



THE CAT FANCIERS' ASSOCIATION, INC.

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The Cat Fanciers' Association, Inc. 2012 BREED COUNCIL POLL

ABYSSINIAN

Breed Council Secretary: Darrell Newkirk – Fairview Heights, IL

Total Members: 76

Ballots Received: 47

- 1.** The Ocicat Breed Council has proposed an extension to the Abyssinian outcross. Here is their proposal, followed by the question about whether to support an outcross extension.

PROPOSED: Amend the reference information at the end of the Ocicat breed standard and the rules for registration as follows:

Ocicat allowable outcross breeds:

Abyssinian for litters born before ~~1/1/2015~~ 12/31/2030.

OCICAT BREED COUNCIL RATIONALE: Based on the severe reduction in the number of Ocicat breeders in the United States from an active count of 116 in 1989 to less than 20 currently, continued unlimited access to genetic material from our parent breed (the Abyssinian) is vital to the genetic health of our breed. Since the last extension, approximately 30% of the current breed council members have availed themselves of the available outcross with others obtaining the genetic diversity through 2nd and 3rd generation offspring.

ABYSSINIAN BREED COUNCIL RATIONALE: The Ocicat breeders asked for an unlimited time limit last year which our Breed council did not support. There was support among our members if there was a cutoff date limit. This year they have proposed a cutoff date of 12/31/2030. This gives them several years to expand their gene pool. We do not have an issue with the look-alike hybrids with these outcrosses. Therefore, I would suggest that we approve this outcross date to help out one of our fellow CFA breeds.

Are you in favor of the outcross extension to December 31, 2030, as proposed by the Ocicat Breed Council?

REGISTRATION ISSUE (passes)

Votes: 46

50% of Voting: 24

YES: 41

NO: 5

ABSTAIN: 1

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