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## The Cat Fanciers' Association, Inc. 2014 BREED COUNCIL POLL

### BRITISH SHORTHAIR

Re-Elected Breed Council Secretary: Cynthia Byrd – Brea, CA

Total Members: 34

Ballots Received: 23

The following changes are the beginning steps in allowing the British Shorthair Breed Council the opportunity to accept the colors lilac and chocolate and all color series related to lilac and chocolate including but not limited to lilac tabby, chocolate tabby and these colors with white into our British Shorthair Standard under an AOV color class to be established with this ballot within the existing standard. The colors cinnamon and fawn and those colors exhibiting the pointed pattern are still excluded from registration, the absence of these colors and pattern to be confirmed via genetic testing.

- 1. PROPOSED:** Revise the Breed Rules for Registration to accept chocolate and lilac, and establish these as AOV Colors for registration. Add cinnamon and fawn as unacceptable colors. Require genetic testing to exclude the pointed pattern and the colors cinnamon and fawn.

#### Current:

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

Pointed	Chocolate	Lilac	Longhair
Ticked tabby			

#### Proposed:

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

Pointed	Chocolate	Lilac	Longhair
Ticked tabby	Cinnamon	Fawn	

AND

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**Current:**

**REGISTER AS AOV:**

No AOV colors/patterns	

**Proposed:**

**REGISTER AS AOV:**

No AOV colors/patterns Date: <u>Effective May 1, 2015</u>	<u>AOV Colors:</u> <u>Lilac</u> <u>Lilac-Cream</u> <u>Lilac Calico</u> <u>Lilac Tabby</u> <u>Lilac Patched Tabby</u> <u>Lilac Smoke</u> <u>Lilac Cream Smoke</u> <u>Lilac Calico Smoke</u> <u>Chocolate</u> <u>Chocolate Tortoiseshell</u> <u>Chocolate Calico</u> <u>Chocolate Tabby</u> <u>Chocolate Patched Tabby</u> <u>Chocolate Smoke</u> <u>Chocolate Tortoiseshell Smoke</u> <u>Chocolate Calico Smoke</u> <u>Any of these colors in combination with white</u>
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**AND**

**Current:**

**PEDIGREE REQUIREMENTS (last date showing is current):**

Date: Unknown	5 generations	Date:	
Date:		Date:	

**Proposed:**

**PEDIGREE REQUIREMENTS (last date showing is current):**

Date: Unknown	5 generations*	Date:	
Date:		Date:	

\*Any registration submitted via pedigree must be accompanied by a DNA test showing that the cat to be registered does not carry the pointed (Himalayan) pattern or the color cinnamon or fawn.

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**RATIONALE:** The removal of the chocolate and lilac from our rules of registration and establishing the AOV color class will allow the ability to register, breed, and show these colors. This change will also allow for the registration of currently accepted colors with chocolate or lilac colors in the five generation pedigree requirement currently in place for our breed.

YES: 3

NO: 18

ABSTAIN: 2

**REGISTRATION ISSUE (fails)**

Votes: 23

50% of Voting: 12

**Please vote on Proposals 2 through 7; however, if Proposal 1 does not pass, then the results for 2 through 8 will not be applicable.**

- 2. PROPOSED:** Remove the language from the DISQUALIFY section of the standard prohibiting hybrid colors from being shown.

**Current:**

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

\*The previously listed penalties and disqualifications apply to all British Shorthair cats. Additional penalties and disqualifications are listed under colors.

**Proposed:**

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

\*The previously listed penalties and disqualifications apply to all British Shorthair cats. Additional penalties and disqualifications are listed under colors.

**RATIONALE:** The removal of chocolate and lavender from the hybridization wording in the disqualification paragraph allows the colors lilac and chocolate and these colors in combination with white to be shown in the AOV class. The addition of cinnamon and fawn to the disqualification paragraph completes the necessary language changes for proper disqualification notice for use in the show hall.

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YES: 5

NO: 18

ABSTAIN: 0

**STANDARD CHANGE (fails)**

Votes: 23

60% of Voting: 14

3. **PROPOSED:** Establish the AOV color class and placement of the accepted colors within the standard. Central Office will define the registration color numbers within the already established numeric series.

Add, after the Currently Accepted British Shorthair Color Descriptions in the current Standards:

AOV Colors:

Lilac

Lilac-Cream

Lilac Calico

Lilac Tabby

Lilac Patched Tabby

Lilac Smoke

Lilac Cream Smoke

Lilac Calico Smoke

Chocolate

Chocolate Tortoiseshell

Chocolate Calico

Chocolate Tabby

Chocolate Patched Tabby

Chocolate Smoke

Chocolate Tortoiseshell Smoke

Chocolate Calico Smoke

Any of these colors in combination with white

**RATIONALE:** Identifying the AOV colors in our Standard will provide guidance for breeders working towards the advancement of the colors and judges who may see these colors shown in the AOV class.

YES: 5

NO: 18

ABSTAIN: 0

**STANDARD CHANGE (fails)**

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4. **PROPOSED:** Define AOV color descriptions for the solid and solid bi-color colors to be added in accordance with the order presented in proposal #3:

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None.

**Proposed:**

**CHOCOLATE:** Rich dark brown, level in color, sound to the roots. No tabby markings or white anywhere. **Nose leather:** To be same color as coat. **Paw pads:** Cinnamon-pink. **Eye color:** Gold or copper.

**LILAC:** Rich, warm lavender with a pinkish tone, level in color, sound to the roots. No tabby markings or white anywhere. **Nose leather and paw pads:** lavender-pink. **Eye color:** Gold or copper.

**OTHER BI-COLOR: Chocolate and white and lilac and white.** As a preferred minimum, the cat should have some white on the feet, legs, undersides, chest and muzzle. Less white than this should be penalized proportionately. Symmetry of these markings, no matter the amount of color vs. white is desired. White blaze desirable. **Eye color:** Gold or copper. **Penalize:** Brindling or tabby markings. **Nose leather and paw pads:** To conform to the already established solid requirements; nose leather and paw pads may also be pink.

**OTHER VAN BI-COLOR: Chocolate and white and lilac and white.** White cat with color confined to the extremities; head, tail and legs. One or two small colored patches on body allowable. **Eye color:** Gold or copper. **Nose leather and paw pads:** To conform to the already established solid requirements; nose leather and paw pads may also be pink.

**RATIONALE:** The addition of the above color descriptions allows the Breed Council the ability to describe the colors and patterns as desired for our breed.

YES: 5

NO: 18

ABSTAIN: 0

**STANDARD CHANGE (fails)**

Votes: 23

60% of Voting: 14

5. **PROPOSED:** This item defines AOV color descriptions for the smoke colors to be added in accordance with the order presented in proposal #3:

**Current:**

None.

**Proposed:**

**OTHER SMOKE:** A genetically silver, non-agouti tabby variety of British Shorthair. The top coat may be of any recognized solid color, tortoiseshell or lilac cream colors or bi-colors. The undercoat to be white or pale silver, showing maximum contrast. **Nose leather and paw pads:** To correspond with coat color. **Eye color:** Gold or copper.

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**CHOCOLATE SMOKE:** Undercoat white, deeply tipped with chocolate. Cat in repose appears chocolate. Face, legs and tail, chocolate with a narrow band of white at base of hair next to skin which may be seen only when fur is parted. **Nose leather:** Brown. **Paw pads:** cinnamon-pink. **Eye color:** Gold or copper.

**CHOCOLATE TORTOISESHELL SMOKE:** Undercoat white, deeply tipped with chocolate, red and shades of red. Cat in repose appears chocolate tortoiseshell. Face, legs and tail, chocolate tortoiseshell pattern with narrow band of white at base of hair next to skin which may be seen only when fur is parted. **Nose leather:** Brown, brick red and/or pink. **Paw pads:** Brick red, cinnamon-pink and/or pink. **Eye color:** Gold or copper.

**LILAC SMOKE:** Undercoat white, deeply tipped with lilac. Cat in repose appears lilac. Face, legs and tail, lilac with a narrow band of white at base of hair next to skin which may be seen only when fur is parted. **Nose leather:** Lavender. **Paw pads:** lavender-pink. **Eye color:** Gold or copper.

**LILAC CREAM SMOKE:** Undercoat white, deeply tipped with lilac and cream. Cat in repose appears lilac cream. Face, legs and tail, lilac cream pattern with narrow band of white at base of hair next to skin which may be seen only when fur is parted. **Nose leather:** Lavender, lavender-pink and/or pink. **Paw pads:** Lavender-pink and/or pink. **Eye color:** Gold or copper.

**CHOCOLATE CALICO SMOKE:** White with unbrindled patches of chocolate and red with a white undercoat. Patches to be clear and defined. As a preferred minimum, the cat should have white on the feet, legs, undersides, chest and muzzle. White blaze desirable. Some evidence of tabby markings are allowed in the red patches. **Nose leather and paw pads:** To conform to the already established solid requirements; nose leather and paw pads may also be pink. **Eye color:** Gold or copper. **Penalize:** Brindling.

**LILAC CALICO SMOKE:** White with unbrindled patches of lilac and cream with a white undercoat. Patches to be clear and defined. As a preferred minimum, the cat should have white on the feet, legs, undersides, chest and muzzle. White blaze desirable. Some evidence of tabby markings are allowed in the cream patches. **Nose leather and paw pads:** to conform to the already established solid requirements; nose leather and paw pads may also be pink. **Eye color:** Gold or copper. **Penalize:** Brindling.

**CHOCOLATE CALICO SMOKE VAN:** White with unbrindled patches of chocolate and red with white undercoat, confined to the extremities; head, tail and legs. One or two small colored patches on body allowable. **Eye color:** gold or copper. **Nose leather and paw pads:** to conform to the already established solid requirements; nose leather and paw pads may also be pink.

**LILAC CALICO SMOKE VAN:** White with unbrindled patches of lilac and cream with white undercoat, confined to the extremities; head, tail and legs. One or two small colored patches on body allowable. **Eye color:** Gold or copper. **Nose leather and paw pads:** to conform to the already established solid requirements; nose leather and paw pads may also be pink.

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**RATIONALE:** The addition of the above color descriptions allows the Breed Council the ability to describe the colors as desired for our breed.

YES: 5

NO: 18

ABSTAIN: 0

**STANDARD CHANGE (fails)**

Votes: 23

60% of Voting: 14

6. **PROPOSED:** Defines AOV color descriptions for the tabby and tabby and white colors to be added in accordance with the order presented in proposal #3.

**Current:**

None.

**Proposed:**

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

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

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

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

**OTHER TABBY AND WHITE:** (Classic, mackerel and spotted): Chocolate Tabby, Chocolate Patched Tabby, Lilac Tabby, or Lilac Patched Tabby. Where the tabby pattern is expressed the pattern should conform to the already established tabby pattern requirements, with allowances for the expression of white. As a preferred minimum, there should be some white on the feet, legs, undersides, chest and muzzle. Less white than this should be penalized proportionately. Symmetry of these markings, no matter the amount of color vs.

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white, is desired. White blaze desirable. **Nose leather and paw pads, eye color:** to conform to the already established tabby requirements: nose leather and paw pads may also be pink.

**CHOCOLATE TABBY AND WHITE** (Classic, mackerel, spotted): Same as for chocolate tabby with the addition of white. Blaze desirable. **Nose leather:** Brick red and/or pink. **Paw pads:** Black, brick red and/or pink. **Eye color:** Gold or copper.

**CHOCOLATE PATCHED TABBY AND WHITE** (classic, mackerel, spotted): Same as for chocolate patched tabby with the addition of white. Blaze desirable. **Nose leather:** Brick red and/or pink. **Paw pads:** Black, brick red and/or pink. **Eye color:** Gold or copper.

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

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

**OTHER VAN TABBY AND WHITE:** (Classic, mackerel, spotted) **Chocolate tabby and white van, lilac tabby and white van, chocolate patched tabby and white van or lilac patched tabby and white van.** White cat with colored portions confined to the extremities: head tail and legs. The colored portions conform to the currently established classic, mackerel, spotted and patched tabby color definitions. One or two colored patches on body allowable. **Nose leather and paw pads, eye color:** to conform to the already established tabby requirements: nose leather and paw pads may also be pink.

**RATIONALE:** The addition of the above color descriptions allows the Breed Council the ability to describe the colors as desired for our breed.

YES: 5

NO: 18

ABSTAIN: 0

**STANDARD CHANGE (fails)**

Votes: 23

60% of Voting: 14

- 7. PROPOSED:** Define AOV color descriptions for the parti-color colors to be added in accordance with the order presented in proposal #3.

**Current:**

None.

**Proposed:**

**CHOCOLATE TORTOISESHELL:** Chocolate and rich red to be softly mingled not patched. **Nose leather and paw pads:** Pink and/or cinnamon-pink. **Eye color:** Gold or

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copper. **Penalize:** Tabby markings in the chocolate, unbroken color on the paws. Large solid patches of color. **Disqualify:** White anywhere.

**LILAC CREAM:** Lilac and cream to be softly mingled not patched. **Nose leather and paw pads:** Pink and/or lavender-pink. **Eye color:** Gold or copper. Penalize: Tabby markings in the lilac, unbroken color on the paws. Large solid patches of color. **Disqualify:** White anywhere.

**CHOCOLATE CALICO:** White with unbrindled patches of chocolate and red. Patches to be clear and defined. As a preferred minimum, the cat should have white on the feet, legs, undersides, chest and muzzle. White blaze desirable. Some evidence of tabby markings are allowed in the red patches. **Nose leather and paw pads:** To conform to the already established solid requirements; nose leather and paw pads may also be pink. **Eye color:** Gold or copper. **Penalize:** Brindling.

**LILAC CALICO:** White with unbrindled patches of lilac and cream. Patches to be clear and defined. As a preferred minimum, the cat should have white on the feet, legs, undersides, chest and muzzle. White blaze desirable. Some evidence of tabby markings are allowed in the cream patches. **Nose leather and paw pads:** to conform to the already established solid requirements; nose leather and paw pads may also be pink. **Eye color:** Gold or copper. **Penalize:** Brindling.

**CHOCOLATE CALICO VAN:** White with unbrindled patches of chocolate and red confined to the extremities; head, tail and legs. One or two small colored patches on body allowable. **Eye color:** gold or copper. **Nose leather and paw pads:** to conform to the already established solid requirements; nose leather and paw pads may also be pink.

**LILAC CALICO VAN:** White with unbrindled patches of lilac and cream confined to the extremities; head, tail and legs. One or two small colored patches on body allowable. **Eye color:** Gold or copper. **Nose leather and paw pads:** to conform to the already established solid requirements; nose leather and paw pads may also be pink.

**RATIONALE:** The addition of the above color descriptions allows the Breed Council the ability to describe the colors as desired for our breed.

YES: 5

NO: 18

ABSTAIN: 0

**STANDARD CHANGE (fails)**

Votes: 23

60% of Voting: 14

- PROPOSED:** Define the AOV color class within the British Shorthair standard. Note: The registration of these colors will conform to the already established registration numbering system for solid, tabby, parti-color, bi-color and other British Shorthair colors. As these colors achieve the necessary levels of advancement for championship status, applications for advancement will be sent through the designated processes for review and acceptance. After acceptance for championship status the color will be moved from AOV to the correct color

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classification for showing purposes. The AOV class numbers will only be used to classify these colors for judging purposes when exhibiting.

**Current:**

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

**British Shorthair Color Class Numbers**

<b>OBSHC</b> (Other British Shorthair Colors) .....	2596	2597
...		
<b>AOV</b> .....	2598	2599

**Proposed:**

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**British Shorthair Color Class Numbers**

<b>OBSHC</b> (Other British Shorthair Colors) .....	2596	2597
...		
<b>AOV</b> .....	2598	2599

*(Chocolate, Lilac, Chocolate Calico Smoke, Lilac Calico Smoke, Chocolate Smoke, Lilac Smoke, Chocolate Tortoiseshell Smoke, Lilac Cream Smoke, Chocolate Tabby, Chocolate Patched Tabby, Lilac Tabby, Lilac Patched Tabby, Chocolate Tortoiseshell, Lilac Cream, Chocolate Calico, Lilac Calico, and any of these colors or patterns in combination with white).*

**RATIONALE:** By defining the AOV color class the Breed Council is clearly conveying our preference for the way these new colors are registered and exhibited until such time as they meet the advancement requirements for championship status.

YES: 6

NO: 16

ABSTAIN: 1

**STANDARD CHANGE (fails)**

Votes: 22

60% of Voting: 14

- 9. The Selkirk Rex Breed Council has a proposal to indefinitely extend the Selkirk Rex allowable outcrosses to British Shorthair, Persian, or Exotic. Here is their proposal, followed by the question about whether to support the proposed outcross extension.

**PROPOSED:** *To indefinitely extend the Selkirk Rex allowable outcrosses to British Shorthair, Persian, or Exotic.*

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**Current:**

**Selkirk Rex allowable outcross breeds:** British Shorthair, Persian, or Exotic. Kittens born on or after January 1, 2020 may have only Selkirk Rex parents.

**Proposed:**

**Selkirk Rex allowable outcross breeds:** British Shorthair, Persian, or Exotic. ~~Kittens born on or after January 1, 2020 may have only Selkirk Rex parents.~~

**Selkirk Rex Breed Council Rationale:** Selkirk Rex breeders have consistently supported outcrossing for the sake of the genetic diversity and improvement of the health and vigor of the breed. Since the Selkirk Rex gene pool is small, outcrossing improves the health of the breed by introducing variability to the existing gene pool. Outcrossing has the ability to strengthen and reinforce desirable traits, while mitigating potential genetic flaws. There is no impact on the breeds being used for outcrossing as these offspring would not be eligible to be shown as British Shorthair, Exotic, or Persian, nor is it the intention to ever do so.

Are you in favor of indefinitely extending the Selkirk Rex allowable outcrosses to British Shorthair, as proposed by the Selkirk Rex Breed Council?

YES: 9

NO: 14

ABSTAIN: 0

**REGISTRATION ISSUE (fails)**

Votes: 23

50% of Voting: 12

**The following proposal is to be considered if #9 does not pass:**

- 10.** If Proposal #9 fails, the Selkirk Rex Breed Council has a proposal to extend the Selkirk Rex outcrosses to British Shorthair, Persian, or Exotic to January 1, 2025. Here is their proposal, followed by the question about whether to support the proposed outcross extension.

**PROPOSED:** To extend the Selkirk Rex allowable outcrosses to January 1, 2025.

**Current:**

**Selkirk Rex allowable outcross breeds:** British Shorthair, Persian, or Exotic. Kittens born on or after January 1, 2020 may have only Selkirk Rex parents.

**Proposed:**

**Selkirk Rex allowable outcross breeds:** British Shorthair, Persian, or Exotic. Kittens born on or after January 1, ~~2020~~2025 may have only Selkirk Rex parents.

**Selkirk Rex Breed Council Rationale:** While our preference would be to have outcrosses indefinitely, an extension of the outcross deadline would allow Selkirk Rex breeders additional time to improve the genetic diversity of the breed.

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Are you in favor of extending the Selkirk Rex allowable outcrosses to British Shorthair to January 1, 2025, as proposed by the Selkirk Rex Breed Council?

YES: 14

NO: 9

ABSTAIN: 0

**REGISTRATION ISSUE (passes)**

Votes: 23

50% of Voting: 12

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**BRITISH SHORTHAI R BREED COUNCIL SECRETARY BALLOT**  
**For the Term January 1, 2015 – April 30, 2017**

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Ballot for the Election of

**BRITISH SHORTHAI R**

**Breed Council Secretary**

For the Term January 1, 2015 – April 30, 2017

20 Cynthia Byrd  
Brea, California

3 Abstain

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