
SPHYNX

Breed Council Secretary: Dee Dee Cantley – La Habra, California
Total Members: 24
Ballots Received: 15

1. **PROPOSED:** Amend the reference information at the end of the Sphynx breed standard and rules for registration to add Devon Rex as an outcross breed until 2018, as follows:

Current:

Sphynx Allowable Outcross Breeds: American Shorthair, Domestic Shorthair/Domestic Sphynx Outcross. Sphynx born on or after December 31, 2015 may have only Sphynx parents.

Proposed:

Sphynx Allowable Outcross Breeds: American Shorthair, Devon Rex, Domestic Shorthair/Domestic Sphynx Outcross. Sphynx born on or after December 31, ~~2015~~2018 may have only Sphynx parents.

RATIONALE: It is vital that selective outcrossing be maintained to increase the Sphynx gene pool, and improve stamina and health. The Devon Rex gene and Sphynx Hairless gene are both recessive. However, the Sphynx Hairless gene is dominant to the Devon gene, meaning that if you have a cat with both the Sphynx Hairless gene and the Devon gene (i.e.; heterozygous Sphynx) the resulting cat will be hairless. Adding the Devon Rex as an allowable outcross would also bring CFA closer to other associations' registration rules regarding this breed. This might make it easier to register Sphynx cats from other associations, both as breeding cats and on the show bench. Additionally, having another pedigreed cat as an allowable outcross will enable breeders to research the pedigrees of both the American Shorthair and Devon Rex breeds for their breeding programs. This rule change may help to cut down disallowed cats being registered as "domestics" and used in outcross breeding of Sphynx.

Are you in favor of the proposed change to the Rules of Registration for Sphynx?

REGISTRATION ISSUE (passes)

Votes: 15
50% of Voting: 8

YES: 12

NO: 3

ABSTAIN: 0

2. **PROPOSED:** That Sphynx be exempted from the requirement to include a color description for show entries.

Should Sphynx be exempted from the requirement to include a color description upon entry to a show?

RATIONALE: Since there are no points on color in our standard and our color classes are not color specific, eliminating the color description for Sphynx from the judges' books and the catalog would remove any discussion or confusion between judges and exhibitors regarding hard-to-determine skin colorations. Entries would be class specific; i.e., Solid, Bi-Color or Any Other Sphynx Color.

The CFA standards would still describe allowable colors for all classes. Sphynx would still be registered with a color description, so breeders would be able to trace colors in pedigrees.

Are you in favor of the above proposal for show entries for Sphynx?

STANDARD CHANGE (passes)

Votes: 15

60% of Voting: 9

YES: 14

NO: 1

ABSTAIN: 0