

GUIDELINES FOR BREED STANDARD CHANGES

(Revised 9/14/2017)

Breed Standard Timeline for changes, advancement, and membership:

August 1: Breed Council membership deadline

August 1: New Breed/Color Application and Advancement deadline

August 1: BCS must have all proposed standard changes from BC members.

August 15: BCS must be notified of any breed color or advancement requests that might affect them (see below**)

August 15: Proposed breed standard questions to Breeds & Standards Committee for review.

September 18: BCS proposed standard changes must be received by Central Office

October 31: Breed ballots will be sent out by Central Office or on-line and available for voting on-line

December 19: Breed ballots due back to Central Office

** If a question dealing with the merging of two breeds for registration and/or show purposes or the disallowance of one breed as an outcross for another breed or the disallowance of the right to show one breed in the classes of another is to appear on one breed's ballot, the first secretary must submit the proposed change to the secretary of the other breed(s) by certified mail, postmarked by August 15.

All deadlines reflect date that application, advancement material, or ballots must be RECEIVED.

The guidelines below should be followed to ensure changes are clear. The following examples were taken from previous ballots and/or are fictional.

1) General Guidelines.

- a) Every proposed change should include the following:
 - i) A PROPOSED section describing the change.
 - ii) CURRENT standard wording for area being changed
 - iii) PROPOSED standard wording using guidelines below.
 - iv) A RATIONALE section describing the reason for the change.
- b) All deletions should be indicated using ~~strikethroughs~~.
- c) All additions should be underlined.
- d) Consistency is important within a breed description. For example: if eye color is listed on every color description, a new color description should include eye color.
- e) Recommendations for new colors should include the following:
 - i) A description of the new color consistent with color descriptions within the breed standard.
 - ii) Indication to list new color under breed color class numbers.
 - iii) Color class numbers may be included but the Central Office will assign final color class numbers.
- f) Other breed standards can sometimes be a useful source of information when trying to word new standard changes.

Consistency between standards when describing common features makes the standards easier to understand. However, do not reference another breed in your standard.
- g) Non-standard questions may be included and should be indicated as Informational Only.
- h) The ballot should be sent to the Breeds & Standards Co-Chairs so they can ensure all ballot items are received and eliminate last minute issues. The Breeds/Standards Committee will forward the ballot items to Central Office for final formatting.

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2) To Delete Wording:

- a) Name section within standard to be changed (ex. Disqualify, Body, etc).
- b) List section to be changed as currently written. List the entire section if possible.
- c) If the section is long, list sentence before and after desired change or provide the number of the sentence to be changed.
Indicate before and after using “...” to indicate wording before and after changes.
- d) Show deleted wording using ~~strikethroughs~~.

Example 1:

PROPOSED: From the PENALIZE section of the standard, REMOVE palpable and/or leaving the statement; Visible protrusion of the cartilage at the end of the sternum. The standard would read as follows:

Current: PENALIZE: pigmentation of nose leather and/or paw pads which is not consistent with the cat’s particular color description. Palpable and/or visible protrusion of the cartilage at the end of the sternum.

Proposed: PENALIZE: pigmentation of nose leather and/or paw pads which is not consistent with the cat’s particular color description. ~~Palpable and/or~~ Visible protrusion of the cartilage at the end of the sternum.

RATIONALE: This matches the change made to the Siamese standard last year. The reasons they removed it are applicable here also. If a zyphoid is not visible, it should not be penalized.

Example 2:

PROPOSED: Remove the following phrase, which is the fourth sentence of the current SMOKE AND WHITE color description “Less white than this minimum should be penalized proportionately”. The SMOKE AND WHITE color description should read as follows:

Current: SMOKE AND WHITE: ...As a preferred minimum, the cat should have white feet, legs, undersides, chest, and muzzle. Less white than this minimum should be penalized proportionately. An inverted “V” blaze is desirable.

Proposed: SMOKE AND WHITE: ...As a preferred minimum, the cat should have white feet, legs, undersides, chest, and muzzle. ~~Less white than this minimum should be penalized proportionately.~~ An inverted “V” blaze is desirable.

RATIONALE: The proposed change removes the concept of penalty and focuses on what is desirable-the aesthetic ideal. The change would result in the Smoke and White ASH color standard being written in only positive terms.

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3) To Add Wording:

- a) Name section within standard to be changed (ex. Disqualify, Body, etc).
- b) List section to be changed as currently written. List the entire section if possible.
- c) If the section is long, list sentence before and after desired change or provide the number of the sentence to be changed.
Indicate before and after using "...” to indicate wording before and after changes.
- d) Showing before and after wording is sometimes desirable.
- e) Words added should be underlined.

Example 1:

PROPOSED: Add the following phrase to the BODY section: “Graceful, long, and svelte.” Change to read as follows:

Current: BODY: Medium Sized. A distinctive combination of fine bones and firm muscles....

Proposed: BODY: Medium Sized. Graceful, long and svelte. A distinctive combination of fine bones and firm muscles. ...

RATIONALE: Currently, the word Graceful is missing from the CPSH standard. This proposal adds graceful to match the Siamese standard in describing the CPSH body. Since the CPSH structure is identical to the Siamese, the standards should be as similar as possible.

4) To Change Wording:

- a) Name section within standard to be changed (ex. Disqualify, Body, etc).
- b) List section to be changed as currently written. List the entire section if possible.
- c) If the section is long, list sentence before and after desired change or provide the number of the sentence to be changed.
Indicate before and after using "...” to indicate wording before and after changes.
- d) Showing wording before and after change.
- e) The proposed changes should be indicated by striking out words to be eliminated and underlining words to be added.

Example 1:

PROPOSED: Change the **SPOTTED TABBY PATTERN** as follows:

Current: Markings on the body to be dense, clearly defined and distinctly spotted. Spots may vary in size or shape with preference given to round, evenly distributed spots. Ideally, body spots should not run together in a broken mackerel line pattern but should subtly suggest a classic tabby pattern; a spot encircled by spots. A dorsal stripe runs down the length of this body to the tip of the tail. The dorsal strip is ideally composed of spots with alternating

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horizontal “brush strokes” and spots on the tail. There is an intricate tabby “M” on the forehead, with markings extending over the head between the ears and breaking into spots on the lower neck and shoulders. . An unbroken line runs back from the outer corner of the eye. Swirls on cheeks. Spots are scattered along the front shoulders and hind quarters extending as far as possible down the legs with broken necklaces further down on the lower leg and broken at the throat, the more broken the better. Buttons on belly desirable.

PROPOSED: Markings on the body to be dense, clearly defined and distinctly spotted. Spots may vary in size or shape. Body spots may subtly suggest a mackerel or classic pattern but may not be connected and preference given to spots in random pattern. A dorsal strip may run down the length of the body to the tip of the tail. Preference given to a dorsal strip composed of spots with alternating horizontal “brush strokes”. Tail may be barred with preference given to spots. There is an intricate tabby “M” on the forehead with markings extending over the head and between the ears and breaking into spots on the lower neck and shoulders. An unbroken line runs back from the outer corner of the eye. Swirls on cheeks. Spots are scattered along the front shoulders and hind quarters extending as far as possible down the legs with broken necklaces further down on the lower leg and broken at the throat, the more broken the better. Buttons on belly desirable.

RATIONALE: The PROPOSED Spotted Tabby Pattern more accurately describes the Spotted Tabby.