
PERSIAN – GENERAL

Breed Council Secretary: Linda Acomb – Fallbrook, CA

Total Members: 199

Ballots Received: 138

1. **PROPOSED:** Prohibit the showing of Longhair Exotics in Persian Color Classes effective May 1, 2014. Agree to the showing of Longhair Exotics in the Exotic divisions or breed classes as established by the Exotic breed.

CFA shall make the following changes to applicable Show Rules and Persian Rules of Registration in order to remove the showing of Longhair Exotics in Persian color classes (note: changes relating to the Exotic standard, the Exotic Listing within Article XXXII, Rule 32.01 of the Show Rules, and the Exotic Rules of Registration will be addressed by the Exotic BC):

- a. Revise Show Rule 2.04 to read as follows (text to be deleted in strike out): ~~With the exception of qualifying longhair Exotics (which may be shown in Persian classes), e~~ Each cat must be entered in the breed under which it is registered, and each kitten must be entered in the breed under which it is registered or eligible to be registered.
- b. Revise Article XXXII, Rule 32.01 of the Show Rules effective May 1, 2014 to eliminate the note at the end of the Persian listing. Revisions to the show rule are shown below (deletions are in strike out – there are no changes to the divisions and color classes included in the Persian listing).

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(See Note at End of Persian Listing)

~~**Note:** Longhair Exotics that meet Persian color descriptions are eligible to compete in Persian color classes. These cats, also referred to as AOV Exotics, are identified by a registration prefix of 7798-7799, 7698-7699 and 7598-7599. A longhair division for Exotics will be created for scoring purposes only and National/regional points accumulated by longhair Exotics shown in Persian color classes will count towards longhair Exotic breed and color class wins, not towards Persian wins.~~

- c. Add a note to the “Significant Acceptance Dates” section and add notes to the “Breed Notes” section of the Persian Rules of Registration indicating Longhair Exotics no longer accepted in competition in Persian classes.

RATIONALE: This question is on both the Persian and Exotic Breed Council ballots. In 2008, the Board required the Exotic and Persian Breed Council Secretaries to reach a compromise that would permit the showing of Longhair Exotics. The Board also informed the BC secretaries that they did not want a solution that permitted the showing of cats in separate breeds that would look alike to spectators at CFA shows. Consequently, the compromise approved in 2009 permitted Longhair Exotics that meet Persian color descriptions to be shown for championship status in Persian color classes. A Longhair

Division of Exotics was created for scoring purposes only – all national and regional points accumulated by Longhair Exotics shown in Persian color classes count towards Longhair Exotic Division wins, not towards Persian Division wins.

In February 2013, the Board approved a compromise allowing pointed Orientals in Colorpoint and Balinese colors to be shown in Shorthair and Longhair Pointed color classes within the Oriental breed. In order to maintain its credibility with breeders, the Board should resolve similar issues among subsets of breeds in the same way. Consequently since the Board has now approved the showing of “mimics” within their own breed instead of within their parent breed, it is only appropriate that Longhair Exotics no longer be allowed to be shown in Persian color classes; instead, Longhair Exotics should be shown in a Longhair Division of the Exotic breed.

This change will have no significant impact on the Exotic breed as Longhair Exotics currently receive wins in a Longhair Division of Exotic even though they are shown in Persian color classes. This change will also permit Longhair Exotics of any approved Exotic color to be shown for championship status, not just those conforming to an approved Persian color.

REGISTRATION ISSUE (passes)

Votes: 135

50% of Voting: 68

YES: 93

NO: 42

ABSTAIN: 3

2. The RagaMuffin Breed Council has proposed to re-establish a Persian outcross. Here is their proposal, followed by the question about whether to support an outcross.

PROPOSED: *Should the Persian breed be re-opened as an allowable outcross for a period of 5 years?*

Current:

RagaMuffin allowable outcross breeds: none

Proposed:

RagaMuffin allowable outcross breeds: ~~none~~ Persian, for all litters born between March 1, 2014 and December 31, 2019.

Ragamuffin Breed Council Rationale: *The RagaMuffin gene pool is small in number overall. The number of cats that were able to “transfer” registration from ACFA was decreased by Siberian blood in pedigrees, thereby decreasing the gene pool in CFA. Persians were used in the original development of the RagaMuffin and as an original outcross when this breed was accepted. This outcross, using pet-quality cats, was a good*

*source of new genes that enhanced the gene pool without causing major problems in type.
The five year period was chosen at the suggestion of the Persian Breed Council.*

Are you in favor of the re-establishing the outcross until December 31, 2019, as proposed by the RagaMuffin Breed Council?

REGISTRATION ISSUE (fails)

Votes: 132

50% of Voting: 66

YES: 60

NO: 72

ABSTAIN: 6