



THE CAT FANCIERS' ASSOCIATION, INC.

CLUB MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

General Information and Instructions

PREFACE

In preparing your application for membership, please consider the constitutional criteria for acceptance of new members together with the general guidelines for acceptance set out below. The Board may defer consideration of your application if in its judgment additional information is necessary. Compliance with the technicalities of application will not guarantee any applicant acceptance to membership. The Board will, however, endeavor to give every applicant thorough consideration seeking to encourage maximum growth and at the same time seeking to admit only new members that will be viable clubs.

CONSTITUTIONAL PROVISIONS

Eligibility

Any non-profit club of not less than ten (10) members organized for the purpose of holding or managing cat shows and/or any other purposes consistent with those of The Cat Fanciers' Association, Inc., may apply for membership.

Application

Application for membership shall be emailed, faxed or mailed to the Central Office of the association and shall include the following:

1. A copy of the club's Constitution and By-laws, which must include requirements for membership;
2. a list of officers and other board members with their contact information;
3. a list of names and addresses of all members in good standing at the date of application;
4. payment for the current year's club fees in the amount of \$190.00;
5. payment in the amount of \$200.00 to cover the cost of processing the application which is non-refundable whether applicant is accepted or not; and,
6. such other information as the CFA Executive Board may require;
7. all documentation must be in English.

Election to Membership

When the application, constitution and application fee are received in the Central Office, the documents shall be reviewed for completeness. If no additional information or corrections are required, the application shall then be submitted to the CFA Executive Board for consideration at the next available meeting.

The Executive Board may vote to accept to membership, vote not to accept, or delay consideration pending receipt of additional information. Any applicant not accepted by vote of the Executive Board upon first consideration or any subsequent consideration may appeal the vote to the delegates at the next scheduled annual meeting. The Board shall, from time to time, formulate guidelines for acceptance of new clubs based upon such factors as:

1. number of applicant's charter members;
2. extent of overlapping memberships in the applicant club and other CFA clubs;
3. extent of breeding or exhibiting experience and participation in CFA activities among members;
4. proposed geographical area of operation; and
5. the effect of formulation and acceptance on existing CFA member clubs.

GUIDELINES FOR CONSIDERATION BY CFA EXECUTIVE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

1. The application **MUST** be received in the Central Office a minimum of eight weeks before the date of the board meeting at which the application will be considered.
2. The members, officers and board members of the proposed club must be sufficiently distinct from the members, officers and directors of existing CFA clubs to establish to the Board's satisfaction that the proposed club represents a new and distinct entity.
3. It is desirable that the members have prior experience and participation in CFA activities of a sufficient minimal level to insure a general working knowledge, so the club may begin to participate in CFA activities upon acceptance. Experience gained in other associations is acceptable.
4. The effect of acceptance to membership must not be detrimental to existing CFA members. The Executive Board will, however, seek to provide opportunity for healthy competition among member clubs. No hard and fast rules can be utilized because of the very different considerations that will prevail in the different areas where CFA has existing member clubs.