GUIDELINES FOR BREED STANDARD CHANGES
(Revised 30 June 2020)

Breed Standard Timeline for changes, advancement, and membership

Deadlines

The dates where traditional dates specified within the constitution are on Saturday or Sunday will be shifted to the next Monday. The deadline for receipt of ballots will be determined each year by Central Office. Please always refer to the CFA website each year at https://cfa.org/cfa-timetable/ for exact dates.

August 1:
• Deadline for breed council membership
• Deadline to declare for breed council secretary/breed committee chair (even years only)
• Deadline for new breed/color application and advancement deadline
• Breed council secretaries must have all proposed standard changes from breed council members

August 15:
• Breed council secretaries of affected breeds must be notified by the submitting breed council secretary of any breed color or advancement requests that might affect their standard. **
• Proposed breed standard/registration ballot items to Breeds and Standards committee for review.

Mid-September:
• Breed council proposed standard/registration changes must be received by Central Office from the Breeds and Standards Committee

Early November:
• Breed ballots will be sent out by Central Office or on-line and available for voting on-line

Mid December:
• Breed ballots due back to Central Office

** If a planned proposal affects another breed(s), the secretary proposing the change must send the change to the secretary of the affected breed(s). This item will appear on the affected breed(s) ballot(s) as “information only”.

Examples of this include but are not limited to:
• merging of two breeds for registration and/or show purposes
• the disallowance of one breed as an outcross for another breed
• adding a breed as an outcross
• the disallowance of the right to show one breed in the affected classes

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

Ballot Items

Send ballot items as an attachment via e-mail to Jacqui Bennett (Jacquibennett864@gmail.com) by August 1 or the deadline specified on the CFA website at https://cfa.org/cfa-timetable/

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.**

- Every proposed change should include the following:
  - A PROPOSED section describing the change.
  - PROPOSED standard wording using guidelines below.
    - Using the existing wording from the standard, all deletions should be indicated using strikethroughs.
    - All additions should be underlined
  - A RATIONALE section describing the reason for the change.

- 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.

- Recommendations for new colors should include the following:
  - A description of the new color consistent with color descriptions within the breed standard.
  - A suggestion of a new color under breed color class numbers if desired.

- Color class numbers should be indicated by XXXX. Central Office will be responsible to assign final color class numbers.

Other CFA breed standards can sometimes be a useful source of information when trying to word new standard changes. However, do not reference another breed in your standard.

Consistency between standards when describing common features makes the standards easier to understand.

Non-standard, related ballot items may be included and should be indicated as “informational only”.

The ballot should be sent to the Breeds and Standards Committee via the email above so they can ensure all ballot items are received and eliminate last minute issues. A member of the committee will be assigned to work with the breed council secretary and assist in facilitating the ballot item and eliminate any inconsistencies or errors.

The Breeds and Standards Committee will forward the ballot items to the CFA Secretary who will work with Central Office for formatting into on-line voting software.
2) Process.

A standard change is desired.

Pull the current wording from the current published CFA breed standard.

Does the ballot item include text deletion? yes

no

Does the Ballot item include text additions? yes

no

Strike through words you propose be deleted from the standard.

Underline the words you propose be added to the standard.

Email proposed standard change to Breeds and Standard Committee at Jacquibennett864@gmail.com.

A member of the Breeds and Standards Committee will be assigned to review your submission and work with you.

The Breeds and Standards Committee will send the finalized ballot to CFA Secretary to work with Central Office to format for balloting software.

3) To Delete Wording:

- Name section within standard to be changed (ex. Disqualify, Body, etc.).
- List section to be changed as currently written. List the entire section if possible. 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 with quotation marks (“…”) to indicate wording before and after changes.
- Show deleted wording using strikethroughs.

Example
PROPOSAL 1: Change penalize section of the standard regarding tail faults. The standard would read as follows:

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.

4) To Add Wording:

- Name section within standard to be changed (ex. Disqualify, Body, etc).
- List section to be changed as currently written. List the entire section if possible. 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.
- Words added should be underlined.

Example

PROPOSAL 2: Add wording to further describe the BODY section: Change to read as follows:

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.

5) To Change Wording (both Delete and Adding Text):

- Name section within standard to be changed (ex. Disqualify, Body, etc).
- List section to be changed as currently written. List the entire section if possible. 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 quotation marks (“…”” to indicate wording before and after changes.
- Show wording before and after change.
- The proposed changes should be indicated by striking out words to be eliminated and underlining words to be added.

Example

PROPOSAL 3: Change the SPOTTED TABBY PATTERN as follows:

PROPOSED: 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. 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 stripe runs down the length of this body to the tip of the tail. The dorsal strip is ideally composed of spots with alternating horizontal “brush strokes” and spots on 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 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.

6) To Change or Add a Color Class:

- Copy the color class section within the show rules to be changed
- List section to be changed as currently written. List the entire section if possible. If the section is long, list sentence before and after desired change or provide the number of the sentence to be changed.
- Added color classes should be indicated by XXXX
- Indicate before and after using quotation marks ( “… ” to indicate wording before and after changes.
- Show wording before and after change.
- The proposed changes should be indicated by striking out words to be eliminated and underlining words to be added.

Example

PROPOSAL 4: Revise the Ragdoll Color Class Numbers to add color classes for lynx colors.

PROPOSED

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Ragdoll Color Class Numbers</th>
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<tr>
<td>Other Tabby Colors (classic, mackerel)</td>
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<td>(Chocolate Tabby, Chocolate Patched Tabby, Lilac Tabby, Lilac Patched Tabby)</td>
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<tr>
<td>Seal Point &amp; White</td>
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<tr>
<td>Blue Point &amp; White</td>
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<td>Lynx Point &amp; White</td>
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<td>(including lilac, chocolate, all lynx colors, red, cream, tortie and all van colors)</td>
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<td>Lynx Point Colors</td>
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<td>AOV</td>
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Ragdoll allowable outcross breeds: none.
RATIONALE: Seeing that lynx colors have gained considerably in popularity, accounting for about 50% of the cats in the show ring, splitting up the lynx color classes from the other classes will facilitate the breakdown during the judging of large classes

7) To Change a Breed’s Registration Rules:

- Copy the registration rules to be changed
- List section to be changed as currently written. List the entire section if possible. If the section is long, list sentence before and after desired change or provide the number of the sentence to be changed.
- Add a row below the current listing
- The existing wording should be indicated by striking out words to be eliminated the new row should be indicated by underlining the words to be added.

Example

PROPOSAL 5: Revise the Ragdoll Rules of Registration to increase the number of generations required for registration.

PROPOSED

PEDIGREE REQUIREMENTS (last date showing is current):

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Date</th>
<th>Generations</th>
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<tr>
<td>1993</td>
<td>3 generations</td>
<td></td>
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<tr>
<td>2020</td>
<td>5 generations</td>
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RATIONALE: After 26 years of registration in CFA and over 65,000 individual registrations, it is felt that Ragdolls have a strong foundation and interested breeders were given more than ample time to transfer their registrations to CFA