to abstain and I'm not commenting on this because I can't imagine how it is not a conflict for me.</p> <p><b>Altschul:</b> While I understand the desire to maintain consistency with previous board decisions, I believe it's important we focus on what is ultimately best for the association as a whole. Adjusting the scoring for this show—should entries fall short—is a relatively simple change and one that aligns with the structure of other similar events. Based on the feedback we've received, this would be well received by exhibitors and could help bolster participation and support. I recognize that changing decisions last-minute, especially to create two show out of one, isn't feasible</p>	

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	<p>for a variety of reasons. However, a scoring adjustment is both manageable and impactful. From my perspective, it feels like some are prioritizing preserving a prior vote over making a decision that could benefit not just this show, but CFA's broader goals and financial health. Of course, this isn't a perfect solution—no such solution exists given the complexities involved. This show has long had its challenges. Personally, I preferred the former format where the show was unscored (except for Grand points), with a focus on prestige, recognition, and encouraging the return of top-winning cats for one more moment in the spotlight. That approach resonated with many and proved successful for years—until a few vocal critics prompted changes. At the end of the day, I believe we should be willing to adapt when there's a clear opportunity to improve outcomes for the organization and its members. Strong leadership isn't about never changing course — it's about recognizing when something isn't working and having the courage to adjust to get the best outcome.</p>	

**Action Item:** *Ratify online Motion #3, as published.*

**Ms. Anger** moved to ratify online Motion #3, as published. Seconded by **Mrs. Krzanowski**.

**The motion is ratified by unanimous consent.**

**(3) CENTRAL OFFICE OPERATIONS.**

*Submitted By: Allene Tartaglia*

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**Central Office General**

**CCW ID Cards:** A CCW registration includes a laminated ID card with the cat's picture. This feature was introduced several years ago to promote and increase CCW/HHP registrations. The number of overall registrations has not increased for CCW (HHP) due to the ID cards. Additionally, the company which prints the ID cards recently increased the processing fee and added a monthly service charge of \$125 regardless of the number of cards processed, even if it's 0 or 1. We plan to eliminate the ID cards as soon as possible and issue only the registration certificate and reconsider the ID card option when a program is in place to fully market CCW registrations. Jenny Wickle, the HHP Advisory Committee chair, has no objections.

**Tartaglia:** My report is mostly informational. It's regarding discontinuing the CCW [Companion Cat World] ID cards for a period of time until we have a better functioning promotional program. **Mastin:** We're taking something away from the Household Pets. Do we want a board motion on this to discontinue something that we're providing as a service? **Raymond:** It's an administrative matter. It's not required by any rule. I don't think you need a motion. **Mastin:** OK, very good.

**Show Scoring Delay & Payment of Funds Due:** The long-standing policy has been to score CFA shows so the results can be released as normally scheduled, even if all the fees have not been received for the show: entry surcharge, confirmations, TRNs. The rationale is, exhibitors should not be penalized for the failure of the club to not pay fees to CFA in a timely fashion.

Effective this show season, all cats/kittens entered in a show must have a registration number, temporary or permanent, and TRNs (temporary registration numbers) for which no payment has been received by the Central Office will not be included in the official show count, nor will they be scored. It's not unusual for a show package to be received in the Central Office with TRNs in the catalog but without any paperwork or payment, and the club must be contacted to find out if the TRN was paid and paperwork submitted. This process causes a delay in scoring the show since the official count cannot be determined until we know which TRNs are valid. There is a proposal to add wording to show rule 13.09 stating shows will not be scored until all fees have been paid, including TRNs.

**Tartaglia:** The second one is regarding the delay of show scoring until the payment of all the funds has been received. There is a show rule change coming up on Sunday morning which addresses this. In the past, we have typically scored shows, even if we didn't receive the surcharge or the TRN fees. We felt that the exhibitors shouldn't be penalized. However, the new rule that every cat has to have a registration number or TRN changed things around a little, so we will delay scoring of a show until we obtain the TRN payments and the paperwork.

*Respectfully Submitted,  
Allene Tartaglia, Executive Director*

## *IT System Optimization*

*Submitted By: James Simbro, IT Director*

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### **Completed Projects**

**Microchip recording:** Microchip numbers can now be added to a cat's record. The number will be included on the cat's registration and pedigree. These are submitted through the owner's eCat account and are reviewed before being officially added.

**eCat Pedigree Orders:** Pedigree orders can now be placed and paid for using an eCat account. The electronic PDF copy of the pedigree is immediately saved on the eCat account and available for download with approved payment. Printed copy requests go to a processing queue that staff uses to fill the orders.

**Pedigree Validation:** Electronic and printed pedigrees now include a serial number and QR code. Scanning the QR code or entering the serial number using Herman Online will return the name of the cat the pedigree was run for and the date it was generated/printed.

### **Projects Undergoing Testing:**

**Electronic Show Data:** New software to capture Finals and Breed sheet data at the show by the Master Clerk, which will allow the data to be imported directly into the scoring system.

The Beta version of the software has been released and is undergoing live testing. Development of the import component is underway and will be completed by the end of October. The import process will have built in validation checks and will still be reviewed.

### **Projects In Process:**

**CatTrack follow-up:** Automation to send reminders to individuals and breeders to complete unsubmitted CatTrack cat applications and unpaid shopping cart items.

**My Files:** An enhancement to the current eCat system that will allow users to store pictures and files for each cat. There will be a base (free) service included in eCat with limited storage and then paid tier levels that offer additional storage. This model closely follows many of the "cloud" storage types of services.

**Subscription Service:** This program will be applied to recurring services and will allow eCat users to opt-in to automatic renewals. It will be immediately applied to ePoints subscriptions and later applied to any other similar services developed such as My Files.

Respectfully submitted,  
s/James Simbro

**Mastin:** James, are there any other projects in the works for this fiscal year? **Simbro:** No, everything that was budgeted is on this list. The projects in process have begun. Once those are

done, we'll be done for the year. We will be able to address anything that comes up fairly quickly, provided the developers have the opening in their schedule. **Mastin:** Are you having any major challenges at this point in time with anything that falls under your responsibility? **Simbro:** No. **DelaBar:** James, I just want to thank you in public for what you've done with the microchips and on the pedigrees. This is really going to help us in dealing with the other associations within Region 9. Thank you for your help on this. **Simbro:** You're very welcome.

#### **(4) CLUB APPLICATIONS.**

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

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##### **Brief Summation of Immediate Past Committee Activities:**

*New clubs applying for CFA membership were reviewed and presented to the Board for consideration. Assistance and guidance were provided to clubs with questions and issues regarding membership and applications.*

##### **Current Happenings of Committee:**

###### ***Club Reinstatement Request (Attachment A)***

*The Foot of The Rockies Cat Club was dropped from CFA membership in June 2025 because the current membership list was not received by the due date. This was the result of an internal club error, and the club is now requesting reinstatement as permitted by the recent revision to the CFA By-Laws, Section 5 - Dues and List of Members, passed by the delegates at the June 2025 Annual Meeting.*

*For reference, the By-Laws revision reads as follows:*

*“A club which has been automatically dropped from membership for failure to pay its dues or file a list of its members and officers in a timely manner has until the first day of September of that year to apply for reinstatement pursuant to guidelines formulated by the Executive Board. After that date, a club applying for reinstatement must follow the procedure outlined in this Article for new club applicants.*

*The reinstatement guidelines as approved by the CFA Board at the October 2024 meeting are attached for your reference. (Attachment B)*

*The club's request for reinstatement was completed on July 12, 2025, and all requirements in the current guidelines have been met. The Gulf Shore Regional Director supports this reinstatement.*

**Action Item:** *Approve the reinstatement request by the Foot of The Rockies Cat Club, effective immediately.*

**Chair Mrs. Krzanowski** moved to approve the reinstatement request by the Foot of The Rockies Cat Club, effective immediately. Seconded by **Ms. Anger**.

**Krzanowski:** This club was dropped from membership in June 2025 because the membership list was not received by the deadline. As a result of the CFA bylaws amendment that was passed by the delegates at the June 2025 annual, the club had an opportunity to request reinstatement. The club has complied with all the requirements set forth for reinstatement, and they hope to once again be a member of CFA so that they can request a show date. The Gulf

Shore Regional Director supports this club. **Altschul:** It is a Region 3 club. It's one of our very long-standing Region 3 clubs. Unfortunately, due to some people passing away, they had some struggles getting their membership list in, but they are very excited and very happy with this change that allows them to be reinstated. I am 100% supportive.

**The motion is ratified by unanimous consent.**

**New Club Applicant**

**Action Item:** Approve the new club applicant that was pre-noticed for membership (Attachment C). The applicant is:

1. Queen City Cat Club, Region 4; John Colilla, Regional Director

**Club Statistics Pertaining to New Club Applicant (Attachment D)**

*Dick Kallmeyer has produced a map showing the location of the new club applicant being presented at this meeting as compared to the locations of existing clubs in this area. The new club applicant is indicated in green, existing clubs with shows are indicated in black, and existing clubs with no shows are indicated in red. Included with the map is a chart for the proposed new club area showing the total existing CFA clubs, number of shows produced and total registrations.*

*In addition to the map and chart noted above, Dick has also provided additional charts indicating the total number of all CFA clubs, registrations and shows in each of CFA's geographic areas.*

*Many thanks to Dick Kallmeyer for once again providing this valuable information.*

**Queen City Cat Club (Attachment E)**  
**Great Lakes Region; Pendleton County, Kentucky, USA**  
**John Colilla, Regional Director**

*This is a reapplication from a club that was dropped in June 2023 due to not meeting the CFA membership requirements. The constitution and by-laws are in order. There are 16 members. Three members are members of other CFA clubs, and the president is vice president of another CFA club as well as vice president and treasurer of an additional club. Thirteen members are active CFA breeders and all members are active CFA exhibitors. Ten members have show production experience and two have clerking experience, one of whom is a licensed Certified Clerk. This is an allbreed club and if accepted, the club plans to produce shows in the Cincinnati, Ohio and northern Kentucky area, with frequency dependent on show date availability. The club also plans to do community outreach including grooming and breed demonstrations, as well as work with local 4H groups and other regional clubs on various events. The dues have been set. If the club is disbanded, the funds will be donated to the EveryCat Health Foundation and local animal shelters. This club was pre-noticed and no negative letters have been received. The Great Lakes Regional Director supports this club.*

**Mrs. Krzanowski** moved to approve the new club application for Queen City Cat Club (Region 4). Seconded by **Mr. Huhtaniemi**.

**Krzanowski:** This is a former CFA club that was dropped from membership in June 2023 for not meeting the requirements. The club is based in Pendleton County, Kentucky, which is located in northern Kentucky about halfway between Lexington and Cincinnati, Ohio. The membership list includes three former members and many new members who wish to revitalize the club. The club president provided the following statement, and I quote: "I want to be sure that the board understands that reviving the QCCC honors the people that came before us. The former members are all excited about our efforts and look forward to seeing the club grow again. If we can foster something good in southern Ohio and northern Kentucky, the cat fancy will benefit from our renewed effort. We look forward to supporting the area through CFA." If accepted, this club plans to begin by working with other clubs to be involved in two or three shows a year in the Cincinnati and northern Kentucky area.

[**Secretary's Note:** Discussion on this item originally occurred in executive session. A motion was made by **Mr. Currle**, seconded by **Mrs. Krzanowski** and unanimously carried to move the report and vote into open session with no debate or discussion.]

**Mastin** called the motion. **Motion Carried.** Colilla and Anger abstained.

**Future Projections for Committee:**

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

**Time Frame:**

*October 2025 to February 2026 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*

**(5) CFA LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE.**

Legislation Committee Chair Alene Shafnisky gave the following report:

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

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**Brief Summation of Immediate Past Committee and Group Activities**

*We continue to monitor multiple sites online, as well as collaborate with our animal partners, and rely on fanciers to continue to monitor legislation. While we can review and monitor many laws at the state and national level thanks in part to our relationship with the Pet Advocacy Network, with over 3,000 County or County-like governmental bodies nationwide and over 35,000 municipalities that are free to legislate on their own, we rely on our fanciers to keep an eye on their local government and inform the Committee as soon as possible if legislation is introduced.*

*While most state governments have concluded their legislative sessions, it is always a good idea to keep an eye on pending laws that may be resurrected the following year. We are monitoring a large number of local government regulations, unfortunately, a lot of it seems to be based on the idea that hobby breeders are filling city shelters. Recently, each Region has been asked to designate one legislative liaison for urgent alerts to be circulated when topical legislation arises. We have asked each Regional Director to include their legislative liaison or legislative topics at each Regional meeting to emphasize the importance of grassroots monitoring.*

*The CFA Legislative Group communicates with fanciers about legislation through email, online mailing groups, its Facebook page, and its blog. The Facebook page features media articles covering legislation at local, state, national, and international levels. It is one of the things fanciers should be monitoring to discover possible legislative happenings affecting them. This is most useful for places that are in the initial stages of drafting legislation, which is the time of most influence.*

*The CFA Legislative Group Blog was established in September 2018 to provide a holding place for work done by the Group that is available for easy reference to us and the public. We continue to post regularly to the “What’s Hot” blog posts that have helped explain to the fancy and the public what new legislation was under consideration, provided explanations in plain text of the flaws in bills as written and given instructions on ways to express opposition. The CFA Legislative Group Blog also contains links information on why we oppose the bills we do from the Advocacy in Action series drafted by members of the Legislative Group.*

*What many breeders and fanciers may not know is the additional wealth of information this site, and even its previous iteration, that we commonly receive questions about. Under our Resources tab, one can find out how to very simply write letters in opposition or support of legislation, position statements, including those in opposition to the recent movement to ban all brachycephalic breeds beginning in 2024 with New Hampshire HB 1102, and rationales for opposing things like cat licensing.*

**Current Happenings of Committee and Group:**

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

***State***

*RI SB 340: Imposes a sales tax on the purchase of animals for breeders. Died.*

***Local***

*American Fork, UT: Considering pet limits to three dogs or cats over four months of age. The limit will not apply to licensed kennels, catteries, animal shelters, veterinary facilities, or pet grooming establishments.*

*Bay City, TX: Considering breeder permits, pet limits, and mandatory microchipping. Amendments are being discussed.*

*Boulder City, NV: Ordinance that would restrict breeding without permits, costs for inspections and permits and a business license, includes zoning restrictions on breeders, restricts the number of breeding animals to 3 and allows litters only after age 2 and once every 2 years. Under consideration.*

*Cooper Charter Township, MI: The Planning Commission is discussing the proposed Keeping Domestic Animals ordinance. The ordinance includes limits on domestic animals including dogs, cats, birds, and other domestic animals. It also includes breeding restrictions.*

*Link to the proposed ordinance:*

*<https://portal.laserfiche.com/Portal/DocView.aspx?id=52810&repo=r-267e0c1a&preview=5uNvh9f&ref=designer>*

*Highlands County, FL: Considering an ordinance regulating hobby breeders with animal limits; calls hobby breeders “unlicensed animal collectors.” The Commission authorized staffers to move forward with legislative intent. A first draft has been completed, and meetings with stakeholders are being scheduled. A final draft is expected soon.*

*Louisville, KY: O-229-25 Ordinance mandating microchipping of cats and dogs. Introduced.*

*Walton County, GA: Board of Commissioners considering changes to animal control ordinances including breeding restrictions. All six amendments passed unanimously.*

## ***International***

*Australia- Wagin Shire: Residents limited to two cats in their home.*  
<https://www.wagin.wa.gov.au/services/ranger-services/cats.aspx>

## ***European Union***

*United Kingdom- Northern Ireland, Belfast: Advocates discussing legislation that would placing requirements on any seller of a puppy or kitten particularly when using 3<sup>rd</sup> parties..*

<https://www.daera-ni.gov.uk/sites/default/files/2025-05/25.26.001%20DAERA%20Animal%20Welfare%20Pathway.pdf>

## ***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***

*The "What's Hot" legislative column is used to provide brief information on new and urgent matters of interest to the cat fancy. These began for inclusion as Cat Talk Almanac articles but continue on the legislative web page in order to produce information on less time-sensitive matters with a focus on advocacy guidance. Articles since the June 2025 Board meeting:*

- \* ***CFA e-Newsletter, August 2025, "Boulder City, NV, Considers a Breeder Permit Ordinance More Restrictive Than Nevada Law Requires"*** by Kelly Crouch, CFA Legislative Information Liaison. *Boulder City is considering an amendment to its current animal control laws that would require every person who wishes to breed a cat or dog to obtain annual breeder permits and adhere to specified requirements.*

*As written, the proposed ordinance will require hobby breeders to meet all the requirements of commercial breeders. Requiring a breeder's permit, a business license, and a home occupation permit, along with all the other requirements for commercial breeders, is overkill for hobby breeders/*

*Requiring that a cat be two years old and only have litters every two years endangers not only its reproductive capability but also its life. Deliberately endangering a cat runs counter to the animal welfare philosophy.*

- \* ***CFA e-Newsletter, July 2025 "New York Legislators Target Hobby Breeders Again in Proposed Pet Dealer Legislation"*** by Kelly Crouch, CFA Legislative Information Liaison. *In May 2025, two New York legislators introduced Assembly Bill 8653 and*

*SB 8252, which would remove the commercial aspect of the pet dealer definition, but they would also remove the exception applying to small breeders, further reducing pet seeker options. The proposed threshold of nine animals in a person's lifetime places an undue burden on both breeders and the state. Senate Bill 8252 has since been amended to reinstate the "per year" qualification for the nine-animal threshold; however, this amendment does not significantly reduce the burden for breeders or the government.*

**Future Projections for Committee and Legislative Group:**

***Upcoming conferences related to legislation –committed or pending:***

***Humane World for Animals (formerly HSUS); Animal Care Expo 2026, April 7-10, 2026, David L. Lawrence Convention Center, Pittsburgh, PA.*** This conference provides positive networking with a variety of animal groups and leaders who are often unaware of our devotion to the welfare of cats and our common love of animals. Our continuing CFA presence at the Expos each year gives us an opportunity to reinforce CFA's goal of promoting respect for all cats with an emphasis on public education. This conference provides positive networking with a variety of animal groups and leaders who are often unaware of our devotion to the welfare of cats and our common love of animals. While the Expo is often used to highlight upcoming HWA (HSUS) legislation, some of which is harmful to cat breeders, this year no new legislative initiatives were announced.

***Ongoing goals -***

- *Working on offensive strategies to share CFA's mission and positive work with respect to TRN, spay neuter campaigns, and positive, healthy breeding practices.*
- *Increasing use of social media to expand our reach to fanciers and the public and increase awareness of legislative issues on pet ownership.*
- *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 pedigreed 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.*

*Alene Shafnisky, Chair*

**Griswold:** This is just keeping everyone abreast of what the Legislative Committee has been working on. **DelaBar:** They have done a wonderful job keeping track of legislation in Europe, as well. Through the World Cat Congress, we're able to address a lot of different issues with the legislative happenings within Europe, which deals with breeds being banned, breeders being arrested and situations like that. They are really on the ball. **Mastin:** The second paragraph states, *we have asked each region director to include their legislative liaison or legislative topics at each regional meeting.* Does each region now have a liaison? **Griswold:** This may be something that's in the works, but I'm not aware that this has been completed at this time. **Mastin:** Please take that question back to Alene. **Moyer:** I have a couple of takers in my region, but they would like to know specifics on what the position would entail, and if they would be part of the committee. If they were, it would perhaps broaden our reach for information being spread about what's going on. This could be a really good program, but my people that are interested would like more information. **Altschul:** I agree with Janet. We want some follow-up on exactly what they're going to want from the coordinators.

[From end of Sunday open session] **Griswold:** You had asked me to follow up with our Legislative Committee on what those regional representatives were doing. Alene told me she got no responses from her emails, so she will be sending more emails with more information to all the regional directors. **Mastin:** Thank you for remembering to follow up on that.

**(6) INTERNATIONAL DIVISION.**

**Committee Chair:** *Darrell Newkirk*  
**Committee Vice-Chair:** *Matthew Wong*  
**Board Liaison:** *Marilee Griswold*

***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*  
**Subcommittee Chair China Sponsorship:** *Gavin Cao*

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***Brief Summation of Immediate Past Committee Activities:***

*We discovered an online entry program problem this past weekend with the Starry Sky CFC held on September 20-21, 2025 in Xi'an China. The online count was as follows: 202 entries in Championship and 35 in kittens. The breed summary list the following counts: 73 in championship and 6 in the kitten count. This was investigated by Cathy Dunham and the report was that one person entered 81 cats and a different person entered 59 cats using the CFA online entry system. All of the "fake" entries used TRNs and the names were special characters, not alphanumeric names. The one name was translated into English and is translation was entry form, according to Gavin Cao. It would be extremely difficult to track this down to find the culprits.*

*I have been, and will continue to monitor show flyers, show licenses, online entries and breed summaries. Additionally, Cathy Dunham is sending me the marked master clerk catalogs once the show scoring has been completed. Unfortunately many people are entering their cats with expired TRNs.*

*There are a few show rule changes being presented by the ID committee for the CFA BOD review. These rules changes are a result of the Ad Hoc committee requested by President Mastin to review the 70% rule affecting the CFA International Division. The committee voted to approve the presentation of those show rules change.*

**Griswold:** We have several rule changes that will be coming up on our show rule propositions. We have some issues that have been addressed already with Darrell regarding entries that were improperly done.

***Current Happenings Committee:***

*See above.*

***Report from China Subcommittee co-chairs: Russell Webb and Ellyn Honey, Co-Chairs***

*No report for this meeting.*

**Report from CFA ID committee Co-Chairs for ID East Asia (outside of China): Bob Zenda and Dr. Marilee Griswold**

*No report for this meeting*

**Report from CFA ID Committee SubChair AWA – Jan Rogers**

*New Club in Istanbul. Temiro Cat Fanciers will have their first CFA show November 22/23, 2025. Plans are well underway to get the show organized and the show hall and hotel have been finalized. Help is forthcoming from the Kuwaiti fanciers as well as other people in the region.*

*Agenda item to allow the show to have only allbreed rings is being considered.*

*We are requesting that this be incorporated in the show rules now that we have more than just Kuwait putting on shows in the area.*

*Unfortunately, due to financial constraints and less sponsorship cooperation from CFA, the annual February show in Kuwait city will be taking a break for 2026. No show is planned.*

*There is still no sound movement for the groups in Israel to rejoin the CFA family due to the ongoing conflicts.*

*There is interest for a new club in Kolkata, India. No shows are currently planned at this time but a seminar for cat owners to include CFA for spring is under discussion.*

*Egypt club personnel have partnered with area WCF club to put on a show in November, but with no CFA participation.*

*Travel restrictions continue to be difficult and financial constraints to produce a CFA show in the area will adversely impact CFA to have any meaningful presence.*

**Action Item:** Reconsider the August 17, 2025 online motion: For Temiro Cat Fanciers club's 8 ring show on November 22-23, 2025 in Istanbul, Turkey, grant an exception to Show Rule 4.06.b. and Appendix A - Minimum Number of Specialty Rings Required, and allow the club to have all allbreed rings.

2.	Anger Huhtaniemi 08.17.2025	For Temiro Cat Fanciers club's 8 ring show on November 22-23, 2025 in Istanbul, Turkey, grant an exception to Show Rule 4.06.b. and Appendix A - Minimum Number of Specialty Rings Required, and allow the club to have all allbreed rings.	<b>Motion Failed.</b> Altschul voting no.
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**Altschul:** Didn't the Kuwait show already have an unusually high number of one-show grands? It feels like we're starting to dilute the value of our titles by continually granting exceptions to regions labeled as "growing" when, in reality, we aren't seeing meaningful growth. Just take a look at the brag from the last Kuwait show — it's clear these exceptions are being used to inflate participation and fast-track titles. Now we're being asked to do the same for Turkey, using Kuwait and Egypt as precedent. I understand the logistical challenges new clubs face, but repeatedly bypassing specialty ring requirements undermines the integrity of our awards system. At some point, we have to ask whether these accommodations are helping the region grow — or simply making it easier to hand out titles without the usual standards. **Currie:** Just to be clear, the majority of the grands that achieved the title at the last Kuwait show had received points from an earlier Kuwait show which had taken place a year past. A specialty ring this area

would be a waste. I support all AB Rings. **Moyer:** Isn't this the first show in a very long time in Turkey? I support!!

**Dr. Griswold** moved on standing motion to reconsider the August 17, 2025 online motion: *For Temiro Cat Fanciers club's 8 ring show on November 22-23, 2025 in Istanbul, Turkey, grant an exception to Show Rule 4.06.b. and Appendix A - Minimum Number of Specialty Rings Required, and allow the club to have all allbreed rings.* Seconded by **Mr. Webb**.

**Griswold:** The club would like to have all Allbreed rings. This is similar to what we do in regions that have very few shows or very small counts in shows like Kuwait. We have not had a show in Turkey in quite a while, so this was something that was supported by the ID Committee. **DelaBar:** We haven't had a show in Istanbul. Another large association was very active in Turkey. We have tried for years to get CFA going in Turkey, in Istanbul. We finally have. I'm glad the club is going ahead. Let's give them a little support. This is not much for the board to do. Let them have all Allbreed rings. **Currie:** We need to get some active clubs in that particular area. The Kuwait club is going to help them out. Allowing them to do all Allbreed rings makes perfect sense.

**Altschul:** The reason we have specialty rings is so that when we have areas that are dominated by one class or the other, longhairs or shorthairs, that the class that is in the minority has a chance to make some finals. When you have all Allbreed rings at a show where potentially there's a majority of longhairs, there's a good chance that the shorthairs are not going to get a chance to make finals. The board needs to remember the reason the specialty ring requirement is there – to support the minority groups. We are talking about one ring that is required to be specialty. They can have seven Allbreed rings and one specialty ring. I don't think it's asking a lot from the club to have one specialty ring. I'm not sure why we're constantly talking about exceptions from the show rules when the point of the show rule is to grow an area. The specialty rings are for growth. **Bennett:** While I agree that it is for growth, I would point out that putting a specialty ring as a requirement into an area that has not had a CFA show adds an additional financial burden onto the club. I'm not saying that we'll do this forever, but we're talking about one show to introduce CFA into a country where we have not been before. We have to think globally, we have to think in a manner that is going to be the most conducive for the clubs. I support this issue because we need to get our foot in the door and then we can worry about it beyond there. **Altschul:** The financial reason is a red herring, since they have super specialty rings and OCPs. Clearly, the club has the money to pay for extra rosettes because they're doing super specialties and OCPs, so that's not a reason to not require them to have a specialty ring. They're already paying for extra finals. **DelaBar:** The reason that we had all Allbreed rings and do up through six in Region 9 is because of the disparate counts between longhairs and shorthairs. When the shorthairs were making finals in specialty rings, they were not earning enough points towards regional awards. That's one of the reasons that we went to all Allbreed rings. The same thing goes here, that we're going to see more growth in Istanbul. I would say it's probably going to be longhair heavy, based upon what I got from the other association who was there for so long.

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

***Report from CFA ID Committee SubChairs CSA – Miguel Mariano Pina Rodrigues / Anne Mathis***

*No report for this meeting.*

***What will be Presented at the Next Meeting***

*Report of the combined International Division Banquet.*

*Respectfully Submitted  
Darrell Newkirk. Chair  
CFA International Division*

(7) **JUDGING PROGRAM.**

*Executive Committee*

*Co-Chair: Vicki Nye  
Co-Chair: 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 &amp; Orientation</i>
<i>Neil Quigley:</i>	<i>Guest Judge Administrator</i>
<i>Teresa Sweeney:</i>	<i>Recruitment, Development and Mentoring Administrator</i>
<i>Carla Bizzell:</i>	<i>Ombudsman</i>

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**Brief Summation of Immediate Past Committee Activities:**

*Following the acceptance of 3 first specialty trainees, and 2 additional 2<sup>nd</sup> specialty trainees at the June 26, 2025 Board Meeting, the two file administrators are now managing the training requests, training judge assignments and club permissions of 9 trainees. A grid of approvals and pending approvals was created for the file administrators and trainees to manage this process. The training of 9 would ultimately require more than 50 training sessions to monitor. To date, 14 training sessions have occurred for these trainees with 33 more sessions approved and scheduled.*

**Nye:** We have nine trainees working through the Program right now, in addition to our advancing judges. That is a lot of training sessions worldwide that are occurring. I’d like to thank all the judges that are stepping up and taking trainees.

**Current Happenings of the Committee:**

*Plans are underway for the Breed Awareness and Orientation School to be held in conjunction with the CFA International Show October 9-12, 2025 in Cleveland, Ohio. The BAOS flyer containing detailed information will be up on the CFA website by August 1, 2025 and on various social media outlets.*

*Beginning with the first weekend of August 2025, many clubs began providing our judging panel with one-part color class sheets, breed and final sheets to complete their paperwork. The CFAJudgeslist has been very active with discussion on this process and various suggestions to improve the work flow.*

*The Judging Program Committee met on September 23rd, 2025 to discuss advancements and other business to bring before the board.*

### ***Judging Program Rule Changes***

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

**Co-Chair Ms. Nye** moved on standing motion to adopt the following Judging Program rule changes, effective immediately, with a standing second by **Co-Chair Mr. Webb**.

**Nye:** These rule changes are in response to the change to one-part paperwork and the fact that trainees will not have paperwork to hand the training judge at the show. Consequently, they'll need to scan it afterwards and email it in. The language changes are to bring us in alignment with the one-part paperwork.

### ***Judging Program Rule Changes***

Section 8	Judging Program Committee
Existing Wording	Proposed Wording
<b>8.3 Supervised Color Classes For Trainees</b>  e. Immediately following completion of training at the show, the Trainee must give the duplicate copy of the color class sheets, breed sheets and final sheet to the Training Judge.	<b>8.3 Supervised Color Classes For Trainees</b>  e. Immediately following completion of training at the show, the Trainee must <u>give the duplicate copy of</u> <u>scan</u> the color class sheets, breed sheets and final sheet <u>and email them to</u> the Training Judge <u>and the appropriate File Administrator</u> .
<b>RATIONALE:</b> Changes in the JPR to coincide with Show Rule changes referencing the removal of multi part show paperwork used by judges and a new process for trainees and training judges with one part forms.	

**The motion is ratified by unanimous consent.**

Section 8 Trainees	Judging Program Committee
Existing Wording	Proposed Wording
<b>8.4 Trainee Paperwork</b>  a. Within two (2) days after the show, the Trainee will scan the original color class sheets, breed sheets, final page and catalog marked with the Training Judge's decisions, as well as Trainee's decisions and email to the File Administrator.	<b>8.4 Trainee Paperwork</b>  a. Within two (2) days after the show, the Trainee will scan the <u>original color class sheets, breed sheets, final page and catalog pages</u> marked with the Training Judge's decisions, as well as Trainee's decisions, <u>and also any corrections found during this two (2) day review, and email them to the</u>

	<u>appropriate File Administrator.</u>
<b>RATIONALE:</b> Changes in the JPR to coincide with Show Rule changes referencing the removal of multi part show paperwork used by judges and a new process for trainees and training judges with one part forms.	

**Nye:** This is a different section of the Judging Program Rules, which is for supervised color classes. You have to scan it and email it to your file administrator instead of handing it to your training judge.

**The motion is ratified by unanimous consent.**

Section 8 Trainees	Judging Program Committee
Existing Wording	Proposed Wording
<b>8.5 Solo Color Classes For Trainees</b>  e. Immediately following completion of training at the show the Trainee must give the duplicate copy of the color class sheets, breed sheets and final sheet to the Training Judge.	<b>8.5 Solo Color Classes For Trainees</b>  e. Immediately following completion of training at the show the Trainee must <del>give the duplicate copy of</del> <u>scan</u> the color class sheets, breed sheets and final sheet <u>and email</u> them to the Training Judge <u>and the appropriate File Administrator.</u>

**RATIONALE:** Changes in the JPR to coincide with Show Rule changes referencing the removal of multi part show paperwork used by judges and a new process for trainees and training judges with one part forms. Re-number 8.5 a-f to 8.5 a-g as there are currently two “d’s).

**Nye:** The third one addresses after the show for training, to scan and email to the file administrator.

**The motion is ratified by unanimous consent.**

**Leave of Absence:**

*None*

**Retirements/Resignations:**

*None*

**Applications and Advancements:**

**Applications:**

**First Specialty Applications received by the June 4, 2025 deadline for October 4, 2025 Board Meeting.**

- **Noelle Giddings:** First Specialty Longhair – Region 2 (Coeur D’Alene, Idaho)
- **Tuija Aaltonen:** Shorthair Associate Judge, First Specialty Shorthair – Region 9 (Kerava, Finland)
- **Carrie Feng:** First Specialty Shorthair – ID-China (Tianjin, China)

**Applicants:** The following individuals are presented to the Board for acceptance:

**Applicant – from Associate Judge Program:**

**Accept as Trainee – 1<sup>st</sup> Specialty:**

Tuija Aaltonen – Kerava, Finland (Region 9)	17 yes
Shorthair 1 <sup>st</sup> Specialty	

**Applicants – Regular Judging Program:**

**Accept as Trainee – 1<sup>st</sup> Specialty:**

Noelle Giddings – Coeur D’Alene, Idaho (Region 2)	17 yes
Longhair 1 <sup>st</sup> Specialty	

Carrie Feng – Tianjin, China (ID-China)	3 yes (Tamura,
Shorthair 1 <sup>st</sup> Specialty	Currle, Webster),
	14 no

**Advancements:**

Two (2) advancement to be presented in closed session:

- **Gavin Cao:** From Approval Pending Allbreed to Approved Allbreed. ID-China (Chengdu, China)
- **Agnes Sun:** From Apprentice LH to Approval Pending Longhair. ID-China (Shanghai, China)

**Advancements – Regular Judging Program:**

**Advance from Apprentice to Approval Pending Specialty:**

Agnes Sun – Shanghai, China (ID-China)	17 yes
Longhair 1 <sup>st</sup> Specialty	

**Advance from Approval Pending Allbreed to Approved Allbreed:**

Gavin Cao – Chengdu, China (ID-China)	17 yes
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**What Will be Presented at the Next Meeting:**

**Applications:**

- *First Specialty Applications received by the October 7, 2025 deadline, to be considered at the February 7th Board Meeting.*
- *Advancements.*

***Breed Awareness and Orientation School Subcommittee***

***Subcommittee Chair: Barbara Jaeger***

**Brief Summation of Immediate Past Committee Activities:**

*Nancy Dodds and Barbara Jaeger have reviewed the 2025-2026 breed standard changes and updated all of the impacted BAOS Breed Presentations. These will be used in the October 9-12, 2025 BAOS.*

**Current Happenings of Committee:**

*Registration for the October 9-12, 2025 BAOS will close October 1, 2025, and we currently have 8 registrations. The link for registration is <https://catalog.cfa.org/fees.shtml#baos>.*

*Instructors for the school will be Barbara Jaeger, Vicki Nye, Nancy Dodds and Marilee Griswold. Classroom instruction will be on Thursday and Friday at the Crown Plaza and the handling portion will be on Saturday and Sunday in the show hall at the I-X Center.*

**Future Projections for Committee:**

*Planning for the Spring 2026 BAOS is underway and will tentatively be held in Japan. More information will be forthcoming.*

*Respectfully Submitted,  
Barbara Jaeger, BAOS Coordinator*

***Continuing Education Subcommittee***

***Chair: Anne Mathis***

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**Brief Summation of Immediate Past Committee Activities:**

*Six Judges/Associate Judges had report cards due by 10/1/2025, and they have all been received. At the present time, 67 Judges/Associate Judges will need to provide their CEU report card by 10/1/2026 and we urge our judges to send in their report card as soon as they reach their 12 required units.*

**Nye:** Because there are 60 or 70 judges whose continuing education report cards are due next year, I urge anyone that has met their 12 continuing education points to send in their report card to Ann Mathis.

**CFA Associate Judges:**

*Historical status report on Associate Judges since inception of the program June 2020.*

	<i>Accepted</i>	<i>Dropped or Resigned</i>	<i>CFA Judge or Trainee</i>	<i>Remaining</i>	<i>CFA Application Pending 10/25 or 2/26</i>
<i>T1 China</i>	<i>10</i>	<i>4</i>	<i>5</i>	<i>1</i>	
<i>T2 China</i>	<i>11</i>	<i>4</i>	<i>2</i>	<i>5</i>	
<i>MLY, THAI, INDO, SIN</i>	<i>19</i>	<i>8</i>	<i>3</i>	<i>8</i>	
<i>Hong Kong/S Korea</i>	<i>11</i>	<i>1</i>	<i>4</i>	<i>6</i>	<i>2</i>
<i>R9 Europe</i>	<i>6</i>	<i>1</i>	<i>1</i>	<i>4</i>	<i>1</i>
	<i>57</i>	<i>18</i>	<i>15</i>	<i>24</i>	<i>3</i>

**Nye:** To let everybody know where we are with Associate Judges, I put together a grid on how many Associate Judges we accepted to begin with, how many have been dropped or resigned, how many have actually moved into the CFA Judging Program as a judge or a trainee, and how many are remaining. It has been cut more than in half, and we're continuing to move in that direction. I have three applications of Associate Judges, and another four or five are working on their requirements. This bodes very well for CFA. These people have stuck to it. They are very valuable resources, but unless we have specialty rings at shows, they have no opportunity to judge.

*Respectfully Submitted,  
Anne Mathis, Subcommittee*

***Guest Judging Report***

***Guest Judging Administrator: Neil Quigley***

**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:**

<i>Judge</i>	<i>Assn</i>	<i>Sponsor/Club</i>	<i>City/Country</i>	<i>Date</i>
<i>Chung, Chloe</i>	<i>Fun Show</i>	<i>Maha Cat Club</i>	<i>Jakarta, Indonesia</i>	<i>08/17/25</i>
<i>DelaBar, Pam</i>	<i>LOOF</i>	<i>Passion Alliance Feline</i>	<i>Orange, France</i>	<i>09/27/25</i>

<i>Sariff, Amir</i>	<i>Fun Show</i>	<i>Angsana Super Meow</i>	<i>Johor Bahru, MLY</i>	<i>10/05/25</i>
<i>Yap, Fuiyau</i>	<i>Fun Show</i>	<i>Angsana Super Meow</i>	<i>Johor Bahru, MLY</i>	<i>10/05/25</i>
<i>Griswold, Marilee</i>	<i>Seminar</i>	<i>Scottish Fold Seminar</i>	<i>WCF</i>	<i>10/07/25</i>
<i>Rattanaweerawong, I</i>	<i>Fun Show</i>	<i>Siam Cat Fanciers</i>	<i>Bangkok, Thailand</i>	<i>10/11/25</i>
<i>Raymond, Allan</i>	<i>Fun Show</i>	<i>Siam Cat Fanciers</i>	<i>Bangkok, Thailand</i>	<i>10/11/25</i>
<i>Griswold, Marilee</i>	<i>Seminar</i>	<i>Scottish Fold Seminar</i>	<i>WCF</i>	<i>10/23/25</i>
<i>Raymond, Allan</i>	<i>WCF</i>	<i>Nusantara Cat Squad</i>	<i>Jakarta, Indonesia</i>	<i>11/01/25</i>
<i>DelaBar, Pam</i>	<i>WCF</i>	<i>Latvian Felinology Assoc. Felimurs</i>	<i>Riga, Latvia</i>	<i>11/15/25</i>
<i>Gradowski, Chuck</i>	<i>CCA</i>	<i>Hamilton Cat Fanciers</i>	<i>Hamilton, ON CN</i>	<i>03/21/26</i>
<i>Raymond, Allan</i>	<i>WCF</i>	<i>ARC Trade Assoc. of Registered Cats</i>	<i>Nonthaburi, Thailand</i>	<i>05/30/26</i>
<i>Fung, Kit</i>	<i>ACF</i>	<i>Queensland Feline Assn</i>	<i>Brisbane, Australia</i>	<i>06/20/26</i>

**CFA Club Requests to use a Guest Judge:**

<b>Judge</b>	<b>Assn</b>	<b>Sponsor/Club</b>	<b>City/Country</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>Approved</b>
<i>Ling, Christine</i>	<i>CCA</i>	<i>Beyond Love FF</i>	<i>Shanghai, China</i>	<i>8/30/25</i>	<i>app GJ</i>
<i>Ling, Christine</i>	<i>CCA</i>	<i>Polaris</i>	<i>Nanjing, China</i>	<i>9/6/25</i>	<i>app GJ</i>
<i>Ling, Christine</i>	<i>CCA</i>	<i>Swire Cat Fanciers</i>	<i>Shanghai, China</i>	<i>9/13/25</i>	<i>app GJ</i>
<i>Gnatkevych, Olena</i>	<i>RUI</i>	<i>Royal Cat Club</i>	<i>Kyiv, Ukraine</i>	<i>10/4/25</i>	<i>app 7/28/25 NQ</i>
<i>Gubenko, Dmitriy</i>	<i>RUI</i>	<i>Royal Cat Club</i>	<i>Kyiv, Ukraine</i>	<i>10/4/25</i>	<i>app 7/28/25 NQ</i>
<i>Slizhevska, Tetiana</i>	<i>RUI</i>	<i>Royal Cat Club</i>	<i>Kyiv, Ukraine</i>	<i>10/4/25</i>	<i>app GJ</i>
<i>Davies, Allan</i>	<i>CCCA</i>	<i>China Dragon Town</i>	<i>Hangzhou, China</i>	<i>10/18/25</i>	<i>APP GJ</i>
<i>Gnatkevych, Olena</i>	<i>RUI</i>	<i>Royal Cat Club</i>	<i>Kyiv, Ukraine</i>	<i>11/1/25</i>	<i>app 8/29/25 NQ**</i>
<i>Gubenko, Dmitriy</i>	<i>RUI</i>	<i>Royal Cat Club</i>	<i>Kyiv, Ukraine</i>	<i>11/1/25</i>	<i>app 8/29/25 NQ**</i>
<i>Gnatkevych, Olena</i>	<i>RUI</i>	<i>Royal Cat Club</i>	<i>Kyiv, Ukraine</i>	<i>11/15/25</i>	<i>app 9/17/25 NQ</i>
<i>Matskevych, Natalia</i>	<i>RUI</i>	<i>Royal Cat Club</i>	<i>Kyiv, Ukraine</i>	<i>11/15/25</i>	<i>app 9/17/25</i>
<i>Neukircher, Brenda</i>	<i>SACC</i>	<i>Temiro Cat Fanciers</i>	<i>Istanbul, Turkey</i>	<i>11/22/25</i>	<i>app 8/19/25 NQ</i>
<i>Slizhevska, Tetiana</i>	<i>RUI</i>	<i>Temiro Cat Fanciers</i>	<i>Istanbul, Turkey</i>	<i>11/22/25</i>	<i>app GJ</i>
<i>Dmitrieva, Ekaterina</i>	<i>WCF</i>	<i>Edelweiss Cat Club</i>	<i>Moscow, Russia</i>	<i>11/29/25</i>	<i>app 7/28/25 NQ</i>
<i>Lebedeva, Natalia</i>	<i>WCF</i>	<i>Edelweiss Cat Club</i>	<i>Moscow, Russia</i>	<i>11/29/25</i>	<i>app 7/28/25 NQ</i>
<i>Pokhvalina, Victoria</i>	<i>RUI</i>	<i>Edelweiss Cat Club</i>	<i>Moscow, Russia</i>	<i>11/29/25</i>	<i>app 7/28/25 NQ</i>
<i>Tarnovskaya, Olga</i>	<i>WCF</i>	<i>Edelweiss Cat Club</i>	<i>Moscow, Russia</i>	<i>11/29/25</i>	<i>app 7/28/25 NQ</i>
<i>Nazarova, Anna</i>	<i>WCF</i>	<i>Edelweiss Cat Club</i>	<i>Moscow, Russia</i>	<i>2/7/26</i>	<i>app GJ</i>
<i>Merrill, Vicky</i>	<i>CFF</i>	<i>Seacoast Cat Club</i>	<i>Concord, NH</i>	<i>5/3/26</i>	<i>8/26/25 app NQ</i>
<i>Buchanan, Pat</i>	<i>CFF</i>	<i>NEMO</i>	<i>Seekonk, MA</i>	<i>8/22/26</i>	<i>app 7/31/25 NQ</i>

\*\* Cancelled 9/12/25

2025-2026 Season compiled guest judge listing

<b>Guest Judge Name</b>	<b># Shows</b>
<i>Abramova, Olga</i>	<i>1</i>
<i>Balciunene, Inga</i>	<i>2</i>
<i>Bielova, Natalia</i>	<i>1</i>
<i>Billing, Jurgen</i>	<i>2</i>

<i>Calmes, Fabrice</i>	<i>I</i>
<i>Davies, Allan</i>	<i>I</i>
<i>Dmitrieva, Ekaterina</i>	<i>I</i>
<i>Gleason, Elaine</i>	<i>I</i>
<i>Gleason, Robert</i>	<i>2</i>
<i>Gnatkevlych, Olena</i>	<i>4</i>
<i>Gubenko, Dmitriy</i>	<i>5</i>
<i>Hamalainen, Satu</i>	<i>I</i>
<i>Harrison, Vicki Jo</i>	<i>I</i>
<i>Izmalkova, Anna</i>	<i>I</i>
<i>Kuznetsova, Olga</i>	<i>I</i>
<i>Lebedeva, Natalia</i>	<i>I</i>
<i>Ling, Christine</i>	<i>3</i>
<i>Mantovani, Gianfranco</i>	<i>2</i>
<i>Matskevych, Natalia</i>	<i>I</i>
<i>Merrill, Vicky</i>	<i>I</i>
<i>Nazarova, Anna</i>	<i>I</i>
<i>Neukircher, Brenda</i>	<i>I</i>
<i>Pohvalina, Victoria</i>	<i>3</i>
<i>Slizhevska, Tetiana</i>	<i>3</i>
<i>Tarnovskaya, Olga</i>	<i>I</i>
<i>Trautmann, Jurgen</i>	<i>4</i>
<i>Van Rooyen, Jan</i>	<i>I</i>
<i>Vorobyev, Ivan</i>	<i>I</i>

**Nye:** Since June, Neil Quigley is our new Guest Judging Administrator. The Guest Judging Report includes not only guest judging for other associations, but fun shows and seminars. So, CFA judges are very active worldwide.

*Judging Program Reports  
Respectfully Submitted  
Vicki Nye, Co-Chair  
CFA Judging Program*

**(8) PRESERVATION BREED HEALTH AND WELFARE COMMITTEE.**

*Committee Chair: Jacqui Bennett*  
*List of Committee Members: Ginger Meeker, Karen Thomas, Lynn Cooke, Beth Polstra, Katia Kingston, Cyndee Hill, Judy Bemis, Joy Yoders, Cathy Dunham, Martha Auspitz*

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**Current Happenings of Committee:**

- 2 Articles for Cat Talk submitted for Cat Talk Breeders tool box
  - *Preservation Breeding and the Burmese Breed*
  - *How to read a genetic test*

**Future Projections for Committee:**

1. *Continue to create social media content (JB.TK with support from Melody Boyd).*
2. *Work to create talking points for judges with the JPC (CFA Officials Pillar of Countermeasures).*
3. *With board permission revamp old minimum cattery standards based upon current scientific animal husbandry guidelines.*
4. *Preservation Breed Pamphlets based upon those created by Sphynx BCS 2024 (Cindy Hill).*

**BOARD REQUEST / MOTION**

**Action Item:** *Revamp and update minimum cattery guidelines to include modern animal husbandry recommendations including size suggestions based upon size of cat.*

**Rationale:** *Old minimum standards for catteries has not been updated in over 25 years and does not include current animal husbandry recommendations. This activity would be led by Karen Thomas, DVM, who performed regularly Cattery of Excellence inspections throughout the GA and AL area for multiple breeds during the program existence.*

**Bennett:** The Committee would like to work with the Animal Welfare Committee. We have approached Charlene Campbell about revamping and updating the minimum cattery guidelines to include modern animal husbandry recommendations, including cage size suggestions based on size of cat, whereas currently it is just a specific size. As we know, there's a difference between a Singapura and a Maine Coon. I spoke to Charlene Campbell after Pam pointed out that this was Animal Welfare's purview. She is excited to work with us and fully supports this. The minimum standards have not been updated in over 25 years. It does not include current animal husbandry recommendations. We have vets that would be working with Charlene. We also have members of the Committee who have degrees in animal husbandry who

would be working with Charlene to update this standard and then to include it on the Breeders' Toolbox page so that people could use it. It was also brought up that with the new website, it is very difficult to find the existing minimum standards. **DelaBar:** Joan Miller and I wrote the current standards, which were presented at an annual meeting and passed. Yes, they need updating, but you have to understand that now we're global. We weren't particularly global when Joan and I did those original standards. 30 cubic feet was the cage size. When you get to Europe, "cage" is a four-letter word and not highly looked upon. So, we need to truly have a global input on this cattery standard and we need to address such things as microchipping and health certificates as we are looking around our globe. If you look between 1991 and 2002, you will find at least 55 people on our suspension list that are there because they could not follow the current cattery standard. Jacqui, I have a little knowledge of this. Charlene and I will be more than happy to help. **Mastin:** Pam, I take that as you're volunteering to provide information to Jacqui based on what is happening in Europe? **DelaBar:** That and what I know from the other investigations that we have done. This is much more global now than they thought it was going to be. Our original cattery standard was adopted by the Department of Agriculture to use in all research facilities and labs. We had a more far-reaching impact. **Mastin:** Jacqui, you're going to want to communicate with Darrell to get the same information from the ID and also from Aki. **Griswold:** This Committee is a merger with Jacqui's Breed Preservation Committee, and the Health and Welfare Committee. We found out pretty quickly that we were both thinking along the same lines of things that we can try to do. Jacqui and her Committee have taken the spearhead on this particular one, which I completely agree with. We need to update it, and it is pretty difficult if not impossible to find online. We just need to revamp all of this. Then we will bring it back for board approval before anything gets published.

**Mastin:** Jacqui, you have the blessing to proceed with revamping and then let's bring it to the board on what you're presenting that you want approval for.

**Time Frame:**

2025/2026

**What Will be Presented at the Next Meeting:**

*Plans for "Breeder Tool Box" Page*

*Plans updated Cattery Standards.*

*Example Breed Pamphlet(s)*

*Respectfully Submitted,  
Jacqui Bennett, Sub Committee Chair*

**(9) HOUSEHOLD PET COMMITTEE.**

*Committee Chair: Jennifer Winkle  
Liaison to Board: Jacqui Bennett  
List of Committee Members: Robin Rommel, Brenda Wilde, Brandy Slack, Pamela Robison, Julie Benzer, Pearlyn Maru, Jill Gehrmann, Dawn Pettyjohn, Andrea Cobb, Amir Sariff*

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**Current Happenings of Committee:**

- *Added a member from ID-Other to identify global opportunities within the CFA HHP Community*
- *Discussion surrounding HHPs in International Division-Other*

**BOARD REQUEST / MOTION**

**Action Item:** *Investigate and create a process for countries with limits associated with Spay Neuter due to legal or religious limitations to apply for a season-by-season country-specific exemption from spay/neuter requirement and submit for board approval or consideration at the annual meeting.*

**Rationale:** *Currently there are several countries which have prohibitions on spay/neuter due to local regulations or religious limitations. This creates issues for CFA and the judges in that judges in these areas either must:*

1. *Eliminate significant percentages of male Household Pets due to the fact they are whole with no way of knowing if females are spayed, thereby alienating local fanciers; or*
2. *Violate current show rules.*

*By doing this, we reduce our ability to educate local people of health and welfare of the cats and offend potential local exhibitors. By creating a process for the evaluation and approval of a season-by-season exemption (to be approved by the board each time and each case) we can continue to educate and slowly influence and assure access to additional future fanciers and regions without putting the judges in the position of disqualifying SOME of the whole cats being shown (as we have no way to determine for females). Spay and Neuter is considered “unnecessary surgery” in some areas and is in violation of the Koran in Muslim nations.*

*This is NOT a blanket permission and would not be a permanent exemption and would be country specific.*

**Liaison Mrs. Bennett** moved to investigate and create a process for countries with limits associated with spay/neuter due to legal or religious limitations to apply for a season-by-season country-specific exemption from spay/neuter requirement and submit for board approval or consideration at the annual meeting. Seconded by **Mrs. Krzanowski**.

**Bennett:** The HHP Committee has added a member from ID-Other, as we have a significant population of HHP exhibitors in ID-Other. There are several countries that have very strict prohibitions on spay and neuter, due to local regulations or religious limitations. This expands into the European area, and certainly in India where we hope to expand. Obviously, our standard of rules says that no Household Pet can be shown who is not spayed or neutered. What is happening in ID-Other, especially Malaysia, Taiwan, Indonesia, judges see large classes of Household Pets. The vast majority of males are not neutered and that puts the judges in a very difficult situation. We want to investigate a process where a club in a country that has specific limitations on spay or neuter, either due to legal or religious limitations, could apply for a season-by-season, country-specific exemption from spay or neuter by submitting it to board for consideration. If we do not do this, we reduce our ability to educate local people on health and welfare of cats, we alienate people, we offend potential local exhibitors. All we want is a blessing to create a process to bring back to you, which then could be discussed by the board. We want to expand into Turkey, which is a Muslim nation. We want to expand into India, which is a Hindu nation. We want to continue to grow in ID-Other but we are thinking with a very western point of view, where spay and neuter is well known to have great health benefits. If we strictly follow our rules, then we are limiting our ability to educate people and expand our population. That's what the Committee is asking for. **Currie:** I support what Jacqui is saying. We can't force our rules when it comes to this type of thing, unless we don't want to expand with Household Pets in these countries. Jacqui's Committee's approach is a smart way to approach it, and I fully support that effort.

**Altschul:** I did a bit of research on this. I don't find any documentation where it's specifically prohibited by the country, just that it's discouraged with certain religions. I don't think that this is an avenue we should pursue, because it will encourage the creation of Household Pet breeding programs. Because we give titles to Household Pets, it's going to encourage them to breed them, because people like to get titles, and winning Household Pets that are intact will be used to make more Household Pets. That's not something we want to encourage. If these people are interested in showing intact cats, we would be better off encouraging them about our wonderful breeds, and then they can show intact cats that are an actual breed, and then they can continue down the road of becoming breeders. I understand the concern that you cannot tell if a female has been spayed or not, but I don't think that is a reason to grant an exception to our rules for people who are not following them. I think this takes us down a road we don't want to go, which is the road of creating Household Pet breeding programs. **DelaBar:** Istanbul is very well known for its free roaming cat populations, which were established by TNR programs. Turkey does not prohibit spaying and neutering of cats, so that's not a consideration. I can't speak to the others, but I can speak to Turkey. Just Google the cats of Istanbul, and you're going to see an incredible program that they set up. The cats of Turkey are a real tourist draw. **Bennett:** As I said, this is obviously not a finished process. My very strong recommendation is that this would be a case-by-case issue brought to the board for consideration each time, and only for one season at a time, with obviously the hope that we would educate and influence in such a way that spaying and neutering becomes the norm and not the exception. I agree that there's a risk, but that's why there are checks and balances that will have to be built into the process that is submitted. **Nye:** I was checking a few things on online scoreboard. I'm assuming Kuwait is part of this. They have a fairly hefty premiership count, and those cats are all neutered and spayed. Maybe when you're looking at investigating some of this, you should also

look at the premiership counts and see where we've already made headway in neuter/spay in these countries

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

**Time Frame:**

2025/2026

**What Will be Presented at the Next Meeting:**

*Proposal for HHPs as described in above motion if approved.*

## **(10) EXPERIMENTAL FORMATS.**

*Committee Chair:    Rachel Anger*

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### **Board Action Item:**

#### ***Summit Request – Global Egyptian Mau Society***

*For the past nine years, with the support of the CFA Board, GEMS has successfully produced Breed Summits that take breed focus to another level. The Board has graciously supported our requests to have combined breed judging for the Egyptian Maus.*

*The Breed Specialty judging – Per Summit judging guidelines (included below), In the Allbreed rings all Egyptian Mau classes, kittens, championship and premiership will be judged together, top three in each class awarded and then awards given overall based on the total entry for each breed: up to 15 entries = top 3; 15 to 24 entries = top 4; 25 or more entries = top 5. No points will be associated with these awards. Best of the Best for each breed will be awarded at end of show based on breed results from these rings. With finals used as a tie breaker.*

#### ***Details on the show are as follows:***

*Chantilly Virginia, July 25-26, 2026. Format is a back-to-back show.*

*Proposed show hours Egyptian Mau judging start both days at 7:30 AM. Show hours for all other breeds would start at 9 AM. We would like to reserve option to have bay judging for the Egyptian Maus depending on entries.*

*All judges were notified of this request when contracted and if approved the format will be noted on the flyer.*

#### ***Motion:***

*Grant an exception to Show Rule 7.01 and 11.35 and allow the Global Egyptian Mau Society to hold breed specialty rings for Egyptian Maus in the allbreed rings at their back to back show on July 25-26, 2026 In Chantilly, Virginia (Region 7) in the following manner: all classes (Kittens, Championship and Premiership) will be judged consecutively with the option for breed specific bay judging depending on entry and awarded in the usual manner, which will include top three breed awards; then, a breed specialty final for each breed will be held across all classes (i.e., including Kittens, Championship and Premiership competing together in a breed specialty final). Awards will be given based on the total Breed entry for each breed as follows: up to 14 entries = top 3; 15 to 24 entries = top 4; 25 or more entries = top 5. No points will be associated with these awards.*

**Chair Ms. Anger** moved to grant an exception to Show Rule 7.01 and 11.35 and allow the Global Egyptian Mau Society to hold breed specialty rings for Egyptian Maus in the allbreed rings at their back to back show on July 25-26, 2026 In Chantilly, Virginia (Region 7) in the following manner: all classes (Kittens, Championship and Premiership) will be judged

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**The motion is ratified by unanimous consent.**

***Summit judging guidelines:***

*Summit judging for Breed Club shows and shows that are honoring breeds.*

*Any breed club hosting a show can schedule breed summit judging at their show. They should be encouraged to do so.*

*Any club “honoring” a breed can ask for breed summit judging at their show. This should be limited to only two breeds or division per show.*

*It should be limited to AB rings only. This is mostly for the sake of the schedule.*

*Clubs wishing to have this type of judging “must” communicate with their judges their intention, when contracting them. Judges may “opt” out. The “opt” out must be done at the time they sign their contract. Clubs can cancel if they do not get the entries to ensure success.*

*All information on the Summit, including judges who will be participating, must be clearly marked on the flyer. Basics of Summit breed judging.*

*All kittens, cats and premiers of a breed will be judged at the same time. Mechanics of it depend on how many cats of a breed are present.*

*Judge shall hang, BOB and 2BOB (and in this case 3rd BOB) on each class. The judge then calls back their top XX to give out overall best.*

- *1-5 present in breed BOB and 2nd overall best.*
- *6-10- Best through 3.*
- *11-15- Best through 4th.*
- *15+ Best through 5th.*

*Show Rules:*

*7.01 ... In cases where the show contains a separate breed summit workshop type activity, the breed summit workshop shall not be conducted by a judge authorized to judge a competitive class at the show (kitten, championship, premiership, or Household Pet) before that judge has completed judging all of their competitive classes. If the individual scheduled to perform the breed summit workshop is not judging one of the regular classes, the summit workshop can be conducted at any time during the show. ...*

*11.35... No award shall be offered for which the officiating judge must make a decision in addition to those required for official CFA awards.*

**(11) PROTESTS.**

**Protest Committee Chair Richard Kallmeyer** gave the Protest Committee report containing recommendations for disposition of pending matters (see Agenda Item #25). **Motion Carried** [vote sealed].

*Committee Chair: Richard Kallmeyer  
Liaison to Board: Marilee Griswold  
Committee Members: 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*

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**Brief Summation/Current Happenings of Committee:**

*The Protest Committee met via Zoom on September 17, 2025. Participating were Dick Kallmeyer, Marilee Griswold, Betsy Arnold, Brian Moser, Michael Shelton, Howard Webster, and Karen Lawrence.*

**What Will be Presented at the Next Meeting:**

*Ongoing protest investigations and recommendations.*

*Respectfully Submitted,*



*Richard Kallmeyer  
Protest Committee Chairman*

## **Reports of Special (Select or Ad Hoc) Committees**

*None.*

## **Reports of Affiliates**

*None.*

## **Unfinished Business and General Orders**

### **(12) OTHER COMMITTEES.**

*None.*

**(13) OLD BUSINESS.**

*None.*

## **(14) NEW BUSINESS.**

### **(a) *Traditional Date Weekend Issues (Altschul)***

*There has been confusion and scheduling conflict caused by clubs shifting their traditional show weekends based on flexible definitions such as "last full weekend" or "last weekend" – even when these floating definitions are not documented on the CFA Traditional Show Schedule.*

*For example, a club listed on the calendar as holding a show on the 4th weekend of February was licensed this year on the 3rd weekend, citing their tradition as the "last full weekend." However, this shift was not reflected on the calendar or communicated to other clubs, causing conflict with another club that had applied for that same weekend in good faith. Situations like this undermine transparency and fair planning and can lead to unnecessary show cancellations or reduced entries due to unexpected overlaps.*

*To ensure consistency and avoid future conflicts, it is critical that the CFA Traditional Show Schedule accurately reflects whether a club's traditional date is fixed or based on a floating definition. Clubs must follow the proper process when requesting any changes to their traditional date.*

***Motion:*** *If a club's traditional show weekend is not explicitly documented on the CFA Traditional Show Schedule as a floating date (e.g., "last full weekend of the month"), then Central Office shall only license that club's show on the specific weekend listed on the schedule.*

*Any request to hold the show on a different weekend – whether due to how the weekends fall that year or a club's interpretation of their tradition – must go through the standard process for requesting a change to a traditional date.*

*Furthermore, clubs wishing to have a floating weekend definition officially recognized must submit this to the Show Scheduling Committee and have it clearly annotated on the Traditional Show Schedule going forward.*

**Ms. Altschul** moved that, if a club's traditional show weekend is not explicitly documented on the CFA Traditional Show Schedule as a floating date (e.g., "last full weekend of the month"), then Central Office shall only license that club's show on the specific weekend listed on the schedule. Any request to hold the show on a different weekend – whether due to how the weekends fall that year or a club's interpretation of their tradition – must go through the standard process for requesting a change to a traditional date. Furthermore, clubs wishing to have a floating weekend definition officially recognized must submit this to the Show Scheduling Committee and have it clearly annotated on the Traditional Show Schedule going forward. Seconded by **Ms. DelaBar**.

**Altschul:** When there are shows whose traditional date is a last weekend versus a fourth weekend, there is supposed to be an asterisk next to them, so the clubs who are on the same weekends that would be affected know about it in advance. [A specific example was cited.] If a show does not fall on a first, second, or third weekend, if they use something like the first full weekend or the last full weekend, it needs to be noted on the traditional date show schedule so that shows that are affected by this have the opportunity to request a different date. If it's not on

there and they try to change their date, then they have to go through the regular process of requesting a date change and having it pre-noticed so clubs will have the ability to comment on it. I am asking that our traditional show date calendar is kept up more accurately and that if it is not noted on there and they're going to switch weekends because of the way their traditional date is, that they have to follow our current process, which is requesting a date change. **DelaBar:** We need traditional show dates for all areas, CFA-wide and we need that updated. This is not written for global CFA, because only Regions 1 through 7 have to go through the Show Scheduling Committee. **Mastin:** Just a reminder to all the board members, especially the new board members, the Show Scheduling Committee just handles Regions 1 through 7, as Pam noted. **Moyer:** I agree that the calendar is in need of being updated. [Several errors were cited.] Our Show Rules define a last full weekend as a weekend that has a Saturday and a Sunday in it. I don't know why we do that. We should define a weekend by the weekend that has a Saturday in it, enabling the fourth weekend to be the first of the month. If every club did that, we'd have 10 shows on the third weekend of February and no shows on the fourth because it's not by definition a traditional show weekend.

**Anger:** Who maintains that list on the CFA website? **Tartaglia:** Pam Moser and Mary Auth. **DelaBar:** If we want to update our region's traditional dates, then I should go through Mary and Pam? **Tartaglia:** Yes, that's my understanding. I believe it's just Regions 1 through 7. **DelaBar:** So, how do we get our traditional shows for Regions 8, 9, and the ID? **Tartaglia:** If someone provides it to us, then we can get it to Kathy Durdick. **Altschul:** I understand what Pam is saying. I wrote this just for Regions 1 through 7. Trying to tackle Regions 9 and 8 and the International Division could be trickier than what Pam and Mary probably want to handle. I am trying to deal with a very specific problem, and not all these other problems that are outside and will take more time to address. I understand that there are some other issues. We got off topic, and I don't necessarily want to table this. I could change the motion that this specifically deals only for shows in Regions 1 through 7, and then some of these other issues we have about other regions, International Division, and the nebulous last versus fourth weekend can be addressed separately through the show rules. **Moyer:** I disagree that my point didn't have anything to do with this. I think it has everything to do with it. I don't understand why any club would have to have a rotating weekend just because the fourth weekend ends in a Sunday that is the first of the next month. Perhaps we need to address all these issues in a more detailed manner, because you can't have clubs floating around and then creating seven shows on a weekend, because our exhibitor base won't support seven shows on a weekend. We all know that. I think four is the limit, maybe five, but certainly it depends on where they're regionally located, as well. I think it absolutely has to do with it.

**Raymond:** The Show Rules define the first weekend in a month as the first weekend that has a Saturday and a Sunday within the month. The only "last weekend" that the Show Rules define is the last weekend of the show season; i.e., what is the official last weekend in April. For all of the months between May and the end of April, there is no mention of the last weekend being the last full weekend, nor is the last full weekend one of the examples listed for clubs that have a variable date that may be the last weekend of the show season or Easter weekend, etc. I want to point out that the Show Rules don't talk about the last weekend in any month other than April. They just talk about the first, second, third, fourth weekend, and the fifth weekend, and the fact that a fifth weekend cannot be a traditional date.

**Bennett:** I've had some of the same concerns that have already been brought up, and I would like to suggest that maybe we table this until we can flesh out everybody's concerns and have a holistic approach to the show schedule that addresses Regions 1 through 9 and the ID, and do it once effectively, including definitions of final weekends, etc. I think that would be a better value than trying to do this face-to-face. **Currie:** We need to discuss all of the items that have been brought up in a whole fashion, not just specifically for our regions. It needs to be tabled until we can address it in a proper way. **Mastin:** I think moving on this motion is premature, based on one incident and based on the current Show Rules. My recommendation is, let this get corrected in all manners, and if Ed needs to do show rules, then we adjust the show rules, as well. Jacqui, you made the recommendation to table this. Are you making a motion to table this? **Bennett:** Yes, motion to table. **Currie:** I second.

**Mastin** called the motion [to table]. **Motion Carried.** Altschul voting no.

**(b) Minutes Retention (Bennett)**

**Motion:** *That beginning with the October 4-5, 2025 Board Meeting, this organization adopt a policy of releasing only approved meeting minutes. In furtherance of this policy, the retention of verbatim transcripts of board and committee meetings, whether open session or closed session, will be limited to no more than 45 days six months following the official release of approved meeting minutes, after which such transcripts shall be securely deleted or destroyed. Verbatim transcripts will no longer be shared with members of the Board.*

**Rationale:**

*1. Legal Compliance with New York Corporate Law*

*Under New York Business Corporation Law § 624 and Not-for-Profit Corporation Law § 621(a), corporations are required to retain minutes of proceedings, not verbatim transcripts. Minutes serve as the official record and are sufficient to meet statutory obligations.*

*The New York State Archives and Arts and Cultural Affairs Law § 57.05 mandate retention of official records such as minutes, but do not require indefinite retention of raw transcripts, which are considered non-essential working documents.*

*2. Legal Risks of Retaining Verbatim Transcripts*

- *Litigation Exposure:* *Verbatim transcripts may contain offhand remarks, incomplete thoughts, or sensitive discussions that could be misinterpreted or used out of context in legal proceedings.*
- *Privacy and Confidentiality:* *Transcripts may inadvertently capture privileged or confidential information, risking waiver of attorney-client privilege or non-compliance with privacy laws such as HIPAA, GDPR, or CCPA*
- *Inaccuracy and Liability:* *AI-generated or manually transcribed records may contain errors or misattributions, which could be used against the organization in disputes or regulatory reviews.*

- *Data Security: Extended retention increases the risk of unauthorized access or data breaches, especially if transcripts are stored by third-party services.*

### 3. Best Practices

- *Legal and governance experts recommend that minutes—not transcripts—serve as the authoritative record of meetings. Transcripts should be used only as a temporary aid in drafting minutes and then discarded once minutes are finalized and approved.*

*Limiting retention to 45 days post-release of minutes ensures that transcripts are available for review and corrections but not retained beyond their usefulness*

**Mrs. Bennett** moved that, beginning with the October 4-5, 2025 Board Meeting, this organization adopt a policy of releasing only approved meeting minutes. In furtherance of this policy, the retention of verbatim transcripts of board and committee meetings, whether open session or closed session, will be limited to no more than six months following the official release of approved meeting minutes, after which such transcripts shall be securely deleted or destroyed. Verbatim transcripts will no longer be shared with members of the Board. Seconded by **Ms. DelaBar**.

**Bennett:** We have full transcripts going back several years. That is not required under New York business corporate law. It creates a litigation risk for CFA. Full transcripts versus minutes create a possible conflict, if for some reason the minutes don't exactly say what the transcript says. We should get rid of the transcripts 45 days after the release of the minutes. I'm calling them approved once Rachel has gathered them all and she puts them out. If a record exists, it is discoverable; if it is discoverable, it becomes a risk to the company. This is a very litigious world we are in. **DelaBar:** The problem I'm having is when you say verbatim transcripts will no longer be shared with members of the board. At which point? Does this mean never? Does a board member who is part of the decision-making process have a chance to see the verbatim transcript? The board needs to decide whether we want regular minutes or verbatim minutes, as was passed by a previous board, which we usually recognize. That is my concern as a long-time board member. When it says *no longer be shared with members of the board*, that to me takes away credibility of our board members. **Anger:** I can go along with this as far as executive session. However, since 2002, there has never been an instance where the retention of executive session minutes has caused an issue. Pam put it very well when she said that the credibility of this association is on the line. I also want to say that once or twice a week, I am asked to research something for a board member or constituent. As a service to CFA, I've always provided that. I don't think it's a good policy to completely eliminate these transcripts.

**Raymond:** Currently, we have the verbatim transcripts that Rachel does a great job putting together. She also puts together a summary of the motions from every meeting that indicate who made the motion, who seconded it, whether it passed or didn't pass. That would remain. That's what would be available. With regard to the verbatim transcripts not being shared with members of the board, honestly, if you're going to have a records retention policy, it doesn't matter what your policy is if a copy of that record sits in somebody's personal file because it's discoverable from that personal file, even if the official source record is deleted. The way to prevent that from happening is to not have convenience copies – that's what they're called because they're not the official record – sitting around. I would actually suggest taking this motion one step further and

not only destroying the verbatim transcript after 45 days, but just making sure that we're destroying any recordings of the meeting at that same time because those recordings are as discoverable as the written word. **Anger:** That is already our policy about the recordings. However, we could have any number of people recording the meeting right now on their own, and those recordings are going to be out there. We have no control over that. The only way to control it is to make the entire meeting executive session where nobody has access to it or have a policy where people cannot record as they're auditing the meeting. It will affect our transparency. **Raymond:** Yes, somebody could be recording this meeting on their phone or in some fashion. Those are not official recordings. You have to find the person who's got them if you want to discover them. Then, you've got the problem of proving that they are the official and actual accurate recording of what transpired during the meeting. Is it insurmountable? No, but it's a whole lot more work. **Jensen:** Other than things like Protests and things of a sensitive nature, I think we need to stay transparent to our constituents. Just preparing for this meeting, I had to go back and look at past meetings to try and figure out some things. It's going to significantly limit that. We need to be transparent. **Mastin:** This has been recommended by our three past CFA legal counsels. It has also been recommended by our New York attorneys that we should not be doing this. My recommendation to this board is, we should follow the legal advice on this matter. The information that is going to be provided in the materials that Rachel does or the Secretary does is adequate enough to what we have. Yes, people want to know what the history of something happened, but in this case, we should be following our legal counsels' advice. **DelaBar:** The board has voted on the past on how long we retain the minutes. It was because of discovery that we were able to cover ourselves that way. Somewhere, somehow, we do have a cutoff on how long we retain minutes. **Mastin:** If the cutoff date is a concern, then I encourage the board to change 45 days to 90 days or 120 days or six months. **DelaBar:** I think what we voted on was six months. **Bennett:** I am happy to amend my motion to six months.

**DelaBar:** I will go along with Jacqui. **Anger:** Ironically, in order to validate Pam's statement, I'd have to go back in the minutes to research. It may have been discussed, but I'm also not sure of the cut-off. I'm happy to do whatever the board wishes me to do either way, but the point I'm making is, I would have to go back and research it and this motion denies me the opportunity to do so. **Griswold:** We're talking about retention of verbatim transcripts. We're not talking about retention of minutes. The retention of minutes itself would remain in perpetuity. We're talking about verbatim transcripts? **Mastin:** As long as the verbatim transcript is not the minutes. You've got to be clear on that. The minutes are the summary of the results of the action items.

**Raymond:** The biggest difference would be that the verbatim transcript would no longer be published. The transcripts you currently find on the CFA website of past board meetings, all you would get there would be the minutes, which would be the summary of actions taken. **Mastin:** Just who made the motion, who seconded the motion, the results of the motion. **Nye:** Thinking about how this would impact me, there are times when I want to go back and look at the discussion and who said what about an item. You're telling me that the minutes would no longer look like our minutes look like now? We would not have that discussion? If I wanted to go back and see what happened the last time an organization came and asked for reciprocity and see what the discussion was and who said what, that's not going to be there. Is that correct? Ed?

**Raymond:** That would be correct. **Nye:** So, only the motion and the vote? **Raymond:** Correct.

**DelaBar:** Actually, what we should be voting on is whether we want verbatim minutes or not. Rachel was the secretary when I was president. We had very excellent minutes back then before it went to verbatim. This is how we should narrow it down – are we going to have verbatim

minutes from now on? We didn't have them until after 2010. **Mastin:** Jacqui, the second line in the last sentence of your motion does refer to the verbatim transcripts. **Bennett:** This motion doesn't affect what is in or isn't in the minutes. The minutes that Rachel has always presented clearly covered the essence of the session, what points were brought up. We could do that. This motion does not eliminate this. All this motion does is say you have the verbatim transcripts for a period of time to create the minutes. Rachel is the expert about what the minutes should look like. I would say that it simply removes the litigation of having minutes and transcripts, and having them sitting on File Vista for now 15 years. We have a significant risk. If we have transcripts that have the summary of the discussion without being verbatim, we're still very transparent. **Krzanowski:** I agree with some others who said that they like to refer back or have referred back to previous minutes. I often do that to read discussion, because sometimes I need to know pros and cons for a certain issue. I would also like to point out that even before we had verbatim minutes, we had quite extensive minutes. I can attest to that because when I worked in publications at Central Office, we published those minutes in the Almanac and also in the Yearbook. They were fairly extensive. It wasn't just a summary of motions at that time either. **Raymond:** Your minutes can have more detail than simply the summary of motions and how people voted, but we should get away from the verbatim transcript recording. For discoverability, most lawsuits have a statute of limitations. Usually it's six years for contract actions, usually three years for tort actions. That's the window that you need to be most concerned about. What happened 15 years ago? That transcript's probably not problematic to us at this point.

**Mastin** called the motion. **Motion Carried.** Altschul, Nye, Krzanowski, Jensen, Tamura, Huhtaniemi and DelaBar voting no. Anger abstained for cause.

**(c) Disbanding of Inactive Committees (Bennett)**

**Motion:** *Any committee which fails to have a report within a 1 year period be considered for disbanding or transfer to another chair, effective one year from the committee appointments the Sunday after the annual elections.*

**Rationale:** *Effective one year from committee appointments occurs on the Sunday after the annual, if a committee is inactive for a year, then there is no reason to continue to have the committee. Some committee chairs do not have any activities and appear to be being used as "resume enhancers." Committees (with some specific exceptions) should exist with a specific goal and if that goal is no longer appropriate, the committee should be reviewed for applicability and either reassigned or disbanded.*

**Mrs. Bennett** moved that any committee which fails to have a report within a 1 year period be considered for disbanding or transfer to another chair, effective one year from the committee appointments the Sunday after the annual elections. Seconded by **Mr. Webb.**

**Bennett:** It was brought up to me by several exhibitors that CFA has a number of committees that they never see reports on, they never see actions on, they don't feel that their committee chair is active and that they feel like some chairs are essentially using it as a resonating padding to either become elected or to become a judge. They requested that I put a motion on which says, if there has not been anything for a year period, the board should either disband or transfer to another chair. **Mastin:** From what time period do you want the one year

effective? **Bennett:** The annual election season. **Raymond:** I think what you were getting at is, one year after the appointment of the committee chair, which happens on the Sunday of the annual meeting. **Mastin:** That's a good clarification. That is correct. So, one year from committee appointments occurs on the Sunday after the annual. **DelaBar:** I have to disagree. Committees are often reflective of the vision of the leadership. Go back to my time back to 2004, when I appointed a Scientific Advisory Committee. I appointed an Ombudsman. We had a Business Advisory Committee. Some could start right away with actions, reportable actions. Others did not. This is one thing that the president has to express their vision is through committee appointments. We have a lot more committees than we had back in 2004, but I am not in favor of saying they've got to go away when there could be perfectly good reasons. **Griswold:** I'm in agreement with Pam. This is a presidential appointment and it shapes where the president thinks these committees should go. During our annual meeting, we talk about if some committees need to be disbanded, if some need to come into fruition. That's the president's decision and we see how it goes for the next year. I also want to point out that some committees are actual programs; for example, the Agility Committee. That's a program, and whether or not we produce a report shouldn't make it where we automatically disband the Agility Program. There's a lot that we have to take into account with these committees. These are committees almost exclusively volunteers. They get paid nothing to work hard and produce something for us to read. I will not be in favor of this. **Altschul:** I'm in favor of this motion because it says that they'll be considered for that. It's formalizing the process we already have in place. At the June meeting, we looked over the committees and made sure they were still relevant to what our organization is doing right now. I have no problem with this because it's not automatic. If you don't produce a report during the year period, it's just a formal heads up that you need to do it or this is what will happen. **Bennett:** This says after a one year period, we're going to look at the applicability of those committees that have not made any report or any action items, and make the decision. Is this the right person who should be in charge of it? Maybe it's a very valuable committee, but the person who's in charge of it isn't being particularly active. It just formalizes that we don't have committees for the sake of having committees. Some people do not feel that some committees have value. They want it considered after a year. Is the right person in charge of it or has it outlived its usefulness? I think that's a valid thing. I'm not saying throw any committee away. I'm saying it should be part of a discussion. **DelaBar:** Who's going to be the chair of the committee that weeds through all of these committees to decide who needs to come up for investigation or a hard look? Do we need another committee or is this going to be board member to Rich who appoints the committees and the chairs? **Bennett:** To me, this is the responsibility of the president. The president is the one who appoints the committees and then it gets ratified by the board. So it's already within the process to a certain extent. It just formalizes it.

**Mastin:** I can't speak for how the past presidents handled their committees. I can only speak for how I handled the committees. Those board members who have been on this board know exactly how I handle the committees. On Sunday, I present the committee list, ask for the board to ratify the committee list. Anytime during the year, if a board member has issues with a committee, you're encouraged to bring it to our attention and we will discuss it. We can discuss it in open session. We can discuss it in executive session. I have no issues with that. For those of you that have been on the board, I have replaced at least four committee chairs because we've had some issues. I have no objections to eliminating committees if that's what the board chooses to do. I don't know that we need to have a timeframe set. The reason why I say that is, under me

as president, I have had three board ombudsmen. I don't remember ever receiving a report from any of the ombudsmen. Whether that's a good thing or a bad thing, I communicate with the ombudsmen and have conversations. If they have issues, they will communicate with me. This board has an opportunity at every meeting, every day of the year, to come to me with any issues with specific committees that you want to discuss. If you have a recommendation, we don't need to set a policy, at least not for me as long as I'm president. You're welcome to bring that up at any time. My policy is open on every single issue CFA has. Bring it to my attention and let's discuss it. Let's try to get it resolved.

**Mastin** called the motion. **Motion Failed.** Bennett, Altschul, Webb and Moyer voting yes.

**(d) Cattery of Distinction Program (DelaBar)**

**Policy: Counting Grands Toward Cattery Awards**

*The number of Grand titles will be based on the registered cattery name, not on individual breeders.*

*In limited cases, breeders who have changed their cattery name may petition the CFA Board to have the Grand titles earned under both the former and current cattery names combined for the purpose of awards. This is only permitted when a single breeder or breeding partnership has permanently discontinued use of one cattery name and begun using a new one, with continuous and identical ownership between the two. The original cattery name must be fully retired, and the two catteries must not have operated concurrently.*

**The following situations are not eligible for cattery mergers:**

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- Catteries that were active at the same time, even if under shared or overlapping ownership.
- Catteries belonging to two individuals who later marry or form a partnership; marriage or personal relationships do not qualify as grounds for merging cattery histories.
- Any case where distinct breeding programs continued under separate cattery names.

*Grand Champions and Grand Premiers are counted equally for this purpose; however, if an individual cat earns both titles, it will only be counted once. Grands may be of one or multiple breeds.*

**Motion:** Accept this policy on combining catteries for award of the Cattery of Distinction title.

**Ms. DelaBar** moved to accept the policy on combining catteries for award of the Cattery of Distinction title, as published above. Seconded by **Ms. Anger**.

**DelaBar:** It's in two parts. The first part describes what counts when you want to merge two catteries for the Cattery of Distinction program. When the board passed this, the board basically said, the person who has two cattery names can merge them to be applied towards the

Cattery of Distinction program. This is basically what we're saying. **Mastin:** What is the current policy? **DelaBar:** Current policy is what I state it should be and as we get down to the second part, things have sort of evolved away from what we voted on as a board. When we passed this several executive directors ago, it was one person, two catteries coming together for the Cattery of Distinction program. **Altschul:** The current policy that's listed on the CFA website says, *Breeders who have bred under multiple cattery names may petition the board to have the grands from both cattery names combined for this purpose.* And then it says, this is what we did in June, *the merging of categories is on temporary hold as of June 29, 2025, review and clarification of the requirements to merge categories.* That is all that is there. I want to further elaborate that that is not what was happening over the last several years, as the board was not petitioned and Central Office was approving them without board approval. That is why the process was being clarified. **Mastin:** Has any work been done on updating the process? **Altschul:** That's what Pam presented. **Nye:** What is going to happen to catteries that were not compliant with this policy and were merged? **DelaBar:** Nothing. We cannot take away what we have already awarded. We're establishing and making the policy stronger as of this board meeting. **Tartaglia:** A cattery name being fully retired, what exactly is fully retired? **DelaBar:** That would be no action, no litters, no registrations towards that cattery and when it is petitioned to the board to merge these for Cattery of Distinction, that will probably be one of the things that we would ask is, when was the last CFA involvement with this particular cattery? **Tartaglia:** So, if cattery names are merged, does that mean that the original cattery name can no longer be used? **DelaBar:** We can work on that. **Huhtaniemi:** Pam said that the old cattery name which is retired would never be used again. Is this really the policy we're going to follow? **DelaBar:** An example, a cattery name was not used since 1984. The new one started in 1985 and is still active. The first cattery name can never be used by anybody else because of the wins, the grands, etc., and the second cattery name is the active one. This is part of the petition process that would come to the board, to retire this name just for the Cattery of Distinction. This would be part of the petition to the board to merge for Cattery of Distinction acknowledgement. Which catteries are you merging and which is the active cattery? **Altschul:** To further clarify what Pam said, people are allowed to have as many cattery names as they want. You can breed five breeds under five different cattery names at the same time if you want to. This isn't about that. It was for a very specific situation. One person had been breeding under a particular cattery name and then for whatever reason they decided this cattery name doesn't fit their philosophy, and they changed cattery names. This is only for that specific circumstance. It is not for somebody who bred under two cattery names concurrently. So, if somebody wanted to keep breeding under two cattery names, they absolutely could do that. They just can't merge those two cattery names. Nobody has to retire a cattery name if they want to breed under two, three, four, five. They can breed under as many cattery names as they wish. This was for a very small, tiny, specific circumstance. To give you an example, I had a friend who started a cattery name breeding under a particular breed and that cattery name used that breed as part of her cattery name. Then she changed to a different breed and it made no sense for her to continue breeding under this old cattery name. So she applied for and got a new one. She never used the old one again because it didn't apply. She would be someone who would fall under this. If there was somebody who was breeding under two cattery names with two breeds, they wouldn't even apply for this. It's not applicable. This is just being very clear. That way there's no question of who can apply for a merger and who cannot. There is a very small subset of breeders that would fall under this category. **Griswold:** We currently don't retire cattery names. The only way that you could protect a cattery name from never being used again would

be to permanently register it. **Raymond:** I think you would avoid questions if you defined the minimum time frame that you're looking for. So is that for at least 24 months? Is it six months? So somebody doesn't prematurely apply if their thinking is not in line with what the board is thinking. **DelaBar:** Marilee, since we are a registry and providing a history of cats, any cat that becomes a grand under a cattery name or a regional winner, national winner, any time that that cattery earns points and goes on for at least one or two generations, that name can never be used because it's history. So we went to the renewable cattery names when a former executive director said most of our catteries go for only five years. Back to what we have here, we need to be definitive. If this is passed, then we can come back to the board and say no activity or inaction or retirement per se will be 24 months, 36 months, five years, something like that, but we would come back.

**Mastin** called the motion. **Motion Carried.** Jensen voting no. Altschul abstained.

### ***Policy: Transfer and Ownership of Cattery Names***

*CFA cattery names are considered a unique identity and a representation of a breeder's history, ethics, and reputation within the Association. As such, cattery names are **not transferable by sale, trade, or other commercial transaction**. Any attempt to sell, purchase, or otherwise exchange a cattery name for compensation is strictly prohibited and may result in disciplinary action.*

*However, CFA recognizes that a breeder's legacy may appropriately continue through inheritance. The following guidelines apply:*

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**1. *Inheritance of a Cattery Name*** is permitted when:

- *The original owner is deceased or has formally retired from breeding and no longer uses the cattery name.*
- *The inheriting individual is an immediate family member (e.g., spouse, child, sibling) or a legal heir, and has the legal right or documented permission to assume ownership.*
- *The new owner must apply to CFA for approval of the inheritance and demonstrate continuity of intent, such as a shared breeding program or mentorship under the original owner.*

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**2. *Cattery names may not be transferred by a living individual:***

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- *Through sale, barter, or trade, including as part of the sale of cats, breeding stock, or business assets.*
- *To unrelated individuals or partnerships, regardless of breeding collaboration history.*
- *While the original owner is still actively using the name.*

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*All inheritance or transfer requests must be submitted to and approved by CFA. CFA reserves the right to deny any request that does not meet the spirit and intent of this policy.*

**Motion:** Approve the policy for the transfer and ownership of cattery names.

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**Ms. DelaBar** moved to approve the policy for the transfer and ownership of cattery names, as published above. Seconded by **Ms. Anger**, **Motion Carried**. Jensen voting no. Altschul abstained. Bennett did not vote.

**DelaBar:** A difference with this is on how cattery names can be sold or transferred to another person. A very well-known cattery that brought a particular breed to the attention of the world had been sold to a person not related, and changed the history of that breed. There are legal ways, such as inheritance, that people can continue that history of that cattery, even if they're not close relatives. I want to make sure that we maintain our history. It's not just CFA's history, but because our cats are worldwide and go to other associations, we need to make sure that we are maintaining that history. **Mastin:** Ed, does Section 2, bullet point 2 conflict with Section 1, bullet point 2, based on its wording, and specifically with legal error from Section 1 to the second bullet? **Raymond:** Potentially. #1 really deals with inheritance. Say, somebody is dead. I read #2 as more of a living transfer or transfer for some sort of consideration. **Mastin:** So, you're comfortable with the wording? It's not going to be in conflict? **Raymond:** For #2, I might say *cattery names may not be transferred by a living individual colon*. And then we've set the two separately. One is living, one is inheritance. **Jensen:** If somebody has a cattery and they have somebody that they're mentoring that they are not related to, and they want to transfer that cattery to their mentor, they can't? **DelaBar:** Correct, because that changes the history of that cattery. **Raymond:** But if the mentee were named as the beneficiary in a will, then #1 would apply. **Nye:** What if someone gets married and they want to add their partner on? It's transferring it from a single ownership to a multi-person ownership. **DelaBar:** You still have the original owner with the original history. So, if you want to put a husband or wife on, there should not be a problem.

**Mastin** called the motion. **Motion Carried**. Jensen voting no. Altschul abstained. Bennett did not vote.

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**(15) UNFINISHED BUSINESS.**

None.

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**Mastin:** I want to thank everyone for attending today's executive board meeting.

The Saturday executive session meeting adjourned at 6:56 p.m. Eastern Daylight Time.

*Respectfully submitted,  
Rachel Anger, Secretary  
The Cat Fanciers' Association, Inc.*

**Secretary's Note:** The Officers and Board of Directors of the Cat Fanciers' Association, Inc. met on Sunday, October 5, 2025, via Zoom video conference. **President Richard Mastin** called the video conference meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. Eastern Time for the second day of 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)**  
**Mrs. Jacqui Bennett (Director-at-Large)**  
**Dr. Marilee Griswold (Director-at-Large)+**  
**Mr. Pauli Huhtaniemi (Director-at-Large)**  
**Mrs. Carol Krzanowski (Director-at-Large)**  
**Ms. Victoria Nye (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.

**(16) MEETING CALLED TO ORDER/APPROVE ORDERS OF THE DAY.**

CFA QUARTERLY MEETING AGENDA			
October 4/5, 2025			
All Times in Eastern Daylight Time			
<b>Sunday, October 5, 2025 • Board of Directors Meeting</b>			
10:00 a.m.	17.	Meeting Called to Order/Approve Orders of the Day	Mastin
11:00 a.m.	18.	Show Rules	E. Raymond
12:00 p.m.		BREAK	
12:15 p.m.	19.	Treasurer's Report	Calhoun
12:30 p.m.	20.	Show Technology	Dunham
12:35 p.m.	21.	Awards Committee	Dunham
1:00 p.m.		LUNCH	
1:30 p.m.	22.	Old Business (a) Traditional Show Dates (b) Multi-Part Forms	
1:40 p.m.	23.	New Business	
1:50 p.m.	24.	Unfinished Business	
2:00 p.m.		ADJOURN OPEN SESSION	

**Mastin:** Hello, everyone. Madam Secretary, please do the roll call. **Anger:** Thank you. **[Secretary's Note:** Secretary Rachel Anger called the roll, as reflected above. All board members confirmed that they are abiding by the CFA Board of Directors' Code of Ethics and Confidentiality Agreement.]

**Mastin:** Welcome to CFA's October 5th, 2025 open session executive board meeting. Meeting is called to order. **Mrs. Krzanowski** moved to approve the Orders of the Day. Seconded by **Dr. Griswold**.

**The Orders of the Day were accepted without objection and became the Orders of Business.**

**(17) MARKETING.**

*Committee Chairs: Melanie Morgan and Mark Hannon*

*Liaison to Board: Rich Mastin*

*List of Committee Members: Desiree Bobby, Allene Tartaglia*

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**[Secretary's Note:** Discussion on this item originally occurred in executive session. A motion was made by **Ms. DelaBar**, seconded by **Mrs. Krzanowski** and unanimously carried to move the motion and results into open session with no debate or discussion.]

**Board Action Items:**

*Hire a Marketing Director, within the current budgeted salary, to include responsibilities as outlined in the job description.*

**Mr. Currlle** moved to hire a Marketing Director, within the current budgeted salary, to include responsibilities as outlined in the job description. Seconded by **Mrs. Krzanowski, Motion Carried** [vote sealed].

*Respectfully Submitted,  
Mark Hannon and Melanie Morgan, Co-Chairs*

**(18) SHOW RULES.**

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

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**Liaison Mrs. Krzanowski** moved on standing motion, with **Dr. Griswold** making a standing second, for the adoption of the following Show Rule change proposals:

**Brief Summation of Immediate Past Committee Activities:**

*The Committee has been preparing the show rule changes set forth below based on activity at the 2025 CFA Annual Meeting and requests from Board members, Central Office and other committees.*

**Board Action Items:**

***Changes effective for shows after October 18, 2025***

1. *Add Show Rule 7.22 to provide when the electronic show catalog can be released to exhibitors.*

Article VII: Pre-Show Document Preparation -- Add 7.22	Show Technology Committee/Entry Clerk Program Committee
Existing Wording	Proposed Wording
None	<p><b>7.22</b> For all shows providing an electronic show catalog to exhibitors, the entry clerk must not release the electronic catalog more than 36-48 hours or less than 24 hours prior to the scheduled beginning of judging at the show or at the first of two shows held on the same weekend at the same location.</p>

**RATIONALE:** This sets when an electronic exhibitor catalog can be released by the entry clerk to exhibitors.

**Jensen:** I object. I think it's problematic in two aspects. It's going to increase gaming by exhibitors because even if it's going to be released potentially Thursday evening and people can decide, "I don't want to go to that show. I don't want to go against my competition." The other thing is, you're increasing people's ability to be a problem to the entry clerks. Entry clerks have enough to deal with. Adding an additional thing where they're going to be fending all these calls from people saying, "I'm special, I need to get the catalog early" or "I didn't get my catalog" is going to create more problems. If we're going to use these electronic catalogs, they should be released not until the morning of the show. If people have Wi-Fi problems, they can go to

Starbucks. **Dunham:** The gamesmanship still happens today and we don't have an electronic catalog. It's all done based on the breed summary. That gamesmanship is going to happen no matter what. I don't see an issue with this. If somebody has already made a plane ticket by 48 hours ahead of a show, they're likely not going to change it. I don't see a problem with this. Exhibitors that I've talked with don't see a problem with this. They're already looking at breed summaries. They already know who the cats are as the season goes on. I just don't see a problem with it.

**Griswold:** In other organizations that use electronic catalogs, people really enjoy having them a bit early so that they're able to print out certain sections if they like to have a paper copy of something. I hear the same thing from our own constituents, that if they want to print it out, it needs to come out a little bit early so they have time to do it before they need to pack their car and drive. **Currie:** On behalf of a couple of entry clerks within my region, I would offer an amendment to change 36 hours to 48 hours, as many of them have said that they leave for some shows as early as Thursday. That's got to be considered. **Mastin:** Carol, do you accept the 48 hour recommendation from Kenny? **Krzanowski:** Yes. **Mastin:** Marilee, do you accept? **Griswold:** Yes.

**Huhtaniemi:** Why do we say judging? Why don't we say check-in? Normally everything is based on check-in. **Dunham:** Based on what we heard from the comments of the last board meeting, the Show Rules Committee felt that this was a reasonable expectation. I have no problem with it saying, "At the beginning of or end of check-in." **Mastin:** Ed, do you have any comments on Pauli changing from "beginning of judging" to "beginning of or end of check-in"? **Raymond:** That is very variable per show. I think of the International Show where check-in begins online on Thursday. I also recognize that this is not going to be in effect for the International Show, because it starts afterwards. The beginning of judging was a common time that is always stated on the show flyer. **Nye:** There are a number of shows that allow you to set up and check in on Friday. That makes it much different than the start of the show. **Jensen:** If somebody wants a printed one, they can purchase it from the club. Also, you can't tell from the breed summary which Household Pets are entered. Once you get the catalog, you know that. They also campaign. We can't brush this with a broad stroke and say, everybody knows who's going everywhere. If we're going to let everybody know, then why not publish the entries as they're coming in so that people can say, "so-and-so entered, so I don't want to bother entering that show." The games put a bad pallor on the entire show hall. **DelaBar:** The FIFE clubs in my area release electronic catalogs the morning of the show with a QR code.

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

2. *Amend Show Rule 6.09 to require that cats owned by an Associate judge or Single Specialty judge who officiates and shows on the same weekend to be X'd out in the catalog for all rings on the day they judge.*

Article VI: Entering a Show -- Amend 6.09	Central Office/Scoring
Existing Wording	Proposed Wording

**6.09** When an officiating judge, including a Best of the Bests judge or officiating judge serving as a training judge, is the breeder of a cat or kitten, or the judge's cattery prefix/suffix is on the cat or kitten, such cat or kitten is not eligible to be shown in that judge's ring. This includes being handled by a trainee when the officiating judge is serving as a training judge.

a. This rule does not apply to shows in Hawaii or when a substitute judge officiates in a Best of the Bests competition.

b. Trainee judges in the process of Color Class training may not handle any exhibit owned or bred by them or that bears the Trainee's cattery prefix or suffix.

c. A cat or kitten not entered in a ring because the advertised judge is the breeder may be judged by a substitute judge in that ring; that is, if the advertised judge is unable to judge at that show, the judge that replaces them at the show may now judge cats that otherwise would have been excluded because the advertised judge was the breeder of that cat or kitten.

d. In the event an exhibitor shows a cat in a show where the presiding judge is the breeder of a cat or kitten, or the judge's cattery prefix/suffix is on the cat or kitten, or the cat or kitten is owned or bred by a member of his/her immediate family or household, which includes father, mother, brother, sister, son, daughter, step-children, stepparents, or in-laws, the cat will be mandatorily "x'd" out of that judge's ring.

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e. In the event an Associate judge or Single Specialty judge officiates and shows in the same weekend (see 21.02.c.) the cat(s) owned by said judge should be "x'd" out in all rings on the day they are judging.

**RATIONALE:** In the event a single specialty or associate judge is officiating a show and showing cat(s) for the opposite specialty on the second day of the show, entry clerks must know how to mark the cat(s) for the judge's books and the master clerk book. By marking "XXX" for all the rings the cat cannot be in it allows Central Office to identify these cats more easily when doing the official count.

**The motion is ratified by unanimous consent.**

3. *Amend Show Rule 28.02 to clarify how cats owned by an Associate judge or Single Specialty judge who officiates and shows on the same weekend will be counted for when computing Champions/Premiers present.*

Article XXVIII: Obtaining Titles – Grands -- Amend 28.02	Central Office/Scoring
Existing Wording	Proposed Wording
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4. *Amend Article XXXVI to clarify how cats owned by an Associate judge or Single Specialty judge who officiates and shows on the same weekend will be counted when computing cats present.*

Article XXXVI: National/Regional/Divisional Awards Program – Show Points -- Amend Official Show Count	Central Office/Scoring
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**A. Resolution Prenoticed to the 2025 Annual Meeting and Passed by 2/3 (effective May 1, 2026)**

5. *Ratify the change to Show Rule 20.01 providing for increases in clerk and master clerk fees which was approved by more than 2/3 of the delegates at the Annual Meeting.*

<p><b>Article XX:</b>  <b>Responsibilities of Show Treasurer – Show Fee Payments -- Amend 20.01</b></p>	<p><b>Sternwheel Cat Fanciers, United Singapura Society</b></p>
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**RATIONALE:** Since the delegation voted to give the judges a raise in 2024 based on the fact that we ask more of them, the Clerks and Master Clerks are also doing more work and for very little pay. There has not been a raise for the clerks in probably 10 years.

**The motion is ratified by unanimous consent.**

6. *Ratify the change to Show Rule 20.05 requiring judges' accommodations to have locking doors and private bathrooms which was approved by more than 2/3 of the delegates at the Annual Meeting.*

<b>Article XX: Responsibilities of Show Treasurer – Show Fee Payments -- Amend 20.05</b>	<b>JA Club</b>
<b>Existing Wording</b>	<b>Proposed Wording</b>
<p><b>20.05</b> Clubs are required to provide individual hotel accommodations for each judge for the night before the beginning of a judge's judging, the night after the completion of a judge's judging, and for each night in between, if any. Meals are to be provided within this same time frame; meals and beverages must also be made available at the show. Clubs shall not ask judges to share rooms (although judges may volunteer to do so).</p> <p>...</p>	<p><b>20.05</b> Clubs are required to provide individual hotel accommodations for each judge for the night before the beginning of a judge's judging, the night after the completion of a judge's judging, and for each night in between, if any. <u>Accommodations provided must include a door that locks and a private bathroom.</u> Meals are to be provided within this same time frame; meals and beverages must also be made available at the show. Clubs shall not ask judges to share rooms (although judges may volunteer to do so).</p> <p>...</p>

**RATIONALE:** There have been occasions where judges have been set up in hotels or apartments for multiple judges (of both sexes) without prior knowledge or approvals that have a communal bathroom and in some cases no door locks to assure privacy and safety. This creates an unsafe environment for judges.

**The motion is ratified by unanimous consent.**

**B. Show Rule Resolutions Prenoticed to the 2025 Annual Meeting Which Passed by More Than 50%. Advisory Only (effective May 1, 2026)**

7. Approve the amendment to the Household Pet Class definition in Show Rule 2.23.f. which received a favorable vote from more than 50% of the delegates at the Annual Meeting.

Article II: Definitions -- Amend 2.23.f.	Ocicats International
Existing Wording	Proposed Wording
<p><b>2.23 NON-CHAMPIONSHIP CLASSES</b></p> <p>...</p> <p>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 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>...</p>	<p><b>2.23 NON-CHAMPIONSHIP CLASSES</b></p> <p>...</p> <p>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 <del>or wild cat domestic cat hybrid crosses</del> are not eligible for entry. 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 <u>Bengals known wild cat-domestic cat hybrid crosses</u> to enter this class, they must have a registration number. (See Article VI – Entering the Show) <u>or be at a minimum of 5 generations from wild cat cross.</u></p> <p>...</p>
<p><b>RATIONALE:</b> There are several domesticated breeds with origins of wild cat (for example the Toyger) with significantly less wild blood contribution than our accepted wild cat – domestic cat hybrid cross (the Bengal) which, per our current rules, are not allowed to compete. By removing the specific breed limitations and the requirement for only one breed of pedigree cat to need a CFA registration number, we can standardize our policy based upon data and statistics and increase our HHP entries as well as public exposure to CFA.</p>	

**Nye:** When you took out the word “Bengal”, it makes it to where the registration number they may be getting is just for a Household Pet and that is concerning to me. Right now they can have a Bengal registration number and then change it to a Household Pet prefix and we’re covered to make sure that they’ve got the five generations. **Raymond:** They would have needed to prove the five generations when they obtained the Bengal registration number in the first place. Now all cats need to be registered to be shown. **Nye:** What if they’ve never been registered as a Bengal? **Tartaglia:** All we’re just saying is about the known wild cat/domestic cat hybrid crosses. We’ve taken Bengals out of many of these areas because it just doesn’t apply anymore. **Raymond:** This, as amended, is broader than just Bengals. It covers Bengals and others that were not previously covered by the rule. **Nye:** We get Toygers in our ring and they’re probably not registered at all before they get the Household Pet numbers. I just wanted to point out that we’re removing the requirement that they have the five generations. **DelaBar:** Leslie Lyons has stated several times that Bengals now run about 3% of the wild gene out of 100% of their DNA. Toygers may be even less. This is coming up more with genetic reality than we’ve had in the past.

**The motion is ratified by unanimous consent.**

**C. Other Show Rule Changes (effective May 1, 2026)**

8. *Add Show Rule 2.03 to define the Agility Ringmaster Scoring Sheet.*

<b>Article II: Definitions – Add 2.03 and renumber subsequent rules in Article II</b>	<b>Agility Committee</b>				
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<b>RATIONALE:</b> Housekeeping; Ringmaster scoring sheet was not previously defined.					

**DelaBar:** We have a lot of rules dealing with agility. Are we going to have a very thick Show Rules now, or should we consider having a separate show rules for Agility? **Raymond:** Many of the show rules in this package for Agility are minor amendments to the existing show rules, so we’re not adding a lot. **Griswold:** I agree. These are coming out of my Committee. We have a lot of updates that need to happen. There were some outdated rules, and we’ve defined quite a lot more of the rules so that we can avoid any issues going forward. A lot of them are fixing and further defining rules that are already there, but our Committee might consider the creation of a handbook for agility ring masters. That may be coming in the future.

**The motion is ratified by unanimous consent.**

9. *Amend Show Rule 2.04 to update the definition of Bay Check In.*

Article II: Definitions – Amend 2.16	Judging Program Committee
Existing Wording	Proposed Wording
<p><b>2.04</b> BAY Check-In involves the verification by attendance at the close of check-in that all cats of a particular color-class within all categories of a breed (i.e., kittens, championship, and premiership combined) are present for judging and possess no obvious characteristics that would warrant them not being showable, e.g. out of condition, color not recognized for competition, obvious illness. This process may be implemented at shows in the International Division where a color class has more entries than the total number of judging cages to be used in the smallest judging ring at that show (12 or 16). Cats required to participate in this check-in are not eligible for late arrival and once marked absent, will be considered absent for the duration of the entire show, including both days of a two day show. For example, if color class 2500/2501, solid color British Shorthairs has seven kittens, nine championship, and one premiership cat entered with the smallest ring comprising 16 cages, that color class would qualify for bay check-in as the total number entered in that color class is 17.</p>	<p><b>2.04</b> BAY Check-In involves the verification by attendance at the close of check-in that all cats of a particular color class within all categories of a breed (i.e., kittens, championship, and premiership combined) are present for judging and possess no obvious characteristics that would warrant them not being showable, e.g. out of condition, color not recognized for competition, obvious illness. This process may be implemented at shows in the International Division where a color class has more entries than the total number of judging cages to be used in the smallest judging ring at that show (12 or 16). Cats required to participate in this check-in are not eligible for late arrival and once marked absent, will be considered absent for the duration of the entire show, including both days of a two day show. For example, if color class 2500/2501, solid color British Shorthairs has seven kittens, nine championship, and one premiership cat entered with the smallest ring comprising 16 cages, that color class would qualify for bay check-in as the total number entered in that color class is 17.</p> <p><b>2.04</b> <u>BAY CHECK-IN: At the discretion of the International Division Chair, may be required in shows in the International Division when entries of a specific color of a breed in all categories (Kittens, Championship and Premiership) exceed the number of cats that can be benched in a ring. Verification will be done at the close of check-in by judges designated by the International Division Chair. Cats not present for bay check-in will not be allowed to be presented in any ring at any time for the duration of the show.</u></p>
<p><b>RATIONALE:</b> Too much detail in current definition that needs to be in body of show rules.</p>	

**Griswold:** This was something the International Division Committee discussed that we're modifying. It loosens the original requirements for bay check-in to make this more designated by the ID Division Chair where we needed to go with the bay check-in. **Mastin:** Does the current International Division Chair approve the way this is written? **Griswold:** Yes. **Nye:** It

changes it from *must be done* to *only at the discretion of the International Division Chair*. If we're not having trouble with fake cats or stuffing, then it's not going to be called for. It's only going to be hanging over their heads to remind them that this kind of cheating can't be done. **Mastin:** Ed, as it's written, it's optional? **Raymond:** Correct. **Nye:** At the discretion.

**The motion is ratified by unanimous consent.**

10. *Amend Show Rule 2.07 to remove the reference to Bengals.*

Article II: Definitions -- Amend 2.07	Central Office
Existing Wording	Proposed Wording
<p><b>2.07</b> A CAT is used in these rules to mean a domestic feline of the age of 8 calendar months or more of either sex, whole, neutered or spayed.</p> <p>A DOMESTIC feline is a subspecies, known as a <i>Felis catus</i>, within the <i>Felis</i> genus, or any Bengal approved for registration in CFA's Rules of Registration.</p>	<p><b>2.07</b> A CAT is used in these rules to mean a domestic feline of the age of 8 calendar months or more of either sex, whole, neutered or spayed.</p> <p>A DOMESTIC feline is a subspecies, known as a <i>Felis catus</i>, within the <i>Felis</i> genus, <del>or any Bengal approved for registration in CFA's Rules of Registration</del>.</p>
<p><b>RATIONALE:</b> This is a housekeeping item. Bengals have been approved for championship status and no longer need to be identified in this definition.</p>	

**The motion is ratified by unanimous consent.**

11. *Amend Show Rule 2.08 to streamline the definition of Certified Ringmaster.*

Article II: Definitions – Amend 2.08	Agility Committee
Existing Wording	Proposed Wording
<p><b>2.08</b> CERTIFIED RINGMASTER is one who has trained and has passed the test provided by the coordinator of ringmasters for the conduct of agility rings. Responsibilities include the placement of obstacles, timing of competitive agility runs, and signing off on agility title claim forms.</p>	<p><b>2.08</b> CERTIFIED RINGMASTER is one who has trained and has passed the test provided by the <del>coordinator of ringmasters</del> <u>Agility Chair</u> for the conduct of agility rings. Responsibilities include the placement of obstacles, timing of competitive agility runs, and signing off on agility title claim forms.</p>
<p><b>RATIONALE:</b> Housekeeping; responsibilities are listed in 24.01.</p>	

**The motion is ratified by unanimous consent.**

12. *Amend Show Rule 2.16 to remove references to entries by mail.*

<b>Article II: Definitions – Amend 2.16</b>	<b>Show Rules Committee</b>
<b>Existing Wording</b>	<b>Proposed Wording</b>
<b>2.16</b> An ENTRY is a cat or kitten for which an entry form or facsimile thereof has been submitted to the show entry clerk online or by mail and accepted for competition. An entry is also a cat or kitten entered in the Miscellaneous (Non-Competitive) Class. Also, as used in these rules, an ENTRY is the process of submitting an entry form to the entry clerk.	<b>2.16</b> An ENTRY is a cat or kitten for which <u>information has been submitted via the CFA online entry form</u> <del>an entry form or facsimile thereof has been submitted to the show entry clerk online or by mail</del> and accepted for competition. An entry is also a cat or kitten entered in the Miscellaneous (Non-Competitive) Class. Also, as used in these rules, an ENTRY is the process of submitting an entry form to the entry clerk.

**RATIONALE:** Housekeeping change to remove reference to entry by mail.

**The motion is ratified by unanimous consent.**

13. *Amend Show Rule 2.21 to remove the reference to Bengals.*

<b>Article II: Definitions -- Amend 2.21</b>	<b>Central Office</b>
<b>Existing Wording</b>	<b>Proposed Wording</b>
<b>2.21</b> LISTING is the practice of allowing unregistered cats to be entered for competition. Listed cats are permitted at all licensed shows. Per show rules, a Bengal cannot be a listed cat as it requires a registration number to verify it qualifies as a domestic cat.	<b>2.21</b> LISTING is the practice of allowing unregistered cats to be entered for competition. Listed cats are permitted at all licensed shows. <del>Per show rules, a Bengal cannot be a listed cat as it requires a registration number to verify it qualifies as a domestic cat.</del>

**RATIONALE:** This is a housekeeping item. Bengals have been approved for championship status and no longer need to be identified in this definition.

**The motion is ratified by unanimous consent.**

14. *Amend Show Rule 2.23f, g, h to remove the reference to Bengals.*

<b>Article II: Definitions -- Amend 2.23</b>	<b>Central Office</b>
<b>Existing Wording</b>	<b>Proposed Wording</b>
<b>2.23</b> NON-CHAMPIONSHIP CLASSES ...	<b>2.23</b> NON-CHAMPIONSHIP CLASSES ...

<p>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 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>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 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. <del>For Bengals to enter this class, they must have a registration number. (See Article VI – Entering the Show).</del></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>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. <del>For Bengals to enter this class, they must have a registration number.</del></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</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. <del>For Bengals to enter this class, they must also provide to the Agility Ringmaster their registration number as part of the entry</del></p>

process.	
<b>RATIONALE:</b> This is a housekeeping item. Bengals have been approved for championship status and no longer need to be identified in this definition.	

**The motion is ratified by unanimous consent.**

15. *Amend Show Rule 2.23.h. to clarify that Agility is not a judged class and standardize the language with that of the Household Pet Class and Exhibition Only class.*

Article II: Definitions – Amend 2.23.h.	Agility Committee
Existing Wording	Proposed Wording
<p><b>2.23 NON-CHAMPIONSHIP CLASSES</b></p> <p>...</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><b>2.23 NON-CHAMPIONSHIP CLASSES</b></p> <p>...</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. <u>Wild cats or wild cat domestic cat hybrid crosses are not eligible for entry.</u> 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. <u>Agility competition does not require handling in any judging ring. For known wild cat-domestic cat hybrid crosses to enter this class, they must also provide to the Agility Ringmaster their registration number as part of the entry process or be at a minimum 5 generations from wild cat cross.</u></p>

**RATIONALE:** Standardizes language with that of the Household Pet Class and Exhibition Only class and clarifies this is not a judged class.

**Altschul:** This says, *Wild cats or wild cat domestic cat hybrid crosses are not eligible for entry.* Wild cat/domestic hybrids are technically Bengals. Are we saying Bengals cannot compete? What about the Toygers that were seen in the Household Pet class? **DelaBar:** I think they're talking about "hybrid" meaning wild cat to domestic cat. That's the hybrid cross, not

further down the generations. I would have to ask the board liaison for Agility. **Griswold:** We were trying to standardize it to the Household Pet verbiage. We were trying to keep it in accordance with Household Pet verbiage, that if they're not eligible for Household Pets, then they're not eligible for Agility. However, if we're taking out *wild cat or wild cat/domestic cat hybrid crosses* out of the Household Pet verbiage, then we can remove it out of here also. We're actively making changes in both of these sections with different committees. **Raymond:** The change to 2.23.f. that was just previously considered does not remove that language in Household Pets. It is still in the Household Pet definition. **Altschul:** If the intent is not to have any F-1, F-2, F-3, may I recommend that that be clarified? What exactly do you want to prohibit? We may say Bengals are not wildcat crosses anymore, but if I go to Google, they are. We need to clarify what exactly is being prohibited from entry here. **Raymond:** The language that's being added here is the same language that is used in other definitions. If you're going to do something different here, I think you should go back and make similar changes elsewhere. This hasn't been an issue in its inclusion in the Household Pet definition. **Altschul:** Bengal, Savannah are the first two that come up in a Google search, so I have a concern. Even though later it says for *Bengals to enter this class*, I believe some people will read this as cats we are allowing to show in Household Pet. Vicki. **Nye:** In the previous one, we replaced the word *Bengal* with *wild cats or wild cat/domestic hybrids* and said that they had to be registered, which may just be a Household Pet number. In this one, we replaced Bengals, which used to be there, and then we've also excluded the Bengal to now be eligible to compete there because we've said that they have to provide their registration number. It does something a little different than the Household Pet piece does. In this case, they can't show a Toyger in agility, but they could show it in the Household Pet class.

**Krzanowski:** Would it clarify things if we move the sentence, *For Bengals to enter this class, they must also provide to the Agility Ringmaster their registration number as part of the entry process* to right after the sentence being added, *Wild cats or wild cat domestic cat hybrid crosses are not eligible for entry*. **Raymond:** It might clarify things. **Altschul:** It clarifies things for Bengals, but not for any other wildcat crosses that are being allowed to show as Household Pets.. **Griswold:** Part of what we're saying with the Household Pets, *Wild cats or wild cat domestic cat hybrid crosses are not eligible for entry*, is that they can't be shown as Household Pets. This is the same thing for agility. We're saying they can't come and be in our show. If you're one of these hybrid crosses, it's not going to be eligible for Household Pet or for agility. **Mastin:** Carissa missed it in the Household Pet class. It's confusing now and it needs to be addressed there, as well. Carissa, did I sum that up? **Altschul:** Yes. Do we define anywhere else in the show rule exactly what we call a wild cat/domestic cat hybrid? That's only up to F5? Do we define somewhere else that we call a wildcat/domestic hybrid cross as anything F5 and prior? If so, that would be fine, but the way it's reading is, we're not allowing anything that is a hybrid with a wildcat and whether that wildcat cross is 10 generations or five generations ago, these cats are still hybrids. Regardless of what percentage of it, whether it's 1% or 10%, it is a percent. They are still a hybrid and this says they're not eligible. Then we contradict ourselves by saying Bengals are eligible. This is problematic. **Griswold:** Can we reword this to say *wildcat or wildcat domestic cat crosses are not eligible for entry, other than Bengals who have a registration number as part of the entry process* or something to that effect where we can say other than excluding or not including Bengals? To have their registration number, Bengals have to have those generational requirements. We could add that there is wildcat in there somewhere, but they have to meet all the registration requirements of a Bengal.

**DelaBar:** With all the changes that people want to make, this should be tabled at this time and brought back in December with the verbiage that the Committee wants. Changing what you just said would not allow the Toyger or those with Toyger parentage to participate. I thought that's one of the goals that they had for Household Pets and agility. **Mastin:** Carol, do you want to table this to December? **Krzanowski:** Yes. I would like to table this until December, clean up the language and also look at the Household Pet language so that they coincide and are compatible. **Mastin:** Marilee, do you second? **Griswold:** Yes.

**Raymond:** We've got compounding changes to these rules. One of the changes that was passed by the delegation by 50% and then the board is #7 in this report and the board just approved it. That removed within the Household Pet definition the words *or wild cat/domestic cat hybrid crosses*. Now it just says wildcats are not eligible for entry. So, we've already got that change in the Household Pet definition. Is it sufficient to just mirror that in the agility definition? **Altschul:** So you would say for Show Rule 2.23.h., *Wild cats are not eligible for entry* and you would not say anything about the domestic hybrids? **Raymond:** Correct. **Altschul:** I think that fixes it. **Mastin:** Carol, do you amend your original motion? **Krzanowski:** It makes sense to me, so I would agree. **Mastin:** Marilee, do you agree? **Griswold:** Yes, I would agree.

**Mastin:** We are now on the amended motion. **Nye:** I was just looking at the Household Pet version of this, 2.23. If you change this to *wild cats are not eligible for entry* and then it says for Bengals, it excludes Toygers. I'm looking at the language in the Household Pet piece, instead of saying, *for Bengals*, it says, *For known wild cat-domestic cat hybrid crosses to enter this class, they must also provide to the Agility Ringmaster their registration number as part of the entry process or be at a minimum 5 generations from wild cat cross*. I think that should be mirrored in this one. **Mastin:** Which is #7. **Raymond:** That's going to happen for #7. The language would be added. At the end of 15.h., we want to add a sentence that says, *For known wild cat-domestic cat hybrid crosses to enter this class, they must also provide to the Agility Ringmaster their registration number as part of the entry process or be at a minimum 5 generations from wild cat cross*. Where it says *for Bengals to enter this class*, we're going to want to remove the word *Bengals* and add *known wild cat-domestic cat hybrid crosses*. Then, at the end of that sentence, add the words *or be at a minimum of five generations from wild cat cross*. **Griswold:** We still have some of this verbiage in proposed wording up in Household Pets that we just saw. I'm thinking we're changing a lot. Maybe we should take it back and look at all the Household Pets and look at all the agility and really make sure that it matches. **Raymond:** It will when we incorporate it, because that couldn't be reflected in the proposals because we didn't know if the board was going to approve the prior proposal. So they build on each other. **Mastin:** Now that you made this change to 15, do we also have to make the similar changes to 14? **Raymond:** No, because the changes were already made in #7. They will be carried forward. We'll only add in the additional changes that were made in #14. **Griswold:** I don't want to miss anything. As long as he is going to be catching everything, I'm OK. **Mastin:** These will go into effect May 1? **Raymond:** Correct. **Mastin:** If we come across more errors between now and then, we have some time to get these corrected. **Raymond:** Normally, what happens is that when we're incorporating these changes, usually in March, if we see something, we'll bring it back to the board. **Mastin:** Carol, are you OK with the amended motion? **Krzanowski:** Yes. **Mastin:** Marilee, are you OK with the amended motion? **Griswold:** Yes. **Mastin:** Carissa, does it address your concerns? **Altschul:** Yes. **Mastin:** Vicki Nye, does it address your concerns? **Nye:** Yes.

**The motion, as amended, is ratified by unanimous consent.**

16. *Amend Show Rule 2.33e to allow a Show Producing Service to retain the Certified Ringmaster.*

Article II: Definitions – Amend 2.33.e.	Agility Committee
Existing Wording	Proposed Wording
<p><b>2.33 SHOW PRODUCING SERVICE:</b> shall mean any individual, group of individuals, partnership or corporation, whether doing business under the name of any individual or a fictitious firm name, which performs or offers to perform, for any fee or other compensation, any one or more of the following services for any CFA member club:</p> <p>...</p> <p>e. Assume any management, control or direction, however slight, over the selection or contracting of any CFA licensed judge, any show hall, any cage rental service or any independent retail vendor to be hired for or used in connection with any CFA licensed show.</p> <p>...</p>	<p><b>2.33 SHOW PRODUCING SERVICE:</b> shall mean any individual, group of individuals, partnership or corporation, whether doing business under the name of any individual or a fictitious firm name, which performs or offers to perform, for any fee or other compensation, any one or more of the following services for any CFA member club:</p> <p>...</p> <p>e. Assume any management, control or direction, however slight, over the selection or contracting of any CFA licensed judge, <u>any Certified Ringmaster</u>, any show hall, any cage rental service or any independent retail vendor to be hired for or used in connection with any CFA licensed show.</p> <p>...</p>
<p><b>RATIONALE:</b> Show producing services should be allowed to retain Certified Ringmasters when Agility is offered.</p>	

**The motion is ratified by unanimous consent.**

17. *Amend Show Rule 2.34 to clarify the definition of CFA SHOW SEASON.*

Article II: Definitions -- Amend 2.24	Central Office
Existing Wording	Proposed Wording
<p><b>2.34</b> The CFA SHOW SEASON starts with the first weekend in May and ends with the last full weekend in April per show rule 2.38.</p>	<p><b>2.34</b> The CFA SHOW SEASON starts <u>with</u> the first <u>Monday after</u> weekend in May and <u>ends with</u> the last full weekend in April <u>and ends the last full weekend in April</u> per show rule 2.38.</p>
<p><b>RATIONALE:</b> The definition of the show season needed to be updated and clarified.</p>	

**The motion is ratified by unanimous consent.**

18. *Amend Show Rule 3.12 to provide that a judge who judges a show on a day other than a “weekend” has the option of treating that assignment as taking place on either the previous weekend or the following weekend.*

Article III: Invitations To and Acceptances by Judges – Amend 3.12	Show Rules Committee
Existing Wording	Proposed Wording
<p><b>3.12</b> A judge may not accept two CFA shows at different locations in any one weekend nor may they officiate at both shows consisting of two one-day shows in the same location. This does not preclude CFA judges accepting guest judge assignments for approved associations when contracted for a CFA show that the CFA Board of Directors has approved in conjunction with a show held by one or more foreign associations.</p>	<p><b>3.12</b> A judge may not accept two CFA shows at different locations in any one weekend nor may they officiate at both shows consisting of two one-day shows in the same location. This does not preclude CFA judges accepting guest judge assignments for approved associations when contracted for a CFA show that the CFA Board of Directors has approved in conjunction with a show held by one or more foreign associations. <u>A judge who judges a CFA show on a day other than a “weekend” (see rule 2.38) has the option of treating that assignment as taking place on either the previous weekend or the following weekend.</u></p>
<p><b>RATIONALE:</b> While shows on days other than a “weekend” are rare, this rule provides guidance on how a judge should treat such an assignment.</p>	

**The motion is ratified by unanimous consent.**

19. *Amend Show Rule 3.13 to remove the exclusion of Associate Judges from the definition of a “CFA judge/CFAJ.”*

Article III: Invitations To and Acceptances by Judges – Amend 3.13	Pam DelaBar
Existing Wording	Proposed Wording
<p><b>3.13</b> For kitten, championship, premiership and veteran classes, a CFA judge (at least Apprentice) Associate judge or Guest judge must be used. For Household Pet classes it is permissible for a club to use a Trainee. The term “CFA judge/CFAJ” does not include Associate judge or Guest judge. A ring is defined as either an Allbreed ring or a Longhair/LH + Shorthair/SW ring. LH + SW specialties may be judged by 2 different judges but still constitute a single ring. Depending on the show location, the number of rings that must be judged by</p>	<p><b>3.13</b> For kitten, championship, premiership and veteran classes, a CFA judge (at least Apprentice), Associate judge or Guest judge must be used. For Household Pet classes it is permissible for a club to use a Trainee. The term “CFA judge/CFAJ” does not include <del>Associate judge or a</del> Guest judge. A ring is defined as either an Allbreed ring or a Longhair/LH + Shorthair/SW ring. LH + SW specialties may be judged by 2 different judges but still constitute a single ring. Depending on the show location, the number of rings that must be judged by</p>

<p>by CFA/CFAJ judges at the show are as follows:</p> <p>...</p> <p>As used above, 11 or 12 rings constitutes two 5 or more ring shows at the same location on the same weekend, sponsored by one or more clubs. A ring is considered judged by a CFA judge if both longhair and shorthair specialties are judged by a CFA judge. In cases where a CFA judge only judges one specialty, and an Associate judge or Guest judge judges the other specialty, the ring is not considered to have been judged by a CFA judge. Any combination of Guest judges and Associate judges may be utilized once the minimum number of rings to be judged by CFA judges has been achieved.</p>	<p>CFA/CFAJ judges at the show are as follows:</p> <p>...</p> <p>As used above, 11 or 12 rings constitutes two 5 or more ring shows at the same location on the same weekend, sponsored by one or more clubs. A ring is considered judged by a CFA judge if both longhair and shorthair specialties are judged by a CFA judge. In cases where a CFA judge only judges one specialty, and an Associate judge or a Guest judge judges the other specialty, the ring is not considered to have been judged by a CFA judge. Any combination of Guest judges and Associate judges may be utilized once the minimum number of rings to be judged by CFA judges has been achieved.</p>
<p><b>RATIONALE:</b> These changes maintain the original purpose of the show rule to define the number of rings that must be judged by CFA licensed judges, which includes licensed Associate Judges who are valuable assets to CFA.</p>	

**Nye:** I have a problem with this. What this change would do is allow a club to have shows with only Guest Judges and Associate Judges. We discussed removing the Associate Judge from the calculation with a Guest Judge, but then eliminating the exclusion or the 50% Guest Judge exception, but I want to keep the Associate Judge calculated with the Guest Judges at this time. **DelaBar:** I disagree. The Associate Judges are a CFA asset and have been for a couple of years now. They're well-trained, as we're seeing, and do a wonderful job in the ring. I do not feel that they should be at the same level as a judge we're bringing in from another association. These are our assets. **Griswold:** If we have shows that are only Guest Judges and AJs, AJs are only licensed to do a single specialty. That would mean that all the Guest Judges will be doing the allbreed rings. Part of having a CFA show is, we want to have well-trained CFA judges be the majority of what's there and have the majority of the allbreed rings. That's why we have the rule that if we have a CFA judge that can judge allbreed, the Guest Judge needs to judge the specialty ring. That's to place the emphasis on the CFA judge. AJs can only judge a specialty ring. So it really changes the makeup of the CFA show. **DelaBar:** When you look at the number of AJs we have, it would be very difficult to put on a show with that format. I still think that these people should be considered CFA assets because they are CFA people. **Nye:** This occurred quite frequently during COVID where we had only shows with Associate Judges. When we started being able to have judges that could come in, it wasn't the U.S. that could come in, it was the Guest Judges, so then we had shows that were Guest Judges and Associate Judges only. I agree that the Associate Judges are valuable assets to CFA. That's why I'm trying to move them to a full-fledged judge so that they can judge anywhere and get their second specialty. If Associate Judges are such an asset, why does Europe have the exemption to not require a specialty ring, which is the only way that an Associate Judge can judge? Again, I'm not in favor of 3.13. I am in favor of moving our Associate Judges over to full-fledged judges so that they can take on the role of a CFA judge anywhere. **DelaBar:** The reason Region 9 has no specialty rings required after six rings was because of the great disparity between longhair and shorthair entries in our shows. It's still a great discrepancy, and that's been there for quite some time. As for moving judges, we got that accomplished yesterday for one of our Associates and previously

with another one. So, we are working to bring everybody into CFA as they can afford to do the training. This is an expensive proposition. Europe is an expensive place to live. So, as they can afford it, as they feel that they can take on the training, they're going, but that's not this. This is how we treat and view our people. **Altschul:** I understand both points of view. I wish there was a meeting point between the two. On one hand, I understand the value of our Associate Judges, but on the other hand, I think every CFA show should have at a minimum at least one, if not more, fully trained CFA licensed judge. Our Associate Judges may be great, but they still have not benefited from the extensive training our fully-licensed CFA judges have gone through. Is there a meeting point that the two of you could come to where you could both be happy with something? **DelaBar:** What caused this to come about was at our June annual meeting, we had a situation where a judge was already approved in one specialty, but an Associate in another. A club wanted to use that judge as a specialty judge, but under 3.13, it wasn't allowed because then it would put that Associate Judge in the one specialty and was considered to be a guest judge. If you look at our shows now, we have a lot of judges coming in from outside Europe. I have 15 total judges right now in Europe, including our Associates. We are trying to build up a good cadre of CFA judges here. That has been my goal as Regional Director, but I still maintain that these are CFA assets. **Nye:** I don't think we should institute a sweeping show rule change like this to address a single issue. As I said, Marilee and I had discussed that this would be a good change to remove the Associate Judges from the Guest Judging, but not to do it while they still have the exemption to the Guest Judging maximums that we currently apply to everywhere else in the world. Europe doesn't have to comply with that because they have an exemption from that. They have 50% Guest Judges. **DelaBar:** So does the ID.

**Mastin** called the motion. **Motion Carried.** Webb, Altschul, Griswold, Krzanowski and Nye voting no.

20. *Amend Show Rule 4.03.c., d. and g. to clarify that shows held on a weekend or in a different city that the prior year are subject to the 500-mile rule.*

Article IV: Licensing the Show -- Amend 4.03c, d & g	Show Rules Committee	
Existing Wording	Proposed Wording	
<p><b>4.03</b> No show license shall be denied because the same date has been scheduled by one or more other clubs with the following exceptions:</p> <p>...</p> <p>c. Any show held on a weekend or in a city different from the previous year must have written permission from the Show Scheduling Committee (regions 1-7), the Regional Director for the region in which the show is planned to be held (regions 8 and 9) or the appropriate International Division Chair (International Division shows). Before granting permission, the Show Scheduling Committee shall</p>	<p><b>4.03</b> No show license shall be denied because the same date has been scheduled by one or more other clubs with the following exceptions:</p> <p>...</p> <p>c. Any show held on a weekend or in a city different from the previous year must have written permission from the Show Scheduling Committee (regions 1-7), the Regional Director for the region in which the show is planned to be held (regions 8 and 9) or the appropriate International Division Chair (International Division shows). Before granting permission, the Show Scheduling Committee shall</p>	

<p>Committee shall notify the appropriate Regional Director and all subscribers of the CFA News announcements or a similar CFA-managed email list of such a license request. Regional Directors and clubs wishing to provide comment may do so to the Show Scheduling Committee within 7 days of the announcement. While the Show Scheduling Committee will consider all input, they are not bound by it. This is in addition to any other policy used by the CFA Executive Board to manage the show schedule. This does not apply to shows licensed within the State of Hawaii.</p> <p>d. Show Scheduling Committee approval is required for any club in regions 1-7 to obtain a show license with one exception. Only Regional Director approval is required for clubs in regions 8 or 9, and only the appropriate International Division Chair approval is required for clubs in the International Division. The exception is for clubs holding a show on their traditional date. They do not require Show Scheduling Committee approval to hold a show on that date in any subsequent year. In cases where a floating traditional date lands on the weekend of a fixed traditional date in the same region, Show Scheduling Committee approval is required to license either or both shows. CFA's Central Office shall maintain a page on the CFA website listing all traditional dates, including at a minimum the name of the club holding the traditional date and the city and state (and where applicable, country) of the last show.</p> <p>...</p> <p>g. No show, including two one-day shows held in the same location on the same weekend, shall be licensed in regions 1-7 on the same weekend within 500 miles (approximately 805 kilometers) of another such show without the approval of the Show Scheduling Committee.</p>	<p>notify the appropriate Regional Director and all subscribers of the CFA News announcements or a similar CFA-managed email list of such a license request. Regional Directors and clubs wishing to provide comment may do so to the Show Scheduling Committee within 7 days of the announcement. While the Show Scheduling Committee will consider all input, they are not bound by it. <u>A show moving to a different weekend or different city is subject to the 500-mile limitation set forth in 4.03g.</u> This is in addition to any other policy used by the CFA Executive Board to manage the show schedule. This does not apply to shows licensed within the State of Hawaii.</p> <p>d. Show Scheduling Committee approval is required for any club in regions 1-7 to obtain a show license with one exception. Only Regional Director approval is required for clubs in regions 8 or 9, and only the appropriate International Division Chair approval is required for clubs in the International Division. The exception is for clubs holding a show on their traditional date. They do not require Show Scheduling Committee approval to hold a show on that date in any subsequent year <u>unless the show is being held in a different city than the previous year.</u> <u>Such a show is subject to the 500-mile limitation set forth in 4.03g.</u> In cases where a floating traditional date lands on the weekend of a fixed traditional date in the same region, Show Scheduling Committee approval is required to license either or both shows. CFA's Central Office shall maintain a page on the CFA website listing all traditional dates, including at a minimum the name of the club holding the traditional date and the city and state (and where applicable, country) of the last show.</p> <p>...</p> <p>g. No show, including two one-day shows held in the same location on the same weekend, shall be licensed in regions 1-7 on the same weekend within 500 miles (approximately 805 kilometers) of another such show without the approval of the Show Scheduling Committee. <u>This limitation applies to shows being held on a traditional date but in a different city than the previous year.</u></p>
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**RATIONALE:** Clarify that the 500-mile limitation applies to shows being held on a traditional date but in a different city than the previous year.

**The motion is ratified by unanimous consent.**

21. *Add Show Rule 4.03.h. regarding shows on days other than a “Weekend.”*

Article IV: Licensing the Show -- Add 4.03.h.	Show Rules Committee
Existing Wording	Proposed Wording
<p><b>4.03</b> No show license shall be denied because the same date has been scheduled by one or more other clubs with the following exceptions:</p> <p>...</p>	<p><b>4.03</b> No show license shall be denied because the same date has been scheduled by one or more other clubs with the following exceptions:</p> <p>...</p> <p><u>h. No show shall be licensed on a day of the week other than a “weekend,” as defined in rule 2.38, without the prior approval of the Executive Board.</u></p>
<p><b>RATIONALE:</b> Clarifies that the licensing of a show to be held on a day of the week other than a “weekend” requires Board approval.</p>	

**The motion is ratified by unanimous consent.**

22. *Amend Show Rule 4.04 to allow Agility to be added after the show is licensed.*

Article IV: Licensing the Show – Amend 4.04	Agility Committee
Existing Wording	Proposed Wording
<p><b>4.04</b> Application for license should be received in the Central Office at least 90 days prior to the opening day of the show on the official form that may be obtained from the Central Office. Applications received with a date less than 90 days from the opening day of the show will incur late filing fees, in addition to the regular show processing and show insurance fees, as specified in the CFA’s current price list.</p> <p>...</p> <p>A change from a two-day show where all judges and entries are present both days to a back-to-back show or the addition of Household Pet and/or Veterans judging are not considered format changes (see rule 4.06); however, Central Office and all contracted judges must be notified of the change by the club.</p>	<p><b>4.04</b> Application for license should be received in the Central Office at least 90 days prior to the opening day of the show on the official form that may be obtained from the Central Office. Applications received with a date less than 90 days from the opening day of the show will incur late filing fees, in addition to the regular show processing and show insurance fees, as specified in the CFA’s current price list.</p> <p>...</p> <p>A change from a two-day show where all judges and entries are present both days to a back-to-back show or the addition of Household Pet <u>judging, and/or</u> Veterans judging <u>and/or</u> Agility competition are not considered format changes (see rule 4.06); however, Central Office and all contracted judges must be notified of the change by the club.</p>

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<b>RATIONALE:</b> Allows Agility to be added to shows after show is licensed.	

**The motion is ratified by unanimous consent.**

23. *Amend Show Rule 4.04 to make China, Hong Kong, and Macau subject to the same show licensing deadlines as the rest of the world.*

Article IV: Licensing the Show – Amend 4.04	International Division Committee
Existing Wording	Proposed Wording
<p><b>4.04</b> Application for license should be received in the Central Office at least 90 days prior to the opening day of the show on the official form that may be obtained from the Central Office. Applications received with a date less than 90 days from the opening day of the show will incur late filing fees, in addition to the regular show processing and show insurance fees, as specified in the CFA's current price list.</p> <p>No license will be granted for shows whose complete and accurate application, including judging program committee approvals for any proposed guest judges in the application, for a show license received in the Central Office with less than 30 days remaining prior to the opening day of the show.</p> <p>Notwithstanding the foregoing, an application for license for a show in Mainland China, Hong Kong or Macau must be received in the Central Office at least 21 days prior to the opening day of the show and will not incur late filing fees. An application for a license for such a show received less than 21 days prior to the opening day of the show will not be accepted without approval from the Executive Board.</p> <p>...</p>	<p><b>4.04</b> Application for license should be received in the Central Office at least 90 days prior to the opening day of the show on the official form that may be obtained from the Central Office. Applications received with a date less than 90 days from the opening day of the show will incur late filing fees, in addition to the regular show processing and show insurance fees, as specified in the CFA's current price list.</p> <p>No license will be granted for shows whose complete and accurate application, including judging program committee approvals for any proposed guest judges in the application, for a show license received in the Central Office with less than 30 days remaining prior to the opening day of the show.</p> <p><del>Notwithstanding the foregoing, an application for license for a show in Mainland China, Hong Kong or Macau must be received in the Central Office at least 21 days prior to the opening day of the show and will not incur late filing fees. An application for a license for such a show received less than 21 days prior to the opening day of the show will not be accepted without approval from the Executive Board.</del></p> <p>...</p>
<b>RATIONALE:</b> The ID Committee has requested that China, Hong Kong and Macau be subject to the same show licensing deadlines as the rest of the world.	

**Currie:** I'd like to hear from the International Division, how it's going to affect shows and entries. **Griswold:** We've been working on this slowly, changing it one day here, one day there. The ID Committee, both from China and ID-Other, says that they're going to be able to do

this. So, we haven't had a pushback at all. **Mastin:** So, the ID Committee was unanimous? **Griswold:** Yes. **DelaBar:** I'm wondering how this is going to affect Hong Kong, especially with 16 clubs in Hong Kong that are jockeying around for show dates and facilities. We've had some issues in the past. I don't know how it affects Macau and mainland China, but I did get a feeling this last trip to Hong Kong that there are issues. That's my concern with this. **Mastin:** Marilee, how do show-producing clubs in Hong Kong get approvals to have a date? **Griswold:** They go through Nadia, our coordinator, and she keeps track of all that and sends those emails to myself and Bob Zenda whenever a date comes up to see if it's available. Also Matthew Won is very active on our committee. He felt like this is something that's able to be done, as well. For licensing of shows in Hong Kong, we haven't had any issues with them coming down to the wire, at least not since I've been looking after these licensing requests. It's mostly ID-Other that gives us hassles in that regard, but not Hong Kong. **DelaBar:** I was concerned.

**The motion is ratified by unanimous consent.**

24. *Amend Show Rule 4.06 and Appendix A to require the same number of specialty rings at shows in Regions 1-9.*

Article IV: Licensing the Show – Amend 4.06 and Appendix A	Carissa Altschul
Existing Wording	Proposed Wording
<p><b>4.06</b> The CFA Central Office will issue a license for the following types of shows:</p> <p>a. A one day show which permits:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. one, two, three or four judgings per entry in any combination of Allbreed, Super Specialty, or Specialty rings. Shows with four or fewer judging rings are not required to contain a specialty ring, but may offer them if they so choose. Such shows have an entry limit of up to 225 cats.</li> <li>2. a one-day show format consisting of up to six rings with an entry limit of up to 225 cats. This format will permit up to six judgings per entry in any combination of Allbreed, Super Specialty, or Specialty rings for shows licensed in Regions 8, 9, or the International Division (excluding China). For shows licensed in Regions 1-7 or China, the combination of Allbreed, Super Specialty, or Specialty rings must include at least one Specialty ring for both longhair and shorthair specialties in kittens, championship, and premiership. The use of a Super Specialty ring will not meet this requirement.</li> </ol> <p>...</p>	<p><b>4.06</b> The CFA Central Office will issue a license for the following types of shows:</p> <p>a. A one day show which permits:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. one, two, three or four judgings per entry in any combination of Allbreed, Super Specialty, or Specialty rings. Shows with four or fewer judging rings are not required to contain a specialty ring, but may offer them if they so choose. Such shows have an entry limit of up to 225 cats.</li> <li>2. a one-day show format consisting of up to six rings with an entry limit of up to 225 cats. This format will permit up to six judgings per entry in any combination of Allbreed, Super Specialty, or Specialty rings for shows licensed in <del>Regions 8, 9, or the International Division (excluding China)</del>. For shows licensed in Regions 1-9 or China, the combination of Allbreed, Super Specialty, or Specialty rings must include at least one Specialty ring for both longhair and shorthair specialties in kittens, championship, and premiership. The use of a Super Specialty ring will not meet this requirement.</li> </ol> <p>...</p>

b. A two day show which permits up to ten judgings per entry over the two days of the show and a maximum of six judgings per entry per day. It is recommended that a judge shall not be scheduled to judge more than 250 cats on either day. For shows in Regions 1-7 or China utilizing a total of 5, 6, 7, or 8 rings, at least one of these rings must be a shorthair and longhair Specialty ring in kittens, championship, and premiership. For shows in Regions 1-7 or China utilizing a total of 9 or 10 rings, at least two of these rings must be both shorthair and longhair Specialty rings in kittens, championship, and premiership. For shows licensed in Regions 8, 9, or the rest of the International Division (excluding Hong Kong, Macau, Kuwait), utilizing a total of 7, 8, or 9 rings, at least one of these rings must be both a shorthair and longhair Specialty ring in kittens, championship, and premiership. For shows in Regions 8, 9, or the rest of the International Division (excluding Hong Kong, Macau, Kuwait), utilizing 10 rings, two of these rings must be both longhair and shorthair specialty rings in kittens, championship, and premiership. The use of Super Specialty rings will not meet the requirement for specialty rings. There are no specialty ring requirements for shows licensed in Hong Kong, Macau or Kuwait. Two day shows offer a variety of formats:

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b. A two day show which permits up to ten judgings per entry over the two days of the show and a maximum of six judgings per entry per day. It is recommended that a judge shall not be scheduled to judge more than 250 cats on either day. For shows in Regions 1-97 or China utilizing a total of 5, 6, 7, or 8 rings, at least one of these rings must be a shorthair and longhair Specialty ring in kittens, championship, and premiership. For shows in Regions 1-97 or China utilizing a total of 9 or 10 rings, at least two of these rings must be both shorthair and longhair Specialty rings in kittens, championship, and premiership. For shows licensed in ~~Regions 8, 9, or~~ the rest of the International Division (excluding Hong Kong, Macau, Kuwait), utilizing a total of 7, 8, or 9 rings, at least one of these rings must be both a shorthair and longhair Specialty ring in kittens, championship, and premiership. For shows in ~~Regions 8, 9, or~~ the rest of the International Division (excluding Hong Kong, Macau, Kuwait), utilizing 10 rings, two of these rings must be both longhair and shorthair specialty rings in kittens, championship, and premiership. The use of Super Specialty rings will not meet the requirement for specialty rings. There are no specialty ring requirements for shows licensed in Hong Kong, Macau or Kuwait. Two day shows offer a variety of formats:

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## Appendix A

### Minimum Number of Specialty Rings Required

[Super Specialty Rings do not meet requirement]

#### One Day Shows (SR 4.06a)

##### # of Rings

	1	2	3	4	5	6
R1-7	0	0	0	0	1	1
R8	0	0	0	0	0	0
R9	0	0	0	0	0	0
China	0	0	0	0	1	1
ID outside China	0	0	0	0	0	0

Two 1-day shows of up to 6 rings in same location

1 in each show but both can be held on one day and none on the other day

## Appendix A

### Minimum Number of Specialty Rings Required

[Super Specialty Rings do not meet requirement]

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##### # of Rings

	1	2	3	4	5	6
R1-97	0	0	0	0	1	1
R8	0	0	0	0	0	0
R9	0	0	0	0	0	0
China	0	0	0	0	1	1
ID outside China	0	0	0	0	0	0

Two 1-day shows of up to 6 rings in same location

1 in each show but both can be held on one day and none on the other day

Two Day Shows (SR 4.06b)							Two Day Shows (SR 4.06b)						
# of Rings							# of Rings						
	5	6	7	8	9	10		5	6	7	8	9	10
R1-7	1	1	1	1	2	2	R1-97	1	1	1	1	2	2
R8	0	0	1	1	1	2	R8	0	0	1	1	1	2
R9	0	0	1	1	1	2	R9	0	0	1	1	1	2
China	1	1	1	1	2	2	China	1	1	1	1	2	2
ID outside China excluding Hong Kong, Macau, Kuwait							ID outside China excluding Hong Kong, Macau, Kuwait						
Hong Kong, Macau, Kuwait	0	0	1	1	1	2	Hong Kong, Macau, Kuwait	0	0	1	1	1	2
Kuwait	0	0	0	0	0	0	Kuwait	0	0	0	0	0	0

**RATIONALE:** The current variation in specialty ring requirements across CFA regions can lead to unequal representation and opportunities for cats, particularly in regions where one group (Longhairs or Shorthairs) is underrepresented. Specialty rings provide essential opportunities for minority divisions to be evaluated and recognized independently, supporting the overall balance and fairness of the judging process.

By standardizing the requirements across all regions, CFA will:

- Promote fairness and consistency for exhibitors across the country.
- Ensure minority groups (whether Longhair or Shorthair) have equitable chances for recognition.
- Support breeders and exhibitors in underrepresented divisions by giving them a platform for visibility.
- Align all regions under a uniform set of expectations, reducing confusion and logistical inconsistencies.

This change supports CFA's commitment to equity, clarity, and the integrity of the judging process.

**Altschul:** I brought this forward because quite a few exhibitors have commented that they feel that the competition, particularly at end of season for national wins, is unequitable because of the allbreed rings that are available in Regions 8 and 9 that are not available for the cats competing in Regions 1 through 7. They also pointed out that there are many parts of Regions 1 through 7 where there are severe disparities between longhair and shorthair. Depending on the part of the country in the U.S. that you go to, the classes tend to be heavily slanted toward longhairs or shorthairs, or the time of year, you might have heavy classes, longhairs or shorthairs. So those Region 8 and 9 shows are not the only ones that have disparities. Actually, it was fairly well balanced in many of the Region 9 shows that I look at. So there were multiple reasons why I wrote this and those are the two main ones. **DelaBar:** Heavy longhairs have been systemic since before Europe became a region. Many of the shorthairs that we're seeing in other associations are not allowed to be registered in CFA. I'm surprised at the number of longhairs we have because of the requirement of the eight generations for Persians to be registered in CFA. That has been a problem in the past and continues to be a problem. This is why we have this. It's a reflection of reality. Anything over six rings, no problem with the specialties. With the more trainees that we get and the more specialty judges that we get, we're going to see clubs putting on more specialty rings because they want these people to advance up

to allbreed level, but right now we have a different reality than others do. One of our realities is the fact that we have countries that don't allow breeds. If you have a Persian or an Exotic in the Netherlands and that cat dies, you cannot replace it with a Persian or Exotic. They forbid it. In Switzerland, you can't have a Manx, Rex of any sort, Japanese Bobtails, and it goes on and on. Austria, parts of Germany. So, our reality is somewhat skewed. How we can have the shows? The reason that they have the allbreed shows is when the shorthairs get the finals, then they get better points and have a better chance at a regional win. Otherwise with the specialties, they don't because of the fewer entries that we have. **Huhtaniemi:** We need to change the rule at some point in the future, but now is not the time to change the rule. I prefer the current rule about number of rings. **Nye:** I am absolutely for this for two reasons, and they mostly focus on Europe. It gives the opportunity for our Associate Judges that are in Europe to have a specialty ring to judge at. Now that we've got trainees in Europe, they're not going to have the opportunity to judge if it's not mandated that they have a specialty ring there. So absolutely for it, besides the fact that I'm not so certain that I go along with all these exclusions for everybody. We need to be more on a playing field now that we've grown up in the cat fancy in Europe for a long time. **Tamura:** We are holding a show end of the season by Japan Region and setting the specialty ring. Other shows have some problems of the count of the entries, so we want to choose either way by the club. So, I don't want to change this rule.

**Mastin** called the motion. **Motion Carried.** DelaBar, Huhtaniemi, Tamura and Nasin voting no.

25. *Amend Show Rule 4.07 to provide that shows may be licensed with Agility competition.*

Article IV: Licensing the Show – Amend 4.07	Agility Committee
Existing Wording	Proposed Wording
<p><b>4.07</b> Each Championship or Premiership show must have classes available for each breed and color in Championship or Premiership recognized for the show licensed, subject to the limitation in rule 4.06. In addition, classes may be provided for Kittens, AOVs, Veteran, Household Pets, Provisional Breeds, Miscellaneous (noncompetitive) and cats placed on exhibition.</p>	<p><b>4.07</b> Each Championship or Premiership show must have classes available for each breed and color in Championship or Premiership recognized for the show licensed, subject to the limitation in rule 4.06. In addition, classes may be provided for Kittens, AOVs, Veteran, Household Pets, Provisional Breeds, Miscellaneous (noncompetitive), <u>Agility</u> and cats placed on exhibition.</p>
<p><b>RATIONALE:</b> Housekeeping. Allows shows to be licensed with Agility competition.</p>	

**The motion is ratified by unanimous consent.**

26. *Amend Show Rule 5.01.b. to require that the flyer list which day(s) each judge is judging on.*

Article V: Announcing the Show/Show Flyer –	Show Rules Committee
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Amend 5.01.b.	
Existing Wording	Proposed Wording
<p><b>5.01</b> There must be a printed show flyer published on the CFA website no less than 30 days prior to the show. Additionally, a show flyer in English must be submitted and published if the original show flyer is in a language other than English. The show flyer must include the following:</p> <p>...</p> <p>b. The names of all judges and their assignments (e.g. allbreed or specialty).</p> <p>....</p>	<p><b>5.01</b> There must be a printed show flyer published on the CFA website no less than 30 days prior to the show. Additionally, a show flyer in English must be submitted and published if the original show flyer is in a language other than English. The show flyer must include the following:</p> <p>...</p> <p>b. The names of all judges, <u>and</u> their assignments (e.g. allbreed or specialty), <u>and the day(s) on which they are judging</u>.</p> <p>...</p>

**RATIONALE:** The International Division chair needs to know which judges are judging on the first day of a two-day show in order to select the judge(s) to conduct Bay Check In, when required.

**The motion is ratified by unanimous consent.**

27. *Amend Show Rule 5.01.n. to remove references to fax or email entries.*

Article V: Announcing the Show/Show Flyer – Amend 5.01.n.	Show Rules Committee
Existing Wording	Proposed Wording
<p><b>5.01</b> There must be a printed show flyer published on the CFA website no less than 30 days prior to the show. Additionally, a show flyer in English must be submitted and published if the original show flyer is in a language other than English. The show flyer must include the following:</p> <p>...</p> <p>n. If applicable, special fee or cash-only requirements for fax or email entries, paying at the door, uncollectable checks, etc. (see rule 6.21).</p> <p>...</p>	<p><b>5.01</b> There must be a printed show flyer published on the CFA website no less than 30 days prior to the show. Additionally, a show flyer in English must be submitted and published if the original show flyer is in a language other than English. The show flyer must include the following:</p> <p>...</p> <p>n. If applicable, special fee or cash-only requirements for <del>fax or email entries</del>, paying at the door, uncollectable checks, etc. (see rule 6.21).</p> <p>...</p>

**RATIONALE:** Housekeeping change to remove reference to fax or email entries.

**The motion is ratified by unanimous consent.**

28. *Amend Show Rule 5.01.p. to remove references to Regions 1-7 and add 5.01.r. requiring a statement on the show flyer regarding OCP rings.*

Article V: Announcing the Show/Show Flyer -- Amend 5.01.p. and add 5.01.r.	Show Rule Committee
Existing Wording	Proposed Wording
<p><b>5.01</b></p> <p>...</p> <p>p. For all shows in Regions 1-7, a statement that entries may only be received through the CFA online entry form on the CFA website.</p> <p>q. Clubs providing electronic catalogs to exhibitors must include a statement on their flyer and indicate if an additional fee will be charged for a printed version and how to request the printed version.</p>	<p><b>5.01</b></p> <p>...</p> <p>p. For all shows <del>in Regions 1-7</del>, a statement that entries may only be received through the CFA online entry form on the CFA website.</p> <p>q. Clubs providing electronic catalogs to exhibitors must include a statement on their flyer and indicate what additional fee will be charged for a printed version and how to request the printed version.</p> <p><u>r. A statement that an OCP Ring will not be held if the required number of Opens and Champions or Opens and Premiers are not entered. (See 2.24 for required number of entries.)</u></p>
<p><b>RATIONALE:</b> Per SR 6.36.d all entries must be accepted through the on-line entry form. Added a new "r." regarding OCP as this language was inadvertently omitted from previous versions.</p>	

**The motion is ratified by unanimous consent.**

29. *Amend Show Rule 5.07 to clarify which documents take precedence when conflicts of information exist.*

Article V: Announcing the Show/Show Flyer -- Amend 5.07	Janet Moyer
Existing Wording	Proposed Wording
<p><b>5.07</b> When there is a conflict between information set forth on the show license and information set forth on the show flyer, the information set forth on the show license will govern.</p>	<p><b>5.07</b> When there is a conflict between information set forth on the show license <u>regarding ring format</u> and information set forth on the show flyer, the information set forth on the show license will govern. <u>When there is a conflict between the information set forth on an entry confirmation and the show flyer, the information on the show flyer will govern.</u></p>

**RATIONALE:** This to clarify which documents take precedence when conflicts of information exist.

**The motion is ratified by unanimous consent.**

30. *Amend Show Rule 6.04 to provide that kittens/cats with certain disqualifying traits may still be shown in Agility.*

Article VI: Entering the Show – Amend 6.04	Agility Committee
Existing Wording	Proposed Wording
<p><b>6.04</b> a. Any cat or kitten of sound health not less than 4 calendar months old on the opening day of the show and which has not been previously disqualified (see 6.04b) under the provisions of show rule 6.12 is eligible (subject to the exceptions herein) for exhibition at shows sanctioned by CFA and may compete for and be entitled to win, under the rules herein, any ribbon or prize offered (See rule 10.28).</p> <p>b. 6.04.a. notwithstanding, male cats previously disqualified for not having two descended testicles may be altered and shown in the premiership class.</p>	<p><b>6.04</b> a. Any cat or kitten of sound health not less than 4 calendar months old on the opening day of the show and which has not been previously disqualified (see 6.04b-<u>6.04d</u>) under the provisions of show rule 6.12 is eligible (subject to the exceptions herein) for exhibition at shows sanctioned by CFA and may compete for and be entitled to win, under the rules herein, any ribbon or prize offered (See rule 10.28).</p> <p>b. 6.04.a. notwithstanding, male cats previously disqualified for not having two descended testicles may be altered and shown in the premiership class <u>and/or compete in Agility competition.</u></p> <p><u>c. 6.04a not notwithstanding, cats previously disqualified for a defect listed in the “Disqualify” section of the show standards for a particular breed or color may be shown in Agility competition.</u></p> <p><u>d. 6.04a not notwithstanding, cats previously disqualified as being unable to be judged, who behave in a recalcitrant manner, exhibit threatening behavior or which bite while being handled in a conformation or HHP class may be shown in Agility competition. A Certified Ringmaster may disqualify an aggressive cat at their discretion from the Agility ring at the competition where the aggressive behavior is displayed.</u></p>
<p><b>RATIONALE:</b> Because Agility is a test of ability, coordination, and relationship between handler and cat rather than physical perfection, inclusivity to all should apply to Agility. Missing or naturally occurring traits should not be grounds for exclusion unless they create a direct safety risk. Allowing their participation promotes fairness, inclusivity, and respect for cats' abilities rather than punishing them for their differences. Rules should allow for inclusion and diversity when conformation is not at issue.</p>	

**The motion is ratified by unanimous consent.**

31. Amend Show Rule 6.12 to clarify that cats with physical disabilities are welcome in Agility competition.

Article VI: Entering the Show – Amend 6.12	Agility Committee
Existing Wording	Proposed Wording
<p><b>6.12</b> A cat or kitten not having all its physical properties – eyes, ears, legs, tail, claws, both descended testicles (adult cat only) – or has had surgery which changes a cat's natural functions (e.g. tendonectomy), is not eligible for entry. The previous notwithstanding, cats missing certain physical properties, as listed below, are eligible for entry in the category (class) indicated:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Altered cats in the Premiership classes;</li> <li>b. Altered cats and kittens in the Household Pet classes;</li> <li>c. Altered kittens in the Kitten classes;</li> <li>d. Kittens without descended testicles in Kitten classes;</li> <li>e. Recognized naturally tailless or naturally partially tailless breeds in Kitten, Championship or Premiership classes;</li> <li>f. Cats having had a perineal urethrostomy operation in the Premiership Classes.</li> <li>g. Household pets in the Household Pet Class not having those physical properties - eyes, ears, legs or tail. Household pets may not be shown who have surgically absent claws or whose feet have undergone tendonectomy surgery. Cats must be able to sit or stand.</li> <li>h. Cats or kittens competing in Agility.</li> </ul>	<p><b>6.12</b> A cat or kitten not having all its physical properties – eyes, ears, legs, tail, claws, both descended testicles (adult cat only) – or has had surgery which changes a cat's natural functions (e.g. tendonectomy), is not eligible for entry. The previous notwithstanding, cats missing certain physical properties, as listed below, are eligible for entry in the category (class) indicated:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Altered cats in the Premiership classes <u>and Agility competition</u>;</li> <li>b. Altered cats and kittens in the Household Pet classes <u>and Agility competition</u>;</li> <li>c. Altered kittens in the Kitten classes <u>and Agility competition</u>;</li> <li>d. Kittens without descended testicles in Kitten classes <u>and Agility competition</u>;</li> <li>e. Recognized naturally tailless or naturally partially tailless breeds in Kitten, Championship or Premiership classes <u>and Agility competition</u>;</li> <li>f. Cats having had a perineal urethrostomy operation in the Premiership Classes <u>and Agility competition</u>.</li> <li>g. <u>Cats or kittens competing Household pets</u> in the Household Pet Class <u>or Agility competition</u> not having those physical properties - eyes, ears, legs or tail. <u>Household pets Cats</u> may not be shown who have surgically absent claws or whose feet have undergone tendonectomy surgery. Cats must be able to sit or stand.</li> <li>h. <u>Cats or kittens competing in Agility</u>.</li> </ul>
<p><b>RATIONALE:</b> Housekeeping: clarifies that cats with physical disabilities are welcome in Agility competition and follows Household Pet competition in stating declawed/tendonectomy is not permitted.</p>	

**The motion is ratified by unanimous consent.**

32. Amend Show Rule 6.14.a. to increase the maximum entry fee allowed per ring.

Article VI: Entering the Show – Amend 6.14.a.	International Division Committee
Existing Wording	Proposed Wording
<p><b>6.14 a.</b> The show management shall determine the amount of the entry fee, which must be at least \$1.00 per ring, and must not exceed \$30.00 per ring for any one cat. Any available discount shall be listed in the show flyer. A club shall not refuse an entry fee(s) paid in the “coin of the realm.”</p> <p>...</p>	<p><b>6.14 a.</b> The show management shall determine the amount of the entry fee, which must be at least \$1.00 per ring, and must not exceed \$30.00 <del>\$45.00</del> <ins>\$40.00</ins> per ring for any one cat. Any available discount shall be listed in the show flyer. A club shall not refuse an entry fee(s) paid in the “coin of the realm.”</p> <p>...</p>
<p><b>RATIONALE:</b> Costs have gone up greatly in China. Many clubs still need to invite judges from the USA and those tickets are expensive.</p>	

**Mastin:** Marilee, I have a question for your Committee, as a takeoff of when we went through our budget process this past year. The Committee is suggesting going from \$30 to \$45. That's a 50% increase. Does your Committee unanimously support a 50% increase? **Griswold:** No, it did not. There was a bit of discussion around this. Matthew felt that this was too great of an increase and suggested something like \$35. Most of the Committee agreed that it needed to be increased. It was just a question of exactly how much and this is what was asked for from some of the show producing clubs in China and that's what we put here, but it was not unanimous.

**Mastin:** I appreciate the information. I'm a numbers guy and when I see a 50% increase, this is going out to our customers. I understand clubs want to make money. I don't know how well things would go if CFA decided to increase all its fees by 50%. There could be a bit of concern and that's why I wanted to know some more information on this. I felt the board needed to know the information as well. **Altschul:** Some of the board members might benefit from knowing why there is an upper limit on the entry fees if anyone wants to learn the history on that. **Calhoun:** I believe it was to prevent extraordinarily high numbers that would eliminate fair practice.

**Mastin:** You are right, because it was hundreds of dollars. It turned into US thousands of dollars. The reverse was to cap the maximum amount because people were complaining how expensive it was to get into shows. **Raymond:** Darrell said if \$45 is too high, the alternative is \$40. **Mastin:** I am having a genuine care and concern for customers and business practice. It seems alarming to me, especially in areas we want to grow. But that's just my opinion. Kenny. **Currie:** Yes, especially in the Middle East. I agree, that's too much of an increase. I think a \$5 increase would be reasonable. **Mastin:** I want to point out the current show rule and what's being proposed is a “not to exceed” fee. So a club can say it's only \$10 US and this is US currency.

**Mastin:** Carol, what do you want to do with this? **Krzanowski:** I prefer to amend the motion because I believe that's too large of an increase. I would say \$35. **Mastin:** Marilee, do you agree? **Griswold:** Carol, would you do \$40? **Krzanowski:** It still seems a bit high, but I'll agree with \$40. **Mastin:** We have an amended motion. It is now \$40.

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

33. Amend Show Rule 6.16 to clarify the responsibilities of the entry clerk regarding TRNs.

Article VI: Entering the Show - - Amend 6.16	Entry Clerking Program
Existing Wording	Proposed Wording
<p><b>6.16</b> The temporary registration number (TRN) is obtained for the exhibitor from the CFA Central Office via the Entry Clerk. Temporary Registration numbers will be issued by the entry clerk upon receipt of application form, and a four-generation pedigree (or whatever is required for registration of that breed if fewer than four generations are required, or a five generation pedigree if the cat/kitten is a Bengal) issued either by CFA or a cat registering body recognized by CFA, with all cats on the pedigree being acceptable for that breed per current registration requirements. This would include longhair Exotics shown as Persians (see rule 6.08). If both parents of the entry are registered with CFA, the CFA registration numbers of the parents are acceptable in place of a pedigree. The fee, application form, and pedigree (or CFA registration numbers, if applicable) must be provided to the master clerk no later than the close of check-in for the show and these will be provided to Central Office in the show package. The Entry Clerk will not issue a TRN until they are in receipt of the application AND pedigree (or CFA registration numbers, if applicable). The TRN registration number will either remain valid for 30 days from the first day of the show, or be voided if CFA registration requirements are not met for the breed being registered. Central Office will notify any exhibitor whose temporary registration number is voided with the basis for such decision. Note: wins will be voided if a cat competes in a competitive category not otherwise eligible based on its permanent registration, e.g., offspring of a “not-for-breeding” cat competing in Championship. Temporary registration numbers will be printed in the catalog as if they were permanent. Cats may compete and continue to earn points for 30 days from the first day of the first show where they have obtained a TRN. That number should be used on all subsequent entries after the first show for the 30-day period or until the cat obtains a permanent registration number within that 30-day period. At the end of this 30-day period, the cat may not be</p>	<p><b>6.16</b> The temporary registration number (TRN) is obtained <u>automatically by requesting it through the on-line form when entering a show.</u> <del>for the exhibitor from the CFA Central Office via the Entry Clerk.</del> Temporary Registration numbers will be issued <del>by the</del> <u>An entry clerk upon receipt of the temporary registration number will request an application form, and a four-generation pedigree (or whatever is required for registration of that breed if fewer than four generations are required, <del>or a five generation pedigree if the cat/kitten is a Bengal)</del> issued either by CFA or a cat registering body recognized by CFA, with all cats on the pedigree being acceptable for that breed per current registration requirements.</u> This would include longhair Exotics shown as Persians (see rule 6.08). If both parents of the entry are registered with CFA, the CFA registration numbers of the parents are acceptable in place of a pedigree. The fee, application form, and pedigree (or CFA registration numbers, if applicable) must be provided to the master clerk no later than the close of check-in for the show and these will be provided to Central Office in the show package. <del>The Entry Clerk will not issue a TRN until they are in receipt of the application AND pedigree (or CFA registration numbers, if applicable).</del> The TRN registration number will either remain valid for 30 days from the first day of the show, or be voided if CFA registration requirements are not met for the breed being registered. Central Office will notify any exhibitor whose temporary registration number is voided with the basis for such decision. Note: wins will be voided if a cat competes in a competitive category not otherwise eligible based on its permanent registration, e.g., offspring of a “not-for-breeding” cat competing in Championship. Temporary registration numbers will be printed in the catalog as if they were permanent. Cats may compete and continue to earn points for 30 days from the first day of the first show where they have obtained a TRN. That number should be used on all subsequent entries after the first show for the 30-</p>

shown without a permanent registration number. For cats to receive credit for Regional, Divisional or National points earned during a specific show season with a TRN, the exhibitor must supply the associated permanent registration number to Central Office by the Monday following the completion of that show season.	day period or until the cat obtains a permanent registration number within that 30-day period. At the end of this 30-day period, the cat may not be shown without a permanent registration number. For cats to receive credit for Regional, Divisional or National points earned during a specific show season with a TRN, the exhibitor must supply the associated permanent registration number to Central Office by the Monday following the completion of that show season.
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**RATIONALE:** This clarifies the responsibility of entry clerks since they no longer assign TRNs. This is now an automated process through the on-line entry form.

**The motion is ratified by unanimous consent.**

34. *Amend Show Rule 6.18 to require exhibitors to include the correct date of birth on their cat's show entry.*

Article VI: Entering the Show - - Amend 6.18	Central Office/Scoring
Existing Wording	Proposed Wording
<b>6.18</b> It is the responsibility of the owner to enter a cat or kitten correctly under its exact registered name, registered ownership, region/area of residence, exact color/tabby pattern (except Sphynx, which are shown with no color or pattern description listed), color class, and when required, registration number. (See rules 6.15 and 10.23) Exhibitors that request a temporary registration number will also include a pedigree (or CFA registration number of parents if allowed by rule 6.16) as specified in rule 6.16.	<b>6.18</b> It is the responsibility of the owner to enter a cat or kitten correctly under its exact registered name, <u>date of birth</u> , registered ownership, region/area of residence, exact color/tabby pattern (except Sphynx, which are shown with no color or pattern description listed), color class, and when required, registration number. (See rules 6.15 and 10.23) Exhibitors that request a temporary registration number will also include a pedigree (or CFA registration number of parents if allowed by rule 6.16) as specified in rule 6.16.
<b>RATIONALE:</b> Due to increased cases of the DOB being wrong in the show catalog, it is important for exhibitors to know they are responsible for entering the information correctly.	

**The motion is ratified by unanimous consent.**

35. *Amend Show Rule 6.20 to clarify entry requirements.*

Article VI: Entering the Show – Amend 6.20	Show Rules Committee
Existing Wording	Proposed Wording
<b>6.20</b> For each entry, the exhibitor must submit a	<b>6.20</b> For each entry, the exhibitor must submit a

<p>properly completed, official CFA entry form, a facsimile thereof, or an entry sent by e-mail following the form of an official CFA entry form to the entry clerk no later than the close of entries. All information required on the entry form, with the exception of the owner's signature, must be typed or printed. For email entries, the email address may be accepted in lieu of a signature. If a club accepts prepaid entries, the accepted guideline for the entry clerks will be to accept completed entry forms before an incomplete prepaid entry. In the event the show fills prior to completion of the information for the prepaid entry, the club shall return the check/fee for the prepaid entry to the exhibitor.</p>	<p>properly completed, official CFA online entry form via the CFA website, a facsimile thereof, or an entry sent by e-mail following the form of an official CFA entry form to the entry clerk no later than the close of entries. All information required on the entry form, with the exception of the owner's signature, must be typed or printed. An For email entries, the email address may will be accepted in lieu of a signature. If a club accepts prepaid entries, the accepted guideline for the entry clerks will be to accept completed entry forms before an incomplete prepaid entry. In the event the show fills prior to completion of the information for the prepaid entry, the club shall return the check/fee for the prepaid entry to the exhibitor.</p>
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**RATIONALE:** Housekeeping change to remove references to mailed and email entries.

**The motion is ratified by unanimous consent.**

36. *Amend Show Rule 6.21 to clarify entry and payment requirements.*

Article VI: Entering the Show – Amend 6.21	Show Rules Committee
Existing Wording	Proposed Wording
<p><b>6.21</b> Each entry must be accompanied by the stipulated entry fee. Unless the show rules provide otherwise (see 6.35 and 6.36), FAX or email entries may be accepted at the discretion of the sponsoring club. If the club opts to accept FAX or e-mail entries, the club shall accept them from any exhibitor submitting such entry regardless of location of residence. All online, FAX or email entries must be paid in full within 10 days of receipt or prior to the start of the show, whichever is first. Once a cat is entered, entry cancellations or refunds of fees due or paid is at the option of the sponsoring club. If a show fills prior to the closing date specified in the show flyer, entry fees will be refunded for those cats whose entry has been replaced by a replacement entry. It is the option of the club as to whether to accept replacement entries or not. No entry fee may be paid by a check drawn on a CFA cat club account. Entries accompanied by such a check must be refused and returned. No entry fee will be returned because of failure to bench except as provided in Paragraph 10.01.d and</p>	<p><b>6.21</b> Each entry must be accompanied by the stipulated entry fee. Unless the show rules provide otherwise (see 6.35 and 6.36), FAX or email entries may be accepted at the discretion of the sponsoring club. If the club opts to accept FAX or e-mail entries, the club shall accept them from any exhibitor submitting such entry regardless of location of residence. All online, FAX or email entries must be paid in full within 10 days of receipt or prior to the start of the show, whichever is first. Once a cat is entered, entry cancellations or refunds of fees due or paid is at the option of the sponsoring club. If a show fills prior to the closing date specified in the show flyer, entry fees will be refunded for those cats whose entry has been replaced by a replacement entry. It is the option of the club as to whether to accept replacement entries or not. No entry fee may be paid by a check drawn on a CFA cat club account. Entries accompanied by such a check must be refused and returned. No entry fee will be returned because of failure to bench except as provided in Paragraph 10.01.d and</p>

rules 6.28 and 11.03.	rules 6.28 and 11.03.
<b>RATIONALE:</b> Housekeeping change to remove references to mailed, fax and email entries.	

**The motion is ratified by unanimous consent.**

37. *Amend Show Rule 6.24 regarding Agility entries.*

Article VI: Entering the Show – Amend 6.24	Agility Committee
Existing Wording	Proposed Wording
<p><b>6.24</b> Agility Entry.</p> <p>a. Entry fees will be determined by show management.</p> <p>b. Cats may be pre-entered with the show entry clerk using the CFA feline agility competition form. If the cat is not entered in any other class, it must be pre-entered and a benching space provided.</p> <p>c. Cats entered during the show by coming to the ring must fill out and sign an Agility entry form and give it and the entry fee to the Ringmaster. The cat's correct full registered name and registration number must be entered on the Agility entry form.</p> <p>d. All entries must be benched. The agility cat may accompany a cat entered in the regular judging and thus be considered benched.</p> <p>e. Entries may include pedigreed cats, HHP, and shelter cats.</p>	<p><b>6.24</b> Agility Entry.</p> <p>a. Entry fees will be determined by show management.</p> <p>b. Cats may be pre-entered with the show entry clerk using the CFA <del>feline agility competition</del> <u>online entry</u> form. If the cat is not entered in any other class, it must be pre-entered and a benching space provided.</p> <p>c. Cats entered during the show by coming to the <u>Agility</u> ring must fill out and sign an Agility entry form and give it and the entry fee to the Ringmaster. The cat's correct full registered name and registration number must be entered on the Agility entry form <u>in order to earn titles or to be scored for National/Regional Awards. Unregistered cats may compete in Agility competition and will be scored and able to earn titles only if a registration number and fee is provided within one week after the last show weekend of the season in order for regional/national points to be credited to the cat's record for that season.</u></p> <p>d. All entries must be benched. The agility cat may accompany a cat entered in the regular judging and thus be considered benched. <u>In all instances, show rule 10.05 must be adhered to.</u></p> <p>e. Entries may include pedigreed cats, HHP, and shelter cats. <u>Under no circumstances may a cat which a judge, or Certified Ringmaster in the event of Agility, has determined has two or more structural/coat mutations compete in Agility.</u></p>

**RATIONALE:** Housekeeping; in keeping with CFA's position on two or more mutations.

**The motion is ratified by unanimous consent.**

38. *Amend Show Rule 6.26 to clarify that late entries cannot be accepted.*

Article VI: Entering the Show – Amend 6.26	Show Rules Committee
Existing Wording	Proposed Wording
<p><b>6.26</b> The show committee may refuse to accept an entry received after the specified hour on the advertised date for the closing of entries, or after the advertised limit of entries has been reached.</p>	<p><b>6.26</b> The show committee <u>may</u> <u>cannot</u> <u>refuse</u> to accept an entry received after the specified hour on the advertised date for the closing of entries, <u>which can be no later than the deadlines set forth in SR 6.35 and 6.36.</u> <u>or</u> <u>The show committee may refuse to accept replacement entries</u> after the advertised limit of entries has been reached.</p>

**RATIONALE:** Housekeeping change to clarify that entries received after the closing date/time cannot be accepted and that the acceptance of replacement entries is at the club's discretion.

**The motion is ratified by unanimous consent.**

39. *Amend Show Rule 6.28 to provide a mechanism for an exhibitor to request that their entry not be handled by a trainee.*

Article VI – Entering the Show – Amend 6.28	Judging Program Committee
Existing Wording	Proposed Wording
<p><b>6.28</b> In the event that a previously scheduled show is cancelled, a trainee judge is added to the show, or a contracted judge is unable to officiate and is replaced before the official closing day of a show, the club shall notify all exhibitors whose entries were confirmed prior to the change of the change or addition. The club shall include notification of the substitution or addition, if the show will still be held, on confirmations sent out after the change. An exhibitor may receive a refund of entry fees provided that a written request is sent postmarked on or before the official closing date. In the event that a judge is replaced or a trainee judge is added to the show after the official closing date of the show or an exhibitor does not send a written request for a refund postmarked on or before the official closing date, the club is not responsible for providing a refund of entry fees. In the event the show is cancelled, all entered exhibitors will receive a refund of entry fees paid.</p>	<p><b>6.28</b> <u>In the event that a previously scheduled show is cancelled, a trainee judge is added to the show, or a contracted judge is unable to officiate and is replaced before the official closing day of a show, the club shall notify all exhibitors whose entries were confirmed prior to the change of the change or addition. The club shall include notification of the substitution or addition, if the show will still be held, on confirmations sent out after the change. An exhibitor may receive a refund of entry fees provided that a written request is sent postmarked on or before the official closing date. In the event that a judge is replaced or a trainee judge is added to the show after the official closing date of the show or an exhibitor does not send a written request for a refund postmarked on or before the official closing date, the club is not responsible for providing a refund of entry fees. In the event the show is cancelled, all entered exhibitors will receive a refund of entry fees paid.</u></p>

	<p><b>6.28 Changes Affecting Shows:</b></p> <p>a. <u>If a previously scheduled show is cancelled, the club shall notify all entered exhibitors and refund all paid entries.</u></p> <p>b. <u>If a judge is added to a show or a contracted judge is unable to officiate and is replaced before the official closing day of a show, the club shall notify all exhibitors whose entries were confirmed prior to the change. An exhibitor may receive a refund of entry fees upon written request submitted prior to official closing date of the show. If a judge is added or replaced after the official closing date of the show, the club is not responsible for providing a refund of entry fees.</u></p> <p>c. <u>If there is an addition of a trainee judge, the club shall notify all previously entered exhibitors and include the notice on any new entry confirmations. If an exhibitor does not wish to have their exhibit(s) handled by the trainee, they shall notify the entry clerk, who will mark “XXX” in the award column of the trainee judge’s book. The exhibitor may also make this request to the ring clerk prior to the start of the show.</u></p>
<p><b>RATIONALE:</b> Simplify the rule for clarity and remove a refund for the addition of a trainee judge while also providing a notification and mechanism to request excluding an exhibit from trainee handling.</p>	

**The motion is ratified by unanimous consent.**

40. *Amend Show Rule 6.29a to clarify that Agility entries do not count against the show entry limit.*

Article VI: Entering the Show – Amend 6.29.a.	Agility Committee
Existing Wording	Proposed Wording
<p><b>6.29</b> Number of entries permissible:</p> <p>a. No club shall accept more than 450 entries to be judged by any one judge over a full two-day period. For shows where the judge will not have a ring or the entries available for more than one day, no club shall accept more than 225 entries. No allowance shall be made for absentees. Since entries in the EXHIBITION ONLY class are not scheduled for handling by a judge (See 2.23 g), those entries do not count against the aforementioned entry limits. All one-day Sunday shows MUST start at 9:00 a.m.</p>	<p><b>6.29</b> Number of entries permissible:</p> <p>a. No club shall accept more than 450 entries to be judged by any one judge over a full two-day period. For shows where the judge will not have a ring or the entries available for more than one day, no club shall accept more than 225 entries. No allowance shall be made for absentees. Since entries in the EXHIBITION ONLY class <u>and</u> Agility are not scheduled for handling by a judge (See 2.23 g <u>and</u> 2.23 h), those entries do not count against the aforementioned entry limits. All one-day Sunday</p>

or earlier if over 200 entries are entered. (Note that if separate shows are held for Non-Championship and Non-Premiership classes in order to comply with this rule, additional judging rings must be provided.)  ...	shows MUST start at 9:00 a.m. or earlier if over 200 entries are entered. (Note that if separate shows are held for Non-Championship and Non-Premiership classes in order to comply with this rule, additional judging rings must be provided.)  ...
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**RATIONALE:** Agility cats are not handled by judges and therefore do not impact how many cats a judge can handle in one day.

**The motion is ratified by unanimous consent.**

**41. Amend Show Rule 6.30 to clarify the roles of entry clerks and master clerks.**

Article VI: Entering the Show - - Amend 6.30	Entry Clerking Program
Existing Wording	Proposed Wording
<p>6.30 The entry clerk shall be responsible for reviewing each entry form received to verify that all necessary information is included.</p> <p>The entry clerk is prohibited from accepting Kitten, Championship (unless the entry is for a Novice), Premiership (unless the entry is for a Novice), Provisional (kittens or adults), Miscellaneous (kittens or adults), Veterans, and AOV entries (kittens or adults) whose entry form does not contain a registration number. In the case of kittens or cats requesting a temporary registration number, the entry clerk will assign the number from the list provided by Central Office for inclusion in the show catalog and complete, if not already completed by the owner, an application for temporary registration number that will be attached to the pedigree or documentation of CFA registration numbers of parents, if allowed by rule 6.16, and associated fee payment. The kitten's or cat's pedigree (or CFA registration numbers if allowed by rule 6.16), application form, and associated registration fee OR a catalog correction form containing the cat's permanent registration number must be provided no later than the close of check-in for the show. Failure to do so will result in an adult cat being entered as a novice and a kitten being removed from the show as Ineligible for Entry. If a fully completed TRN package or catalog correction form with permanent registration number is received by the entry clerk between entry closing</p>	<p>6.30 The entry clerk shall be responsible for reviewing each entry form received to verify that all necessary information is included.</p> <p>The entry clerk is prohibited from accepting Kitten, Championship (unless the entry is for a Novice), Premiership (unless the entry is for a Novice), Provisional (kittens or adults), Miscellaneous (kittens or adults), Veterans, and AOV entries (kittens or adults) whose entry form does not contain a registration number <u>or temporary registration number (TRN)</u>. <u>If a TRN has been assigned it is the exhibitor's responsibility to complete</u> <del>In the case of kittens or cats requesting a temporary registration number, the entry clerk will assign the number from the list provided by Central Office for inclusion in the show catalog and complete, if not already completed by the owner, an application for temporary registration number that will be attached to the pedigree or documentation of CFA registration numbers of parents, if allowed by rule 6.16, and associated fee payment. The kitten's or cat's pedigree (or CFA registration numbers if allowed by rule 6.16), application form, and associated registration fee OR a catalog correction form containing the cat's permanent registration number must be provided no later than the close of check-in for the show. Failure to do so will result in an adult cat being entered as a novice and a kitten being removed from the show as Ineligible for Entry. If a fully completed TRN package or catalog</del></p>

<p>and the close of check-in, the entry clerk will put the number in the Master Clerk catalog and transfer the adult cat out of Novice in that catalog and the judges' books. If such transfer is via a catalog correction form with permanent registration number, the entry clerk will also provide that catalog correction form to the master clerk so that the master clerk catalog can be updated. It is acceptable to use the absentee/transfer form to transfer the cat in the judges' books.</p>	<p>correction form with permanent registration number is received by the entry clerk between entry closing and the close of check-in, <u>the entry clerk will provide the information to put the number in the Master Clerk. The master clerk will catalog and transfer the adult cat out of Novice in that catalog and the judges' books. If such transfer is via a catalog correction form with permanent registration number, the master entry clerk will also provide that catalog correction form to the master clerk so that the update the master clerk catalog accordingly can be updated.</u> It is acceptable to use the absentee/transfer form to transfer the cat in the judges' books.</p>
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**RATIONALE:** Entry clerks do not work with correction slips during check-in and this clarifies the roles of the entry clerk and master clerk.

**The motion is ratified by unanimous consent.**

42. *Amend Show Rules 6.35.b. and 6.36.c. to change the closing deadline for shows in the International Division to no later than Tuesday at 11:59 p.m. China time.*

Article VI: Entering the Show – Amend 6.35.b. and 6.36.c.	International Division Committee
Existing Wording	Proposed Wording
<p><b>6.35</b> Every China show after October 2, 2017 will use one of the Central Entry Clerks designated by CFA.</p> <p>...</p> <p>b. The entry clerk will close the show to additional entries when the entry limit is reached or 9:00 p.m., China time, on the Wednesday before the show, whichever is first.</p> <p>...</p>	<p><b>6.35</b> Every China show after October 2, 2017 will use one of the Central Entry Clerks designated by CFA.</p> <p>...</p> <p>b. The entry clerk will close the show to additional entries when the entry limit is reached or <u>9:00 no later than 11:59</u> p.m., China time, on the <u>Wednesday Tuesday</u> before the show, whichever is first. <u>Shows may close to entries prior to that time.</u></p> <p>...</p>
<p><b>6.36</b></p> <p>...</p> <p>c. All shows in the International Division outside of China must close to entries no later than 9:00 p.m. China time on the Wednesday before the opening of the show. Shows may close to entries prior to that time.</p>	<p><b>6.36</b></p> <p>...</p> <p>c. All shows in the International Division outside of China must close to entries no later than <u>9:00 11:59</u> p.m., China time, on the <u>Wednesday Tuesday</u> before the opening of the show. Shows may close to entries prior to that time.</p>

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<b>RATIONALE:</b> This change is part of a multi-year effort to make the closing deadline for shows in the International Division similar to those in other areas.	

**The motion is ratified by unanimous consent.**

43. *Add Show Rule 6.35.h. to clarify that Agility entries may be accepted in China on the day of the show.*

Article VI: Entering the Show – Add 6.35.h.	Agility Committee
Existing Wording	Proposed Wording
<p><b>6.35</b> Every China show after October 2, 2017 will use one of the Central Entry Clerks designated by CFA.</p> <p>...</p>	<p><b>6.35</b> Every China show after October 2, 2017 will use one of the Central Entry Clerks designated by CFA.</p> <p>...</p> <p><u>h. The above notwithstanding, Agility entries may be accepted at the show.</u></p>
<b>RATIONALE:</b> Allows entries for Agility competition to be accepted in China the day-of competition, as is allowed in Regions 1-7.	

**The motion is ratified by unanimous consent.**

44. *Add new Show Rule 6.36.c. and renumber current 6.36.c.-e. to provide a latest closing deadline for shows in Region 9.*

Article VI: Entering the Show – Add 6.36.c. and renumber current 6.36.c.-e.	Show Rules Committee
Existing Wording	Proposed Wording
<p><b>6.36</b> a. For all shows in Regions 1-7, excluding Hawaii, all shows must close to entries no later than 11:59 p.m. Eastern time on the Monday before the opening of the show. Shows may close to entries prior to that time.</p> <p>b. All shows in Region 8 must close to entries no later than 11:59 p.m. Japan time on the Monday before the opening of the show. Shows may close to entries prior to that time.</p> <p>c. All shows in the International Division outside of</p>	<p><b>6.36</b> a. For all shows in Regions 1-7, excluding Hawaii, all shows must close to entries no later than 11:59 p.m. Eastern time on the Monday before the opening of the show. Shows may close to entries prior to that time.</p> <p>b. All shows in Region 8 must close to entries no later than 11:59 p.m. Japan time on the Monday before the opening of the show. Shows may close to entries prior to that time.</p> <p><u>c. All shows in Region 9 must close to entries no</u></p>

<p>China must close to entries no later than 9:00 p.m. China time on the Wednesday before the opening of the show. Shows may close to entries prior to that time.</p> <p>d. For all shows in Regions 1-9 and the International Division outside of China, all entries must be received through the CFA online entry form on the CFA website. All entries will be timestamped and the online form will be disabled for each show when that show is closed to entries.</p> <p>e. For all CFA shows, entry clerks must use the CFA entry clerk program. A fee, as specified in CFA's current price list, is payable by the club to CFA if any other software is used. No further shows will be licensed for the club until this fee is paid.</p>	<p><u>later than 11:59 p.m. Coordinated Universal Time (UTC) on the Monday before the opening of the show. Shows may close to entries prior to that time.</u></p> <p><u>ed.</u> All shows in the International Division outside of China must close to entries no later than 9:00 p.m. China time on the Wednesday before the opening of the show. Shows may close to entries prior to that time.</p> <p><u>de.</u> For all shows in Regions 1-9 and the International Division outside of China, all entries must be received through the CFA online entry form on the CFA website. All entries will be timestamped and the online form will be disabled for each show when that show is closed to entries.</p> <p><u>ef.</u> For all CFA shows, entry clerks must use the CFA entry clerk program. A fee, as specified in CFA's current price list, is payable by the club to CFA if any other software is used. No further shows will be licensed for the club until this fee is paid.</p>
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**RATIONALE:** The show rules are currently silent as to a closing deadline for shows in Region 9. Given the number of time zones in Region 9, the committee proposes a deadline based on Coordinated Universal Time (UTC). Based on current time zones, this would make the deadline 12:59 a.m. Tuesday in London; 1:59 a.m. Tuesday in Berlin, Paris, and Rome; and 2:59 a.m. Tuesday in Helsinki, Kyiv, and Moscow.

**Comment from Pam DelaBar:** As far as closing times, both Pauli and I are against it. I believe we are at a crossroads in the entire cat fancy and must find ways to help and not hinder our clubs more. That is why I believe each club is responsible for the conduct of the show and how they can hopefully at least break even. Our best marketing tool to attract new people is at the local level.

For R9 in particular, yes we do have 14 time zones but the furthest east we have had shows has been Chelyabinsk, so I could knock off a few time zones. Languages - thank the heaven's for Google Translate and even that comes up with some real winners at times. Multiple currencies can be a bit more difficult, especially with the sanctions against Russia and Belarus (and I won't even bring up the damned war). Region 9 was not involved with any of the issues that ended up with the establishing stricter rules on exhibitors and clubs. Region 9 still brings in more registrations than any of the other 8 regions and I hope to even increase the margins further - and we did this with the heavy competition from FIFe, WCF, and TICA (which has 3 regions to our 1 and the other two have federations for each country). No other area in CFA has to deal with the banning of breeds and breeders as we have in Region 9 involving entire countries and breeds. The various proposed geographical cut-off times are an invitation to disaster and are confusing at best - and even Helsinki and Moscow do not always have the same time zone during the year.

Region 9 is unique in its structure and it currently has some considerations other areas in CFA do not have. So what? How is that negatively affecting CFA and CFA's bottom line?

**DelaBar:** There are 14 time zones in my region. The furthest east that we've gone with shows is Chelyabinsk. If you see the times that UTC hits, Region 9 gets hit with the middle of night for all of these things. It is very difficult to keep track. Helsinki and Moscow are not always on the same time. Am I going to be counted on where I live and where my cattery is registered, or am I going to be counted on where I am at that particular time in travel? We're not

a cookie cutter. We have different things that we must adjust to, like our time zones. I'm trying to get things going over into the UK. This will be a great problem. When people start getting cut out of shows, we're going to lose them. FIFe was here in 1949. WCF was here in 1988. We're the step-child. TICA has three regions to our one. So, between breeds being banned, the time differentials, the travel that people do, this is not going to work. **Altschul:** I understand that Europe technically spans 14 time zones, but realistically, the vast majority of Europe shows occur in probably two time zones, which is going to be European time and Western European time and Greenwich Mean Time. Eastern European time, and Moscow and Turkey time, that gives you four, which is the same as the continental United States. This clarifies which time zone you use, which is the UTC. It is fair to bring all of Europe under a single closing time, just like we are dealing with here in the United States. Technically, United States covers nine time zones when you count all the territories. This is a realistic expectation. It might have some growing pains, but I believe that people in Europe are smart enough to be able to figure it out with some help. This is a doable resolution. **Huhtaniemi:** You Americans are using those time zones all the time. We don't. I'm not against changing the entry closing time to Monday. I actually prefer that, but I'm against that we have some coordinated universal time zone mentioned, because people don't know that. If we want to change something, I would prefer that it's Monday on the local time of the country where the show is held. It's a better option. **Mastin:** Is there a compromise time zone that you can set in Region 9? **DelaBar:** No. **Huhtaniemi:** No. **Mastin:** What if the board votes in favor of the motion? **Huhtaniemi:** We're going to be in big trouble. **Mastin:** I'm offering a solution up, but I don't know what the outcome of this motion is going to be. I'm kind of throwing it back at you to look at a compromise. **Krzanowski:** I liked Pauli's suggestion of 11:59 on the Monday prior to the show in the time zone in which the show is held. It's easy enough for people to check the time zone of Germany or Finland. It makes sense. **Altschul:** If we're using the UTC, another solution is if the show flyers post on what time they are closing and their local time based on the UTC. That would keep all shows closing at the same time. So, for example, if the show was in Germany, they say, this is our closing time local and this is our closing time UTC. It would be the same time, but it would help people who are not used to looking up time zones. Have all shows close at the same time so that you don't have one show closing an hour earlier than another one. **DelaBar:** Pauli's option would be easier to understand. People in Europe are speaking English as second, third, fourth languages. We are trying to make things simple and as well-defined as possible. We don't want to lose people over this. We are still bringing in more registrations than any other region. I want to build this before I retire from the board and make this as simple as we can for the people. I really do like keeping it at 11:59 at the time zone of where the show is held.

**Raymond:** Rich, a question to Cathy Dunham through you. The entry clerk system automatically closes down shows. How difficult or easy would it be to set the closing time based on the local time at the show? **Dunham:** It shouldn't be difficult at all. That's a function of the online entry form system. We already do China time, so it should not be difficult. We might have to add a little bit of programming to adjust, but I don't think it would be too difficult. **Simbro:** There will be programming. We control it by region right now. So Region 9 is Region 9. That's one setting. If I'm now going to have four different time zones in Region 9 that I need to close the show on, we're going to have to make some programming changes. We're probably going to have to start scheduling closing dates per show license instead of per region, which is going to be logistically tough to keep on top of. It's prone to mistakes, but we can try to mitigate that. **Calhoun:** How much is the programming going to cost? Can you get us a number so we can

make a well-informed decision? **Simbro:** Making educated guess. I would say around \$2,000, roughly about 10 hours' worth of programming time. **Calhoun:** Are you willing to say "not to exceed \$2,000?" **Simbro:** Without knowing what direction we're going to take, I would say \$2,000 to \$10,000. **Calhoun:** That won't work. That's too big of a gap. We need to decide on what we want, and then you need to go reach out to your resources and get a number. **Simbro:** We need to find exactly what we're going to do. **Huhtaniemi:** James, when the club says they're going to close the entries on Saturday, two o'clock in the afternoon, are you going to program that in the CFA system? **Simbro:** No, they already have the ability to just close a show. If their show fills up before their official closing time, they just go into their system, check a box, close the show and entries are stopped. **Huhtaniemi:** What if it's not full show? Do you need a program to close early if the club asks? **Simbro:** No. Even if the show is not full, they can close the show at any time. No programming required. **Griswold:** James, if we pass this as it is, would we need any additional programming? **Simbro:** If we're not breaking Region 9 into a couple of different time zones, there's no programming for that. Whatever the current rule is, we just have to change that time offset. **Dunham:** Right now, if an entry clerk has a U.S. show that closes on Friday instead of Monday, that's on our flyer for the show, and I, as the entry clerk, can go into the online entries and close them at that point in time on Friday. I can also do that same kind of in the entry clerking program itself. So, there is the ability for an entry clerk to close the shows early, but it will automatically close them down at the appointed time per the show rules in any other case. **Mastin:** Pam, what is the set closing time for Region 9 right now? **DelaBar:** There is no set closing time. Each club sets it. That's one of my philosophies is that every club in CFA should have the opportunity to manage its show entries and its show expenditures in order to be successful. The more we constrain the clubs, the harder it is for us to be successful at the local levels. The confusion on this is going to cost CFA money because people don't need to go to the CFA show when they can go to the independent, they can go to FIFe, they can go to TICA because they don't have such control over every portion of that show producing club. I cannot fully explain how detrimental this would be at this point in time to this region and the growth of CFA and the money coming into CFA from Region 9 due to entries and shows and registrations. show **Simbro:** I just pulled up the Show Rules and Pam is correct. Region 9 does not have a closing time. Region 1 through 7, 8, International, China, all have set closing times. There would be a little bit of programming change just to put that logic in there, under \$200. **Mastin:** Pam, when you say other associations don't have the same restrictions on the clubs, do other associations in your region have a set closing time for entries? **DelaBar:** Each club sets their own. Each area, each association sets their own closing. I've seen some of the clubs will extend their times if they don't have enough entries per day or per category. **Moyer:** We actually do have freedom when we can set our closing time. We can set it at any time up to the deadline, and then at that point we have to close. We used to do that game here in Regions 1-7 where we extend, extend, extend. There were arguments that we couldn't get used to that and that we would lose entries. We have gotten used to it and, to a certain extent, the games have stopped. AKC, for example, close way in advance. If you want to enter an AKC show, it's two weeks before the show, and that's global. They also don't get breed summaries until a few days before the show. **Nye:** Extending our closing time another few hours to take some more entries has been taken away from us. I just checked what the CTU was. I could only find two. I'd be happy with setting one of those and just let them have one extra hour. It can't be that difficult with just those two different options. Right now they have nothing. **Raymond:** The board just approved changing China from Wednesday to 11:59 on Tuesday. My understanding from the International

Division Committee is that that is an interim step to moving them to Monday at 11:59 next year. **Krzanowski:** I suggest we start with Wednesday as we did with China and then gradually shift back until people have a chance to get used to the idea. **Mastin:** Pam, have you had enough time to think about that recommendation? **DelaBar:** I'm also thinking about James saying it would cost \$200 to make the programming change. I'll pay the \$200. **Mastin:** We just want you to agree to a time zone. **DelaBar:** I like Pauli's idea of putting the time based upon where the club is having the show. This is going to cause problems and this is going to cost money and it's going to cost registrations and it's going to cost entries and CFA growth. Right now, there's too much flux going on in this region with a war, with breed bans and the changes in the European Union Parliament. **Raymond:** Just a point of clarification. James's \$200 quote was for the implementation of a single time zone for Europe UTC. **Simbro:** That is correct.

**Raymond:** Would it be worthwhile to withdraw this now, bring it back in December when James has had time to come up with an estimate? **Huhtaniemi:** I have a compromise suggestion. Let's put it so that it's a Tuesday morning, like 4 a.m. UTC. Then it's midnight everywhere. **Raymond:** Actually, it will be later in the day. UTC is earlier than any of the time zones in Europe. **Mastin:** Carol, what are we doing with this? **Krzanowski:** I would like to table this until December. Let's work on it a bit, get some information, have James get some programming costs and then we can take it from there. **Mastin:** Marilee, you agree? **Griswold:** Yes. **Mastin:** We are tabled.

**Tabled.**

45. *Add Show Rule 6.36.f. to provide that Agility entries may be accepted on the day of the show in Regions 1-9 and the International Division outside of China.*

Article VI: Entering the Show – Add 6.36.f.	Agility Committee
Existing Wording	Proposed Wording
6.36 ...	6.36 ... <u>f. The above notwithstanding, Agility entries may be accepted at the show.</u>
<b>RATIONALE:</b> Allows entries for Agility competition to be accepted the day of competition at shows in Regions 1-9 and International Division outside of China.	

**The motion is ratified by unanimous consent.**

46. *Amend Show Rule 7.09.a.4. and 7.09.b.4. to include registered cats competing in Agility.*

Article VII: Pre-Show Document Preparation – Amend 7.09.a.4. and	Agility Committee

7.09.b.4.	
Existing Wording	Proposed Wording
<p><b>7.09 a.</b> The introductory page(s) for a printed show catalog must contain the following information:</p> <p>...</p> <p>4. a notice that all Championship and Premiership entries, all registered Kittens, Household Pets, and all registered cats competing with Household Pet color class prefixes (whose registration numbers are printed or written in ink in the catalog) will be scored for CFA awards; and</p> <p>...</p> <p>b. The introductory page(s) for an electronic show catalog will be included in the cover email from the entry clerk to the exhibitors and must contain the following information:</p> <p>...</p> <p>4. a notice that all Championship and Premiership entries, all registered Kittens, Household Pets, and all registered cats competing with Household Pet color class prefixes (whose registration numbers are printed or written in ink in the catalog) will be scored for CFA awards; and</p> <p>...</p>	<p><b>7.09 a.</b> The introductory page(s) for a printed show catalog must contain the following information:</p> <p>...</p> <p>4. a notice that all Championship and Premiership entries, all registered Kittens, Household Pets, <u>and</u> all registered cats competing with Household Pet color class prefixes (whose registration numbers are printed or written in ink in the catalog), <u>and all registered cats competing in Agility</u> will be scored for CFA awards; and</p> <p>...</p> <p>b. The introductory page(s) for an electronic show catalog will be included in the cover email from the entry clerk to the exhibitors and must contain the following information:</p> <p>...</p> <p>4. a notice that all Championship and Premiership entries, all registered Kittens, Household Pets, <u>and</u> all registered cats competing with Household Pet color class prefixes (whose registration numbers are printed or written in ink in the catalog), <u>and all registered cats competing in Agility</u> will be scored for CFA awards; and</p> <p>...</p>

**RATIONALE:** Any competition that produces CFA awards should fall under the scoring rule.

**The motion is ratified by unanimous consent.**

47. *Amend Show Rule 7.12. to update requirements regarding the list of exhibitors.*

Article VII : Pre-Show Document Preparation -- Amend 7.12	Central Office
Existing Wording	Proposed Wording
<p><b>7.12</b> A list of exhibitors' names and addresses with entry numbers may be printed in the catalog. In the event that this cannot be done, a separate complete list of exhibitors' names and addresses with entry numbers <b>MUST</b> be forwarded to the Central Office.</p>	<p><b>7.12</b> A list of exhibitors' names <u>and addresses</u> with entry numbers <u>may shall</u> be printed in the catalog. <u>In the event that this cannot be done, a separate complete list of exhibitors' names and addresses with entry numbers MUST be forwarded to the</u></p>

This rule does not apply to Veteran Class exhibitors. (See 13.09.d).	Central Office. This rule does not apply to Veteran Class exhibitors. (See 13.09.d).
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**RATIONALE:** Housekeeping - exhibitor addresses have not been included in the show catalog for several years. Also, Central Office no longer needs the list of exhibitors because we have access to all the programs the information can be pulled from.

**Mastin:** Ed, the way it's worded in the very first sentence, is this optional? **Raymond:** It's optional because we took out the second sentence that said that a separate list could be provided. I would suggest we simply amend this to change the word "may" to "shall." **Krzanowski:** I like shall and I will agree to change it to that. **Mastin:** Marilee, do you agree? **Griswold:** Yes, I do.

**The motion is ratified by unanimous consent.**

48. *Amend Show Rule 7.17 to include pre-entered Agility cats and kittens.*

Article VII: Pre-Show Document Preparation – Amend 7.17	Agility Committee
Existing Wording	Proposed Wording
<p><b>7.17</b> Entries in the catalog should appear in the following order:</p> <p>Non-Championship: Kittens, AOV kittens following entries for the particular breed. Provisional Breeds separated by breed and by kitten, adults and alters. Miscellaneous breeds (non-competitive) separated by breed. The first three or four digits of a Miscellaneous entry's registration number should be used as the Class number, unless class numbers are specified in Article XXXIII.</p> <p>Championship: Longhair and Shorthair. AOV entries should appear at the end of the Championship entries for the particular breed.</p> <p>Premiership: Longhair and Shorthair. AOV entries should appear at the end of the Premiership entries for the particular breed.</p> <p>Non-championship: Household Pets.</p> <p>Non-championship: Veteran.</p> <p>Exhibition only: Exhibition only cats and kittens should be numbered in the catalog.</p>	<p><b>7.17</b> Entries in the catalog should appear in the following order:</p> <p>Non-Championship: Kittens, AOV kittens following entries for the particular breed. Provisional Breeds separated by breed and by kitten, adults and alters. Miscellaneous breeds (non-competitive) separated by breed. The first three or four digits of a Miscellaneous entry's registration number should be used as the Class number, unless class numbers are specified in Article XXXIII.</p> <p>Championship: Longhair and Shorthair. AOV entries should appear at the end of the Championship entries for the particular breed.</p> <p>Premiership: Longhair and Shorthair. AOV entries should appear at the end of the Premiership entries for the particular breed.</p> <p>Non-championship: Household Pets.</p> <p>Non-championship: Veteran.</p> <p>Exhibition only: Exhibition only cats and kittens should be numbered in the catalog.</p> <p><u>Non-championship: Pre-entered Agility cats and kittens.</u></p>

**RATIONALE:** Certified Ringmasters need a way to identify easily which cats have already submitted an entry form and which will be absent from Agility.

**The motion is ratified by unanimous consent.**

49. *Amend Show Rule 8.01 to replace the word “insignia” with “logo.”.*

Article VIII: Prizes, Ribbons, and Trophies -- Amend: 8.01	Central Office
Existing Wording	Proposed Wording
<p><b>8.01</b> Rosettes/Awards must carry the name of the club sponsoring the ring, the CFA insignia and the award; however, the name of the club sponsoring the ring may be omitted for awards 11th to 15th place, if those awards are given.</p>	<p><b>8.01</b> Rosettes/Awards must carry the name of the club sponsoring the ring, the CFA <u>insignia</u> <u>logo</u> and the award; however, the name of the club sponsoring the ring may be omitted for awards 11th to 15th place, if those awards are given.</p>
<p><b>RATIONALE:</b> Housekeeping to remove insignia and replace with logo to better identify what a club should be using on prizes, ribbons, and trophies.</p>	

**The motion is ratified by unanimous consent.**

50. *Amend Show Rule 8.02 to replace the word “insignia” with “logo.”.*

Article VIII: Prizes, Ribbons, and Trophies -- Amend: 8.02	Central Office
Existing Wording	Proposed Wording
<p><b>8.02</b> On all ribbons or rosettes/awards designating prizes to be awarded in the various classes, the following words must appear: First, Second, Third, and the CFA insignia. In the case of a standard Household Pet show, the words “Household Pet Merit Award” and the CFA insignia must appear. In the case of Veterans competing in the show, the words “Veterans Merit Award” and the CFA insignia must appear.</p>	<p><b>8.02</b> On all ribbons or rosettes/awards designating prizes to be awarded in the various classes, the following words must appear: First, Second, Third, and the CFA <u>logo</u> <u>insignia</u>. In the case of a standard Household Pet show, the words “Household Pet Merit Award” and the CFA <u>logo</u> <u>insignia</u> must appear. In the case of Veterans competing in the show, the words “Veterans Merit Award” and the CFA <u>logo</u> <u>insignia</u> must appear.</p>
<p><b>RATIONALE:</b> Housekeeping to remove insignia and replace with logo to better identify what a club should be using on prizes, ribbons, and trophies.</p>	

**The motion is ratified by unanimous consent.**

51. *Amend Show Rule 9.12 to update the requirements for the Agility Enclosure.*

Article IX: Pre-Show	Agility Committee
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Procedures Prior to Benching/Check-In – Amend 9.12	
Existing Wording	Proposed Wording
<p><b>9.12</b> Setup of Enclosure if Agility is offered:</p> <p>a. The size of the enclosure shall not be smaller than 20'x20' and not larger than 32'x32'. Any combination of these that total 400 to 1024 sq. ft. is allowable.</p> <p>b. The enclosure consists of panels of see through fencing or netting that shall be at least 6 feet high with a slanted top (slanted inward) or a covered top. The mesh shall be strong enough to keep cats in and still be easy to look through.</p> <p>c. Portable flooring that is non-slip must be used in the ring regardless of the existing floor.</p> <p>d. The door shall be in one of the panels of the fence and shall be placed at the most convenient place for access to the ring. The latch shall open from inside and outside the enclosure.</p>	<p><b>9.12</b> Setup of Enclosure if Agility is offered:</p> <p>a. The size of the enclosure shall not be smaller than 20'x20' and not larger than <del>32'x32'</del> <u>20'x25'</u>. Any combination of these that total 400 to <del>1024</del> <u>500</u> sq. ft. is allowable.</p> <p>b. The enclosure consists of panels of see through fencing or netting that shall be at least 6 feet high <del>with a slanted top (slanted inward) or a covered top</del>. The mesh shall be strong enough to keep cats in and still be easy to look through.</p> <p>c. Portable flooring that is non-slip must be used in the ring <del>regardless of</del> <u>unless</u> the existing floor is <u>non-slip carpet</u>.</p> <p>d. The door shall be in one of the panels of the fence and shall be placed at the most convenient place for access to the ring. The <del>latch</del> <u>door</u> shall open from inside and outside the enclosure.</p> <p>e. <u>It is strongly suggested that a barrier such as kraft paper or a banner of 18" – 36" be placed around the lower perimeter of the enclosure to limit distractions.</u></p>

**RATIONALE:** The size range for the agility ring was reduced to coincide with the current size agility rings. The slanted top or cover is not needed. The ringmaster is able to read the body language of the cat and know when to have the cat removed from the ring prior to the cat escaping by climbing out of the enclosure. Some venues have non-slip carpeting; using portable flooring in addition to the carpeting is not necessary. Some enclosures have zipper doors so the use of a latch is not necessary. Use of a barrier limits distractions from spectator and exhibitor traffic around the Agility ring.

**Mastin:** Marilee, is this also optional? The way it's worded is optional. **Griswold:** Right, that part is optional, yes. **Mastin:** Thank you for clarifying.

**The motion is ratified by unanimous consent.**

52. *Amend Show Rule 9.13 to update the specifications for obstacles.*

Article IX: Pre-Show Procedures Prior to Benching/Check-In – Amend 9.13	Agility Committee
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Existing Wording	Proposed Wording
<p><b>9.13</b> Setup of Obstacles if Agility is offered:</p> <p>a. Standard course. 10 obstacles consisting of:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Stairs - one set 3 steps up and 3 steps down with a non-slip surface. Minimum total height is 24".</li> <li>2. Tunnels - two 4'-8' long each with a diameter of at least 12".</li> <li>3. Hurdles - four with the first bar at 4", second bar at 8", third bar at 10" and 4th bar at 12" measured from floor to top of bar.</li> <li>4. Weave Poles - three or four 18" apart.</li> <li>5. Hoops - two 12" from floor to bottom of the hoop and approximately 18" in diameter.</li> </ol> <p>b. Beginner course. Same as standard course except removing hurdles.</p>	<p><b>9.13</b> <u>Setup of Specifications for Obstacles if Agility is offered:</u></p> <p><u>a. Standard course. 10 obstacles consisting of:</u></p> <p><u>1a. Stairs - one set - Non-slip, with three steps up with a platform at the top and three steps down. All steps are measured from the floor. Each step must be 2 - 2 ½ feet wide and 9-12" deep. First step must be 10" from the floor. Second step must be 19" from the floor. The third step must be 28" from the floor and forms a 22" x 22" platform.3 steps up and 3 steps down with a non-slip surface. Minimum total height is 24".</u></p> <p><u>2b. Tunnels – two - Diameter of 18" and 4-6 ft in length. Tunnels must be solid and not see through. 4'-8' long each with a diameter of at least 12".</u></p> <p><u>3c. Hurdles - four total,with the first bar at 4", second bar at 8", third bar at 10" and 4th bar at 12" measured from floor to top of bar.</u></p> <p><u>1. One (1) Bar Hurdle - one - Consists of one bar, 2 - 2 ½ feet wide and set 4" from floor to the top of the bar.</u></p> <p><u>2. Two (2) Bar Hurdle - one - Consists of two bars, 2 - 2 ½ feet wide, with the highest bar set 6" from floor to the top of the bar.</u></p> <p><u>3. Three (3) Bar Hurdle – one - Consists of three bars, 2 - 2 ½ feet wide, with the highest bar set 10" from floor to the top of the bar.</u></p> <p><u>4. Four (4) Bar Hurdle – one- Consists of four bars, 2 - 2 ½ feet wide, with the highest bar set 12" from floor to the top of the bar.</u></p> <p><u>d. Weave poles – one set - four (4) poles of 20-24" in height, set 18" apart</u></p> <p><u>e. Hoops - two - Suspended circle 1' 6" in diameter and which is 6" from the floor to the bottom of the hoop and 2 ft from the floor to the top of the hoop.</u></p> <p><u>4. Weave Poles - three or four 18" apart.</u></p> <p><u>5. Hoops - two 12" from floor to bottom of the hoop and approximately 18" in diameter.</u></p> <p><u>b. Beginner course. Same as standard course except removing hurdles.</u></p>

**RATIONALE:** Added the specifications for all of the obstacles. Additionally, the length of the tunnels

and the number of weave poles required were adjusted.

**The motion is ratified by unanimous consent.**

53. *Amend Show Rule 9.14 to include Agility competitions under benching procedures.*

Article IX: Pre-Show Procedures Prior to Benchng/Check-In – Amend 9.14	Agility Committee
Existing Wording	Proposed Wording
<p><b>9.14</b> All benching and judging areas shall be located inside a building or secured structure with doors that can be closed to prevent cats from getting outside. No show may be held in an outdoor venue or area with immediate access to locations where motorized vehicles or heavy equipment will operate, such as a parking garage, courtyard, covered walkway, or construction or demolition site.</p>	<p><b>9.14</b> All benching, and judging, and <u>Agility competition</u> areas shall be located inside a building or secured structure with doors that can be closed to prevent cats from getting outside. No show may be held in an outdoor venue or area with immediate access to locations where motorized vehicles or heavy equipment will operate, such as a parking garage, courtyard, covered walkway, or construction or demolition site.</p>
<p><b>RATIONALE:</b> Housekeeping: Agility competitions under the benching/check in procedures.</p>	

**The motion is ratified by unanimous consent.**

54. *Amend Show Rule 10.20 to clarify when late arrivals may compete.*

Article X: Benchng/Check In -- Amend 10.20	Judging Program Committee
Existing Wording	Proposed Wording
<p><b>10.20</b> Late arrivals: an entry arriving at the show room after the stipulated hour may be benched, at the option of the show management, after examination by the designated veterinarian, if applicable, at the expense of the exhibitor. For any ring in which its class is judged prior to its benching, it shall be marked absent and no class will be reopened. In the case of entries subject to the bay check-in process, the cat/kitten will still be considered absent for the duration of the show, including the second day of a two-day show, but may be benched with an exhibitor's other entries in the show hall.</p>	<p><b>10.20</b> Late arrivals: an entry arriving at the show room after the stipulated hour may be benched, at the option of the show management, after examination by the designated veterinarian, if applicable, at the expense of the exhibitor. For any ring in which its class is judged prior to its benching, it shall be marked absent and no class will be reopened. In the case of entries subject to the bay check-in process, the cat/kitten will still be considered absent for the duration of the show, including the second day of a two-day show, but may be benched with an exhibitor's other entries in the show hall.</p>

	<p><b>10.20 Late Arrivals</b></p> <p>a. An entry arriving at the show room after the stipulated hour may be benched, at the option of the show management, after examination by the designated veterinarian, if applicable, at the expense of the exhibitor. For any ring in which its class is judged prior to its benching, it shall be marked absent and no class will be reopened.</p> <p>b. Cats subject to, but not present for bay check-in will not be allowed to compete in any ring for the entire show, including the second day of a two day show.</p>
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**RATIONALE:** Rule revised to separate regular late entries and Bay Check-In entries.

**The motion is ratified by unanimous consent.**

55. *Amend Show Rule 10.21 to clarify the exhibitor's responsibility with regard to late arrivals.*

Article X: Benching/Check In -- Amend 10.21	Judging Program Committee
Existing Wording	Proposed Wording
<p><b>10.21</b> The owner or agent of a late arrival is responsible for checking in with the show secretary and notifying all ring clerks once the late arrival is benched. However, late arrival cats/kittens that were subject to the bay check-in process will still be considered absent in all rings at the show, including those held on the second day of a two day show.</p>	<p><b>10.21</b> The owner or agent of a late arrival is responsible for checking in with the show secretary and notifying all ring clerks once the late arrival is benched. However, late arrival cats/kittens that were subject to the bay check-in process will still be considered absent in all rings at the show, including those held on the second day of a two day show.</p> <p><b>10.21</b> a. The owner or agent of a late arrival is responsible for checking in with the show secretary and notifying all ring clerks once the late arrival is benched.</p> <p>b. Bay Check-in: Late arrival cats/kittens that were subject to the bay check-in process will still be considered absent in all rings at the show, including those held on the second day of a two day show.</p>
<p><b>RATIONALE:</b> Rule revised to separate regular late entries and Bay Check-In entries. (Exhibitor responsibility)</p>	

**The motion is ratified by unanimous consent.**

56. Amend Show Rule 10.22 to clarify the bay check in process.

Article X: Benching/Check In -- Amend 10.22	Judging Program Committee
Existing Wording	Proposed Wording
<p><b>10.22 Absentees and Transfers:</b></p> <p>a. Before judging begins, an exhibitor is responsible for reporting to the show entry clerk or designated representative any of his cats or kittens that are absent, or that require transfer to another competitive category, class, or color class (including one in a different breed), or change in color/pattern description.</p> <p>b. At the conclusion of the advertised hour for check-in and before judging begins, all cats of each color class subject to bay check-in may be required to present themselves to the judging rings (starting with the lowest kitten number thru highest, then lowest championship number thru highest, then lowest premiership number thru highest) starting with ring 1 and going thru the number of rings required to include all cats entered in that color-class. The International Division Chairman for China, shall be notified by the China entry clerk when a show has sufficient entries in a color class to warrant bay check-in. That Chairman will then determine if that show will be subject to the bay check-in process, and if so, which of the contracted judges will perform the procedure. The selected judge will then mark the absentee/transfer list MAB (Mandatorily Absent) for any cat/kitten not present in the numbered judging cage, or for any cat/kitten that is obviously out of condition, is ill, is of a color not showable in regular or AOV competition, or may otherwise be disqualified per show rule 11.23. That cat will be considered absent in all rings to be held at that show, regardless of which day the color class for that category is judged. If more than one color class meets the requirement for bay check-in, they will be called up to the rings in breed/color class order as listed in the catalog.</p> <p>c. Before judging begins on the second day of a two day show, the master clerk or designated representative will report all competitive transfers to each ring clerk who will notify the officiating</p>	<p><b>10.22 Absentees and Transfers:</b></p> <p>a. Before judging begins, an exhibitor is responsible for reporting to the show entry clerk or designated representative any of his cats or kittens that are absent, or that require transfer to another competitive category, class, or color class (including one in a different breed), or change in color/pattern description.</p> <p><del>b. At the conclusion of the advertised hour for check-in and before judging begins, all cats of each color class subject to bay check-in may be required to present themselves to the judging rings (starting with the lowest kitten number thru highest, then lowest championship number thru highest, then lowest premiership number thru highest) starting with ring 1 and going thru the number of rings required to include all cats entered in that color-class. The International Division Chairman for China, shall be notified by the China entry clerk when a show has sufficient entries in a color class to warrant bay check-in. That Chairman will then determine if that show will be subject to the bay check-in process, and if so, which of the contracted judges will perform the procedure. The selected judge will then mark the absentee/transfer list MAB (Mandatorily Absent) for any cat/kitten not present in the numbered judging cage, or for any cat/kitten that is obviously out of condition, is ill, is of a color not showable in regular or AOV competition, or may otherwise be disqualified per show rule 11.23. That cat will be considered absent in all rings to be held at that show, regardless of which day the color class for that category is judged. If more than one color class meets the requirement for bay check-in, they will be called up to the rings in breed/color class order as listed in the catalog.</del></p> <p><del>c. b. Before judging begins on the second day of a two day show, the master clerk or designated representative will report all competitive transfers to each ring clerk who will notify the officiating judge</del></p>

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c. Bay Check-in: At the conclusion of the advertised hour for check-in and before judging begins, all cats of each color class subject to bay check-in may be required to present themselves to the judging rings. When entries of a specific color of a breed in all categories (Kittens, Championship and Premiership) exceed the number of cats that can be benched in a ring, the numbers of all the kittens/cats entered in that color class will be posted and the exhibitors must bring their kittens/cats to the rings. Multiple rings will be used to post the cage numbers of the kittens/cats.

d. The International Division Chair will determine when a show has sufficient entries in a color class in all categories (Kittens, Championship and Premiership) to warrant bay check-in and will determine which of the contracted judges will perform the procedure. If more than one color class meets the requirement for bay check-in, they will be called up to the rings in breed/color class order as listed in the catalog.

e. The designated judge will receive the absentee and transfer sheet from the show secretary and will mark "MAb" (Mandatorily Absent) any kitten/cat not present in the Bay check-in judging cages. In addition, the designated judge will mark MAb for any kitten/cat that is obviously out of condition, is ill, is of a color not showable in regular or AOV competition or may otherwise be disqualified per show rule 11.23. That cat will be considered to be absent in all rings to be held at that show. This includes both days of a two day show.

f. The designated judge will deliver a completed absentee and transfer sheet to each judge scheduled to judge that category. Each judge will mark "MAb" on the award column of the specified cat in their judge's book.

**RATIONALE:** a. remains as written, b. was c., and c. is expanded to c-f to provide process for ID Chair, for designated judges performing Bay Check-In, and Judges officiating at Bay Check-In shows. Special notation/addition of "MAb" in each judge's book in the award column will more clearly label entries which cannot be judged because of the notation during bay check-in.

**The motion is ratified by unanimous consent.**

57. *Amend Show Rule 11.07 to separate out the regular absentees from those absented during bay check in.*

<b>Article XI: During The Show – Judging and Awards -- Amend 11.07</b>	<b>Judging Program Committee</b>
<b>Existing Wording</b>	<b>Proposed Wording</b>
<p><b>11.07</b> An entry must be present and available for judging when the time for judging each entry is reached. An entry not so presented or available will be marked absent and the class will be judged as if such an entry had not been benched. In addition, for those cats marked MAb on the absentee/transfer sheets, those cats will also be marked absent even if that cat shows up to the judging ring for judging. It is the responsibility of the exhibitor or the exhibitor's agent to see that the cat or kitten is presented for judging when the entry number is called the first time. <b>Only one call to the judging ring is required.</b></p>	

**RATIONALE:** Reference to Bay Check-In process/MAb is separated out ( a. & b.) from the regular absentee process to make it clearer.

**The motion is ratified by unanimous consent.**

58. *Amend Show Rule 11.23 to clarify that cats for which awards are withheld in conformation judging because of congenital or acquired defects can still run Agility.*

<b>Article XI: During The Show – Judging and Awards -- Amend 11.23</b>	<b>Agility Committee</b>
<b>Existing Wording</b>	<b>Proposed Wording</b>

**11.23** Withholding of awards by the judge: a judge must withhold all awards when in his opinion ANY entry lacks sufficient merit; is, apparently, obviously pregnant, suffering from emaciation, malnutrition or showing evidence of neglect; or is ineligible for entry.

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:

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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

<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>...</p>	<p>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 <u>or in Agility competition</u>, or;</p> <p>...</p>
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**RATIONALE:** Cats disqualified in conformation judging because of congenital or acquired defects are able to run Agility.

**The motion is ratified by unanimous consent.**

59. *Amend Show Rule 11.24 to clarify that cats disqualified in conformation judging can still run Agility.*

Article XI: During The Show – Judging and Awards -- Amend 11.24	Agility Committee
Existing Wording	Proposed Wording
<p><b>11.24</b> Disqualified by the judge.</p> <p>...</p> <p>c. A judge must disqualify and dismiss from his ring any cat or kitten that bites, cannot be judged in the judging ring, or that is, in his judgment, behaving in a recalcitrant or threatening manner. This rule does not apply to cats after the completion of judging of color classes. When a judge makes a disqualification based on having been bitten, the judge shall record on the judging color class sheet "DISQ/BITE," otherwise indicate just DISQ if the disqualification is based on recalcitrant or threatening behavior. (See paragraphs 11.19.c and 11.19.d).</p> <p>The Central Office shall record the DISQ/BITE on each cat. When three judges have recorded "DISQ/BITE" for any cat deemed to behave in a manner that injures the judge, the cat shall not be</p>	<p><b>11.24</b> Disqualified by the judge.</p> <p>...</p> <p>c. A judge must disqualify and dismiss from his ring any cat or kitten that bites, cannot be judged in the judging ring, or that is, in his judgment, behaving in a recalcitrant or threatening manner. This rule does not apply to cats after the completion of judging of color classes. When a judge makes a disqualification based on having been bitten, the judge shall record on the judging color class sheet "DISQ/BITE," otherwise indicate just DISQ if the disqualification is based on recalcitrant or threatening behavior. (See paragraphs 11.19.c and 11.19.d).</p> <p>The Central Office shall record the DISQ/BITE on each cat. When three judges have recorded "DISQ/BITE" for any cat deemed to behave in a manner that injures the judge, the cat shall not be</p>

<p>eligible for entry at any CFA show.</p> <p>...</p> <p>f. The Central Office shall record the “DISQ-UT” judges’ opinion in an appropriate manner. When three judges have disqualified any adult male cat for lack of having descended testicles, the cat shall never again be eligible for entry at any CFA show except that said cat may be entered and shown in Premiership (It is highly recommended that any such cat be examined by a veterinarian and surgical procedures as required for neutering be undergone).</p>	<p>eligible for entry at any CFA show <u>other than in Agility competition.</u></p> <p>...</p> <p>f. The Central Office shall record the “DISQ-UT” judges’ opinion in an appropriate manner. When three judges have disqualified any adult male cat for lack of having descended testicles, the cat shall never again be eligible for entry at any CFA show except that said cat may be entered and shown in Premiership (It is highly recommended that any such cat be examined by a veterinarian and surgical procedures as required for neutering be undergone) <u>or in Agility competition.</u></p> <p><u>g. With the exception of declawed cats/kittens or cats/kittens who have undergone a tendonectomy, cats / kittens disqualified under rules a. – f. above are eligible for competition in Agility.</u></p>
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**RATIONALE:** Housekeeping, to tie in with 6.04, above. Because Agility is a test of ability, coordination, and relationship between handler and cat rather than physical perfection, inclusivity to all should apply to Agility. Missing or naturally occurring traits should not be grounds for exclusion unless they create a direct safety risk. Allowing their participation promotes fairness, inclusivity, and respect for cats’ abilities rather than punishing them for their differences. Rules should allow for inclusion and diversity when conformation is not at issue.

**The motion is ratified by unanimous consent.**

**60. Amend Show Rule 11.25 to require that the Certified Ringmaster be notified if a judge disqualifies a cat or kitten that bites or is behaving in a recalcitrant or threatening manner. (To be withdrawn if amendments to 6.04 and 11.24 pass.)**

Article XI: During The Show – Judging and Awards -- Amend 11.25	Agility Committee
Existing Wording	Proposed Wording
<p><b>11.25</b> The chief ring clerk is responsible for notifying ALL chief ring clerks of the action taken when the judge in his/her ring disqualifies any cat or kitten that bites or that, in the judge’s judgment, is behaving in a recalcitrant or threatening manner.</p>	<p><b>11.25</b> The chief ring clerk is responsible for notifying ALL chief ring clerks <u>and the Certified Ringmaster, if Agility is offered,</u> of the action taken when the judge in his/her ring disqualifies any cat or kitten that bites or that, in the judge’s judgment, is behaving in a recalcitrant or threatening manner.</p>
<p><b>RATIONALE:</b> If recalcitrant/biting cats are not going to be permitted to compete in Agility, the Certified Ringmaster must be notified to ensure the entry does not run the course.</p>	

**Withdrawn.**

61. Add Show Rule 11.33 regarding awards in Agility competition. Rerumber current 11.33-11.38.

Article XI: During The Show – Judging and Awards -- Add 11.33, renumber existing 11.33-11.38	Agility Committee
Existing Wording	Proposed Wording
None	<p><b>11.33 AGILITY</b></p> <p><u>There shall be no distinction between Longhair and Shorthair entries or Household Pets.</u></p> <p><u>There shall be no distinction between Adult Males, Adult Females, Adult Neuters, Adult Spays, and Kittens.</u></p> <p><u>The awards for Agility Competition shall be Best through Fifth Best Cat.</u></p> <p><u>When two or more Agility Competitions are held concurrently, an Agility Best of the Best competition may be held.</u></p> <p><u>Stand Alone Agility competitions may be held as show management specifies.</u></p>

**RATIONALE:** Cats in Agility earn points based on speed and accuracy, not on basis of sex, altered status, age, or coat length. Allows for the possibility for the best of the best, as is allowed in conformation. Allows for a stand alone agility competition, as is allowed in Household Pets.

**The motion is ratified by unanimous consent.**

62. Amend Show Rule 12.01 to make clear who completes an activity.

Article XII: Show Recordkeeping -- Amend 12.01	Judging Program Committee
Existing Wording	Proposed Wording
<p><b>12.01</b> All judges' color class sheets must be signed by the judge. All judges shall mark the Best and Second Best of Breed or Division as well as Best Champion of Breed or Division and Best Premier of Breed or Division on the judges' color class sheets, if the judge determines these awards at the completion of judging the breed or division. If the breed or division wins are not awarded at the</p>	<p><b>12.01</b> <u>The judge must sign All judges' all color class sheets, breed sheets and final sheets, must be signed by the judge.</u> All judges shall mark the Best and Second Best of Breed or Division as well as Best Champion of Breed or Division and Best Premier of Breed or Division on the judges' color class sheets, if the judge determines these awards at the completion of judging the breed or</p>

<p>completion of the breed or division, the judge's sheet will be submitted to the master clerk without the wins marked. All judges must initial all error corrections. All judges' finals sheets must be completed, including the titles for cats receiving finals awards in the Championship and Premiership classes, and signed by the judge at the completion of finals. Judges' color class sheets and finals sheets must be checked and initialed by the chief ring clerk. The CFA judges' color class sheets must be checked and initialed by the chief ring clerk and the master clerk. The judges' finals sheets must be checked and signed by the master clerk. The master clerk must immediately post the sheets in a manner readily accessible to all exhibitors. Awards as posted are final and may not be changed except as provided by show rule 12.15.</p>	<p>division. <u>If a judge does not award the breed or division wins awards are not awarded at the completion of judging</u> the breed or division, the <u>chief ring clerk must forward the judge's color class sheet will be submitted to the master clerk without the wins awards marked. The master clerk will return the judges' color class sheet for completion by the time the award is announced and recorded.</u> All judges <u>Judges</u> must initial all error corrections. <u>All judges' finals sheets must be completed, including the titles for cats receiving finals awards in the Championship and Premiership classes, and signed by the judge at the completion of finals. Judges' color class sheets and finals sheets must be checked and initialed by the chief ring clerk. The CFA judges' color class sheets must be checked and initialed by the chief ring clerk and the master clerk. The judges' finals sheets must be checked and signed by the master clerk.</u> <u>Judges must complete and sign final sheets, including the titles for cats receiving final awards in the Championship and Premiership classes by the completion of finals. The chief ring clerk and master clerk will check and initial the CFA judges' color class sheets, breed sheets and finals sheets.</u> The master clerk must immediately post the sheets in a manner readily accessible to all exhibitors. Awards as posted are final and may not be changed except as provided by show rule 12.15.</p>
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**RATIONALE:** The rule does not include the completion and signing of breed sheets. Verbiage has been cleaned up to make it clear on who completes an activity. Changing class sheets to color class sheets for consistency.

**The motion is ratified by unanimous consent.**

63. *Amend Show Rule 12.04 to clarify what must be kept by the judge after the show.*

Article XII: Show Recordkeeping -- Amend 12.04	Judging Program Committee
Existing Wording	Proposed Wording
12.04 The judge's copy of the marked catalog must be retained by the judge for at least forty-five (45) days.	12.04 The judge's copy of the marked catalog must be retained by the judge for at least forty-five (45) days. The Judge must keep the cover of the catalog containing the Master Clerk's signature for two (2)

	weeks.
<b>RATIONALE:</b> Without the judge's original paperwork, there is no reason to keep the entire catalog for 45 days. Any question that arises as a result from the implementation of the 1 page judge's sheets, etc. would have to come from CFA, including the original paperwork	

**The motion is ratified by unanimous consent.**

64. *Amend Show Rule 12.05 to clarify who supplies judge evaluation forms and to whom they must be returned.*

Article XII: Show Recordkeeping -- Amend 12.05	Judging Program Committee
Existing Wording	Proposed Wording
<p><b>12.05</b> In all cases where an Apprentice or Approval Pending judge is used, or when a Trainee is judging Household Pets, a questionnaire supplied by the Chairman of the Judging Program must be filled out and signed by a majority of the show committee and forwarded to the Central Office within 30 days of the close of the show. Similarly, if the club contracts a Guest Judge, a Guest Judge Evaluation Form will be completed by the club and mailed to the Central Office within thirty (30) days of the show. Evaluations are no longer required for guest judges at the Approved Guest Judge level. Judging questionnaires and Guest Judge Evaluation Forms 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. In addition, such clubs will no longer be considered in good standing for the purpose of putting on future shows, etc. until such time as the evaluation or questionnaires are received by Central Office.</p>	<p><b>12.05</b> In all cases where an Apprentice or Approval Pending judge is used, or when a Trainee is judging Household Pets, a <u>Judging Program File Administrator will email an evaluation form to the show manager</u> a questionnaire supplied by the Chairman of the Judging Program must be filled out for completion including signatures by a majority of the show committee. <u>The show manager will scan and email the evaluation back to the appropriate File Administrator and forwarded to the Central Office</u> within 30 thirty (30) days of the close of the show. Similarly, if the club contracts a Guest Judge, a Guest Judge Evaluation Form <u>will</u> must be completed by the club and mailed and signed by show officials and emailed to the Central Office within thirty (30) days of the show. Evaluations are no longer required for guest judges at the Approved Guest Judge level. <u>Judging questionnaires Evaluations not received by the appropriate File Administrator and Guest Judge Evaluation Forms evaluations</u> 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. In addition, such clubs will no longer be considered in good standing for the purpose of putting on future shows, etc. until such time as the evaluation or questionnaires evaluations are received by the File Administrator or Central Office, as appropriate.</p>

**RATIONALE:** Housekeeping: Updating who supplies the club with the appropriate forms, and rewording how evaluations are to be completed and returned.

**Krzanowski:** I have a question for the Judging Program Committee. While I understand that the evaluation form for our judges who are advancing through the Program talks about guest judge evaluation form, does that need to be signed and then scanned and emailed? It just says emailed. It doesn't say it has to be signed. **Nye:** It does have to be signed by show committee members and clerks and master clerks. **Krzanowski:** That should be noted in the rule as well. **Mastin:** Ed, can we write this rule where it states something that all signatures are required? **Raymond:** You can either view signature as part of the requirement that they complete the form or you can change that sentence to read. *Similarly, if the club contracts a guest judge, a guest judge evaluation form must be completed and signed by the club and emailed to Central Office.* So simply add the words *and signed*. I would say *completed and signed by the club*. **Mastin:** Carol, does that address your concern? **Krzanowski:** Yes, it does. Thank you. **Raymond:** Allene, do you want to underline that? **Mastin:** Marilee, do you agree? **Griswold:** Yes. It's signed also by the clerk and the master clerk, which may not be a member of the club. **Nye:** It's signed by the master clerk and not the clerk. The clerk has to check a box saying that they reviewed the work or it was without error and the master clerk does the same, but the master clerk's signature is required. **Mastin:** So do we need to add *and sign by master clerk and member of the show committee*? **Nye:** Yes. Or *must have required signatures and emailed*. I mean, we've got scanned and emailed in some places and just emailed in others. **Raymond:** How about if this reads, *must be completed and signed by show officials and emailed to Central Office*? **Nye:** That's great.

**Huhtaniemi:** Our rules state that the show secretary is responsible for the paperwork. Why are we mailing this to the show manager? **Nye:** Sometimes we don't have that information. When we have trainees, all those documents go to the show manager on the show license. When we have the guest judging evaluation, that is actually sent out by Central Office when they get the show license, then they copy who's on the show license when they license the show with the evaluation form and the guest judge is copied on that also. **Mastin:** So the current process right now is to mail everything to the show manager? **Nye:** It's the information that the file administrators get off the show license. **Mastin:** The new rule here states *judging program file administrator will email an evaluation form to the show manager*. And then in the next underline, *the show manager will scan and email the evaluation back to the appropriate file administrator*. Is that what's currently being done and that's what you want in the show rule? **Griswold:** We might be getting mixed up with a trainee versus apprentice and approval pending. The trainees have evaluations filled out by the training judges who then send it directly to the file administrator. For the apprentice and approval pending judges, I'm having the judge hand the evaluation to the show committee and then they fill it out and put it in with the show package, which then goes to Central Office, who sends it to me in the form of the PDF. **Mastin:** I'm going to make a strong recommendation. This has got to come back. Carol, can we table this? **Krzanowski:** Yes, let's table this until December. **Raymond:** Just to be clear, the JPC will send me new proposed language for December? **Nye:** Yes.

**Tabled.**

65. *Amend Show Rule 12.07 to add marking in the catalog for Miscellaneous Class.*

Article XII: Show Recordkeeping --	Judging Program Committee
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Amend 12.07	
Existing Wording	Proposed Wording
<p>The chief ring clerk shall mark a catalog as the ribbons and rosettes are placed on the cages, indicating 1st, 2nd, 3rd, Best/Second Best of Color Class, Best/Second Best of Breed/Division, Best Champion/Best Premier of Breed/Division, Merit Awards for HHP (mark M in judge's book/catalog) and Veterans (mark V in judge's book/catalog) and all Finals awards. All absentees and transfers including competitive transfers after the first day of a two day show must be clearly marked. The chief ring clerk will complete a consolidated breed summary for longhair and shorthair breeds to include kittens, championship, and premiership. If the consolidated breed summary pages are not part of the printed catalog the individual pages must be included with the catalog. Upon completion of judging the completed catalog shall be taken to the master clerk by the chief ring clerk for check out verification and signature. The chief ring clerk must NEVER mark his/her catalog using the judge's color class sheets.</p>	<p>The chief ring clerk shall mark a catalog as the <u>judge places ribbons and rosettes are placed</u> on the cages, indicating 1st, 2nd, 3rd, Best/Second Best of Color Class, Best/Second Best of Breed/Division, Best Champion/Best Premier of Breed/Division, Merit Awards for HHP (mark M in <u>judge's book/the catalog</u>), and Veterans (mark V in <u>judge's book/the catalog</u>), and Miscellaneous classes (Mark a dash “ - ” in the catalog) and all Finals awards. <u>The chief ring clerk must NEVER mark his the catalog using the judge's color class sheets.</u></p> <p>All absentees and transfers including competitive transfers after the first day of a two day show must be clearly marked <u>in the catalog</u>. The chief ring clerk will complete a consolidated breed summary for longhair and shorthair breeds to include kittens, championship, and premiership. If the consolidated breed summary pages are not part of the printed catalog the individual pages must be included with the catalog. Upon completion of judging <u>the ring clerk will take the completed catalog shall be taken</u> to the master clerk for <u>by the chief ring clerk for check out verification and signature</u> on the catalog cover. <u>The chief ring clerk must NEVER mark his/her catalog using the judge's color class sheets.</u></p>

**RATIONALE:** The chief ring clerk marks a catalog. “Judge’s book” reference is eliminated. Added marking in the catalog for Miscellaneous Class,

**The motion is ratified by unanimous consent.**

66. *Amend Show Rule 12.11.e. to change “NOV” to “NV”.*

Article XII: Show Recordkeeping -- Amend 12.11.e.	Judging Program Committee
Existing Wording	Proposed Wording
<p>...</p> <p>e. The chief ring clerk shall verify titles (NOV, CH, GC, PR, or GP) which the judge has entered on the finals sheets for cats receiving finals awards in the Championship and Premiership classes prior to</p>	<p>...</p> <p>e. The chief ring clerk shall verify titles (NOV-NV, CH, GC, PR, or GP) which the judge has entered on the finals sheets for cats receiving finals awards in the Championship and Premiership classes prior to</p>

submitting the sheets to the master clerk.	submitting the sheets to the master clerk.
<b>RATIONALE:</b> Housekeeping to change the word “NOV” with “NV”	

**The motion is ratified by unanimous consent.**

**Griswold:** I had a question about the novice NV issue. On our judge's paperwork, the regular white sheets, is it not NOV? **Nye:** I've talked to Allene about getting it changed when they reprint those. **Griswold:** Do the color class sheets say NOV? **Nye:** That's a programming issue that they need to fix. James, on the programming for our judges' color class sheets that get printed by the entry clerk from the entry program, it says NOV, but all the other documentation that we have, like our final sheets, say NV. So we've changed all the other things to NV, but that programming piece had not been ever changed. **Simbro:** I'm not sure what we get charged hourly, but it would be very minimal. **Nye:** We're just trying to make everything consistent. **Mastin:** That's a task that needs to be done on Central Office's end. **Dunham:** James, it was in the entry clerking program that they're talking about. My question to help James clarify this is, are you expecting to have that change made just in the color class pages or in the exhibitor's catalog too? **Nye:** Ultimately, we should refer to it all the same way. **Dunham:** Currently in the master clerk's book, it's a three alpha character place for an open, as well as a novice. If we're going to be consistent, it's more than just color class pages that need to be corrected. **Nye:** I don't want to cost CFA any more programming costs. We were just trying to be consistent with how we're referring to things in the show rules and other areas. **Jensen:** Is it even necessary? Just tell the clerks, NV is NOV. I don't see the reason to spend the money to change programs for maybe one novice in a show. We could just instruct the clerks, NOV is NV.

**Mastin:** Carol, what are we doing with this motion? **Krzanowski:** I'm not sure. I've heard varying opinions, but I don't have a problem with, if the change would be minimal and it wouldn't be expensive, let's go with the two alpha character designations to be consistent. **Mastin:** James, you say less than an hour, so it's less than \$200. **Simbro:** Yes. **Calhoun:** I would say if we had to do some other programming that this could be wrapped into, fine. But if not, I wouldn't spend on this. **Nye:** The point is that the clerk is supposed to be checking the judge's work and when they do a transfer to novice, they're supposed to line through whatever it was there before – champion – and write NV. That's what this whole rule is. *Chief ring clerk shall verify titles, which the judge has entered.* And even on the final sheet.

**Mastin:** We've already addressed this motion. It passed unanimously. I need to know what we're doing with it. **Krzanowski:** Since we already passed it, we'd have to make a motion to reconsider. It seems insignificant in the overall scheme of things. I can make a motion to reconsider. **Mastin:** It's your choice if you would like to reconsider. **Krzanowski:** Motion to reconsider. **Mastin:** Marilee, you second? **Griswold:** I'll second. **Mastin:** There's no discussion. It's either a yes or a no.

**The motion [to reconsider] is ratified by unanimous consent.**

**Krzanowski:** I would just like to call the question again and see if it fails. It might, because it's very insignificant and I'd rather move on and see the money spent elsewhere. **Mastin:** Marilee, do you agree? **Griswold:** Agree. **Nye:** I just checked and the final sheet has

NV on it. I'm not asking for programming. The final sheet already has NV for novice. The judge is to be marking NV when they make a transfer. That's all this rule does. **Mastin:** It's already what are you asking for? **Nye:** It says *the chief ring clerk shall verify titles*. The judge is supposed to be marking NV when they make a transfer. The final sheet already has NV. The three choices are NV, CH, and GC. So NV is what we've consistently used. So that's what the ring clerk is verifying. **Raymond:** This show rule only applies to the verification of titles on the final sheet. If the final sheet is already listing NV, it's simply making sure the judge did it right. There is no requirement for programming. If it shows up as NOV in the color class sheets, that's not the subject of this rule.

**The motion is ratified by unanimous consent.**

67. *Amend Show Rule 12.19 to remove reference to the agility claim form.*

Article XII: Show Recordkeeping -- Amend 12.19	Agility Committee
Existing Wording	Proposed Wording
<p><b>12.19</b> The master clerk will accept completed official championship/premiership and agility claim forms, Agility Ringmaster's Scoresheet, and Companion Cat (Household Pet) Registration Number applications. In addition, the master clerk will also accept correction slips that transfer a cat from Open, Champion or Premier to Grand in either the Championship or Premiership classes from the owner/agent. Correction slips are not required for transfer between tiers of the Bronze/Silver/Gold Champions and Premiers. The master clerk will provide the show secretary with a list of the catalog numbers of these transfers.</p> <p>...</p>	<p><b>12.19</b> The master clerk will accept completed official championship/premiership <b>and agility</b> claim forms, Agility Ringmaster's <u>Seoresheet</u> <u>Scoring Sheet</u>, and Companion Cat (Household Pet) Registration Number applications. In addition, the master clerk will also accept correction slips that transfer a cat from Open, Champion or Premier to Grand in either the Championship or Premiership classes from the owner/agent. Correction slips are not required for transfer between tiers of the Bronze/Silver/Gold Champions and Premiers. The master clerk will provide the show secretary with a list of the catalog numbers of these transfers.</p> <p>...</p>
<p><b>RATIONALE:</b> The agility claims form was previously eliminated. This reference was inadvertently omitted when the requirement for the claim form was eliminated.</p>	

**The motion is ratified by unanimous consent.**

68. *Delete Show Rule 13.08.*

Article XIII: Show Completion/Cat Removal/Late Fee Collection -- Delete 13.08 and renumber remainder of Article XIII	Central Office

Existing Wording	Proposed Wording
<p><b>13.08</b> The show secretary must retain in club records for one year the original entry forms with the exception of official entry forms sent to the Central Office for verification of a correction made by the master clerk because of a typographical error (see rule 12.13). The Central Office may request that a form(s) be submitted as verification of a valid entry.</p>	<p><b>13.08</b> The show secretary must retain in club records for one year the original entry forms with the exception of official entry forms sent to the Central Office for verification of a correction made by the master clerk because of a typographical error (see rule 12.13). The Central Office may request that a form(s) be submitted as verification of a valid entry.</p> <p>(Renumber SR 13.09 – 13.11 appropriately)</p>

**RATIONALE:** The practice of providing copies of entry forms was discontinued when Central Office was given to access the on-line entry database.

**The motion is ratified by unanimous consent.**

69. *Amend Show Rule 13.09.h. to make the show entry surcharge requirement apply to cats entered in Agility.*

Article XIII: Show Completion/Cat Removal/Late Fee Collection -- Amend 13.09.h.	Show Rules Committee
Existing Wording	Proposed Wording
<p><b>13.09</b> The show secretary MUST send the following to the Central Office by one of two methods:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. The preferred and safest method is scanning and emailing files (contact Central Office for specific instructions) or</li> <li>2. EXPRESS MAIL Next Day Service (Not Priority 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. If mailing is the option selected by a club, it is the club's responsibility to make and keep a copy of all documents prior to mailing to</li> </ol>	<p><b>13.09</b> The show secretary MUST send the following to the Central Office by one of two methods:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. The preferred and safest method is scanning and emailing files (contact Central Office for specific instructions) or</li> <li>2. EXPRESS MAIL Next Day Service (Not Priority 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. If mailing is the option selected by a club, it is the club's responsibility to make and keep a copy of all documents prior to mailing to</li> </ol>

<p>make and keep a copy of all documents prior to mailing to ensure copies are available if the show package is lost in the mail. Club's will need to retain the documents for a minimum of 45 days.</p> <p>...</p> <p>h. 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>...</p>	<p>ensure copies are available if the show package is lost in the mail. Club's will need to retain the documents for a minimum of 45 days.</p> <p>...</p> <p>h. the show entry surcharge fee of \$2.00 per catalog entry (including HHP and Agility). 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 and Agility), 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 and Agility). 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>...</p>
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**RATIONALE:** Cats competing in Agility compete for National and Regional Awards. Extending the show entry surcharge to those cats will help fund those awards at the regional level.

**The motion is ratified by unanimous consent.**

70. *Amend Show Rule 13.09.h. to clarify that a show will not be scored until all fees are paid.*

Article XIII – Show Completion/Cat Removal/Late Fee Collection -- Amend 13.09.h.	Central Office/Scoring
Existing Wording	Proposed Wording
<p><b>13.09</b></p> <p>...</p> <p>h. 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</p>	<p><b>13.09</b></p> <p>...</p> <p>h. 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</p>

<p>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>...</p>	<p>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. <u>Shows will not be scored until all fees (surcharge, addendum, TRN, etc.) have been paid.</u></p> <p>...</p>
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**RATIONALE:** Due to the change to require a paid TRN for a cat to enter a show and be counted in the official count, it is necessary to have all fees paid prior to CO scoring a show. This additional language clarifies when a show will be scored.

**The motion is ratified by unanimous consent.**

71. *Amend Show Rule 13.11 to provide that the rescinding of point for failure to pay also applies to Agility entries.*

<p><b>Article XIII: Show Completion/Cat Removal/Late Fee Collection -- Amend 13.11</b></p>	<p><b>Agility Committee</b></p>
<p><b>Existing Wording</b></p>	<p><b>Proposed Wording</b></p>
<p><b>13.11</b> If the club sponsoring a show finds, after the opening of a show, that an exhibitor's check for fees is not collectible, or the fee for a faxed, online or emailed entry is not paid, the following actions shall be taken:</p> <p>...</p> <p>d. All cats entered by the exhibitor, whether owned by the exhibitor or some other person(s) are affected by this rule. The official count and the wins earned by other cats in the show will not be affected by the above actions.</p>	
<p><b>RATIONALE:</b> Cats competing in Agility compete for National and Regional Awards. Extending the show entry surcharge to those cats will help fund those awards at the regional level.</p>	

**The motion is ratified by unanimous consent.**

72. *Amend Show Rule 16.05 to eliminate the CRM evaluation sheet.*

<p><b>Article XVI: Responsibilities of Show Management&gt;Show</b></p>	<p><b>Agility Committee</b></p>
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Producing Organization -- Amend 16.05		
Existing Wording	Proposed Wording	
<p><b>16.05</b> When offered, it is the club's responsibility to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Provide a setting for feline agility.</li> <li>b. Provide a certified ringmaster (CRM).</li> <li>c. Provide a steward for the ring.</li> <li>d. Provide a table, paper towels and disinfectant.</li> <li>e. Provide lunch for the certified ringmaster.</li> <li>f. To complete the CRM evaluation sheet and send it to the designated person.</li> </ul>	<p><b>16.05</b> When offered, it is the club's responsibility to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Provide a setting for feline agility.</li> <li>b. Provide a certified ringmaster (CRM).</li> <li>c. Provide a steward for the ring.</li> <li>d. Provide a table, paper towels and disinfectant.</li> <li>e. Provide lunch for the certified ringmaster.</li> <li>f. <del>To complete the CRM evaluation sheet and send it to the designated person.</del></li> </ul>	
<p><b>RATIONALE:</b> The CRM evaluation form is no longer needed. The CRM'S paperwork is reviewed by the CFA Agility Chairs. Any issues are identified and addressed.</p>		

**The motion is ratified by unanimous consent.**

73. *Amend Show Rule 16.06 to include the Certified Ringmaster in the list of persons to be notified if a show is cancelled.*

Article XVI: Responsibilities of Show Management/Show Producing Organization -- Amend 16.06	Agility Committee; Show Rules Committee
Existing Wording	Proposed Wording
<p><b>16.06</b> In the event a show is cancelled after licensing or after contracts have been signed for judges, the show management must immediately notify all judges under contract, the Regional Director and the Central Office. In the case of a show cancelled in the International Division, the club must also immediately notify the appropriate International Division Chair.</p>	<p><b>16.06</b> In the event a show is cancelled after licensing or after contracts have been signed for judges, the show management must immediately notify all judges under contract, <u>all clerks and master clerks under contract, the Certified Ringmaster if Agility was to be offered,</u> the Regional Director and the Central Office. In the case of a show cancelled in the International Division, the club must also immediately notify the appropriate International Division Chair.</p>
<p><b>RATIONALE:</b> Housekeeping. Just as judges are released to accept other assignments, CRMs should also be notified/released to accept other assignments. Clerks and master clerks added to the list of individuals who should be notified if a show is cancelled.</p>	

**The motion is ratified by unanimous consent.**

74. *Amend Show Rule 21.02 to permit a judge to enter the Agility competition.*

<b>Article XXI:</b> <b>Responsibilities of</b> <b>Judges -- Amend 21.02a</b>	<b>Agility Committee</b>
<b>Existing Wording</b>	<b>Proposed Wording</b>
<p><b>21.02</b> a. Except as provided in 21.02 c., a judge may not make an entry at a show at which he officiates, but he may enter for exhibition only, provided that this limitation shall not apply to entries by a judge who judges Household Pets or Veterans only.</p> <p>...</p>	<p><b>21.02</b> a. Except as provided in 21.02 c., a judge may not make an entry at a show at which he officiates, but he may enter for exhibition only <u>and/or in</u> <u>Agility competition</u>, provided that this limitation shall not apply to entries by a judge who judges Household Pets or Veterans only. <u>A judge entering a cat in Agility competition may not leave his ring to compete in Agility until his judging assignment has been completed and he has been checked out by the Master Clerk.</u></p> <p>...</p>

**RATIONALE:** Agility is quite objective and based on a timed run and accuracy.

**The motion is ratified by unanimous consent.**

75. *Amend Show Rule 21.02.d. to clarify that an Approved Single Specialty judge who judges on the first day of a two day show or first of two shows held on the same weekend at the same location can train color classes on the second day of the show or at the second show held on the same weekend at the same location.*

<b>Article XXI:</b> <b>Responsibilities of</b> <b>Judges – Amend</b> <b>21.02.d.</b>	<b>Judging Program Committee</b>
<b>Existing Wording</b>	<b>Proposed Wording</b>
<p>...</p> <p>d. An Approved Single Specialty judge may judge one day of a two day show and work color classes on the other day. In such case the catalog for the judge will be retained by the master clerk until the close of the show.</p> <p>...</p>	<p>...</p> <p>d. An Approved Single Specialty judge may judge <u>one</u> <u>on the first</u> day of a two day <u>or</u> <u>back to back</u> show and <u>work</u> <u>train</u> color classes on the <u>other</u> <u>second</u> day.</p> <p><u>Similarly, a single specialty judge who officiates at the first of two shows held on the same weekend at the same location may train color classes at the second show held on that weekend at that location.</u></p>

	In such <u>ease</u> cases the catalog for the judge will be retained by the master clerk until the close of the <u>two day/back to back show or second show</u> .
<b>RATIONALE:</b> The rule defines that the judge can judge on the first day of a two day show and can train on the second and also includes a sentence to allow training on the second show of a two-show weekend at the same location.	

**DelaBar:** Am I reading this correctly that single specialty judges judge on Saturday and do color classes on Sunday? **Nye:** That's always been the case. If they're judging a show and training on the same weekend, they must judge on the first day and train on the second.

**The motion is ratified by unanimous consent.**

76. *Add Show Rule 21.02.f. to require that color class training be scheduled on the first day of a show whenever possible.*

<b>Article XXI:</b> <b>Responsibilities of</b> <b>Judges – Add 21.02.f.</b>	<b>John Colilla, Janet Moyer</b>
<b>Existing Wording</b>	<b>Proposed Wording</b>
...	<p><b>21.02 ...</b></p> <p><u>f. Whenever possible, Color Class training for Trainee judges should be scheduled on the first day of a two-day show or at the first of two shows held at the same location on the same weekend.</u></p>

**RATIONALE:** While the color class training for trainee judging is important, it does add time to the schedule. Recognizing that many exhibitors face long drives home and wish to leave the show hall as early as possible at the conclusion of a show, color class training should be scheduled on the first day of a two-day show or at the first of two shows held at the same location on the same weekend, whenever possible.

**Nye:** I think this is unnecessary. We do try to schedule them on the first day. However, we have a lot of single one-day shows that we must use. At the two-day shows that are available for our trainees, the first day they oftentimes schedule whatever specialties they have on the first day and their slower judges. So, we are kind of limited on who we are using for training. We're trying to give these people, especially the ones that are flying over to the United States from a foreign country, the best opportunity to train under judges that suit their needs and where they're at in the training program. We are trying to ease the burden on the clubs. If they're training on the second day, we try to assign the trainee to train under two different judges so it doesn't impact the schedule as much. If the training judge is running slow, we tell them ahead of time to drop whatever their last class is so that it doesn't impact their schedule. We are trying to be very cognizant of the clubs. **Griswold:** I will speak as a file administrator. We have many trainees right now. Nancy and I have a very elaborate spreadsheet that we send to each other back and forth trying to find out who's trained with who, who's eligible to train next, where they're going,

what kind of a show it is. That's taking into account the trainee's schedule because some of them are still working, they can't take certain days off. It's very hard to make it all work and appear seamless. But we just passed something where we clarified that people can judge the first day and train on the second day. We want new judges. We have to train them. We try to make it happen on Saturday and then if it does happen on Sunday, that we would say, if you're running late, don't train them in the very last class of the day, to try to take into account everyone who is there, both exhibitors and the club. We've all been there. I completely understand where John is coming from. I hope you understand that we are trying, but we want new judges, and those judges have got to be trained. **Colilla:** I don't think it is true that some of the judges are slow on Saturday. The shows that I noticed that they train on Sunday, there are judges who's fast on Saturday. I think you need to expand the training judges' pool. It's always the same people doing the training. I think that is the problem. It's not fair to the club or the exhibitor to stick around when some of them drive eight or nine hours to go home. I've been instructing clubs in my region that they do not have to accept trainees. **Altschul:** says *whenever possible*, so if we pass this, this would not require that trainees are only on Saturdays of two day shows. It just says *whenever possible*. It sounds like from what Marilee said, they're trying to do that. I understand they were saying that the judges who tend to finish faster tend to be on Sunday. This is just a heads up to whoever schedules trainees to perhaps see if there's any way they could coordinate with clubs better when clubs are scheduling their judges. This ties back to another show rule we already passed that the show flyer has to say what judges are on Saturday and Sunday. Perhaps that is why we got that show rule, because maybe it's possible the Judging Program didn't even know what day the judge was judging when they asked the judge to take a trainee. So I'm not sure we need this show rule. I understand what the reasoning was behind it, but even if we pass it, it's not a hard and fast rule.

**The motion is ratified by unanimous consent.**

77. *Amend Show Rule 24.01 to update the responsibilities of the Certified Ringmaster.*

Article XXIV: Responsibilities of Certified Ringmaster – Amend 24.01	Agility Committee
Existing Wording	Proposed Wording
<p><b>24.01</b> a. The certified ringmaster (CRM) is in charge of officiating at the ring and is responsible for the placement of the obstacles.</p> <p>b. The CRM officiating shall have an agent showing for him/her if he/she wishes to enter the judging competition. If there is more than one CRM officiating, one of them may leave the ring to show in another class.</p> <p>c. The CRM officiating is allowed to compete with his/her cat for exhibition or scores in agility (for Regional/Divisional/National) but must not</p>	<p><b>24.01</b> a. The certified ringmaster (CRM) is in charge of officiating at the ring and is responsible for the placement of the obstacles.</p> <p>1. <u>The obstacles, which must meet the specifications set forth in rule 9.13, shall be placed approximately 3 ft (36 inches) between active surfaces / plane of each obstacle and set around the perimeter of the enclosure edge.</u></p> <p>2. <u>Obstacles shall be secured to the non-slip floor using tape, adhesive strips, or other suitable and</u></p>

<p>compete for prizes in agility for the show in which he/she is officiating.</p> <p>d. No food or treats are permitted in the agility ring at any time.</p> <p>e. During the timed run, the handler must not touch the cat.</p> <p>f. The CRM shall provide blank CFA Feline Agility Competitor claim forms and sign the completed form certifying that the named feline is qualified for the Agility Competitor (AC) title. In addition, the claim form may also be printed in the show catalog.</p> <p>g. The CRM must complete the Agility Ringmaster's Score sheet and deliver it to the master clerk for inclusion in the show package. The Ringmaster should retain a second copy (photo) of the scoresheet and deliver to the Show Manager any fees collected.</p> <p>h. The CRM must give the club an evaluation sheet for them to send to the designated person.</p> <p>i. Each CRM will complete and pass a test every year to maintain certification. The test will be administered by the CFA coordinator for ringmasters and training.</p>	<p><u>safe fasteners to prevent movement during competition. Securing is not required for obstacles that are too heavy to be moved, provided they remain stable during competition.</u></p> <p><u>3. The obstacles must be set counterclockwise as follows:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <u>Stairs</u></li> <li>• <u>One Bar Hurdle</u></li> <li>• <u>Two Bar Hurdle</u></li> <li>• <u>Tunnel</u></li> <li>• <u>Hoop</u></li> <li>• <u>Weave Poles</u></li> <li>• <u>Three Bar Hurdle</u></li> <li>• <u>Four Bar Hurdle</u></li> <li>• <u>Tunnel</u></li> <li>• <u>Hoop</u></li> </ul> <p><u>b. The CRM officiating shall should have an agent showing for him/her if he/she wishes to enter the judging competition. If there is more than one CRM officiating, one of them may leave the ring to show in another class.</u></p> <p><u>c. The CRM officiating is allowed to compete with his/her cat for exhibition or scores in agility (for Regional/Divisional/National) <u>up to a maximum of 3 cats per show</u> but must not compete for prizes in agility for the show in which he/she is officiating.</u></p> <p><u>d. Timing for each run for each individual cat is to be conducted from outside the Agility ring utilizing a stop watch which records to at least 1/100 of a second.</u></p> <p><u>e. The CRM is responsible for the timing of the runs, with the stop watch starting when the cat's paw touches the steps and stopping when the cat's paw touches the floor on the other side of the final obstacle. Times are recorded to 1/100 of a second on the scoring sheet. For scoring, the time is rounded up from .50 and down from .49 and the time in seconds is subtracted from 420 for the score. The CRM may delegate the timing to their ring steward or another person under their supervision. A CRM may not time a cat that they own.</u></p> <p><u>f. Only one cat is permitted in the Agility ring at a</u></p>
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time for a scored run.

g. The CRM will allow the competitor to enter the agility ring a maximum of 3 times for approximately 4 ½ minutes. The fastest time completing the course is counted for that show.

h. No food or treats are permitted in the agility ring at any time.

i. During the timed run, the handler must not touch the cat; incidental contact initiated by the cat is permitted. If the handler initiates the contact, the run is not scored.

f. The CRM shall provide blank CFA Feline Agility Competitor claim forms and sign the completed form certifying that the named feline is qualified for the Agility Competitor (AC) title. In addition, the claim form may also be printed in the show catalog.

g. The CRM must complete the Agility Ringmaster's Score sheet and deliver it to the master clerk for inclusion in the show package. The Ringmaster should retain a second copy (photo) of the scoresheet and deliver to the Show Manager any fees collected.

h. The CRM must give the club an evaluation sheet for them to send to the designated person.

i. Each CRM will complete and pass a test every year to maintain certification. The test will be administered by the CFA coordinator for ringmasters and training. CRMs that have not completed one ringmaster assignment in three years must review the CFA Feline Agility Certified Ringmaster Training and pass a test to maintain certification. The test will be administered by the CFA Agility Chair. A CRM may be required to complete retraining if errors or issues are identified.

l. The CRM is responsible for ensuring the ring is deep cleaned between shows and spot cleaned as necessary at the shows.

**RATIONALE:** The ringmaster is responsible for set up the agility ring and ensuring the use of the standardized agility ring, obstacles and ring arrangement. The additional instructions for timing of the agility runs and how to manage the agility ring were not part of the CRM rule previously. This reference was inadvertently omitted when the requirement for the claims was eliminated. The CRM evaluation form is no longer needed. The CRM'S paperwork is reviewed by the CFA Agility Chair. Any issues are identified and addressed

**The motion is ratified by unanimous consent.**

78. *Amend Show Rule 24.02 to update the show rule numbers applicable to the Certified Ringmaster.*

<b>Article XXIV: Responsibilities of Certified Ringmaster – Amend 24.02</b>	<b>Agility Committee</b>
<b>Existing Wording</b>	<b>Proposed Wording</b>
<b>24.02</b> In addition to the above, additional responsibilities of the Certified Ringmaster can be found in the following show rules: 1.01, 1.03, 9.12-13, and 35.09	<b>24.02</b> In addition to the above, additional responsibilities of the Certified Ringmaster can be found in the following show rules: 1.01, 1.03, <u>1.04, 2.08, 2.22, 5.01, 6.12, 9.12-13, 12.19, 16.04, 26.01-26.04</u> and 35.09
<b>RATIONALE:</b> Updated the show rule numbers applicable to the certified agility ringmaster/agility.	

**The motion is ratified by unanimous consent.**

79. *Amend Show Rule 26.03 to allow handlers to run barefoot.*

<b>Article XXVI: Agility – Obtaining Titles &amp; Scoring – Amend 26.03</b>	<b>Agility Committee</b>
<b>Existing Wording</b>	<b>Proposed Wording</b>
<b>26.03</b> Agility handlers are required to wear low heeled shoes. a. It is the responsibility of the handler to be sure that he/she and the cat are physically able to run the course.	<b>26.03</b> Agility handlers are required to wear low heeled shoes. <u>Running barefoot is acceptable.</u> a. It is the responsibility of the handler to be sure that he/she and the cat are physically able to run the course.
<b>RATIONALE:</b> Update handler requirements to include bare feet as this is another option for running the agility course.	

**Jensen:** They should at least be wearing socks. That's spreading disease. **DelaBar:** I agree with Vicki that it's not very hygienic for people who have ever battled ringworm on their feet, but it also causes more injuries in a situation which could put CFA at a liability. **Mastin:** Allene, we're going to have to get in touch with our insurance representative, and find out if there's anything within our policy that requires people attending our events to have some type of footwear.

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

80. *Amend Show Rule 28.01 to remove the voiding of points as a penalty for claiming titles.*

Article XXVIII Obtaining Titles – Grands  Amend 28.01	Central Office/Scoring
Existing Wording	Proposed Wording
<p><b>28.01</b></p> <p>...</p> <p>c. At the end of 45 days after the last day of the show at which the cat earned its last qualifying ring, Central Office will send a notice to the owner of record for that show by email, or if no e-mail address is available by regular mail, noting that the cat has not yet been confirmed as a champion or premier. The notice will also include a statement that a late filing fee, as specified in the CFA list of fees, must also be submitted in addition to the normal claim form fee; and that if the appropriate claim form is not filed within 45 days of the date of that notice, any grand points the cat may have earned or regional/divisional/national awards points earned since the show where it got its last qualifying ring will be forfeited. Forfeited points will not be reinstated if the claim form is subsequently completed.</p> <p>d. The owner will have 45 days from the date the notice is sent by Central Office to file a completed claim form with payment of both the claim form fee and the late filing fee. If that is completed within the 45 days, all points earned by the cat (grand points and regional/divisional/national award points) since the day the cat earned its last qualifying ring, including any grand points earned while showing as an Open, will be credited to the cat.</p> <p>e. If 45 days passes from the date Central Office sent the notice to the owner and no claim form is filed for that cat, Central Office will void all wins and all grand points earned by the cat will be forfeited and all regional/divisional/national award points earned at any show entered after the cat obtained the final qualifying ring will also be forfeited.</p> <p>f. The cat will retain its qualifying rings and the owner can subsequently pay the claim fee, late</p>	<p><b>28.01</b></p> <p>...</p> <p>c. At the end of 45 days after the last day of the show at which the cat earned its last qualifying ring, Central Office will send a notice to the owner of record for that show by email, or if no e-mail address is available by regular mail, noting that the cat has not yet been confirmed as a champion or premier. The notice will also include a statement that a late filing fee, as specified in the CFA list of fees, must also be submitted in addition to the normal claim form fee; and that if the appropriate claim form is not filed within 45 days of the date of that notice, any grand points the cat may have earned or regional/divisional/national awards points earned since the show where it got its last qualifying ring will be forfeited. Forfeited points will not be reinstated if the claim form is subsequently completed.</p> <p><del>d. The owner will have 45 days from the date the notice is sent by Central Office to file a completed claim form with payment of both the claim form fee and the late filing fee. If that is completed within the 45 days, all points earned by the cat (grand points and regional/divisional/national award points) since the day the cat earned its last qualifying ring, including any grand points earned while showing as an Open, will be credited to the cat.</del></p> <p><del>e. If 45 days passes from the date Central Office sent the notice to the owner and no claim form is filed for that cat, Central Office will void all wins and all grand points earned by the cat will be forfeited and all regional/divisional/national award points earned at any show entered after the cat obtained the final qualifying ring will also be forfeited.</del></p> <p><del>f. The cat will retain its qualifying rings and the owner can subsequently pay the claim fee, late</del></p>

<p>filings fee, and submit a completed claim form to confirm the champion or premier title. The cat may then begin earning grand points and regional/divisional/national award points at any show after the claim form has been filed; however, previously-forfeited grand points and regional/divisional/national award points will not be reinstated.</p>	<p><del>filings fee, and submit a completed claim form to confirm the champion or premier title. The cat may then begin earning grand points and regional/divisional/national award points at any show after the claim form has been filed; however, previously-forfeited grand points and regional/divisional/national award points will not be reinstated.</del></p>
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**RATIONALE:** In recent years exhibitors have gotten much better about claiming titles we see no need to penalize them by voiding points.

**The motion is ratified by unanimous consent.**

*81. Amend Show Rules 28.02.a. and Article XXXVI to make the 70% rules applicable everywhere.*

Article XXVI: Obtaining Titles – Grands – Amend 28.02.a.	International Division Committee
Existing Wording	Proposed Wording
<p><b>28.02</b> A cat eligible for and shown in the Champion or Premier Class will compete for Grand Championship or Grand Premiership points in any type of ring, e.g. Allbreed, Longhair/Shorthair or Breed specialty as follows:</p> <p>a. Any Champion or Premier placing in the top ten (or fifteen, where applicable) finals awards may receive points towards Grand Championship or Grand Premiership. For each Champion/Premier in an Allbreed final, the cat will be ranked according to both its Allbreed Champion/Premier placement and Specialty Champion/Premier placement. For each Champion/Premier in a Specialty final, the cat will be ranked according to its Specialty Champion/Premier placement. Champions/Premiers will earn points from the final according to the remainder of this rule and 28.03b, which will apply to both the Allbreed and Specialty Champion/Premier placements in an Allbreed final. The highest placing Champion or Premier will receive one point for every benched Champion or Premier defeated for shows held outside of the International Division. For champions/premiers competing at shows in the International Division, the cat will receive one Grand Championship/Premiership point for every Champion/Premier</p>	<p><b>28.02</b> A cat eligible for and shown in the Champion or Premier Class will compete for Grand Championship or Grand Premiership points in any type of ring, e.g. Allbreed, Longhair/Shorthair or Breed specialty as follows:</p> <p>a. Any Champion or Premier placing in the top ten (or fifteen, where applicable) finals awards may receive points towards Grand Championship or Grand Premiership. For each Champion/Premier in an Allbreed final, the cat will be ranked according to both its Allbreed Champion/Premier placement and Specialty Champion/Premier placement. For each Champion/Premier in a Specialty final, the cat will be ranked according to its Specialty Champion/Premier placement. Champions/Premiers will earn points from the final according to the remainder of this rule and 28.03b, which will apply to both the Allbreed and Specialty Champion/Premier placements in an Allbreed final. The highest placing Champion or Premier will receive one point for every benched Champion or Premier defeated for shows held outside of the International Division. For champions/premiers competing at shows in the International Division, the cat will receive one Grand Championship/Premiership point for every Champion/Premier</p>

defeated that was present in at least 70 percent of the Rings held at that show. To determine the 70 percent present requirement, see the following table:

<b>Number of Rings held at show</b>	<b>Rings present for cat to be in count</b>	<b>Number of Rings held at show</b>	<b>Rings present for cat to be in count</b>
1 Ring held	1 Ring	1 Ring held	1 Ring
2 Rings held	2 Rings	2 Rings held	2 Rings
3 Rings held	3 Rings	3 Rings held	3 Rings
4 Rings held	3 Rings	4 Rings held	3 Rings
5 Rings held	4 Rings	5 Rings held	4 Rings
6 Rings held	5 Rings	6 Rings held	5 Rings
7 Rings held	5 Rings	7 Rings held	5 Rings
8 Rings held	6 Rings	8 Rings held	6 Rings
9 Rings held	7 Rings	9 Rings held	7 Rings
10 Rings held	7 Rings	10 Rings held	7 Rings

Cats not present in the number of Rings specified in the table based on the number of Rings held at any show held in the International Division will not be counted as competing at the show for determining the official champion/premier count, however, any grand points won by these cats in any ring will still be credited to that cat's record.

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<b>Number of Rings held at show</b>	<b>Rings present for cat to be in count</b>
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4 Rings held	3 Rings
5 Rings held	4 Rings
6 Rings held	5 Rings
7 Rings held	5 Rings
8 Rings held	6 Rings
9 Rings held	7 Rings
10 Rings held	7 Rings

Cats not present in the number of Rings specified in the table based on the number of Rings held at any show ~~held in the International Division~~ will not be counted as competing at the show for determining the official champion/premier count, however, any grand points won by these cats in any ring will still be credited to that cat's record.

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**Article XXXVI:  
National/Regional/Divisional Awards Program –  
Amend Show Points,  
Official Show Count #3**

**International Division Committee**

3. A cat/kitten/Household Pet handled by a judge in one ring is counted as competing in all Rings for shows held outside of the International Division. For cats/kittens/Household Pets handled by judges in the International Division, the cat/kitten/Household Pet must be handled in 70 percent of the Rings held at the show, as noted in the following table, for the cat/kitten/Household Pet to be counted.

<b>Number of Rings held at show</b>	<b>Rings present for cat to be in count</b>
1 Ring held	1 Ring
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<b>Number of Rings held at show</b>	<b>Rings present for cat to be in count</b>
1 Ring held	1 Ring
2 Rings held	2 Rings
3 Rings held	3 Rings
4 Rings held	3 Rings
5 Rings held	4 Rings
6 Rings held	5 Rings
7 Rings held	5 Rings

8 Rings held	6 Rings	8 Rings held	6 Rings
9 Rings held	7 Rings	9 Rings held	7 Rings
10 Rings held	7 Rings	10 Rings held	7 Rings
Cats/kittens/Household Pets not present in the number of Rings specified in the table based on the number of Rings held at any show held in the International Division will not be counted as competing at the show for determining the official count, however, any awards won by these cats in any ring will still be credited to that cat's record.		Cats/kittens/Household Pets not present in the number of Rings specified in the table based on the number of Rings held at any show <del>held in the International Division</del> will not be counted as competing at the show for determining the official count, however, any awards won by these cats in any ring will still be credited to that cat's record.	
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**RATIONALE:** In the spirit of treating all areas similarly, the International Division Committee proposes that the 70% rule currently in place in the ID be made applicable to Regions 1-9.

**Altschul:** I have two comments on this. #1, this is coming from the International Division. I find it interesting that the International Division is trying to make rules for the regions. I believe that is outside their scope. #2, the reason why the 70% rule was given to the entirety of the International Division was based on their behavior at shows. They have nowhere to look but themselves, when they had over 70% of their entries leaving the show hall after the first few rings. Judges were commenting that the count was supposed to be over 100, and they only saw 20 to 30 cats. This is their fault for their behavior. That is not a problem we have in Regions 1 through 9. We do not need this rule. This came up during the meeting with the board with the International Division. They felt like they were being singled out, but their own chair pointed out to them that this came about because of their behavior. Once that stops, then we can do just like we did with China, and we can back off on the rule. But, I have a problem with a division trying to tell the regions how they have to go with the rules. **Moyer:** I agree wholeheartedly with what Carissa said. There were shows last year that had over 125 cats entered that were over by 10 a.m. on Sunday because they were there only on Saturday. That is why this rule became a rule, and we don't have that problem here.

**Calhoun:** I have a problem with the "they" and "them" and all this reference. We are all CFA. We are all contributing to the bottom line, and we have a right to speak. I really have a problem with the tone of this. Secondly, if we don't have this problem in the U.S., then what is the problem in having the rule? I am one that would like to have same rules universally. If it's not a problem in Regions 1 through 9, then it's not going to do any harm. But please, let's not speak of people who are in groups, the divisions running the regions. We are all CFA. **Griswold:** This and the next couple of proposals came out of the ad hoc subcommittee that was formed after the annual meeting. It included people from many different areas of ID and ID-China. This does speak to what we've been trying to do with quite a few of these show rules, is to try to make everything equitable and the same everywhere. Whether we agree to do this or not, it deserves a chance to be heard. **DelaBar:** We are not the same everywhere. We're not a cookie cutter organization. There are differences. To keep CFA going in many different areas, we may have to make adjustments, but we cannot always go by the same rules. I stand behind Janet and Carissa and Kathy because they live in Tornado Alley. We have weather considerations. There's nothing here that gives any kind of consideration for people who may have to leave early. I don't particularly have that problem in Region 9 with weather. We need to be much more flexible.

Disasters happen. People need to leave to get home. People have emergencies. We have to follow the 70% rule, which does not work for everybody. I'm not talking about punitive measures. We all know why that went into effect in some areas of CFA, but this does not need to happen. **Altschul:** I recognize that we are all one CFA. However, there's a reason why divisions are divisions. It's because they are developing areas and they are learning to follow CFA rules. Sometimes because different areas are struggling with how to appropriately follow CFA rules, we have to add some extra rules until they adhere to what we consider proper show conduct, which is somewhat covered under our code of conduct, but sometimes we have to be more specific in order to help these developing areas understand what is expected from them. We did it with China and now we're having to do it with the ID. It is not a matter of any type of segregation or unfairness. It is in fact to make our shows all more fair, but Regions 1 through 9 don't need that because yes, we don't have the problem. Yes, there's very few shows that would probably be impacted by this, but southeast Asia doesn't have to deal with ice storms, with blizzards, with severe weather that sometimes lead to people leaving a show early in order to safely get home. Some shows, people do leave early and then everybody in that show would be severely impacted or people would make unsafe driving choices in order to keep the count at the show. This is not a problem that we need a show rule for, and I hope everyone will vote no.

**Mastin:** I personally don't like the motion because we're taking an issue in an area that wants to change rules outside of their area for other regions. I don't agree with that. I have a concern. What I'd rather like to see is the 70% get reduced to 60% and 50%. At some point in time, maybe they can comply with what the rule is, but how they go about doing this, I don't think it's the right way to do it. I can't imagine what kind of discussion this would be at the annual meeting if this board passed this motion. That could be a big, big problem. I feel some pain on this one. Kathy. **Calhoun:** I have a problem with the way this started out and I have voiced that.

**Mastin** called the motion. **Motion Failed.**

82. *Amend Show Rules 28.02.a. and Article XXXVI to require a cat to be shown in 70% of rings at a one-day show or 50% of rings at a two-day show in order to be included in the count at an International Division show.*

Article XXVI: Obtaining Titles – Grands – Amend 28.02.a.	International Division Committee	
	Existing Wording	Proposed Wording
<b>28.02</b> A cat eligible for and shown in the Champion or Premier Class will compete for Grand Championship or Grand Premiership points in any type of ring, e.g. Allbreed, Longhair/Shorthair or Breed specialty as follows:  a. Any Champion or Premier placing in the top ten (or fifteen, where applicable) finals awards may	<b>28.02</b> A cat eligible for and shown in the Champion or Premier Class will compete for Grand Championship or Grand Premiership points in any type of ring, e.g. Allbreed, Longhair/Shorthair or Breed specialty as follows:  a. Any Champion or Premier placing in the top ten (or fifteen, where applicable) finals awards may	

receive points towards Grand Championship or Grand Premiership. For each Champion/Premier in an Allbreed final, the cat will be ranked according to both its Allbreed Champion/Premier placement and Specialty Champion/Premier placement. For each Champion/Premier in a Specialty final, the cat will be ranked according to its Specialty Champion/Premier placement. Champions/Premiers will earn points from the final according to the remainder of this rule and 28.03b, which will apply to both the Allbreed and Specialty Champion/Premier placements in an Allbreed final. The highest placing Champion or Premier will receive one point for every benched Champion or Premier defeated for shows held outside of the International Division. For champions/premiers competing at shows in the International Division, the cat will receive one Grand Championship/Premiership point for every Champion/Premier defeated that was present in at least 70 percent of the Rings held at that show. To determine the 70 percent present requirement, see the following table:

<b>Number of Rings held at show</b>	<b>Rings present for cat to be in count</b>
1 Ring held	1 Ring
2 Rings held	2 Rings
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6 Rings held	5 Rings
7 Rings held	5 Rings
8 Rings held	6 Rings
9 Rings held	7 Rings
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Cats not present in the number of Rings specified in the table based on the number of Rings held at any show held in the International Division will not be counted as competing at the show for determining the official champion/premier count, however, any grand points won by these cats in any ring will still be credited to that cat's record.

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#### **One-Day Show -- 70% Requirement**

<b>Number of Rings held at show</b>	<b>Rings present for cat to be in count</b>
1 Ring held	1 Ring
2 Rings held	2 Rings
3 Rings held	3 Rings
4 Rings held	3 Rings
5 Rings held	4 Rings
6 Rings held	5 Rings
7 Rings held	5 Rings
8 Rings held	6 Rings
9 Rings held	7 Rings
10 Rings held	7 Rings

#### **Two-Day Show -- 50% Requirement**

<b>Number of Rings held at show</b>	<b>Rings present for cat to be in count</b>
1 Ring held	1 Ring
2 Rings held	1 Ring
3 Rings held	2 Rings
4 Rings held	2 Rings
5 Rings held	3 Rings
6 Rings held	3 Rings
7 Rings held	4 Rings
8 Rings held	4 Rings

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**Altschul:** I read the rationale and I understand the reasoning behind this, which is some religious or cultural things that we do not understand outside of our area. However, it defeats the entire purpose of what the board passed back when we made the 70% rule because the problem that was arising was on the second day of two-day shows. Again, when the count was well over 100 and judges only judged 20 to 30 cats in a division on Sunday, that simply cannot happen.

**Mastin** called the motion. **Motion Failed.**

83. *Amend Show Rules 28.02.a. and Article XXXVI to exempt shows in the Africa and Western Asia (AWA) geographic area from the requirement that a cat to be shown in at least 70% of rings in order to be included in the count at an International Division show.*

<b>Article XXVI: Obtaining Titles – Grands – Amend 28.02.a.</b>	<b>International Division Committee</b>
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**Altschul:** From reading the rationale, this appears to only be applying to one show that occurs in this area. **Griswold:** This was addressing what we thought might be unintended consequences of the 70% rule for ID and ID-Other, because it also picked up Africa and Western

Asia. We're trying to expand in those regions and we're trying to get some additional shows in some new areas. We got some pretty negative feedback from people in those areas that were not involved in any of the issues that got the 70% rule to be put in place to begin with. **Altschul:** I was asking if there were any other shows beyond Kuwait that occur in these two areas.

**Griswold:** We're starting in Turkey and working on getting Egypt back. **Currie:** I was in charge of this area for a number of years. There was more than one show as we started out. Then Arab Spring happened and of course the Middle East War. Politics has played a big role in why we've stalled in those areas. We cannot make it any more difficult than it is. I'm totally in favor of what we need. We can't put these restrictions on this area if you want them to grow. We need to grow.

**DelaBar:** This area really has never had a problem. I've judged several of the shows in Egypt and in Kuwait. I believe they should be exempt from this, especially as we're trying to rebuild this area.

**The motion is ratified by unanimous consent.**

84. *Amend Show Rule 28.03c to eliminate the awarding of “ghost points.” (To be withdrawn if the request for funding for the underlying programming change contained in the Central Office report is not approved.)*

Article XXVIII: Obtaining Titles – Grands -- Amend 28.03c.	Central Office/Scoring
Existing Wording	Proposed Wording
<b>28.03</b> ... c. Opens, Champions and Premiers which receive the award 2nd Best of Breed/Division in each of the Breeds/Di visions currently recognized for Championship/Premiership competition (see rule 30.01) will receive 90% of the points of Best of Breed/Division within the Breed/Division in accordance with the method for calculating cats present described in Article XXXVI Show Points Official Count. ... ...	<b>28.03</b> ... c. Opens, Champions and Premiers which receive the award 2nd Best of Breed/Division in each of the Breeds/Di visions currently recognized for Championship/Premiership competition (see rule 30.01) will receive 90% of the points of Best of Breed/Division within the Breed/Division in accordance with the method for calculating cats present described in Article XXXVI Show Points Official Count. <u>When 90% is less than 1 point it will be rounded down to zero.</u> ...
<b>RATIONALE:</b> Currently when a breed class has only two cats, one which is a grand, and the other an open/champion and the open/champion receive second best of breed it is being awarded “ghost points” for each ring. This is an unintended consequence of the scoring change that allowed a champion to get a point when it defeated a grand in class judging. This language clarifies the change proposed by CO.	

**Raymond:** I didn't see a request for funding for an underlying programming change in the Central Office report. Is there a need for that funding? **Tartaglia:** It was determined it should be in the area of a couple of thousand but James thought it was going to be a little bit more. We did not get a chance to speak with our software provider to determine an exact amount.

**Raymond:** Would we like to withdraw this to December? **Krzanowski:** Yes, I would like to table it until December so that we can get some figures on the program. **Mastin:** Marilee, do you agree? **Griswold:** Yes, I agree.

**Tabled to December.**

85. *Amend Show Rule 35.01 to add incorrect date of birth to the list of reasons why a win may be voided.*

Article XXXV : Rules Violations/Disqualifications -- Amend 35.01	Central Office/Scoring
Existing Wording	Proposed Wording
<b>35.01</b> A Cat or kitten shown in the wrong class or under incorrect name, ownership, or registration number may be disqualified by the Central Office and any wins voided.	<b>35.01</b> A Cat or kitten shown in the wrong class or under incorrect name, <u>date of birth</u> , ownership, or registration number may be disqualified by the Central Office and any wins voided.
<b>RATIONALE:</b> Due to increased cases of the DOB being wrong in the show catalog, it is important for exhibitors to know wins may be voided.	

**The motion is ratified by unanimous consent.**

86. *Amend Show Rule 35.09 to require that a protest related to an occurrence at a show must be filed within six (6) months of the occurrence.*

Article XXV: Rules Violations/Disqualifications – Amend 35.09	Show Rules Committee
Existing Wording	Proposed Wording
<b>35.09</b> A protest asserting an alleged violation of these rules by any show official, judge, exhibitor or member club may be made by an exhibitor, an officiating judge or by a member of a member club and may first be made to the show committee in writing at the show or within thirty (30) days following the show. The show committee shall endeavor to gather all pertinent facts concerning the alleged violation(s) and in the event the show committee deems the protest to be supported by	<b>35.09</b> A protest asserting an alleged violation of these rules by any show official, judge, exhibitor or member club may be made by an exhibitor, an officiating judge or by a member of a member club and may first be made to the show committee in writing at the show or within thirty (30) days following the show. The show committee shall endeavor to gather all pertinent facts concerning the alleged violation(s) and in the event the show committee deems the protest to be supported by

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**RATIONALE:** Adds the policy passed by the Board at its August 2025 meeting to the show rules.

**The motion is ratified by unanimous consent.**

87. *Amend Show Rules Article XXXVI Awards – National Awards to add clarifying language regarding points earned at shows in China.*

<b>Article XXXVI: National/Regional/Divisional/Awards Program -- Amend: Awards – National Awards</b>	<b>Awards Committee/Central Office</b>
<b>Existing Wording</b>	<b>Proposed Wording</b>
<p><b>National Awards</b></p> <p>...</p> <p>Ownership for a cat earning points within more than one competitive category (i.e., kitten, championship, premiership or Household Pet) will be determined separately for each category based on the owner(s) of record for the last show in which a cat earns points within the competitive category, or the end of the show season, whichever occurs first. The national/regional/divisional area assignment is set as of the first full weekend in January or the first show at which a cat is present in a new competitive category if that is after the first full weekend in January. Area assignments are determined separate from the award ownership determination.</p> <p>A cat/kitten is credited for all national points earned under the scoring provisions regardless of any transfers of ownership.</p>	<p><b>National Awards</b></p> <p>...</p> <p>Ownership for a cat earning points within more than one competitive category (i.e., kitten, championship, premiership or Household Pet) will be determined separately for each category based on the owner(s) of record for the last show in which a cat earns points within the competitive category, or the end of the show season, whichever occurs first. The national/regional/divisional area assignment is set as of the first full weekend in January or the first show at which a cat is present in a new competitive category if that is after the first full weekend in January. Area assignments are determined separate from the award ownership determination.</p> <p><u>Points earned at any licensed CFA show outside of the China DW award geographical area may be used toward the receipt of any National award. Only cats residing in the China DW award geographical area may use points earned in the China DW award geographical area toward any National award.</u></p> <p>A cat/kitten is credited for all national points earned under the scoring provisions regardless of any</p>

	transfers of ownership.
<b>RATIONALE:</b> By including the underlined language from the regional awards section in the national awards section it clarifies the expectations of how points are scored for awards in China at the national level.	

**The motion is ratified by unanimous consent.**

88. *Amend Show Rules Article XXXVI Awards – International Division Awards to move the list of International Division geographical areas to Appendix B.*

<b>Article XXXVI: National/Regional/Divisional/Awards Program -- Amend: International Division Awards and add Appendix B</b>	<b>Central Office/Awards Committee</b>
<b>Existing Wording</b>	<b>Proposed Wording</b>
<p><b>International Division Awards</b></p> <p><b>International Division Definition:</b> for the purposes of season end awards, the International Division is divided into the following geographical areas based on quarantine requirements:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Hong Kong</li> <li>• Indonesia</li> <li>• South Korea</li> <li>• Israel</li> <li>• Malaysia/Brunei</li> <li>• Philippines</li> <li>• Singapore</li> <li>• South or Central America, including the Caribbean nations;</li> <li>• Cambodia, Laos, Myanmar, Thailand</li> <li>• Taiwan</li> <li>• Vietnam</li> <li>• Africa and western Asia (including the middle east (minus Israel), Turkey, Iran, India, Maldives, Afghanistan, Pakistan, Uzbekistan, Turkmenistan, etc.)</li> </ul> <p><b>Three areas in China</b> defined as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• East China - (the provinces/cities of Fujian, Jiangsu, Jiangxi, Zhejiang, Anhui, Shandong, and Shanghai)</li> <li>• North China - (the provinces/cities of Inner Mongolia, Hebei, Shanxi, Tianjin, Beijing, Liaoning, Jilin, and Heilongjiang)</li> </ul>	<p><b>International Division Awards</b></p> <p><b>International Division Definition:</b> for the purposes of season end awards, the International Division is divided into the following geographical areas based on quarantine requirements:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Hong Kong</li> <li>• Indonesia</li> <li>• South Korea</li> <li>• Israel</li> <li>• Malaysia/Brunei</li> <li>• Philippines</li> <li>• Singapore</li> <li>• South or Central America, including the Caribbean nations;</li> <li>• Cambodia, Laos, Myanmar, Thailand</li> <li>• Taiwan</li> <li>• Vietnam</li> <li>• Africa and western Asia (including the middle east (minus Israel), Turkey, Iran, India, Maldives, Afghanistan, Pakistan, Uzbekistan, Turkmenistan, etc.)</li> </ul> <p><b>Three areas in China</b> defined as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• East China (the provinces/cities of Fujian, Jiangsu, Jiangxi, Zhejiang, Anhui, Shandong, and Shanghai)</li> <li>• North China (the provinces/cities of Inner Mongolia, Hebei, Shanxi, Tianjin, Beijing, Liaoning, Jilin, and Heilongjiang)</li> </ul>

Heilongjiang) • West China - (all of China not already covered by the provinces/cities listed for either East China or North China).	<del>• West China - (all of China not already covered by the provinces/cities listed for either East China or North China).</del> See <u>Appendix B – International Division geographical areas</u>
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## Appendix B International Division geographical areas

<u>ID Area</u>	<u>Countries included in the area</u>
<u>Africa/Asia West</u>	<u>Algeria, Afghanistan, Africa, Azerbaijan, Bahrain, Bangladesh, Egypt, India, Iran, Iraq, Jordan, Kazakhstan, Kuwait, Kyrgyzstan, Lebanon, Libya, Maldives, Nepal, Oman, Pakistan, Palestine, Qatar, Reunion, Saudi Arabia, Sri Lanka, Sudan, Syria, Tunisia, Turkey, Turkmenistan, United Arab Emirates, and Uzbekistan</u>
<u>China - East</u>	<u>The provinces/cities of Fujian, Jiangsu, Jiangxi, Zhejiang, Anhui, Shandong, and Shanghai</u>
<u>China - North</u>	<u>The provinces/cities of Inner Mongolia, Hebei, Shanxi, Tianjin, Beijing, Liaoning, Jilin, and Heilongjiang</u>
<u>China - West</u>	<u>All of China not already covered by the provinces/cities listed for either East China or North China</u>
<u>Hong Kong</u>	<u>Hong Kong and Macao</u>
<u>Indonesia</u>	<u>Indonesia</u>
<u>Israel</u>	<u>Israel</u>
<u>Malaysia</u>	<u>Malaysia and Brunei</u>
<u>Oceania (not scored)</u>	<u>Australia, Guam, New Zealand, and Northern Mariana Islands</u>
<u>Philippines</u>	<u>Philippines</u>
<u>Singapore</u>	<u>Singapore</u>
<u>South/Central America</u>	<u>Anguilla, Argentina, Bahamas, Bolivia, Brazil, Chile, Colombia, Costa Rica, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, Guadeloupe, Guatemala, Martinique, Antilles, Panama, Peru, Uruguay, and Venezuela</u>
<u>South Korea</u>	<u>South Korea</u>
<u>Taiwan</u>	<u>Taiwan</u>
<u>Thailand</u>	<u>Cambodia, Laos, Myanmar, Thailand, and</u>

	<u>Vietnam</u>	
<b>RATIONALE:</b> ID geographical areas are difficult to understand and moving them to an appendix will clarify the countries in each area.		

**The motion is ratified by unanimous consent.**

89. *Amend Show Rules Article XXXVI Awards – Hawaii Awards to add Best Household Pet.*

<b>Article XXXVI:</b> <b>National/Regional/Divisional/Awards Program -- Amend:</b> <b>Awards – Hawaii Division</b> <b>Awards</b>	<b>Awards Committee/Central Office</b>
<b>Existing Wording</b>	<b>Proposed Wording</b>
<b>Hawaii Division Awards</b>  <b>Best Cat</b> <b>Best Kitten</b> <b>Best Cat in Premiership</b>	<b>Hawaii Division Awards</b>  <b>Best Cat</b> <b>Best Kitten</b> <b>Best Cat in Premiership</b> <b><u>Best Household Pet</u></b>

**RATIONALE:** Best HHP for Hawaii has been presented historically but has not been included in the awards section of the show rules. This is a housekeeping issue to add the missing award.

**The motion is ratified by unanimous consent.**

90. *Amend Show Rules Article XXXVI National/Regional/Divisional Assignment #4 to remove the reference to the World Show.*

<b>Article XXXVI:</b> <b>National/Regional/Divisional/Awards Program -- Amend</b> <b>National/Regional/Divisional Assignment #4</b>	<b>Central Office</b>
<b>Existing Wording</b>	<b>Proposed Wording</b>
4. To be eligible for a regional award, including a regional breed award, a cat/kitten/Household Pet must be shown at least once in the competitive category in the region of final assignment. To be eligible for a national award, including a national breed award, a cat/kitten/Household Pet must be shown at least once in the competitive category in the national area of final assignment. Exhibiting at the CFA World Show or CFA International Cat	4. To be eligible for a regional award, including a regional breed award, a cat/kitten/Household Pet must be shown at least once in the competitive category in the region of final assignment. To be eligible for a national award, including a national breed award, a cat/kitten/Household Pet must be shown at least once in the competitive category in the national area of final assignment. Exhibiting at the CFA World Show <del>or</del> CFA International Cat

Show does not satisfy this requirement (see 4.1)	Show does not satisfy this requirement (see 4.1)
<b>RATIONALE:</b> CFA no longer holds a World Show. This is a housekeeping item to reflect what is currently being produced by CFA.	

**The motion is ratified by unanimous consent.**

91. *Amend Show Rules Article XXXVI National/Regional/Divisional Assignment #5 to add the word “divisional.”*

<b>Article XXXVI: National/Regional/Divisional/A wards Program -- Amend: National/Regional/Divisional Assignment #5</b>	<b>Central Office</b>
<b>Existing Wording</b>	<b>Proposed Wording</b>
5. No change to the regional assignment of a cat/kitten/Household Pet will be permitted after the first full show weekend in January (see #6, 7 & 8).	
<b>RATIONALE:</b> Divisional assignments cannot be changed after the first weekend in January and it was omitted from this rule.	

**The motion is ratified by unanimous consent.**

**D. Changes to the Show Rules Addendum for the 2025-2026 Show Season  
(effective January 1, 2026)**

92. *Effective, January 1, 2026 amend Show Rule 28.04 as it appears in the Addendum for the 2025-2026 Show Season to increase the number of points required to earn the Grand Champion title in Ukraine to 150.*

<b>Article XXVIII: Obtaining Titles - Grands – Amend 2025- 2026 Addendum to 28.04</b>	<b>Carissa Altschul</b>
<b>Existing Wording</b>	<b>Proposed Wording</b>
<b>28.04</b> For the 2025-2026 show season, the requirements to obtain the grand title in the International Division outside of China are modified to require 75 points for the Grand Champion title and 25 points for the Grand Premier	<b>28.04</b> For the 2025-2026 show season, the requirements to obtain the grand title in the International Division outside of China are modified to require 75 points for the Grand Champion title and 25 points for the Grand Premier

title, in Ukraine to require 100 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.

Country/Area	GC Pts Rqd	GP Pts Rqd
Regions 1-9 except as noted	200	75
Maritime Provinces of Canada, United Kingdom, Ireland, Malta, Hawaii, Mexico, Russia east of the Ural Mountains, International Division (except China)	75	25
Ukraine	100	25
Russia, West of the Ural Mountains	100	50
China	175	50

title, in Ukraine to require 100 150 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.

Country/Area	GC Pts Rqd	GP Pts Rqd
Regions 1-9 except as noted	200	75
Maritime Provinces of Canada, United Kingdom, Ireland, Malta, Hawaii, Mexico, Russia east of the Ural Mountains, International Division (except China)	75	25
Ukraine	<u>100</u> <u>150</u>	25
Russia, West of the Ural Mountains	100	50
China	175	50

**RATIONALE:** The current grand point threshold in Ukraine does not adequately reflect the growing competitiveness and depth of quality in championship classes within the region. An increase to 150 grand points brings the requirement more in line with other CFA regions that experience similarly robust competition.

This adjustment is intended to:

- Ensure consistency in the standard of achievement for the Grand Champion title.
- Reflect the evolving show environment in Ukraine, where larger entries and higher-quality competition have become more common.
- Maintain the prestige and value of the Grand Champion title by ensuring that it represents a comparable level of accomplishment across all CFA regions.

This motion supports CFA's goals of fairness, consistency, and excellence in evaluating show achievements worldwide.

**Currie:** First of all, I want to congratulate Mr. Raymond on doing such a fine job with these 92 show rule changes. Second of all, I'd like to congratulate the breeders in Ukraine for producing such beautiful cats so that they can attain the points and participate in CFA under the circumstances that they are facing at this time. I have a problem with this proposal. Our exhibitors exhibited their cats based on the rules at the beginning of the season. Now we're changing them midstream. I need a really good explanation as to why that's happening.

**Altschul:** A really good explanation is that there have been a significant number of Ukraine shows added to the show schedule since the beginning of the show season, that these shows are primarily champions, not grands, that based on last season, there were over 70 grands out of Ukraine – just Ukraine, not Europe – that probably should have been addressed by us sooner. I'm not recommending an increase on the Premier points because I analyzed their shows and they are not having a significant number of Premiers, compared to the rest of Europe. It's primarily champions and starting to get a few kittens, but their shows are 70 to 80 champions and they have multiple shows coming. I believe this brings it more in line with the consistency that we

expect a cat to reach in order to become a grand champion. I believe that it is more fair and more equitable. I understand that they are under some very difficult circumstances, which is why I did not recommend the full 200 points. **Currie:** I can't support this. I think this is the wrong thing to do, given the circumstances that this country is going under at this particular time. To me, this is selective enforcement of a particular area and I can't support it. **Tartaglia:** Programmatically, this is an issue. We don't change points in the middle of a show season. So now we have some cats that are granding under a certain number of points up until January, and then we change it. When we run reports, if we have to re-score a show, it's complicated. This would be very complicated programming because we're not just changing things at the end of the season, we're changing it at the end of December. So programmatically it's a problem. I have no idea what it would cost. We would have to go back and determine how this would even be implemented from a historical standpoint, a programming standpoint, having to run reports for a show season with this in the middle where all of a sudden the rules are different in the middle of the show season. **Calhoun:** I can't support this either. Allene makes a good point. Kenny makes a good point. It's the middle of the season. If Carissa wants to bring this back and talk about it for next season, that's a different story, but at this point, I am definitely not in support of this. **DelaBar:** I think the grand points should have been higher when we raised them from 75 to 100. We had something like 49 one-show grands out of three shows in the Ukraine last show season and that was from January to April shows. There were a total of 59 grands out of the three shows. 150 points in that area is still very attainable. They had four DMs this past year out of one cattery. The points are there, but I would prefer that if this passes, it goes into effect 1 May or at the beginning of the next show season. **Anger:** This strikes me wrong. I can see where people in other parts of the region might have an objection, but it seems like we're punishing these people for excelling. I don't want to do that. It's not a positive thing. Maybe next show season, yes, but not today, not right now. **Huhtaniemi:** We actually lowered the numbers to support the Ukrainian exhibitors because there was no shows and they only planned one show. That's when the points were lowered to 75. When they started planning more shows, the numbers were increased to 100, when they were talking about two or three shows per year. Now they have eight shows scheduled with a lot of rings. I totally support raising the grand point requirements, but I understand the problem and I would hope Carissa would modify and this would come back in May. **Altschul:** I understand. I didn't consider the programming costs. I don't think any shows would have to be rescored because this wouldn't affect any show that had already happened. You wouldn't be rescored anything. You'd only be scoring the shows that are from January through May under a new rule. There's no reason to go back and change anything that has already happened for the first eight months of the season. They operated under a set of rules and they get to keep those set of rules. 150 points was a very modest amount of points because the cats that are granding there, when you go to a show with all champions, then all champions make the top 10 and you're getting a significant amount of grand points for being 10th best cat. If you only need 100 points to grand, you only need to make a couple of finals and you grand. It is nothing against the people of Ukraine, but it is to the austerity of the title of CFA grand champion that I am speaking to. I think some people may be feeling this a little bit more personally than it was intended. I am trying to maintain the quality of CFA pedigrees and what a CFA grand champion means. It says nothing to the quality of the cats being shown. It says nothing to what the people of the Ukraine are experiencing. It is merely trying to keep the quality of CFA titles and pedigrees up. Even if you say that it would cost a significant amount of money to change it in January, considering you would not have to rescore any shows, if you will answer to that before I

decide if I would like to change it. **Tartaglia:** I was referring to if we had to rescore a show that occurred prior to this change. It does happen. We're not aware of changes sometimes until an exhibitor points out to us that the ribbons were hung differently than what was reported to us. We have to investigate it. Everything is doable and perhaps it wouldn't be that much. It's just something that we've never done before, is change requirements in the middle of the season.

**Altschul:** I wasn't talking about how ribbons were hung. I was just saying, if we changed a scoring rule in January to go forward – not to go backwards, only to go forward. Just because we have never done something doesn't mean we never can. We certainly have changed some show rules mid-season in the past. We did it with the national awards a few years ago. I don't think that's necessarily a reason to not do this, particularly when our two European representatives think it is well within what is acceptable. **Mastin:** They are supportive, but they're not supportive of the timing. Both Pauli and Pam said May 1. They agree with you on raising the points. **Altschul:** Can we change this to be effective May 1st, 2026? **Mastin:** Carol, will you amend this motion to May 1? **Krzanowski:** Yes. **Mastin:** Marilee, do you accept? **Griswold:** Yes, I do. **Mastin:** OK, we have an amended motion.

**Raymond:** The document that you are proposing to amend is an addendum to the show rule that is only in effect for the current show season. Come May 1st, it no longer exists, unless I am instructed to bring it back. This will end, at which point, unless somebody tells me to bring some variation of this back, the version of 28.04 that is in the permanent show rules goes back into effect. So, that is true for all of the temporary exceptions and additions to the 2025-2026 show rules that are published in the Addendum. At some point before next season, we need to update the National/Regional/Divisional Awards Program minimum. There are a total of five other show rules, including this one, that have temporary addendums. Those will come to an end unless someone requests that they be brought forward. **Altschul:** Can I suggest we withdraw it? **Mastin:** Carol? **Krzanowski:** Yes, I will agree to withdraw this. **Mastin:** Marilee? **Griswold:** Agreed. **Nye:** For clarification, 28.04 will revert back to what's in the show rule right now, which is 200 grand points and 25 grand premier points. **DelaBar:** Yes. **Raymond:** Unless something happens between now and then.

### **Withdrawn.**

### **Future Projections for Committee:**

*The Committee will present any additional required show rule changes at the December meeting. Additionally, based on show rule changes approved at this meeting and prior meetings, the Committee will be updating cross-references found within the show rules as well as the Index.*

*Respectfully Submitted,  
Ed Raymond, Chair*

## **(19) TREASURER'S REPORT.**

**Treasurer Kathy Calhoun** gave the following report:

*May 1, 2025, through August 31, 2025*

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### *Balance Sheet Summary*

- **Total Assets Overview:** The total assets of the association were \$3,422,857, including current and fixed assets.
- **Current Assets Breakdown:** Current assets were \$2,464,228, with bank accounts holding \$2,380,233, primarily in Wells Fargo and Huntington National Bank accounts.
- **Accounts Receivable and Other Assets:** Accounts receivable were \$0, while other current assets, including prepaid expenses and inventory, totaled \$83,995.
- **Fixed Assets Details:** Fixed assets were valued at \$958,628 after deducting accumulated depreciation of \$642,265. Key components included office furniture, computer software projects, and buildings.
- **Liabilities Summary:** Total liabilities amounted to \$292,680, mainly current liabilities such as accounts payable (\$10,772) and other current liabilities (\$281,908), with no long-term liabilities.
- **Equity Composition:** Equity totaled \$3,130,176, consisting largely of unrestricted net assets (\$3,060,877) and net income (\$69,299).
- **No Long-Term Debt:** The association reported no long-term liabilities or lease liabilities as of the balance sheet date.

### *Actuals vs Budget*

*The document presents a detailed comparison of budgeted versus actual financial figures for various income and expense categories from May to August 2025, highlighting variances and percentages of budget achieved.*

- **Overall Income Performance:** Total income was \$653,112 against a budget of \$730,063 representing 89% of the budget and a shortfall of \$76,951. Gross profit matched total income at these amounts.
- **Registrations Income:** Total registrations income was \$262,728 versus a budget of \$286,341 (92% of budget), with early litter registrations exceeding budget by 14%, but other litter and individual registrations falling short.

**Calhoun:** I'm going to bring up two things that are typically of interest under actuals versus budget. The second bullet point, the registration income. Total registration income was almost \$263,000 versus a budget of \$286,00, which is about 92% of budget. The early litter registrations exceeded budget by 14%, but everything else fell a bit short. Keep in mind, this is just May 1 through August 31<sup>st</sup>, so there's a great deal of the year yet to come.

- **Annual Income:** Annual-related income totaled \$94,542, exceeding the budget of \$83,800 by 13%, with notable overages in the annual banquet and region hospitality.
- **Publications Income:** Publications income was \$12,327, only 60% of the budgeted \$20,470, reflecting discontinued revenue streams and lower sales.
- **Marketing and Merchandise Income:** Marketing income slightly exceeded budget at \$183 (131%), while merchandise income was significantly below budget at 28% (\$730 actual vs. \$2,625 budget).
- **Annual Expenses:** Annual expenses were \$165,102 against a budget of \$166,900, which is 99% of budget.
- **Expenses Overview:** Total expenses were \$726,328 against a budget of \$768,946, achieving 94% of budget with savings primarily from contract labor and various administrative costs.
- **Central Office and Computer Expenses:** Central office expenses were \$379,904 (97% of budget), and computer expenses were \$41,543 (80% of budget), with variances due to lower programming changes and data storage costs.
- **Net Operating and Other Income:** The net operating income was negative \$73,216 compared to a budgeted negative of \$38,884, but other income sources, including investment gains and rental income, totaled \$175,802, resulting in a net income of \$69,299.

**Calhoun:** I will also go to the last bullet on the second page, the Net Operating and Other Income. The net operating income is negative \$73,000 compared to what the budget was of negative almost \$39,000. When you add in investment gains and rental income, the total is \$175,802 to a net income of \$69,299.

*Respectfully submitted,  
Kathy Calhoun, CFA Treasurer*

**Currie:** Can you scroll down to the annual budget, annual expenses? **Calhoun:** Typically in August, we will still have a couple of things that will trail in. You will get a detailed line item report and I can get that to you for the December meeting. Currently, the annual had a net income of negative \$70,559 to a budget of negative \$83,100. So you did better than budget. **Currie:** OK, I just want to point that out. **Calhoun:** You did, but there's always a few things that slip through. There's puts and takes. I don't anticipate \$12,000 worth of variance in the next couple of months, but you will get a detailed report. As of right this minute, you beat your budget by \$12,000. I know that took a lot of people. **Currie:** We had tons of people who did just that.

**(20) SHOWHALL TECHNOLOGY.**

*Committee Chair: Cathy Dunham  
Liaison to Board: Janet Moyer  
List of Committee Members: Sheryl Zink and Paul Noble, Darrell Newkirk, Marilee Griswold, Bethany Colilla, Gavin Cao, Rick Hoskinson, Allene Tartaglia, and James Simbro*

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**Brief Summation of Immediate Past Committee Activities:**

- 1. Electronic Show Catalog – The Entry Clerking Program Committee has tested the link and reviewed the pages to be included in the file. Show rules have been approved by the board as of the August board meeting except for show rule 7.22 which the committee was asked to rewrite.*
- 2. Master Clerk Data File - The project is currently being beta tested.*

*The committee would like to thank the board for your support as we work to use more technology in the show hall.*

**Current Happenings of Committee:**

- 1. Electronic Show Catalog – Once show rule 7.22 is approved we are ready to roll out the Electronic Catalog October 18, 2025. Show rule 7.22 will be presented with the Show Rules Committee report.*
- 2. Master Clerk Data File - The project is in the beta testing phase. To date three master clerks have beta tested the file in the show hall. The beta testing will continue through the first part of October. The zoom classes for the master clerks to see the data file and feel comfortable using it will be held in the later part of October. The committee will ask the master clerks to begin using the file on an optional basis throughout the rest of the 2025-2026 show season. Then in the 2026-2027 show season the file will be part of the master clerk process for all shows.*

**Krzanowski:** My question is regarding the master clerk data file. We're supposed to be having training sessions. I've had inquiries about when that's going to occur because the actual show rule change goes into effect two weeks from now on the 18th. To date, there haven't been any changes. **Dunham:** We're still doing beta testing. We found a couple of bugs that we asked for some changes to. We anticipate the actual training to be after the International and maybe into the very first part of November, and then we will let all of the master clerks get as much training as they feel they need, to feel comfortable.

**Jensen:** Can you please explain to me where is this all going so I can explain this to my folks? I don't understand what's going on. What is the end result and how are we getting there? **Dunham:** The end resulting goal is to become entirely paperless in the show hall. That's in the distant future because we still have to take into consideration the budget and what we can do each year to move towards that end resulting goal. How we get there is what we've been doing. The first step was working with the judges, moving to one-part paper. The second step is utilizing our master clerks to complete a file that can be uploaded into the scoring system after

verification checks are done at Central Office. That helps reduce workload and save money that can be generated into other areas of production in the office. The electronic catalog is hopefully a way for the clubs to allow potential savings to the exhibitors. I don't know where that's going to land. I have no idea because I don't know what the clubs are going to do with it, if they're going to promote it and use it heavily or not. It's totally optional for a club to decide show by show whether or not they're going to offer an electronic catalog. My personal hope is that they do offer it but that they also pass on a savings on entry fees to those people that are using electronic versus paper. I don't know what the clubs are going to do. That's going to be their decision as they look at their own budgets for their own shows. **Jensen:** Are the master clerks going to have to provide their own computers? Is this a computer program that the master clerks are going to have to learn how to do? When you say paperless, I assume that you mean that they're going to have to bring computers. Is it going to be their personal ones or is CFA going to be providing tablets? **Dunham:** At this point in time, we are asking the master clerks to provide their own device because right now we don't have a budget to buy equipment and figure out who's going to maintain it all. In the future, the goal would be for CFA to provide the equipment, but we haven't gotten there yet. This is a step-by-step process and that is a little way down the road yet. **Jensen:** Are the master clerks going to have the option to continue to do it the way that they've been doing it for 40 years? **Dunham:** They will have an option for the rest of this show season. My hope is that they will all get on board and in the next show season, they will use it. It's a time saver and shows would get scored quicker if that file comes in with the show package, but I can't force anybody to do anything. I can ask them, I can train them, but I can't force them to do anything. **Huhtaniemi:** I have a question about the electronic show catalogs. What if the club wants to make their own electronic catalog? Is it allowed? **Dunham:** Absolutely. The reason we went with a link is because some entry clerks do not want to take the time to put all of the emails from the exhibitors into an external email system to actually attach a PDF file to. But if an entry clerk so desires to do that, by all means, go right ahead. The entry clerks that want to use the internal email system in the entry clerking program, we currently do not have the ability to add an external file to that email system. That's why we went with a link. **Huhtaniemi:** That's good, because some people were talking about advertisements in the catalogs, and if you make your own catalogs, you can put advertisements there. **Dunham:** That would be my next step. Version two of the electronic catalog is to have that ability. For a show to upload another show's catalog, to upload an advertisement for their sponsor. Again, it's a step-by-step process based on what the board approves for a budget for each component of the project. We didn't have that approved, so we worked within the budget that we had. **Currlle:** After I had my show in Daytona a few weeks ago, I spoke with a couple of master clerks and entry clerks, and there were a couple of bumps that Cathy was very helpful in straightening out. This is a process that we're all going to have to learn, and I'm fully supportive of the effort. So, I think that you've got to give your people more credit. Most people are familiar with laptops and the like, and can really work through this, and once these programs are set in place, I think things are going to get a lot easier. I know our judges are kind of scratching their heads trying to change their processes, but I think that we just need to be a little bit more tolerant. I want to thank you, Cathy, for undertaking all of this. **Calhoun:** I want to thank the team as well, and Cathy and the leadership role that she's in for moving this forward. I would envision the day when we are paperless in the show hall, and this is not only to record information on a tablet, but perhaps within that software, there's built-in intelligence that catches mistakes that says, "you put this cat over this cat, you can't do this, it's a mechanical error." If the cat is absent, it's grayed out of your available cats to judge on the list.

This, in turn, turns into a savings in resources for CFA, but we have a long way to go. This is a great step, but there's a great future. This is when you get to the point where this gets to be, you know, new people, younger people, they're looking at all this and it's now starting to feel like, hey, this is pretty cool. This is something we might want to do. It's just one more marketing tool. This is not going to happen overnight, but I'm glad to see the start that Cathy is leading us through.

**Future Projections for Committee:**

*Continued beta testing for project 2 and planning the zoom education classes.*

**Board Action Items:**

*None*

**Time Frame:**

*Ongoing*

**What Will be Presented at the Next Meeting:**

*Update on ongoing projects.*

*Respectfully Submitted,  
Cathy Dunham, Chair*

**(21) AWARDS COMMITTEE.**

*Committee Chair: Cathy Dunham  
Liaison to Board: Janet Moyer  
List of Committee Members: Martha Auspitz*

**Brief Summation of Immediate Past Committee Activities:**

*Presented the Star and Diamond Star Awards at the 2025 Annual.*

**Current Happenings of Committee:**

*Reviewed inventory of Star Awards in preparation for the committee's 2026-2027 budget request.*

*Reviewed comments from the national award winners and the board concerning the elimination of rosettes for 2025. After considering all the comments and again talking with Central Office we are asking the board to consider the following options for the 2026 national awards.*

*Rosettes*



*Current Award*



*New Award*



*The approved budget for 2026 National Awards is \$32,000.00. Due to the increased product costs the current budget will not cover the current awards with or without rosettes as seen in combinations 1 and 2 below.*

**Dunham:** The Awards Committee took everybody's comments into consideration, pro and con, about eliminating rosettes from the 2025 awards as we were looking at options for the 2026 national awards. In looking at all of the pros and cons, and the current expenses documented in the report, our current award cannot meet the budget that's already approved, with or without rosettes. I have two motions that would allow for a new award plus rosettes.

Combination #1: Current award and top 25 rosettes

<b>Awards &amp; Rosettes</b>	<b># x Amount</b>	<b>Total</b>
<i>Top Rosettes</i>	<i>270 x \$22.00</i>	<i>\$5,940.00</i>
<i>Best Cats 10" award</i>	<i>13 x \$97.25</i>	<i>\$1,264.25</i>
<i>2nd through 25th top cats and Best of Breed award 7.5"</i>	<i>385 x \$78.25</i>	<i>\$30,126.25</i>
<i>2nd and 3rd Best of Breed award 6"</i>	<i>166 x 66.25</i>	<i>\$10,997.50</i>
<b>Total</b>		<b>\$48,328.00</b>

Combination #2: Current award, top 25 rosettes, and breed rosettes

<b>Awards &amp; Rosettes</b>	<b># x Amount</b>	<b>Total</b>
<i>Top Rosettes</i>	<i>270 x \$22.00</i>	<i>\$5,940.00</i>
<i>Breed Rosettes</i>	<i>285 x \$12.00</i>	<i>\$3,420.00</i>
<i>Best Cats 10" award</i>	<i>13 x \$97.25</i>	<i>\$1,264.25</i>
<i>2nd through 25th top cats and Best of Breed award 7.5"</i>	<i>385 x \$78.25</i>	<i>\$30,126.25</i>
<i>2nd and 3rd Best of Breed award 6"</i>	<i>166 x 66.25</i>	<i>\$10,997.50</i>
<b>Total</b>		<b>\$53,012.25</b>

Combinations 3 and 4 bring the awards under budget or just slightly over budget depending on the chosen option.

Combination #3: New award and top 25 rosettes

<b>Awards &amp; Rosettes</b>	<b># x Amount</b>	<b>Total</b>
<i>Top Rosettes</i>	<i>270 x \$22.00</i>	<i>\$5,940.00</i>
<i>Best Cats 8.5" award</i>	<i>13 x \$47.50</i>	<i>\$617.50</i>
<i>2<sup>nd</sup> through 25<sup>th</sup> and all Breed Awards 7.5"</i>	<i>551 x \$42.50</i>	<i>\$23,417.50</i>
<b>Total</b>		<b>\$29,975.00</b>

Combination #4: New award, top 25 rosettes, and breed rosettes

<b>Awards &amp; Rosettes</b>	<b># x Amount</b>	<b>Total</b>
<i>Top Rosettes</i>	<i>270 x \$22.00</i>	<i>\$5,940.00</i>
<i>Breed Rosettes</i>	<i>285 x \$12.00</i>	<i>\$3,420.00</i>
<i>Best Cats 8.5" award</i>	<i>13 x \$47.50</i>	<i>\$617.50</i>
<i>2<sup>nd</sup> through 25<sup>th</sup> and all Breed Awards 7.5"</i>	<i>551 x \$42.50</i>	<i>\$23,417.50</i>
<b>Total</b>		<b>\$33,395.00</b>

#### **Future Projections for Committee:**

Work with Central Office to order the 2026 National awards/rosettes.

*Gathering and presentation of Star and Diamond Star award nominations for 2026*

**Board Action Items:**

***Motion 1: Approve combination 3 for the 2026 national awards, best cat to receive an 8.5" award, 2<sup>nd</sup> -25<sup>th</sup> receive a 7.5" award with top 25 winners receiving rosettes.***

**Mrs. Moyer** moved to approve for the 2026 national awards, best cat to receive an 8.5" award, 2<sup>nd</sup> -25<sup>th</sup> receive a 7.5" award with top 25 winners receiving rosettes. Seconded by **Ms. Anger**, **Tabled**.

**Moyer:** This would not include rosettes for the breed winners. **Anger:** I'll second with the right to vote no. **Moyer:** I support the second motion over this first one. After what we went through last year with the rosettes, I'm not for eliminating the breed rosettes. For many new people, that's the first big national win they get, and I think we should give them a rosette. It's not a lot of money for the budget to increase. **Anger:** I was hoping to see a well laid out program to invite volunteers – some of the volunteers that came through last year to get these rosettes to the national winners – rather than the same expenditure that we've had year after year. I think sponsorship is the way to go. I don't see that here at all. I'm disappointed. **Griswold:** I was going to mention the same thing Rachel did. Clearly, people want their top rosettes. We had folks clamoring to pay for them. People in the ID were upset that they couldn't pay for the awards. I happen to believe it's a beautiful outpouring of caring for each other doing this. We had folks going above and beyond to do so. We would do it even better. We could have even more beautiful rosettes and have larger award ceremonies with those rosettes with more planning. It was put together so fast last time. It could be even better than it was with the outpouring of love we saw last year. **Calhoun:** I agree, as well. I would like to see not only sponsorship from our own community efforts, but some conversations with some of the vendors and the companies that we have built relationships with. Are they interested in moving their name forward with this organization? We should at least make that effort before we say we need more money for these rosettes. Right now, I cannot support it. We need to do some additional work. **Currie:** Obviously I was the one at the forefront of replacing these rosettes. People in my region approached me, particularly those that were receiving their very first national award, who had the funds to sponsor them. They eventually got a huge group, costing very little money personally. It's something we should encourage, either through sponsorships or through the regions. Next year, Region 1 is going to be hosting. They can start a fundraiser for rosettes and awards. That could really reduce our budget total. We need to have a budget of some sort, but something we can implement with CFA's blessing to receive some sort of donations. We need to adopt something here and not let this go forward, or we could table it and bring it back up in December. **Jensen:** I don't know when they quit allowing sponsorship. A few years back, I got a best Silver and Golden. When I opened the box and my trophy was sponsored by United Silver and Golden Fanciers, I broke down and cried because it was my breed that honored me. That was almost as special as the award itself. Having that ability to sponsor other people's awards is very special. We should allow people to sponsor the awards. **DelaBar:** In the past, we had corporate sponsorship for our annual awards. It was \$48,000 worth of very nice awards that were sponsored by Purina. Some people took offense that the Purina name was on the trophy. One way to go is to try to reacquaint ourselves with some of these sponsors we've had in the past, like Purina and Royal Canin, and see what kind of sponsorship monies we could get. Give them a

proposal to see about their sponsorship of some of our awards. **Dunham:** While tabling it might be the option for the board, if any part of these expenses are going to be locked in, the time to order them is now. Prices are continuing to rise, and I don't know if we're going to get these prices in another three months. It's a consideration to keep in mind, whether or not we go down the road of sponsorship. **Anger:** I have to apologize, Cathy. I didn't mean to come off abrasively. It took a lot of work to put this together, and I appreciate that. Is there a way we can do a blended sponsorship where we order the awards, have them locked in, and then go after sponsorship?

**Dunham:** I don't have a problem with it. Allene will address some of the logistics that might be problematic for Central Office. **Tartaglia:** Regarding corporate sponsorship, we have been down this road before. Friskies put a lot of money into our awards, and some people are very unhappy that the award was branded with another company's name. Beyond that, we would have to budget for the full amount, because there's no guarantee that we're going to get a sponsor to pick up the cost. It would be great if we could, but going after sponsorship, it takes time. For the sponsor, it's all about the crowds. It's all about how many people it touches. Who are the people that they want to reach? It might be a hard sell. We should budget for it and then if we get money back, that's great. Lorna Friemoth was very good at going out for sponsorship with individuals. She did a great job for many years. It took somebody very actively pursuing it. Eventually, people were being asked to donate to their region, donate for the national awards, donate for the International, and it became too much. So, sponsoring is great, but it's who's going to do it? Can we rely on sponsorship to pay the bill? Because we have to order the rosettes and we have to order the trophies now so they can start getting in the supplies. We have triple the amount of trophies and rosettes than any region. It's a huge order. We order the rosettes 12 weeks in advance for the International. So it's a lot to depend on sponsorship without budgeting for it in advance.

**Mastin:** What I heard was we can buy the awards now and once we buy them, we can do sponsorship, correct? **Tartaglia:** I'm not sure who's going to pursue the sponsorship. Is it going to be individual? **Mastin:** I don't want to address that just yet. I want to address the original question that was asked, which was – if we order the rosettes now; can we do sponsorship later?

**Tartaglia:** Up to a certain point. It depends on if we have to print the sponsor's name on the trophy. **Mastin:** We don't need to make a decision on who is going to handle the sponsorship. Maybe we ask somebody and they handle it and we pay them to do it. It could be, depending on which choice we pick, that person could raise \$2,000 or they could raise \$40,000. We don't know. **Calhoun:** For the trophies, we can't print the names of the award winners now. So there's got to be some time between now and then if we get a corporate sponsor to add the corporate sponsor's name. I'm going back to the budget. Are you telling me there is nothing in the budget for this? I find that hard to believe. **Dunham:** The approved budget was based on what is approved in the current budget, which is \$32,000. Option three, which is motion #1, brings us in under budget. That's no breed rosettes. For Motion #2, which includes breed rosettes, the budget would have to be increased by \$2,000 in round numbers. **Mastin:** Let's not do round numbers. I want accurate numbers. I see it's an increase of \$1,395. Is that correct? **Calhoun:** Right. **Mastin:** I have to get specific numbers because we really want to hit budget this year or do better. **Dunham:** The specific number is in the motion.

**Calhoun:** Perhaps this would be one of the new marketing director's first tasks. We are just about to go into the International Show and we are top of mind with a number of people or companies that are doing sponsorships for that show. There are conversations that can be had.

My desire would be to have the folks who worked very hard all season long get awards. I'm supportive of having that happen, but I think that we've got some work to do and we're not in a position where we just say, give me more, give me more, give me more. We've got a proposal on the table that we might want to hire a marketing company to do work. We have to be creative and we have to explore a lot of options and we have to do it quickly. **Altschul:** I like the idea of combo #3 without the rosettes for the Breed Awards. We didn't do rosettes for the Breed Awards this year. I didn't hear any major outcry about that. I like coming in under budget. We could still try to find a way to perhaps get the rosettes sponsored or try to get the Breed Rosettes sponsored and order those at a later date. Clearly it is possible for the rosettes to be made in a few weeks. It's not desirable by the person making the rosettes, but it's definitely possible. I remember last year we had to make the decision in January, so I'm not sure why we're being pressured to make this decision today, other than the fact that costs do go up. I'm in favor of the one that saves us money because we need to save money everywhere we can. If we get sponsorship money, we can revisit this and perhaps add the Breed Rosettes if they are sponsored. **Nye:** In many cases, we don't have a full top 25; for example, 25 Household Pets in China. The budget accounts for every win, so do we order every placement ahead of time, even though there may not be a winner? **Dunham:** We budget for winners because we never know from year to year if they are going to have a full slate of 25 in a particular division and a particular area of the world. Will they get ordered if it appears that we're not going to have a full 25? No. If, for some reason, they do get ordered, we will reuse them. We have designed the verbiage on the awards so they are reusable and we designed the award so that we can change out the information about the cat. We try to reuse awards so that in the future we don't have to order so many awards. We try to do our best to work with the other members in Central Office that work on the annual and the awards to be the most cost-effective we can be. So, while we budget for it, that doesn't necessarily mean it's always going to get ordered based on the number of final awards that are going to be presented. **Nye:** So we could come in under budget just because we don't need to order some placements. **Dunham:** Correct. **Nye:** Do we stay with the same color combination for rosettes so they are usable in future years? **Dunham:** Unless somebody in Central Office actually changes out the center streamer, there's always the show season date on it. We are trying to develop a color scheme that would be used over and over again. It's gold and black and white or ivory. It's very pretty. It's similar to the bigger, larger rosette that's in the picture in this report. While Carissa's comment about ordering the rosettes later might be OK with a commercial company, I really don't think the individual doing them wants an order for 300 rosettes three weeks before the event because she's just not going to be able to physically do it. That's a lot of rosettes. She does a lot of regional rosettes. We are trying to patronize local owners and businesses that are a big part of the cat fancy. She was very open and honest with me that ribbon prices are going up every day because that ribbon comes from China. That's why I'm asking for these things to be done today and not being put off until December. **Mastin:** Do the rosettes need to be approved today or the whole package needs to be approved today? **Dunham:** The whole package, because the components for the award itself, if we go with the glass award that I pictured above, that comes in components. Again, it's all coming out of China and Asia, and the increased costs of shipping and tariffs continue to go up daily and change at a moment's notice. So the sooner we can lock it in, the better it is for us. **Mastin:** So how long did she agree to the pricing? What's her deadline? **Dunham:** Her deadline is December. She would really prefer to have it now. **Mastin:** So her quote that you have is good until December what? **Dunham:** December 1st. **Mastin:** Do these prices include sales tax? **Dunham:** Yes. **Mastin:** So there's no additional

costs there. The board has a scheduled strategic planning meeting for November 11th and this could come up then. Can you wait until then, if the contract is good until December 1st?

**Dunham:** We can, but the sooner the better. The prices change every day. **Mastin:** I need clarification on that. Is the price she quoted good until December 1st? **Dunham:** Her ribbon price is good until December 1st. The award price is changing every day. **Mastin:** How long is the price on the awards good for, or is there no guarantee on that price? **Dunham:** There's no guarantee on that price. **Mastin:** That number may not be the actual number if the price changes tomorrow. I need to make sure we covered all our bases on this. **Calhoun:** Is shipping included in the quote? **Dunham:** Yes. **Calhoun:** Is there any value in having more than one supplier?

**Dunham:** I don't think you'll get the consistency of the rosettes. The only other manufacturer is in Canada and we're going to pay tariffs. **Calhoun:** This is the only quote that we got on rosettes? **Dunham:** That's the only quote I got because I know she can do the work if we give her the time to do it. She did the rosettes for Kenny for the 2025 annual, but she was only doing one area. You're going to multiply all those rosettes that Kenny's group ordered times three if CFA orders them from her. So you're talking a huge difference in the order and a lot more time for her to hand make the rosette heads. Even if we went to another company, those rosette heads are handmade. It is essential to give them all the grace period we can to allow for the components, whether it's ribbon or glass. **Calhoun:** Are there other vendors available like? Did we get quotes from them or just from Sherry? **Dunham:** I did not get quotes from other vendors.

**Calhoun:** I got the answer that we only got a quote from one. **Griswold:** I'm going along the same lines as Kathy, that we only got one quote. We have a very extensive community. We have folks in Indonesia and Thailand and China who make awards and rosettes, who might be able to do all this very quickly, very cheaply. I don't like being held hostage with this kind of constantly changing award price. I've never heard of such a thing. If you're going to give a quote, you give a quote and that's the way it is. The constantly changing, "we have to vote today or else" does not sit well with me. **Colilla:** We have to pay sales tax for the order? **Mastin:** Yes. **Colilla:**

Why? I print stuff with Staples. I don't pay sales tax. I use CFA's tax ID. There's also another ribbon company about an hour north of Columbus that does ribbons. **Mastin:** John, I can't speak on why you're not paying sales tax. Maybe you fall under a whole different category than CFA corporate does, but that's why we have paid accountants and paid auditors to confirm that we make sure we pay all the proper taxes that are due. **Currie:** This is what my wife's business does, manufacturing. What Sherry Kern is asking for is perfectly normal. These prices change constantly and I can tell you from experience, particularly from last year and what we went through, she really went overboard. She deserves our support and she's not asking for anything that's unreasonable. You want to check other prices with larger companies, go right ahead. You're still going to find that this is the best bargain that we've got. She really came through and it only took her two weeks. She's capable of servicing us, but we do need to give them a little bit of leeway as far as pricing is concerned.

**Mastin:** Janet, are you withdrawing your motion, or are we going to proceed with the motion? **Moyer:** I would table it and take this back and discuss it a little bit more, but I think Cathy wants to go ahead and vote on it. **Dunham:** I hear what all of you are saying, but I've worked with ordering awards and rosettes with the two individuals we have quotes from for 15 years and they do a stellar job. The awards company drives that whole order of rosettes to our venue. Sherry does a stellar job with the rosettes. If you want to table it until November, I'm afraid you're going to look at higher costs. I'm trying to do what I can as a committee chair to keep with the budget that was approved. So yes, I want you to vote on it. If you vote it down,

we'll bring it back in November, but we have to do something to start this process. **Mastin:** Thank you for being direct with the board and doing the work on it and trying to stay within the budget. **Calhoun:** I would like to have a conversation with Cathy and Allene and go through the budget. There are some items in the budget that seem to be a bit high and perhaps we have the money within the budget by making some internal budget changes without increasing the overall budget. Maybe there's some opportunity within the budget to move things around a bit and we could do that by November 11th. **Dunham:** If that's what the board feels that they want the three of us to work together, we can bring it back in November. We just can't wait until December to make these decisions. We're going to be really close on getting awards ordered and getting them here and printed and engraved. It's not a small order when you're talking about three different areas of the world and the rosettes to go with it. It's a massive project for whoever's doing it. **Calhoun:** We're just approaching the International and we may be having some conversations with some of the corporate sponsors that may be interested in another opportunity..

**Mastin:** In summary, Cathy agreed we can bring it back for the November meeting. However, she is cautioning the board. There is no guarantee the prices are going to remain the same. They could go up. Janet, do you want to continue with the motion? **Moyer:** We will table this motion for Cathy and Allene and Kathy Calhoun to get together and discuss the budget and then, in light of those discussions, they will bring back a revised proposal for the November meeting. **Mastin:** Rachel, do you agree? **Anger:** I agree. **Mastin:** OK, we are tabled.

**Tabled.**

*(If motion 1 passes the committee wishes to withdraw motion 2.)*

**Motion 2:** Increase the 2026 national awards budget by \$1,395.00 (total of \$33,395.00) and approve combination 4 for the 2026 national awards, best cat to receive an 8.5" award, 2<sup>nd</sup> -25<sup>th</sup> receive a 7.5" award with top 25 and breed winners receiving rosettes.

**Time Frame:**

*Ongoing*

**What Will be Presented at the Next Meeting:**

*Update on ongoing projects.*

*Respectfully Submitted,  
Cathy Dunham, Chair*

## Unfinished Business and General Orders

### **(22) OLD BUSINESS.**

#### **(a) Multi-Part Forms**

**Mr. Huhtaniemi** moved for permission for clubs to use the old multi-part forms as long as they have stock available. Seconded by **Mr. Currle**.

**Huhtaniemi:** I want permission for clubs to use the old forms as long as they have stock. **Currle:** I'd like to second it. **Nye:** At the judges' workshop in June, that very same question was asked. Cathy responded that as long as they still had the paper, they could use up their stock. It's wasteful to throw it away. **Dunham:** I did say that at the judges' workshop. I don't care if a club uses two-part paper. My only concern is that it will be confusing for the judges. **DelaBar:** The confusion by the judges has to do with when to scan the judging sheet. Should I mark as I usually would mark and turn the paper in, but only after I have written down on a separate sheet of paper how I was going to do this? Do I keep a sheet of paper of the cats I want to final? **Dunham:** That's a personal process for each individual judge. My suggestion is, as they judge a class, they would mark their breed sheet. When they were done with the class, they have their breed sheet to use, to pick their final. I also suggest that they write additional numbers on a separate sheet of paper. It's a matter of a personal preference to decide what works best for you. If you want a copy of your paperwork, I'm happy to email you a PDF.

**Krzanowski:** We are getting away from the motion at hand. There are entry clerks who might have cases of this paper. It's wasteful to throw it away, and then the additional expense of purchasing one part paper when they could be using that other paper. I support the idea of using up what they have on hand. **Nye:** I am happy to send out a communication to the judges list to let the judges know that there may be some shows that still have a stockpile of multi-part paper, and to please continue with their process that they're using to select their finals and just send the master clerk in their white sheets. It isn't going to cause a confusion for our judges.

**Huhtaniemi:** I'm going to send the same thing to the clerks list.

**The motion is ratified by unanimous consent.**

#### **(b) Traditional Dates.**

**Altschul:** My concern was that clubs with a floating date based on the last weekend of the month must be noted on the traditional show date calendar as having a floating date so that the shows around them or that share a date with them know that they're going to change weekends every now and then. This has caused problems in my region for the club that normally has the third weekend in February. They now have a club that has moved on their weekend. I want the traditional date show calendar updated and it has to be accurate. If the club is not noted as a floating date because of last weekend, they can only move if they follow our current process, which is they have to be pre-noticed that they're changing weekends. **Moyer:** I would like the show schedulers to provide a completely updated calendar with all caveats of moving dates noted. We need to eliminate clubs that randomly rotate. We can't have shows moving weekends when we already have four shows on that weekend, and then that puts a fifth show on that weekend and it's more than our fancy can bear. **Jensen:** I am the Show Scheduling Committee

liaison. I reached out to them and got an email from Mary Auth, who wrote, *I am responding as Pam is out of town. There is no set process for providing Kathy an updated calendar, just when there are enough changes to warrant it. Attached is the most updated version for the site. Time involved, it varies, but with each request, we go back two to three years to confirm a date being available and to confirm whether a show has not held a year or more or two years. Each request can take anywhere from half an hour to 45 minutes. Then there's the time to send the request for the announcement. Historically, the show does not show up in the traditional show calendar until it has not been objected to. Sometimes clubs request a one-time move and want their traditional date listed. We hesitate to list a show with a traditional date if the show is far out and not yet occurred, as is the case of Karen Lane's Cat Club of Palm Beaches, which is a request that doesn't start until February, 2027.* **Tartaglia:** I asked Mary and Pam for the calendar be updated on a more regular basis. **Moyer:** I want to point out that our show rules say that it's a traditional date after you've had a show for the second year. The calendar should reflect that. **Tartaglia:** They revamped the entire traditional date calendar when they took this over and they did all the research. **Mastin:** We have a show rule on this. Pam Moser told me that clubs must have a show two years in a row. We have to follow the show rule. **Griswold:** Allene, are you getting information from our international schedulers? We have clubs that are meeting the criteria for traditional show dates. I just want to make sure that you're getting feedback from our ID Division. **Tartaglia:** We have not, to my knowledge. We've not had anything from the ID or China. **Griswold:** Nadia is keeping track of traditional dates. It would be fairly easy for her to send that to Central Office. I just didn't know if it was happening.

**Jensen:** I would like to table this and take it into closed session next time and give me the opportunity to contact Pam Moser and Mary Auth. **Mastin:** We didn't have a motion. I would extend that a little further and invite them to attend the closed session discussion so they can address the questions directly and we don't have to go through a third party.

**Altschul:** The traditional show date calendar does have some Region 9 shows. There are some ID shows on there, and a show in Italy. I would like to instruct them that this needs to be updated on a bi-monthly basis, and we can deal with some of the other issues later. **Mastin:** There's a lot of confusion because of what was established back in 2020 when we canceled shows and then we allowed clubs to extend their traditional show date. It kept getting extended further and further. Didn't the extension of keeping your traditional show date if you didn't use it go through 2024 into 2025? **Raymond:** The waiver of the show rule that allowed canceled shows not to count against traditional dates went through the 2023-2024 show season. It was extended for 24-25 for Region 9 only. The clock started running again. **Mastin:** It was a long time. That's where a lot of the confusion was. Carissa, I'm concerned that we're going to be changing things until we hear from Pam and Mary. **Altschul:** I withdraw. **Mastin:** Vicki, you will reach out to Pam and Mary and invite them to come to the December 11th meeting. **Jensen:** I will.

**Withdrawn.**

**(23) NEW BUSINESS.**

None.

**(24) UNFINISHED BUSINESS.**

None.

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The Sunday executive session meeting adjourned at 2:16 p.m. Eastern Daylight Time.

The Sunday open session meeting adjourned at 7:33 p.m. Eastern Daylight Time.

*Respectfully submitted,  
Rachel Anger, Secretary  
The Cat Fanciers' Association, Inc.*

## **(25) 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:

### **25-031 CFA v. Tan Xiong Ming Hui / Hou Wei**

***Violation of CFA Show Rules (2024-25) 6.18, 10.23 (a), (b), (c)***

***Violation of CFA Bylaws Article XV, Section 4(b), Forgery of a CFA Registration certificate***

***Guilty.*** *The board has imposed the following disciplinary action: a three (3) year suspension (effective October 6, 2025) of all CFA services and a \$3,000.00 fine to be paid within 30 days of the effective date. If the fine is not paid prior to the end of the suspension period, the suspension will continue until the fine is paid in full. [vote sealed]*

### **25-032 CFA v. Sun Meng Yuan**

***Violation of CFA Bylaws Article XV, Section 4b & 4g.***

***Guilty.*** *The board has imposed the following disciplinary action: letter of reprimand. [vote sealed]*

**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 party, and the matter was heard in open session, at the request of the respondent.

*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:

### **25-016 CFA v. Danting Meng**

***Violation of CFA Show Rules 2.23(a), 6.04(a), 6.19, 10.12, 10.23(c)***

***Guilty.*** *The board has imposed the following disciplinary action: a 90 day suspension (effective October 6, 2025) of all CFA services and a \$300.00 fine; the fine to be paid within 30 days. If the fine is not paid prior to the end of the suspension period, the suspension will continue until the fine is paid in full. In addition, CFA shall void any wins, points, titles, or awards earned by GEEBAINII*

*MR 'S ZOE or GEEBAINII MR 'S BROT at any shows in which either was entered using a date of birth other than 08/29/2024. [vote sealed]*

**25-017 CFA v. Zhen Hao Gao / Yueqing Xing**

***Violation of CFA Show Rules 7.11, 10.23(a)(c)***

**Guilty.** *The board has imposed the following disciplinary action: a 90 day suspension (effective October 6, 2025) of all CFA services and a \$300.00 fine; the fine to be paid within 30 days. If the fine is not paid prior to the end of the suspension period, the suspension will continue until the fine is paid in full. In addition, CFA shall void any wins, points, titles, or awards earned by FOREVERSTAR'S TUAN TUAN and FOREVERSTAR'S DIAN DIAN at any shows in which either was entered using a date of birth other than 06/25/2024. [vote sealed]*

**25-028 CFA v. Linda Lee**

***Violation of CFA Bylaws Article XV Section 4 (b &e)***

**Guilty.** *The board has imposed the following disciplinary action: that the transfer of CJPAWS BUTTERSCOTCH, 1751-03063120, to Barbara Wasinger be voided and ownership reverted to Linda Lee and Cynthia Lemery as co-owners. [vote sealed]*

**25-018 CFA v. Susan Nebgen**

***Violation of CFA Show Rules (2024-25) 6.34***

**Guilty.** *The board has imposed the following disciplinary action: a six (6) month suspension (effective October 6, 2025) of all CFA services and a \$500.00 fine; the fine to be paid within 30 days. If the fine is not paid prior to the end of the suspension period, the suspension will continue until the fine is paid in full. [vote sealed]*

**Related Board Actions:** Upon motion duly made, seconded and unanimously carried, the following Related Board Actions were unanimously approved [vote sealed]:

**(1) Matter 25-035.** *CFA shall void the registration of litters F4274422 and F4244524. In addition, the registration of all cats and kittens registered from these litters, or any descendants of those cats, shall be re-registered as not for breeding, and flagged as not for showing.*

**(2) Matter 25-036.** *CFA shall void the registration of litter F4204504. In addition, the registration of all cats and kittens registered from this litter, or any descendants of those cats, shall be re-registered as not for breeding, and flagged as not for showing.*

**(3) Matter 25-038.** *CFA shall void the registration of litters F4203723, F4191457, F4197216, F4195868, F4193517, and F4203907. In addition, the registration of all cats and kittens registered from these litters, or any descendants of those cats, shall be re-registered as not for breeding, and flagged as not for showing.*

**(4) Matter 25-039.** CFA shall void the registration of litters F4220809, F4206489, F4211313, F4206916, F4213689, and F4214799. In addition, the registration of all cats and kittens registered from these litters, or any descendants of those cats, shall be re-registered as not for breeding, and flagged as not for showing.

**(5) Matter 25-041.** CFA shall void the registration of litter F4204137. In addition, the registration of all cats and kittens registered from these litters, or any descendants of those cats, shall be re-registered as not for breeding, and flagged as not for showing.

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*SUSPENSION OF ALL CFA SERVICES means that the person suspended will be prohibited from participating in any CFA activity including, but not limited to:*

- i. *Utilizing CFA's registry services*
- ii. *Acting in any capacity at a show*
- iii. *Entering cats owned by the suspended person, agenting cats, or having cats owned by the person suspended agented at a CFA show*
- iv. *Presenting cats in a show ring*
- v. *Participating in a clerking school*
- vi. *Participating in a Breed Council*
- vii. *Acting as a delegate at an Annual or Special Meeting of the Association*

*The suspended person will be permitted to purchase the CFA Yearbook and other CFA publications. However, the person suspended will not be permitted to advertise in any CFA publication or show catalog, including, but not limited to, the online Find a Breeder listing.*

*A person who is suspended may remain a member of a CFA member club, but may not be an officer or director of a member club. They may also attend their Region's Annual Banquet and Award Ceremony, and the CFA Annual Awards Banquet provided that they do not officiate, make any presentation, accept any awards, or participate in any way other than as a guest at the banquet or award ceremony.*