



About me ...

With a feline journey spanning 48 years, I, Allan Raymond, proudly announce my candidature for the CFA. From my early teens, my passion for cats blossomed, leading me to cherish a variety of breeds including Siamese, Tonkinese, and Persians. My deep involvement in the official Cat World began in the 1970s in Tasmania, where I embarked on a successful breeding and showing career under the renowned prefix "Raywood." Over the years, I've dedicated myself to judging, obtaining licenses and accolades across Australia, New Zealand, and numerous other countries. Honored as the first Australian CFA USA All Breeds Judge, my commitment to the feline community extends beyond borders, evidenced by my roles as Vice-President of OFA Inc. and International Liaison Officer for the Australian Cat Federation. Now residing in Thailand, I am eager to bring my wealth of experience and dedication to the CFA, ensuring a bright future for feline enthusiasts worldwide.

1997
Became All Breed Judge

December 2012
Approved as CFA All Breed Judge, and became the first Australian CFA USA All Breed Judge in history

1970s
Showing career under renowned prefix "Raywood"

1st October 2011
Accepted into CFA Judges Program

ALLAN RAYMOND

ID REPRESENTATIVE CANDIDATE

"Cultivating sustainable growth across international division while promoting the transition of division into region"

Personal Information

Beyond my dedication to feline pursuits, my personal life is filled with love and accomplishment. I've shared a remarkable 47-year journey with my partner, Michael Woods.

I have two sons, celebrated the joy of five grandchildren, and welcomed a cherished great-grandson into our lives. Alongside my passion for cats, I've dedicated 42 years to judging, with my first Asian judging experience in Singapore in 1989. My professional journey includes over 25 years in the computer industry, culminating in the role of Information Security Manager for a global retail giant. Additionally, Michael and I proudly owned one of Australia's premier floral businesses for 25 years, serving esteemed clients including iconic 5-star hotels and even creating floral arrangements for Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth 2 during her Golden Anniversary tour of Australia. Now, in retirement in Thailand, I am eager to continue serving the feline community with the same passion and dedication that has characterized my life's journey. Vote for me, and let's continue to make a difference together.

"I am running for International Division Representative, dedicated to the division with travel experience and understanding of club challenges. I aim to elevate the division's profile, advocate for over 2 billion people, and promote progress and unity."

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Communication

Improving communication between ID Management and Country Coordinators is crucial for survival. Regular meetings will be held, and combined reports submitted to the board. An inclusive ID report will be published in the CFA Newsletter to highlight activities from all countries.



Financial viability of our clubs

The expenses involved with ID Clubs holding shows is almost prohibitive with most shows running at considerable loss with the short fall having to be made-up by club members. This is also the case for many clubs throughout the CFA family.

The business world has dramatically changed in the past decade and so as a consequence the flow of sponsorship cash available to our clubs is almost non-existent.

My committee will develop a funding proposal to present to the board to ease the financial burden on our clubs and members. Without financially viable clubs our shows will diminish and consequently income from registrations will decline. Other major Feline Organizations have a business model that financially supports their clubs and as a result the clubs are thriving.



Develop cooperation with other legitimate feline organisations

Our CFA clubs have mostly enviable relationships with other feline organization and it would be my intention to utilize these relationships to foster cooperative ventures to the benefit of the feline fraternity within ID



MY COMMITMENT TO YOU ...

By Allan Raymond



Management

Successful management is achieved by delegation to talented people. It would be my aim to have all the Country Coordinators enthusiastically and proactively perform their role so that ID shines within the CFA Family.



Proposal for ID, other than China, to become Region 10

My committee will develop a proposal that will seek for our Division to become a Region.

CFA clubs have been in existence within ID for over 30 years contributing to the success of CFA.

We will develop a proposal that will be positive and justifiable so that it will be embraced and supported by the CFA clubs. We would make our proposal to the Annual General Meeting of the CFA Clubs in 2025.

