

THE CAT FANCIERS' ASSOCIATION, INC.®

2022 Proposed Amendments and Resolutions

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PROPOSED BYLAW AMENDMENTS

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– 1 – CFA Executive Board

RESOLVED: Amend the CFA Bylaws, ARTICLE VI – OFFICERS AND DIRECTORS, Section 1 – Titles, and Section 6 – Resignations and Removal of Executive Board, to add that officers and directors must be members in good standing of the Association to hold office and that loss of “in good standing” shall deem the officer or director resigned immediately, as follows.

ARTICLE VI – OFFICERS AND DIRECTORS

Section 1 – Titles

The officers of this Association shall be President, Vice President, Secretary, and Treasurer.

The Directors of this Association shall consist of nine (9) Regional Directors, representing the geographical regions herein specified, provided that not more than one person resident in any one of the Regions specified shall be elected a Regional Director, and five (5) Directors at Large.

No person may hold more than one office.

Officers and Directors must at all times be members in good standing of the Association.

Section 6 – Resignations and Removal of Executive Board

a. Any Officer, Regional Director or Director-at-Large may resign at any time by giving written notice to the President or the Secretary. Such resignation shall take effect at the time specified therein or, if no time be specified, then on delivery. The Executive Board is not required to accept the resignation for the resignation to take effect. An Officer, Regional Director or Director-at-Large shall be deemed to have resigned if they are no longer a member in good standing of the Association with such resignation taking effect immediately when the individual is deemed to not be a member in good standing by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the Board of Directors.

RATIONALE: To maintain the integrity of the CFA, leaders of the Association, officers and directors must maintain “in good standing” status.

– 2 – CFA Executive Board

RESOLVED: Amend the CFA Bylaws, ARTICLE VI – OFFICERS AND DIRECTORS, Section 1 – Titles and Section 6 – Resignations and Removal of Executive Board, to clarify that Regional Directors may only be removed from office by voting member clubs in the region that elected the Regional Director, as follows:

ARTICLE VI – OFFICERS AND DIRECTORS

Section 6 – Resignations and Removal of Executive Board

b. Any ~~Regional Director or~~ Director-at-Large may be removed with cause by vote of the member clubs, or by two-thirds (2/3) vote of the entire Executive Board. “Cause” shall include, but not be limited to, the following: (1) failure to attend three consecutive Board meetings; (2) failure to attend four Board meetings during the course of the year; (3) violating policies and procedures of the Association; or (4) engaging in conduct detrimental to the best interests of the Association.

c. Any Officer may only be removed by vote of the voting member clubs with cause, provided that an Officer may be sus-

pending from performing the Officer’s duties by the Executive Board. “Cause” shall be defined as set forth in Section 6(b) above.

d. Any Regional Director may only be removed by vote of the voting member clubs in the Region who elected the Regional Director with cause. “Cause” shall be defined as set forth in Section 6(b) above.

RATIONALE: Regional Directors are voted into office by their regional clubs. New York law requires that only the body that elected the director may remove the director.

– 3 – *Sophisto Cat Club, China Kiwi Fanciers Cat Club, China Skyline Feline Fanciers Alliance, China Star Shiny Exotic Fanciers Alliance, Supreme Cat Fanciers Club, Tian Jin Mao Yuan Love Cat Club*

Amendments to the Bylaws to designate Mainland China as China – Region 10

RESOLVED: Amend the CFA Bylaws, Article IV – ANNUAL AND SPECIAL MEETINGS, Section 1 – Annual Meetings, first paragraph, as follows:

The Annual Meeting of the Association shall be held commencing on the third, fourth or fifth (if applicable) Friday in June, or the first Friday in July, of each year in each of the regions listed below successively (excluding the Japan, ~~and~~ Europe, and China regions), beginning in 1982 and in the following order:

RESOLVED: Amend the CFA Bylaws, Article V – FISCAL YEAR REPORTS AND AUDIT, Section 2 – Reports, paragraph c, as follows:

c. The Regional Directors of Regions ~~8 and 9~~ 8, 9, and 10 may maintain a treasury to defray the costs of regional activities in Regions ~~8 and 9~~ 8, 9, and 10. Contributions to any such regional fund shall be on a voluntary basis.

RESOLVED: Amend the CFA Bylaws, Article VI – OFFICERS AND DIRECTORS, Section 1 – Titles, as follows:

The officers of this association shall be President, Vice President, Secretary, and Treasurer.

The Directors of this Association shall consist of ~~nine (9)~~ ten (10) Regional Directors, representing the geographical regions herein specified, provided that not more than one person resident in any one of the Regions specified shall be elected a Regional Director, and five (5) Directors at Large.

No Person shall hold more than one office.

RESOLVED: Amend the CFA Bylaws, Article VII – EXECUTIVE BOARD, Section 1 – Membership, as follows:

The government of the affairs of this Association shall be in the hands of the Executive Board. The President, the Vice President, the Secretary, the Treasurer, the ~~nine (9)~~ ten (10) Regional Directors, and the five (5) Directors at Large of this Association shall be members of the Executive Board.

RESOLVED: Amend the CFA Bylaws, Article VIII – REGIONS, Section 1 – Geographical Boundaries, as follows:

The United States, Canada, Bermuda, Mexico, Japan, ~~and~~ Europe, and China are divided into ~~nine (9)~~ ten (10) geographical regions as follows:

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REGION 9 – EUROPE

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REGION 10 – CHINA

Mainland China to include the provinces of Hebei, Shanxi, Liaoning, Jilin, Heilongjiang, Jiangsu, Zhejiang, Anhui, Fujian, Jiangxi, Shandong, Henan, Hubei, Guangdong, Hunan, Hainan, Sichuan, Guizhou, Yunnan, Shaanxi, Gansu, Qinghai; the autonomous regions of Inner Mongolia, Guangxi, Tibet, Ningxia, and Xinjiang.

RATIONALE: These amendments came from discussions at a CFA Board Meeting. Currently there are three (3) representatives attending each board meeting - two (2) from Mainland China and one (1) from Hong Kong. Mainland China has continued to be a major participant in CFA activity since its first show in Beijing March 2004. Many of CFA's current policies, practices and procedures were precipitated by the expansion of CFA services in Asia; CATS, online CFA services are just a few. It is time to offer this vital area a seat at the CFA Board Table. China is now ranked as the second largest cat owning population in the World - topped only the United States. CFA's credibility in China would be greatly enhanced by having a "seat at the table" of the World's Largest Registry of Pedigreed Cats.

If the amendments are adopted, it is recommended the CFA President as of 26 June 2022 call for a special election to elect a Region 10 director. This special election is to be held no later than 60 days after the close of the CFA Annual Meeting 2022.

– 4 – *Sophisto Cat Club*

RESOLVED: Amend CFA Bylaws, ARTICLE VI – OFFICERS AND DIRECTORS, Section 2 – Elections, paragraph b. to allow all CFA clubs in good standing the opportunity to vote for officers and directors, and to seat a delegate at annual meetings, to read as follows:

b. Eligibility to Vote. In order to be eligible to vote, a member club must be in good standing as of February 1 of the year in which the election is held. Additionally, only clubs assigned to a particular region shall be eligible to vote for the Regional Director for that region. Although International Division member clubs will not vote for a Regional Director, they are eligible to vote for officers and Directors-at-Large if they hold a licensed CFA show within the previous show season. ~~As used in the paragraph the previous show season shall mean the show season ending immediately preceding the election.~~

AND

RESOLVED: Amend CFA Bylaws, ARTICLE IX – INTERNATIONAL, subparagraph d, delete in its entirety, and re-letter subsequent paragraphs as appropriate, i.e., subparagraph e is now d, and f is now e.

~~d. Notwithstanding any of the provisions of Article IV of this Constitution, only those 'International Members' holding a licensed CFA show within the previous show season will be entitled to be a delegate and cast a vote at any annual or special meeting of members. Only those 'International Members' qualifying for entitlement to vote will be counted in computing the number of members required or members present for quorum purposes at a meeting of members.~~

RATIONALE: The original provisions were written and accepted at the 1998 Annual Meeting, twenty- three (23) years ago. Our member clubs in the International Division are full partners in CFA and deserve to be recognized as such. Many clubs in the International Division have been disenfranchised by national COVID-19 restrictions and by the restrictions on show production placed on all member clubs by the CFA Board of Directors in order to try to protect our cat fancy during this pandemic. Many clubs are experiencing increased delays in show production because of COVID-19 restrictions.

– 5 – *CFA Executive Board*

RESOLVED: Amend CFA Bylaws, ARTICLE VI – OFFICERS AND DIRECTORS, Section 2 – Elections, paragraph e. regarding election ballot tallying, to read as follows:

e. Election Procedure. On or before April 25 of each election year, the Central Office shall send by electronic means or mail to all member clubs in good standing and eligible to vote, ballots listing all candidates for whom timely declarations were received. Central Office shall establish procedures, subject to approval by the Executive Board of Directors, for optional electronic voting which shall include securing, printing, and appropriately destroying electronic ballots. Returned ballots must be received by the Central Office by June 1 of such year in order to be counted. Ballots returned by mail shall remain sealed until the Annual Meeting, at which time duly appointed inspectors will supervise the opening and counting of the ballots. Electronic ballots may be tabulated electronically or ~~Electronic ballots shall be~~ individually printed by Central Office and brought to the Annual Meeting to be tabulated by the inspectors with the mailed ballots. Ballots that are illegible, incomplete or those containing write-in candidates shall be considered void. Ballots in elections for Directors-at-Large selecting less than five (5) candidates (or less than all declared candidates if fewer than five) shall be considered incomplete. Results shall be announced at the Annual Meeting as soon as the ballots have been tabulated. Ballots shall remain under the control of the inspectors until a motion to destroy the ballots is passed at which time the ballots shall be destroyed under the supervision of the inspectors. No person other than a duly appointed inspector shall have access to the ballots until after they are destroyed. If the duly appointed inspectors are unable to conduct in-person tabulation of ballots, the Board shall establish a procedure to assure ballots are tabulated by a neutral audit firm with results reviewed and approved by a subcommittee appointed by the chair of the Credentials Committee.

RATIONALE: The Virtual Annual Committee recommended electronically tallying ballots as an alternative to the counting of paper ballots done by the appointed Tellers/Credentials Committee. The electronic tallying of ballots is as accurate as a hand count and is instantaneous versus a hand count which typically takes 3-4 hours. This amendment provides the option of an electronic tally and does not remove the ability for a paper ballot count. The passing of this amendment will make it effective for the 2023 Annual. The hand counting of paper ballots will be done for the 2022 Annual and compared to the electronic tally to, once again, confirm the accuracy of an electronic tally.

– 6 – *CFA Executive Board*

RESOLVED: Amend the CFA Bylaws, ARTICLE VII – EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETINGS AND VOTING, Section 3 – Quorum, subparagraph a., to correct a reference to a section which no longer exists.

ARTICLE VII – EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETINGS AND VOTING

Section 3 – Quorum

a. The presence of ten (10) members of the Board shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business. A majority of the Executive Board members present, whether or not a quorum is present, may adjourn any meeting to another time and place provided that notice is provided in accordance with Section 4(b) 2 above.

RATIONALE: In updating the CFA Bylaws a dead-end reference was overlooked. This housekeeping resolution corrects that error.

– 7 – *Lilac Point Fanciers*

RESOLVED: Amend Articles XIII and XVII of the CFA Bylaws to determine 2/3rds affirmative votes based on delegates present at the time of the vote, not based on the number checked in on Friday morning, as follows.

ARTICLE XIII — RULES AND STANDARDS

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Delegates and proxies to the Annual Meeting of the Association may change such Show Rules of the Association as have general

applicability (but not those affecting specifically any color, breed, or division) by a two-thirds (2/3) affirmative vote, provided that any such proposed Show Rules changes are noticed by the Association's Central Office to all member clubs in good standing at least 45 days prior to the Annual Meeting. Proposed changes not included in such notice, or included but amended prior to adoption, or adopted by a vote of less than two-thirds (2/3), shall be advisory only. Show Rule changes so adopted shall be effective on May 1 of the year following adoption, unless a different effective date is specifically stated in the adopted change. In the event of a hand count or roll call vote, the number of votes needed for 2/3rds shall be established at the time of the vote and based on those delegates or proxies voting. An abstention is not a vote for purposes of calculating 2/3rds. A delegate or proxy that is present but does not vote is an abstention.

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ARTICLE XVII — AMENDMENTS

These Bylaws may be amended by an Annual or Special Meeting of member clubs by two-thirds (2/3) of the votes entitled to be cast by the delegates present at the meeting in person or by proxy, provided that the proposed amendment, together with notice of time and place of the meeting, has been provided by the Central Office of this Association, or by a member club proposing the amendment, to each member club at least forty-five (45) days prior to the meeting. In the event of a hand count or roll call vote, the number of votes needed for 2/3rds shall be established at the time of the vote and based on those delegates or proxies voting. An abstention is not a vote for purposes of calculating 2/3rds. A delegate or proxy that is present but does not vote is an abstention.

RATIONALE: Each time we change parliamentary advisors, we get a different ruling for hand counts on how to determine 2/3rds of the delegates to know whether an amendment or resolution passed. Sometimes, we don't even have to change advisors for that method to change! Some years, it is 2/3rds of the delegates that have checked in by Friday morning, and sometimes it is 2/3rds of the delegates in the room at the time of the vote. We need consistency.

When the chair calls the vote at an in-person annual, the chair views the hands raised by the delegates and gauges whether there are 2/3rds raised for constitutional amendments, 2/3rds or 50% raised for show rule resolutions. When the chair does this, the chair is trying to determine the percentage based on the delegates **present at the time of the vote**. None of this would change. The chair would still visualize the raised hands and determine 2/3rds or 50%. Most of the time, we are already determining 2/3rds based on delegates voting.

If someone challenges the chair's decision, we have a hand count by the credentials committee. That also would not change. However, this is when the advice of the parliamentarian matters. With a hand count, the chair must determine whether the yes votes are 2/3rd, but of what number of delegates? The chair can ask the parliamentarian for advice, and that advice can change with every new parliamentarian and every new chair.

Some years when we have a hand count, the chair has determined the percentage based on the number of delegates that checked in to the annual. For example, if 300 delegates checked in, then 2/3rds is 200 votes. Other years, the chair has determined the percentage based on the number of votes at the time of the vote. 300 may have checked in Friday morning, but by afternoon there might only be 270 voting, and 2/3rds is 180. One year, the chair would use 200, another year the chair would use 180. This amendment would ensure the method is always based on the number voting at the time of the vote and would use the 180 value. This would match the method of visualizing raised hands!

The chair would still visualize the raised hands to determine 2/3rds and we would only use the added sentence when there is a hand count or roll call vote.

According to Robert's Rules, abstentions are not votes. From Robert's Rules: "To 'abstain' means not to vote at all, and a member who makes no response if 'abstentions' are called for abstains just as much as one who responds to that effect." A delegate abstains when they want to remain neutral. Counting an abstention as a vote to get the total number of votes to figure 2/3rds is the same as counting abstentions as no votes. As such, they should not count when calculating the threshold for 2/3rds. The added language avoids confusion about abstentions and non-votes.

One argument against this could be that we might pass proposals with very few delegates in the room. This will not be a problem. At any point in a meeting, the chair or any delegate may suggest the absence of a quorum (they do this in the US Congress all the time to stall because then the chair has to take attendance). If there is not a quorum, voting would cease. We would not be able to pass any proposals with less than a quorum in the room at any time.

We can count our votes in any of a number of different ways, but we should not change how we do that every year. If you want to count based on those present at check-in, you might think to vote no on this amendment. But I guarantee you, at some point in the future, some chair and parliamentarian will read the word "present" and interpret it differently from what you think it should be. We need to pick a lane and formalize it so that there is no question about how to determine 2/3rds.

We need consistency from year to year. This resolution gives us consistency and encapsulates the method that the chair now uses to determine votes by visualizing the hand count – the number voting at the time of the vote. If some delegates go out to get ice cream or go to the pool, they would no longer affect the 2/3rds threshold.

PROPOSED SHOW RULE RESOLUTIONS

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– 8 – 44 Gatti, Felinus International, Feline Fanciers of Benelux, Universal Cats Club

BRONZE, SILVER AND GOLD KITTEN, new titles for kitten class

These new titles, Bronze Kitten, Silver Kitten and Gold Kitten, are awarded to any kitten that achieves at least 11 or more top 10/top 15 finals allbreed/specialty.

- From 11 to 20 finals are requested to obtain the title of Bronze Kitten (BK);
- From 21 to 30 finals are requested to obtain the title of Silver Kitten (SK);
- 31 or more finals are requested to obtain the title of Gold Kitten (GK).

There is no limit to the number of shows where the kitten can earn the finals. Only shows with at least 20 kittens allbreed present (or 20 kittens longhair/shorthair present for specialty ring) will be considered for a final to count towards this award. These titles will not appear in the show catalog and in the judge's book, and only one competitive class for kittens will remain (kitten class, divided between Longhair and Shorthair). The title (BK, SK or GK) is placed after the cat's name and will not be confirmed to the cat's record (pedigree, Herman online, ...) until the Central Office has received a Bronze, Silver or Gold kitten level claim form and appropriate fees. Kittens shown with a temporary registration number will have the title confirmed subject to a permanent registration number (they could either obtain the Bronze Kitten title in one weekend with two one day 6 rings shows, as well as throughout the whole TRN timeframe).

RESOLVED: Amend Show Rules 2.20.a., 6.16, 7.07, 27.01 to add a new titles of "BK/SK/GK" for the Kitten Class, as follows:

2.20 NON-CHAMPIONSHIP CLASSES

a. The KITTEN CLASS is for any kitten, male or female, altered or unaltered, not less than 4 months but under 8 calendar months old on the opening day of the show, which, if an adult, would be eligible to compete in a Championship/Premiership Class. Any kitten that achieves from 11 to 20 top 10/top 15 finals allbreed/specialty is eligible for the title of Bronze Kitten (BK). Any kitten that achieves from 21 to 30 top 10/top 15 finals allbreed/specialty is eligible for the title of Silver Kitten (SK). Any kitten that achieves 31 or more top 10/top 15 finals allbreed/specialty is eligible for the title of Gold Kitten (GK). There is no limit to the number of shows where the kitten can earn the finals, but all these finals must be in Kitten class. Only shows with at least 20 kittens allbreed present (or 20 kittens longhair/shorthair present for specialty ring) will be considered for a final to count towards this award. This title will not appear in the show catalog and in the judge's book. A Bronze Kitten, Silver Kitten or Gold Kitten is listed in the show catalog and in the judge's book as a kitten, and competes in kitten class and counts as a kitten.

6.16 The temporary registration number (TRN) is obtained for the exhibitor from the CFA Central Office via the Entry Clerk. Temporary Registration numbers will be issued by the entry clerk upon receipt of the appropriate TRN fee (which is in addition to the club's entry fee), application form, and a four generation pedigree (or whatever is required for registration of that breed if fewer than four generations are required, or a five generation pedigree if the cat/kitten is a Bengal) issued either by CFA or a cat registering body recognized by CFA, with all cats on the pedigree being acceptable for that breed per current registration requirements. This would include longhair Exotics shown as Persians (see rule 6.08). If both parents of the entry are registered with CFA, the CFA registration numbers of the parents are acceptable in place of a pedigree. The fee, application form, and pedigree (or CFA registration numbers, if applicable) must be provided to the entry clerk no later than the close of check-in for the show and these will be provided to Central Office in the show package. The Entry Clerk will not issue a TRN until they are in receipt of the application, fee, AND pedigree (or CFA registration numbers, if applicable). Upon review, which is done prior to the show being scored, the registration number will either remain valid for 60 days from the first day of the show, or be voided if CFA registration requirements are not met for the breed being registered. In cases where the TRN is voided, those cats will not be included in the Official Count for the associated category (C/P). Central Office will notify any exhibitor whose temporary registration number is voided with the basis for such decision. In the case of a Bengal pedigree deemed invalid because it contains an Asian Leopard Cat, the application will be forwarded to the Board for disciplinary action against the exhibitor for violating show rule 10.10 by bringing a non-domestic feline into the show hall. Note: wins will also be voided if a cat/kitten competes in a competitive category not otherwise eligible based on its permanent registration, e.g., offspring of a "not-for-breeding" cat competing in Championship. Temporary registration numbers will be printed in the catalog as if they were permanent. Cats/Kittens may compete and continue to earn points for 60 days from the first day of the first show where they have obtained a TRN. That number should be used on all subsequent entries after the first show for the 60-day period or until the cat obtains a permanent registration number within that 60-day period. At the end of this 60-day period, the cat/kitten may not be shown without a permanent registration number. For cats/kittens to receive credit

for Bronze Kitten, Silver Kitten or Gold Kitten, Regional, Divisional or National points earned during a specific show season with a TRN, the exhibitor must supply the associated permanent registration number to Central Office by the Monday following the completion of that show season.

7.07 An official CFA championship claim form/kitten claim form and application to obtain a Companion Cat Registration Number, or facsimiles thereof must be printed or inserted in the show catalog.

[Insert New Article XXVII and renumber subsequent articles and sections]

Article XXVII

OBTAINING TITLES – BRONZE KITTEN/SILVER KITTEN/GOLD KITTEN

27.01 The titles Bronze Kitten (BK), Silver Kitten (SK) and Gold Kitten (GK) are awarded to any kitten that achieves at least 11 or more top 10/top 15 finals allbreed/specialty.

From 11 to 20 top 10/top 15 finals allbreed/specialty are requested to obtain the title of Bronze Kitten, BK; From 21 to 30 top 10/top 15 finals allbreed/specialty are requested to obtain the title of Silver Kitten, SK; 31 or more top 10/top 15 finals allbreed/specialty are requested to obtain the title of Gold Kitten, GK. All these finals must be in Kitten class. Only shows with at least 20 kittens allbreed present (or 20 kittens longhair/shorthair present for specialty ring) will be considered for a final to count towards this award. These titles will not appear in the show catalog and in the judge's book. A BK, SK or GK is listed in the show catalog and in the judge's book as a kitten.

27.02 Bronze, Silver and Gold Kitten titles may be claimed by filing the appropriate form printed on show catalog or by submitting the confirmation form available on the CFA website, and paying a fee. There is no time limit to claim the title. The title will be automatically added to a cat's record once the requirements have been met. The Bronze Kitten, Silver Kitten or Gold Kitten title is placed after the cat's name.

27.03 A kitten eligible and shown in the Kitten class will compete concurrently for the Regional/National Awards, and the Bronze, Silver and Gold kitten levels.

RATIONALE: The aim of this proposal is to attract new exhibitors at the CFA shows all around the world. Not all exhibitors are in a position to achieve a Regional/national award. Sometimes, showing a kitten with the awareness of not achieving any title could be uninspiring for exhibitors only joining local or few shows yearly. There are many high quality cats only shown successfully once or twice as kittens which achieve no title for these results. These new titles could be an incentive, a manner to show again and encourage more kitten entries. The Bronze, Silver or Gold Kitten titles aim at certifying a kitten merit, an award to assign to all kittens that achieves at least 11 or more top 10/top 15 finals allbreed/specialty. These titles don't appear in the catalog. In catalog the kittens will always be into one competition class, the KITTEN class, without no one distinction. With the introduction of these titles also exhibitors who are not planning to run for a regional/national title can however show their kittens with the aim of obtaining a title. This achievement is affordable also for occasional exhibitors who usually show in other associations. This proposal, already presented in 2021, was improved on the ground of observations received during the last CFA Annual Meeting. The Bronze, Silver and Gold levels for kitten class parallels the Bronze, Silver and Golden Levels for champion/premier cats. It is a way to create a link between the kitten class and the championship class. For kittens, having a shorter show career before entering championship, the BK/SK/GK title is not based on points (which could be "piled up" in a longer time for a CH going to GC), but on the number of finals achieved.

CENTRAL OFFICE NOTE: *the estimated cost to implement the*

BK/SK/GK title is \$13,000-\$18,000 U.S. Although there is no significant programming to the scoring software needed since a claim form must be filed, all other programs will need to be modified to add the title to registrations, pedigrees, reports, etc. since there are no provisions to handle multiple titles @ the end of a cat's name.

- 9 - Abyssinian Midwest Breeders, The Bengal Alliance

RESOLVED: Amend Show Rules 11.07, 11.26 and 13.03 to allow cats who have left the show hall to retain their awards from finals called after advertised show hours, as follows:

11.07 An entry must be present and available for class judging when the time for judging each entry is reached. An entry not so presented or available will be marked absent and the class will be judged as if such an entry had not been benched. In addition, for those cats marked MAb on the absentee/transfer sheets, those cats will also be marked absent even if that cat shows up to the judging ring for judging. It is the responsibility of the exhibitor or the exhibitor's agent to see that the cat or kitten is presented for class judging when the entry number is called the first time. **Only one call to the judging ring is required.**

AND

11.26 Voiding of Wins by the judge.

a. A judge must void any win, including any win in the finals, when in his opinion there is no entry with sufficient merit to receive it.

b. When an entry has been removed from the show hall and is not available to be present for a final taking place during advertised show hours for the finals, it is ineligible for a finals award. The judge must take one of the following actions:

1. The judge will void the win and leave the position open. The judge should announce that had the absent cat been present, it would have received the appropriate award; or,

2. The judge will void the win, move all lesser placing finalists up one position and select a substitute cat, which is mechanically eligible exclusive of the absent cat, for the last position (fifteenth, tenth, fifth, second or third, whichever is applicable). The judge should announce that had the absent cat been present, it would have received the appropriate award. The judge's finals sheet will show which cat's win was voided and which cat substituted.

c. When a final takes place after the close of advertised show hours, if a cat chosen for the final is no longer present in the show hall, the judge may hang its award on an empty cage.

~~In no case will a judge hang an award on an empty cage.~~

AND

13.03 All benched entries with the exception of kittens, Veterans and Household Pets, must remain in the show hall until the advertised closing hour. Failure to be present may cause all awards won in that show by that entry to be voided with the following exceptions:

a. Any entry absent from rings judged after the advertised closing time of the final day of the show shall retain awards previously won but shall not be eligible for any awards made after their removal provided the show manager is notified of the entry's absence.

b. Entries chosen for a final that is posted after advertised show hours are eligible to retain the points for that final, even if they have left the show hall.

~~b. c.~~ Household Pets may be removed at an earlier hour than the closing of the show as determined by the show manager.

RATIONALE: Exhibitors should not be penalized, forced to be present, or forfeit wins or potential finals when finals continue past the advertised ending time as printed on the show flyer, which is outlined in rule 5.01g. Often exhibitors and judges alike have travel schedules that cannot be altered. At the very least this amendment will make show management, judges and exhibitors more focused on time constraints when planning and producing shows, and will allow exhibitors the choice of leaving the show, if finals continue past closing time, without penalty. If the club knows they are having a trainee at their show, then they can write the advertised show hours for exhibitors as needed. Clubs also have the option of having spectator show hours and exhibitor show hours advertised on their flyers. This is a part of the club's job in providing good customer service.

- 10 - The Bengal Alliance

PROPOSED: Amend Show Rules 11.28 and 11.29.a. to add additional Champion and Premier finals spots once a threshold of entries has been reached, as follows:

11.28 In Allbreed rings the Championship finals awards will be Best through 10th Best Cat when cat entries are less than 85, for Championship entries of 85 or more the final awards will be Best through 15th Best Cat; Best, 2nd Best and 3rd Best Champion, Best, 2nd Best and 3rd Best Longhair Champion, and Best, 2nd Best and 3rd Best Shorthair Champion, unless top 15 threshold has been reached. Best through Fifth Best Champion, Best through Fifth Best Longhair Champion, and Best through Fifth Best Shorthair Champion once top 15 threshold has been reached. Kitten finals awards will be Best through 10th Best Kitten when kitten entries are less than 75, for kitten entries of 75 or more the final awards will be Best through 15th Best Kitten. Premiership finals awards will be Best through 10th Best Cat when cat entries are less than 50, for Premiership entries of 50 or more the final awards will be Best through 15th Best Cat; Best and 2nd Best Premier, Best and 2nd Best Longhair Premier, Best and 2nd Best Shorthair Premier unless top 15 threshold has been reached. Best, 2nd, and 3rd Best Premier, Best, 2nd, and 3rd Best Longhair Premier, Best, 2nd, and 3rd Best Shorthair Premier will be awarded if top 15 threshold has been reached. Veteran Class finals awards will be Best through 5th Best Cat or Best through 10th Best Cat as determined by show management.

11.29 a. In Longhair/Shorthair Specialty rings the Championship finals will be Best through 10th Best Cat when cat entries are less than 85, for Championship entries of 85 or more the final awards will be Best through 15th Best Cat; Best, 2nd Best and 3rd Best, unless top 15 threshold has been reached. Best through Fifth Best Champion, through Fifth Best Longhair Champion, and Best through Fifth Best Shorthair Champion once top 15 threshold has been reached. Kitten finals awards will be Best through 10th Best Kitten when kitten entries are less than 75, for kitten entries of 75 or more the final awards will be Best through 15th Best Kitten. Premiership finals awards will be Best through 10th Best Cat when cat entries are less than 50, for Premiership entries of 50 or more the final awards will be Best through 15th Best Cat; Best and 2nd Best Premier unless top 15 threshold has been reached. Best, 2nd, and 3rd Best Premier, Best, 2nd, and 3rd Best Longhair Premier, Best, 2nd, and 3rd Best Shorthair Premier will be awarded if top 15 threshold has been reached. Veteran Class finals awards will be Best through 5th Best Cat or Best through 10th Best Cat as determined by show management. b. In Breed/Division specialty rings the Championship finals will be Best through 10th Best Cat, Best and 2nd Best Champion; the Kitten finals awards will be Best through 10th Best Kitten; the Premiership finals awards will be Best through 10th Best Cat, Best and 2nd Best Premier. Veteran Class finals awards will be Best through 5th Best Cat or Best

through 10th Best Cat as determined by show management. For the purpose of determining the counts listed in a. and b., AOV, Novice, Provisional, Miscellaneous and Veteran class entries will not be counted.

RATIONALE: We would like to see larger count shows be more appealing to the quality cats that attend them. Awarding additional champion/premier placements when the count warrants it is a value-added opportunity for more deserving cats to earn grand points.

CENTRAL OFFICE NOTE: *the estimated cost to implement the additional final placements for champions/premiers is in the range of \$15,000-\$20,000. The scoring software, the software to score the International Cat Show (currently the additional placements are for breed, not necessarily champion) and the entry clerk software (to produce the additional placement lines in judge's books and the catalog) will need to be modified. Printed show forms (master clerk and judge forms) will need to be modified and printed (minimal cost).*

- 11 - New England Meow Outfit, Happy Alternative Cat Club, Ocicats International, Central Carolina Cat Fanciers, New Vision Cat Club, Feline Forum of Greater NY, Cat's Incredible, Inc., Tropical Cats, Miami Florida Cat Fanciers, Moonport Cat Club, Las Vegas Cat Club, Show Me Cat Fanciers, Show and Tell Cat Club, Gulf Shore Consortium

RESOLVED: Add language to Show Rule 20.05 to clarify when clubs are expected to provide meals for judges and provide additional details about accommodations, as follows:

20.05 Clubs are required to provide individual hotel accommodations for each judge for the night before the beginning of a judge's judging, the night after the completion of a judge's judging, and for each night in between, if any. Meals are to be provided within this same time frame; meals and beverages must also be made available at the show. Clubs shall not ask judges to share rooms (although judges may volunteer to do so).

For shows where the judge has traveled more than 2800 miles from their departure airport to their arrival airport, clubs are required to provide two nights before the beginning of a judge's judging, each night in between, if any, and the night after the completion of judging. Meals are to be provided within this time frame. Should an "act of God" storm (ice and/or snow) occur which prevents a judge from returning home after the club's responsibility ends, the judge may send an itemized bill of room and meal expenses to the CFA Central Office for reimbursement.

Clubs must provide hotel accommodations, if required, for each international overseas, or guest judge, as appropriate, for the period between consecutive weekend shows. If the judge does not stay at the show hotel and travels to other locations during the period of the contracted shows, no more than the cost of the show hotel may be charged by the judge, as well as reasonable meals which shall be reimbursed by the club. No club will incur costs greater than if they had contracted to judge separately.

RATIONALE: It might appear that the need to provide meals for judges is a basic common-sense issue that does not need to be spelled out in show rules, but a few recent occurrences have demonstrated otherwise. It is not rational to expect judges to work through an entire show without food or drink, and they should not need to leave the ring in search of it. And, while judges frequently offer to share hotel rooms, it would be helpful if clubs were made aware that they should neither expect or request this.

Adding this language would not create any sort of imposition on most show-producing clubs and would provide useful guidance for newer clubs.

- 12 - Lilac Point Fanciers

RESOLVED: Amend Show Rules, Article XXXVI – NATIONAL/REGIONAL/DIVISIONAL AWARDS PROGRAM, DETERMINATION OF SHOW POINTS, to remove the 5% decrements from scoring in all classes, as follows:

DETERMINATION OF SHOW POINTS

Points are awarded in the following manner based on the wins achieved in each ring and the official show count of cats/kittens/household pets in competition.

Eligible Wins

- ~~1. Best cat/kitten/household pet — one point for each cat/kitten defeated. Each cat/kitten in each championship/premier-ship/kitten/household pet final – one point for each cat/kitten defeated.~~
- ~~2. 2nd Best cat/kitten/household pet (HHP) — 95% of the points awarded to best cat/kitten/HHP, 3rd best cat/kitten/HHP 90%, 4th best 85%, 5th best 80%, etc.~~
2. Best of breed/division – one point for each cat/kitten defeated within the breed/division.
3. 2nd best of breed/division – 95% of the points awarded to best of breed/division.
4. Points achieved in individual rings are added to determine an entry's total points for the show. In all cases an entry will receive the points from only one award per ring – that which carries the most points.

RATIONALE: This resolution removes the decrement scoring system for all classes in finals scored for National/Regional points. This does not change the decrement for the orange ribbon (2nd Best of Breed/Division) or for champion/premier points.

There is a severe math penalty in the decrements in finals. In a final of 101 cats, Best Cat defeats 100 cats and gets 100 points. 10th best cat defeats 90 cats but only gets 55 points. 10th best cat gets 55% of the points after defeating 90% of the cats, 15th best cat gets 30% of the points after defeating 85% of the cats. The math penalty gets worse in a top 20 final such as we have at the International Show in the kitten class. In a class of 101 kittens, 20th best kitten would defeat 80 kittens but get only 5 points, defeating 80% of the kittens and getting just 5% of the points. The bigger the class, the worse the math penalty for being low in the final even though the cat defeats many other cats.

The biggest impact of this change would be for the cats that make a few finals in a show or that make them low, as in the bottom third of a top 15. The value of top 15 finals and specialty rings would improve. Does this benefit the NW-campaigned cats? The top NW campaigners are already making finals high and already getting the "math" benefit from getting a higher percentage of the points from cats defeated, they would likely continue to rank high as with the decrement system. Strategy might change for some, and some of the races might be closer for longer. Exhibitors vying for the NWs will adjust their strategy as they did when we changed from the ring-point-averaging system to top 100 rings and the cat that can make high finals consistently will still get the higher placement at the end of the season.

The regional-campaigned cats would get the most benefit from this change. Cats looking for points for regional awards or to meet point minimum requirements for regional or breed awards will see a difference in points kept from small shows, especially specialty rings. Most cats vying for regional wins do not get to 100 rings and do not benefit from substitution. With actual points, these cats will keep more points from every ring.

When we discussed this last year, one of the objections was that "it really makes best cat no longer a big deal." It is cynical to think that the only "big deal" about getting a Best from a CFA judge is the points. I have been to many shows with cats where I was not

trying to obtain any points for a title, including showing kittens in small classes just for experience, and Best is ALWAYS a big deal. I was at a show recently with a tiny class of kittens, none being shown for anything other than fun, and an exhibitor was in tears with a Best Kitten that meant nothing for the year-end standings. How many points a cat gets does not diminish the joy when a CFA judge proclaims your cat or kitten Best, it never gets old. We even celebrate when trainees proclaim a cat best in their mock finals! Best from a CFA judge will always be special regardless of the points.

When this was proposed at the 2019 annual, one of the arguments against was that this would compress the difference between placements, or as was said “squish” the point spread of the top cats. In an individual show, the points for each cat are close among the cats that make all the finals (and how many of those are there?). But over the course of a season, the total points are not squished. Dick Kallmeyer ran the scoring for the 2019 season for the top cats using this method and it did not “squish” the season’s points, in fact just the opposite. For some placements, the differential between placements was increased. No owners pick exactly the same shows and make exactly the same finals over the course of a season. The actual points method does not “squish” the season-end totals.

Another argument against this in 2019 was that this would somehow hurt small shows. Most shows *are* small shows and we all have to go somewhere! We have very few big shows anymore, which is why we have twice in the past ten years lowered the requirement to have top 15 in the finals. For any example that someone can present where a show might lose an entry if we make this change, I can present an example where the show could gain an entry if we make this change. The argument about hurting small shows is flawed because most exhibitors pick shows based on several criteria – location, location, location, lineup, and then count.

Most exhibitors consider only location and will pick the easiest show to get to, even when they are hunting points, because most do not like to travel long distances or fly with a cat when they have a closer show. Traveling requires more time and a lot more expense, and to travel to a large show where every top cat will be is a huge gamble that most people will be reluctant to take when they have a closer smaller show that also fits their needs. Even the national campaigners try to stay local during the early part of the season. In fact, more people would be happy to stay local when they know they can keep more points from the show, large or small. So the argument that this change would be detrimental to small shows is misplaced and ignores the reality of how exhibitors choose shows. Few exhibitors are willing to travel with a cat given the expense of airfare for the exhibitor and cat, car rental, and hotel nights.

The scoring for the brown and orange ribbons remains the same since a class must have 20+ cats for actual points to be beneficial. Anything under 20 and the 5% decrement is more points. Very few breeds have 20+ cats in the class. Were we to make this change for the champion/premier placements, we would have to consider adjusting the 200/75-point thresholds. Points for champion/premier placements will remain the same.

Bottom line – if a cat defeats another cat, it should get a point from that cat, not some fraction of points. One point for each cat defeated is easy to understand, logical, and is how we should score our cats.

CENTRAL OFFICE NOTE: *the cost to implement is approximately \$5,000 for the program change and testing.*

PROPOSED NON-SHOW RULE RESOLUTIONS

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– 13 – Lilac Point Fanciers

RESOLVED: The board will offer compensation to clubs that offer reduced entry fees to Miscellaneous, Provisional, or AOV entries up to \$20 per entry.

RATIONALE: Many clubs would like to offer reduced entry fees to Misc/Prov/AOV cats but it just is not in their budget. For the breeders of these new breeds and colors, it is expensive to show them in CFA for no titles while other associations often do offer titles. If a club offers a discounted entry, up to \$20 off, CFA should reimburse that club for that discount. Exhibiting these cats helps the breeds advance, and advancing new breeds and colors is in CFA’s best interest. This small discount will assist exhibitors in advancing new breeds.

– 14 – Lilac Point Fanciers

RESOLVED: The board will offer compensation to all clubs that hire judges from overseas areas, \$750 per judge up to two judges.

RATIONALE: This compensation is currently available to clubs in Europe that hire judges outside of Europe. This resolution would extend that compensation to all clubs. This should be extended to clubs in Regions 1-7 that hire judges from Europe, Japan, or the ID, clubs in Japan that hire judges from outside Japan, and clubs in the ID that hire judges from outside the ID.

Those clubs that produce shows, how often have you thought “gee, I’d love to hire this judge from Europe but we can’t afford that airfare.” Did you know that European clubs receive compensation for hiring US judges? If you had the same compensation, would you consider bringing in CFA judges from Europe or outside the US?

We are in desperate need of more varied lineups, and CFA has European and Japanese judges that US clubs don’t hire because of the expense. Yet these judges have been invited by vote to the CFA International show, so clubs like them and want to see them. The board should help us hire them.

\$750 is a suggestion. If the board wants to reduce or increase that, they can. But some compensation will greatly assist clubs in hiring varied lineups.