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The Cat Fanciers' Association, Inc. 2015 BREED COUNCIL POLL

SELKIRK REX

Breed Council Secretary: Laura Jo Barber – Sevierville, TN

Total Members: 13

Ballots Received: 9

1. The RagaMuffin Breed Council has a proposal to allow outcross to the Selkirk Rex Longhair straight-hair variant. Here is their proposal, followed by the question about whether to support the proposed changes.

PROPOSED: *Add the Selkirk Rex LH (straight hair variant), as an outcross breed to the RagaMuffin for kittens born through July 31, 2030.*

Current:

RagaMuffin allowable outcross breeds: none

Proposed:

*RagaMuffin allowable outcross breeds: ~~none~~. **Selkirk Rex Longhair (straight hair variant), for kittens born on or before July 31, 2030. All kittens born after July 31, 2030 must have only RagaMuffin parents.***

RagaMuffin Breed Council Rationale: *The RagaMuffin breed is in need of an outcross. Breeders presently need fresh bloodlines and are finding cats are too related. Breeders have even imported cats back from Europe, but these cats came from the same foundation cats in America. Some health issues are beginning to occur, as lines have many of the same cats behind them. We have lost major breeders in the recent years, two foundation breeders dying that maintained a number of diverse cats. Unfortunately, most of their cats were not placed in breeding homes.*

We have talked to the Selkirk Breed Council Secretary, and she has no objection to placing this question on the Selkirk Rex ballot. This is a win/win for both breeds, as presently many of these straight haired cats are not retained in a breeding program. Our breed will be able to put these fresh bloodlines to very good use. The head type, being rounded in the right places, having a nice short muzzle, and puffiness to the whiskers makes for a decent match.

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They also have a good personality, which is important in our breed. The Selkirk currently uses the Persian as an outcross, and the Persian was used in the development of the RagaMuffin. We do not believe that the Persian Breed council will be agreeable to us using their cats at the present time, and when polled a couple years ago, they responded in a negative manner. In discussions within our council, we agreed upon the straight haired variant of the Selkirk Rex Longhair. We wish to expand our bloodlines, and keep our breed healthy and strong.

Selkirk Rex Breed Council Rationale: An earlier informal poll of the Selkirk Rex breed council did not produce any objection to allowing such an outcross. In fact, there was some support that believed that this would be a good use for the straight-haired variants. We believe that what the RagaMuffin Breed Council wishes to accomplish is the ability to obtain genetic diversity with an outcross with an open, sweet expression with good size and rounded muzzle. The longhaired, straight-haired variant of the Selkirk Rex would satisfy that need.

Are you in favor of allowing the RagaMuffin to use the Selkirk Rex Longhair straight-hair variants as an outcross for kittens born on or before July 31, 2030?

YES: 9

NO: 0

ABSTAIN: 0

REGISTRATION ISSUE (passes)

Votes: 9

> 50% of Voting: 5

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