

**CFA EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING
FEBRUARY 3/4, 2024**

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Secretary's Note: The Officers and Board of Directors of the Cat Fanciers' Association, Inc. met on Saturday, February 3, 2024, via Zoom video conference. **President Richard Mastin** called the video conference meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. Eastern Time for the regularly scheduled Quarterly Video Conference. A roll call by **Secretary Rachel Anger** found the following members to be present:

Mr. Richard Mastin (President)
Mr. Russell Webb (Vice-President/Region 1 Board Liaison)
Ms. Rachel Anger (Secretary)
Ms. Kathy Calhoun (Treasurer)
Vacant (NAR Director)
Mrs. Pam Moser (NWR Director)
Ms. Paula Noble (GSR Director)
Mr. John Colilla (GLR Director)
Mr. Michael Shelton (SWR Director)
Mrs. Cathy Dunham (MWR Director)
Mr. Kenny Currle (SOR Director)
Ms. Yukiko Hayata (Japan Regional Director)
Ms. Pam DelaBar (Europe Regional Director)
Dr. Marilee Griswold (Director-at-Large)
Mr. Pauli Huhtaniemi (Director-at-Large)
Mrs. Carol Krzanowski (Director-at-Large)
Mrs. Anne Mathis (Director-at-Large)
Mr. Darrell Newkirk (Director-at-Large)

Also Present:

Edward L. Raymond, Jr., Esq., CFA Legal Counsel
Allene Tartaglia, Executive Director
James Simbro, IT Systems Analyst
Matthew Wong, ID Representative

Absent:

Eva Chen, ID-China Representative

Secretary's Note: For the ease of the reader, some items were discussed at different times but were included with their particular agenda.

Secretary's Note: In an unrecorded call to order, **President Mastin** had **Secretary Anger** call the roll, as reflected above.

TRANSCRIPT

Reports of Officers, Boards, and Standing Committees

1. APPROVE ORDERS OF THE DAY.

| CFA EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING AGENDA February 3/4, 2024 | | | |
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| All times are in Eastern Standard Time | | | |
| SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 3, 2024 | | | |
| 9:00 a.m. | 1. | Approve Orders of the Day | Mastin |
| Reports of Officers, Boards, and Standing Committees | | | |
| 9:05 a.m. | 2. | Minutes (corrections/additions); Ratification of December Teleconference Minutes; Ratification of Online Motions | Anger |
| 9:10 a.m. | 3. | Show Rules | Raymond |
| 9:30 p.m. | 4. | CFA International Show | Raymond |
| 9:40 a.m. | 5. | Central Office Operations | Tartaglia |
| 9:50 a.m. | 6. | IT Report | Simbro |
| 10:00 a.m. | 7. | Treasurer's Report | Calhoun |
| 10:05 a.m. | 8. | Diversity and Inclusion Report | Calhoun |
| 10:10 a.m. | 9. | International Division | Calhoun |
| 10:20 a.m. | 10. | Awards Committee | Dunham |
| 10:30 a.m. | | BREAK | |
| 10:45 a.m. | 11. | Club Memberships | Krzanowski |
| 11:15 a.m. | 12. | Experimental Formats | Anger |
| 11:30 a.m. | 13. | Virtual Cat Competition | Kerr |
| 11:40 a.m. | 14. | Region 5 Report | Shelton |
| 11:50 a.m. | 15. | Household Pet Advisory Committee | Wickle |
| 12:00 p.m. | | LUNCH | |
| 12:30 p.m. | 16. | Judging Program Report | Nye/Webb |
| 1:20 p.m. | 17. | Legislative Committee/Group | Eigenhauser |
| 1:30 p.m. | 18. | EveryCat Health Foundation | Calhoun |
| 1:35 p.m. | 19. | CFA Foundation | Krzanowski |
| 1:45 p.m. | | BREAK | |
| 2:00 p.m. | 20. | Breeds and Standards | Wilson |
| Unfinished Business and General Orders | | | |
| 4:00 p.m. | 21. | Unfinished Business | |
| 4:05 p.m. | 22. | Other Committees | |
| 4:10 p.m. | 23. | Old Business/New Business | |
| | | ADJOURN OPEN SESSION | Mastin |
| SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 4, 2024 | | | |
| 8:00 a.m. | | Continue Breeds and Standards (if necessary) | Wilson |

Secretary's Note: The meeting was called to order but unrecorded for the first few minutes. Newkirk made a motion to accept the Orders of the Day, as amended, to move Sunday executive session agenda items #25 and #31 to Saturday executive session. Seconded by Currie, the motion passed unanimously.

The Orders of the Day, as amended, were accepted without objection and became the Orders of Business.

2. **SECRETARY'S REPORT: ADDITIONS/CORRECTIONS TO THE MINUTES;
RATIFICATION OF ON-LINE MOTIONS.**

(a) **Additions/Corrections to the Minutes.**

None.

(b) **Ratification of December 5, 2023 Zoom Video Conference Board Meeting Minutes.**

Action Item: Approve the December 5, 2023 Zoom video conference board meeting minutes, as published.

Mastin: Rachel, will you do our next agenda item? **Anger:** Thank you. I would like to move for approval of the December 5, 2023 Zoom video conference board meeting minutes, as published. **Mastin:** Can I have a second? **Newkirk:** I'll second it. **Mastin:** Rachel, did you get that? **Anger:** I have, seconded by Newkirk. **Newkirk:** Yes. **Mastin:** Thank you Darrell. Any discussion? Any objections? **DelaBar:** Rich, this is Pam. My hand is up. I do have some concerns about publishing, I think it's #5 on the online motions. **Anger:** Can we please do that after we approve the December minutes? **DelaBar:** Oh, I'm sorry Rachel. I'm skipping ahead. Never mind. **Mastin:** Any other discussion? Any objections? Seeing no objection, the motion passes unanimously. **Anger:** Thank you.

(c) **Ratification of Online Motions.**

| | Moved/ Seconded | Motion | Vote |
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| MOTIONS THAT REQUIRE RATIFICATION | | | |
| 1. | Executive Committee 12.19.2023 | Allow an exception to Show Rule 10.22 b, allowing a CFA officiating judge to initiate Bay Check-In at any show in China when conditions are met as outlined in Show Rule 2.03. This exception will be effective immediately through the end of the 2023 - 2024 Show Season. | Motion Carried (subject to ratification). |
| <p>Currle: Are the shows being stuffed with poor quality cats? Have sick cats been seen in the judging rings? What credentials are needed for a judge to determine if an entry is qualified for judging in relation to illness vs quality? What effect would singling out the Chinese Cats for bay judging? Will it have a positive or negative effect on the Chinese exhibitors? Is this decision time sensitive to conditions seen now in China? I worry about the potential backlash we may receive. Calhoun: A CFA licensed judge has been given the authority to disqualify a cat that he or she feels is sick or in poor condition. Question 1 - At this time, large numbers of specific breeds are being entered. Question 2 - A licensed CFA judge has the authority notwithstanding the credentials, to identify a cat that is sick or in poor condition and disqualify. The judge makes the decision in relation to illness vs quality. Question 3 - Article II Definitions 2.03 was added to Show Rules for the May 2018 - April 2019 show season and has been there ever since. This is the show rule that unfortunately singles out China. <i>2.03 BAY Check-In involves the verification by attendance at the close of check-in that all cats of a particular color-class within all categories of a breed (i.e., kittens, championship, and premiership combined) are present for judging and possess no obvious characteristics that would warrant them not being showable, e.g. out of condition, color not recognized for competition, obvious illness. This process may be implemented at shows in China where a color class has more entries than the total number of judging cages to be used in the smallest judging ring at that show (12 or 16). Cats required to participate in this check-in are not eligible for late arrival and once marked absent, will be</i></p> | | | |

| | Moved/ Seconded | Motion | Vote |
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| <p><i>considered absent for the duration of the entire show, including both days of a two day show. For example, if color class 2500/2501, solid color British Shorthairs has seven kittens, nine championship, and one premiership cat entered with the smallest ring comprising 16 cages, that color class would qualify for bay</i> That being said, the ID committee could not agree with you more! We are meeting on that very show rule revision and are likely to ask that the words "in China" be removed. Question 4 - This is a time sensitive issue in China. We have had three shows in the last 30 days, that were considered for bay check-in and one show where it was implemented. Very good questions! Webb: Will this be singling out China? I was not aware that problems are beginning in China again. I thought that the Bay Judging was to begin the end of the season shows (April). Currle: Thanks for the quick response Kathy, We seem to be fighting an uphill battle for registrations in China for a number of decisions CFA boards have made in the past. I feel strongly that restrictions and special rules in any country must be carefully constructed within that county's laws and customs. One size doesn't always fit all societies we deal with as a business. I am not saying not to implement such rules, but we need to be sensitive to their ways. I still worry about the potential backlash we will receive from this. I would like to hear Rich's input. Mastin: The current show rule(s) specific to this matter seems to be an obstacle and should be addressed for the immediate need (rest of 2023-2024 show season) and updated for future/new 2024-2025 show season (beginning May 1, 2024). I am in favor of the motion based on the information provided and with Kathy Calhoun and Vicki Nye having worked on an agreeable resolution for the remainder of this show season. Additionally, Kathy and I had a chance to speak live today on updating show rules specific to this matter. Kathy agreed to work with Ed Raymond (Show Rules Chair) on presenting updated show rules to the Board of Directors at the February board meeting.</p> | | | |
| 2. | Executive Committee 12.22.2023 | Due to an emergency health condition of Allan Raymond, grant the Purrrfect Cat Club of Thailand an exception to Show Rule 4.04(d) to allow an emergency change of format from 6 AB to 5 AB/1 LH/1 SH, and allow an emergency substitution of Ardi Ardinsyah (LH) and Fuiyau Yap (LH) in place of Allan Raymond (AB). | Motion Carried (subject to ratification). |
| No discussion. | | | |
| 3. | Anger Newkirk 12.29.2023 | Effective January 1, 2024, accept the resignation of Shelley Perkins as CFA Legal Counsel with regret, and ratify the appointment of Edward J. Raymond, Jr., as CFA Legal Counsel. | Motion Carried (subject to ratification). |
| No discussion. | | | |
| 4. | Executive Committee 01.09.2024 | <p>Motion #1: For the Universal Cats Club, Orange Cat Club and 44 Gatti show on February 24/25, 2024 in Padova, Italy (Region 9), grant an exception to show rule 4.04 to allow the contract for Elena Podprugina to be submitted in under the 30 days if she is accepted as a CFA judge at the February board meeting.</p> <p>Motion #2: Grant an exception to show rule 3.02d to allow Elena Podprugina to be contracted as a guest judge for the Universal Cats Club, Orange Cat Club and 44 Gatti show on February 24/25, 2024 in Padova, Italy (Region 9), exceeding the 10 shows stated in the show rule.</p> | <p>Motion Failed.</p> <p>Motion Carried (subject to ratification).</p> |
| <p>Mastin: Question for Rachel, have you received support from either Russell Webb or Vicki Nye (JPC Co-Chairs)? Anger: I will ask Vicki if she supports it. I think motion number two is more direct and will save Central Office work. Anger: Vicki supports either motion. I think Russell is traveling. Mastin: Rachel, thank you for reporting Vicki's position on supporting either motion.</p> | | | |

Mastin: OK, Pam DelaBar, what would you like to do with #5? **DelaBar:** I would like to take that out of the motion for now and consider it possibly to go into – in reviewing the discussion, I think it should have been in executive session but it's up to the rest of the board how they feel about it. **Mastin:** So Pam, is your motion to remove #5 from the open minutes? **DelaBar:** Correct. **Mastin:** OK, may I have a second? **Webb:** Russell seconds. **Mastin:** Thank you Russell. Discussion? Objections? Seeing no objections, Pam your motion passes unanimously. That will be removed from the open session minutes. **DelaBar:** Thank you.

The motion is ratified by unanimous consent.

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| 6. | Executive Committee 01.18.2024 | For its January 27, 2024 show in ShangDong LiaoCheng, China, due to delays caused by government paperwork, grant the ShangDong LiaoCheng Cat Club an exception to Show Rule 4.04.d. and allow them to license their show with two TBA judges. | Motion Carried (subject to ratification). |
| No discussion. | | | |
| 7. | Executive Committee 01.19.2024 | The Soochow Riverside Cat Fanciers is hosting a show in Shanghai China, January 20/21, 2024. The show which was licensed as a 2 day show with 12 rings, requests approval to change the format to a 2 day back-to-back show with a 225 entry limit. The show closed with 243 entries and the club will refund the entry fees for 18 cats. | Motion Carried (subject to ratification). |
| No discussion. | | | |
| 8. | Executive Committee 01.20.2024 | For the Vermont Fancy Feline show scheduled January 20/21, 2024 in Burlington, Vermont (Region 1), grant an exception and allow the club to contract a CFF judge with less than 60 days before the show. Additionally, grant an exception to Show Rule 4.04 and allow a change from specialty to allbreed for Gary Veach. | Motion Carried (subject to ratification). |
| No discussion. | | | |
| 9. | Dunham Mathis 01.23.2024 | Ratify the appointment by President Mastin of Paul Meeker as the CFA Ombudsman. | Motion Carried (subject to ratification). |
| Webb: I do not see a problem with Paul Meeker replacing Ed as the ombudsman. He has a good background and from what I know about him he is a fair and reasonable gentleman. DelaBar: Paul should have excellent mediation skills. Mathis: Sounds good to me. | | | |
| 10. | Executive Committee 01.24.2024 | Grant an exception to Show Rule 5.01.m. and allow the Soochow Riverside Cat Club permission to change its show flyers to change the closing time from 9:00 p.m. Tuesday to 9:00 p.m. Wednesday or Thursday, at the club's discretion. | Withdrawn. |
| Mastin: Question – Is this request for the show that just occurred this past weekend (1/20 & 1/21)? If yes, why are we addressing this after the show? If it is not for this past weekend, what are the show date? Or is this for a different club? Anger: This motion is for the show this weekend. Mastin: The CFA website calendar and the club's show flyer for the Soochow Riverside Cat Fanciers' Club is not listed for this coming weekend, it is listed as January 20 – 21, 2024 on CFA calendar and 2024, 1, 20 – 21 on flyer. Anger: Here is what the club originally sent when I asked for a reason and for the date of the show: <i>It's a mistake on show flyer and we want to correct it.</i> | | | |

Also next week Jan 27/28, the show flyer was wrong put entry close on Tuesday....would you pls also help to correct that? Thanks. I will email Agnes and ask what is going on. **Mastin:** Rachel, thank you for clarifying what is going on. In further looking into this show and asking questions it appears the show occurred last weekend. This is the show the two guest judges (Elena P and Chris M) were injured on the way to the hotel from the show hall. I have asked Allene and she informed me the show was licensed to be held last weekend. Has Agnes responded? **Anger:** I have heard back from Agnes. About THIS weekend's show, here is what she said: <<Yes we will have a show this coming weekend and it's 6x6, needs to fix entry date to Thursday night 9:00. Thanks for your help.>> And also, <<Can you pls help us to correct this weekend (CHINA FASHION+AISHA CAT FANCIERS) flyer first? I don't want to have any trouble with any exhibitor that blames our show for early closure. Thanks.>> About LAST weekend's show, here is what she said: <<It closed Thursday night 9:00pm.....and all exhibitor were informed. Not one rejected. >> There was some confusion on my part, because in the text of her email Agnes was talking about the show January 27/28. In the subject line of the email she referred to January 20/21. It is now Wednesday morning in China. We need to resolve the flyer issue for the coming weekend's show. If there is something to be done about last weekend's show, perhaps it can be resolved after the more time-sensitive issue is dealt with. **Mastin:** My recommendation is to withdraw the current Soochow Riverside Cat Fanciers' Club motion that has been discussed and deal with that at a later date if we need to do anything with it at all. We now should bring forth a new motion for China Fashion + Aisha Cat Fanciers flyer correction asap.

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| 11. | Executive Committee 01.24.2024 | Grant an exception to Show Rule 5.01.m. and allow the China Fashion and Aisha Cat Fanciers permission to change their show flyers to change the closing time from 9:00 p.m. Tuesday to 9:00 p.m. Thursday. | Motion Carried (subject to ratification). |
| No discussion. | | | |

Mastin: OK, Rachel? **Anger:** I would like to move to ratify motions #1-#3. The second motion under #4, Motions #6-#9 and #11. Those are the motions that carried. **Mastin:** May I have a second? **DelaBar:** DelaBar seconds. **Mastin:** Thank you Pam. Discussion? Objections? Seeing no objection, the motion passes unanimously.

The motion is ratified by unanimous consent.

Mastin: Rachel, do you have anything further? **Anger:** That's it. Thank you so much. **Mastin:** OK, thank you Rachel. **Anger:** You're welcome.

3. SHOW RULES.

Committee Chair: *Ed Raymond*
Liaison to Board: *Carol Krzanowski*
List of Committee Members: *Cathy Dunham, Kathy Gumm, Shirley Michaud-Dent, Brad Newcomb*

Mastin: We are going to move now to Ed Raymond, Show Rules. **Raymond:** Good morning, folks. **Mastin:** Good morning. **Krzanowski:** Rich, I have my hand up. I just want to make a standing motion to approve all the show rule changes, as presented, reserving the right to vote no. **Mastin:** Thank you Carol. May I have a standing second please? **Currle:** Kenny has a standing second, with the right to vote no. **Mastin:** Thank you Kenny. This moves things along.

Brief Summation of Immediate Past Committee Activities:

The Committee has prepared the show rule changes set forth below based on activity at the December Board Teleconference and requests from Board members and others.

Board Action Items:

Previously Tabled Changes

Guest Judges

1. *Clarify when Associate judges and guest judges may be engaged, particularly in areas which have reopened to international travel.*

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| Article III -- Invitations to and Acceptance by Judges, amend 3.02b and 3.13 | CFA Judging Program Committee | | | | | | | | | |
| Existing Wording | Proposed Wording | | | | | | | | | |
| 3.02b. Invitations from CFA clubs in the International Division may be considered only by judges who are Approved or Approval Pending, judges that are Approved in one specialty and at least Apprentice in the second specialty, or judges at any level that reside in the International Division. A judge may judge only the specialty(ies) in which he/she is licensed. | 3.02b. Invitations from CFA clubs in the International Division may be considered only by judges who are Approved or Approval Pending, judges that are Approved in one specialty and at least Apprentice in the second specialty, or judges at any level that reside in the International Division. <u>Associate judges are approved for judging only in their own specific geographic areas:</u> <table><tr><td><u>Associate judge</u></td><td><u>Associate judge</u></td></tr><tr><td><u>resides in</u></td><td><u>may judge in</u></td></tr><tr><td><u>China</u></td><td><u>China</u></td></tr><tr><td><u>Malaysia</u></td><td><u>Malaysia, Thailand,</u></td></tr></table> | | <u>Associate judge</u> | <u>Associate judge</u> | <u>resides in</u> | <u>may judge in</u> | <u>China</u> | <u>China</u> | <u>Malaysia</u> | <u>Malaysia, Thailand,</u> |
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| | | | | A judge may judge only the specialty(ies) in which he/she is licensed. |
| 3.13 For kitten, championship, premiership and veteran classes, a CFA judge (at least Apprentice) or approved guest judge must be used. For Household Pet classes it is permissible for a club to use a Trainee. Depending on the show location, the number of rings that must be judged by CFA judges at the show are as follows: | | | | 3.13 For kitten, championship, premiership and veteran classes, a CFA judge (at least Apprentice), <u>Associate judge</u> or <u>approved guest</u> <u>Guest judge</u> must be used. For Household Pet classes it is permissible for a club to use a Trainee. <u>The term “ CFA judge/CFAJ” does not include Associate judge or guest judge. A ring is defined as either an Allbreed ring or a Longhair/LH + Shorthair/SH ring. LH + SH specialties may be judged by 2 different judges but still constitute a single ring.</u> Depending on the show location, the number of rings that must be judged by CFA judges/ <u>CFAJ</u> at the show are as follows: |
| Regions 1-9 (excluding Russia) | | International Division (including Russia) | | Regions 1-9 (excluding Russia) |
| No. of Rings | CFA Judges | No. of Rings | CFA Judges | No. of Rings |
| 2-3 | 2 | 2-3 | 2 | <u>Rings Judged by CFAJ</u> |
| 4-5 | 3 | 4-5 | 3 | 2-3 |
| 6 | 4 | 6 | 4 | 4-5 |
| 7 | 5 | 7 | 5 | 6 |
| 8 | 6 | 8-9 | 6 | 7 |
| 9-10 | 7 | 10-11 | 7 | 8 |
| 11 | 8 | 12 | 8 | 9-10 |
| 12 | 9 | | | 11 |
| | | | | 12 |
| As used above, 11 or 12 rings constitutes two 5 or more ring shows at the same location on the same weekend, sponsored by one or more clubs. A ring is considered judged by a CFA judge if both longhair and shorthair specialties are judged by a CFA judge. In cases where a CFA judge only judges one specialty, the ring is not considered to have been judged by a CFA judge. | | | | As used above, 11 or 12 rings constitutes two 5 or more ring shows at the same location on the same weekend, sponsored by one or more clubs. A ring is considered judged by a CFA judge if both longhair and shorthair specialties are judged by a CFA judge. In cases where a CFA judge only judges one specialty, <u>and an Associate judge or Guest judge judges the other specialty,</u> the ring is not considered to have been judged by a CFA judge. <u>Any</u> |

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| | <u>combination of Guest judges and Associate judges may be utilized once the minimum number of rings to be judged by CFA judges has been achieved.</u> |
| RATIONALE: The Associate Program was developed to serve areas where travel restrictions prohibited access by CFA approved judges. As travel opens up globally we would like to continue to support the program by clarifying when Associate Judges may be engaged, in areas which have reopened to international travel. | |

Mastin: Ed? **Raymond:** The first change is one that is coming back to the board. It was tabled at a prior meeting. At the request of Pam DelaBar, we have amended 3.02.b. to include the geographic areas where an Associate Judge may judge. We have also tried to simplify the language of 3.13 to make it clear the number of rings which must be judged by a CFA judge, with the remainder to be judged either by a guest judge or a combination of Associate Judges.

Calhoun: Can we go back to 3.02.b.? I wanted to advise the board that this show rule, although it has been there, it was in existence, the additions of the restrictions on countries drew new attention to it. We reviewed this, both in the Diversity and Inclusion Committee meeting and with the ID Committee meeting. Neither committee are in favor of this. If you would allow me to read just one of the – some of the comments that we received from our committee members. Do we have time to do that? **Mastin:** Go ahead, Kathy. **Calhoun:** OK. CFA has always encouraged judges to judge and train in a variety of geographic areas. This is to give them experience with other cats, other looks, to improve their judging. Limiting Associate Judges to such narrow areas can negatively impact their judging skills. We should encourage them to improve their skills and broaden their vision. In a global market, it is a step in the wrong direction. If we limit them to one area, we create the impression that their judging is somehow less than other judges. Wins by exhibitors living in those areas served by the Associate Judges would be suspect if their judges were relegated by CFA into being a second class. I would also like to add that the International Division clubs spend an extraordinary amount of money to bring in judges from other areas. It would be a tremendous help if they had access to more of the Associate Judges so that countries like Thailand, Malaysia, Singapore would not have to use the same Associate Judges repeatedly, but they would be able to use other Associates that could come to the table at a better price with more economical air fare. So, for those reasons, both committees – the Diversity and Inclusion, and the ID Committee – are not in support. **DelaBar:** I know where Kathy is coming from on this, but right now this reflects the current rules, and until such time that this board passes new rules allowing Region 9 Associate Judges to go judge in Hong Kong or Singapore or even China, we should have the information available to us of where the Associate Judges can judge, but right now this reflects the current rules and policy. **Newkirk:** I agree with Pam on this. When this program was set up, these people knew that they would be limited as Associate Judges to these geographical areas. If they want to judge in other areas, then enter the regular CFA Judging Program. **Griswold:** I'm with Darrell and Pam on this, as well. It's already in our rules. This is just making it more defined and easy for everyone to read and understand. We actually are accepting several of our Associate Judges into the regular Judging Program to be trained and able to travel wherever they would like to judge. **Anger:** I have a request to let Vicki in. She wants to speak on this topic, as Judging Program Co-Chair. While I have the floor, I agree with the comments immediately preceding mine and would like to encourage these people to come to the regular Judging Program. This is a dramatic shift to expand it as Kathy suggests, although I like some points in her statement very much. So, I just think it's too much for right now without

more thought on that. Thank you. **Mastin:** OK thanks Rachel. I'm going to give Vicki some time to get in. I see she's there. I'm going to call on Anne first, then we'll go to Vicki. **Mathis:** Without taking sides, when these Associates were trained, they only received breed training in breeds that they see in their area, so if we were to expand them to be able to judge in other areas, I think we would need to provide them the training in those other breeds. **Mastin:** Thank you Anne. Vicki, are you available? **Nye:** Yes, I'm available, thank you Rich. I want to reiterate what Anne has just said and also Darrell. When we accepted these Associate Judges, they were very aware that they would only be accepted in their areas. As Anne mentioned, they have only been trained in the breeds that were going to be seen in their own geographic area. Again, we would love for them to take the step and join the regular Judging Program once they meeting the requirements. Then they can receive the hands-on training they need to be qualified to judge in any area that they would like to go to. **Mastin:** Thank you Vicki. Anne, do you have additional comments? **Mathis:** No. That was just the point I wanted to make, is that they were not trained particularly in China in an awful lot of the breeds they have not had training in. **Mastin:** OK, thank you. Matthew Wong, would you like to speak on this? **Wong:** Yes, sure. There are two things I want to mention. First of all, I agree that historical DNA of this program was during COVID time, it was during certain restriction for people to travel and Associate Judges certainly did CFA a lot of favor during COVID and the pandemic, so that was the history. I hear what you're saying, that what we are seeing now is just printing in black and white where they are being judged, but why Kathy and myself and the Committees want to propose this is currently the assignment or the job being reviewed when they are being invited, they are already managed by the Judging Committee. By putting this in black and white, it really limits where they can go and the flexibility. We had cases before where there are suddenly judges not available or sick and we could summon Associate Judges in Southeast Asia, which is Malaysia, Thailand, Singapore, Indonesia. We think, by not having this clearly put down in black and white, it will continue to give the flexibility for the clubs, for the Judges Association for the AJs to grow. Some may be ready, some maybe not. In fact, by putting this in black and white and we got some very vocal feedback from some of the AJs. They felt being used and they were hoping for a promotion, but in fact after 2-3 years of hard work, they are being told that's the end of the program, as far as they could go. Some of them are applying to the regular judges. Not to complicate this matter, but some of them they are not so comfortable with the English command. However, they see that they could also help within the ID, because for example Chinese is being spoken in like Singapore and also Malaysia a lot. That's just why we are voicing out what the ID fanciers want, but I will respect the board's decision and also the Judging Committee. Thank you. **DelaBar:** What we are doing is just reflecting the current practice. Matthew, this cannot change until the board changes the program. So, this helps the clubs when they're looking, like in December when Allan got sick and they needed to get somebody in and they were able to get Associate Judges from Thailand and from Malaysia because they could easily grab onto the knowledge to get it. This is only a help to the clubs, it's not a reflection upon, "oh, I'm sorry, you're just an Associate Judge and you can just go where you didn't know you could just go," when everything has been put forward to them and they know everything from the word go. I don't see what the problem is in having it in black and white. Excuse me, let me put it this way to be more politically correct – to put it in print. **Calhoun:** Pam, I was going to give you a pass on the black and white. I get what everyone is saying. I don't know what's going to happen to the Associate Judges Program but I would say that wherever this goes, we need to have the flexibility for judges to judge in other areas. It seems to be a little bit confusing when we passed

a rule I believe last meeting where trainees that are training in China or come from China could not train in mainland. So, we're saying that they should go elsewhere – trainees – but the JAs [*sic*, AJs] are relegated to their own areas. It just seems to be in conflict, those two positions, but I hear what the board is saying. This is an existing rule and perhaps moving forward we could make an adjustment in this rule at a later date, if the program continues to exist.

Mastin: OK. Question for Vicki and Russell. Kathy is asking and is Matthew asking for flexibility. Under emergency circumstances, will you exercise flexibility and use an exception to this rule if needed? **Nye:** I don't think these judges have been trained in many of these breeds, and I would hesitate to send a judge into an area to see large groups of cats that they were never trained in before. I understand that a regular CFA allbreed judge guest judges areas where they see cats that they have never been approved to see before. However, they have lots more experience with understanding and applying a standard to a living cat. So, it would be in conflict with the Judging Program Rules also to try and change this, so things would need to be changed. As Marilee mentioned, we have several Associate Judges getting the additional breed experience that they didn't have before when they joined the Associate Judging Program, which are the requirements for the regular Judging Program. So, I would prefer not seeing them being used. In the case of an emergency, yes I would rather use an Associate Judge rather than a UCA judge if it would have to come to that. These things are exceptions. **Webb:** I agree with Vicki. They are only trained in certain cats and if it's an emergency like we had in December, I do agree that instead of using an outside judge from another judging, to use the Associate Judges. The gentleman that we used in December was very good and he was a specialty. So, I agree with what Vicki says. It's designed just for exceptions.

Calhoun: I think that we've heard both sides and I have nothing else to add and would like to move on. **Mastin:** Thank you. I'm going to call for the vote on this. If you're in favor, raise your hand. While you are raising your hand, just a reminder, please do not take your hand down until I instruct you to take your hand down.

Mastin called the motion. **Motion Carried.** Calhoun and Colilla voting no.

Mastin: Pam DelaBar, Mike Shelton, Pauli, Pam Moser, Marilee, Kenny, Darrell, Yukiko, Russell, Carol, Anne, Rachel, Cathy Dunham, Paula. Please lower your hand. If you are opposed, raise your hand. Kathy Calhoun, John. Lower your hand. If you are an abstention, raise your hand. Rachel, I see no abstentions. Rachel? **Anger:** That's 14 yes, 2 no, zero abstentions. **Mastin:** Motion passes. **DelaBar:** Do we need to vote on 3.13? **Raymond:** 3.13 was part of the same motion as 3.02.b. **DelaBar:** OK, I'm sorry. I had it separate for the notes. Thank you.

OCP Rings

Mastin: Ed, please continue. **Raymond:** Now we're going to move into the rules that were tabled in connection with OCP rings. My understanding is, there was only a question at the December board meeting regarding what is now rule #5. We've gone back and hopefully cleaned it up a bit, so let's go through these one by one.

2. *Add 2.39 defining an OCP Ring.*

| Article II – Definitions, add 2.39 | Show Rules Committee/OCP Committee | |
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| Existing Wording | Proposed Wording | |
| None. | <u>2.39 An OPEN, CHAMPION, PREMIER RING (OCP) is an allbreed competition where a judge will award Best AB Champion through 10th Best AB Champion and/or Best AB Premier though 10th Best AB Premier. Such a ring may be part of an existing judging ring or held as a stand-alone ring. In order for an OCP ring to be held in Championship, at least 30 Champions and Opens in Championship must be entered in the show. In order for an OCP ring to be held in Premiership, at least 15 Premiers and Opens in Premiership must be entered in the show.</u> | |
| RATIONALE: This definition of an OCP ring incorporates the requirement that it be an allbreed ring. The definition is written in the alternative to allow the OCP rings in Championship and Premiership to be handled by different judges. Similarly, the entry minimums are set forth independently to allow a class which achieves the required minimums to proceed even if the other class does not. | | |

Raymond: Action item #2 adds the definition of an OCP ring to Show Rule 2.39.

Calhoun: I may be a little premature on this, but we are thrilled in the International Division to have the OCP rings defined to the detail that they are with the proposed wording. I think it's fabulous and I know that was a lot of hard work for a lot of people, but I'm very happy and the ID Committee is very happy to see this. **Mastin:** OK great. I believe Carol, Rachel and Marilee were on this committee assisting Ed on these. Can we hear from Carol, Rachel and Marilee? Do you have any comments? **Griswold:** I really like the way this is worded. I think Ed cleaned it up really well and I had no issues with the way this is written up. **Mastin:** Thank you. **Krzanowski:** I agree. A lot of work did go into this and a lot of little tweaking here and there. The effort paid off. I think that the way it's written now is very clear and should not be an issue with anyone. **Mastin:** Rachel, do you have anything? **Anger:** Just that this was a great job in finally coming to clear language. Great job Ed, thank you. **Mastin:** Good. Maybe those comments will carry over to the next couple, then. Thank you. **Calhoun:** I would also like to make one comment, that even though this would be still considered experimental in this season, the ID Committee is in support of clubs being able to have OCP rings in the International Division, effective immediately. **Mastin:** OK, thank you. **DelaBar:** Region 9 is looking forward to having the OCP rings. Hopefully this will remove some of the need for super specialties in the future. **Mastin:** OK, great. Any objections to this motion? Seeing no objection, the motion passes unanimously.

The motion is ratified by unanimous consent.

3. *Add 4.06c setting forth the number of OCP ring which may be scheduled.*

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| Article IV – Licensing the Show, add 4.06c, renumber existing 4.06c-e | Show Rules Committee/OCP Committee | |
| Existing Wording | | Proposed Wording |
| <p>c. A Best of the Best ring may be added to any format show described above. Participation in the Best of the Best competition shall not be considered a violation of the provisions in rule 4.05 and paragraphs 4.06.a. and b.</p> <p>d. The Central Office will also license breed/color specialty rings which limit entries to a certain breed(s)/di vision(s)/color(s) as either stand alone or concurrent with other Allbreed, Super Specialty, and/or Longhair/Shorthair Specialty rings.</p> <p>e. When a show offers one or more Specialty rings, an equal number of Longhair and Shorthair Specialty rings must be offered.</p> | | <p><u>c. A show consisting of up to six rings may schedule one OCP ring. A show consisting of more than six rings may schedule two OCP rings.</u></p> <p>ed. A Best of the Best ring may be added to any format show described above. Participation in the Best of the Best competition shall not be considered a violation of the provisions in rule 4.05 and paragraphs 4.06.a. and b.</p> <p>de. The Central Office will also license breed/color specialty rings which limit entries to a certain breed(s)/di vision(s)/color(s) as either stand alone or concurrent with other Allbreed, Super Specialty, and/or Longhair/Shorthair Specialty rings.</p> <p>ef. When a show offers one or more Specialty rings, an equal number of Longhair and Shorthair Specialty rings must be offered.</p> |
| RATIONALE: This amendment sets forth the number of OCP rings which may be scheduled. | | |

Mastin: OK Ed, let's go on to #3. **Raymond:** #3 sets forth the number of OCP rings which may be scheduled. **Mastin:** Any discussion? Any objections? Seeing no objection, the motion passes unanimously.

The motion is ratified by unanimous consent.

[From after #8] **Mastin:** OK, we need to go back to #3. Darrell, you have the floor. **Newkirk:** Thank you very much, Mr. President. Kathy mentioned #3 being effective immediately. Our show rules take effect on May 1. There was no amendment to that motion, so I just want to make sure that we're all on the same page here, that this rule takes effect on May 1, not immediately, because there was no motion or amendment to the wording here. **Mastin:** OK, thank you Darrell. **Calhoun:** I believe what I said or hoped to say, and it could be reflected in the minutes, that the experimental format which is being used in other areas – 1-9 except for the ID – the one thing that we were waiting for was clear definition around the rules. We now have that, so the experimental format will be approved in the ID division effective immediately. I thought that I said “experimental”. **Mastin:** Thank you for clarifying that, Kathy and Darrell. At this point in time, until the end of the year, any OCP requests still need to come to the board or the

Executive Committee. Correct, Ed? **Raymond:** That is correct. It's still experimental until the first of May. **Mastin:** OK, very good. I think we have a couple of those coming up later somewhere in this. **Calhoun:** I just want to provide some clarity. What the clubs typically have been doing is coming to the ID Committee before coming to the board. Most of the clubs that have been denied the ability to have an OCP ring was postponed or directed to the fact that we did not have this level of detail in the instructions. So, I'll modify this again, that the ID Committee is in support of clubs in the International Division to move forward with the OCP experimental format, effective immediately. **Mastin:** OK, thank you.

4. *Amend show rule to reflect awards for OCP rings, if applicable*

| Article VIII – Prizes, Ribbons and Trophies, amend 8.03 | | | Show Rules Committee/OCP Committee | | |
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| Existing Wording | | | Proposed Wording | | |
| 8.03 Permanent ribbon designations, ribbons (fabric or paper), or rosettes in the color designated MUST be given for the awards listed below. If more than one type of memorial is listed, any one of the choices may be given. | | | 8.03 Permanent ribbon designations, ribbons (fabric or paper), or rosettes in the color designated MUST be given for the awards listed below. If more than one type of memorial is listed, any one of the choices may be given. | | |
| First Place | Perm/ribbon/rosette | Dark Blue | First Place | Perm/ribbon/rosette | Dark Blue |
| Second Place | Perm/ribbon/rosette | Red | Second Place | Perm/ribbon/rosette | Red |
| Third Place | Perm/ribbon/rosette | Yellow | Third Place | Perm/ribbon/rosette | Yellow |
| Best of Color Class | Perm/ribbon/rosette | Black | Best of Color Class | Perm/ribbon/rosette | Black |
| 2nd Best of Color Class | Perm/ribbon/rosette | White | 2nd Best of Color Class | Perm/ribbon/rosette | White |
| Best of Breed/Division | Perm/ribbon/rosette | Brown | Best of Breed/Division | Perm/ribbon/rosette | Brown |
| 2nd Best of Breed/Division | Perm/ribbon/rosette | Orange | 2nd Best of Breed/Division | Perm/ribbon/rosette | Orange |
| Best Champ/Prem of Breed/Div | Perm/ribbon/rosette | Purple | Best Champ/Prem of Breed/Div | Perm/ribbon/rosette | Purple |
| Household Pet Merit Award | Ribbon/rosette | Red & White OR Green | Household Pet Merit Award | Ribbon/rosette | Red & White OR Green |
| Veteran Merit Award | Ribbon/rosette | Silver or Gray | Veteran Merit Award | Ribbon/rosette | Silver or Gray |
| Best, 2nd, 3rd AB Champ | Ribbon/rosette/award | Any Color | Best, 2nd, 3rd AB Champ | Ribbon/rosette/award | Any Color |
| 4 th & 5 th AB Champ (if appl) | Ribbon/rosette/award | Any Color | 4 th & 5 th AB Champ (if appl) | Ribbon/rosette/award | Any Color |
| Best, 2nd, 3rd LH Champ | Ribbon/rosette/award | Any Color | Best-10th AB Champ (if appl) | Ribbon/rosette/award | Any Color |
| 4 th & 5 th LH Champ (if appl) | Ribbon/rosette/award | Any Color | Best, 2nd, 3rd LH Champ | Ribbon/rosette/award | Any Color |
| Best, 2nd, 3rd SH Champ | Ribbon/rosette/award | Any Color | 4 th & 5 th LH Champ (if appl) | Ribbon/rosette/award | Any Color |
| 4 th & 5 th SH Champ (if appl) | Ribbon/rosette/award | Any Color | Best, 2nd, 3rd SH Champ | Ribbon/rosette/award | Any Color |
| Best & 2nd AB Premier | Ribbon/rosette/award | Any Color | 4 th & 5 th SH Champ (if appl) | Ribbon/rosette/award | Any Color |
| 3rd AB Premier (if appl) | Ribbon/rosette/award | Any Color | Best & 2nd AB Premier | Ribbon/rosette/award | Any Color |
| Best & 2nd LH Premier | Ribbon/rosette/award | Any Color | 3rd AB Premier (if appl) | Ribbon/rosette/award | Any Color |
| 3rd LH Premier (if appl) | Ribbon/rosette/award | Any Color | Best-10th AB Premier (if appl) | Ribbon/rosette/award | Any Color |
| Best & 2nd SH Premier | Ribbon/rosette/award | Any Color | Best & 2nd LH Premier | Ribbon/rosette/award | Any Color |
| 3rd SH Premier (if appl) | Ribbon/rosette/award | Any Color | 3rd LH Premier (if appl) | Ribbon/rosette/award | Any Color |
| Best-10th Best Cat | Rosette/award | Any Color | 3rd SH Premier (if appl) | Ribbon/rosette/award | Any Color |
| 11th-15th Best Cat (if appl) | Rosette/award | Any Color | Best-10th Best Cat | Rosette/award | Any Color |
| Best-10th Best Kitten | Rosette/award | Any Color | 11th-15th Best Cat (if appl) | Rosette/award | Any Color |
| 11th-15th Best Kitten (if appl) | Rosette/award | Any Color | Best-10th Best Kitten | Rosette/award | Any Color |
| Best-10th Best Premiership | Rosette/award | Any Color | 11th-15th Best Kitten (if appl) | Rosette/award | Any Color |
| 11th-15th Best Premiership (if appl) | Rosette/award | Any Color | Best-10th Best Premiership | Rosette/award | Any Color |
| Best-10th Best HHP | Rosette/award | Any Color | 11th-15th Best Premiership (if appl) | Rosette/award | Any Color |
| 11th-15th Best HHP (if appl) | Rosette/award | Any Color | Best-10th Best HHP | Rosette/award | Any Color |
| Best-5th Best Veteran | Rosette/award | Any Color | 11th-15th Best HHP (if appl) | Rosette/award | Any Color |
| 6th-10th Best Veterans (if appl) | Rosette/award | Any Color | Best-5th Best Veteran | Rosette/award | Any Color |
| Best-5th Best Agility (if appl) | Rosette/award | Any Color | 6th-10th Best Veterans (if appl) | Rosette/award | Any Color |
| | | | Best-5th Best Agility (if appl) | Rosette/award | Any Color |

RATIONALE: Adds the Best-10th AB Champion and Best-10th AB Premier to the list of ribbons to be awarded if applicable. [Note to Central Office – there are other amendments to this show rule which were passed at the October 2023 Board meeting.]

Raymond: #4 amends the show rule to reflect the awards for OCP rings, if applicable, adding them to the list of ribbons and rosettes. **Maxtin:** Discussion? Objections? Seeing no objections, the motion passes unanimously.

The motion is ratified by unanimous consent.

5. *Amend 11.28 to set forth placements to be awarded.*

| Article XI – During the Show – Judging and Awards, amend 11.28 | Show Rules Committee/OCP Committee |
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| Existing Wording | Proposed Wording |
| <p>11.28 In Allbreed rings the Championship finals awards will be Best through 10th Best Cat, Best, 2nd Best and 3rd Allbreed Best Champion, Best, 2nd Best and 3rd Best Longhair Champion, and Best, 2nd Best and 3rd Best Shorthair Champion 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 through Fifth Best Allbreed Champion, Best through Fifth Best Longhair Champion, and Best through Fifth Best Shorthair Champion.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>Premiership finals awards will be Best through 10th Best Cat , Best and 2nd Best Allbreed Premier, Best and 2nd Best Longhair Premier, Best and 2nd Best Shorthair Premier when cat entries are less than 50. For Premiership entries of 50 or more, Best through 15th Best Cat, Best, 2nd, and 3rd Best Allbreed Premier, Best, 2nd, and 3rd Best Longhair Premier, Best, 2nd, and 3rd Best Shorthair Premier will be awarded.</p> <p>Veteran Class finals awards will be Best through 5th Best Cat or Best through 10th Best Cat as determined by show management.</p> | <p>11.28 <u>Standard Allbreed Rings</u></p> <p>In Allbreed rings the Championship finals awards will be Best through 10th Best Cat, Best, 2nd Best and 3rd Allbreed Best Champion, Best, 2nd Best and 3rd Best Longhair Champion, and Best, 2nd Best and 3rd Best Shorthair Champion 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 through Fifth Best Allbreed Champion, Best through Fifth Best Longhair Champion, and Best through Fifth Best Shorthair Champion.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>Premiership finals awards will be Best through 10th Best Cat , Best and 2nd Best Allbreed Premier, Best and 2nd Best Longhair Premier, Best and 2nd Best Shorthair Premier when cat entries are less than 50. For Premiership entries of 50 or more, Best through 15th Best Cat, Best, 2nd, and 3rd Best Allbreed Premier, Best, 2nd, and 3rd Best Longhair Premier, Best, 2nd, and 3rd Best Shorthair Premier will be awarded.</p> <p>Veteran Class finals awards will be Best through 5th Best Cat or Best through 10th Best Cat as determined by show management.</p> |

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| | <p><u>OCP Rings</u></p> <p><u>In an OCP ring which is judged as part of an existing ring, the finals awards for Champions when fewer than 85 cats are entered will be Best through 10th Best Allbreed Champion, Best, 2nd Best and 3rd Best Longhair Champion, and Best, 2nd Best and 3rd Best Shorthair Champion. For Championship entries of 85 or more, the finals awards for Champions will be Best through 10th Best Allbreed Champion, Best through Fifth Best Longhair Champion, and Best through Fifth Best Shorthair Champion.</u></p> <p><u>In an OCP ring which is judged in a stand-alone ring, the finals awards for Champions will be Best through 10th Best Allbreed Champion.</u></p> <p><u>In an OCP ring which is judged as part of an existing ring, the finals awards for Premiers when fewer than 50 cats are entered will be Best through 10th Best Allbreed Premier, Best and 2nd Best Longhair Premier, and Best and 2nd Best Shorthair Premier. For Premiership entries of 50 or more, the finals awards for Premiers will be Best through 10th Best Allbreed Premier, Best through Third Best Longhair Premier, and Best through Third Best Shorthair Premier.</u></p> <p><u>In an OCP ring which is judged in a stand-alone ring, the finals awards for Premiers will be Best through 10th Best Allbreed Premier.</u></p> |
| | <p>RATIONALE: This amendment sets forth the placements to be awarded in OCP rings. The language applicable to OCP rings closely parallels the language of the existing provisions applicable to standard Allbreed rings. [Note to Central Office – there are other amendments to this show rule which were passed at the October 2023 Board meeting.]</p> |

Raymond: #5 is where the questions were the last time. What I've done is taken the existing rule and made it under a subhead of *Standard Allbreed Rings*, added language for the *OCP Rings* below. The language for the OCP Rings very closely mirrors the existing language for Standard Allbreed Rings. **Mastin:** Discussion? Objections? The motion passes unanimously.

The motion is ratified by unanimous consent.

6. Amend show rule to reflect awards for OCP rings, if applicable.

| Article XI – During the Show – Judging and Awards, amend 11.30 | | Show Rules Committee/OCP Committee | | | | | | | |
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| Existing Wording | | | | | Proposed Wording | | | | |
| 11.30 The following awards will be made by the judge subject to the provisions of rule 11.26. | | | | | 11.30 The following awards will be made by the judge subject to the provisions of rule 11.26. | | | | |
| a. CHAMPIONSHIP WINS | | LH or SH Best of Color/Breed Allbreed Specialty the Bests Specialty | | | a. CHAMPIONSHIP WINS | | LH or SH Best of Color/Breed Allbreed Specialty the Bests Specialty | | |
| Best–5th Best Cat | X | X | X | X | Best–5th Best Cat | X | X | X | X |
| 6th–10th Best Cat | X | X | | X | 6th–10th Best Cat | X | X | | X |
| 11th–15th Best Cat | X* | X* | | X* | 11th–15th Best Cat | X* | X* | | X* |
| Best, 2nd, 3rd*** Champion | X | X | | X | Best, 2nd, 3rd*** Champion | X | X | | X |
| 4 th & 5th Champion | X* | X* | | | 4 th & 5th Champion | X* | X* | | |
| Best, 2nd, 3rd*** LH Champion | X | | | | <u>Best-10th Champion</u> | X* | | | |
| 4 th & 5th LH Champion | X* | X* | | | Best, 2nd, 3rd*** LH Champion | X | | | |
| Best, 2nd, 3rd*** SH Champion | X | | | | 4 th & 5th LH Champion | X* | X* | | |
| 4 th & 5th SH Champion | X* | X* | | | Best, 2nd, 3rd*** SH Champion | X | | | |
| | | | | | 4 th & 5th SH Champion | X* | X* | | |
| Best of Division | X | X | | 1 | Best of Division | X | X | | 1 |
| 2nd Best of Division | X | X | | 2 | 2nd Best of Division | X | X | | 2 |
| Best of Breed** | X | X | | 1 | Best of Breed** | X | X | | 1 |
| 2nd Best of Breed** | X | X | | 2 | 2nd Best of Breed** | X | X | | 2 |
| Best of Breed/Division Champion | X | X | | 3 | Best of Breed/Division Champion | X | X | | 3 |
| Best & 2nd Best of Color Class | X | X | | X | Best & 2nd Best of Color Class | X | X | | X |
| First-Third | X | X | | X | First-Third | X | X | | X |
| AOV | 4 | 4 | | 4 | AOV | 4 | 4 | | 4 |
| Provisional Breed | 5 | 5 | | 5 | Provisional Breed | 5 | 5 | | 5 |
| Miscellaneous Breed | 6 | 6 | | 6 | Miscellaneous Breed | 6 | 6 | | 6 |
| b. PREMIERSHIP WINS | | LH or SH Best of Color/Breed Allbreed Specialty the Bests Specialty | | | b. PREMIERSHIP WINS | | LH or SH Best of Color/Breed Allbreed Specialty the Bests Specialty | | |
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| 11th–15th Best Cat | X* | X* | | X* | 11th–15th Best Cat | X* | X* | | X* |
| Best & 2nd Best Premier | X | X | | X | Best & 2nd Best Premier | X | X | | X |
| 3rd Best Premier | X* | X* | | X* | 3rd Best Premier | X* | X* | | X* |
| Best & 2nd Best LH Premier | X | | | | <u>Best-10th Premier</u> | X* | | | |
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| Best of Breed/Division Premier | X | X | | 3 | Best of Breed/Division Premier | X | X | | 3 |
| Best & 2nd Best of Color Class | X | X | | X | Best & 2nd Best of Color Class | X | X | | X |
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| 6th–10th Best Cat | X | X | | X | 6th–10th Best Cat | X | X | | X |
| 11th–15th Best Cat | X* | X* | | X* | 11th–15th Best Cat | X* | X* | | X* |
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| 2nd Best of Division | X | X | | 2 | 2nd Best of Division | X | X | | 2 |
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| 2nd Best of Breed** | X | X | | 2 | 2nd Best of Breed** | X | X | | 2 |
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Mastin: #6. Raymond: #6 is again reflecting a different show rule to reflect the awards for OCP Rings, if applicable. **Mastin:** Discussion? Objections? Seeing no objections, the motion passes unanimously.

The motion is ratified by unanimous consent.

7. *Update rule to reflect scoring calculations where Best through 10th Best Champion or Premier are awarded.*

| Article XXVIII – Obtaining Titles -- Grands, amend 28.02c | Show Rules Committee/OCP Committee | |
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| Existing Wording | | Proposed Wording |
| <p>28.02 c. Second Best Champion or Premier will receive 90% of the points received by the Best Champion or Premier. Third Best Champion will receive 80% of the points received by the Best Champion. When awarded pursuant to 11.28, the Third Best Premier will receive 80% of the points received by the Best Premier. When awarded pursuant to 11.28, the Fourth Best Champion will receive 70% of the points received by the Best Champion and the Fifth Best Champion will receive 60% of the points received by the Best Champion.</p> | | <p>28.02 c. Second Best Champion or Premier will receive 90% of the points received by the Best Champion or Premier. Third Best Champion will receive 80% of the points received by the Best Champion. When awarded pursuant to 11.28, the Third Best Premier will receive 80% of the points received by the Best Premier. When awarded pursuant to 11.28, the Fourth Best Champion <u>or Premier</u> will receive 70% of the points received by the Best Champion <u>or Premier</u>, and the Fifth Best Champion will receive 60%, the Sixth Best 50%, the Seventh Best 40%, the Eighth Best 30%, the Ninth Best 20% and the Tenth Best 10%. of the points received by the Best Champion.</p> |
| <p>RATIONALE: This change spells out the grand point calculations for the Second Best through 10th Best Champion or Premier placements. [Note to Central Office – there are other amendments to this show rule which were passed at the October 2023 Board meeting.].</p> | | |

Mastin: #7. Raymond: #7 updates the show rule to reflect the scoring calculations where best through 10th best champion or premier are awarded. **Mastin:** Discussion? Any objections? Seeing no objections, the motion passes unanimously.

The motion is ratified by unanimous consent.

[From after break following Agenda Item #4] **Mastin:** OK everyone, the meeting is called back to order. Before we move on to the next item, I need clarification from Ed Raymond. I received a phone call while on break and I believe I stated this during the discussion, but I just want clarification. OCP rings from club requests through the end of this year still need board approval or Executive Committee approval, correct? **Raymond:** Correct. They are still experimental until the beginning of the new show season. **Mastin:** OK. I just wanted to make sure we had that, and that was confirmed. Thank you.

Newly Proposed Changes

8. *Require inclusion of a copy of the CFA Exhibitor's Code of Ethics in the show catalog.*

| Article VII – Pre-Show Document Preparation, amend 7.09 | Show Rules Committee | |
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| Existing Wording | Proposed Wording | |
| <p>7.09 The introductory page(s) must contain the following information:</p> <p>a. the full name of the club or clubs (including all specialty clubs) sponsoring the show;</p> <p>b. the names of all officiating judges;</p> <p>c. the names of the show committee, indicating their positions as officials of the show;</p> <p>d. a notice that all Championship and Premiership entries, all registered Kittens, Household Pets, and all registered cats competing with Household Pet color class prefixes (whose registration numbers are printed or written in ink in the catalog) will be scored for CFA awards; and</p> <p>e. emergency telephone numbers (ambulance service, police and fire).</p> | <p>7.09 The introductory page(s) must contain the following information:</p> <p>a. the full name of the club or clubs (including all specialty clubs) sponsoring the show;</p> <p>b. the names of all officiating judges;</p> <p>c. the names of the show committee, indicating their positions as officials of the show;</p> <p>d. a notice that all Championship and Premiership entries, all registered Kittens, Household Pets, and all registered cats competing with Household Pet color class prefixes (whose registration numbers are printed or written in ink in the catalog) will be scored for CFA awards;and</p> <p>e. emergency telephone numbers (ambulance service, police and fire); <u>and</u></p> <p><u>f. a copy of the CFA Exhibitor’s Code of Ethics.</u></p> | |
| <p>RATIONALE: While the show rules require exhibitors to follow the Exhibitor’s Code of Ethics, it’s unlikely that many have followed the URL in SR 1.04 and read the document. Including a copy in the catalog would put the Code in front of exhibitors on a weekly basis. The catalog for the Vermont Fancy Felines/Club Felins Fleur de Lys shows recently included the Code on the inside front cover of their catalog, a good way to remind exhibitors of the conduct expected of them.</p> | | |

Mastin: #8. Raymond: Alright, we are done with OCP rings. What follows are newly proposed changes that the board has not seen previously. #8 is adding to the show rules a requirement that the CFA Exhibitor Code of Ethics be included in the show catalog. I've seen it in the show catalog the last two weekends' shows that I have been at. I think it's a really good idea to get it in front of exhibitors. **Krzanowski:** I just want to say, I think this is an excellent idea. Ed and I happened to be at a show together where this was printed in the catalog. Of course, not everybody reads what's in the catalog, but if they do it serves as a reminder for how exhibitors should be conducting themselves at a show. **Newkirk:** My issue is back on #3 on the OCP rings. So, we can do away with this and then I'll make my comments. **Mastin:** OK. Any

further discussion on #8? Any objections to #8? Darrell, are you objecting to #8? OK, seeing no objections, #8 passes unanimously.

The motion is ratified by unanimous consent.

9. *Add rules governing “special” finals.*

| <p>Article XIV – Responsibilities of Exhibitors, add new 14.06, renumber current 14.06</p> <p>Article XXI – Responsibilities of Judges, add new 21.12, renumber current 21.12</p> | <p>Cathy Dunham</p> | |
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| Existing Wording | Proposed Wording | |
| <p>14.06 In addition to the above, additional responsibilities of exhibitors can be found in the following rules: 1.01, 1.03, Article VI, 9.08.m, 10.02, 10.05–25, 11.01-02, 11.07-09, 11.17-18, 11.38, 13.01–05, 13.11, 26.01, 27.01-05, 28.01-08, 29.01-04, 30.01, Articles XXXI to XXXIV, 35.01–10, Article XXXVI, and 37.02-03.</p> | <p>14.06 <u>No exhibitor shall inquire of any ring (clerk, judge or otherwise) if their cat is a part of a final. Exhibitors will wait until the numbers are called or posted in the ring to learn if their cat is in that final. No exhibitor will ask for, or be given, an early, private, or special final.</u></p> <p>14.06-07 In addition to the above, additional responsibilities of exhibitors can be found in the following rules: 1.01, 1.03, Article VI, 9.08.m, 10.02, 10.05–25, 11.01-02, 11.07-09, 11.17-18, 11.38, 13.01–05, 13.11, 26.01, 27.01-05, 28.01-08, 29.01-04, 30.01, Articles XXXI to XXXIV, 35.01–10, Article XXXVI, and 37.02-03.</p> | |

[Following discussion on all of Proposal #9] **Mastin:** Ed, do you want to comment on either one of these, or address any questions? **Raymond:** I think the discussion has exposed the plusses and minuses. I don’t have anything to add. **Mastin:** OK, what I’m going to do here is, I am going to separate these. We’re going to vote on 14.06 and 14.07, because I do have a question on 21.12. I’m just going to call for the votes. If you are in favor of 14.06 and 14.07, which is just a number change on 14.07, raise your hand.

Mastin called the motion. **Motion Carried.** Anger, Currle, DelaBar, Griswold, Huhtaniemi, Newkirk and Shelton voting no.

Mastin: Kathy Calhoun, Pam Moser, Carol Krzanowski, Cathy Dunham, Paula Noble, Russell Webb, Yukiko Hayata, John Colilla, Anne Mathis. Lower your hand. If you are opposed, raise your hand. Rachel Anger, Darrell Newkirk, Pam DelaBar, Marilee Griswold, Kenny Currle, Pauli Huhtaniemi, Mike Shelton. Lower your hand. If you are an abstention, raise your hand. No

abstentions. Rachel? **Anger:** That is 9 yes, 7 no, zero abstentions. **Mastin:** OK, the motion passes.

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| <p>21.12 In addition to the above, additional responsibilities of Judges can be found in the following rules: 1.01, 1.03, 3.02, 3.04-05, 3.07-12, 3.14, 6.09-10, 10.11, 10.22, 11.01-03, 11.08-10, 11.12, 11.16, 11.18-24, 11.26-35, 11.37, 12.01-04, 12.15, 14.03, 35.04-05, and 35.07-09.</p> | <p>21.12 <u>No judge shall award any early, private, or special final for any exhibitor because their schedule requires them to leave the show before the final would take place. Finals may be called in multiple parts when necessary to comply with show rules. All cats called for a final (in full or in part) should shall be present in the ring as the judging schedule in other rings permits. A judge may award a placement out of order and release the cat once the award is made.</u></p> <p>21.12-13 In addition to the above, additional responsibilities of Judges can be found in the following rules: 1.01, 1.03, 3.02, 3.04-05, 3.07-12, 3.14, 6.09-10, 10.11, 10.22, 11.01-03, 11.08-10, 11.12, 11.16, 11.18-24, 11.26-35, 11.37, 12.01-04, 12.15, 14.03, 35.04-05, and 35.07-09.</p> |
| <p>RATIONALE: Show rules require cats to be present in the ring for a final. Exhibitors have been requesting early, private, and special finals, which violates show rules and places judges in difficult situations while generally giving a very bad impression. Exhibitors need to plan their travel arrangements accordingly and not assume that they are more privileged than any other exhibitor in the show hall, giving them the right to ask for special accommodation in a final.</p> | |

Mastin: We are going to move on to #9. **Raymond:** #9 is the addition of rules governing “special” finals. This is as amended by the language that Mike Shelton proposed. I would like to suggest an additional amendment to 21.12 where in the third sentence it says, *All cats called for a final (in full or in part) should be present*. I would like to change *should*, which is permissive, to *shall*, which is mandatory. **Mastin:** Allene, do you have Mike’s wording up? And you replaced it with *shall*, thank you. **Currle:** Are we open for discussion on this, or should I wait? **Mastin:** Yeah, I’m OK if we open for discussion on this. **Currle:** I think this is potentially a big imposition on our exhibitors. My primary concern is, pre-COVID we had completely different flight schedules. Everything is consolidated. These people, especially if they come from out of town and need to make flights, some of our judges may not be as fast as other judges and we’re going to prevent them or not permit them to at least inquire, even if it’s – to me I think it’s not a good rule to impose upon our exhibitors. I think that they expect us to be done at a certain time and for whatever many different reasons it would go over that time. I just don’t want to see any more rules written against our exhibitors. **Mastin:** Thank you Kenny. **DelaBar:** I judged a 225 show last weekend and there were 6 rings running at the same time, all of us judging massive classes of cats. When we did our finals, it may have been not only in 2 parts, it may have been in multiple parts because class judging still takes precedence over finals. We might have a certain number of cats as part of the final, and we might have things really way out of order to hang. I think that 21.02 is far too restrictive on the judges, not just the exhibitors, especially when you’re

dealing with, as I said, a 225 and most of us haven't done a full 225 in a long time. It really is a scheduling nightmare and I would hate to see a judge or an exhibitor be penalized for trying to work around in a situation like what we had last weekend. I want to go back to more of a recommended rule, rather than, "this is dead set, this is what you've got to do."

Dunham: This rule is really coming out of the exhibitors that are concerned that there is special favoritism being given to a few exhibitors and not extended to all exhibitors. I have stood in show halls and I have watched what I'm going to term as the "privileged few" walk up to a judging ring, ask if their cat is in the final and ask for those ribbons to be hung so that they can leave. My time is just as precious as an exhibitor as anybody else's. I have commitments. I need to be back at work Monday morning. I need to get on the road, too. Once the cat gets to the ring, if a judge opts to hang best cat first because that cat is needed in another ring, I don't care about that but the bottom line is, we are standing out in the show hall patiently waiting for finals to be called. We all know that shows run overtime. We should be accommodating our own travel schedules for that. There's no reason for special accommodations to be made when we all have the same importance in our lives and travel schedules. That's what this is trying to get at. Once the cats are present in the final, I don't care how a judge chooses to hang them. They can hang every other award, I don't care. The bottom line is, we all need to look at this from all perspectives and if you know that shows are going to run over or you see a slate of judges that you know maybe a judge is a little slower than somebody else, you should make your travel arrangements accordingly, not just assume that you can walk into a judge's ring and expect special treatment. That's where we're coming from with this. **Newkirk:** I understand that completely. However, I think the way this is worded is, you can't do your final until every cat is in the ring, and that's the problem. We have class judging going on and I think Pam mentioned that that takes precedence over the final, but we can have a little more cooperation from some judges, I believe. I'm always willing to hang out of order and let the cat go to the other ring so it can do class judging. I've done that many times, but asking for special favors I think is a little out of line. That's it. **Anger:** I think we need to balance between what's being called "special favoritism" versus punishing the exhibitors that are coming from the furthest distances and spending the most money to get to our shows. We need to give them value for that effort and the dollars they spend. Sometimes there are no travel options that would be better. There are no 9:00 p.m. flights anymore, as Darrell pointed out there used to be before COVID. We're all struggling to make travel plans that work with the shows' schedules. I really don't think there is special favoritism. People are always going to claim foul. How is this a foul when someone's cat has already earned a spot in a final or not? Who does it harm if someone says, "Is my cat in the final? If not, I'm going to go make my flight." Who does that harm? The decision has already been made or not. If it looks like special favoritism, as an exhibitor I would not find that to be special favoritism, but people are always going to call fire over something where they imagine there is smoke there. I don't think there is here. I think we have to give judges a little bit of flexibility. Although the rewriting of the rule is very nice in 21.12, I still don't support it. I want to let our judges determine what is fair or not. The judge can always say, "I don't want to show special favoritism so I'm not giving out any final numbers." I would just like to leave that more in the judges' hands. They are our judging professionals. Let's show them some courtesy, thank you. **Calhoun:** There seems to be a couple of ways that if a judge is running late and they have already calculated and they have their final ready, in 14.06 it said, "Exhibitors will wait until the numbers are called or posted in the ring to learn if their cat is in that final." So, a judge has that option. Again, if they have done their final and know who is in it, they can post the numbers or

have numbers called and people can leave if they are not in the final. Then, I think it said in 21.12, and maybe I'm interpreting this incorrectly, that "All cats called for a final, in full or in part, should be present in the ring as the judging schedule ...". Doesn't that allow you the option that all the cats don't have to be there? It said, "All cats called for in a final, **in full or in part.**" And then, to the comment about customer service and being able to tell an individual if they are in a final if they come up and ask that question, yes the final has been prepared and is done and the decision has been made, but we all know that the perception when a specific person who is running a cat and flying – and typically that's a person that's probably flying from here to there that really needs to know – the perception for everybody else in the room is not good. So, I support this. **Moser:** Kind of just going on what Kathy just said. I'm torn on it actually, but I think the perception – because I had the opportunity this past weekend, I was at a show where I was a spectator, and so I was sitting in a ring and some exhibitor walks up to the judge and all around me I heard the other exhibitors saying, "Oh yeah, look what this person is doing, asking if they can go ahead and asking the judge if they can find out if their numbers are there." So, I can see where the perception is, the exhibitors are saying, "why are they getting special treatment?" So, I'm just saying, from what I've heard from sitting in the audience, this is what our other exhibitors are saying.

Griswold: I had a couple of points to bring up on this. It sounds like we are talking about after hours here. If it's after show hours, is this what's happening? There's nothing that specifically talks about that, but if it's during the show hours then I don't think anybody should be asking if their cat is in a final. That's my first point, is the timing of this and if it's worded during show hours or after show hours. The second would be, maybe there's something that we could do that's more convenient and equal to all exhibitors. I have seen some clerks when it is getting close to the end of show time, to say, "We're going to go ahead and call our numbers for the final but wait until this judge is finished or that judge is finished doing whatever they're doing." That way, it seems more equal to all the exhibitors in the show hall, instead of just one or two. **DelaBar:** I think we need to take these two different rules and vote on them separately. As a judge, I will often have a clerk announce the numbers if it looks like I need to get ahead of another ring especially, but the clerk I have also given numbers to, to make sure that people are going to show up for the final. I had three voids – voided wins – at the International Show, of all places. I would have loved if somebody had come up and said to my clerk, "Am I in the final" or whatever. It is really a horrible feeling to have to void a cat's win. I had to do one last week, as well. I would just like to be proactive when I'm putting out my numbers. If my clerk is seen talking to somebody, give us a break. Don't assume that the exhibitor came to my clerk, because my clerk may be talking to the exhibitor at my bequest. As far as 21.12, I still have some concerns. In this day and age, when we are having so many shows that are one day, 6 ring shows, the finals – it's a big trouble sometimes to be able to get your final done when you have to go on to another large class. So, we need to either have better education of our exhibitors or we need to be a bit more – I'm trying to say this in a nice way – we need to educate our exhibitors more or we need to give a little bit more latitude to our judges, to be able to do our jobs.

Calhoun: To combine one of the things that Marilee said and what I said earlier in 14.06, *Exhibitors will wait until the numbers are called are posted to the ring to learn if their cat is in the final*, maybe there should be an additional sentence that says something to the effect that – or a tip or trick for judges or clerks. If, in fact, you are running close to the end of the announced – when the show is supposed to end, you should or you must – however we would want to word

that – post or call the final once it is prepared. That would give all those who are in the room the same visibility as that person walking up. The person walking up is asking about if they are in a final, the final must have been prepared to give the answer. So, post the final.

Dunham: In hearing this discussion, I still want to iterate, this is a huge perception issue, that a privileged few exhibitors are given the opportunity to ask if their cat is in a final and have their rosettes hung before the final is ever called so that they can make their travel arrangements. I don't see why this is a huge problem to at least have the cats – I'm OK with calling the final so that they know if a cat is in the final or not in the final, but if we are going to continue to give these people the opportunity to have their finals done "privately" before the main part of the final is called and awarded, then I'm just going to say what Pam DelaBar didn't say; which is, change the rule and let the judges hang on empty cages. **DelaBar:** No, no, no, no. **Dunham:** Because this is a big perception issue and Pam Moser is right. The exhibitors are talking about it. They may not be talking about it in Europe or Japan or the ID divisions, but they are certainly talking about it in Regions 1-7. We are just trying to eliminate a little bit of it by asking for this clarification in the rules. So, I hope that the judges understand, we are not going after you guys. We understand that there are scheduling issues, that cats need to be in other rings for judging. We understand that you might not get every cat in whatever part of the final you're calling because they are in a judging ring, but at least when the cat does show up, you can hang the ribbon immediately and you can move on. That's where we're trying to go with this. So, I hope that you see that and understand it. We are not trying to hinder the judges or a judging schedule. Yes, it happens more after the posted show hours, but I have seen it happen during the day, earlier in the day. They just think they are entitled to know if their cat is in the final and it doesn't matter, so that's where we're coming from with this.

Mastin: OK, thank you Cathy Dunham. I'm going to ask the group, if you have something additional to add that hasn't already been spoken, please do. If you don't have anything additional to add, we've got to move along on this. I need to ask the board, does anybody object to having Vicki make a comment on this? This is not her purview. She's not on the Show Rules Committee that I know of. Does anybody object to a comment from Vicki? I just want to go on record. We're not setting a precedent here by doing it, because we don't want additional comments coming in from off the board. OK Vicki. **Nye:** Representing the judges, basically. My problem with this is that, oftentimes there are one or two judges that are scheduled to have their finals in the first part of the day and they oftentimes delay that final because cats are being judged in other rings, and then you end up with a backlog of four finals at the end of the day. That's not fair to the exhibitors, either, because I rarely see a show where all the finals are done by that advertised closing time. If this is going to be the case, I think I would advise all the judges to never delay their final, even if they end up stepping on other rings that are judging the cats. They will have to wait and let the cats trickle in, and that stops the other rings from judging but it also allows those exhibitors to get those finals in before they all end up backed up at the end of the day. **Currle:** Just to sum it all up, the rules that are being printed here are unfair, not only to the exhibitors but also the judges. I've always acquiesced to other judges in class judging, and many judges do the same. This rule would really mess up with the flow of the show. I just don't like seeing rules that place an imposition on any particular group, and this certainly does for both the judges and the exhibitors. I'm out. [Discussion goes to voting on 14.06 and 14.07]

Mastin: On to 21.12. I go back to Darrell's comment. Darrell, I think you were either the second or third speaker on this a bunch of minutes ago. My question is, on the second sentence it states, *All cats must be called up to the ring and present in the final*. That seems like a huge hurdle and potential problem, as Darrell stated, how can that be accomplished and are we going to open up judges for issues down the road because they can't get all the cats in the final and present, so I'm just questioning that. Ed, maybe you can clarify it. Carol, maybe you can clarify it. **Krzanowski:** I think we have addressed that, because if you read the rest of the sentence, it says *as the judging schedule in other rings permits*. Also, the next sentence says, *A judge may award a placement out of order and release the cat once the award is made*. So, I believe we have already addressed this. Let's hear what Ed has to say on the matter. **Raymond:** I think the language you were quoting Rich was probably the original draft of this rule. **Mastin:** Good point. You're right. Let me go back to – OK. **Raymond:** What Allene is showing on the screen right now is the current version of this proposal. **Mastin:** OK, then it does address my question, I believe. **Newkirk:** I think the part that says, *All cats called for a final, in full or in part, shall be present in the ring as the judging schedule in other rings permits*. The first part says the cat has to be there, and then you make an exception here for cats being in another ring. So one part says one thing, the latter part says another. All this does, it makes it more confusing and then you're going to subject the judges, if they start the final without all the cats being in cages in your final, then somebody is going to bitch and complain and write a complaint. So, I don't support this the way it's written. **Krzanowski:** We could possibly address that by just eliminating the word *All* and start the sentence with, *Cats called for a final, in full or in part, shall be present in the ring as the judging schedule in other rings permits*. So, that would alleviate the problem of having all of them there at the same time. **Mastin:** Mike, you proposed the change. Any comments? **Shelton:** I proposed this change because my original concern was having too many cats that you could actually fit in a final at one time. Obviously, judging schedule conflicts are another issue. I think either Carol's suggestion or going back to *should* instead of *shall* might alleviate that problem. **Wong:** Recently in Asia especially, these final few months you can imagine the counts are huge. We talk about 150+ cats, as Pam said, in one single class. Devon Rex could be more than 50, Ragdoll another 40, right? So, the way it's written and after this dilution as we just heard, it's actually exactly the same as what we have now. The judges call for cats, we hope for them to arrive, but in reality it's already 10 p.m. in the evening and there's still 5 finals going on. We're not going to get all the cats. The cats are getting very tired. It becomes extremely difficult and frustrating for exhibitors and also for the cats, to sit at 10 p.m. and wait 20 minutes just because one other cat is being in the final or judging in the ring. It seems after the dilution, we are removing the *All* and also *as the judging schedule in other rings permit*, I think this revision doesn't add anything to what we have now. I don't have voting power here, but I'm just voicing this actually creates a window for people to complain. We already know the competition is getting very fierce and people love to find a way to complain to the judges and other exhibitors, so I think this could open a can of worms that we don't have the resources to deal with. **Raymond:** I appreciate everyone's parsing of the individual sentences of this particular rule, but I would urge you to consider the rule as a single entity. The rule is being written to deal with the early, private or special finals situation, not to change any other part of the existing process of how finals are conducted.

DelaBar: I could personally support this if the rule ended after the first sentence, *No judge shall award any early, private or special final for any exhibitor because their schedule requires them to leave the show before the final would take place*. End of show rule. We all

know what we have to do. Those of you who are not in the situation of trying to do finals, we had top 15 finals in both kittens and adults last week – that's top 5 shorthair champions, top 5 longhair champions, top 5 allbreed champions, of course made of the shorthair and longhair, and then top 15. In kittens it was top 15. Hopefully, you've got enough cages to deal with this but the schedules are a bitch, and there's no other way to put it. I'm going to make one comment. Back in the day, back around 2006, I was concerned with the way that we conducted our competitions and have always been looking for alternative ways to do things. These past few rules that we've addressed, I look as symptoms of a system that needs help and is broken. We need to come up with better ways, other ways, more fair ways to do our competitions. This is my idea, this is how I feel, but this is how I view what we've been doing in all of our show rules. I could support 21.12 and 21.13 if it ended right with addressing the problem that wants to be addressed. Let us judges figure out how in the hell we're going to do some of our work and get the job done that we're being paid the \$1.25 per entry to do, but address the problem directly and don't add in all the other stuff. **Mastin:** Before I call on Darrell, would you support the motion if the third sentence was eliminated and all the other three remained? **DelaBar:** Yes. I would support if *Finals may be called in multiple parts when necessary to comply with show rules*. Then, get rid of the rest. Get rid of the rest. **Mastin:** What about the last sentence? Are you OK with the last sentence? **DelaBar:** I'm OK with the last sentence. That's what we do, but we do not want to hang on empty cages. That is not an option in my case. **Mastin:** OK, thank you Pam. **Newkirk:** I like Pam's suggestion. I think taking out everything from *All cats* down, because we're not required to award placements 10 up through best. That's not in the rules anywhere. I can pull best cat out and give it if I want to, so to me that whole last part that Allene has highlighted right now should be gone. I don't know that *Finals may be called in multiple parts with necessary to comply with show rules*, why does that need to be in there? It's just extra wording. If you've got a bunch of males, you're not going to be able to bring all the cats up in one spot. It goes without saying that you're going to have to bring up cats in multiple parts, and I don't know why that even has to be in there. **Mastin:** Cathy Dunham, you're going to be the last one on this, then I'm going to ask Carol what she's going to do with this motion. **Dunham:** OK. I am in support of taking out what's highlighted, so if Carol and Kenny are OK with that, then as the sponsor of this I am OK with it, too.

Mastin: Carol, I'm not going to instruct you what to do. I'm going to ask you, what do you want to do with this motion? **Krzanowski:** I will make a motion to revise this rule to eliminate everything after the first sentence. **Mastin:** Kenny, are you in agreement? **Currle:** I'll second. **Mastin:** OK. Carol, does Allene have that correct? **Krzanowski:** Yes. **Mastin:** So, your motion is to remove everything from the second sentence on, correct? **Krzanowski:** That is correct. **Mastin:** And Kenny, you agreed, correct? **Currle:** Yes. **Mastin:** OK, thank you. I'm going to call for the vote. If you are in favor, please raise your hand.

Mastin called the motion. **Motion Carried.**

Mastin: Cathy Dunham, Pam DelaBar, Kenny, Paula, Kathy Calhoun, Pauli, Carol, Russell, Darrell, Yukiko, Pam Moser, John, Anne, Marilee, Mike. Please lower your hands. If you are opposed, raise your hand. If you are an abstention, raise your hand. OK, Rachel? **Anger:** I was a yes on that, as well. Sorry, I didn't get my hand up, so that's 16 yes, zero no, zero abstentions. **Mastin:** OK, the motion passes unanimously.

10. *Amend Article XXXVI to provide that the region of residence of a cat/kitten/household pet is the site of the primary residence of the owner or any of the co-owners.*

| Article XXXVI – National/Regional/Divisional Awards Program, amend National/Regional/Divisional Assignment | Paula Noble & Cathy Dunham | |
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| <p>RATIONALE: Currently, an exhibitor who owns residences in more than one region can choose the region to which their cat/kitten/household pet is assigned. This allows for forum shopping, which can be a competitive advantage. This amendment would require that the cat/kitten/household pet be assigned to the region which is the site of the primary residence of the owner or any of the co-owners. The use of the site of</p> | | |

primary residence mirrors the requirement in the by-laws approved by the delegation at the 2023 Annual Meeting for determining the region of residence of a club secretary.

Mastin: OK, #10. **Raymond:** #10 amends Article XXXVI to provide that the region of residence for a cat, kitten or Household Pet is the site of the primary residence of the owner or any of the co-owners. It adds the word “primary” and this parallels what was done by the delegation in determining the residence for a club secretary. **Newkirk:** Please define what a “primary residence” is. **Raymond:** A primary residence is normally the state in which you have your driver’s license, you claim maybe certain tax preferences that are available only to primary residents. In Florida it’s a homestead exemption. It has a legal meaning that I am not clearly articulating in full right now. **Noble:** I just felt that there are not many out there that have taken advantage of this, but I know of a couple. We have had one who has residences in both Region 7 and Region 3, and she is very active in Region 7 but usually claims her – she is getting an advantage which she has been given permission to do this by the board, and I don’t think that anybody should have an unfair advantage over all of the rest of the exhibitors. **Currle:** I understand where Paula is coming from. People do have multiple residences wherever they are most active, where their cats they choose to show I think should have precedence over where they may or may not have their primary residence, but as far as getting an advantage, I don’t really see one, They can choose to go to any show that they absolutely want. I really can’t support this the way it’s being written, because the word “primary”, as Darrell said, is so unclear. I have two primary residences. They happen to be in the same region, but I tend to choose for tax purposes and what have you where my primary residence tends to be, so I can’t support the way this is written. **Mastin:** Cathy Dunham, you are also a sponsor of this. Do you have comments? **Dunham:** Yeah. What we’re trying to get at, again, is just having exhibitors pick where they are going to have their awards scored, based on where they have their driver’s license, where they have their tax exemptions on their properties. You know, we’re not trying to hinder anybody from showing in any region or city that they choose to do so. We do that every weekend. We go all over the country, but we need to have some clarity on where their cats are really being scored, because if the property that they own in another region is really more of a vacation property, then yeah. I mean, we just need the clarification. It’s not that we’re trying to stop exhibitors from getting awards or anything like that. We just need some clarity in how the residences are determined for their awards. **Anger:** I agree that we need clarity, but adding the word “primary” doesn’t provide clarity. One example is listed here. We have another example where an exhibitor has claimed a residence for 25+ years that is now being challenged under this exact, same basis here. So, if we can come up with a clear definition of what the word “primary” is and how it applies to our regional assignment, I would be completely in favor of this, but when you have a historical presence in a region for a quarter of a century, I don’t think the word “primary” is going to clarify a situation like that. Now, when you have forum shopping, as is in the rationale here, we don’t want forum shopping, but here again “primary” can be challenged. I own a property in Florida, one in Michigan, one in Wisconsin so I pay taxes everywhere but my true primary residence is in Florida, so that’s where I would pick but someone else might want more flexibility to region shop. That’s what I would like to stop, but I don’t think this is a one size fits all solution. Thank you. **DelaBar:** Back in the day when I was regional director of Region 3, we had this very same problem between Region 7 and Region 3. I can tell you, the word “primary” is used in our animal welfare in our cattery standard. “Primary residence” or “primary enclosure” where a person or cat resides is where it spends the majority of its time, and that is the simple

statement of what primary residence would be. I actually have two addresses, but I can tell you my primary residence is in Region 9 in Finland, but I have voting rights in Texas with an address in Texas. So yes, there are some ways to massage this around, but “primary residence” is where you spend the most time, where you lay your head down most of the time, and that is how it has been defined in the past and how we use “primary” in the animal welfare world. **Newkirk:** “Primary address” is listed in our bylaws under the secretary of record for a club, so there are two or three other places in the show rules where it just lists “residence”. When the secretary submits the annual membership of club members, it just asks for addresses. It doesn’t say “primary address”, it just says “addresses”. My second thing that I want to comment, what in the world does, *It is not necessary that the region listed in the catalog match the address contained in the official show records*. What does that mean? **Raymond:** I believe it means that when you submit your entry for the show, the address that you list as the owner’s address does not have to match the regional assignment that you assign to the cat. So, if you were at your vacation home in the days when confirmations came by mail, you could have the confirmation sent to your vacation home, even though the cat is assigned to the region of your permanent home. That’s an existing part of the show rule that’s been there forever. We can remove it, but that would be an additional change.

Mastin: Before you two further discuss, Allene, how is Central Office treating that sentence? **Tartaglia:** We do what it says. For instance, it could be a co-owner situation. So, you have two co-owners. One is in Region 3, one is in Region 7. They want to claim Region 7 but the person who entered it is in Region 3. So the address in the official show records is not going to match the region. That’s just another instance. It could be an agent that’s entering the cat. There’s all types of instances where this applies. **Mastin:** OK. Is that what your comment was going to be? **Tartaglia:** Yes. **Mastin:** OK. Darrell, thank you for pointing out the bylaws section on regional assignment. For those that are listening, that is in Section 4.

Mastin: Ed, I see you have your hand up. Do you want to give a definition of “primary residence”? If you don’t have it, I have it. **Raymond:** What I was going to point out tied in with what Darrell said. I know there’s some question about not defining “primary” but I just wanted to point out that this board sponsored the amendment to Article III, Section 4 at last summer’s board meeting to replace “mailing address of the secretary” with “the primary residence address of the secretary”. We tried to mirror that primary residence language in this show rule. **Mastin:** Anything further on that, Ed? **Raymond:** No, that’s it for me. **Newkirk:** I just want to comment that there is nothing in the bylaws about cats being assigned to any region. Cats are assigned to a region based on show rules, not on the bylaws. The bylaws pertain to club membership, not breeders and not cats. **Raymond:** Correct. **Mastin:** That’s correct. Definition of “primary” through Google, *A primary residence is legally considered to be the principal or main home you live in for most of the year. You can only have one primary residence at a time. This is usually the address listed on your driver’s license, tax returns and other official government documents.* Any further discussion? I’m going to call for the vote. If you are in favor, please raise your hand.

Mastin called the motion. **Motion Carried.** Anger, Colilla, Currle, Griswold, Huhtaniemi, Newkirk and Webb voting no.

Mastin: Pam DelaBar, Pam Moser, Paula, Cathy Dunham, Carol, Yukiko, Mike, Kathy Calhoun, Anne. Please lower your hand. If you are opposed, raise your hand. Kenny, John,

Russell, Marilee, Paula [*sic*, Pauli], Darrell, Rachel. Please lower your hand. If you are an abstention, raise your hand. Rachel, I see no abstentions. **Anger:** For the no votes, you said Paula. I think you meant Pauli. **Mastin:** Oh, did I? I'm sorry. **Anger:** So, I have 9 yes, 7 no, zero abstentions. **Mastin:** OK, the motion passes.

11. *Amend 30.01 regarding treatment of male cats whose color combinations occur only by virtue of genetic anomaly.*

| Article XXX – Championship Breeds/Divisions & Colors, amend 30.01 | CFA Judging Program Committee | |
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| Existing Wording | Proposed Wording | |
| <p>30.01 The following breeds and colors are recognized as entitled to win Championship or Premiership honors.</p> <p>(NOTE: Male cats whose color combinations occur only by virtue of genetic anomaly (more than one X chromosome present) are never eligible for Kitten, Championship or Premiership competition, but are eligible for an AOV class as provided in Article XXXI). Examples of the multiple possibilities of these colors and patterns include, but are not limited to tortie varieties and patched tabbies (torbies) and can be combined with any pattern or patterns with or without white.)</p> | <p>30.01 The following breeds and colors are recognized as entitled to win Championship or Premiership honors.</p> <p>(NOTE: Male cats whose color combinations occur only by virtue of genetic anomaly (more than one X chromosome present) are never eligible for Kitten, Championship or Premiership competition, but are eligible for an AOV class as provided in Article XXXI). <u>Where permitted by Article XXXI, an exhibitor may transfer such entry to an AOV class. If there is no AOV class for that breed or the exhibitor does not agree to transfer to AOV, the judge must disqualify (DISQ) such entry if entered and present in the Kitten, Championship or Premiership competition.</u> Examples of the multiple possibilities of these colors and patterns include, but are not limited to tortie varieties and patched tabbies (torbies) and can be combined with any pattern or patterns with or without white.)</p> | |
| <p>RATIONALE: The current show rule directs the judge to transfer to AOV, however that transfer requires the agreement of the exhibitor. If the exhibitor refuses, the judge does not have any other guidance to rely upon. Furthermore, the following breeds do not even have an AOV class: Birman, Deon Rex, Bombay, Burmese, Chartreux, Egyptian Mau, European Burmese, Korat, LaPerm, Lykoi, Norwegian Forest Cat, Oriental SH, Oriental LH, Ragamuffin, Russian Blue, Siamese, Siberian, Singapura, Sphynx, or Turkish Van. Disqualifying this entry only makes sense since the entry should not have been allowed by the entry clerk. There was even an occurrence where a Male Brown Patched Tabby & White Maine Coon received grand points, so documenting a change in the Show Rule 30.01 provides clear and consistent direction to all judges who are faced with a Male cat entry, whose color combinations occur only by virtue of genetic anomaly.</p> | | |

Mastin: Ed, #11. **Raymond:** #11 amends 30.01 regarding the treatment of male cats whose color combinations occur only by virtue of a genetic anomaly. This was language that

Vicki Nye suggested. **Mastin:** Does anybody have any questions or comments for Vicki or Russell on this? Any objections? Seeing no objections, the motion passes unanimously.

The motion is ratified by unanimous consent.

Addendum

12. *Extend the reduction of grand point requirements for cats in the International Division and Ukraine and add a reduction for Russia west of the Ural Mountains for the 2024-2025 show season.*

| Addendum #6 | Cathy Calhoun & Pam DelaBar | | |
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| Existing Wording | Proposed Wording | | |
| None. | <u>For the 2024-2025 show season, the requirements to obtain the grand title in the International Division outside of China and in Ukraine are modified to require 75 points for the Grand Champion title and 25 points for the Grand Premier title, in Russia west of the Ural Mountains to require 100 points for the Grand Champion title and 50 points for the Grand Premier title, and in China to require 175 points for the Grand Champion title and 50 points for the Grand Premier title, as noted in the following table.</u> | | |
| | Country/Area | GC Pts Rqd | GP Pts Rqd |
| | Regions 1-9 except as noted, China | 200 | 75 |
| | Maritime Provinces of Canada, United Kingdom, Ireland, Malta, Hawaii, <u>Mexico</u> , Russia east of the Ural Mountains, Ukraine, International Division (except China | 75 | 25 |
| | Russia, West of the Ural Mountains | 100 | 50 |
| | China | 175 | 150 |
| RATIONALE: Extends the current exception to Show Rule 28.04.b. and add an exception for Russia west of the Ural Mountains. | | | |

Mastin: OK Ed, #12. **Raymond:** #12, last one, is an addition to the addendum for the next show season extending the reduction of grand points for cats in the International Division and Ukraine and adding a reduction for Russia west of the Ural Mountains for the 2024-2025 show season. **Mastin:** Does anyone have any questions or comments for Kathy Calhoun or Pam DelaBar? Does anybody have any objections? Seeing no objections, the motion passes unanimously.

The motion is ratified by unanimous consent.

Future Projections for Committee:

Currently, no show rule changes are anticipated to be brought forth at the April Board Meeting.

*Respectfully Submitted,
Ed Raymond, Chair*

Mastin: OK Ed, do you have anything additional? **Raymond:** That's it for Show Rules, although I notice that one of the online motions affected a show rule, so I'll work with Allene to make sure it's added to the addendum for the remainder of this year. **Mastin:** OK. When we get to Vicki's report, I think she made a recommendation of working with Show Rules on something, so we'll have to pay close attention to that. I don't know if she wants it for the upcoming year or not. **Raymond:** OK. **Mastin:** OK thanks, Ed. **DelaBar:** I think we just saw why it's necessary that we try to track all show rules at the October meeting. We just took up instead of 20 minutes, we just took up an hour and a half. So, I really think that we need to get back on track in making sure that we try to get everything done with Show Rules at our normal show rule meeting in October. **Mastin:** I agree. I'm sure Ed does, too. **Raymond:** I would love that. The number of changes that came today were only sent to the Show Rules Committee in the last two weeks. They were super late. **Mastin:** That's not good.

4. CFA INTERNATIONAL CAT SHOW AND EXPO.

Committee Chairs: *Ed Raymond*
Liaison to Board: *Rich Mastin*
List of Committee Members: *Mark Hannon, Allene Tartaglia, Linda Murphy, Noralyn Heisig, Desiree Bobby, Rachel Anger, Cathy Calhoun*

Brief Summation of Immediate Past Committee Activities:

The Committee/Central Office administered club voting for judges for the 2024 International Show. 310 clubs submitted votes.

Current Happenings of Committee:

The Committee will announce the individuals selected to judge the 2024 International Show during the February meeting.

Mastin: Ed, you are still up. International Cat Show and Expo. **Raymond:** Yes. We have conducted the club balloting for the selection of judges for the 2024 International. 310 clubs voted this year, compared to 317 in 2023. I'm going to read the list of judges who were selected, in alphabetical order:

2024 CIS Judge Ballot Results

**** BEST OF THE BEST JUDGE**

*** BEST IN SHOW JUDGES**

| Gold Show | | White Show | |
|----------------------|-----------|--------------------|--|
| Judge Name | | Judge Name | |
| Adkison, Larry ** | AB | Anger, Rachel * | |
| Currle, Kenny | AB | Morgan, Melanie | |
| Griswold, Marilee * | AB | Newkirk, Darrell * | |
| Sweeney, Teresa | AB | Nye, Victoria | |
| Vanwonderghem, Peter | AB | Webb, Russell | |
| Black, Kathy | Specialty | DelaBar, Pam | |
| Calhoun, Kathy | Specialty | Pearson, Brian | |
| Mathis, Anne | Specialty | Veach, Gary L. | |

Alternates

Bennett, Jacqui
Doernberg, Diana

Raymond: We have gone through and assigned the judges to the Gold and the White show. In the Gold show, Larry Adkison, Kenny Currle, Marilee Griswold and Peter Vanwonderghem will be doing allbreed. Kathy Black, Kathy Calhoun and Anne Mathis will be doing specialty. In the White show, Rachel Anger, Melanie Morgan, Darrell Newkirk, Vicki Nye and Russell Webb will be doing allbreed. Pam DelaBar, Brian Pearson and Gary Veach will be doing specialty. The judges who will be doing the Best in Show judging – remember, this year

we are bringing up the best longhair and shorthair cat or kitten in each category from each show, so the four kittens will be judged to have the best kitten, the same for championship and premiership. Those will be judged by Marilee Griswold, Rachel Anger and Darrell Newkirk. Then, Larry Adkison will choose Best of the Best from the Best Kitten, Best Championship Cat, Best Premiership Cat. Congratulations to all of the judges who have been selected. I believe Rachel is ready to hit the trigger on the invitations for judges to do the show. **Mastin:** Allene, will you please send Pam DelaBar that information so she can get it for her notes. **Tartaglia:** Yes. **DelaBar:** Thank you. **Mastin:** You're welcome, Pam.

Future Projections for Committee:

Continue to plan for the 2024 International Show

Board Action Items:

None

What Will be Presented at the Next Meeting:

Updates on show planning as appropriate.

*Respectfully Submitted,
Ed Raymond, Chair*

Raymond: That's it for me. **Mastin:** Does anybody have any questions for Ed?
Newkirk: Can you tell me the specialty judges in the White Show? I got Veach. I didn't get the other two. **Raymond:** The White Show, Pam DelaBar, Brian Pearson, Gary Veach. **Newkirk:** Thank you. **Mastin:** Any other questions?

Calhoun: I didn't get it all, but how many board members will be at the International Show judging? **Mastin:** Ed, can you tell? **Raymond:** Hang on, I'll just go back to my alphabetic list. **Calhoun:** You know where I'm going with this. **Raymond:** We know. **DelaBar:** But Kathy, we don't know. We have elections coming up. **Calhoun:** I just want to know. We may make that decision before the election, but I just want to know the answer to the question. **Mastin:** You want to know how many of the current board members? **Calhoun:** How many of the current board members. That's all we can base it on if we need to move forward before June, and I think we do, on what we're going to do in October. **Raymond:** If my count is correct, 8 of the judges are board members. **Calhoun:** OK, thank you. **Mastin:** Anne Mathis, it looked like you were counting also. Is that about right? OK, she is shaking her head yes. Any further questions for Ed? Ed, great job. Thank you. Congratulations to all the judges selected. I want to also thank all the 310 clubs that submitted votes.

Mastin: It is 10:32. We are going to take a 10 minute break and then come back here at 10:42.

BREAK.

5. CENTRAL OFFICE OPERATIONS.

Submitted by: Allene Tartaglia, Executive Director

Future Annual Meetings: *contracts have been signed for the annual meetings in 2026 and 2027.*

2026: Marriott Syracuse (New York) Downtown, the week of June 22, 2026 (delegate meeting on Friday, June 26). Room rate: \$169 plus tax.

2027: Marriott Tacoma Downtown (Washington), the week of June 21, 2027 (delegate meeting on Friday, June 25. Room rate: \$192 plus tax.

We will soon be doing site visits for the 2028 Annual in the Houston and Dallas areas, Texas. Although region 3-Gulf Shore is geographically large, the most affordable hotels in good locations are in the Houston and Dallas areas. We have started reviewing locations for the 2029 Annual in region 4-Great Lakes. Once contracts are signed for 2028 and 2029, we will be on track selecting a site 5 years in advance of the meeting, as outlined in CFA's by-laws.

Mastin: Alright, we are going to move into Central Office. Allene? **Tartaglia:** I have no board action items. It's informational, so if anybody has any comments or questions, I just gave a status on future annual meetings and where we stand with contracting and site visits, so if anybody has any questions on that? **Mastin:** Does anybody have any questions for Allene? OK Allene.

Region/Division Award Reports: *following is the tentative schedule for the end of the show season scoring and award report distribution. Please note this is based on the receipt of the show packages needed to score the shows. As always, we will touch base with shows on the last two weekends of the show season and remind them we must receive the results within a day or two after the show is over.*

March 18, 2024 - Preliminary/preview reports sent to regions and ID

April 27-28, 2024 - Last show weekend.

May 3, 2024 - All shows scored, provided all show scoring packages received

May 3, 2024 - ePoints posted

May 4-7, 2024 - Review files, address any reported discrepancies

May 8, 2024 - Final reports sent to regions and ID

We've discussed the possibility of running year-end reports separately and independent of each other for the three different award areas (regions 1-9, ID and China). This is not possible the way the system is currently structured. However, although it may be possible with the updated system, the glitch is the titles, specifically the NW title. Unlike regions 1-9, ID and China where there are specific rules regarding where a cat is shown to where the points accrue, all shows count towards the NW title. It is quite possible, and has happened, that a cat with a RW/DW title doesn't achieve the NW title until a show outside the RW/DW area is scored. Therefore, the NW title would be missing from the reports sent before ALL shows are received and scored and this is when errors occur - the old information is used instead of the updated information resulting in incorrect trophies and award booklets.

Tartaglia: The region/division reports, I just wanted to provide a tentative schedule for the end of the show season scoring and the award report distribution. Here are the dates that you can expect things, but please note that it's all predicated on when we receive all of the show results. I know that something is coming up, I guess it's for Experimental Formats, an OCP ring on the last weekend of the show season. It is imperative that we get any show – well, all shows – timely but certainly any with an OCP ring, because we still are doing that somewhat manually. So as not to delay something, we really need those show results, especially for the OCP rings. **Calhoun:** I just wanted to say that the International Division Committee will make every effort to do everything that we can possibly do to make that happen. **Tartaglia:** Thank you. **Mastin:** OK, continue. **Tartaglia:** If there's any questions on that, it doesn't appear that there are. **Mastin:** No questions.

***Website Update:** we're almost there and the finish line is in sight. By the board meeting, Kathy Durdick will have access to the new website and will start to move some of the current content and add new content while the company developing our new website, Atomic Wash, continues to program. In a perfect world, moving content to the new site wouldn't happen until it was fully programmed and functional, but since we are already past the original deadline and to roll out the new website as soon as possible, Atomic Wash agreed to proceed in this fashion. Once Kathy and Atomic Wash are done, a team of "testers" will review the new website, provide feedback, changes made if necessary, and the new website will debut by May 1, 2024.*

Tartaglia: I just wanted to give a little bit more information regarding the website update. I touched on it before in a note to the board. We really are getting very close. Kathy Durdick is starting to move some of the current content. New content, specifically all of the breed pages, that's all brand new, brand new pictures, is being added to the website. Normally you don't have two different entities working on a website while it's still in the development and programming stage; however, that is happening because we are delayed and we don't want to delay things any further. So, we are saying that the website will debut by May 1st. It could be a little bit earlier but we did not want to give a date at this point that we wouldn't meet, so it will be debuted by May 1st. **Calhoun:** I just wondered, do you have a schedule of tasks that have to be done laid out to get to that May 1st or earlier date? The only reason I ask, I'm not trying to create work for anybody, but having come from the project manager world, that's the only way we could figure out what we needed to do, how much time it was going to take and where the finish line was, so we would know if we delayed something, we would have to make it up some sort of way and it was very helpful to have that. I didn't know if that was the sort of thing you could share. **Tartaglia:** Yes. I don't have it handy at the moment myself. We have had it within the website Marketing Committee meetings. Desiree has that schedule. I would have to go find it. I don't have it handy right at the moment, but it's only a matter of, it might be five dates because when we would have access to do content, when it would be fully functioning for the testers to test, we plan on giving the tester team about 10 days to 2 weeks to test the website, get feedback from them and provide adequate time for Atomic Wash to make any tweaks, changes, corrections because we know that will exist, and then be able to release the website. So, those are the 5 things that we have in that timeline. I just don't recall off the top of my head what those dates are, but we are sticking to those. February 1st was the date that Kathy would have access to the website to start moving content. I think March 1st might be when we expect to have it all done and ready for testers to go. We do have a timeline that we're following. **Mastin:** Kathy, do you have another question or comment for Allene? **Calhoun:** I do. Have you identified the team

of testers, and who from the International Division will be participating? **Tartaglia:** We have identified the team of testers and I believe Desiree or someone on the Marketing team was going to reach out to you for you and also I believe we already have someone from Region 9, but we were going to reach out to Pam DelaBar and/or you Kathy to get testers from those respective areas. If that hasn't been done yet, I'll be sure it is. We just talked about that on Thursday, but yes, because we definitely want someone from the ID, ID-China and Regions 8 and 9. **Mastin:** OK, very good. I don't see any other hands up.

***Logos – Region/Division, Licensed Show and Member Club:** The initiative for member club and licensed show logos has been cancelled. The Region/Division logo project is on an indefinite hold. Shows, clubs and regions/divisions may use any of the new CFA logos as desired. An abbreviated selection of the CFA logos in the standard file types (jpg, png, etc.) will be back on the website soon and other file types are available, on request, if needed.*

Mastin: Continue. **Tartaglia:** This is a Marketing thing. We reported earlier about the licensed show logos and then there were club logos and the region/division logos. We're not doing any of that. That has just been cancelled. We may continue to look at the region/division logo project, but it's on an indefinite hold. I just wanted to make sure you were all aware of that. An abbreviated selection of the CFA logos in the standard file types will be back on the website soon, if they're not already there. Then, of course, other file types are available if needed. Some people need the original Adobe Illustrator or they need the Vector file or various things, or the reverse transparent, so we'll have most of the ones up there that people would use. **Mastin:** Does anybody have any questions or comments on logos? Allene, my comment is, good decision and thank you. **Tartaglia:** You're welcome.

***2024 Yearbook:** the printed version of the 2024 Yearbook was received in the Central Office on Wednesday, January 24, and shipping has already begun. We anticipate all pre-ordered and advertiser Yearbooks will be shipped by January 31.*

Tartaglia: The 2024 Yearbook is out. We received the printed version in the office Wednesday. They were all shipped by this past – actually, it has been a week now. They were shipped by the end of a week ago. We will be looking at the shipping to advertisers for next year, especially for our advertisers outside of the U.S. because the shipping is very costly. With advertisers they receive a free Yearbook but in addition to that there are some areas – for instance, where Pam lives – where they have this value added tax added on, so we will be proactive in determining how those advertisers would like to receive their printed Yearbook in the future. **Mastin:** Any questions or comments on Yearbook? **Currle:** I just wanted to thank the Yearbook Committee for doing a fantastic job. I got mine yesterday. It's fabulous, thank you. **Tartaglia:** Great, thank you. They will be glad to hear that. **Mastin:** I agree with Kenny's comments. Special thank you to Shelly [Borawski] for all her hard work in what she does. She spends a great deal of time all throughout the year on that, and I had the opportunity two or three nights ago to go through every single page. It's a beautiful book and there's more pages than the previous year, so great job to all of you. **Tartaglia:** Thank you. I'll pass that along in case she's not listening.

Tartaglia: That's all I have. **Mastin:** Does anybody have any other questions or comments for Allene? OK Allene, thank you.

6. IT REPORT.

Committee Chair: *Tim Schreck*
Liaison to Board: *James Simbro*

Mastin: IT Report. James and Tim Schreck. Is Tim available or is James doing this?
Tartaglia: James is doing this. I have a Tim in the audience, but I don't know that that's Tim Schreck.
Simbro: I don't think he was planning on it. **Mastin:** He was not planning on it, James?
Simbro: Not that I'm aware of. **Mastin:** OK. Go ahead then, Janes. **Simbro:** OK. Good morning, everyone. Thanks, Rich.

Current Happenings of Committee:

eCat v2.0: Completion of the update has, unfortunately, been delayed further. The developers continue to run into problems deciphering the old code and converting the processes into the new programming. The registration processing side is ready and undergoing testing, and development is now focused on show scoring. Progress is being made and here is a breakdown of the key areas and their state of completion. The list is divided by customer side and administrative side functions.

eCat Customer Side – Complete and undergoing testing

User signup and management (includes two-factor authentication option)

Cat Registration application process

Function to Link Cats to an account (enhanced anti-fraud measures)

Litter Registration & Management process with the ability to litter register kittens

Manage Catteries – Catteries are verified before they can be used (anti-fraud)

eCat Customer Side – Not Completed (tied to scoring)

Ring Reports

CH/PR Confirmations

Show Entry

ePoints Reports

eCat Administrative Side – Complete and undergoing testing

Judges

Clerks

Breed Council

Clubs

Catteries

Show License

Finance – Invoicing and Transaction Summary Reports

eCat Administrative Side – Not Completed

Show Scoring (in process)

Year End Awards Processing

Generate Pedigrees (in process)

Cattery Offspring Report

Manage Grands & DM (in process)
Manage Agility Titles
Cat Ownership Transfers

Completion Timeline: *Given that completion of the remaining sections will likely take us into March, which places us within a month of closing out the 2023-2024 Show Season, we will be holding the launch of the new eCat until June 1st. Closing out a show season requires all our attention and leaves zero time for troubleshooting any post-launch issues. We understand this is frustrating for everyone, but a rushed launch is too risky. Extensive work is going into making sure this updated system is on a solid foundation and this will serve CFA far into the future. The time required for future enhancements and their costs will also be reduced with this new platform.*

Simbro: As in the report, you can see we continue to see some delays, despite our developer's promise for a year end completion. Scoring has become much, much harder to decipher than they planned. That's kind of the name of the game with us. Everything that we think should go smoothly turns out to be more confusing or difficult to understand. We are undergoing internal testing right now for both the administrative and the eCat side. A lot has been completed and we are doing testing, completing bug reports and such. We will begin external testing hopefully within the next week or two. I'll get some people outside of Central Office to look at eCat and experience the new screens, the new processes, and see how things are going to work out, so we're excited about that, to get some external feedback. I do have some stuff we'll cover in a brief executive session just to kind of go over the timeline of the project and I'll also show you some screen shots of the eCat screens people are going to see. We're not ready for the public to quite see those yet, but they are 99% complete. So, if anybody has any questions?

Mastin: Any questions or comments on the eCat v2.0? **Calhoun:** James, you will be sharing your timeline with the board? **Simbro:** Yeah. It seems like this thing has been going on for 5 years. **Calhoun:** It does feel like that. **Simbro:** I laid out a timeline of when we started everything, what has happened at each step and kind of get everybody on the same page. **Calhoun:** But you have a timeline that gets you to a finish date? **Simbro:** Yeah. We do talk about the timeline of the proposed finish. Where this began when things broke through when initial estimates were laid out, so right from the beginning to where we plan to be. **Mastin:** Before we go any further, James let's clarify for the record because you said it feels like 5 years. It hasn't been 5 years. When did this project start? **Simbro:** I just had my document up. It was the February 2022 meeting that we brought up the idea of doing a revised system. **Mastin:** Then when did it begin? **Simbro:** The proposed estimated actual start of the project was going to be August of 2022. **Mastin:** August of 2022? **Simbro:** Yeah, with a completion of August of 2023, so it was estimated to take 12 months. **Mastin:** I just wanted to make sure that that information was in open discussions for the record.

Genetics: *Work has been on-hold since the last report in December as the developers are 100% focused on completing eCat v2.0. After eCat v2.0 is released, this project will be the top priority to wrap up and activate on the new eCat pages.*

Mastin: James, did you want to say anything on the genetics? **Simbro:** Just that there has been no meaningful progress since the last meeting, just because we have been 100% of it has gone working with the developers to get the eCat wrapped up. We need to get that wrapped up so we can really concentrate. Genetics takes our full focus. The programmers can't flip back and forth between eCat and the genetics if we need them. It just delays things even more. **Mastin:** OK. So, the primary focus right now is to complete eCat. **Simbro:** Yes, and then 100% of our focus will be genetics. **Mastin:** OK. **Calhoun:** I just want to insure the OCP ring scoring will be automated by May 1? **Simbro:** Yes. We're incorporating that in.

What Will be Presented at the Next Meeting: *Projects progress.*

*Respectfully Submitted,
James Simbro, Co-Chair*

Mastin: Does anyone have any questions for James? Seeing no questions, thank you James. **Simbro:** Thank you.

7. TREASURER'S REPORT.

MAY 1, 2023 THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2023

Submitted by Kathy Calhoun, CFA Treasurer

Mastin: Treasurer's Report. Kathy Calhoun. **Calhoun:** I'm not going to drain this. I'm sure you have all reviewed it and embraced it.

Key Financial Indicators

Balance Sheet

Cash reserves, including checking, have decreased 16.3% over prior year.

Profit & Loss Analysis

Litter registration contributed \$193,085 to the bottom line. This represents a 23.4% reduction compared to the same period in 2022 and was 80.2% of budget. Individual registration contributed \$350,044 to the bottom line. This represents a decline of 18.9% when compared to the prior year and was 82.8% of budget. Total registration (litter registration and individual registration) contributed \$ 537,655 to the bottom line which is 21.4% lower than prior year and 81.0% of budget.

| | <i>May – Dec 2023</i> | <i>May – Dec 2022</i> | <i>Change</i> | <i>% Change</i> |
|---|---------------------------|---------------------------|--------------------|-----------------|
| <i>Registrations, Litters (early)</i> | <i>\$85,498</i> | <i>\$111,025</i> | <i>(\$25,527)</i> | <i>-22.99%</i> |
| <i>Registrations, Litters</i> | <i>\$107,587</i> | <i>\$141,095</i> | <i>(\$33,508)</i> | <i>-23.75%</i> |
| <i>Total Litter Registrations</i> | <i>\$193,085</i> | <i>\$252,120</i> | <i>(\$59,035)</i> | <i>-23.42%</i> |
| <i>Registrations, Cats (early)</i> | <i>\$149,184</i> | <i>\$184,581</i> | <i>(\$35,398)</i> | <i>-19.18%</i> |
| <i>Temporary Registration Number</i> | <i>\$5,770</i> | <i>\$0</i> | <i>\$5,770</i> | <i>0.00%</i> |
| <i>Registration Cats</i> | <i>\$42,000</i> | <i>\$40,432</i> | <i>\$1,568</i> | <i>3.88%</i> |
| <i>Registrations, Cats- Prepaid</i> | <i>\$150,435</i> | <i>\$202,578</i> | <i>(\$52,143)</i> | <i>-25.74%</i> |
| <i>Registrations, Cats w/Litter</i> | <i>\$2,655</i> | <i>\$4,486</i> | <i>(\$1,831)</i> | <i>-40.82%</i> |
| <i>Total Individual Registrations</i> | <i>\$350,044</i> | <i>\$432,077</i> | <i>(\$82,034)</i> | <i>-18.99%</i> |
| <i>Total Registrations</i> | <i>\$537,655</i> | <i>\$684,197</i> | <i>(\$146,542)</i> | <i>-21.42%</i> |

Calhoun: Total registrations and income related to that was \$537,000 compared to \$690,000 prior year.

Other Key Indicators: Additional performance indicators are captured in the table below.

| | May - Dec, 2023 | May - Dec, 2022 | Change | % Change |
|---------------------------|--------------------|--------------------|------------|----------|
| HHP / CCW | \$6,815 | \$7,334 | (\$519) | -7.07% |
| Registrations, Cattery | \$107,875 | \$147,670 | (\$39,795) | -26.95% |
| Reg, Cattery Renewal | \$39,620 | \$27,815 | \$11,805 | 42.44% |
| Championship Confirmation | \$43,640 | \$29,985 | \$13,655 | 45.54% |
| Club Dues | \$33,360 | \$28,420 | \$4,940 | 17.38% |
| Breed Council Dues | \$27,760 | \$24,060 | \$3,700 | 15.38% |
| Registration by Pedigree | \$60,169 | \$75,466 | (\$15,297) | -20.27% |
| BAOS Income | \$15,225 | \$3,300 | \$11,925 | 361.36% |
| Show License Fees | \$17,875 | \$15,775 | \$2,100 | 13.31% |
| Show Entry Surcharge | \$40,033 | \$31,521 | \$8,512 | 27.00% |

Total Ordinary Income contributed **\$1,185,030** to the bottom line compared to \$1,360,542 the prior year. This represents a 12.9% decrease compared to prior year and is 83.6% of budget.

Calhoun: The next chart talks about other items, other key indicators around performance. I'll let you peruse that at your convenience. The total ordinary income contributed was \$1,185,030.

Publications

Yearbook revenue has decreased 4.68% and is 117.7% of budget.

Central Office - This category is 6.6% more than prior year and 98.8% of budget.

CFA Programs – Programs are 94.4% of budget.

2023 Annual Meeting and the International Show – A few minor items are still outstanding which will be captured in the fiscal year end report. Detailed reports will be posted in filevista.

| CFA Annual | Actual | Budget | over Budget | % Of Budget |
|----------------|-------------|------------|-------------|-------------|
| Total Income | \$62,376 | \$58,500 | \$3,876 | 107.0 % |
| Total Expenses | \$164,009 | \$135,460 | \$28,549 | 121.0 % |
| Net Income | (\$101,633) | (\$76,960) | (\$24,673) | 132.0 % |

Calhoun: Then there's a bit about Publications, Central Office and CFA Programs. The annual meeting and the International Show, there's still some outstanding expenses to add but the CFA annual cost \$100,000 which is not unusual. We know that. That is not intended to be an

income-producing event. That's a celebration of the year and the hard work the exhibitors, judges, board members contributed through the past season.

| <i>CFA International</i> | <i>Actual</i> | <i>Budget</i> | <i>over Budget</i> | <i>% of Budget</i> |
|--------------------------|------------------|------------------|--------------------|--------------------|
| <i>Total Income</i> | <i>\$341,863</i> | <i>\$291,400</i> | <i>\$50,463</i> | <i>117.32%</i> |
| <i>Total Expenses</i> | <i>\$343,931</i> | <i>\$265,600</i> | <i>\$78,331</i> | <i>129.49%</i> |
| <i>Net Income</i> | <i>(\$2,068)</i> | <i>\$25,800</i> | <i>(\$27,868)</i> | <i>-8.02%</i> |

Calhoun: The CFA International, we're showing right now about a \$2,000 loss. As I said, there's more details that will be added to the P&L. The detailed reports will be posted in File Vista.

The Bottom Line:

| | <i>May - Dec, 2023</i> | <i>May - Dec, 2022 (PY)</i> | <i>Change</i> | <i>% Change</i> |
|-----------------------------|------------------------|-----------------------------|--------------------|-----------------|
| <i>Total Income</i> | <i>\$1,631,458</i> | <i>\$1,478,964</i> | <i>\$152,494</i> | <i>10.31%</i> |
| <i>Total Expenses</i> | <i>\$1,931,571</i> | <i>\$1,377,996</i> | <i>\$553,575</i> | <i>40.17%</i> |
| <i>Net Operating Income</i> | <i>(\$300,113)</i> | <i>\$100,968</i> | <i>(\$401,081)</i> | <i>-397.23%</i> |
| <i>Total Other Income</i> | <i>\$118,452</i> | <i>(\$55,523)</i> | <i>\$173,975</i> | <i>313.34%</i> |
| <i>Net Income</i> | <i>(\$181,660)</i> | <i>\$45,445</i> | <i>(\$227,106)</i> | <i>-499.73%</i> |

Calhoun: Our net income, at this point we are at a loss of \$181,000. I think this only contributes to the importance of the projects that we will be talking about on Sunday.

DelaBar: My statistical research mind is trying to wrap my head around a minus 499.73% change. **Calhoun:** Don't try. It is the number – it's the fact that your difference between the positive and the negative quadruples. It's \$45,445 and that's how it's calculated, but if you were to roughly say \$40,000 was at this point in time in last season, we are actually \$227,000 behind that. **DelaBar:** I see, thanks. **Calhoun:** At some point, it gets to be too much, the story is the same. **Mastin:** Pam, most of the time percentages are very confusing for people. They're just included in there more so for those who want to know the differences in percentages, but the dollars are what's important. On that last page, Net Operating Income down \$300,000 compared to last year was a positive nearly \$101,000. Net Operating Income is what we need to focus on in order to continue to stay in business and be healthy about staying in business.

Respectfully Submitted,
Kathy Calhoun, CFA Treasurer

Mastin: I just want to go on record. CFA has plenty enough money. We're not going out of business. We're not selling Central Office or anything like that. There's plenty enough money for CFA. We can ride the up's and down's. We had a nice ride there for many years and we're just trying to get through some of the challenges. On a good note, a positive note, our long-term

investments, they struggled and as you remember last year long-term investments showed a negative. Well, the last two or three months, things have changed for the good. So, we ride that out. We have not touched those long-term investments. I can't remember when or if we have touched those long-term investments, so things are looking up on that side but we've got to continue to work on our top line sales and our operating expenses. **Newkirk:** Can you share with us where that money is invested? I'm not talking about a physical place, I'm talking about CDs, stock market. **Mastin:** It's a combination of stocks and bonds through an investment company. They have handled the portfolio for the past - Ed and Kathy maybe help me here – six years, seven years. Somewhere around that, six or seven years. **Calhoun:** Yes, and they do a very good job. **Newkirk:** Can you share with me a percentage of return? **Mastin:** I will have our broker put together a package for the board and we'll get it off to you. I can give you the year-to-date return with the percentage of return. I'll do that during the lunch break and I'll report on that. **Newkirk:** OK, thank you. I appreciate and look forward to that. **Mastin:** OK. **Calhoun:** Just to reiterate what Rich just said. The Net Operating Income is the most controllable piece that we have, and it's simple – income less expenses – it's simple. Total Other comes from investments and those sorts of things. So, as Rich said, we are not in any dire straits but we do need to pay attention and we need to do everything we can possibly do to increase that top line. **Mastin:** I think it's also important to note that we are continuing to support all our programs as the board had budgeted. We also had additional programs and requests come throughout the year that we supported, so it's important to note that. When we do that, it does impact our net operating income and our net income, so we'll keep that in mind when we go through the exercise at the end of March and April when we have to work on the 2024-2025 annual budget. Kathy, do you have anything else? **Calhoun:** Just to add a note on that, any programs that were included that came through the year were approved by the board. **Mastin:** Correct. Anybody have any questions for Kathy?

[From meeting reconvention after lunch break] **Mastin:** OK, we are going to call the meeting back to order. Before we move on to the next item of business, I believe it's Experimental Formats, I just wanted to get back to Darrell's question when we were reviewing the Treasurer's Report on the long-term investments. Darrell, year to date from April 28 to February 2, our long-term investments are up 5.86%, roughly \$117,426. Since October 27, which was our all-time low reported number for long-term investments which is roughly 14 weeks ago, we were up \$191,186 or roughly 9.9% increase since October 27th. **Newkirk:** Thank you. **Mastin:** You're welcome. Rachel, if you need them for the minutes I can email them to you later today. **Anger:** Sure. Always good to have information. **Mastin:** OK.

Performance:

- from April 28, 2023 to February 2, 2024 (44 weeks) +\$117,425.01 / +5.86%
 - from October 27, 2023 to February 2, 2024 (14 weeks) +\$191,198.34 / +9.91%

8. DIVERSITY AND INCLUSION COMMITTEE.

*List of Committee Members: Jose Ayala, Jen Bristol, George Eigenhauser, Wain Harding, Carolyn Jimenez, Kristin Nowell
Kathy Calhoun - Chair*

Brief Summation of Immediate Past Committee Activities:

Preparation of the following statement to the CFA Board and future training.

Current Happenings of Committee:

Statement to the CFA Board of Directors and Officers

The Diversity and Inclusion Committee plays a crucial role in supporting CFA's journey towards becoming a more inclusive and culturally competent organization. It is important for all Board members and standing Committees to fully understand the valuable assistance that the Diversity and Inclusion Committee can provide.

The Committee has identified opportunities where its insights could have positively influenced outcomes. For instance, in a situation involving a breeder/exhibitor who identifies as transgender, questions about changing the breeder/owner's name could have been addressed more easily with the Committee's expertise in LGBTQ+ cultural competence. Similarly, issues related to providing a sign language interpreter at the 2023 International Show could have benefited from early consultation with the Diversity and Inclusion Committee. A final issue where the Diversity and Inclusion Committee could be of some assistance is with the integration of the diverse geographic areas of CFA.

The Diversity and Inclusion Committee can serve in a proactive role. By bringing related issues to the Committee's attention at the outset, the Board and standing Committees can tap into a valuable resource.

The goal is to encourage a collaborative approach and shift in mindset, prompting everyone to ask, "Does this issue/decision/policy have a potential impact on our interest in diversity and inclusion as an organization?" If the answer is yes or even potentially yes, involving the Diversity and Inclusion Committee early on ensures that CFA can achieve its objective of cultural competence and inclusion.

It is critical that the Diversity and Inclusion Committee be brought into the decision-making process "early on." A pre-read of a committee's report and recommendation is far too late to fully benefit the committee and CFA as an inclusive organization.

Mastin: OK Kathy, you're going to continue please. Diversity and Inclusion. **Calhoun:** Yes. Allow me to read this report to the board. It won't take very long. It's a statement to the CFA Board of Directors and Officers [reads]. The Diversity and Inclusion Chair will, in turn, review with the Diversity and Inclusion Committee, and a committee member will be assigned to assist. **DelaBar:** Kathy, this is rather directive in nature. What is the impact on committees not

coming to the D&I Committee when dealing with things with far-reaching implications on what the D&I should be looking at, especially in areas where they know nothing about it. I'm talking about Animal Welfare. I'm saying "not knowing about it", but knowing about the particulars dealing with Animal Welfare and when dealing with things that have absolutely no pertinence to the D&I subject matter. **Calhoun:** May I answer that? **DelaBar:** Please. **Mastin:** Go ahead.

Calhoun: I think in the motion it says items *that potentially impact CFA's commitment to diversity and inclusion as an organization*. If you feel that what you may be doing in Animal Welfare touches that point, then yes. The Committee is a resource. The Committee is not trying to control what other committees do, but there are resources out there that we are not using. So, the first decision would be – as, you gave the example of Animal Welfare – is that potentially impacting CFA's commitment to Diversity and Inclusion? If you ask that question and your answer is yes, then reach out. All the Committee is asking for is a seat at the table so that we can understand what is going on and be of service. That's it. **Newkirk:** I have a problem with this, Kathy. I'm sorry, but you are asking the board to ratify you being the co-chair of every committee. **Calhoun:** No, I am not. **Newkirk:** OK. Well, that's the way it is listed. It says, *All CFA Committee Chairs, Co-Chairs, Board Members and Officers*. So, you are asking that everything that is decided by – a committee is supposed to be autonomous. Rich appoints every June on Sunday morning. He suggests all the committee chairs for the future year, and by you guys trying to put your finger on everything that these committees do, to me is not right. Committees should be autonomous. When we get the committee reports, your committee can take all those reports and review them at that point in time. I'm not sure why you need to be in the decision-making process before it even gets finalized and presented to the board, so I can't support it Kathy, I'm sorry. **Calhoun:** So Darrell. Rich, can I answer Darrell? **Mastin:** Go ahead.

Calhoun: I see no place in this motion where it says I want to be the co-chair of every committee. What it says is that when considering decisions that involve policies, procedures and recommendations that potentially impact our diversity and inclusion position as an organization, reach out. OK, let's say this example. Typically, when a committee is doing something and it's going to be an incremental cost to CFA, they include me in the discussion. I don't read it for the first time typically at the board table or the pre-reads. They reach out and say, "Where are we? Can we spend this? What's included in our budget?" Those sorts of questions. As a resource – I'm not asking to be on the committee. The board would make a decision but I'm a resource. All we are asking to be is a resource. **Currle:** Totally agree with Darrell. We created this D&I Committee. The board should have input. I think it's too much power under one committee where we have to run everything through one source before we can have an actual impact on CFA. That's why we have board meetings. So, I'm not going to support this. It's just too much power in one committee's hands. **Anger:** I agree with what Kenny and Darrell said. I think this is covered with our Board of Directors' Oath, where we all take an oath to work together. I think as a request, this is an excellent request to make, but to make it a mandate? I just can't agree with it. I bend over backwards to share everything I can with the various committees when they are involved. You have all gotten reminders after board meetings of to-do items in an email and such, so I think there is already that effort. Just bringing it forward here, Kathy, I believe has brought it to everyone's attention that it needs to be done. As a mandate, those that have said it's a bit strong armed, I would agree with. I would do anything I can to help this Committee, particularly in the example that was cited about one of our customers having difficulty with a name change. This is what I did in my professional life, was name changes for transgender individuals. I don't know anything about that situation, so you kind of wonder how can I be

proactive and help here when there's no knowledge of it until now when the problems come forward. But that is an example. I see that there are issues that need to be dealt with. I just think this is too much, and we should all be doing this every opportunity as it is. **Newkirk:** I agree with Rachel. This has brought the issue forward, but to require – the first line in this to me is out of line. We brought it to everyone's attention. If a committee wants the input from the D&I, then I don't have an issue with that, but this is basically making it mandatory and that's what I object to. **DelaBar:** Believe it or not, I truly understand what Kathy is trying to do. I would like to see CFA being more proactive in attempting to contact and include more of our communities that would be under the D&I policy and have rules. That's where I think that we should be focusing on, rather than just playing – I'm sorry, it's CYA. Kathy knows that I have contacted her on other matters, especially dealing with the ID, and I have no problems interworking with other people on the board, but it did, to me, feel very directive in the way it was stated. **Mastin:** Darrell, then I'm going to make a comment after Kathy has closing arguments. **Newkirk:** Does the D&I have a policy statement or something that their Committee is ruled by? Is there anything written? **Calhoun:** The D&I Committee created the policy that's on the CFA website.

Mastin: Kathy, go ahead and make your comment, then I will make a comment. **Calhoun:** OK. I think perhaps this was not a request to make decisions on all committees. This was a request, when the decision involves Diversity and Inclusion and a committee is talking about it, that is when someone from the Committee could be of benefit – of benefit. The examples that were brought forward earlier in the report here, the Diversity and Inclusion team found out about it late and indirectly. We could get in front of some issues if we were just made aware. Diversity and inclusion comes in many different forms, so all we're asking is to be an asset to CFA and not sit on the sidelines. That's it. **Mastin:** OK. I understand both sides of this. From a business perspective, whether it's a personal business or a corporate business, how a situation like this might be handled is, leadership and departments that are related similar to this category – more so with leadership, whether you're a committee chair, you're a board member, you're an officer, you're the executive director or assistant executive director – when you're in a management role, there's typically some type of training required or that businesses will encourage or require people to do. What Kathy and her Committee is trying to offer is a protection to help guide CFA, should matters come up. So, I don't know the outcome of this motion. Kathy made the motion, we're discussing it, it's not seconded. My recommendation to Kathy and the Committee is to further review this, look at how you want to proceed going forward and training the Board of Directors, the committee chairs, the management of CFA in recognizing what types of D&I is out there and at what point in time does the Committee get involved and is reported to? Now, for my business, anything that falls under this category would have to get reported to those individuals that are overseeing diversity and inclusion, and it doesn't have to just come from a manager. It could come from a crew member or a supervisor.

Board Action Items:

Motion: *All CFA Committee Chairs, Co-Chairs, Board Members and Officers reach out to the Diversity and Inclusion team, through the D & I Committee Chair when considering decisions, policies, procedures, and recommendations that potentially impact CFA's commitment to diversity and inclusion as an organization. The D & I Chair will in turn review with the D & I committee and a committee member will be assigned to assist.*

Mastin: So, we have a motion. I will ask for a second. If we have a second we will proceed; if we don't have a second then we can't proceed. So, Kathy has a motion on the floor. Do we have a second? **Newkirk:** I'll second. **Mastin:** OK Darrell, thank you for the second. We've finished our discussions. I'm going to call for a vote on the motion. Raise your hand if you are in favor.

Mastin called the motion. **Motion Failed.** Calhoun, Colilla and Dunham voting yes.

Mastin: Kathy Calhoun, Cathy Dunham, John Colilla. Please lower your hand. If you are opposed raise your hand. Kenny, Russell, Darrell, Pam DelaBar, Marilee, Carol, Pam Moser, Paula, Anne, Pauli, Yukiko, Mike, Rachel. Please lower your hand. If you are an abstention, please raise your hand. Rachel, I see no abstentions. **Anger:** That's 3 yes, 13 no, zero abstentions. **Mastin:** OK, the motion fails.

Mastin: Kathy do you have any other comments? I see your hand is up, go ahead.
Calhoun: I do. Just to know that the Diversity and Inclusion team will be going to the Budget Committee with a request for some sort of training to be offered for our board and perhaps a larger group, if we can make that happen. So, it is in the works. Of course, this board would have approval on the dollars and that would be discussed in April. **Mastin:** Thank you Kathy.
DelaBar: I was just going to suggest, or recommend actually, as the 1975 director of the Fifth Army Race Relations and Equal Opportunity course for the Army, that we have D&I training at the June board meeting. Of course, Kathy, you have my support coming up with that, but I do feel that this is the first step that D&I should be taking, is to train the board so we can notice and see and be more aware of issues and what comes under D&I and what comes under ADA and a few other things like that. We've got to be progressive and more proactive in our work. We need to be educated in those things. **Mastin:** Thank you Pam. Kathy and the rest of the board, good discussion on that. Thank you all. **Calhoun:** That is exactly what's going to be presented at the next meeting.

What Will be Presented at the Next Meeting:

Future diversity, equity and inclusion training for the CFA community. Costs for this training will be included in the 2024 – 2025 budget request.

*Respectfully Submitted,
Diversity and Inclusion Committee*

9. INTERNATIONAL DIVISION.

Committee Co-Chairs: *Kathy Calhoun/Matthew Wong*
Subcommittee Chair/Co-Chair China: *John Colilla/Wain Harding*
Subcommittee Chair Asia (outside of China): *Robert Zenda*
Subcommittee Chair Africa, W Asia, Middle East: *Jan Rogers*
Subcommittee Chair Central & South America: *Brad Newcomb*

Mastin: International Division, Kathy Calhoun. **Calhoun:** All the subcommittee chairs participate and provide input on their areas. I don't know if Wain is in the audience. **Tartaglia:** He is. Do you want me to promote him? **Calhoun:** Can you promote him in case he would like to speak to this? **Tartaglia:** Absolutely.

John Colilla and Wain Harding – Subcommittee Chairs China

In the May through January time period, CFA has held thirty-one (31) shows. There are sixteen (16) additional shows scheduled through the end of this show season.

As a world-class, proactive organization, established organization CFA is known be, the ID Committee, the CFA Judging Committee and the show producing clubs are working hand in hand to ensure fair play and the support of healthy cats. To that end bay check-in has been instituted when specific criteria are met in accordance with the CFA show rules.

The International Division Committee appreciates the CFA Boards support in the CFA China Big Show. The ten (10) ring, two (2) day show hosted by the Mountain City Cat Fanciers will be held in Shanghai, China. be held in Shanghai on February 24-25, 2024. The ID Committee is excited regarding the presence this affords CFA in China. Once this show is concluded and learnings assessed, the Committee will begin work on a show in a different location in the 2024 – 2025 season.



Calhoun: So, May through January, CFA has held 31 shows in China. There are 16 additional shows being scheduled through the end of the show season and the requests keep coming, which is great. We have instituted bay check-in. What we want to make sure that we are doing is to ensure fair play and that we support the health of cats and fair play, so we're doing that. In the December meeting we talked about a big show in China and we have been able to put

that together. It will be February 24/25. It will be 9 rings, 2 days, so we are really excited about that. There's a couple pictures of the space.

The International Division Committee supports the following club applications.

- *China Yangtze River Cat Fanciers Club, China (reapplication)*
- *Asia Glory Cat Fanciers, China*
- *China AWL Cat Fanciers, China*

Calhoun: There are three clubs that Carol will be bringing forward in her report, and the ID Committee is in support of all three. **Mastin:** Great. Is Wain in? **Tartaglia:** Yes, and Bob Zenda is, too. **Mastin:** Great. Wain, how are you doing? Do you have any additional comments? **Harding:** Not on this, but I may on some other stuff coming up. **Mastin:** OK, great. Kathy, do you have any additional comments on this first section? **Calhoun:** No, I don't. I don't know if John or Matthew might. **Mastin:** John Colilla, do you have any comments? OK, I'm going to go to Matthew. Matthew, do you have any comments? **Colilla:** I'm sorry. We have 7 shows in areas that we haven't had shows for years. We are growing. China is growing in leaps and bounds right now. The weekends we have shows, there are two or three shows in a weekend. I think it's going to be keeping like that for the next few years, the way I see it. They are really gung ho. **Mastin:** Thank you John. Matthew? **Wong:** No further comments. I think we covered what my team members said, thank you. **Mastin:** OK, thank you.

Bob Zenda – Subcommittee Chair – Asia (other than mainland China)

CFA show activity is on track to surpass 2022-2023 season achievements. As of January 14, 2024, forty-seven (47) shows have been completed, eleven (11) more are already licensed, and twenty-two (22) dates have been reserved by ID Asia clubs for the 2023-2024 season. Additionally, four (4) dates have already been reserved for the 2024-2025 season.

Indonesia has stepped up and is working on plans to host the CFA International Division Awards Banquet (and show) August 17-18, 2024. This event will honor winners in all countries in Asia except China, which will host their own event. Further details will be announced as they are finalized.

The Thailand Country Coordinator Keeratiya Cruvongpaiboon (Zuns), who is also a CFA Shorthair Associate Judge, is resigning her Coordinator position to concentrate on work toward becoming a CFA SH Judge. She has done an excellent job as Country Coordinator, keeping me informed and responding quickly to any questions I had regarding CFA activities in Thailand, and will be missed. Two well-qualified individuals have volunteered to replace her, and I have appointed Gritthanut Srikritsanarak to the role. Welcome Jay!

According to registration statistics provided by Mr. Kallmeyer, we continue to receive registrations from breeders in the Philippines (119 so far thru November of the current show season), but we do not have an active CFA club there. Bob is reaching out to members & officers of the former club in the Philippines (Philippine Cat Lovers' Society, Inc.) to determine if there is interest in and if Bob can assist with formation a new CFA club.

Mastin: Kathy, continue. **Calhoun:** The trend continues with Asia, other than mainland China. The growth is phenomenal. As of January 14th, 47 shows had been completed, 11 more already licensed and there are 22 dates that are being reserved. So, it's just phenomenal, and even into the 2024-2025 season. Indonesia has stepped up and is working on plans for our CFA International Division awards banquet. We're trying to get ahead of this and make sure we have those locations identified as early as possible. We have the Thailand country coordinator, who is Zuns – if I'm pronouncing the name wrong I apologize – who resigned because she wanted to focus on moving forward in the Judging Program. We welcome Jay to fill that slot, so welcome to him. We have statistics provided by Dick Kallmeyer. Registrations from breeders in the Philippines so far through November and Bob is reaching out to members and officers of the Philippines club to determine if there's some interest in building a new club, just because we are starting to get so many registrations from that area.

Mastin: Before we go on to your motion, let's hear from Bob and then Wain. Bob? **Zenda:** I'm trying to reach out to folks in the Philippines but I'm having some difficulty with it. I have the old records from when I was the Asia guy many years ago and I'm not getting responses. I'm getting bounced emails, so I'm going to need some assistance from Allene to track down some of these folks who are actually doing the registrations, I think, to make any further progress on this. I'll reach out directly to her and tell her what I've got so far, but otherwise things are going pretty well in Asia. The number of reservations has increased by another 2 or 3 since I wrote the report, so there's no lack of activities. That's all I have to offer for now. **Mastin:** OK, Wain. **Harding:** I would just reiterate what John Colilla said. It's amazing how many shows and how much interest there is in China. It's so good to see China back up and running again. **Mastin:** Great. **Anger:** Just quickly, the clubs in the ID are coming fast and furious with exceptions and special things they want to do to increase their shows and the number of awards. I just want to thank the ID Committee for their quick response in their recommendations so we can facilitate these motions and get these clubs in a position where they can advertise their special formats and such, so thank you.

Board Action Items

Calhoun: We have an action item. We have two. The first one is [reads].

Rationale: *The Feline Fanciers Society of Singapore has requested approval to have a show on June 29, 2024. The club is aware that this conflicts with the CFA Annual Meeting and Awards banquet. The club has the opportunity to have a CFA Cat Show this weekend which is also the weekend of the Asia Cat Expo in Singapore. This is a fantastic opportunity to highlight CFA at a cost that the club would not be able to otherwise afford. The ID Committee is 100% in support of the following motion.*

Motion: *Allow the Feline Fanciers Society of Singapore to have a one (1) day, two (2) ring show with an entry limit of ninety (90) in Singapore on June 29, 2024.*

Calhoun: [reads]. **Currle:** Kenny seconds. **Mastin:** Thank you Kenny. Discussion? Objections? Seeing no objection, the motion passes unanimously. Congratulations to Feline Fanciers Society of Singapore to having a show on the CFA annual delegate banquet weekend.

The motion is ratified by unanimous consent.

Mastin: OK Kathy, continue. **Calhoun:** The next motion I'll read the rationale [reads].

Rationale: *The International Division Committee is well connected with members of our worldwide community. Those inside and outside of the International Division. The committee would be remiss if we did not share the concerns voiced by our global community in regard to some of the decisions made without input from the ID Committee. For instance, the CFA Board passed a motion to mandate that an individual must speak English to be accepted into the CFA judging program as a trainee. This decision at best creates barriers instead of building bridges. If we are to be considered a global organization, it is imperative that CFA functions as such and in this case determines solutions and support. It has been CFA's practice to engage interpreters to support training which Japan is a clear example of success. In addition, the ID Committee will be putting forth additional efforts to develop materials in languages other than English. An additional motion was brought forth and passed not to allow trainees who live in mainland China to train in their home country. This only makes out competing registries in China more appealing to our talented candidates.*

The International Division Committee can be a resource for other committees in making decisions that have a global impact. A pre-read of the committee's report and recommendation is far too late to fully benefit the committee and CFA as to insights the ID Committee might offer.

Motion: *All CFA Committee Chairs, Co-Chairs, Board Members and Officers reach out to the International Division Committee through the ID Committee Co-Chair when considering decisions, policies, procedures, and recommendations that potentially impact CFA's commitment to maintaining a global presence. The co-chair will engage the subcommittee chairs.*

Calhoun: The motion is [reads]. **Mastin:** Can I have a second? **Webb:** I'll second. **Mastin:** I got Russell. Discussion? **Webb:** Yes. It's the same type of motion that came from the Diversity Committee. I'm opposed to this, because the JPC on several occasions has contacted the ID Committee for a few things that we needed to know and we didn't get answers, so to me it's just going to take up a lot of time that we don't have time for. It will hold up other committees. It's not like trusting the chairs of the committees to make decisions. The JPC is opposed to this. It's going to be a vote no. **DelaBar:** Well, as director of the area that was the original ID, I have 44 countries in this region, two of which are at war. I would love to be able to have translations into Spanish and French in particular, possibly Italian. It costs money and this is something that we just don't feel all that good about asking for more money, but when you're talking global, you're also talking Japan (Region 8) and Europe (Region 9). It's not just the ID. I think I'm very well aware of global impact on CFA, being that Wain Harding and I were the first two into China and to get CFA started in China back in 2003, so yes, very much aware of global presence because I live it daily. **Newkirk:** So, interpretation of forms has been an issue. Our rules, registration rules, our bylaws – getting all that stuff translated is not the biggest issue. The biggest issue is maintaining updates on those forms. During Pam's tenure as president, I served as her ID Chair and that was a big issue for us. We tried to pick out the most prominent languages to fit most of the exhibitors that come from foreign language countries to exhibit at our shows. One of my questions is, Kathy in your rationale you mention several things here that were done that you felt like you should have been pre-noticed on, but you incorporated none of

those things in your motion. **Calhoun:** May I answer that question? **Mastin:** Yes please.

Calhoun: You are absolutely correct, Darrell. This motion was not to redo the past. I voted no on those things that were mentioned, the board voted yes. But I think that we may have been able to have been a resource to the JPC when they made those decisions. Just to understand the implication – I’m not asking to be the co-chair of the JPC, I’m not asking for a vote, just asking to be considered. Now, the International Division, when we get a pre-read for a report and if we want to get information from the ID, we don’t have enough time to reach out to all the country coordinators and the area folks to get information, so what we’re asking for is very similar to the Diversity and Inclusion team, to be included up front. A, it could be an education to us why this is needed, and B the dialogue back and forth, we may be able to find solutions where everyone wins. This is not a power play by the ID Committee. We are only trying to make things better, more inclusive, and be able to give some input from our constituents to our committees. So purposely no, we did not ask to reverse any decisions that were made. They have been made, but moving forward perhaps we can find solutions that are inclusive, that build bridges instead of setting up walls as to why individuals cannot participate. And your point is well taken, Darrell, that the translations of documents is paramount and keeping them current. We have to do it. We have to do it. And Pam, I’m not excluding Europe and Japan, but this is the ID report. So, I talk about the ID. I did mention Japan earlier on as being a prime example of how training through a translator worked. So, I hope I answered all those questions. **Mastin:** Thank you Kathy.

DelaBar: I was just going to remind everybody that the reason that we did not allow first specialty judges to train in China was due to the problems with the NGOs and the problems of getting the shows for which they could train. That was the driving factor of that, not because we wanted to say, “oh no, we don’t want trainees in China whatsoever.” We would have had a lot of fun with a trainee last week, and I have had trainees in China so I know what it is like in the past, but that was the reason for doing that, not to be prejudiced against one country over another.

Calhoun: Can I respond to that? **Mastin:** Kathy, I’m going to let you do it all in closing.

Currle: Again, I have the same problem I had with the D&I. Too much power. The board needs input, particularly from the business aspect that could impact CFA in all of these areas, particularly the ID. Most of our losses recently have been coming from that area. It’s good to hear that we’re having a comeback in some ways, but I still think that the board needs to maintain some power and this committee seems to want everything to funnel through them. I would like to ask Russell and Vicki, how has the communication been with the ID? Because I understand there has been some problems with people that are asking particular questions and they never get answers. **Webb:** Actually, Vicki has emailed the ID Committee on certain subjects and we didn’t get answers. It took a long time, and sometimes we’ve got to make decisions with training in other countries and we have to do it quick, and we’re going to have to wait on this stuff. The other thing is, I know because I’m copied on certain things from other countries that they’re not getting answers. I think that’s going to be a problem, and I agree that to give this is giving the ID Committee too much power. We need the board – it would really almost override the board. That’s my answer. I think that we can’t support this, the JPC.

Wong: Recently, Rich you are also involved in quite a few email conversations and just echo what Russell said. You are copied on some of the emails, because for a lot of the ID fanciers, we are the first contact point. The ID Committee is like the concierge desk to all these ID fanciers. There are a lot of new fanciers joining CFA and they are not so familiar with the committee structure, so recently what we face is quite different to what you say. Actually, I find the ID Committee has very little decision power. We basically approve shows and when there’s a

special format we go to the board. There are many, many things we cannot decide, from which judge is judging in what shows, what color allowed, any new color or new breed. Rich just helped us to answer a very long email to a fancier in Asia. We had to clarify that a lot of the decisions, we can be the coordinator to communicate with other committees – Judging Committee, Breeds and Standards secretary, but it is not up to us to decide. So, what we are asking here is some of the decisions, while they land in this board meeting and get voted where we get John and Kathy and the Committee to vote, when we get voted down we respect that decision but we are being put in a very awkward spot before the ID, saying “how come you don’t voice it, how come you don’t express our voice?” It’s because we weren’t too involved in the discussion in the first place. So, I hear you. As Kathy said, we have no intention to empower ourselves but we just all for ourselves and want to be involved. **Colilla:** I just want to comment about the training in China. The only reason there was an issue, because the trainee happened to work for the government. If it’s a non-government worker, I do not see a problem having Chinese people training in China. **Mastin:** Wain, you had your hand up and took it down. Do you have comments? **Harding:** Actually, I was going to try to clarify the same thing that John just brought up. It was passed that Chinese trainees could only train outside of China. It is not a problem for the trainees to train within China as long as they do not work for the government. When they work for the government, there becomes a problem with the NGO. If they do not work for the government, it is not a problem and I think it’s putting a huge burden on these people that are going to start training from China. I understand that they may be required to do some training outside of China, but I see no reason that they can’t do some of their training within China. **Calhoun:** Russell, your comment about not being responsive may be one or several people’s interpretation. That’s not true. In October we had one of the first mid-year town halls for the ID where I think that town hall may have lasted 2-1/2 to 3 hours. Some of the new people in the ID feel that the Committee has more power than we have, so it’s not that we’re not responsive, it’s just that we can’t provide the answers that they want and we can’t do the things they want as a Committee. Those are board decisions. The NGO thing has been explained completely. We would like to be able to be a resource. This is the same thing as the Diversity and Inclusion – a resource. I’m not sure why it is coming across as a power play. The purpose is to do the right thing for CFA and for our customers. I’m sure a lot of these decisions in committee have lengthy discussions that we don’t have visibility to. As I said, we can better explain the rationale if we are part of the process, that’s all.

Mastin: OK, I’m going to call for the vote on this. If you are in favor of the motion, please raise your hand.

Mastin called the motion. **Motion Failed.** Calhoun, Colilla and Dunham voting yes.

Mastin: Kathy Calhoun, Cathy Dunham, John Colilla. Please lower your hand. If you are opposed raise your hand. Kenny, Rachel, Russell, Pam DelaBar, Darrell, Anne, Marilee, Pauli, Paula, Yukiko, Carol, Mike. Please lower your hand. If you are an abstention raise your hand. No abstentions. Rachel? **Anger:** I did not get a vote from Pam Moser. **Moser:** I was a no. **Anger:** A no, OK. That’s 3 yes, 13 no, zero abstentions. **Mastin:** OK, the motion fails. **Anger:** Thanks Pam.

Mastin: Kathy, do you have anything else? **Calhoun:** No, but any feedback or ideas that you have that you feel the ID Committee would benefit, we welcome personal input from each and every board member. **Mastin:** OK, thank you Kathy.

*Respectfully submitted,
International Division Committee*

10. **AWARDS.**

Committee Chair: Cathy Dunham
List of Committee Members: Martha Auspitz, Cyndy Byrd, Leslie Carr

Brief Summation of Immediate Past Committee Activities:

2023 Star award nominations were presented to the board for approval and the awards were presented at the 2023 Annual.

Current Happenings of Committee:

The announcement for 2024 Star Award nominations is ready to be posted on Monday February 5, 2024, with the nominations being accepted through the end of business February 29, 2024.

The National Award trophies (top and breed wins) are being redesigned for 2024. The current design for the top win was prone to damage/breakage because the cat portion was affixed to the main piece with glue.

Two companies have submitted designs and proposals, and we are in the process of finalizing details. We do not anticipate an increase to the budget from prior years, however, the goal is to upgrade to a glass trophy versus the acrylic version.

Almost half of the trophies awarded are for International Division awards, mostly China. Shipping to the ID is costly and we considered manufacturing the ID trophies in Asia to avoid the high shipping costs. However, by splitting the order in 1/2 between two separate manufacturers, we lose the savings by ordering a larger quantity from one company. Instead, we are considering one bulk shipment of trophies not picked up at the Annual Meeting to one individual for distribution at the ID award banquet(s) and/or shows.

Future Projections for Committee:

The committee will review and prepare the 2024 Star Awards for final approval by the board at the April board meeting. They will be presented in two separate reports, if any board members are nominated the report will be prepared and presented to the Executive Committee for approval. All other nominations will be prepared and presented to the board for approval.

The committee will work with Central Office to finalize the selection of the 2024 Award design for national awards.

Board Action Items:

None

Time Frame:

On-going.

What Will be Presented at the Next Meeting:

The committee will present the 2024 Star Award nominations for approval.

*Respectfully Submitted,
Cathy Dunham, Chair*

Mastin: Cathy Dunham, you have Awards. Please continue. **Dunham:** There are no action items from the Committee. This is just an update. If you have any questions, I'm happy to answer them. **Mastin:** Does anybody have any questions for Cathy? No questions. Cathy, great job. **Dunham:** Thanks. **Mastin:** Thank you.

11. NEW CLUB APPLICATIONS.

Committee Chair: Carol Krzanowski
List of Committee Members: Pauli Huhtaniemi

Brief Summation of Immediate Past Committee Activities:

New clubs applying for CFA membership were reviewed and presented to the Board for consideration. Assistance and guidance were provided to clubs with questions and issues regarding membership and applications.

Update on Revisions to Application Materials and Letters

We have finished compiling the necessary changes to all the club application materials, and Amber Goodright is currently working on the revisions. The new materials should be available online soon. A number of the letters sent to the clubs, including the initial welcome letter and letters regarding the annual club requirements, have already been revised by Amber and are now in use. The changes to the materials and letters should help clubs better understand the requirements, particularly in situations where English is not the first language.

A huge thank you goes to Amber Goodright for her help in revising the materials and letters.

Current Happenings of Committee:

Club Statistics Pertaining to New Club Applicants (Attachment A)

Dick Kallmeyer has produced maps showing the locations of the new club applicants being presented at this meeting as compared to the locations of existing clubs in these areas. The new club applicants are indicated in green, existing clubs with shows are indicated in black, and existing clubs with no shows are indicated in red. Included with the maps are charts for each proposed new club area showing the total existing CFA clubs, number of shows produced and total registrations.

In addition to the maps noted above, Dick has also provided an additional chart summarizing the total number of clubs, registrations and shows in each of CFA's geographic areas. Also included is a map indicating club activity in all of China.

Many thanks to Dick Kallmeyer for once again providing this valuable information.

New Club Applicants

Action Item: *Approve the new club applicants being presented at this meeting.*

Five new club applicants were pre-noticed for membership (Attachment B). The application from Skyway Cat Club of Tampa Bay was withdrawn for consideration at a future meeting, leaving the following four applicants to be considered at this meeting:

1. *Asia Glory Cat Fanciers, International Division - China; John Colilla, Subcommittee Chair and Wain Harding, Co-Chair*
2. *China AWL Cat Fanciers Club, International Division - China; John Colilla, Subcommittee Chair and Wain Harding, Co-Chair*
3. *China Yangtze River Cat Fanciers Club, International Division - China; John Colilla, Subcommittee Chair and Wain Harding, Co-Chair*
4. *Dolce Vita Cat Club, Region 9; Pam DelaBar, Regional Director*

Mastin: We're going to move on. Carol, Club Membership. **Krzanowski:** We have four club applicants to consider today. The first three club applicants are all based in Shanghai, China but they plan on producing shows in different areas, somewhat.

***Asia Glory Cat Fanciers
International Division - China; Shanghai, China
John Colilla, Subcommittee Chair; Wain Harding, Subcommittee Co-Chair***

The constitution and by-laws are in order. There are 18 members. None of the members are members in other CFA clubs. All of the members are active breeders and exhibitors with CFA cattery names. One member has show production experience and two have clerking experience. This is an allbreed club and if accepted, the club plans to produce five shows a year in Shenzhen in southeast China. The club also plans to help promote education and interest in both pedigreed and non-pedigreed cats. The dues have been set. If the club is disbanded, the funds will be donated to the International Fund for Animal Welfare in Beijing. This club was pre-noticed and no negative letters have been received. The International Division Committee supports this club.

Krzanowski: Asia Glory Cat Fanciers is the first allbreed club based in Shanghai plans to produce five shows a year in the city of Shenzhen in Southeast China. Shenzhen is located in the coastal Province of Guangdong and is situated just to the north of Hong Kong. Shenzhen is an important global center for industry, research and finance, and with a population of over 17.5 million, it is the third most populous city in China after Shanghai and Beijing. The club members' breeding and show production experience is provided in my report. I move to accept Asia Glory Cat Fanciers. **Mastin:** John Colilla, are you a second? **Colilla:** I second, and I support this club. It is an area where we haven't had a show in a long time. So far, there's two shows. We need to grow that area. I fully support this club. **Mastin:** Wain Harding, do you have any comments? **Harding:** No comments, but I also support this club. It was an area where we had quite a few shows at one point and we haven't had any for a long time, so it will be nice to get back there. **Mastin:** Any discussion? Any objections? OK, I'm going to call for the vote. All those in favor please raise your hand.

Mastin called the motion. **Motion Carried.** Moser voting no.

Mastin: Carol, Darrell, Kenny, Kathy Calhoun, Anne, Pauli, Yukiko, Cathy Dunham, Pam DelaBar, Russell, John, Paula, Mike, Marilee. Lower your hands. If you are opposed raise your hand. Pam Moser. Lower your hand. If you are an abstention raise your hand. Zero

abstentions. Rachel? **Anger:** I was a yes also. That's 15 yes, 1 no, zero abstentions. **Mastin:** Motino passes. Congratulations Asia Glory Cat Fanciers.

China AWL Cat Fanciers Club
International Division - China; Shanghai, China
John Colilla, Subcommittee Chair; Wain Harding, Subcommittee Co-Chair

The constitution and by-laws are in order. There are 13 members. None of the members are currently members of other CFA clubs, but the secretary is named as a club director on another application. One member is an active breeder and exhibitor with a CFA cattery name, four are exhibiting at CFA shows, one is breeding, and one plans to apply for a CFA cattery name. Two members have show production experience through previous work with another club. This is an allbreed club and if accepted, the club plans to produce three or four shows a year in Shanghai or Guangdong, a coastal province in southeast China. The club also plans to hold some educational lectures to help promote CFA and the cat fancy. The dues have been set. If the club is disbanded, the funds will be donated to an animal protection agency. This club was pre-noticed and no negative letters have been received. The International Division Committee supports this club.

Mastin: Carol, continue. **Krzanowski:** Next is China AWL Cat Fanciers Club. The second allbreed club based in Shanghai plans to produce three or four shows a year either in Shanghai or Guangdong Province. Shanghai is one of four direct-controlled municipalities in China. It is situated on the Yangtze River Delta in the central area of the east China coast. With a population of over 26 million Shanghai is China's largest city and is a global center for scientific research along with variety of industries. The club members' breeding and show production experience is provided in my report. I move to accept China AWL Cat Fanciers Club. **Mastin:** John Colilla, are you a second? **Colilla:** I support this, highly recommending approving this club, especially they want to put on a show in the southern part of China. Like I said before, we do not have much activity in the southern part of China. It's important that we grow that area. **Mastin:** John, you are a second, correct? **Colilla:** Yes, sir. **Mastin:** OK, thank you. Wain, do you have any comments? **Harding:** No comment, but I do support this club. **Mastin:** Thank you. Any questions? Any objections? OK, I'm going to call for the vote. If you are a yes please raise your hand.

Mastin called the motion. **Motion Carried.** Moser voting no.

Mastin: John, Rachel, Kathy Calhoun, Carol, Darrell, Kenny, Pauli, Cathy Dunham, Russell, Mike, Anne, Paula, Marilee, Yukiko, Pam DelaBar. Please lower your hand. If you are opposed, raise your hand. Pam Moser. Pam, lower your hand. If you are an abstention raise your hand. No abstentions. Rachel? **Anger:** That's 15 yes, 1 no, zero abstentions. **Mastin:** The motion passes. Congratulations China AWL Cat Fanciers Club.

China Yangtze River Cat Fanciers Club
International Division - China; Shanghai, China
John Colilla, Subcommittee Chair; Wain Harding, Subcommittee Co-Chair

This is a former CFA club that was dropped in June 2023 because we did not receive the membership list by the deadline. The constitution and by-laws are in order. There are 11 members. None of the members are currently members of other CFA clubs, but one of the directors is named as secretary on another application. All of the members are active breeders and exhibitors with CFA cattery names. Four members have show production experience and five have clerking experience. This is an allbreed club and if accepted, the club plans to produce three shows a year in Shanghai. The dues have been set. If the club is disbanded, the funds will be donated to a non-profit organization such as a local rescue group or cat shelter, the CFA Foundation or CFA Animal Welfare/Breeder Assistance. This club was pre-noticed and no negative letters have been received. The International Division Committee supports this club.

Mastin: Carol, continue. **Krzanowski:** The next application is China Yangtze River Cat Fanciers Club. The third allbreed club based in Shanghai is a former CFA club that was dropped in June 2023 for not meeting the membership requirements. Prior to that time the club produced several successful shows. The club plans to produce three shows a year in Shanghai. I previously provided an overview of Shanghai and its approximate population. The club members' breeding and show production experience is provided in my report. I move to accept China Yangtze River Cat Fanciers Club. **Mastin:** John Colilla, are you a second? **Colilla:** I second and I also support having this club moving forward so they can start putting on shows in Shanghai. **Mastin:** Wain, do you have anything to add? **Harding:** No, I support this also. **Mastin:** Discussion? Objections? OK, I'm going to call for the vote. If you are in favor, raise your hand.

Mastin called the motion. **Motion Carried.** Moser voting no.

Mastin: Carol, Kathy Calhoun, Kenny, Paula, Yukiko, Marilee, Cathy Dunham, Rachel, Pauli, Russell, Darrell, Pam DelaBar, Mike, Anne, John. Please lower your hand. If you are opposed, raise your hand. Pam Moser. Lower your hand. If you are an abstention raise your hand. No abstentions. Rachel? **Anger:** That's 15 yes, 1 no, zero abstentions. **Mastin:** Motion passes. Congratulations China Yangtze River Cat Fanciers Club.

Dolce Vita Cat Club
Region 9; Obninsk, Russia
Pam DelaBar, Regional Director

The constitution and by-laws are in order. There are 13 members. None of the members are members of other CFA clubs. Eleven of the members are active breeders and exhibitors with CFA cattery names. The remaining members are registered breeders and active exhibitors in another association. Five members have show production experience either in CFA or another association. This is an allbreed club consisting of members from various countries and if accepted, the club plans to produce two or three shows a year in Italy in cities such as Milan, Turin, Verona, Genoa and Rome, and possibly in other countries within Region 9. The club would also like to produce an annual in-conjunction show in Italy. The dues have been set. If the club is disbanded, the funds will be donated to a rescue group or other non-profit organization

such as EveryCat Health Foundation. This club was pre-noticed and one negative letter was received, to which a response is provided. The Europe Regional Director supports this club.

Mastin: Carol? **Krzanowski:** The fourth and last club application to consider today is from Dolce Vita Cat Club. While this allbreed club is based in Obninsk, Russia, the club intends to produce shows in Italy. This is an international group of fanciers that plans to produce two or three shows a year in various cities within Italy such as Milan, Turin, Verona, Genoa, and Rome. With the Board's permission, the club also plans to produce an annual in-conjunction show with another association in Italy. The club members' breeding and show production experience is provided in my report. I move to accept Dolce Vita Cat Club. **Mastin:** Pam DelaBar, are you a second? **DelaBar:** I will second this. I also support the club and I would like to make a few statements. **Mastin:** Go ahead. **DelaBar:** One, on some of the materials that you were provided, Europe actually has 30 clubs, not 29. I would also like to say that all 30 clubs are in good standing. One way that I have tried to build this region is with my contacts with other organizations. We are the third child of Europe. There are two other very large organizations and I have been working very hard to try to get people to also show CFA. I'm not asking them to leave their associations, I'm asking them to please come up and join us. This has been quite successful in several areas. Two weeks ago, I was in Italy and I talked to several of the show producing people in the area. They are very neutral about this club. Some people are worried that they are going to be bringing in some fierce competition, and yes, they will. One of the people that was brought up in the one negative letter, and I will mention the association – FIFe – had their world show in Strasbourg, France this last October. This Persian breeder in Category I, which are Exotics, Persians, Ragdolls, etc., there are six world winner titles that can be won in Category I. This breeder, she got four of the six world winner titles. Very competitive cats, so we have possibly some consternation going on about the level of cats. Now, we have some rather different organizations within Europe. This is one of them. The club is actually based in Italy. The secretary is a CFA person who has a Tier II Superior cattery, who has been working with several of these people in the club in convincing them to give CFA a good try. The shows are going to be in Italy. They really don't know the inner administrative workings of CFA and that's why the secretary came on. He intends not to be secretary as soon as the others can get more involved with CFA and can take over the secretary slot. I have absolutely no problems with this club. In fact, I am looking forward to some of these shows. We haven't had shows in Rome in a long time. We used to have more clubs in Italy. This would give us a third club and I'm all for it. **Mastin:** Pam, before I ask for further discussion. You made a comment, this club is actually in Italy, or is it in Russia? **DelaBar:** We put things by where the secretary is. The secretary is in Russia. Most of the members are in Italy. The shows and the majority of the club is in Italy. **Mastin:** OK, I just wanted clarification on that, thank you. Any further discussion? Any objections? Seeing no objection, the motion passes unanimously.

The motion is ratified by unanimous consent.

Mastin: Congratulations Dolce Vita Cat Club.

Future Projections for Committee:

Process and submit new club applications for consideration by the Board.

Time Frame:

February 2024 to June 2024 CFA Board meeting.

What Will be Presented at the Next Meeting:

All new clubs that have applied for membership and satisfactorily completed their documentation.

*Respectfully submitted,
Carol Krzanowski, Chair*

Mastin: Carol? **Krzanowski:** That's all I have, thank you. **Mastin:** Does anyone have any additional questions for Carol?

Mastin: We are at the 12:00 lunch break. We will break until 12:33.

BREAK.

12. EXPERIMENTAL FORMATS

Committee Chair: Rachel Anger

Brief Summation of Immediate Past Committee Activities:

At the December teleconference, the Board of Directors approved the development of an intake and advancement system for experimental formats. No new types of experimental formats have been submitted, so we will continue to develop the system.

Current Happenings of Committee:

1. The Cat Club of the Palm Beaches would like to hold two OCP rings(one each day) at their two-day 10 ring show on September 21-22 2024 in Daytona Florida (Region 7). This is the Southern Regional Fundraiser. The show date had to be changed because of other venues coming in and because of the increased show hall costs. Because the show is a regional fundraiser, the club would like to reduce expenses by using already contracted judges. The club plans to have the judges present the top 10 op/ch and op/pr finals prior to presenting the top 10 AB final in the ring. Scoring would be for grand points only for the op/ch and op/pr portion of the final with no points awarded in breed. If the minimums entries are not achieved, that portion of the final will not be held.

Motion: *Grant an exception to Show Rule 4.06 and allow the Cat Club of the Palm Beaches to include two OCP rings using already contracted judges at their September 21-22 2024 show in Daytona Florida (Region 7).*

Mastin: OK, we're going to move on to Experimental Formats. Rachel. **Anger:** I am going to go right down to the Current Happenings which contains several motions. Motion #1 regarding the Cat Club of the Palm Beaches will be withdrawn because this will come into next show season when we have show rules approving this format. Just a reminder that it qualifies for the requested two OCP rings because it is a more than 6 ring show, so good luck Kenny. I'm giving you a pause to plug your show, because I know you will.

Withdrawn.

2. The Ambassador Cat Club and Central Breed Cat Club will be holding a 9 AB/2 SP show in Bangkok, Thailand on April 27/28, 2024. They would like to have two OCP rings, judged by Michael Schleissner and Teo Vargas, judges who are already judging a regular ring at the show. The clubs are holding a large, expensive show and the OCP rings are crucial for the clubs to have more participation and less losses to their projected \$10,000 USD loss. Scoring would be for grand points only for the op/ch and op/pr portion of the final with no points awarded in breed. If the minimums entries are not achieved, that portion of the final will not be held.

Motion: *Allow the Ambassador Cat Club and Central Breed Cat Club to have 2 OCP Rings (one each day) at their April 27/28 2024 show in Bangkok, Thailand (International Division). The rings are stand-alone, using judges on the regular slate. Scoring would be for grand points only*

for the op/ch and op/pr portion of the final with no points awarded in breed. If the minimums entries are not achieved, that portion of the final will not be held.

Anger: Motion #2 is the Ambassador Cat Club and Central Breed Cat Club. They are having 9 rings and basically want to have two OCP rings this show season, April 27/28 in Bangkok. Because it's this show season, it does require us to approve it, so I make the motion as it appears on your screen. **Mastin:** Kathy Calhoun, do you second? **Calhoun:** We second, yes. **Mastin:** Open for discussion. **Calhoun:** The ID Committee is in full support. **Mastin:** Any other discussion or comments? Any objections? Seeing no objection, the motion passes unanimously.

The motion is ratified by unanimous consent.

3. A request for a Maine Coon breed summit has been submitted by Bethany Colilla at the Great Lakes Great Maines show to be held August 31-September 1, 2024 in Columbus, Ohio (Region 4). The format is 8 rings, back to back.

The proposal is as follows:

- All Maine Coon Cats will be brought up to the separate rings at the same time throughout the day. The Maine Coon Cat kittens will be judged with breed awards hung. The Maine Coon Cats in Championship will be judged with breed awards hung. The Maine Coon Cats in Premiership will be judged with breed awards hung.*
- After that is completed, each judge will award their Best of the Best across all the classes. The number of awards given will be based on the following: 0-15 Maine Coon Cat entries: Top three Best of the Best, 16-24 Maine Coon Cat entries: Top four Best of the Best, 25 Maine Coon Cat entries or more: Top five Best of the Best*
- At the end of the show, top three in each category will be awarded based on class judging (ties broken by finals) and, over all BEST Maine Coon Cat will be awarded based on the Best of the Best scoring (ties broken by finals).*

The policy for summit shows was adopted in October 2018 and appears at the end of this report for reference, as well as Show Rule 7.01.

Motion: *Grant an exception to Show Rule 7.01 to allow Great Lakes Great Maines to hold a Maine Coon breed summit officiated by the regular judges in a separate ring at its August 31-September 1, 2024 8 ring back-to-back show in Columbus, Ohio (Region 4), as presented. The additional awards will not be scored.*

Anger: The next motion is a request for a breed summit. It has been a little while since we visited the breed summit format, so I included the procedure that we adopted a few years ago. This differs a little bit from the procedure in that their [internal] scoring is going to come into play after more cats are entered than what is in the proposal, which I think is great. It just increases competition. You see their plan here. They are going to just do a best Maine Coon overall. This is all not scored for CFA awards, which appears in the motion that you should see there on the screen, to allow the Great Lakes Great Maines to hold a breed summit, as outlined

above. **Mastin:** May I have a second please? **Webb:** Russell seconds. **Mastin:** Thank you Russell. Discussion? Objections? Seeing no objections, the motion passes unanimously.

The motion is ratified by unanimous consent.

Anger: I have one more motion that just came in, which is not pre-noticed. The Hong Kong and Macao Cat Club is organizing a 4 ring AB show in Hong Kong on April 27/28, 2024. Because of the size of show hall, they will split the show to 2 rings on each day. They would like approval from the board to hold one OCP ring in the show judged by Edward Maeda. He is one of the regular judges in the show. It will be the first time in Hong Kong for the OCP format. Also they would like to attract more new exhibitors to join CFA shows because competing organizations are having more and more shows in Hong Kong and trying to eat up the market in Hong Kong. It will help the club financially. They are expecting quite a substantial loss for this show, so they want to mitigate their losses.

Motion: *Allow the Hong Kong and Macao Cat Club to have 1 OCP Ring at their April 27/28 2024 show in Hong Kong (International Division). The ring will use a judge on the regular slate. Scoring would be for grand points only for the op/ch and op/pr portion of the final with no points awarded in breed. If the minimums entries are not achieved, that portion of the final will not be held.*

Anger: I'll read the motion since you do not have it [reads]. **Calhoun:** Kathy seconds. **Mastin:** I got the motion made by Rachel, seconded by Kathy Calhoun. Just a reminder because it's our first time to make this reminder. This is not a pre-noticed motion. It will require 2/3. **Anger:** Right. **Mastin:** Discussion? No discussion. Any objections? Seeing no objection, the motion passes unanimously.

The motion is ratified by unanimous consent.

Anger: I want to thank the ID Committee again for a speedy response. We kind of wrapped this up while we were at lunch, so we have done a good service for one of our clubs in Hong Kong. That is the end of my report unless anyone has questions. **Mastin:** Does anybody have any questions for Rachel? Rachel, no questions. **Anger:** Great. Thank you everybody.

Future Projections for Committee:

Continue to develop an intake and advancement system for experimental show formats, to encourage and track these formats from conception to implementation (or not).

Additionally, publication to our constituents of the experimental formats available must be rolled out, not only to promote the experimental format but to allow our clubs to try them out.

What Will be Presented at the Next Meeting:

Ongoing reporting of experimental format requests.

*Respectfully Submitted,
Rachel Anger, Chair*

Summit judging for Breed Club shows and shows that are honoring breeds.

- *Any breed club hosting a show can schedule breed summit judging at their show. They should be encouraged to do so.*
- *Any club “honoring” a breed can ask for breed summit judging at their show. This should be limited to only two breeds or division per show.*
- *It should be limited to AB rings only. This is mostly for the sake of the schedule.*
- *Clubs wishing to have this type of judging “must” communicate with their judges their intention, when contracting them. Judges may “opt” out. The “opt” out must be done at the time they sign their contract. Clubs can cancel if they do not get the entries to ensure success.*
- *All information on the Summit, including judges who will be participating, must be clearly marked on the flyer.*

Basics of Summit breed judging.

- *All kittens, cats and premiers of a breed will be judged at the same time. Mechanics of it depend on how many cats of a breed are present.*
- *Judge shall hang, BOB and 2BOB on each class. The judge then calls back their top XX to give out overall best.*
 - *1-5 present in breed BOB and 2nd overall best.*
 - *6-10- Best through 3.*
 - *11-15- Best through 4th.*
 - *15+ Best through 5th.*

Pros:

- *It allows for judges to be able to examine whole groups of a breed. That allows them to see subtle changes in the breed as it develops from kitten to adult and in some cases, as older cats in premiership.*
- *It may encourage more entries in the featured breed as they have the additional, non-scored competition.*

Cons:

- *Scheduling conflicts. All judges at the show will have to work together to ensure the show runs smoothly.*
- *Limited to Region 1-9.*

7.01 ... In cases where the show contains a separate breed summit workshop type activity, the breed summit workshop shall not be conducted by a judge authorized to judge a competitive class at the show (kitten, championship, premiership, or household pet) before that judge has completed judging all of their competitive classes. If the individual scheduled to perform the breed summit workshop is not judging one of the regular classes, the summit workshop can be conducted at any time during the show. ...

13. VIRTUAL CAT COMPETITION.

Committee Chair: Nancy Kerr
Liaison to Board: Marilee Griswold
List of Committee Members: Michael Altschul, Nancy Kerr, Jaime Lerner, Iris Zinck
(as of 01/25/24)

Brief Summation of Immediate Past Committee Activities:

The committee has been inactive for most of 2023 due to committee members' time commitments in other areas of CFA. Members did try to plan a platform-based event for last spring\summer but were unable to fully staff it as too many team members are needed for such events. It was finally decided that we no longer have the person-power to produce platform-based VCCs and the contract with Launchpad has not been renewed.

Mastin: OK, we're going to move on to the next agenda item, Virtual Cat Competition. Is Nancy available? **Tartaglia:** Let's see. She was in the audience. Let me bring her in. I'm sorry, I should have had her in here. She should be here in a second. **Kerr:** Can everyone hear me? **Mastin:** Hi Nancy. **Kerr:** Hi. OK, the Committee has been inactive for most of 2023 due to committee members' commitments in other areas of CFA. We did plan on doing an event, but due to not being able to fully staff it due to needing more members – and it does take a lot of time once you commit to it – it was finally decided that we are no longer going to have the shows on the platform and the contract with Launchpad has not been renewed.

Current Happenings of Committee:

All the photos from the previous competitions have been downloaded and stored. We are currently looking into alternatives to Launchpad that would be less complex and more cost effective. More importantly, where past VCCs have been based on the CFA multiple-ring show and top-ten finals format, we intend to look into the possibility of basing future shows a bit more on the "traditional" show approach used by European associations. We think this might enable VCCs to provide exhibitors with a modest level of specific feedback on their cats, which they are telling us (via Facebook) that they would love to have and value greatly.

Kerr: However, all the photos from the previous competitions have been downloaded and saved. [reads]

Future Projections for Committee:

We plan to develop a feedback form for judges' use (Iris Zinck will work on this) and prepare a proposal for an experimental event that would utilize it, provide exhibitors with feedback, and create one set of video finals per class based on a nomination system.

Kerr: [reads].

Board Action Items:

No immediate Board action items until proposal is complete – UNLESS the Board is not interested in having us pursue it.

Kerr: [reads].

Time Frame:

Ongoing

What Will be Presented at the Next Meeting:

Proposal for experimental feedback-and-nomination based VCC.

*Respectfully Submitted,
Nancy Kerr, Chair*

Mastin: Do any board members have any suggestions? Any recommendations?

DelaBar: I'm sorry, my video is not coming up. Nancy, I think this would be a fun idea, as long as people know that with the traditional approach, judges can't handle the cats, can't say anything about coat quality or weight or anything like that, or boning, but I think it would be fun and a new format to interest the fancy in, so good luck. **Kerr:** Thanks, and I know that Iris is looking for copies of the evaluation forms from the different associations who use them.

DelaBar: I have them. **Kerr:** If you could forward those to her, that would be greatly appreciated. **DelaBar:** Will do.

Mastin: Nancy, if you do decide to continue with this format, when do you anticipate you might be able to do one? **Kerr:** We're hoping to have the proposal in place for the next board meeting, which is April. **Mastin:** OK, very good. Does anybody else have any questions? Nancy, thank you very much for attending. **Kerr:** Thank you.

14. REGION 5 REPORT - DISBURSEMENT OF MAUI RELIEF FUNDS

Submitted By: Michael Shelton, Region 5 Director

During its September 2023 meeting, the CFA Board of Directors approved \$5000 in relief funding for victims of the devastating Maui wildfires. After consultation with Donna Fujie, whose husband Richard is a veterinarian with “boots on the ground” in Maui, the decision has been made that the full amount should be donated to Maui Surf Cat Ranch, a 501(c)(3) no-kill rescue organization.

Surf Cat Ranch was originally founded by a Maine Coon breeder/exhibitor in response to a plan from Maui county to try to eliminate feral cats on Maui. She has spent many years building relationships with colony feeders all over the island, taming, neutering, and re-homing ferals. This caused Maui county to put a hold on their plans, and greatly improved the relationships between the government and the cat fancy in Hawaii as a whole.

They were involved in victim relief as soon as the fires were out. They started by building out additional shelters to house ferals, as the cats that survived the fires began coming back into Lahaina looking for food. They have also been housing cats of victims of the fires. They are currently working towards building an onsite surgical facility to perform spays and neuters more economically.

This is the best use of the funding to both help Maui continue to recover from the fires, and to improve the services available to the rescue community on the island in the future.

*Respectfully Submitted,
Michael Shelton, SWR Director*

Mastin: Region 5 report, Mike Shelton. **Shelton:** This is just a brief report to inform the board on how we’re going to be disbursing the \$5,000 in funds for Maui that were approved back in August or September. There’s no action items here. This is just a description of where the money is going and the work that’s being done by Surf Cat Ranch and that this funding will help promote. Unless anybody has any questions, that’s all I have. **Mastin:** Anybody have any questions for Mike? OK Mike, thank you to the Maui Surf Cat Ranch for all that they’re doing. We wish them the best there. Do you have anything additional, Mike? **Shelton:** No, just to again thank the board for approving the funding to help out. **Mastin:** Thank you to the board. OK Mike, great job. Thank you.

15. HOUSEHOLD PET ADVISORY COMMITTEE.

Committee Chair: Jenny Wickle
Liaison to Board: Rachel Anger
List of Committee Members: Robin Rommel, Brenda Wilde, Wendy Tom, Brandy Slack, Pamela Robison, Cathy O'Brien, Dawn Strosko, Juie Benzer, Pearlyn Maru, Jill Gehrmann, Dawn Pettyjohn, Andrea Cobb, Sue Robbins

Brief Summation of Immediate Past Committee Activities:

The Household Pet (HHP) Committee has been discussing topics such as budget items and ring replacement totals, which will continue to be 75 rings next season. This helps in trying to level the playing field for local HHP exhibitors and regions with less shows.

Mastin: Moving on to the Household Pet Advisory Committee. Is Jenny with us?
Tartaglia: No. I have been in touch with her the entire morning. She said she was joining and now she's not here. I asked her, where is she and I haven't received a response yet. Oh wait, she's on her way. She's at a cat show, so she's on her way. She's having trouble getting in.
Anger: While you are doing 5 things at once Allene, can you scroll down to that report?
Tartaglia: Yes. **Anger:** Thank you. **Tartaglia:** Here she is. She's in, hold on. I'm promoting her now. **Anger:** Good. I would rather she present this. **Mastin:** Hi Jenny. Welcome and thank you for attending. **Wickle:** Hello and thank you for having me. As you can see, for the board to see, the Household Pet Committee has been doing some things such as discussing rings which you guys already voted to do 75 rings and budget items.

Current Happenings of Committee:

With the increasing number of Companion Cat World registrations, the Household Pet show class would like to continue growing and has, in some regions, become quite competitive. We would like to look at encouraging people new to showing while also not discouraging those who show more often.

Acknowledging the large growth in the HHP/CCW budget line item, yet realizing that not all the numbers translate into HHP class entries, the HHP Committee has looked at pros and cons of breaking the HHP class into either divisions or splitting up in specialty rings. Some concerns were adding to the length of shows and overall costs to clubs. The easiest route might be to start with dividing groups in specialty rings, since all finals are currently Allbreed finals in Household Pets. There is no true meaning to specialty rings in the class currently. Earned points would also be less like the other classes, but it would give a different option than essentially only Allbreed finals.

Several ideas to break out in divisions or specialty rings include: longhair/shorthair; kitten/adult; grands/non-grands; pedigreed cats with faults or pedigree mixes and domestics-rescues; and males/females. Currently CFA only has data on age, gender, and grands/non-grands. There are also pros and cons when discussing each of these category ideas.

It would be helpful to have a spreadsheet to collect data from regional contacts at shows to get numbers in some of the above ideas that CFA does not currently track. A shared Google spreadsheet could be kept to see which idea might show the best break out in numbers.

Also, the idea of doing 5 and 5, 5 and 10, or 10 and 10 placements based on count could be based on entry numbers. The concept is similar to OCP and thresholds for top 15, but only for HHP specialty rings.

Wickle: Recently we have been discussing if there was a breakout in class or would we do a complete another class or specialty. As you can read, there are some pro's and con's to each one – show length, money spent on rosettes – and different ideas. We were thinking longhair/shorthair, kitten/adult, grands or non-grands, pedigreed cats with faults, pedigrees with mixes and then males/females. So, just a lot of ideas that we have kind of been discussing. There are some things that CFA has data on such as male/female, kitten/adult. There are some things that we don't keep data on that wouldn't be in the regular registration that we were thinking we would like to keep data on, so I was thinking of maybe a shared Google spreadsheet and the Household Pet representatives could help me with that at the shows. So, I was just seeing what the board thought of that. Then, should maybe we just start with specialty – because we don't have a true specialty in Household Pets. All of our rings right now are allbreed. Maybe doing top 5, whether it be longhair/shorthair, adult/kitten. If the number reaches a certain number – say, there's 30 entered, so maybe you would do top ten of this and top ten of that. So, that's kind of what that placement at the end means, if we were thinking specialty. If it was a whole another class, of course it would be top 10 and top 10. I just wanted to see what the board's thoughts were and if that was possible. [Transcript goes to motion]

Mastin: Now we'll go back to discussions on the Household Pet report. There were at least four people that had their hands up. **DelaBar:** Jenny, in some other associations they have split out pedigreed cats as those that are pet quality or have a disqualifying feature. They call them "companion cats" and then the domestic cats are called "household pets". Just another idea, but this has been working specifically in Australia. **Mastin:** OK Pam, thank you. **Colilla:** I talked to the exhibitors in the Great Lakes Region about having Household Pet kitten awards. They seem like they are interested. I just thought I would share the information. **Mastin:** OK, thank you. Kathy Calhoun, I think you had your hand up also. **Calhoun:** I was just going to second Rachel's motion. **Mastin:** OK great. Any board members have any recommendations or suggestions for Jenny, you can send them to Jenny directly or through Rachel to Jenny. **Anger:** Thank you about those comments. Jenny did mention a potential division that was discussed about pedigreed cats and breaking them into their own division. Any other ideas that the board has and if you would like us to prepare a proposal for the April meeting to split out the kittens in either a specialty ring or just as its own division, we would like some feedback on that and recommendations. **Noble:** I have been working with Rachel and Jenny on this. I believe that that first step in breaking the kittens away from the adults would really, really help. I know a lot of exhibitors feel like the kittens really aren't competitive with the adults and therefore they don't show them until they get to be 8 months old. By that time, it's harder to get them acclimated into showing. I think by breaking the kittens out we can build the Household Pet program faster because people will then decide to enter their kittens, because they are only competing with kittens. So, I really think the first steps needs to be separating the kittens from the adults, and then we can move on from there. So yeah, I would like to see that advanced in April. **Wickle:** I

guess part of the question was, did we want to keep some data on those other numbers as far as like longhair/shorthair or possible pedigreed versus domestics? Some of those other things that we don't have the data on? I know we were looking at the data from Dick Kallmeyer about Companion Cat World and Household Pets, and while registrations are up, some of those aren't necessarily equating to Household Pets shown, so the data is a little tricky because Companion Cat World numbers are tied to the Household Pet numbers.

Tartaglia: I just wanted to clarify something that was mentioned about the kittens and something being brought forward in April. You're not talking about having that be in effect for the 2024-2025 show season. **Wickle:** No. **Tartaglia:** Alright good, thank you. **Anger:** Maybe a delegate proposal. **Mastin:** So it would be a delegate proposal in time for April, so we will hear it at the upcoming June delegate meeting, Rachel? **Anger:** Jenny is looking trepidatious. **Mastin:** Jenny, what do you think? **Wickle:** I was just thinking, I thought it was going to be a proposal to the board because it came out of the closed session, but if you want it to be at the delegate meeting where everyone can talk about it, that's perfectly fine as well. **Mastin:** Ed, does this come before the delegates? **Raymond:** It does not need to. I mean it can. Whatever they do is going to require show rule changes to deal with scoring and all that kind of stuff. You can put it before the delegation to get a view of the sentiment, but it doesn't have to. **Mastin:** OK, thanks for clarifying that.

DelaBar: Rachel, couldn't this come under Experimental Formats? Give it a good try, raise it up the pole and see if anybody salutes, type of thing? **Anger:** Certainly. I don't know why it wouldn't. **DelaBar:** It would be a way to get things going quicker. **Anger:** Correct. Also, I'm thinking that with the delegate proposal, we are getting weigh-in from people this doesn't affect. **Tartaglia:** I just want to be clear. So, now we're talking about Experimental Formats. We, Central Office, will need to be included in that conversation because if we're going to be instituting it at the shows, that will change judges' sheets, it will change scoring, so making it something experimental is a bit of a major thing, or else it has to all be done by hand and that's a challenge. So, just kind of keep us in the loop and keep that in mind.

Future Projections for Committee:

Create a way to track data of ideas that seem most beneficial to a specialty or class break out if the board agrees. The committee would like the board's input on breaking out the HHP class further and Central Office's assistance on determining programming costs as ideas and concepts develop.

Mastin: Jenny, do you have any further comments? **Wickle:** So, is it OK with the board if we collect that data from the shows we're at? I know it's not officially kept data but is it OK to keep that extra data to kind of see how the numbers are running in, say, pedigrees/non-pedigrees. Grands/non-grands, I think we might be able to pull out that data, but longhair/shorthair. **Mastin:** So Allene, the data that Jenny is asking for, there's nothing in there that is private? **Tartaglia:** No. It sounds like we're asking about more details on the cat itself. **Mastin:** OK. Is it necessary for a motion on this, Ed? **Raymond:** No. **Mastin:** OK. I don't have any issues, as long as there's no private information being shared and reviewed by the Committee. If anybody has an objection, go ahead and state it. OK Jenny, go ahead. **Wickle:** So, would that be a spreadsheet that my Committee and myself should keep of people going to shows like a Google spreadsheet,

or would that be something we would need to add to when they're entering shows? **Mastin:** I don't know the answer to that question. What would be the most simple for you and for possibly Central Office in trying to get you the information you're looking for? I don't know that the board needs to get involved in the actual details of that. I think you could probably work that out between Allene and James, and then just communicate to the board what you're doing. **Wickle:** OK, thank you. **Anger:** I really think that's a stand-alone project, because involving Central Office is going to cost money in time and resources, and that's also something to keep in mind when we bring forward whatever proposal we end up with – what the price tag is going to be for that. **Mastin:** Good point, thank you.

Board Action Items:

None.

Anger: We passed along to the Household Pet Committee as much as I felt I could legally do, since all of our brainstorming in October took place in executive session. There is nothing in that discussion that talks about people's names, cats' names, contracts or anything like that. It was like Jenny and I were talking in code to figure out what the board was recommending the Household Pet Committee could do. So, cutting to the chase, my request is, may I share with Jenny the actual discussion from that meeting? I basically told her the board is interested in splitting out the kittens, so this is kind of on track. She gave us lots of other ideas to split out as well, but I still believe as we discussed in October the most direct route to growing this class is to split out kittens. She came up with the idea of doing it in the specialty rings only, which is kind of a novel idea which I like. We might be able to kind of amalgamate into having divisions that way. So, we're just looking for board feedback but my specific request is, may I share with her that discussion? It's not lengthy. **Mastin:** Rachel, in your opinion, the information you want to share with Jenny and her Committee you believe is not executive session material, correct? **Anger:** Correct. **Mastin:** OK, so we're going to take this as a motion so we get it on the record. You are making a motion. Can I have a second? **Webb:** Russell will second. **Mastin:** OK Russell, thank you. Any discussion specific to Rachel's motion right now? Any objections? OK, seeing no objections, the motion passes unanimously.

The motion is ratified by unanimous consent.

Anger: Thank you. **Mastin:** Rachel, when you send the information to Jenny, also copy in the board so they are aware of what you are sending her. **Anger:** Of course, sure.

Time Frame:

Data should be kept for the remainder of this show season.

*Respectfully Submitted,
Jenny Wickle, Chair*

Mastin: OK, does anybody have any additional questions or comments from Jenny? Jenny, do you have anything else for the board? **Wickle:** No, I'm good, thank you. **Mastin:** Thank you. Enjoy the show.

16. JUDGING PROGRAM.

Executive Committee

Co-Chair: Vicki Nye
Board Liaison and Co-Chair: Russell Webb
Advisor/Coordinator: Rachel Anger

List of Committee Members:

Rachel Anger: Associate Program Applications Administrator
Anne Mathis: Associate Program Training Administrator, Education – Judges’ Training/Tests and Continuing Education
Nancy Dodds: File Administrator
Marilee Griswold: File Administrator
Leslie Carr: Application Administrator – Regions 1-9
Jodell Raymond: Application Administrator – International Division
Barbara Jaeger: Education – Breed Awareness & Orientation
Wendy Heidt: Guest Judge Administrator
Teresa Sweeney: Recruitment, Development and Mentoring Administrator
Diana Rothermel: Ombudsperson

Brief Summation of Immediate Past Committee Activities:

The JPC was directed by board motion December 5, 2023 to review and present options for change to the Social Media Guidelines. Marilee Griswold was selected to lead this committee.

Social Media Policy Subcommittee Update

Members: Marilee Griswold, Michael Shelton, Pam DeLaBar, Teresa Sweeney, Linda Komar

The Social Media Committee formed with 3 board members, 3 judges and 1 exhibitor member (4 total members). We have been collecting data from various similar organizations regarding whatever social media guidelines or guidance they have in place. We have also presented a poll to our CFA constituents. Once we finish collecting data, we feel we will be better equipped to present the board with recommendations. What we have found so far is summarized below but in general there are some organizations with separate social media policies and some that merge the guidance into the Judges Rules or Code of Ethics.

Mastin: Moving on to Judging Program. **Vicki Nye:** Thank you for the opportunity to speak with you. With regards to the Judging Program, the most recent and immediate past Committee activities, at the December 5th board meeting there was a motion made and passed that directed the Judging Program Committee to look into a possible rewrite of the Social Media Guidelines. I asked Marilee to lead this project and I asked her to please select a cross section of individuals to assist her in this project. She did select a cross section. She’s got 3 judges – and some of these are overlaps – a couple of exhibitors and I believe there are 3 board members also.

One of the first things they wanted to look at was, how are the Social Media Guidelines viewed by the exhibitors. They are our stakeholders. They're the people who care the most about this.

TICA:

THE INTERNATIONAL CAT ASSOCIATION Social Media Policy Code of Conduct. The International Cat Association (TICA) recognizes the role social media plays in modern communication. As such, we respect the right of our officials, judges and employees to use social networks for self-publishing and self-expression while adhering to our association guidelines. As a representative of or employee of TICA, your commentary is not only a direct reflection of you personally but also our brand. Commentary that is considered defamatory, obscene, proprietary or libelous by any offended party could subject you to personal liability, by that party, and damage TICA's reputation. Once it's on the Internet, it's there forever.

- *We do not distinguish between "personal time" and "work hours" usage, or personal devices and organization-provided equipment. You are at all times a representative of TICA regardless of how or when you are posting on social media.*
- *Representing yourself as a TICA official, judge or employee, up to and including the use of our logos and branding, on your personal profiles is encouraged. Please adhere to the suggested language, images and branding guidelines, however.*
- *Harassing, threatening, discriminating against or disparaging any individuals through social media will not be tolerated.*
- *Sharing any organization-privileged information, including copyrighted information or organization-issued documents, through social media will not be tolerated. Violations of any of the guidelines listed in this policy will be subject to corrective counseling and may result in disciplinary action in accordance with TICA rules.*

GCCFV:

The Governing Council of the Cat Fancy Australia & Victoria Inc. Reg No: A0043662C 4/170 Underwood Road, Ferntree Gully 3156 Ph: 0473 887 890 e-mail: gccfvic@gmail.com Web: www.catsgccfv.org.au Postal Address: PO Box 197 Lang Lang Vic 3984 GCCFV SOCIAL MEDIA POLICY. At GCCFV we believe in open communication and members are encouraged to share their own experiences and passion for cats. Whether members do so by participating in a blog, wiki, online social network or any other form on online publishing or discussion is completely up to themselves. GCCFV expects its members to conduct themselves with high standards, displaying respect, honesty and integrity. The same values that apply in the real world also apply in the on-line world. When using social media members need to:

- *Abide by GCCFV constitution & by-laws*
- *Be reasonable and respectful – show respect to others' opinions and be careful discussing things where emotions run high*
- *Do not post malicious, misleading or unfair content in relation to GCCFV or its affiliates, GCCFV officials/judges, GCCFV members or members of other Cat Fancy Bodies or indeed or members' cats.*

- *Be accurate – any comment posted as fact must be able to be substantiated*
- *Respect confidentiality, copyright, privacy, financial disclosure and other applicable laws*
- *Act in a manner that is consistent with good community expectations*
- *Be prepared to retract inappropriate postings*
- *Understand that opinions or views expressed by members on social media represent those of individuals and not necessarily those of GCCFV. Laws are applicable to online content – postings online (and similarly in email or text messages) are subject to laws of defamation, discrimination, intimidation and bullying. Always remember that what you say can rapidly become disseminated far beyond your originally intended audience. Members failing to abide by this policy may face disciplinary action in accordance with GCCFV constitution and by laws.*

AKC:

This organization does not have a specific social media policy but rather has guidance in the Judges Rules.

- *“GRAY AREAS Judges are often singled out for critical observation by the fancy. Therefore, always keep in mind that perfectly innocent actions or statements can be misconstrued. This includes conduct in public forums and social media. Actions that bring embarrassment to the AKC could be subject to disciplinary action to affect one’s judging privileges.”*
- *“Do not promote or denigrate dogs you have judged or may judge in the future. This includes commenting on and the publication of win photos of dogs you judged or may judge through personal social media accounts.”*

WCF:

This organization does not have a specific social media policy but rather has guidance in the Judges Code of Ethics. Pertinent excerpts are here:

- *“1. Loyalty to WCF (Our judges are the ambassadors of WCF, both in WCF shows and in shows of other systems. Act always in the best interests of WCF and not for personal or third-party gain or financial enrichment. Avoid placing, or the appearance of placing, one’s own self-interest or any third-party interest above that of WCF.)*
- *4. Honesty, integrity, due diligence and competence when officiating as a judge (this has to do with not acting improperly and avoiding the appearance of impropriety); judging the cat and not its owner, not judging cats that live in the judges household, avoiding, if possible, to judge cats that the judge has bred, Base all judging decisions firmly on condition and the standards for each breed. Evaluate the exhibits strictly, fairly and impartially, in accordance with the accepted standard for each breed, etc.). Communicate with the public, exhibitors, breeders, fellow judges, and club members in a responsible, respectful, and professional manner.*

- 6. Behaviour towards judge colleagues and exhibitors. Not criticize by act or word the work of other WCF judges. Not offer criticism of any previously judged cat(s) to anyone including other officiating judges during a show or in a public space or social media after the show.
- 7. Behaviour of judges outside the show hall. WCF judges, when posting on social networks, are expected to maintain a civil tone and behave in a dignified and responsible way towards WCF officials, fellow judges, exhibitors, breeders, etc. Arguments should be directed towards the subject matter and not “ad hominem” (to the person). Insults are not permitted under any circumstances.”

Nye: First of all, Marilee looked into seeing what the other associations were doing, dog and cat. Although there were a few board members who thought that none of these associations actually had social media guidelines, they actually did – TICA, AKC, WCF, GCCFV in Australia. Some of these were actually rolled into their code of ethics and others were put in their judging program rules. Our Social Media Guidelines are actually different because they actually address judges, board members and committee members.

We decided that a poll of our exhibitor base, judges and club participants may help us to determine how best to update our policy. The poll was created with questions in mind such as attempting to determine if there is concern amongst the exhibitors with regards to what judges, board members and committee members post on social media. This poll has been posted on the CFA Official Facebook discussion site, the regional sites as well as to be published in the CFA Newsletter. The closing date for the poll is 1/23/24 and the results are to be tallied and returned to us by Kathy Durdick, who also helped set up the official poll.

We are hopeful that with these results, as well as our combined ideas, possibly from various associations, will give us options to present to the board for the next board meeting.

Nye: So, the questions Marilee and her committee put together actually covered some of these aspects. The poll closed on January 23rd, so her committee has not had a chance to meet and make any proposals on this, but we wanted to get you the numbers. Most of these cover the same kind of things as to what the associations require of their judges to do.

Poll Questions:

EXHIBITOR SURVEY ON SOCIAL MEDIA GUIDELINES

| <i>Question</i> | <i>Yes</i> | <i>No</i> |
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| <i>Are you a judge?</i> | 68 | 297 |

Nye: I want to point out to you the first line, *Are you a judge?* There were approximately 365 responses. 18% of these are from judges. The remaining 82% were from exhibitors. Marilee tried to get the data raw from Kathy [Durdick] that were just the exhibitors’ responses, but apparently unable to break it out.

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| <i>Judges should be permitted to post photos or videos of themselves judging a currently exhibiting cat?</i> | 137 | 226 |
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Nye: What I did want to point out to you is that overwhelming 2 to 1, the exhibitors do feel that judges should not be posting photos or videos of themselves with currently exhibiting cats or exhibitors with currently exhibiting cats.

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| <i>Judges should be permitted to post photos or videos of themselves finalling a currently exhibiting cat?</i> | 113 | 251 |
| <i>Judges should be permitted to post photos or videos of themselves with an exhibitor and a currently exhibiting cat?</i> | 129 | 236 |
| <i>Judges should be permitted to make comments on currently exhibiting cats?</i> | 104 | 259 |

Nye: They also didn't think the judges should make comments about currently exhibiting cats. Again, more than 2 to 1.

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| <i>Judges should be permitted to post photos of their own cats at shows?</i> | 206 | 157 |
| <i>Judges should be permitted to post photos of their own cats at home?</i> | 316 | 45 |
| <i>Should judges be permitted to post photos/show results of cats they own or bred if the results are in another association?</i> | 249 | 114 |

Nye: They didn't particularly care if judges posted pictures of their own cats – their own cats at shows, their own cats at home or their own cats showing in another association.

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| <i>Judges should be permitted to like, 🐱 emoji etc. of currently exhibiting cats?</i> | 165 | 199 |
| <i>Judges should be permitted to thank clubs and point out individuals by name?</i> | 286 | 78 |

Nye: They did, however, going right along with the comments piece, they don't want the judges to give a thumbs up.

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| <i>Judges should be able to post a change in title or a season end accomplishment of a cat they bred or own?</i> | 283 | 80 |
| <i>Should a judge be permitted to post photos of cats on their own Cattery page (not personal page)?</i> | 321 | 44 |

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| <i>CFA Board members should be permitted to post photos of their own cats at shows?</i> | 236 | 127 |
| <i>CFA Board members should be permitted to post photos of their own cats at home?</i> | 323 | 41 |
| <i>CFA Committee members/heads should be permitted to post photos of their own cats at shows?</i> | 255 | 109 |
| <i>CFA Committee members/heads should be permitted to post photos of their own cats at home?</i> | 325 | 40 |

Nye: They didn't care that board members did pictures of cats, nor did they care that committee members did so, either. They also didn't have any opinion or didn't think it was an important aspect about judges pointing out individuals. I think that kind of points to the fact that judges would thank clubs and mention people's names. That's also not something that the Judging Program Committee really ever got complaints about either.

Nye: So, Marilee and her committee will be meeting and putting together some options for what they think the rewrite should look like and whether it should be incorporated into the Judges' Code of Ethics or into the Judging Program Rules. So, it's really in its infancy. We just wanted to deliver you the numbers because this is the input we were looking for – do the exhibitors really care. Any questions? **Mastin:** Before you continue Vicki, Marilee do you have any additional comments? **Griswold:** I think this gave us a lot of good data, where we can use this as a jumping board here. Part of what we were really trying to tease out is, not only what people wanted us to post or not post, but do they really care if board members post photos of their own kittens, or committee members. I think overwhelmingly they voted this is pretty much a judge issue. Like Vicki said, that means do we want to have a separate standalone code of ethics for social media that is just speaking to judges or because it only pertains to judges, maybe we do just move it into the Judges' Code of Ethics or into the Judging Program. I think FIFe had some guidance, but it's in their judging program rules. WCF I think it was in the code of ethics. So yeah, it may just be that this is a judging thing and so hoping to meet within the next week or two when I can get everybody's schedule together and see what the other members think about it. I sent all these results and also some nice kind of pie graphs which are easier I think than just the raw numbers to conceptualize and let them kind of simmer and think about what they really want to see going forward from this, but I think it's good information, which we needed. **Mastin:** Thank you for all your work with you and your committee.

*Respectfully submitted,
Marilee Griswold, MD
Social Media Subcommittee Chair*

Current Happenings Of Committee:

The Judging Program Committee met on January 25, 2024, to discuss applications, advancements, relicensing, complaints/concerns, Show Rule changes and Judging Program Rule Changes.

- *Ongoing review of Show Rules has brought to light an issue concerning judges who encounter male cats being show with sex linked colors, such as a male calico. Show Rule 30.01 currently states that these sex-linked color cats are not eligible for entry in Kitten, Championship or Premiership competition however judges do find these cats while judging. 30.01 also directs judges to transfer to AOV if permitted, however there are 20 breeds who do not have an AOV class. This show rule change is included in Ed Raymond's Show Rule Committee report.*
- *Ongoing review of our Judging Program Rules has brought to light an outdated rule regarding format types that trainees may work at. The only type of one (1) day show is listed as a six (6) ring show. Reviewing the show calendar for the ID (non-China) from October through January lists 12 of the 15 shows whose format would not be permitted for a trainee, specifically 4 or 5 rings shows. Trainees at 4 or 5 rings shows are actually easier on a show schedule than a 6 ring show, and I believe this was just an oversight as there were no 1 day 4 or 5 rings shows occurring.*

Nye: The next item that I would like to just mention – and thank you for passing the changes that we proposed for 30.01 – this has been a confusing situation because sex-linked male colored cats that show up at the shows, in most cases they shouldn't even have a registration number, so we're not certain if they enter as a female and transfer to male, they're really actually not eligible to enter as a kitten, a championship or a premiership cat, but we do get them and then I get questions about it, especially when there's no AOV class for these cats. Now what do they do with them? So, at least now they have an option. They should disqualify them if there is no AOV class. If anybody has questions about either the show rule change or Marilee's project, I would be happy to answer those. **Mastin:** No hands up yet, Vicki. **Nye:** OK.

JUDGING PROGRAM RULE CHANGE

Motion: *Adopt the following Judging Program rule change, effective immediately, to permit trainees to work at a one day show with 4, 5 or 6 rings.*

| Section 8 Trainees | CFA Judging Program Committee |
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| Existing Wording | Proposed Wording |
| <p>8.1 Color Classes for Trainees – Breed/Division Color Class Evaluations</p> <p>d. Trainees are permitted at the following format shows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Saturday or Sunday of a back-to-back show; • Two (2) day Allbreed shows (may train both days); • One (1) day all Longhair or one (1) day all Shorthair shows; | <p>8.1 Color Classes for Trainees – Breed/Division Color Class Evaluations</p> <p>d. Trainees are permitted at the following format shows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Saturday or Sunday of a back-to-back show; • Two (2) day Allbreed shows (may train both days); • One (1) day all Longhair or one (1) day all Shorthair shows; |

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Two (2) day specialty shows (one [1] day given to Longhair, and one [1] day given to Shorthair; • One (1) day six (6) ring shows, on a limited basis. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Two (2) day specialty shows (one [1] day given to Longhair, and one [1] day given to Shorthair; • One (1) day <u>four (4) to</u> six (6) ring shows, on a limited basis. |
| <p>RATIONALE: Show formats have changed worldwide, and the JPC would like to be able to use a 1 day 4 (four), or 5 (5) ring show to schedule trainees. These type of show formats are common in the ID (non-China). Between October and January in the ID (non-China) there were 12 of 15 shows that had 4 or 5 rings in 1 day. Trainees working at a 4 or 5 ring show are actually less stress on show scheduling compared to a 6 rings show.</p> | |

Nye: This came through the [inaudible] Malaysia, Thailand. Pardon? Are you able to hear me? **Mastin:** Vicki, you are cutting in and out. **Nye:** Are you able to hear me? **Tartaglia:** Yes. **Nye:** There's no better internet here at this hotel. Are you able to hear me right now? **Mastin:** Sometimes. We can hear you but sometimes we can't. **Nye:** If I have to sign out and back in I will do so but I'll try and deliver this. As soon as you don't hear me well, please put your hand up Rich or somebody let me know. We weren't able to assign trainees at some of these show opportunities that we had in the ID because they didn't fit the requirements. A one day 6 ring show was the only option we had for a one day show. Frankly, a one day 4 ring show is actually easier to have a trainee work at than a 6 ring show. I think it just never came up. Some of these formats are very outdated. We don't ever have a one day show that's all longhairs or a one day show that's all shorthairs, but we didn't take those out in case somebody opts to put that in. So, our motion is to be able to add 4 and 5 rings. It only changes that last bullet point. That is the only change in there.

Mastin: Russell, this is your motion? **Webb:** I'll second it. **Mastin:** No, no. This is your motion Russell, right? **Webb:** Oh, yes. **Mastin:** OK. Now I need a second. **Newkirk:** I'll second. **Mastin:** Thank you Darrell. OK, discussion? Objections? Seeing no objections, the motion passes unanimously.

The motion is ratified by unanimous consent.

Mastin: Vicki, hold on a second. Do we have to make any show rule changes on this? **Raymond:** No. It's only a Judging Program change, so it's only their rules. **Mastin:** OK, thank you. Continue Vicki.

- ***Policy change on Continuing Education Credits for attending the Breed Awareness & Orientation School.*** Though not documented in the Judging Program Rules or Show Rules, the Continuing Credit Report Card and Instructions specify that only Allbreed Judges may collect CEU credit for attendance. This policy has been in place since the inception of the CEU Report Card in 2011. And that is what the JPC has followed. I would like to document a policy change that all CFA judges receive CEU credits for attending a BAOS except those who would use attendance to satisfy the requirement of entrance into the 2nd Specialty of CFA's Judging Program.

Motion: *CFA judges of any status (Trainee, Approval Pending, Approved or Associate Judges) will receive CEU credits for attending a BAOS, except those who would use attendance to satisfy the requirement of entrance into the 2nd Specialty of CFA's Judging Program.*

Nye: The next piece of business is something that's actually not in the Judging Program Rules or in the Show Rules. However, it has been a policy that the Judging Committee has followed since the inception of the Continuing Education project or reports that went into place in 2011. The report card and the instructions that go with the report card say that only allbreed judges are eligible to collect continuing education points from attending a Breed Awareness School. I think that maybe is an oversight at this point. I would rather an Associate Judge or single specialty judge attend a Breed Awareness School, as opposed to sitting at their computer and looking at 10 breed presentations without any cross talk from other people. So, we have asked the board to bless this policy with a motion that allows [reads]. We feel that would be rather double dipping. **Mastin:** Russell, is this your motion? **Webb:** Yes. **Mastin:** Anne, are you making a second? **Mathis:** I can second, but then I also – is it possible to add Associates into that? They have to earn CEUs too, and there are some of them that don't want to go in the regular Program. **Mastin:** I'm going to ask Vicki first. **Mathis:** That's kind of who I was asking. **Mastin:** Vicki, are you willing to add that to the motion? **Nye:** Can you repeat that? **Mathis:** Can we add Associates to *Trainee, Approval Pending, Approved*, because they need CEUs also and not all of them want to take it for the regular Program. **Nye:** Yes, I would be happy to do that. That looks like maybe an oversight or that I assumed Associates were in the Approved bucket. So, it would now read, *Trainee, Approval Pending, Approved or Associate Judges) will receive CEU credits*, etc. **Mastin:** Russell, do you agree? **Webb:** Yes, I do. **Mathis:** Thank you Russell and Vicki. **Mastin:** Further discussion? Any objections? Seeing no objections, the motion passes unanimously.

The motion is ratified by unanimous consent.

- *BAOS increase to Budget occurred at the December 5, 2024 board meeting, and that BAOS is occurring Feb 7-11 2024 in Belgium. Peter Vanwonderghem is the point and site contact, with additional teaching faculty of Barbara Jaeger and Nancy Dodds.*

Nye: The Breed Awareness School, we increased our budget. The Breed Awareness School will be held this next week. It is slightly different in format. It is a 3 day in-class teach where they can, and most of them have signed up for, both longhair and shorthair. Then there's the hands on handling at the show in Belgium. Peter Vanwonderghem has been our feet on the ground arranging rooms. The other members of the faculty will be Barbara Jaeger and Nancy Dodds.

- *Per Show Rule 2.03 and 10.22 Bay Check-In in China was triggered at several shows in December 2023 and January 2024 due to large breed entries in Maine Coons, Ragdolls, Siberians, Devon Rex and British Shorthairs. The JPC thanks the Judges that assisted with this process – John Webster, Bob Zenda, Suki Lee, Amanda Cheng, Allan Raymond, and ID Committee Member Matthew Wong.*

The shows and dates were:

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| 12/9/2023 | Beyond Love FF - Shanghai |
| 12/16/23 | King Cat Club |
| 12/30/23 | Beyond Love FF - Shanghai |
| 1/6/24 | Changan Cat Club - Xi'an |
| 1/13/24 | King Cat Club - Chengdu |
| 1/20/24 | Soochow Riverside CF – Shanghai |

In all shows where Bay Check-In was instituted, the breeds which were impacted did not have excessive absentees nor were cats disqualified in Bay Check-In for condition.

2.03 *BAY Check-In involves the verification by attendance at the close of check-in that all cats of a particular color-class within all categories of a breed (i.e., kittens, championship, and premiership combined) are present for judging and possess no obvious characteristics that would warrant them not being showable, e.g. out of condition, color not recognized for competition, obvious illness. This process may be implemented at shows in China where a color class has more entries than the total number of judging cages to be used in the smallest judging ring at that show (12 or 16). Cats required to participate in this check-in are not eligible for late arrival and once marked absent, will be considered absent for the duration of the entire show, including both days of a two day show. For example, if color class 2500/2501, solid color British Shorthairs has seven kittens, nine championship, and one premiership cat entered with the smallest ring comprising 16 cages, that color class would qualify for bay check-in as the total number entered in that color class is 17.*

10.22 b. *At the conclusion of the advertised hour for check-in and before judging begins, all cats of each color class subject to bay check-in may be required to present themselves to the judging rings (starting with the lowest kitten number thru highest, then lowest championship number thru highest, then lowest premiership number thru highest) starting with ring 1 and going thru the number of rings required to include all cats entered in that color-class. The International Division Chairman for China, shall be notified by the China entry clerk when a show has sufficient entries in a color class to warrant bay check-in. That Chairman will then determine if that show will be subject to the bay check-in process, and if so, which of the contracted judges will perform the procedure. The selected judge will then mark the absentee/transfer list MAb (Mandatorily Absent) for any cat/kitten not present in the numbered judging cage, or for any cat/kitten that is obviously out of condition, is ill, is of a color not showable in regular or AOV competition, or may otherwise be disqualified per show rule 11.23. That cat will be considered absent in all rings to be held at that show, regardless of which day the color class for that category is judged. If more than one color class meets the requirement for bay check-in, they will be called up to the rings in breed/color class order as listed in the catalog.*

Nye: I have also provided you a report on the happenings of the bay check-in in China. This is a show rule that only applies to China and requires high numbers of cats that are entered in a breed or a color class that won't fit into a judging ring, to require them to go through bay check-in. We've had a number of shows with very high breed entries there and we've had a lot of great cooperation from our judges that have been attending these shows over there. Last weekend in China we had an entry of 85 Ragdolls, 74 of them were kittens and it required all 6 rings to fill up with Ragdolls to do the bay check-in. The one interesting thing that has come

from the bay check-in on all these shows that I have listed here is very low absentees, so they're not showing a cat as a multiple entry number in these shows. They may be bringing extra cats or cats that are not of super quality or great quality, but they're not doing what they did before, so I think the concept of bay check-in has eliminated that aspect of inappropriate sportsmanship behavior. I'm not going to go into any more of that for bay check-in. **Mastin:** Kathy Calhoun, do you have a question? **Calhoun:** I don't have a question. I just wanted to thank Vicki and the Judging Program, the clubs in the ID for being so cooperative when we instituted bay check-in this season. It takes a lot of time, a lot of effort, and everyone has been so cooperative. I'm very happy to hear that it's working. **Nye:** Thank you Kathy.

Communication and Reminders sent to the Judges List.

Judges were sent email reminders via the CFAJudgesList@groups.io reminding them of the following, including reference to the show rule.

- *Single Specialty Judges may not ring share if the entry exceeds 150. If you are contracted for a ring share show, please make sure the club is aware of this requirement.*

9.08 n. Separate judging rings must be provided for each judge officiating on a given day except for rings used only for Non-Championship classes or rings used solely for specialty judging when the total entry is 150 cats or less. In the latter case, the two specialty judges (LH and SH) may share the same ring.

- *Judges are not permitted to leave the show hall until they have been checked out by the Master Clerk. This means you must have your Master Clerk signed pink final sheet(s) and all of your pink breed sheets. Your Ring Clerk should not give you the show catalog until you have been checked out by the Master Clerk with receipt of all pink sheets.*

12.18 The master clerk will check each judge's finals sheet for mechanical accuracy and sign all three copies before the judge leaves the show hall. The judge's copy of his/her finals sheets should be returned to the judge as promptly as possible, but in any event before the judge leaves the show hall.

- *If you have had surgery or a severe illness, you must provide a physician signed Release to Return To Judging form to the Judging Program Chair BEFORE YOU JUDGE ANOTHER SHOW. This applies whether or not you take a Medical Leave of Absence.*
- *<https://cfa.org/wp-content/uploads/2019/07/JP-medical-release.pdf>*

11.03 Judges returning to the ring following surgery or severe illness requiring hospitalization are required to present a letter/form of medical clearance, signed by a physician, to the Judging Program Chair prior to resuming their duties.

Nye: We have had some issues that have not come up before about ring sharing, not leaving the show hall until you're checked out by the master clerk, different things that have come up. We use our Judging Program i/o group to communicate that information to our judges. We usually copy the Associates' list just in case they don't see it there, but I think it's a great way for us to keep everyone engaged on the communications.

Leave of Absence:

None.

Nye: We have no leaves of absence currently.

Retirements/Resignations:

None.

Nye: We have not received any retirements or resignations.

Applications and Advancements:

Applications:

Applications received by the October 1 2023 deadline to be considered at the February 3-4, 2024 Board Meeting

- *Issariya Rattanaweerawong-SH-ID*
- *Kadri Koppel LH-R7*
- *Elena Podprugina-LH & SH R9*

Applications received by the February 1, 2024 deadline, to be considered at the June 27-30, 2024 Board Meeting.

- *Allen Shi-SH – China*
- *Yukiyo Matsushita-LH – R8 Japan*
- *Eugene Jeong-SH – South Korea*

Nye: The next section has to do with me telling you what's happening in closed session. It's kind of like a place marker for when Rachel does the reporting on this, I think, but I do want to point out we have the three applicants this time that are in closed session for discussion. We have also received, according to this report, two applications that have been fully vetted in, meeting the February 1 deadlines – Allen Shi from China and Yukiyo Matsushita from Japan. We have also received a third one that is a complete application and it arrived to the Application Administrator. Eugene Jeong from South Korea has taken the step from Associate Judge to applying to the Judging Program, and that is also Allen Shi's position. So, that's great news.

Applicants: *The following individuals are presented to the Board for acceptance:*

Applicant – Regular Judging Program:

Accept as Trainee – 1st Specialty:

*Kadri Koppel (Murfreesboro, TN – Region 7)
Longhair 1st Specialty*

17 yes

Applicant – from Associate Judge Program:

Accept as Trainee – 1st Specialty:

Issariya Rattanaweerawong (Nonthaburi Thailand - ID) 17 yes
Shorthair 1st Specialty

Accept as Approval Pending Allbreed from Another Association:

Elena Podprugina (Kramatorsk Ukraine – Region 9) 17 yes
Approved Tier I guest judge transfer

Background: In an online motion dated February 15, 2023, which appeared in the April 4, 2023 Summary of Online Motions, the Board of Directors granted an exception to Show Rule 20.03.b. and allowed Olga Grebneva and Olga Korotonozhkina to charge \$1.25 per scheduled entry with no minimum – the same rate they previously received as Guest Judges. Elena Podprugina is transferring to CFA under the same circumstances. Therefore, the Judging Program Committee is requesting the same exception. Show Rule 20.03 states:

Judging fees are as follows: ... b. Approval Pending judges will receive \$0.80 cents per scheduled entry with no minimum.

Rationale: As a CFA Tier I Guest Judge, Elena Podprugina has been receiving \$1.25 per cat in her more than 60 guest judging assignments for CFA. This means that without the requested exception, she has lost 45 cents per cat by coming to CFA in Region 9, where allbreed judges are desperately needed to keep our rings populated with CFA judges.

Motion: Grant an exception to Show Rule 20.03.b. and allow Elena Podprugina to charge \$1.25 per scheduled entry with no minimum, as she previously received as Tier I approved Guest Judge.

Anger: We have a motion there that we skipped over about Elena Podprugina. **Nye:** Oh, I apologize. I don't think I got to it yet, did I? **Mastin:** Not yet. **Nye:** It's on the bottom of the page after Eugene Jeong. **Anger:** Sorry. **Nye:** Following telling you who is applying and who is coming up for advancement, we wanted to point out that Elena Podprugina is coming up for us to discuss. She is a Guest Judge from RUI who has judged for CFA probably more than 60 times now. Her evaluations were in the file. We also followed this process or motion when we accepted Olga Grebneva and Olga Korotonozhkina. They are currently being paid \$1.25 a cat as a guest judge and we don't think it's fair that if they join the CFA Judging Program, they take a demotion in salary, so we have asked that if Elena is accepted, that her pay rate remain at \$1.25 level that she currently has been receiving as a guest judge. That is a motion. **Mastin:** Russell, that's your motion, correct? **Webb:** Correct, yes. **DelaBar:** I feel this is premature. It's something that we should address after we have accepted Elena. I'm all for it, but I believe it's something we should be addressing later. **Mastin:** Russell, are you willing to address this later? **Webb:** Yes, we can address it later. I understand what Pam is saying. **Mastin:** Since we don't have a second, why don't we do as Pam is recommending, OK? **Webb:** Yes, OK. **Mastin:** OK. Let's move that on to later. **Nye:** OK, thank you. We will do that.

[**Secretary's Note:** This motion was discussed in executive session. The motion was ratified by unanimous consent.]

Advancements:

Three advancements to be presented in closed session:

Advancements – Regular Judging Program:

Advance from Trainee to Apprentice:

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| Yi Chang (Beijing China – ID-China) Longhair 1 st Specialty | 17 yes |
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Advance from Apprentice to Approval Pending:

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| Lyn Knight (Mt. Airy, Maryland – Region 7) Shorthair 2 nd Specialty | 17 yes |
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| Pattama Weeranon (Pathumthani, Thailand – ID) Longhair 1 st Specialty | 17 yes |
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The committee met January 25, 2024 to discuss Judging Program Open and Closed Session reports and to review the files for recommendation of the three judges who have met the required number of shows and cats judged.

Nye: Advancements, we have 3 – Yi Chang, Lyn Knight and Pattama Weeranon. Wait until I get to Istzy's name. You'll love that one.

Relicense:

Relicense Judges: *All Approved and Approval Pending judges are presented to the Board for relicensing, which requires the affirmative vote of a majority of board members present.*

- *All 137 CFA Judges/Trainees and Associate Judges have paid their annual fee of \$35.00 due January 1, 2024. There are no delinquent payments of the annual licensing fee, so all judges are in good standing.*
- *There are no judges who have not judged the minimum number of shows pursuant to Judging Program Rule 9.19 (judging 3 times in 2 years).*
- *All 137 CFA Judges/Trainees and Associate Judges are current with their Continuing Education Report Cards with 5 being due by October 1, 2024.*

Action Item: *Approve the annual relicensing of all Judges who are in good standing.*

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| Iris Zinck | 4 yes (DelaBar, Hayata, Huhtaniemi, Webb), 13 no |
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Nye: OK, moving on to the section that's probably going to take more conversation than the rest of this. It has to do with relicensing. I provided you in the December meeting the list of complaints and concerns that we had at that time. What I have provided here is an update of those complaints that we have received, I believe it's November 26th and the closing of when these reports were due. I also wanted to update the fact that of the 137 CFA judges, Trainees and Associate Judges, they have all paid their dues. There is no one in arrears that owes us a continuing education report card. They have all been turned in. The two individuals that were not meeting Rule 9.19 of the Judging Program Rules that have to judges 3 times in 2 years, those two individuals managed to pick up an assignment which put them into compliance. So, everyone meets those requirements for relicensing. I believe Rachel probably put this action item in because she knows the structure of how this has to be. **Mastin:** Vicki, we did not hear what you said, so I'm going to ask Rachel to decipher what you said. **Anger:** Basically, this action item is in there for a place marker. We will report the results here in open session after we vote on it, just like our advancements and trainee acceptances, as required by our bylaws. **Mastin:** OK, thank you. **Nye:** Thanks Rachel. I saw that in there and I just assumed you knew what you were doing and you put it in there for a reason.

What Will be Presented at the Next Meeting:

As of January 25, 2024, two new applications to the CFA Judging Program have been received. These applications are currently being reviewed and letters of recommendation from clubs and individuals are being received. The deadline for June consideration is February 1, 2024.

Content of the June 27, 2024 Judges 2 hour workshop will be announced at the April 2, 2024 Board meeting.

Breed Awareness and Orientation School Subcommittee

Subcommittee Chair: Barbara Jaeger

Current Happenings of Committee:

- The next CFA Breed Awareness and Orientation School in Peer, Belgium, February 7 - 11, 2024, will be delivered by Barbara Jaeger, Peter Van Wonterghem and Nancy Dodds. This will be the first Allbreed School that we have undertaken, so the in-classroom portion is scheduled over 3 days. Attendees were able to sign up for all breeds, or just longhair or shorthair, attending the scheduled days as needed. As of 1/19/2024, we have seven students signed up, two of which are CFA Allbreed judges receiving Continuing Education credits. Registration will remain open until January 26, 2024.*
- Following this school, the next BAOS will be in conjunction with the International Show in October 2024.*
- There will be no more on-line schools and the 2025 schedule for schools will be announced at a later date. The online format was necessary during the pandemic, however now that travel is permitted the classroom experience and in person interaction is a better learning experience.*

- *The Slide Template replacement project has been completed and will be rolled out at the BAOS in Belgium. After the school, we will determine if there are still any breed presentations that still need work done on them.*

*Respectfully Submitted,
Barbara Jaeger, Subcommittee Chair*

Nye: I have gone over again the Breed Awareness School. It's going to be held February 7-11. All the slide templates have been updated since the International Show, where we were still missing a few.

Guest Judging Report

Guest Judging Administrator: Wendy Heidt

CFA Judges to Judge non-CFA Assignments:

| <i>Judge</i> | <i>Assn</i> | <i>Sponsor</i> | <i>City/Country</i> | <i>Date</i> |
|----------------------|--------------------|--|----------------------------|--------------------|
| Raymond, Allan | FCI | The Feline Club of India | Ahmedabad, India | 2/10/24 |
| Anger, Rachel | WCC | World Cat Congress | Bangkok, Thailand | 3/23/24 |
| DelaBar, Pam | WCC | World Cat Congress | Bangkok, Thailand | 3/23/24 |
| Rivard, Lorraine | CCA | National Cat Club | Nova Scotia | 4/27/24 |
| Raymond, Allan | NZCF | Canterbury AB CC Inc. | Christchurch, NZ | 6/1/24 |
| Gradowski, Chuck | CCA | Border Purrtrol CC | Foothill, Ont CN | 6/9/24 |
| Schleissner, Michael | NZCF | NZCF Inc - National Show | Awapuni, New Zealand | 6/16/24 |
| Raymond, Allan | NSW | Cats NSW and Western Districts Cat Society | NSW, Australia | 6/29/24 |
| Gradowski Chuck | NZCF | Canterbury All Breed CC | Christchurch, NZ | 8/25/24 |
| Calhoun, Kathy | Felidae (IND) | World Cat Show | Stuttgart, Germany | 11/22/24 |
| DelaBar, Pam | Felidae (IND) | World Cat Show | Stuttgart, Germany | 11/22/24 |
| Fung, Kit | Felidae (IND) | World Cat Show | Stuttgart, Germany | 11/22/24 |

Included are 3 corrected dates for the World Cat Show Felidae (IND) - Calhoun, DelaBar, Fung

CFA Club Requests to use a Guest Judge:

| <i>Judge</i> | <i>Assn</i> | <i>CFA Show</i> | <i>City/Country</i> | <i>Date</i> | <i>Date Approved or Tier 1 Guest Judge</i> |
|----------------------|--------------------|-------------------------|----------------------------|--------------------|---|
| Bielova, Natalia | WCF | Edelweiss Cat Club | Moscow, Russia | 12/2/23 | 10/1/23 |
| Pokhvalina, Viktoria | RUI | Edelweiss Cat Club | Moscow, Russia | 12/2/23 | 10/1/23 |
| Ling, Christine | CCA | Beyond Love FF | Shanghai, China | 12/9/23 | Tier 1 |
| Merritt, Chris | CCCA | Beyond Love FF | Shanghai, China | 12/9/23 | Tier 1 |
| Podprugina, Elena | RUI | Meowbulous Cat Club | Shanghai, China | 12/23/23 | Tier 1 |
| Merrill, Vicky | CFF | Vermont Fancy Felines | Burlington, VT | 1/20/24 | 1/19/24 |
| Ling, Christine | CCA | Soochow Riverside CF | Shanghai, China | 1/20/24 | Tier 1 |
| Merritt, Chris | CCCA | Soochow Riverside CF | Shanghai, China | 1/20/24 | Tier 1 |
| Podprugina, Elena | RUI | Soochow Riverside CF | Shanghai, China | 1/20/24 | Tier 1 |
| Ling, Christine | CCA | China Fashion Cat Club | Shanghai, China | 1/27/24 | Tier 1 |
| Podprugina, Elena* | RUI | Aisha Cat Fanciers Club | Shanghai, China | 1/27/24 | Tier 1 |

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| Hamalainen, Satu | FIFe | Universal Feline Fanciers | Wanchai, HK | 1/28/24 | Tier 1 |
| Merritt, Chris | CCCA | Aisha Cat Fanciers Club | Shanghai, China | 1/28/24 | Tier 1 |
| Balciuniene, Inga | WCF | Feline Fanciers of Benelux | Houthalen-Helchteren, Belgium | 2/10/24 | Tier 1 |
| Maignaut, Richard | LOOF | Universal Cats Club | Padova, Italy | 2/24/24 | 12/6/23 |
| Podprugina, Elena | RUI | Universal Cats Club | Padova, Italy | 2/24/24 | Tier 1 |
| Bielova, Natalia | WCF | Edelweiss Cat Club | Moscow, Russia | 3/2/24 | 12/17/23 |
| Pokhvalina, Viktoria | RUI | Edelweiss Cat Club | Moscow, Russia | 3/2/24 | 12/17/23 |
| Christison, Janis | ACF | Ambassador/Central Breed CC | Bangkok, Thailand | 4/27/24 | 1/9/24 |

*The Guest Judge Report includes the 11th and 12th approved shows for Elena Podprugina

2023-2024 Season Guest Judging

| <i>Guest Judge Name</i> | <i># Shows</i> |
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| <i>Balciuniene, Inga</i> | 2 |
| <i>Christison, Janis</i> | 4 |
| <i>Gleason, Elaine</i> | 1 |
| <i>Gleason, Robert</i> | 1 |
| <i>Ling, Christine</i> | 4 |
| <i>Hamalainen, Satu</i> | 4 |
| <i>Elena Podprugina</i> | 12 |

Nye: The Guest Judging Report here outlines CFA judges who have requested to guest judge for approved associations or groups, and there were three corrected dates for the World Cat Show. Felidae, which is the independent which has three judges judging at that, Wendy Heidt has provided for me. The second table here are CFA clubs requesting to use a guest judge. The majority of these are Tier I Guest Judges. We've had a couple of new ones on the list. Wendy does review their paperwork when it comes in and this list also includes the overages for Elena Podprugina that were approved by the Executive Committee. According to our Judging Program Rules, the judges at Tier I are permitted to judge 10 shows for CFA in a show season. Due to extenuating circumstances, the Executive Committee approved for Elena Podprugina to have additional shows. That's it for the Guest Judging Program. Any questions? **DelaBar:** I just wanted the board to know how our guest judges go above and beyond for service to CFA. Last week I was in Shanghai and previously, earlier in that week, both Chris Merritt and Elena Podprugina were in an auto accident and ended up needing care at a hospital. Elena Podprugina had multiple stitches across the left side of her face. Chris Merritt had extensive bruising and a cracked left wrist. Both of them got permission and medical clearance to be able to judge the show, and they did so in style, regardless of their horrendous bruising, regardless of the handling. Chris handled beautifully and only needed help with one large Maine Coon that gave all of us problems. These ladies really served CFA above and beyond what would be recommended and what I have seen in the past from many judges. I don't know what we can do to thank them for their service, but it was just unbelievable, the way that they really showed up for CFA. **Nye:** I echo your statements, Pam. I would also like to mention that the Vermont show on January 20th had more than its share of judging issues in that they couldn't get their judges in. There were ice

storms and we were able to have the first CFF judge judge for CFA. She was very accommodating. She didn't even find out until really the morning of that she had been approved to do so. She drove the 2-1/2 hours and she judged a double specialty for the Vermont show. I thanked her over and over again for being so helpful to the Vermont Fancy Felines club.

DelaBar: And just a little closer to my home, there are several strikes going on in Finland over this weekend. They affect the air flights, so anybody flying out the 1st, 2nd or 3rd would have been affected going to shows. Satu Hämäläinen left on Wednesday to make sure that she was available to judge in Spain this weekend. Of course, I'm taking care of a 4 week old Exotic kitten, but be that as it may. Our guest judges really do show up for us and to tell you the truth, we don't pay what they usually make at their shows, yet they do a wonderful job for us. I was particularly taken with Elena and Chris this last weekend, the way that they just overcame real adversity. If I show you the pictures of the bruising on Chris's face, you wouldn't believe that she could even smile but be that as it may, they worked for us.

Mastin: I want to just make a quick comment on that. Very sorry that Elena and Chris encountered that accident that they had. Great job to everybody who helped the two of them. I know Agnes [Sun] played a role in helping them and she was communicating with Vicki and others. So, wonderful job to everybody and thank you to both Elena and Chris for being able to do the show last weekend. Thanks for bringing that up Pam and Vicki. We're just glad that nothing more serious came of this accident, and sorry it did happen. **Newkirk:** A shout out to Gavin Cao. He helped a lot, too. **Nye:** Yes, he did. **Mastin:** Thank you to Gavin too then. That's wonderful.

Associate Judge Program and Continuing Education

Sub-Committee Chair: *Anne Mathis*
Coaches *Jacqui Bennett, Pam DelaBar, Chloe Chung, Hope Gonano, Barbara Jaeger, Anne Mathis, Teresa Sweeney, Liz Watson, Russell Webb, Bob Zenda*

Continuing Education:

Current Happenings of Committee:

All Continuing Education report cards will be due by October 1, based on the Judges month and year when they were advanced to Apprentice, or in the case of judges accepted from another association the month and year that Board Meeting occurred. Most CFA Judge's CEU Report Card will be due October 1, 2026, however those accepted after 2011 have years not falling with the majority of judges. It is the JPC Continuing Education Sub-Committee Chair's plan to send reminders out the first of the year to those judges whose report card is due that year. Through year end 2023, all judges were current with their continuing education report cards.

| <i>Due Date</i> | <i>Number of CEU Report Cards Due</i> |
|------------------|---|
| <i>10/1/2024</i> | <i>5</i> |
| <i>10/1/2025</i> | <i>11 (this includes the T1 China Associate Judges)</i> |
| <i>10/1/2026</i> | <i>83</i> |

*Respectfully Submitted,
Anne Mathis, Subcommittee Chair*

Mastin: OK Vicki. **Nye:** The last section in open session has to do with Continuing Education. Can you hear me? **Mastin:** I can hear you. **Nye:** OK, great. This is not something we want anyone to be surprised of. The Associate Judges that came on board may not have fully understood that they do need to do the continuing education. The majority of the T1 judges, it's 5 years from when they were accepted. We will be sending them reminders that they have through October of 2025. There are only 5 report cards due this year. They have already been sent a reminder. The majority of our continuing education were judges that were already onboard at 2011 when this procedure came into being, and so 2026 we have 83 report cards due. That is, of course, more than half of our judging faculty. That is the end of the open session report.

Mastin: Russell, do you have any additional comments? **Webb:** No, I'm good. **Mastin:** OK. Vicki thank you, and thank you to your Committee for all you have done. **Nye:** Thank you. **Mastin:** Does anybody have any more questions for Vicki or Russell? Seeing no questions, we will continue on.

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*Judging Program Reports
Respectfully Submitted
Vicki Nye, Co-Chair
CFA Judging Program*

17. CFA LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE.

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| Committee Chair: | George Eigenhauser |
| Liaison to Board: | Anne Mathis |
| List of Committee Members: | Phil Lindsley, Alene Shafnisky |
| CFA Legislative Group: | George Eigenhauser, Sharon Coleman, Kelly Crouch |

Brief Summation of Immediate Past Committee and Group Activities

On January 3, 2024, the 118th United States Congress returned to Washington. Thirty state legislative sessions also begin this month while a few states have no sessions this year. Regardless of the state, fanciers still have to be vigilant and prepare for possible local ordinances, state rulemaking efforts, and federal bills and regulations.

The Pet Action Network (PAN) continues to support CFA by supplying federal, state and, in some cases, local tracking information. This search involves the use of key words, which are regularly updated as necessary. Each bill undergoes scrutiny for potential relevance, with a focus on cats, but also considering dogs, breeding, other species, or broader animal-related concerns. PAN also furnishes continuous updates on the status of selected bills, encompassing amendments, committee assignments, hearing dates, and other pertinent details.

The legislative process varies across states, with some having brief sessions, necessitating extended tracking until the session concludes. Several states and the federal government allow bills to carry over from 2023 to 2024. Certain bills may be assigned to committees for hearings that may never materialize, as authors may opt not to advance them for various reasons. Strategic efforts are employed to avoid excessive opposition to bills with minimal chances of passage. However, some bills progress swiftly with little notice, especially in states with brief legislative sessions. Some bills are initially introduced on seemingly innocuous topics, or even without any text, only to undergo significant amendments later on, a practice known as "gut and amend."

CFA engages in extensive monitoring through subscriptions to various pet-related online lists and collaboration with other animal groups, including the dog fancy community. Legislative network liaisons keep CFA informed about bills introduced in their respective regions. Local enthusiasts are also encouraged to report on state bills not covered by the search criteria. Additionally, major Animal Rights groups, their websites, and events are closely monitored for insights into upcoming legislative initiatives.

The CFA Legislative News Facebook page provides cat fanciers with a source of current news articles on legislative issues. By posting various legislative articles from the news media or other groups focused on pet legislation, usually involving cats, fanciers can use the Facebook page to check for news that may affect them quickly. We were in the quiet time of

the year when legislative efforts had slowed considerably for all levels of government. According to Facebook, our 731 followers have created 292 reaches and interactions for the 20 articles posted during the 90 days ending on January 8, 2024. The article generating the most engagement is the St. Claire, MI, article about pet limits. The article about Singapore loosening up restrictions on cat ownership for residents in HBD flats received the most reach. Insofar as the demographics of our followers are concerned, most are located in the U.S., but the top ten cities for the page include Shanghai, China, and Windsor, ON, Canada. CFALegislativeNews: <https://www.facebook.com/CFALegislativeNews>

The CFA Legislative Group Blog was established in September 2018 to provide a holding place for work done by the Group that is available for easy reference to us and the public. It is a “free blog” offered at the time by WordPress and is in one of the WordPress accounts owned by Sharon Coleman that contains another website unrelated to CFA. Last year, we inquired whether a future transfer of the blog to something owned by CFA that would be accessible to Group management might be feasible considering that CFA is revamping its own website. We have not been able to determine whether this would be an option.

Meanwhile, the blog has continued as originally designed to be workable and relevant over time. The blog “posts” are the monthly What’s Hot articles published in the CFA newsletter with an occasional extra piece. A direct subscription is available through the blog. There are three separate “pages” linked at the upper right-hand corner of the secondary column. The first link is to a brief “about” statement. The second link is to two different flow charts for the 2018 APHIS revisions of Federal breeder licensing exemptions. We are sometimes disappointed that fanciers who could benefit from this knowledge have not taken advantage of these or inquired for more information. The third link is to “Resources” with posts of various useful reference documents from previously published Cat Talk articles, letters or other items. The CFA Legislative Group blog may be found at:

<https://cfalegislativgroup.wordpress.com>

Current Happenings of Committee and Group:

Highlights of a few selected issues: (Not by any means complete - just a few examples.)

Federal

HR 3859: The "Animal Welfare Enforcement Improvement Act" amends Title 7 by revising the licensing process and suspension requirements. It remains in the House Committee on Agriculture, Subcommittee on Livestock, Dairy, and Poultry and now has 31 sponsors.

*HR 5041/S 2555: The "Better Collaboration, Accountability, and Regulatory Enforcement for Animals Act of 2023" or the "Better CARE for Animals Act of 2023" amends the Animal Welfare Act to **expand** and improve the enforcement capabilities of the US Department of Justice against animal abusers by allowing the department to levy civil penalties against abusers, suspend and revoke their licenses, and remove or relocate animals who may be experiencing harmful treatment. The bill remains in the Committee on Agriculture,*

Subcommittee on Livestock, Dairy, and Poultry, but the number of sponsors has increased to 175. Identical bill SB 2555 remains in the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry with 28 sponsors.

HR 1624: The "Puppy Protection Act of 2023" would add new requirements for dog dealers for breeding female dogs, housing, nutrition, vet care, and socialization. It was referred to the Subcommittee on Livestock, Dairy, and Poultry of the House Committee on Agriculture on 4/19/2023. The number of sponsors has recently increased to 227.

NOTE: all three of these federal bills were introduced in 2023 and are still active.

State

MO SB 937: The "Animal Care Facilities Act" would amend the requirements a dealer or pet store must meet to sell dogs and prohibit local governments from adopting prohibitions preventing a pet store from operating within its state license. Read for the first time on January 3, 2024.

NH HB 1102-FN: This bill would amend the animal cruelty statutes to include "Sells an animal that has a birth deformity that causes suffering, such as brachycephaly, or the intentional breeding with the intent to sell, 2 individual animals with the same birth deformity that causes suffering, such as brachycephaly." It was referred to the House Committee on Environment and Agriculture, and a hearing was originally scheduled for January 16, 2024. That date has been cancelled and we are awaiting updated information.

Eigenhauser: The first thing is, I want to call out a bill that has been causing me a lot of loss of sleep, and that's New Hampshire's House Bill 1102. It is mentioned in passing in the report. It has also been the subject of one of our eNewsletter articles back in December. It was pre-filed back in December. It would add a new criminal defense under their animal cruelty law for breeding or selling animals with a deformity that causes unnecessary suffering, including brachycephaly, which means basically they are going after Persians, Exotics and Burmese. Plus, those were just used as examples. Certainly, when they get around to it they could easily add breeds like Manx, Scottish Folds, Sphynx or even white cats, which have been on the target list for some groups that are trying to ban breeds. It was set for hearing in January, on January 16th. We were working with TICA on doing letters in opposition when the hearing got cancelled. We don't know for sure if it's going to come back or not, whether the author got their fill of it or whether it's going to come back in a revised form, so we're watching that but hopefully it's quiet for now.

[**Secretary's Note:** The hearing was rescheduled to Tuesday, March 5, 2024, 1:00 p.m.]

NH HB 1680-FN: This bill would add a definition of retail pet shop and prohibit the sale of dogs and cats by retail pet shops except in certain cases. It was referred to the House Committee on Environment and Agriculture.

NJ SB 4079: Would prohibit retail pet store sale of cats, dogs, and rabbits and repeal the Pet Purchase Protection Act. Introduced in the Senate, Referred to Senate Economic Growth Committee.

OK: Rulemaking has been proposed to amend Title 35, Chapter 55 for Commercial Pet Breeders and animal shelters to add or amend pre-license inspection fees, some operational procedures, and facility standards. The comment deadline was January 4, 2024.

TX REGS: Two different rulemaking processes are needed to bring the Licensed Breeders Program rules up to date. The first set of proposed rules to comply with the amendments from SB 876 to the Texas Dog and Cat Licensed Breeders Act was finalized. The second set of proposed rules will address recent changes to the federal Animal Welfare Act Regulations on standards. The Licensed Breeders Act requires that Texas Rules meet the federal regulations at a minimum. This rulemaking process is expected to take longer than the minimal changes of the first set of changes.

Local

Gadsen, AL: Amended its animal ordinance to include animal registration, animal licensing, and "commercial" breeding permits in addition to business licenses.

Johnstown, CO: Adopted a pet shop ban regarding the sale of cats and dogs.

Tippecanoe County, IN: Commissioners adopted a ban on retail pet stores from selling dogs and cats.

West Lafayette, IN: Adopted a retail pet store ban prohibiting pet stores from selling cats or dogs.

Lexington-Fayette County, KY: Government officials are considering a retail pet store ban prohibiting the sale of dogs and cats in retail pet stores.

Litigation

The CFA Board has allowed CFA to join with the Animal Health Institute (AHI) coalition on amicus curiae (friend of the court) briefs opposing non-economic damages (i.e. "pain and suffering") for injuries to animals. They are monitoring lower court litigation and will keep us informed if an appropriate situation develops. There is nothing new to report this time period.

Publications

The CFA e-Newsletter provides space for a "What's Hot" legislative column used to provide brief information on new and urgent matters of interest to the cat fancy. In general, Cat Talk Almanac articles are written for less time-sensitive matters with a focus on guidance on advocacy. Articles since the October 2023 Board meeting:

- *CFA e-Newsletter, October 2023, "**Pet Night on Capitol Hill 2023**" by Alene Shafnisky, CFA Legislative Committee member. Pet Night on Capitol Hill took place at the Cannon House Office Building on September 20, 2023. Sponsored by CFA for 27 years, the event drew Members of Congress, spouses, staff, USDA representatives, and leaders from various pet care sectors. The CFA booth, managed by Desiree Bobby, Alene Shafnisky, and George Eigenhauser, received support from Jackie Ott Jaakola and Whitney Armentor of the EveryCat Health Foundation.*

Eigenhauser: The second thing I wanted to bring to you out the Leadership Summit was that they announced the date for Pet Night on Capitol Hill. As you know, CFA has been sponsoring Pet Night on Capitol Hill for over 20 years and this year it's going to be on September 11, 2024. Yes, I know, September 11 is kind of a weird date for karma when you're talking about events in DC, but that's the date that was available. I will be sending out notices to the people who have helped with Pet Night in prior years to see if we can get on board for the 2024 event, but I just thought the board would like to have that update, so mark your calendars.

- *CFA e-Newsletter, November 2023 "**Gadsden, Alabama: Commercial Breeder Permits and more**" by Kelly Crouch, CFA Legislative Information Liaison. This article discussed an ordinance adopted by the Gadsden, Alabama City Council in October 2023. The amended animal ordinance requires, inter alia, registration and licensing for cats and dogs over six months old. Owners must provide details about the animal, owner information, and proof of rabies vaccination for registration. Annual or lifetime licenses are mandatory for sterilized animals, with limited exceptions for AKC-registered and actively shown animals or those with health contraindications. Gadsden, a city of nearly 34,000 people, is situated about 60 miles northeast of Birmingham.*
- *CFA e-Newsletter, December 2023 "**New Hampshire Bill Adds Deformities in Animal Abuse Bill and Texas Rules Finalized**" by Kelly Crouch, CFA Legislative Information Liaison. New Hampshire House Bill 1102-FN, was pre-filed and proposes adding a breeding deformities section to the state animal cruelty law. Disguised as an animal cruelty bill, it would target the intentional breeding and sale of animals with "a birth deformity that causes suffering, such as brachycephaly" as well as other unspecified "deformities". This could ban popular breeds such as Persians, Exotics, Burmese, and others. The bill was pre-filed and referred to the House Committee on Environment and Agriculture. In Texas, the proposed rules implementing changes from Senate Bill 876 were finalized on December 1, 2023, by the Texas Commission of Licensing and Regulation. Further rulemaking is anticipated to align Texas rules with federal regulations under the state Dog and Cat Breeder Act.*
- *CFA e-Newsletter, January 2024 "**Preparing for 2024**" by Kelly Crouch, CFA Legislative Information Liaison. As 2024 begins, fanciers and legislators gear up for new legislative sessions in 30 states this month. A few states have no sessions this*

year, providing a partial respite for fanciers in those states. However, cat fanciers nationwide must remain vigilant, monitoring local ordinances, state rulemaking, and federal bills and regulations. That includes monitoring all animal bills for fancier impact as those issues can crop up in unusual places. New Hampshire's HB 1102-FN, for instance, proposes adding an animal cruelty violation for selling animals with deformities causing suffering, potentially impacting breeds like Persians, Burmese, and more. Fanciers can stay informed through local media, government websites, and resources provided by the CFA Legislative Group, including "What's Hot" articles in the monthly CFA Newsletter and the CFALegislativeNews Facebook page. With the vast number of local governments, enthusiasts are encouraged to share relevant information with the CFA Legislative Group to collectively stay informed.

- *Cat Talk Almanac, November/December 2023, "Accounting for Animals in Government Disaster Preparedness Plans is a Continuing Effort" by Kelly Crouch, CFA Legislative Information Liaison. Hurricane Katrina's aftermath in 2005 prompted a reevaluation of disaster preparedness in the US, leading to changes in federal, state, and local procedures. The hurricane underscored the need for a comprehensive approach beyond localized events, emphasizing the importance of addressing the needs of pet owners during evacuations. Lack of accommodations for animals during evacuations deterred many from leaving, resulting in over a quarter-million animals left behind, most of which perished. Subsequent years saw progress in disaster response, including the enactment of the federal PETS Act in 2006, mandating consideration of pet and service animal needs in disaster plans. While legislative changes have been made, the article emphasizes the importance of ongoing executive efforts in disaster preparedness, often driven by public pressure. The Disaster Preparedness Resource table provides links to federal and state websites, facilitating access to information on disaster preparedness, including pet-specific guidelines. Local governments also play a role, but with over 30,000 entities, finding resources requires effort from individuals. The article stresses the importance of being informed and having a pre-established survival plan to alleviate stress during disasters.*

Meetings and Conferences:

None have been attended since the October 2023 report.

Future Projections for Committee and Legislative Group:

Upcoming conferences related to legislation –committed or pending:

The Pet Industry Leadership Summit 2024, January 22-24, 2024 in Coronado, CA. This event is jointly sponsored by the American Pet Products Association (APPA), the Pet Industry Distributors Association (PIDA), the Pet Advocacy Network, and the World Pet Association (WPA). This is the largest conference for pet industry executives including hundreds of the pet industry's leaders. The conference is open exclusively to members of the trade organizations. Participating are the leaders and owners of the pet industry including

suppliers, wholesalers, retailers, and others. CFA has always had a close working relationship with the groups participating in this event and it is an opportunity to build connections with other groups who support pet ownership and pet owners. George Eigenhauser plans to attend this year on behalf of CFA.

Eigenhauser: The next thing I wanted to mention was the Pet Industry Leadership Summit, which was January 22-24. When I wrote the report, it was still future tense. It is now past tense, so I just wanted to bring you a couple of updates from that summit. The first is that I talked to Mike Bober. He's the head of the Pet Advocacy Network about New Hampshire House Bill 1102. He is pretty much on the same page we are. We're not really sure what the author is going to do with it. He suggested that CFA hold back doing anything for now until we see if the author tries to revise it or get it back on track, and they will be coordinating with us if this does revive and come back to life.

HSUS Animal Care Expo 2024, May 15-18, 2024, Henry B. González Convention Center, San Antonio, TX. Our presence at the Expos aligns with CFA's mission of supporting the welfare of all cats. As one of the largest animal rights conferences, it serves as a crucial platform for positive networking with diverse animal groups and influential leaders. It offers a unique opportunity to showcase CFA's unwavering dedication to feline welfare and our shared passion for animals. The Expo helps provide provides insights into upcoming legislative and public relations activities spearheaded by HSUS. George Eigenhauser is scheduled to attend this year.

Ongoing goals -

- *Networking with the sheltering community, aligned organizations, veterinarians and lawmakers so we better understand the problems and trends that cause homeless animals to be in shelters and develop ways to address the issues that motivate legislation detrimental to our interests.*
- *Continuing to find new methods for presenting perspective on the cat fancy views to those in animal related fields and government.*
- *Working with national and local cat fancy teams to defeat legislation/regulation detrimental to pedigreed cats, feral/unowned cats, CFA's mission and cat ownership.*
- *Enlisting professional help with strategic public relations and communication to build greater public awareness and gain more support for our opposition to mandated sterilization laws across the country.*
- *Increasing efforts to raise funds for the Sy Howard Legislative Fund and to help clubs present projects suitable for funding.*

Action Items: *None at this time.*

Time Frame: *Ongoing.*

What Will be Presented at the Next Meeting:

Updates and pending legislative matters.

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, reading "George J. Eigenhauser, Jr." with a stylized flourish at the end.

George J. Eigenhauser, Jr., Chair

Mastin: Is George available, or is Anne presenting? **Tartaglia:** I just admitted George. **Mastin:** OK great, thank you. Hi George, welcome to the meeting. **Eigenhauser:** Good evening, good morning, happy tomorrow to people on the other side of the International Date Line. I have a couple of things I would like to add to the written report before we discuss it. [Transcript goes to New Hampshire's House Bill 1102 and Pet Night on Capitol Hill] Those are my two little updates. You have the written report. Does anybody have any questions?

DelaBar: George, you may have seen some of my postings on the animal welfare laws that are coming up in front of the European Union parliament. They are calling it "Call to Care for Animal Welfare". One of the things that I have been working on and been collecting are researches, specifically on breeds like what Marilee has done with the Scottish Fold. There's also on the American Curl. Some of the push-back we have been able to do in some of the countries is just say, "prove it; this research says you're wrong" and when they can't counter our research, then they back up. Olivier Grin, who is a veterinarian, supplied me with a very interesting research that was done in Scotland about brachiocephalic dogs and what they basically found out is that what you see is not always what you get. You may have a very extreme brachiocephalic animal but that does not mean that the internal portion is also messed up. Often times they found out that the nasal capacity and structure worked. We as judges, you can see this in the show hall. We can feel a cat that's having problems breathing and probably can tell that it's having problems nasally, but we're trying to find somebody to get this research done on cats. I would be happy to share what we come up with. I've been working with a veterinarian from Lithuania on this and it's something that we're finding that comes up very well. I can tell you right now that the EU is really more interested in the fraudulent transport, import and export, of dogs. They are more interested in the tigers as pets and even snakes. Breed-restricted legislation has not really been addressed at all. As a matter of fact, one of our EU reps for parliament is from Finland and she is a cat person, which helps us a great deal. I just wanted you to know some of the activities and actions that we're taking, and this has basically just really started coming up this past month, but your help when we start brainstorming this would really be appreciated. **Mastin:** Thank you. **Eigenhauser:** First, thanks Pam for bringing that to my attention. If you've got any resources on this that you are able to share, we could certainly use the help if this comes up in New Hampshire, but the other thing is, we would like to be more involved in Europe in the EU, but I just don't know anybody out there. So, if you can give me the name of somebody in your region who would be a suitable candidate to be on the Legislative Committee, let me get a little representation from Europe as well, because we're still very U.S.-centric with legislation because we've got three American lawyers on the Committee, so I would definitely appreciate your help,

not only on the issues but in terms of getting me in touch with somebody who might be willing to work with us and coordinate with CFA legislation in the EU. **DelaBar:** Will do, and I'm sure Pauli can help come up with a good person, too.

Mastin: George, anything further on this? **Eigenhauser:** That's it. **Mastin:** OK, thank you George.

18. **EVERYCAT HEALTH FOUNDATION.**



PRESIDENT'S REPORT TO THE CFA BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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| | <i>Westbrook, Maine)</i> |
| | <i>Heidi Anderson, PhD (Senior Research and Development</i> |
| | <i>Manager, Wisdom Health, Helsinki, Finland)</i> |

Grant Review Program

- *EveryCat's annual Miller Trust grant review was held October 19, 2023. Five research proposals were funded, totaling \$221,000 and included research targeting cancer, FIP and other infectious diseases.*

- *Due to an emerging situation relative to FIP on Cyprus, EveryCat also received and funded a \$50,000 proposal to keep critical research active in the U.K. We are in close contact with a collaborative of researchers and funders to help ensure that necessary resources can be targeted to this concerning issue. Our foundation has channeled efforts to FIP for more than 30 years and support is dedicated through our Bria Fund.*
- *The EveryCat Board of Directors has implemented a strategic shift to offer two formal grant cycles each year. We have traditionally funded general proposals in the Spring and proposals only from select universities (in accordance with the terms of funds provided by a private trust) in the Fall. Beginning this year, our two calls for proposals will include all research facilities, with funding allocated in accordance from any Stipulated Funds, Trusts or agreements available. We believe this will have a greater impact on the ability of researchers to address feline health issues in a more timely way.*

Education Programs

- *EveryCat is excited to announce a major symposium in 2024, in collaboration with North Carolina State University. The Symposium will focus on the issue of and emerging research and treatments for pain in cats. The Symposium will be April 13-14 at NC State as well as on-line and contain a track geared to veterinarians and technicians, fulfilling requirements for Continuing Education, and another track geared towards cat lovers and fanciers. Details of the event and registration information can be found at <https://everycat.org/2024-feline-health-symposium-health-breakthroughs-for-everycat-being-purrfectly-clear-on-feline-pain/>.*
- *EveryCat is participating with Tuskegee University to help elevate focus on feline health. We are providing, for their annual symposium, 4 hours of lecture content by Joe Bartges, DVM, PhD, DACVIM (small animal internal medicine, nutrition), ACVNU (founding member). Dr. Bartges is a Board Certified Veterinary Nutritionist and Professor of Internal Medicine, Interventional Radiology, and Nutrition with the Bulldog School of Veterinary Medicine.*
- *Upcoming webinars will include discussions related to Feline Kidney Disease and the FIP Cyprus issue. Watch the EveryCat newsletter and Social Media sites for details on signing up for these webinars which are free to attend.*
- *Planning is in full swing for the EveryCat Symposium held in conjunction with the CFA Annual in June. We will have details available shortly but are planning the theme to center on HCM in cats. Concurrent with the CFA Annual, our EveryCat Board will hold its annual meeting, including a strategic discussion focused on our growth.*
- *Thank you for your support through the clubs for including an EveryCat presence through tabling or swag. We are grateful to be able to engage with exhibitors and visitors at shows through attendance or sending outreach kits in advance upon request. In order to help continue to expand EveryCat's participation in outreach, we are excited to be formalizing the volunteer program.*

Donor Programs

- *EveryCat is very grateful for the results of our End-Of-Year Appeal and thank everyone for remembering the importance of feline-focused health research with their support. Watch for the announcement of our Spring Appeal!*

Thank you to the CFA Board of Directors for the opportunity to present this update on our activities and appreciate your help in assuring the advancement of feline health.

EveryCat Board of Directors

Vickie Fisher, President

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Mastin: We're going to move into EveryCat Health Foundation. Kathy Calhoun.

Calhoun: I assume that you have read the report. It's very concise. Are there any questions?

Mastin: Seeing no questions, Kathy continue. Kathy, there are no questions so thank you.

Calhoun: OK.

19. CFA FOUNDATION.

Committee Chair: Donald J. Williams
Liaison to Board: Carol Krzanowski
List of Committee Members: Don Williams, Carol Krzanowski, Liz Watson, Kathy Calhoun, Karen Lawrence, Pam DelaBar, Roeann Fulkerson, Lorraine Shelton, John Smithson

Brief Summation of Immediate Past Committee Activities:

The Feline Historical Museum is managed by the CFA Foundation, and continues to rotate displays on a regular basis, which attracts visitors both in and outside of the Alliance area. Refer to our addendum for pictures of the current state of the Museum and an expanded summary of recent and planned activities.

Current Happenings of Committee:

Our new curator, Jamison Ritter, was hired by the CFA Foundation in July 2023, following the “post-pandemic” reopening of the museum by Karen Lawrence, who retired the following month after 11 years of building the Feline Historical Museum from the ground up.

The museum is currently open to the public three days a week, in compliance with our contract with CFA. In addition, our new curator is continuing Karen Lawrence’s previous work in engaging with the Alliance community. First Friday is a relatively new recurring event and on December 1st, the museum received over 60 visitors, the highest number of visitors in one day that the museum has ever had. During the month of December, the museum received 106 visitors in total, which, again, is the most we have had in one month, including three returning guests.

After reorganizing the first floor displays in the first few months of her employment, Jamison’s main focus has been on cleaning out the room on the first floor that used to hold inventory, unboxing inventory, condensing the libraries, creating a more efficient inventory room, and working on new, rotating displays.

A handmade dress from the Fashionista Cats, is now displayed with a picture of the Fashionistas Cats, their business card, and an informational card on Cornish Rex cats. These items, as well as beautiful artwork from Ukraine, were received at the International show. In addition to this display case, the museum acquired a costume from the musical “CATS” and a few props which will be displayed along with two shirts and cat purses. In addition, the Maneki Neko room has been reorganized.

Future Projections for Committee:

Our new curator has accomplished a great deal with absolutely no capital expenditure thus far. However, the museum desperately needs additional storage racks, display units, organizational boxes, filling cabinets, and velvet ropes. We have filing cabinets on the first floor. However, most of these are full, and are being used as display stands. Some important items have been ruined

by water damage, due to a leak in the hallway from a first floor window combined with inadequate storage resources.

New display units will improve the aesthetics of the museum. Aesthetics are extremely important for the museum because we need to give our guests more than one reason to return regularly, especially the younger crowd. Often, the younger generation will go to sites solely for the aesthetic appeal of a building so they can take pictures and post them on social media. Therefore, by investing in the aesthetics of the museum, we can appeal to all generations and get free advertising from pictures posted on social media. Dated, wooden display cases do not coordinate with the pink marble and black granite throughout the museum. Newer display units incorporating glass and the color black will never go out of style. Fundraising campaigns need to be planned in order to allow us to make these investments in the future of the museum.

A revised children's library is planned which will include multimedia displays, a crafting area, games, and other activities pertaining to cats. The original Louis Wain artwork, "Where's that Bird?" will be featured in an expanded display with Louis Wain memorabilia including comic books, posters, and cards. Since kitchen/house décor is one of our biggest collections, these items will be included in a larger exhibition entitled "CAT HOUSE", featuring the Frank Lloyd Wright cat house.

Jamison has been researching and collecting information about the pictures and trophies that are currently displayed. Her goal is to recreate information cards to accompany the exhibits. Jamison noticed that the majority of breed related materials pertain to Persian cats. She feels that it is important to provide information on all breeds. Engaging our breed councils in order to expand our collection to include more information about the history of every breed will be a goal for the near future.

We would like to invite the members of the CFA Board of Directors to visit the Feline Historical Museum in order to fully appreciate its continuing journey. We thank the Board for its continuing support of the CFA Foundation.

What Will be Presented at the Next Meeting:

We will continue to keep the CFA Board of Directors informed of CFA Foundation activities.

*Respectfully Submitted,
Jamison Ritter
Lorraine Shelton*

Mastin: Carol, please do CFA Foundation. **Krzanowski:** This is basically an update report for the board on what's been happening with the CFA Museum. A lot of activity has been going on there. As we all probably know, Karen Lawrence retired last summer and we now have a new curator that has been working in the museum and making some changes. Some have already been completed, others are underway. So, we would like to invite everybody to come and visit, to see some of the new exhibits that are currently available. We hope that you will come. I don't think you will be disappointed. If anyone has any questions, please let me know. **Mastin:** Carol, I don't see any questions. **Krzanowski:** Thank you. **Mastin:** Thank you. **Anger:** I just wanted to direct the board's attention to the additional documentation provided by the CFA

Foundation that is on File Vista, which contains pictures which I was not able to incorporate into this report. It was a very nice report, so if you didn't get a chance to look at it, please do. It's there. **Mastin:** OK Rachel, thank you.

Mastin: It's now 1:42. We're going to take a break. We're on schedule. Allene, is Annette in the audience? **Tartaglia:** No, she's not. I just emailed her. If somebody can give me her phone number I will text her or call her, as well. **Mastin:** Alright, while you do that, we will plan on coming back at 2 p.m., since Annette is not in the audience and I can't really announce a shorter break. So, we'll see everybody back here at 2:00.

BREAK.

20. BREEDS AND STANDARDS.

Committee Chair: *Annette Wilson*
Liaison to Board: *Darrell Newkirk*
List of Committee Members: *Carla Bizzell, Melanie Morgan, Krista Schmitt*

Mastin: OK everyone, I'm going to call the meeting back to order. Carol, I don't know if I thanked you for your last report but thank you for the last report if I forgot to thank you. I see Annette is with us. **Wilson:** I am, thank you. **Mastin:** Hi Annette. Thank you for joining us. **Wilson:** Sure. **Mastin:** OK. We are going to turn it over to you. **Wilson:** Darrell, do you just want me to just move along through it? **Mastin:** Darrell, it's safe to say you're going to be a standing motion on all of these? **Newkirk:** Correct. I was going to ask that. **Mastin:** Can I have a standing second please? **Anger:** Rachel will standing second. **Mastin:** OK, thank you Rachel. Glad we got that out of the way. That helps. Annette? **Wilson:** Yes, can you hear me? **Mastin:** We can hear you. **Wilson:** OK, good. Since I have asked the Breed Council Secretaries that have proposals to join in too, if we could move first to my first action item, which is to go through the ballots.

Brief Summation of Immediate Past Committee Activities:

Completed the remaining breed 'short form' presentations for the BAOS; thanks to all of the cooperation needed to get this done!

Proofed ballot proposals and notified Breed Council Secretaries and Breed Committee Chair of the results when voting concluded.

Current Happenings of Committee:

An inquiry has been made by the Donskoy/Don Sphynx for CFA registration; Desiree Bobby is assisting them.

Discussion item: *The status of the Khao Manee breed, currently registered and shown in MISC category, is concerning. There are no breed committee members and no one that I've contacted that is currently breeding Khao Manee appears to be interested in pursuing the requirements to join the breed committee. There is a club, Khao Manee Cat Club (Reg 9) that paid dues/submitted membership list in Feb., 2023 but at this point in 2024, the club is NOT in good standing. There were three Khao Manee exhibited in a show in Region 9 April 15, 2023 (last show season) and those were the ONLY Khao Manee exhibited in the 2022-23 show season. Without a breed committee, I'm not sure what next steps are—ideas?*

Mastin: Pam DelaBar, you had your hand up? **DelaBar:** I was going to quickly discuss the Khao Manee. One, the club isn't – **Mastin:** I don't want to discuss it Pam, because I'm not convinced that we can discuss anything quickly. I've only been doing this about 10-1/2 years and I rarely see quickly, so I don't want to go way late in the evening tonight, so we'll discuss it tomorrow. **DelaBar:** It's after 11 at night for me. **Mastin:** All the more reason we should try to end sooner, then.

[From Sunday morning] **Mastin:** We're going to go right into Breeds and Standards. Annette, welcome back. **Wilson:** Thank you. I have two discussion items. The first one is the Khao Manee, which is a breed we have in Miscellaneous status. They are registered and shown in the Miscellaneous class. We've had a number of them registered over the six years since they were accepted, but there has been a real drop-off in registrations, with fewer than 10 registered in each of the last two years. There has also been a large drop-off in the number of cats shown, particularly since 2020. Only four cats were shown, I think that should be Region 9, and one cat in Regions 1-7. There was one entered and shown at the 2023 CFA International Show. There are 14 cattery prefixes and suffixes. However, there's no current members of the Breed Committee and there is no Breed Committee Chair. I have brought this up before – not in this much detail maybe. There is a cat club, but when I did my report, which admittedly I did several weeks early, the Khao Manee Cat Club was not in good standing at that time. They hadn't paid their dues, nor had they submitted a membership list. They are kind of in stasis which to me isn't a problem. If some do get shown, but there's no cheerleader for them, I guess is what I'm saying. I don't really know where to go. I have talked to someone that I know breeds them. They don't breed a lot of them, encouraged her to join the Breed Committee. After the first couple of years after a breed has been accepted, the application for the Breed Committee requires that anybody who joins the Committee show a cat in the previous year. While there have been a few registered, nobody has actually shown them in CFA, of the people that I have talked to. I have encouraged them. The lady in Florida that was one of the people that brought this breed to us has contacted me, "what do I need to do?" I have walked her through the process of what she needs to do and then it doesn't go any further, so I'm just kind of bringing this up. If anybody has any ideas, if anybody knows someone that they could talk to about this, that would be great. I think we need someone to get some interest going in this breed. **DelaBar:** Khao Manee Cat Club is and has been in good standing for at least the past week. It met all of its requirements. One of the reasons that the showing and everything has fallen off was, of course, the death of Frédéric Goedert, who was one of the movers and shakers with the Khao Manee, especially in Region 9. Several of the cats and kittens had to be placed, and to do so we needed to get – once the death certificate was issued, then it took the next of kin, who was Frédéric Goedert's mother, to write a letter giving authority for another breeder to sign off on the cats. Several have been placed and I think that one of our cheerleaders is going to be Dennis Ganoe. I have talked to him and Mary Ellen Troup, and we're going to see about getting this going, because this is a natural breed found in Thailand. It is, of course along with the Korat, considered a very valuable asset to the Thais, so I don't want to see us drop it. I think it's worth the time. They are and can be very striking little cats. I think it's worth the time for us to put in a little bit more emphasis, and I'm helping here in Region 9 as much as I can, because that's where most of the cats were – 65 of them, as a matter of fact, but not all of those were Khao Manees. They were a mix of Korat and Khao Manee. But, let us get regrouped. This was a big loss to the breeding program of the Khao Manees and also the Korats. There's a lot of money that has been put out to try to place the cats, to keep the cats in good stead, because everything fell on Romain to get everything together. It wasn't a fair thing to happen to him, but he stepped up and has done all the work. So, as I said, I think it is worth our while to help people regroup and let's get the Khao Manee back on track. **Mastin:** Pam, thank you.

Mastin: Annette? **Wilson:** Yes, thank you. I do appreciate the situation in Europe, and I know that's where quite a few of the exhibited Khao Manee were shown in the last year or two. There's certainly no request to drop this breed. I'm not quite sure where that's coming from.

What I'm looking for is, we really need to see this Breed Committee with more than just one or two people. It really was Frédéric and Romain were the only Breed Committee members for about the last 3 or 4 years. This is a Thai breed, and we have some Thai breeders here. I don't know these people, but if someone does, maybe that's where we should be reaching out, also. I don't think outside of Regions 1-9 it's very popular necessarily. Even Region 8 sometimes, they don't understand the reasons and purposes for joining a breed council or a breed committee, but I think we should encourage that. So, if someone is going to Thailand, if there are some Khao Manee at the show or if they know any of these breeders that are listed here, maybe they could chat with them. Certainly, I would be willing to help if you want to put someone in touch with me. I just don't know these people or how to even contact them. I have talked to Verona Blue. That's the lady in northern Kentucky, and while she seems to be interested, she also seems to want to defer to Mary Ellen. I would love it if both of them would join the Breed Committee, but they need to show some cats. Now, we could look at waiving that requirement right now and let them join the Breed Committee as if this was the first year of the breed. I'm open to whatever we can do to get some official interest in this by the Breed Committee. **Shelton:** I was just going to say some of the same things that Annette did, but we know these cats are being shown at fun shows in Thailand, so there are Thai breeders out there of these cats. As Pam mentioned, these cats are a natural breed in Thailand that have been around a long time and they are considered a treasure, so I think that's part of the outreach we need to do is try and get some of our people who are in Thailand and might see these cats at non-CFA shows or do some kind of outreach there to try to get some of the Thai breeders interested, at least to try and get some people on a breed committee and try and get the interest going again. **DelaBar:** I'm leaving for Bangkok next Thursday. I've already made a note to make some contacts when I get there on Friday. **Calhoun:** I was going to add that I'll do whatever I can to bring some names to the surface. We can talk to the country coordinator to see if she has some ideas and Pam, I really appreciate whatever you could do while you are over there. **Wilson:** That's great. That would be great, thank you.

KHAO MANEE – MISC Breed Status Report (Jan., 2024)

May 1, 2018 Accepted for Registration and MISC Status
 May 1, 2019 Standard Revision
 May 1, 2022 Standard Revision

Summary: 136 Khao Manee registered over 6 years. However, there has been a dramatic drop-off in registrations since 2021 with fewer than 10 registered in each of the past two years.

There has also been a large drop-off in the number of cats shown, particularly since 2020. Only 4 cats shown in ~~Region 4~~ Region 9 (at several shows) and 1 cat in Regions 1-7 (at 2023 CFA Int'l Show).

Cattery prefixes/suffixes: 14

Breed Committee: there are no current members of the breed committee and no chair

Breed Standard Revised May 1, 2022

Breed Club: Khao Manee Cat Club is NOT in good standing currently
25 Active Breeders – NO, Requirement Not Met

| Khao Manee Registrations and Registrations by Pedigree (CY 2014-2023) | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
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| 8 | Japan | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 6 | 6 | 10 | 5 | 1 | 0 | 3 | 0 | 20 | 11 |
| 9 | Europe | 7 | 7 | 13 | 2 | 1 | 1 | 14 | 0 | 3 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 40 | 10 |
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| WC | West China | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
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| KR | South Korea | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
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| OC | Aust./New Zeal. | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| SI | Singapore | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| TH | Thailand | 19 | 18 | 3 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 2 | 24 | 23 |
| VN | Vietnam | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| | Asia East | 19 | 18 | 3 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 2 | 24 | 23 |
| AW | Asia West/Africa | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| IS | Israel | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| AS | South America | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| | Totals | 50 | 48 | 27 | 10 | 13 | 11 | 30 | 8 | 8 | 4 | 8 | 2 | 136 | 83 |

Khao Manee Exhibit Data (Show entries, not unique cats)

36 Different (unique) cats were shown between May 2018 and Dec 2021.

| Khao Manee Exhibited, counts by Cattery Prefix | | | | | |
|--|------|------|------|------|-------------|
| Cattery Prefix: | 2018 | 2019 | 2020 | 2021 | Grand Total |
| Aree | 1 | 1 | | | 2 |
| Ashknoll | 8 | | | | 8 |
| Featherland | 4 | | | | 4 |
| Kannika | 5 | 2 | | | 7 |
| Maewthai | 4 | 1 | | | 5 |
| Noppaklao | 2 | | | | 2 |
| Siih Aam | 6 | 11 | 1 | 4 | 22 |
| Somprasong | 3 | | | | 3 |
| Thaicattery | 1 | | | | 1 |
| Treves | 5 | 9 | 3 | | 17 |
| Whitegem | 1 | | | | 1 |
| No prefix | 10 | 6 | | | 16 |
| Grand Total | 50 | 30 | 4 | 4 | 88 |

Additional breeder prefixes in 2022-2023: Saphira, Triple 9, Veronablue

7 Unique cats shown CY 2021, 2022, 2023 (note the table below includes the 2021 info from table above):

| Count of Cat_Reg | Column Label | | | | |
|------------------------------|--------------|----------|----------|-----------|-------------|
| | 2021 | 2022 | 2023 | | Grand Total |
| Row Labels | Reg 9 | Reg 9 | Reg 9 | Intl Show | |
| SAPHIRA BOREALE | | | | 1 | 1 |
| SIIH AAM AQUA AURA | 1 | | 1 | | 2 |
| SIIH AAM OH GAAT SIANG PAAI | | | 1 | | 1 |
| SIIH AAM RAAT | 1 | | | | 1 |
| SIIH AAM RAYA NEE | 1 | | | | 1 |
| SIIH AAM ROR HOB KAB KON MIH | 1 | | | | 1 |
| SIIH AAM SIIH KHOW | | 2 | 1 | | 3 |
| Grand Total | 4 | 2 | 3 | 1 | 10 |

Future Projections for Committee:

Follow up with World Cat Congress delegate regarding recommendations for DNA testing of all registered cats (minutes of 2023 WCC meeting, recommendation by geneticist Dr. Leslie Lyons in her presentation).

Mastin: Annette, you can continue with your next item. **Wilson:** The next item is something that Lorraine Shelton brought to my attention a few weeks ago. I'm not trying to – so basically at the World Cat Congress meeting last June, Leslie Lyons presented – and I know we were all excited about a test for the silver gene, but in fact this report is, now that it's out, is kind of concerning. Basically, she chairs the International Society of Animal Genetics and their report to the World Cat Congress basically has – if you look under the *Proposals* section, and these are just proposals, and I don't know what might be on the agenda for the World Cat Congress this coming June.

Wilson: The first proposal is to *Initiate mandatory genetic testing for registration to support disease eradication*. But then they say, *For cat breeds, the majority of DNA variants that cause diseases within a breed are of fairly low frequency*. Then they go on to what we can do about this. So, we talked yesterday in the Exotic proposal about recording microchips and whether a cat is a CPC or not. There is obviously a test for that and it has been, but if this is the way that the World Cat Congress may want the registries that belong to it to go down the road, I think we need to think about how this might need to be expanded at some point. So, that's one point.

Wilson: The second point here is retiring breeds. *Retire breeds in which the breed-defining mutation causes health problems*. I think Marilee alluded to this yesterday. Breeders of Scottish Fold and Manx are talking about this. Basically, their recommendation is that these cats not be bred anymore. I know we see this already in some countries in Europe where they are banning these breeds, and it really kind of goes beyond Scottish Fold and Manx. There's the issue of Sphynx and Devon Rex – they don't have enough hair and do they have skin diseases

and is that a problem. It goes on and on, so while this is just opening a dialogue and discussion, it's a dialogue and discussion to the possible reduction and eventual elimination of these breeds from the cat fancy. That has gotten people's attention. So, is there a concern that the World Cat Congress might jump onboard with all of these things and what does that mean to the registries that have not even thought about banning the breeding or banning the breeds. I'm not sure how you can ban a Manx. They exist naturally on the Isle of Man. So, that's something we need to discuss. I don't know if this was in the World Cat Congress report from our delegate, because I just didn't have time to go hunt for what board meeting minutes it was in. To be clear, this was actually kind of an add-on link to the actual minutes of the World Cat Congress. So, that's what I have here.

Anger: As last year's delegate, Kathy may want to expound on this but when Dr. Lyons was giving her presentation at the World Cat Congress seminar, which was lengthy, entertaining and super informative, it was on other topics. If I am incorrect here – when she addressed the meeting, she reported that ISAG strives to standardize testing among all labs in all animals, including genetic markers used for parentage testing. They are seeking consistency in interpretations of genetic tests such as PKD or HCM, regardless of where the results come from. I think the statement was referred to in the context of a previous similar recommendation for another breed and the frustration that that breed did not take up the recommendation to retire the breed. This is referred to in her attachment, but from the conversations I've with people that are affected by this happening, it's going to be strongly objected to. She does come to us with an offer of help from the ISAG for the issues in these breeds. It's certainly worth some discussion to see more of what she has in mind, but the actual ask is dramatic.

Wilson: If I can ask Rachel directly, what was the feeling of the other members of the World Cat Congress? If this comes to more of an agenda item for action at the next World Cat Congress, how do you think the other registries will feel about this. **Anger:** First, just to let you know, we don't have the agenda yet. The meeting is coming up in March, so it should be released any day. [**Secretary's Note:** The 2024 agenda does not include a specific pre-noticed discussion item.] Second, Kathy may have a better memory than I do, but there was no lengthy discussion, no back and forth between the delegates. That may have happened when I was out of the room or something, but I don't recall that. **Calhoun:** Actually, as I recall, the sense that I got from the other registrations was just, "OK, this is interesting, no comment." There was a lot of silence. There weren't a lot of questions. If there were questions asked, it was just part of the presentation – a very small part – and there was dead silence in the room. So, I don't know how to read that. I don't think that there was any momentum behind it at the time. I wonder if it might be a good idea to have some discussions directly with Leslie. **Shelton:** I just wanted to bring up, this dovetails a little bit with what we heard during the Legislative discussion yesterday, that this is an avenue that's being used by some groups to try and get in and further limit breeding of pedigreed cats in general. Manx and Folds are an obvious place to start, but we all know that there's other things being done – the breeding of white cats in general, things like that, so I think this is something we need to have some kind of preparation for in case it does come up. I just don't want us to get caught flat footed if this does come up at the meeting again. **Griswold:** I do a presentation on Scottish Folds that presents my paper, my published work, and I did a cat conference with Leslie where we did talk directly about this. So, my research was the first blinded controlled study ever done – DNA tested, peer reviewed study ever done on Folds, ever. It remains so to this day, and it shows that Scottish Folds don't all have terrible crippling disease

like all the previous studies showed. Her kind of take on that was, that's great, but they are still not being done very well around the world, which I have to say is true, so around the world people will breed Fold to Fold because the ears go up and they believe now they have a Straight Eared Fold. They refuse to DNA test and they are still making severely crippled cats all around the world. So, I don't really know how to respond to her with regards to that. She's like, "that's all fine that they can be done better, but the fact is they are not being done better." I would love to defend this breed, that it's healthy and can be done healthy, but on the other hand I definitely see her point with regards to this. **DelaBar:** Most of the problem coming with the Fold to Fold over in this area is coming from eastern Europe, and it's because people want to make money and sell. Back in the day, we had a fairly active Scientific Advisory Committee. I know there has been great resistance in CFA to microchip our cats and to test our cats. We were able to get a handle on PKD because of the testing for PKD and people working around – of course, unfortunately some over-reacted and put their cats down if they found out they were PKD positive. Others were able to smartly do some breeding and breed away from PKD. I would like to see our efforts with Leslie saying, "we don't want to destroy the history of these breeds of cats." We're the custodians of them, we're not their executioners, and to see what we can do on studies to breed away from the problems with spina bifida in the Manx or with the osteochondrodysplasia with the Folds. Science has gotten to the point where we can do some genetic working like that. That's the tack I would like to see us take with Leslie, but on the other hand, we need to step up and start really promoting the health of our cats. CFA – if we know cats, then we know that cats need to be healthy. In Europe, my cats cannot be used for breeding unless their hearts are checked. I have to have the HCM check, and that's the Norwegian Forest Cats. We need to put this on the Breed Councils and say, "What should you do? What testing can you do to help define and identify healthy cats?" We need to be proactive and if we show we're proactive, that's part of the fight against such things as what's going on in New Hampshire. Now, I'm going to tell you that part of the EU proposals is a system called TRACES, and it's an inter-operational database that can track animals by microchip throughout all the countries. Right now it's just tracked by country and right now it's going to be able to track animals from country to country to country, no matter where they are. I want us to be leaders, not reactors. **Wilson:** I agree with Pam that we need to give breeders some tools they can use. We can't be everything to all breeders obviously; however, I think this idea of recording microchips – a cat can have multiple registration numbers over multiple registries, but generally they only have one microchip number, and I think that if we can give breeders at least the tool and the option to include a microchip number with their registration and it's recorded, it's at least a first step. Then, if we have a way to somehow record genetic testing, whether it's for color or whatever, I think we need to look into that as an option also. I guess I hesitate to do more than give people tools and information because I think we can get ourselves in a real bind that way, but I think that's a way we should move forward. That's really all I have to say about this, other than, I'll be real interested in hearing what happens at this next meeting. **Calhoun:** I think Pam and Annette, I agree with both. They are really on to something. I wonder if we can hear from the Central Office as to what it would take to be able to implement recording of microchip numbers and if there's genetic testing, to record that information. **Mastin:** Allene and James? **Tartaglia:** We can do that. I would suggest that we meet and determine what we're going to do with this information, what types of searches, what types of checks we would do for the microchip, exactly what type of information we want for the DNA. We can do that. We would have to structure a database appropriately. I would say that we're not going to do any of that until we

release eCat 2.0 and then once we have the new system up and running, it's going to be much easier to implement future changes. **Mastin:** James, do you have any additional comments? **Simbro:** Allene pretty much covered it. It looks like a pretty straightforward recording of data if we're not doing anything crazy with it. At least, it doesn't seem like it. We're just recording data. It's pretty straightforward. **Mastin:** Thank you. Pam DelaBar, are you willing to reach out to Leslie and have a conversation with her? **DelaBar:** I've known Leslie for years. I have no problems. **Mastin:** OK. If you would do that and let her know what our intentions are in helping these breeds, that would be great. **DelaBar:** I would like also to coordinate with Marilee, since she is an active researcher, but yes, I will do so. **Griswold:** Yes, of course Leslie knows me. I also have offered to the Manx Breed Council to help them to do genetic research. Right now, they have found four different genes that cause taillessness and there's some question that maybe one is better than the other, maybe one has fewer problems than the others, but it would be interesting science to know which, if there is one that causes more health issues than others. I'm more than willing to do that. I'm not sure, I haven't had a huge amount of interest so far from our CFA breed council with the Manx, but I can go through the same researchers like with Cat Scan is who I worked with, with my previous paper if Leslie is not interested or too busy or whatever, so there's ways we can do further research. I just have to have the interest with the breed council or people who have Manx. I don't have Manx, so I'm going to need them to do all the DNA testing and be willing to deal with the outcome. **DelaBar:** We have quite a few Manx breeders in Finland, Marilee. I think that they would be more than happy to work with something like this.

Mastin: Annette, do you have anything further you want to discuss on this topic? **Wilson:** No, that's all I have. I'm done. **Mastin:** You're done done? **Wilson:** I'm done done. **Mastin:** OK. Well, thank you very much, Annette. Does anyone have any questions for Annette before she leaves? Annette, seeing no questions, you're free to do whatever you want today. **Wilson:** Back to the coffee. Thank you. **Mastin:** Thank you.

***Request for assistance from the World Cat Congress (WCC)
to improve cat breed health and welfare.***

***26th WCC Board Meeting 13 June 2023
Hotel Grand Chancellor, Launceston, Tasmania, Australia***

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Preface:

We recognize the WCC has no regulatory oversight but can make recommendations to cat registries to support and create uniform standards and regulations. The International Society of Animal Genetics (ISAG), Standardization for Animal Genetic Testing Committee (ad hoc) and the World Small Animal Veterinary Association (WSAVA), Hereditary Disease Committee (HDC) also serve in advisory capacities to the animal research and veterinary communities, respectively.

Introduction:

Genetic testing has made significant advances over the past two decades. We can now sequence an entire cat genome for lower costs than several veterinary diagnostic techniques. Over 178 genetic tests are known for cats, <45% of which pertain to fancy breed cats. Of these 178 tests, ~45 pertain to mostly desired traits and ~32 pertain to undesired diseases, usually within a specific breed or breed family.

The international Society of Animal Genetics (ISAG) and the World Small Animal Veterinary Association (WSAVA) are working together to improve genetic testing, animal health and welfare within the cat breeding community. We would like to initiate discussions and communications regarding four aspects of genetics that address individual cat and breed health and welfare.

Both ISAG and the WSAVA support the standardization of the nomenclature of genes and their alleles and the standard reporting of genetic mutations by commercial laboratories so that breeders, owners, veterinarians, and researchers can all make a correct and consistent interpretation of genetic testing results – no matter which lab conducts the testing. Proper interpretation is necessary to make appropriate health care and breeding decisions for individual cats and breed management.

Along the same lines, we support the standardization of nomenclature of breed colors and coat types across cat breeds and registries based on the known genetic etiology.

Proposals:

1) Initiate mandatory genetic testing for registration to support disease eradication. For cat breeds, the majority of DNA variants that cause diseases within a breed are of fairly low frequency. Thus, with a concerted and organized effort, most genetic diseases that have available tests could be eradicated from the cat fancy within five years, while more frequent diseases could be eradicated within 10 years (e.g., HC Mand CEP290 blindness). By making the disease mutations extinct, further testing would be minimized, reducing costs to breeders, and allowing more funds to be available for other aspects of cattery management.

Examples of successful management of genetic diseases in cat breeds is the reduction of polycystic kidney disease from 38% in 2004 at the time of the launch of the genetic test to <7% currently. A second example is the management of gangliosidoses Type I and Type II in Korats, a breed with a small population that has managed both diseases, as well as points and brown coloration while maintaining high diversity and low inbreeding.

We would like to open dialog and discussions to establish breed-specific genetic screening guidelines with the overall goal of the eradication of hereditary diseases from breed populations. Genetic screenings can include validated phenotypical screenings such as eye examinations, hearing tests for white cats, or echocardiograms, or when available breed-appropriate DNA testing for disease-causative or liability genes. Breed specific guidelines should be determined by the breed clubs/groups/councils with guidance from veterinary geneticists. Attached is the current list of Mendelian genetic diseases in cat breeds.

Guidelines can range from requirements for registration to pre-breeding genetic testing requirements. These can be mandatory or can provide benefits to breeders such as the availability of affiliate advertising, or ability to enter cat shows.

To improve breed health and maintain genetic diversity, cats do not have to pass all required testing. The object is to complete all breed-specific testing and to conduct matings with the goal of improving the genetic health of the breed.

Numerous examples of using genetic testing by dog and horse registries can be considered and demonstrate how required genetic testing can be a both a cost and animal welfare benefit for breeders, clubs, and registries.

2) Retire breeds in which the breed-defining mutation causes health problems. Certain cat breeds are defined by specific morphological traits. Unfortunately, a few of these traits confer a detrimental condition within the breed, directly due to the mutation that causes the trait. The DNA variants that cause the folded ear of the Scottish Fold and the taillessness of the Manx cause osteochondrodysplasia and Manx cat syndrome, respectively. The DNA mutations for these traits cannot predict the severity of the presentations of the conditions in a given cat and these traits are clearly an animal health and welfare concern.

Via the WSAVA Hereditary Disease Committee, we would like to open dialogs and discussions as to the possible reduction and eventual elimination of these breeds from the cat fancy worldwide. We would seek positive ways to retain breeders and aspects of the breeds that are favorable, such as long-tailed Manx or straight eared Scottish.

Invoke a moratorium on new wild cat blood lines in hybrid breed development.

The USA recently passed the Big Cat Safety Act that eliminates the private ownership of wild felids, such as lions, tigers, pumas, and other large felids. Circuses and theatrical performances also eliminated acts with wild felids. Clearly, the personal ownership of wild cats is losing public acceptance. Small wild felids, such as leopard cats, servals, Jungle cats, bobcats, caracals, and other small cat species also suffer poor welfare when in private ownership and very likely are subjects of illicit trade and violations of CITES. We would also like to initiate dialogs and discussions as to the elimination of small wild cat private ownership and their breeding to produce hybrids with domestic cats. This consideration is to eliminate the introduction of new wild felid bloodlines, not the eradication of the current hybrid breeds.

3) Improve verbiage in cat judging standards to promote moderation of type, particularly for, but not limited to extreme brachycephalic breeds.

Specific morphological conditions of specific breeds are of high concern for animal health and welfare, particularly the extreme brachycephaly (short face) of Persians, Exotics, some lines of Burmese and other related breeds. Although genetic tests are not available to predict the extremity of brachycephaly, except for the contemporary Burmese, the moderation of facial morphology can be facilitated with the cooperation of breeders and judges.

We would like to facilitate communications between registries, breed groups and judges to help identify the verbiage in breed standards that promote selection towards extreme brachycephaly and facilitate means to encourage moderation in facial type that reduces health and welfare concerns.

We request the World Cat Congress help to lead concerted efforts and dialog as we bring these concerns to the cat registries around the world.

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Prepare agenda for BCS meeting with CFA Board at the CFA Annual in June. Board member suggestions are welcome!

Board Action Items:

1. Breed Council Elections and Ballot Proposals (per compiled report and spreadsheet summary). Several BCS/BCC have indicated they will join the meeting via ZOOM.

2. The Toybob Breed Committee Chair, Gigi Guerriero, has requested the breed advance from Provisional status to Championship status, effective May 1, 2024. A summary of the breed statistics and judges' comments is included for your review. (Note: advancement to championship passes with a 2/3 vote by the CFA Board)

Guerriero: Can I ask the board for permission to allow the previous Breed Secretary, Margo Hill – **Hill:** I'm a panelist right now. Thank you for mentioning that. **Guerriero:** Great. **Wilson:** The second action item here is [reads]. I have included just following this a summary of what they have done to date. They were first accepted May 1, 2019. They were advanced May 1, 2023 to Provisional status. There are at least 26 breeders, which meets the criteria. They have

282 registered cats. They had 32 entries, 19 unique cats in Regions 1, 3, 4, 6, 7, 8 and Hong Kong this past show season. So, 19 is a bit short. We like to see 25 unique cats shown, but I do commend them on getting them out to a number of regions. There are 5 committee members. The International Toybob Cat Club is in good standing with 36 club members. Their standard does continue to change with these recent four changes, but I personally consider these changes to be clarifications, as opposed to actually changing the standard to look more like the cat or changing what we are supposed to be looking at, but that's my opinion. The Japanese Bobtail Breed Council objects to it still being a lookalike breed and the fast tracking. As far as fast tracking, they meet their five years at the end of this show season, which is – usually you have a breed that goes the full five years and then they are considered for advancement the next time. The Japanese Bobtail Breed Council is objecting to that. There are still some concerns from some judges regarding the frequent standard changes, but judges' reports overall are 66% in favor of advancing to Championship. Their biggest complaint is not seeing more of a variety of cats at shows. Often there is only one, and the same one. I included them – there's a chart of the number of cats. This follows a chart by registrations, and registrations by pedigree, the number of cats shown by region, the list of the breeders and where they are located, and then there are the comments from the judges for shows since the last advancement.

Newkirk: Has the gene for the Japanese Bobtail and the Toybob – is it the same gene or is it two different genes? Maybe Gigi can answer that. **Guerriero:** No. It has already been proven by Leslie Lyons that it is two distinct genes. I know at the last advancement meeting the Japanese Bobtail group brought it up. Since then, I forwarded to the entire Breed Secretary i/o group Leslie Lyons' email regarding the fact that we are a distinct breed. I don't think that's really up for debate anymore at this point. **Hill:** We basically confirmed that the Toybob gene is a separate gene from the Japanese Bobtail – two different gene mutations. **Newkirk:** Thank you. That answers my question. [Side discussions regarding display-related issues were not transcribed.] **Griswold:** I was trying to understand it, because I think the Japanese Bobtail breeders voted 100% against advancement for Toybobs. Part of their reasoning was because the gene had not been found. It was my understanding that part of why TICA does not accept them as a breed is because they haven't been able to actually prove that it is a 100% separate gene. I'm trying to find Leslie Lyons' research on this about the Toybob gene, but I am unable to find it. So, I just wanted to make certain that this is a different gene. This is a genetic variation and if it's the exact same gene, we probably should [inaudible]. **Hill:** If you will allow me to answer this question, the proof of the gene variation not relating to the Japanese Bobtail has been submitted actually in the very early application that we requested the board to accept Toybobs to provisional [*sic*, Miscellaneous] status, so everything was filed with the original application. I know questions later do come up, back with some sort of confusion, etc. You are welcome to reach out to Dr. Leslie Lyons at any time and she will be able to respond and sort of explain in a very educational way. I think how the testing was done, we sent about 60 samples of the Toybob cats that she compared against the gene that she discovered in her lab, I believe that was in 2015. None of the cats came back with the same genes, meaning they do not share the same genes, number one. Number two, to find this gene will require a lot of research. She has been trying actually for quite a bit of time. It has falling off her table right now just because she has so many other projects that she had to prioritize, but she is continuing to actually do the research. This gene, as I said, finding one gene is not always just 12 hours' research. It takes sometimes years, especially if we are dealing with some gene that she was actually trying to research and find exactly where it lies so she can actually prioritize the location of that specific gene to find and do

more comparison against all the cats that she collected over the years, because she was trying to pretty much find the genome and identify the genome of the feline from A to Z, but yes, so this is an ongoing project. It's not something that we kind of disregarded. It is being continued and we are hoping that at one point she will be able to tell us exactly where the gene lies and what we can actually mark the breed with, just because we continue to have those questions.

Unfortunately, there comes back with confusion because the tail looks similar, etc., but it does not work the same way as the Japanese Bobtail, even in breeding and comparing some of the notes that came up with this discussion, how the breeding works with the Japanese Bobtail cats and comparing to Toybobs, the gene just doesn't work the same way to begin with. So then, obviously just looking at the research that was done through Dr. Lyons, it's obviously not the same. It's just not identified yet, just because it's easy. For example, with the silver gene it took many, many years for that gene to be identified. You would think it would be much easier to find that specific gene. I don't know if that answers the questions, but we are happy to supply any supporting evidence for you to sort of confirm that information. **Guerriero:** Can I add something? I would also like to add that, going back to TICA, in order for us to have advanced from Miscellaneous to Registration Only, we had already proved to the TICA board that we were unrelated to the Japanese Bobtail and didn't require any permission from them in order to advance. Currently in TICA we are in Preliminary New Breed and the reason we are sort of stuck there is because of disagreement there regarding the standard and many of those breeders since then moved over to CFA. **Hill:** Yes. The TICA advancement was just basically many breeders wanted to focus more on the CFA organization. Some other advancements that they were working on, I think they were more excited about the fact that CFA may welcome the breed in Championship. If you look back in history, there are many other breeds that kind of favored one association over the others; for example, Burmilla. It's not a popular breed in TICA. For example, if I go to a TICA show, I'm often not going to see this breed but when I go to CFA I can probably count on it that I will see this breed. So, it's really not relative to what TICA does and what breeders are doing there and why they're not advancing, etc., comparing to some other associations because it depends really on the working relationship between the association and the breeders and breed council.

Currie: I was on the board when you initially brought all those examples to one of our meetings. One of the things that really got my support was the fact that you were adamant at that point that this gene pool was unique to this particular breed. You need to make it very clear to all of our board right now that there is no evidence to say otherwise, because if we wait for the complete study to be done, it could be 10 years from now. The initial findings are, they are two different gene pools and you need to stick to that. I understand the question that's coming up, and I certainly understand the concern by the Japanese Bobtail Breed Council, but I support what you're trying to do with this particular breed, based on your findings thus far, as far as the gene pool is concerned. It's a beautiful breed, it's unique and I personally will be supporting it.

Guerriero: We consistently use Wisdom Panel™ and Neogen in our testing. All our cats always turn up as, would likely have long tails, because of course there is no Toybob test yet, but when they compare it to what they have for the Manx or the Japanese Bobtail, it always comes up as no copies whatsoever. I believe we submitted – at the time of our acceptance to CFA we submitted even 50 results. **Hill:** Yes, definitely. There should be a trace of paperwork when those findings were submitted. Again, we didn't have any questions just because I think the clarity was resolved at that time, but now people are still asking the same questions, so we just want to address that once again and clarify that again.

Newkirk: I think we have drifted from what we are trying to accomplish here. The horse has already left the barn. This is a breed that we have recognized and they have shown Miscellaneous and now Provisional. Their body conformation doesn't look like Japanese Bobtails. The only thing that sort of might be similar is their tail, and we don't even know if it's the same gene or not. Personally, I don't think it is, so I think we should move on. I see Marilee has her hand up, but we're just spinning our wheels here. The only debate is whether they subtract a year off of completing as Provisional. What's going to change between now and one more year? Nothing is going to change, so my recommendation is that we go ahead and advance these to Championship. They have shown good faith to us and I realize that some of the Japanese Bobtail breeders will be unhappy, but we've all got to learn to pull our big boy panties up and move on. **Griswold:** What I'm hoping would happen within the year is that they would find the gene. From what I understand, TICA is holding advancement because they believe it's a possibility that it's a Manx gene variant. I've heard more than one board member say that if breeds were coming up for acceptance now, there's two that probably would not be accepted because of health issues related to genes, and that would be the Scottish Fold and the Manx. We're having to fight some of those battles related to health issues, but that's my understanding and from what I've seen on FaceBook with discussions with the TICA genetic counsel that it's not a difference of opinion, it's they are thinking it's a Manx gene variant and that they may accept a breed that ultimately has some of the same health issues. That's my last words on it. **Guerriero:** I would like to add that the Manx breed doesn't exist in Russia. I can understand people having some sort of confusion and thinking, "oh maybe it's related to the Japanese Bobtail," but this is a Russian breed. The Manx doesn't even exist there. Furthermore, the genetics committee from TICA has only made recommendations. It will not hold us back from advancing once we meet all the requirements in that association. Again, like I stated earlier, we have already been tested against all the testable Manx tests and it's completely unrelated. **Hill:** I just want to clarify that if anyone is in discussion with TICA board members, not including the breeders to be part of the discussion, then absolutely yes there may be confusion and some speculation coming out of this discussion because you're not talking directly to the breeders and you're not looking at the samples of testing that are being provided. I just wanted to clarify that. I belong to the breed committee in TICA as well and not really moved forward for various other reasons but definitely Manx gene is not something that we would ever allow in our breed to begin with. None of the cats have tested to be with the Manx gene and would definitely that not be an issue. Whoever is making those assumptions, they're just wrong.

Mastin: Pam DelaBar, you will be the last one and then I will turn it over to Annette to close this out. **DelaBar:** I am sorry that we did not have an in-person meeting in order for the board to again view these cats. Last year was not the best that we could have seen. I am very familiar with this breed, as living 250 miles away from Russia and was introduced to the Russian Toybobs. My only concern is coming forward a year quicker. I realize that I will probably see many more Toybobs in CFA shows once they are championship, but I do want us to follow our rules. I'm still on the fence on how I'm going to vote.

Motion: *That the Toybob advance from Provisional status to Championship status effective May 1, 2024 (reserving right to vote no). A summary of the current entry and registration statistics has been provided.*

Mastin: Annette? **Wilson:** I can't make the motion, but I do want to clarify. According to the bylaws it requires a 2/3 vote to pass the motion, and it says here 50% required to pass. What I wrote says – my Action Item #2 says, (*Note: advancement to championship passes with a 2/3 vote by the CFA Board*), but the motion says 50% vote. The bylaws say 2/3, so that's actually 66-2/3, right? **Mastin:** 2/3 is 66.666685 or something like that. **Wilson:** Rachel changed it. Thank you Rachel, but I think Darrell has to make the motion, as I am not a board member. **Newkirk:** Is this not included in our standing motions? **Mastin:** It should be. I believe Darrell, you have a standing motion and is Rachel the standing second? **Newkirk:** Correct. **Mastin:** So, we have the motion, we have a second. I'm going to call for the vote. If you're in favor, raise your hand.

Mastin called the motion. **Motion Failed.** Anger, Calhoun, Colilla, Currle, DelaBar, Dunham, Hayata, Huhtaniemi, Newkirk and Webb voting yes.

Mastin: Kenny, Darrell, Kathy Calhoun, Pauli, Russell, Cathy Dunham, Yukiko, Rachel, Pam DelaBar. Please lower your hand. If you are opposed raise your hand. Marilee, Anne, Paula, Pam [Moser], Carol, Mike. Lower your hand. If you are an abstention raise your hand. No abstentions. Rachel? **Anger:** I did not get a vote from John Colilla. **Mastin:** John? I don't think John is there. **Anger:** He's still on the panel. **Mastin:** Here he is. John? **Colilla:** Yes? **Mastin:** Are you a yes or a no on this vote? **Colilla:** Yes. **Mastin:** OK, thank you. **Anger:** That's 10 yes, 6 no, zero abstentions. **Raymond:** It does not pass. **Anger:** It needed 11. **Mastin:** It did not pass, and if I do vote in favor it still does not pass. **Guerriero:** Is there any way somebody could maybe have some other questions and they may change their vote? I mean, I agree with Darrell in the fact that, what is a year going to make a difference? For example, there's only a few of us that actually have the capacity to actually speak to the judges and discuss – **Mastin:** Gigi, I need to stop you right now. This motion fails. If anybody wishes to bring it back, it's their choice. **Raymond:** I was just going to say, the motion has been voted upon. There can be no more discussion until someone raises a motion for reconsideration. Then the vote is simply on the motion of whether or not to reconsider. Substantive discussion only happens if that motion for reconsideration passes. **Mastin:** I'll ask the question; does anybody want to reconsider? I see no one making the motion to reconsider. We can no longer discuss this motion. It is the end of the discussion, I'm sorry. Thank you Gigi and thank you Margo for attending, and for the other motions that passed, but this one failed. **Hill:** Thank you very much everyone.

TOYBOB Summary (Jan. 2024)

The Toybob Breed Committee Chair has requested advancement from PROV to CHAMPIONSHIP status. Here are the registration and entry statistics.

| | |
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| Breed accepted: | May 1, 2019 |
| Breed advanced: | May 1, 2023, to PROVISIONAL status |
| No. of Breeders: | 26 (some at same address with different cattery names) |
| No. of Reg: | 282 (including 100 reg-by-ped) 67 registered in 2023. |
| No. Entries: | 32 (19 unique cats), in regions 1, 3, 4, 6, 7, 8 and Hong Kong |
| Breed Committee: | Gigi Guerriero, chair. 4 other members |
| Breed Club: | International Toybob Cat Club is in good standing with 36 club members |

Standard: Continues to change; most recent 4 changes presented at Feb 2024 meeting

OTHER: Japanese Bobtail Breed Council objects to 'lookalike' breed and fast-tracking
 Concerns from some judges regarding frequent standard changes
 Judges reports 66% in favor of advancing to championship
 Judges biggest complaint is not seeing more of a variety of cats at shows; often only 1 (and the same one).

| | Toybob Registrations and Registrations by Pedigree (CY 2014-2023) | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
|----|---|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|--------|------|
| | Region | 2018 | | 2019 | | 2020 | | 2021 | | 2022 | | 2023 | | Totals | |
| | | Regs | Ped. | Regs | Ped. | Regs | Ped. | Regs | Ped. | Regs | Ped. | Regs | Ped. | Regs | Ped. |
| 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 44 | 28 | 15 | 2 | 29 | 3 | 12 | 2 | 13 | 0 | 113 | 35 |
| 2 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 2 | 1 | 0 | 9 | 6 | 6 | 2 | 7 | 1 | 25 | 11 |
| 3 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 |
| 4 | 4 | 0 | 0 | 3 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 3 | 3 |
| 5 | 5 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 3 | 0 | 3 | 0 |
| 6 | 6 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 7 | 3 | 4 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 12 | 5 |
| 7 | 7 | 0 | 0 | 4 | 4 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 4 | 1 | 10 | 2 | 19 | 7 |
| | North America | 0 | 0 | 54 | 37 | 23 | 5 | 43 | 11 | 22 | 5 | 34 | 3 | 176 | 61 |
| 8 | Japan | 0 | 0 | 6 | 4 | 4 | 0 | 17 | 3 | 21 | 5 | 19 | 3 | 67 | 15 |
| 9 | Europe | 0 | 0 | 9 | 9 | 0 | 0 | 4 | 3 | 12 | 8 | 7 | 2 | 32 | 22 |
| EC | East China | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| NC | North China | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| WC | West China | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| | China | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| HK | Hong Kong | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 5 | 2 | 5 | 2 |
| ID | Indonesia | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| KR | South Korea | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| MY | Malaysia | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| OC | Aust./New Zeal. | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| SI | Singapore | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| TH | Thailand | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| VN | Vietnam | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| | Asia East | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 5 | 2 | 5 | 2 |
| AW | Asia West/Africa | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| IS | Israel | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| AS | South America | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 2 | 0 |
| | Totals | 0 | 0 | 69 | 50 | 27 | 5 | 64 | 17 | 55 | 18 | 67 | 10 | 282 | 100 |

Note that in above numbers, the registrations-by-pedigree are included in the # of registrations.

TOYBOBS shown from 5/1/2023-12/2/2023

BY CFA Region/Area

| Region | # of Entries |
|-------------|--------------|
| 1 | 5 |
| 3 | 2 |
| 4 | 7 |
| 6 | 1 |
| 7 | 11 |
| 8 | 2 |
| HK | 4 |
| Grand Total | 32 |

of unique cats: 19

| List of Breeders | | | |
|------------------|----------------------|------------|---------|
| Cattery Name | Breeder Name | Lit Reg Dt | Country |
| Bees Knees | Katie Biesinger | 1/11/2023 | US |
| Bel-Moors | Anna Gromova | 1/9/2023 | Russia |
| Emberview | M Carno-L Stasiuk | 6/21/2020 | Canada |
| Glassheart | Hiromi Matsubara | 9/7/2022 | Japan |
| Jet-Setter | Sharon Vega | 12/12/2022 | US |
| Kat-I-Tood | Marilyn Mogle | 7/25/2022 | US |
| Li'l Wonders | Nellie Mogle | 1/11/2023 | US |
| Libertybell | Hiroshi Ishizawa | 12/12/2022 | Japan |
| Naughtykitty | Martin-Kazumi Frost | 12/15/2022 | Japan |
| Petite Toy | Renan Rangel | 1/9/2023 | Brazil |
| Rostov Toys | Angela Soto | 6/28/2022 | US |
| Rostovspirit | Mila Denny | 7/30/2022 | US |
| Saturncat | Lukas Swid | 12/7/2021 | US |
| Singamabob | M Carno-L Stasiuk | 1/12/2023 | Canada |
| Singville | Margo Hill | 12/11/2021 | US |
| Small Toys | A Moronov-I Syrchina | 1/10/2023 | Russia |
| Smallkitty | Irina Syrchina | 1/17/2023 | Russia |
| Soul-Beans | Liu Yuen Yi | 9/11/2023 | HK |
| Starry Kitty | Deborah Lopez | 9/19/2021 | US |
| Sunny Shores | Rachel Zimmer | 1/5/2023 | US |
| Tinybob | Angela Crowley | 4/22/2020 | US |
| Toy-Lee | Alexander Lee | 1/11/2023 | US |
| Toybob Tales | Laura Mejia | 1/4/2023 | US |
| Ural Gems | Natalia Soboleva | 1/9/2023 | Spain |
| Whisperstar | Margo-James Hill | 12/31/2019 | US |
| Wonderlyn | Giselle Guerriero | 10/6/2022 | US |

Judges Comments from Judges at 2023 Shows where Toybobs were judged as PROV

Of the 44 reports received during the 8 month period, 33 judges recommended advancement and 11 did not recommend advancement.

| CY | Show Date | Region | # Cats | Comments |
|------|-----------|--------|--------|--|
| 2023 | 6/3/2023 | HK | 1 | This kitten did not meet the standard in head type. The standard should “flow” more...it’s difficult to imagine what a Toybob looks like from reading the standard. There are too many superfluous words and some contradictions. We continue to mostly see one at a time; that’s not how to evaluate a breed. The standard needs work |

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| | | | | and it's been over a year since I saw a Toybob that at least resembles the standard. |
| 2023 | 7/15/2023 | 1 | 5 | Only judged one cat so didn't have anything to compare it with at this show. Lovely cats, wonderful breed. |
| 2023 | 9/16/2023 | 7 | 9 | --Some Terminology in the standard is unclear, but I admire that they are striving for global standardization. Rethink the word "almost" in the standard. Kudos for bringing 9 cats to compare/contrast and finally cats with bodies I expect to see. --Type is not consistent and does not meet the standard --Could be in a little better condition --the numbers that I judged look the same, move to CH --No color descriptions --Cats well behaved, good type |
| 2023 | 9/30/2023 | 4 | 1 | --Nose, slight convex curve, then goes to describe profile. I would think that wording belongs in profile, not nose. |
| 2023 | 10/7/2023 | 4 | 2 | --These 2 are consistent, however I see many which are inconsistent and not matching the standard at the Florida show. There is not consistency in the breed. Get agreement on type and document it --as evidenced by these two cats, two different profiles are permitted. they should pick one. Both cats had rather sparse, patchy coats. One had a straight nose profile, the other curved that was close to a stop. Nice muscular bodies. Round eyes. Each had acceptable tails |
| 2023 | 10/8/2023 | 8 | 2 | |
| 2023 | | 13 | 4 | --Well Behaved, good type --Standard has improved re: consistency --I believe this breed should be pointed and the other colors AOV |
| 2023 | 10/29/2023 | 17 | 3 | |
| 2023 | 11/11/2023 | 3 | 2 | --What is evidence of wild ancestry? |
| 2023 | 12/2/2023 | 7 | 2 | --Really like the type of the solid lilac the other cats don't have the type; great presentation. |

3. The Calico & BiColor Persian Division ballot this year passed several standard and show rule (color class) breakouts. However, they neglected to request a change to the color class descriptors for Patched Tabby & White and Other Tabby & White. Should the Board ratify the requested color classes, might we consider a Show Rule change to also amend these Color Classes:

PERSIAN: CALICO & BI-COLOR DIVISION

3a. Patched Tabby & White.....---- 1159
(all currently established patched tabby patterns in classic and mackerel with the addition of white, with the exception of brown patched tabby & white and blue patched tabby & white.)

3b. Other Tabby & White.....1192 1193

(all currently established tabby patterns in classic and mackerel with the addition of white, with the exception of red, brown, silver, blue, cream and patched tabby, in classic and mackerel with the addition of white.)

Mastin: Annette, do you have anything further? **Wilson:** I do, my third and fourth action items. I'll try to explain it and make it quick, and if you want me to come back in the morning with it, I can do that, too. I know I'm at the limit. When the Calico & Bi-Color Persian Division passed these standard and show rule color class break outs, they didn't request changes to the color class descriptors. They didn't notice it, I didn't notice it until it was too late and I was wondering if we could consider a show rule change. It is a show rule. The color classes are in the show rules and the descriptors are, for example Patched Tabby & White should now say – what it does say is, *all currently established patched tabby patterns in classic and mackerel with the addition of white*, but now we've added some exceptions to it, and the same with the Other Tabby & White color. When I wrote these up, I contacted Ed to make sure I wasn't stepping on his Show Rules toes and he said it was OK to put it in here. Because it's not a standard change, I don't think it needs to be balloted. Normally, they would include it on their ballot just to keep it clean. **Mastin:** Darrell, do you have any history on this? Or Rachel? Is Annette correct, it doesn't need to be balloted? **Newkirk:** I don't think it needs to be balloted. It's a show rule and the board can make those changes. **Mastin:** Rachel, do you agree? **Anger:** Correct. We bring up show rule changes all the time, although they are supposed to be only in October. **Mastin:** Good. I just wanted to get that out of the way, so we don't have to deal with that issue. Ed, do you have comments? **Raymond:** I'm good with this. Since these changes were dependent on the board actually passing the standard changes, I encouraged Annette to include them in her report. **Mastin:** OK, so what is the motion to change the show rule, or do you have to come back with that tomorrow, Ed? **Raymond:** I think it has been laid out here. She's got the additions underlined. **Mastin:** Everything is in order? **Raymond:** I believe so. **Mastin:** And they are all pre-noticed. **Raymond:** Yes. I think we just need a motion. **Mastin:** Does anybody have any questions? Discussion? Any objections? Seeing no objections, the motion passes unanimously.

The motion is ratified by unanimous consent.

4. In 2020, the Exotic breed council added chocolate silver and lilac silver to several color classes but when the standards were revised, the color classes appear to ONLY include chocolate, lilac, chocolate silver, lilac silver, etc. A show rule to return the descriptors to the previous (2019) Color Classes will address this (previously no colors were listed at all in these color classes:

EXOTIC: CALICO & BI-COLOR DIVISION

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|---|-------------|-------------|
| <i>4a. Patched Tabby & White.....</i> | <i>----</i> | <i>7987</i> |
| <i>{ (classic, mackerel, spotted) Chocolate Silver</i> | | |
| <i>Patched Tabby & White, Lilac Silver Patched</i> | | |
| <i>Tabby & White}</i> | | |
| <i>4b. Other Tabby & White.....</i> | <i>7992</i> | <i>7993</i> |

*{ classic, mackerel, spotted) ~~Chocolate Silver Tabby~~
& ~~White, Lilac Silver Tabby & White~~*

Wilson: #4 is actually as a result of the descriptors not being right since 2020. *The Exotic Breed Council added the colors Chocolate Silver and Lilac Silver to several color classes, but when the standards were revised, the color classes appear to ONLY include chocolate, lilac, chocolate silver, lilac silver, etc.* That was either an oversight by how it was done or it just didn't get added right to the descriptors, so this would correct that section of the Show Rules in the color classes for the Exotic Calico & Bi-Color division, Patched Tabby & White and Other Tabby & White. Basically, it's removing the colors because all of the colors are included in there. What this looks like to judges now when they judge is that only these colors belong in there. In fact, all of the Patched Tabby & White colors belong in 7987 and all of the Other Tabby & White colors belong in 7992/7993. This is actually reverting it to what it looked like before these colors got added, so that all Patched Tabby & White colors would be here. **Mastin:** Ed, everything looks to be in order? **Raymond:** Yes. **Mastin:** OK. Does anybody have any questions? Discussion? Any objections? OK, the motion passes unanimously.

The motion is ratified by unanimous consent.

Wilson: The only other things I have are the World Cat Congress issue and the Khao Manee issue. We don't have to take either of them up at this meeting if you don't want, or we can discuss either or both tomorrow morning. Up to you. **Mastin:** It's 4:05. I would rather do it tomorrow morning. **Wilson:** OK, 8:00. **Mastin:** I don't know how long executive session is going to go. **Wilson:** OK, so 8:00 tomorrow morning? **Mastin:** Yes. We'll take them up at 8:00 tomorrow morning. Annette, thank you for all you did and Darrell thank you too for the assistance on that. **Currle:** Good night, Annette. **Wilson:** Good night. Bye bye. Have fun. **Newkirk:** Thanks Annette.

Persian Calico & BiColor Stats 2019-2023

| Persian PCB 2019-2023 | | | | | | 2023 total |
|--------------------------|---------------------|------|------|------|------|---------------|
| BCS code and description | | 2019 | 2020 | 2021 | 2022 | |
| 0119 | Dilute Calico | 124 | 99 | 115 | 86 | 60 |
| 0148 | Calico | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 |
| 0149 | Calico | 190 | 153 | 200 | 156 | 145 |
| 1061 | Calico Smoke | 5 | 6 | 7 | 4 | 7 |
| 1063 | Dilute Calico Smoke | 2 | 1 | 2 | 1 | 0 |
| 1106 | Blue-White | 77 | 58 | 82 | 61 | 32 |
| 1107 | Blue-White | 41 | 46 | 54 | 46 | 29 |
| 1108 | Black-White | 102 | 108 | 123 | 98 | 84 |
| 1109 | Black-White | 67 | 51 | 84 | 60 | 58 |
| 1110 | Brown-White | 69 | 65 | 89 | 53 | 53 |
| 1111 | Brown-White | 43 | 24 | 53 | 27 | 20 |
| 1114 | Cream-White | 58 | 52 | 66 | 40 | 30 |
| 1115 | Cream-White | 28 | 34 | 31 | 25 | 17 |

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|-------|-------------------------------|----|----|----|----|----|----|
| 1132 | Silver Tabby-White | 20 | 14 | 15 | 16 | 14 | 22 |
| 1133 | Silver Tabby-White | 20 | 11 | 8 | 8 | 8 | |
| 1134 | Black Smoke-White | 3 | 2 | 3 | 3 | 1 | |
| 1135 | Black Smoke-White | 6 | 3 | 1 | 1 | 3 | |
| 1140 | Brown Tabby & White | 75 | 44 | 72 | 68 | 61 | |
| 1141 | Brown Tabby & White | 33 | 27 | 45 | 33 | 34 | |
| 1142 | Brown Tabby & White | 76 | 48 | 75 | 68 | 62 | |
| 1143 | Brown Tabby & White | 43 | 49 | 55 | 36 | 37 | |
| 1147 | Smoke Tortie-White | 1 | 0 | 1 | 2 | 0 | |
| 1148 | Blue Smoke-White | 0 | 1 | 3 | 1 | 0 | |
| 1149 | Blue Smoke-White | 3 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 22 |
| 1151 | Blue-Cream Smoke-White | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | |
| 1154 | Cream Tabby-White | 9 | 8 | 17 | 9 | 15 | |
| 1155 | Cream Tabby-White | 3 | 10 | 6 | 9 | 7 | |
| 1156 | Blue Tabby-White | 17 | 19 | 24 | 13 | 17 | |
| 1157 | Blue Tabby-White | 15 | 10 | 18 | 23 | 12 | 29 |
| 1159 | Silver Ptchd Tby-White | 11 | 10 | 21 | 9 | 11 | 72 |
| 1164 | Brown Smoke-White | 1 | 3 | 1 | 1 | 0 | |
| 1165 | Brown Smoke-White | 0 | 2 | 2 | 1 | 0 | |
| 1166 | Cameo Tabby-White | 11 | 4 | 6 | 7 | 3 | |
| 1167 | Cameo Tabby-White | 2 | 2 | 1 | 0 | 2 | |
| 1168 | Cream Smoke-White | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | |
| 1169 | Cream Smoke-White | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | |
| 1186 | Brown Ptch Tabby-White | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | |
| 1187 | Brown Ptch Tabby-White | 96 | 89 | 99 | 81 | 72 | |
| 1187M | Brown Ptch Tabby-White | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | |
| 1188 | Blue Ptchd Tabby-White | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 15 |
| 1189 | Blue Ptchd Tabby-White | 18 | 16 | 29 | 18 | 15 | |
| 1192 | Other Tabby/Van Tabby & White | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | |
| 1193 | Other Tabby/Van Tabby & White | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | |
| 1338 | Blue-Silver Tabby-White | 3 | 3 | 3 | 2 | 1 | |
| 1339 | Blue-Silver Tabby-White | 2 | 2 | 4 | 0 | 1 | |
| 1346 | Blue Slvr Ptch Tby-Wht | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | |
| 1347 | Blue Slvr Ptch Tby-Wht | 5 | 0 | 3 | 2 | 0 | |
| 1366 | Cream Silver Tby-White | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | |
| 1367 | Cream Silver Tby-White | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 0 | |
| 1396 | AOV Calico/Bi-Color | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | |
| 1397 | AOV Calico/Bi-Color | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 0 | |
| 1420 | Shell Cameo-White | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | |
| 1450 | Shaded Cameo-White | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | |
| 1451 | Shaded Cameo-White | 2 | 0 | 4 | 0 | 2 | |
| 1453 | Shaded Cream-White | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | |
| 3018 | Dilute Calico | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | |
| 3019 | Dilute Calico | 38 | 36 | 30 | 30 | 21 | |

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|------|------------------------|----|----|----|----|----|
| 3048 | Calico | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 3049 | Calico | 60 | 63 | 57 | 59 | 47 |
| 3090 | Bi-Color | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 3106 | Blue-White | 12 | 21 | 17 | 17 | 9 |
| 3107 | Blue-White | 17 | 18 | 20 | 14 | 10 |
| 3108 | Black-White | 19 | 26 | 16 | 28 | 12 |
| 3109 | Black-White | 20 | 14 | 19 | 16 | 15 |
| 3110 | Brown-White | 22 | 26 | 26 | 27 | 11 |
| 3111 | Brown-White | 15 | 15 | 14 | 17 | 9 |
| 3114 | Cream-White | 15 | 13 | 13 | 14 | 11 |
| 3115 | Cream-White | 8 | 5 | 9 | 5 | 4 |
| 3132 | Silver Tabby-White | 2 | 3 | 4 | 2 | 3 |
| 3133 | Silver Tabby-White | 4 | 1 | 2 | 3 | 2 |
| 3134 | Black Smoke-White | 5 | 1 | 2 | 3 | 1 |
| 3135 | Black Smoke-White | 1 | 2 | 2 | 3 | 3 |
| 3140 | Brown Tabby-White | 6 | 5 | 4 | 4 | 2 |
| 3141 | Brown Tabby-White | 3 | 1 | 10 | 6 | 2 |
| 3142 | Brown Tabby-White | 8 | 12 | 7 | 5 | 2 |
| 3143 | Brown Tabby-White | 12 | 8 | 7 | 3 | 3 |
| 3146 | Smoke Tortie-White | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 3147 | Smoke Tortie-White | 0 | 0 | 2 | 1 | 0 |
| 3148 | Blue Smoke-White | 0 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 |
| 3149 | Blue Smoke-White | 0 | 4 | 2 | 1 | 0 |
| 3151 | Blue-Cream Smoke-White | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 3154 | Cream Tabby-White | 0 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 1 |
| 3155 | Cream Tabby-White | 1 | 1 | 2 | 0 | 0 |
| 3156 | Blue Tabby-White | 3 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 1 |
| 3157 | Blue Tabby-White | 3 | 0 | 3 | 0 | 0 |
| 3159 | Silver Ptchd Tby-White | 5 | 2 | 5 | 4 | 1 |
| 3164 | Brown Smoke-White | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 |
| 3166 | Cameo Tabby-White | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 3167 | Cameo Tabby-White | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 3168 | Cream Smoke-White | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 3169 | Cream Smoke-White | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 |
| 3170 | Chocolate-White | 1 | 5 | 2 | 6 | 4 |
| 3171 | Chocolate-White | 2 | 4 | 3 | 4 | 7 |
| 3174 | Lilac-White | 1 | 5 | 3 | 2 | 1 |
| 3175 | Lilac-White | 1 | 5 | 2 | 1 | 6 |
| 3186 | Brown Ptchd Tby-White | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 3187 | Brown Ptchd Tby-White | 10 | 5 | 12 | 1 | 4 |
| 3189 | Blue Ptchd Tabby-White | 2 | 1 | 3 | 1 | 0 |
| 3192 | Other Tabby-White | 2 | 0 | 3 | 2 | 3 |
| 3193 | Other Tabby-White | 1 | 1 | 3 | 1 | 3 |
| 3322 | Other Tabby | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 3323 | Other Tabby | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 |

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|------|----------------------------|----|----|----|----|---|
| 3347 | Blue Slvr Ptch Tby-Wht | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 3349 | Other Calico | 3 | 4 | 10 | 5 | 4 |
| 3361 | Calico Smoke | 7 | 2 | 4 | 1 | 1 |
| 3363 | Dilute Calico Smoke | 1 | 3 | 0 | 3 | 0 |
| 3367 | Cream Silver Tabby & White | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 3371 | Chocolate Calico Smoke | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 |
| 3373 | Lilac Calico Smoke | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 |
| 3390 | Other Bi-Color | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 3391 | Other Bi-Color | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 3396 | AOV Bi-Color | 6 | 5 | 10 | 6 | 6 |
| 3397 | AOV Bi-Color | 15 | 14 | 14 | 18 | 7 |
| 3450 | Shaded Cameo-White | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 3451 | Shaded Cameo-White | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 3452 | Shaded Cream-White | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 3455 | Shaded Calico | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 |
| 3457 | Shaded Dilute Calico | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 3482 | Shaded Blue | 0 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 |
| 3483 | Shaded Blue | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 2 |
| 3486 | Shaded Black | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 |
| 3487 | Shaded Black | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 |

What Will be Presented at the Next Meeting: *A report of any updated or outstanding information.*

*Respectfully Submitted,
Annette Wilson, Chair*

Breed Council Ballots

| <i>Breed</i> | <i>Members</i> | <i>Ballots Returned</i> |
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| <i>American Curl</i> | 12 | 8 |
| <i>American Shorthair</i> | 38 | 24 |
| <i>Bengal</i> | 66 | 34 |
| <i>Birman</i> | 42 | 28 |
| <i>British Shorthair</i> | 41 | 20 |
| <i>Bombay</i> | 16 | 8 |
| <i>Burmese</i> | 22 | 14 |
| <i>Colorpoint Shorthair</i> | 20 | 16 |
| <i>Exotic</i> | 61 | 38 |
| <i>Japanese Bobtail</i> | 16 | 10 |
| <i>Persian General</i> | 122 | 73 |
| <i>Persian Tabby</i> | 23 | 9 |
| <i>Persian Bi-Color</i> | 45 | 29 |
| <i>Siberian</i> | 18 | 11 |
| <i>Turkish Angora</i> | 12 | 9 |
| <i>Toybob</i> | 5 | 5 |

Wilson: This has the number of breed council members and the number voting in a chart.

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2023 BREED COUNCIL POLL

NOTE: "No action taken" indicates that a breed standard proposal did not meet or exceed a 60% (standard change) or 50% (registration issue) favorable vote from the voting members (i.e., no rounding down). Deleted text is shown with a ~~strike through~~ and new text is underscored.

AMERICAN CURL

Breed Council Secretary: Susan Baxter

Total Members: 12

1 – REGISTRATION RULE (fails)

Votes: 7

50% of Voting: 4

YES: 3

NO: 4

ABSTAIN: 1

1. **PROPOSED:** Reinstate the allowable outcross to domestic longhairs and shorthairs, effective with birthdates from acceptance/ratification of this proposal through Dec. 31, 2035.

RATIONALE: To increase the gene pool will help improve the health of the breed and help maintain a robust breeding population. The Breed Standard allowed outcrosses prior to the 2015 cutoff.

Wilson: The first item we have is the American Curl. As usual, we're just going to discuss the items that passed.

No action.

2 – REGISTRATION RULE (passes)

Votes: 8

50% of Voting: 4

YES: 5

NO: 3

ABSTAIN: 0

- 2: **PROPOSED:** Add to the American Curl registration rules that Registration by Pedigree to allow domestic longhair and shorthair cats in the five generation requirement, for cats with birthdates from acceptance/ratification of this proposal through Dec. 31, 2035.

RATIONALE: To remain consistent with the Breed Standard.

Wilson: #2 proposal for the American Curl passed. This was to add to the American Curl registration rules that Registrations by Pedigree can allow domestic longhair and shorthair cats in the five generation requirement. **Mastin:** OK, is there discussion? Objections? Seeing no objection, motion passes.

The motion is ratified by unanimous consent.

AMERICAN SHORTHAIR

Breed Council Secretary: Carol W. Johnson

Total Members: 38

Wilson: Next, we have the American Shorthair. **Tartaglia:** I'm trying to bring Carol Johnson in and she is not accepting. **Wilson:** I saw her on the participation list. **Tartaglia:** She is here but she has to accept the message. When I say "promote to panelist" she has to accept it. Maybe she walked away. **Wilson:** Let me see if I have her number where I can text her. **Tartaglia:** I do have Sami Kerr here if you want to jump ahead to the Bengal. **Wilson:** OK, that's fine. [Transcript goes to Bengal]

Mastin: Annette, we're going to go back to Carol now. **Tartaglia:** Yes, she is here.

1 - STANDARD CHANGE (passes)

Votes: 23

60% of Voting: 14

YES: 19

NO: 4

ABSTAIN: 1

1. **PROPOSED:** Combine the Solids and Parti-colors under one subheading. Add asterisk to Bicolor and Calico heading to reference the allowable Van pattern (described elsewhere in the standard). Add additional statement about Dilute Calico and Blue Cream & White. Eliminate the redundant separate Van and Dilute descriptions in the Calico and Bicolor section.

SOLID and PARTI-COLOR

WHITE: pure glistening white. **Nose leather and Paw pads:** pink. **Eye color:** deep blue or gold. Odd-eyed whites shall have one blue and one gold eye with equal color depth.

BLACK: dense coal black, sound from roots to tip of fur. Free from any tinge of rust on tips or smoke undercoat. **Nose leather:** black. **Paw pads:** black. **Eye color:** gold.

BLUE: blue, lighter shade preferred, one level tone from nose to tip of tail. Sound to the roots. A sound darker shade is more acceptable than an unsound lighter shade. **Nose leather and Paw pads:** blue. **Eye color:** gold.

RED: deep, rich, clear, brilliant red; without shading, markings, or ticking. Lips and chin the same color as coat. **Nose leather and Paw pads:** brick red. **Eye color:** gold.

CREAM: one level shade of buff cream without markings. Sound to the roots. Lighter shades preferred. **Nose leather and Paw pads:** pink. **Eye color:** gold.

PARTI-COLOR

TORTOISESHELL: black with patches of red or softly intermingled areas of red on both body and extremities. Presence of several shades of red acceptable. **Nose leather and paw pads:** black and/or brick red. **Eye color:** gold.

BLUE-CREAM: blue with patches of cream or softly intermingled areas of cream on both body and extremities. Presence of several shades of cream acceptable. **Nose leather and paw pads:** blue and/or pink. **Eye color:** gold.

BI-COLOR & and CALICO*

BI-COLOR: white with unbrindled portions of black, white with unbrindled portions of blue, white with unbrindled portions of red, or white with unbrindled portions of cream. **Eye color:** gold.

~~**VAN BI-COLOR:** black and white, red and white, blue and white, or cream and white. White cat with color confined to the extremities; head, tail, and legs. One or two small colored patches on body allowable.~~

CALICO: white with distinct patches of black and red; or, white with distinct patches of blue and cream (called Dilute Calico or Blue Cream & White). White predominant on underparts. Tabby markings are allowed in the red or cream patches. **Eye color:** gold.

~~**DILUTE CALICO:** white with distinct patches of blue and cream. Tabby markings are allowed in the cream patches. **Eye color:** gold.~~

~~**VAN CALICO:** white with unbrindled patches of black and red confined to the extremities; head, tail, and legs. One or two small colored patches on body allowable.~~

~~**VAN DILUTE CALICO:** white with unbrindled patches of blue and cream confined to the extremities; head, tail, and legs. One or two small colored patches on body allowable.~~

RATIONALE: This is considered a housekeeping proposal to eliminate wordiness and redundancy of color descriptions to make our standard more readable and user friendly. Proposal does not change the current designated color classes.

Wilson: The American Shorthair first proposal is – the first two have to do with the headings and where color descriptions are included in the standard. The first one we retitled the Solid Color heading to include Parti-Color. That also cleans up a little bit of other color description housekeeping, and it passed. **Mastin:** Hi Carol. Welcome to the meeting. Do you have any comments on this first motion? **Johnson:** Let me try to combine the first and the second to tell you where we're going with this. Traditionally, we accept all colors so to speak in "and white". So, what we originally had was an eye color description, sometimes a paw color description that was in two different sections, so it would be in there let's say for the Solid Color and then we would have it again for the Solid Color and White, or we would have it for the Tabby Color and then the Tabby and White. So, several years ago we wanted to try and consolidate our breed standard, and this is the last part of it. One of the reasons we moved Parti-Color to Solid, so the next section would be Bi-Color and Calico together, and we would drop most of the description from those regarding eye color and pad color. When we get to the Tabby and White, what this really does is cut down on the verbiage of the standard in that you would

look at, let's say Silver Tabby eye color and paw pad color, and then Tabby and White is those same color descriptions plus white. That's where we're going with all of this. We moved Parti-Color to Solid because then if you scroll down, the next section would be Bi-Color and Calico. Then, for the next proposal, what we're doing is removing all of the separate eye colors from the "and Whites." Does this make sense to you? Do you understand what I'm saying? **Mastin:** Does anybody need more clarification? No? Carol, I think they understand. Thank you for bringing that all to our attention.

Mastin: Does anybody have any questions for Carol on this motion? **Newkirk:** This is trivial, but why did you put Calico and Bi-Color [*sic*, Bi-Color and Calico] instead of Calico and Bi-Color? Calico and Bi-Color would be consistent with what is in our breeds. **Johnson:** It's the way it got added. There wasn't a real good reason. So, you think the title should be Calico and Bi-Color instead of Bi-Color and Calico? **Newkirk:** Correct. **Johnson:** Hmm. That's not the way we had the proposal go in and so there's no reason for it, Darrell. **Newkirk:** OK. Just consistency with our other breeds. It's not something I'm asking you to change now, because you voted on it the way it is. **Mastin:** OK. Any other questions? Are there any objections to the first motion? Seeing no objections, the motion passes unanimously.

The motion is ratified by unanimous consent.

2 - STANDARD CHANGE (passes)

Votes: 23

60% of Voting: 14

YES: 19

NO: 4

ABSTAIN: 1

- 2. PROPOSED:** Replace the existing sections under Smoke & White, Shaded & White, and Tabby & White with the following three corresponding sections. A general description under each subheading is added or modified to say the color portion of the coat and eye color conform to the established colors already described in previous sections without white. Additional clarification is given regarding tortoiseshell & white and calico (blue cream & white and dilute calico) in all varieties since there has not been uniform use of the terms within the "& White" sections and our standard does not and has not historically differentiated between the two. The redundant individual color descriptions are removed from each of these three subheadings and an asterisk is added next to the three subheadings to reference the allowed Van pattern described elsewhere in the standard. Each section is located under its full color counterpart to make reference convenient.

SMOKE & WHITE and SMOKE CALICO*

SMOKE & WHITE: White with unbrindled portions of smoke color; the smoke portions of the coat and the eye color conform to the established smoke colors (see complete descriptions in Smoke section). ~~have a white undercoat deeply tipped in color (black, blue, red, cream, tortoiseshell, cameo).~~ The cat in repose appears ~~white and black (white & blue, white & red etc.)~~ solid in the color portion of the coat, but in motion the white undercoat may be apparent. As a preferred minimum, the cat should have white feet, legs, undersides, chest and muzzle. An inverted "V" blaze is desirable.

SMOKE CALICO: white with distinct patches of black smoke and cameo smoke; or, white with distinct patches of blue smoke and cream smoke. Eye Color: green or gold. The smoke varieties of

Tortoiseshell (or Blue Cream) & White may be called Smoke Calico or Dilute Smoke Calico when white predominates on underparts. Tabby markings are allowed in the red or cream patches.

~~**BLACK SMOKE & WHITE:** white with portions of black smoke. **Eye color:** green, hazel, gold; green preferred.~~

~~**BLUE SMOKE & WHITE:** white with portions of blue smoke. **Eye color:** gold.~~

~~**SMOKE CAMEO & WHITE:** white with portions of smoke cameo. **Eye color:** gold.~~

~~**TORTOISESHELL SMOKE & WHITE:** white with portions of tortoiseshell smoke. **Eye color:** gold~~

SHADED & WHITE and SHADED CALICO*

SHADED & WHITE: white with shaded portions; the shaded portions of the coat and the eye color conform to the currently established shaded colors (see complete descriptions in Shaded section).

SHADED CALICO: white with distinct patches of shaded silver and shaded cameo; or, white with distinct patches of shaded blue silver and shaded cream cameo. **Eye color:** green or gold. The shaded varieties of Tortoiseshell & White or Blue-Cream & White may be called Shaded Calico or Shaded Dilute Calico when white predominates on underparts.

~~**CHINCHILLA SILVER & WHITE:** white with portions of Chinchilla Silver. **Eye color:** green.~~

~~**SHADED SILVER & WHITE:** white with portions of Shaded Silver. **Eye color:** green.~~

~~**BLUE SHADED SILVER & WHITE:** white with portions of Blue Shaded Silver. **Eye color:** green or gold.~~

~~**SHELL CAMEO & WHITE:** white with portions of shell cameo. **Eye color:** gold.~~

~~**SHADED CAMEO & WHITE:** white with portions of shaded cameo. **Eye color:** gold.~~

~~**CREAM SHADED CAMEO & WHITE:** white with portions of cream shaded cameo. **Eye color:** gold.~~

~~**SHADED CALICO:** white with portions of Shaded Calico. **Eye color:** green or gold.~~

~~**DILUTE SHADED CALICO:** white with portions of Dilute Shaded Calico. **Eye color:** green or gold.~~

TABBY & WHITE*

TABBY & WHITE: white with colored tabby portions; the colored tabby portions of the coat and the eye color conform to the currently established tabby classes colors in patterns of classic, mackerel or ticked (see complete descriptions in Tabby section). As a preferred minimum, the cat should have white feet, legs, undersides, chest and muzzle. An inverted “V” blaze is desirable.

~~**SILVER TABBY & WHITE:** white with portions of silver tabby **Eye color:** gold, green or hazel.~~

~~**BLUE SILVER TABBY & WHITE:** white with portions of blue silver tabby **Eye color:** green or hazel, green preferred.~~

~~**BROWN TABBY & WHITE:** white with portions of brown tabby. **Eye color:** gold or hazel; shades of gold preferred.~~

~~**BLUE TABBY & WHITE:** white with portions of blue tabby. **Eye color:** gold.~~

~~**RED TABBY & WHITE:** white with portions of red tabby. **Eye color:** gold.~~

~~**CREAM TABBY & WHITE:** white with portions of cream tabby. **Eye color:** gold.~~

~~**CAMEO TABBY & WHITE:** white with portions of cameo tabby. **Eye color:** gold.~~

~~**CREAM CAMEO TABBY & WHITE:** white with portions of cream cameo tabby. **Eye color:** gold.~~

~~**SILVER PATCHED TABBY & WHITE:** white with portions of silver patched tabby. **Eye color:** gold, green or hazel; gold or green preferred.~~

~~**BLUE SILVER PATCHED TABBY & WHITE:** white with portions of blue silver patched tabby. **Eye color:** gold, green or hazel.~~

~~**BROWN PATCHED TABBY & WHITE:** white with portions of brown patched tabby. **Eye color:** gold or hazel; shades of gold preferred.~~

~~**BLUE PATCHED TABBY & WHITE:** white with portions of blue patched tabby and white. **Eye color:** gold.~~

RATIONALE: This is considered a housekeeping proposal to eliminate wordiness and redundancy of color descriptions to make our standard more readable and user friendly. Proposal does not change the current designated color classes.

Mastin: We'll move on to the second one. **Wilson:** The second one was actually the Bi-Color and Calico. The first one was the Solid and Parti-Color. **Johnson:** No. **Wilson:** But we discussed both together. **Johnson:** That was #1. **Tartaglia:** That was #1. **Mastin:** Now I'm confused, Annette. **Wilson:** OK, where is #2? **Johnson:** #2 is right here. This is where we're taking out the additional color descriptions. So Darrell, this may answer your question why it was Bi-Color and Calico. It makes it consistent with Smoke and White and Smoke Calico, etc. So, if you scroll down, we'll have the same thing for torties. What we're removing is, we're removing all of this redundant description of the color and the eye color and sometimes pad color is in there, as well. These sections will be directly behind the appropriate color, so the Shaded and White and Shaded Calico would come right after the Shaded section. When we get to Tabbies, it removes a lot of redundancies out of the standard. Again, this is not changing it, other than removing some verbiage that was duplicated.

Mastin: Questions? Darrell, does everything look OK? **Newkirk:** It looks good to me. I understand what they're doing. They are trying to cut down the volume in their standard by deleting a lot of this redundancy. **Mastin:** OK. Any objections to #2? Seeing no objections, the motion passes unanimously.

The motion is ratified by unanimous consent.

3 - STANDARD CHANGE (passes)

Votes: 24
60% of Voting: 15

YES: 16

NO: 8

ABSTAIN: 0

- 3: **PROPOSED:** Remove the adjective “deep” before the words “nose break” from this sentence in the disqualification section:

DISQUALIFY: cats showing evidence of hybridization resulting in the colors of chocolate, sable, lavender, lilac or point-restricted (i.e., Siamese-type markings). Any appearance of hybridization with any other breed – including long or fluffy fur, ~~deep~~ nose break, bulging eye set, brow ridge. Kinked or abnormal tail. Locket or button....

RATIONALE: The standard regarding nose profile calls for a gentle curve. The presence of the adjective “deep” prior to nose break in the disqualification section implies nose breaks are acceptable if not too deep.

Mastin: Now we go on to #3. **Wilson:** #3 proposal removes the adjective *deep* in the Disqualify section before the words *nose break*. So, instead of saying, *Any appearance of hybridization with any other breed – including long or fluffy fur, nose break, bulging eye set, brow ridge*, previously it said *deep nose break*; now it just says *nose break*. **Wilson:** Any questions for Carol? Open discussion. Any comments? Any objections? Seeing no objections, the motion passes unanimously.

The motion is ratified by unanimous consent.

Mastin: Carol, congratulations and thank you. **Johnson:** Thank you very much.

BENGAL

Breed Council Secretary: Samantha Kerr
Total Members: 66

1 - STANDARD CHANGE (passes)

Votes: 34
60% of Voting: 21

YES: 34

NO: 0

ABSTAIN: 0

1. **PROPOSED:** Clarify when a tail fault should be disqualified in the Disqualify Section.

DISQUALIFY: ~~Kinked, or otherwise deformed tail.~~ Clearly visible tail kink or tail deformity. Cow Hocking. Crossed Eyes.

Rosetted/Spotted Tabby, Marble Tabby, Charcoal Tabby, Snow Tabby Patterns – Belly not patterned. Any distinct locket on neck, chest, abdomen, or anywhere else.

RATIONALE: CFA has many breeds which only disqualify visible tail kinks or faults. For example, the ~~Tonkinese~~, Burmese, Siamese, Colorpoint Shorthair, European Burmese, Korat only disqualify visible tail kinks or faults in their standard. Therefore, there is already a precedent of disqualifying only visible tail kinks or faults in CFA.

The current language of disqualifying “kinked” or “otherwise deformed tail” leads to very subjective judging. Allowing the current language to stand may lead to overhandling or over manipulation of Bengal tails by judges to find or confirm a deformity in the tail, since any tail kink or deformity would be a disqualification. The concern is that some cats will be negatively impacted by the perceived overhandling.

Due to the muscular nature of their tails, Bengals are also prone to “stress faults,” where the cat is able to tensely hold the tail in a manner that could lead a judge to assume that the tail has a stiffening or fusion at the tip. A Bengal could also develop a non-visible tail fault at any time. It may not have a tail fault as a kitten and then develop a non-visible tail fault as an adult. However, the tail would still appear the same.

Furthermore, by allowing any kind of tail kinks and deformities to constitute a disqualification, this could also affect the genetic diversity of the Bengal breed, as some breeders may opt to not breed a Bengal with a non-visible tail fault, even though a tail fault is purely cosmetic, not a serious issue that impacts the health and function of a cat.

If a Bengal is to be disqualified for a tail fault, it should be only for visible tail faults. This is the only way to uniformly judge a Bengal tail.

Wilson: The first Bengal proposal that passed the breed council is proposing that the disqualify for kinked or otherwise deformed tail be removed, and that it instead say *clearly visible tail kink or tail deformity* is added to Disqualify. I don’t know if Sami wants to speak to these separately. **Mastin:** Hi Sami. Welcome. **Kerr:** Hi. **Mastin:** Thank you for joining. **Kerr:** Thank you for having me. **Mastin:** Do you have any comments on this? **Kerr:** I do. I have prepared remarks if I am able to have a couple minutes to go through two points. **Mastin:** OK. **Kerr:** OK.

Good afternoon Board Members,

The Bengal Breed Council has voted year after year to move tail faults from the disqualifying section to the penalty section of our standard. This year it was unanimous. We are asking for our Breed Council to be heard, but also for the Bengal breed to be treated as other breeds that have determined past precedence for this.

Bengals have Siamese as an ancestor via the Ocicats that were used a foundation stock in the 80s during the development of the breed. CFA allows visible kink in the Siamese, I do not believe their standard is considered weak. Orientals, Colorpoints, Javanese and Balinese all allow visible kink as well. Ragdolls and Burmillas came in as new breeds with visible kink as disqualifications. We are asking to be treated as equal to these breeds.

Bengal breeders have voted overwhelmingly year after year for this ballot proposal BECAUSE health is important to us. We do have health issues that take priority, such as HCM, Progressive Retinal Atrophy, Pk-deficiency, and in some lines Polycystic Kidneys. A tail fault does not impact

the function or well-being of our cats. When we consider the time and money that it has taken responsible breeders to get beautiful cats that are also free of truly detrimental health outcomes, a tail imperfection is low on the list of priorities.

CFA Bengal breeders are focused on breeding healthy cats and contributing positively to our breed's future. Disqualifying slight imperfections only limits the cats making it into show halls. Please allow the Bengal breeders to amend our standard to reflect our priorities.

Newkirk: Sami, traditionally this board – and you read off a couple things there that refreshed my memory about breeds that we have accepted, just disqualify for visible tail faults. Traditionally, I have stood on the ground that I would not, what I call “dumb down the standard”. It’s a poor choice of words, but a standard is a standard of perfection. It describes a perfect cat, OK? Having said that, I’m going to support the breed council on this, even though it goes against my own personal, what I think is right but I will support the breed council on this. **Kerr:** Thank you, Darrell. **Mastin:** Does anybody else have any questions for Sami, or comments? **Noble:** I noticed in your rationale that you also list that the Tonkinese breed only has that same disqualifying for visible, and that’s not correct. I started out as a Tonkinese breeder and our breed standard says no tail fault, period. [**Secretary’s Note:** Although Tonkinese was not in the statement, from the Tonkinese standard: DISQUALIFY: yellow eyes in mink colors. White locket or button. Crossed eyes. Tail faults.] It not’s that it can’t be visible, it can’t exist. **Kerr:** I don’t remember saying Tonkinese. **Noble:** I’m reading in your rationale. **Kerr:** In my emailed rationale, OK. I apologize for that. **Mastin:** OK, we will have the records corrected on that then, if Paula is correct. Thank you, Paula.

Anger: I agree with Sami. The essence of this breed isn’t a cat with a perfect tail. While we would love to have that and one day may aspire to have only perfect tails in all of our breeds of cats, she hit on for me what is the most important reason for making any kind of change to a standard – your genetic diversity and the health of the breed. These guys have come so far. Those cats, from the time we accepted them not that many years ago to today in the ring are some of the best showmen we have on the table. You put a Bengal on the table and it’s going to draw attention. People are going to ooh and aah, because it’s a phenomenal cat. Would we like twice as many of them? You bet we would. I would. The health and temperament of this breed has improved exponentially in just a few years. I remember the first ones we handled. You guys all did. I think this is a small concession to make, so these guys can get their genetic diversity up, get more cats in the ring and then work on a minor structural imperfection, like this on the tail. So, I’m definitely in support of this and I would encourage you all to really consider doing this. We’re not going to do it lightly and just out of hand for every single breed that comes forward, but year after year they have come forward and it has remained in the forefront of the important changes they must make. They wouldn’t ask if it wasn’t important. I am definitely in favor, thank you.

Mastin: Does anybody object to this motion? Seeing no objection, the motion passes unanimously.

The motion is ratified by unanimous consent.

Kerr: Thank you.



2 - STANDARD CHANGE (passes)

Votes: 34
60% of Voting: 21

YES: 32

NO: 2

ABSTAIN: 0

If Proposal #1 passes:

2. **PROPOSED:** Penalize tail faults appropriately in the Penalize Section.

PENALIZE: Kinked or otherwise deformed tail.

Rosetted/Spotted Tabby Pattern – Rosettes or spots running together vertically forming a mackerel tabby pattern.

Marble Tabby Pattern – Circular bull's eye pattern.

Snow Tabby Pattern – Substantially darker point color as compared to color of body markings.

RATIONALE: As breeders and exhibitors the goal is to breed for perfection. Any abnormality in the “feel” of a Bengal tail should be penalized, as this is undesirable.

Penalizing for kinked or otherwise deformed tails would be a fair treatment of tail faults because as discussed above, unless a tail fault is clearly visible, some judges will find the non-visible tail fault, but some judges may not. If a judge finds a non-visible tail fault, then the cat should be penalized accordingly. Penalizing vs. disqualifying a tail fault should also lead to less intense handling of the tail, keeping cats relaxed and maintaining a positive association of the show hall.

As Bengal breeders and exhibitors, our goal is not to weaken the conformational integrity of our breed by breeding and showing cats with tail faults. A non-visible tail fault, which does not impact the health of the cat, should not be such a severe fault that it warrants the disqualification of an otherwise show quality cat. But it does warrant a penalty, because ultimately we are striving to breed the perfect Bengal to show in CFA.

Mastin: Annette? **Wilson:** The second proposal that passed would move *Kinked or otherwise deformed tail* to the Penalize section of the Bengal standard. **Mastin:** Does anybody have any questions or comments for Sami on this? Any open discussion? Any objections?

DelaBar: Yes. **Mastin:** OK, then I'm going to call for the vote on this. Pam, did you want to make a comment before I call for the vote? **DelaBar:** My whole screen has just frozen. I can't get my hand to go up. I cannot even see the second proposal. [Side discussions regarding technical difficulties were not transcribed.] **Mastin:** While we are waiting for Pam, Annette if you're not finished we are going to end at 4:00 so we can finish with the rest of our work for today, OK? **Wilson:** Alright. **Mastin:** Hi Pam. **DelaBar:** I made it back in, thank you. **Mastin:**

Are you able to see the screen now? **DelaBar:** Yes, I can. I did have a comment. **Mastin:** Go ahead, make your comment. **DelaBar:** To me, this is dumbing down the standard. Wait, I take that back. I'm sorry, I got screwed up here. The *Kinked or otherwise deformed tail* to under Penalize, I don't think that's needed since you already have *visible* under Disqualify, is what I wanted to say. I don't think that you need this. **Mastin:** OK, Sami, do you want to comment?

Kerr: If you don't think that it's necessary, I'm fine with removing it but since we moved it

from the DQ, we wanted to make sure that the board knew we weren't trying to dumb down the standard by still having it be as a penalty. **Mastin:** Annette and Darrell, do you agree? **Wilson:** I agree it needs to be in Penalize if it's not in Disqualify. **Newkirk:** And I'm in agreement with Annette. **Mastin:** OK, so I'm going to call the motion on this. All those in favor, please raise your hand.

Mastin called the motion. **Motion Carried.** DelaBar abstained.

Mastin: Kenny, Carol, Darrell, Paula, Russell, Cathy Dunham, Kathy Calhoun, Pauli, Mike, Rachel, Anne, Yukiko, Marilee, John, Pam Moser. Please lower your hand. If you are opposed, raise your hand. If you are an abstention, raise your hand. Pam DelaBar. OK, lower your hand. Rachel? **Anger:** That's 15 yes, zero no, 1 abstention. **Mastin:** OK, motion passes. Darrell, you've got your hand up. **Newkirk:** When Shelly was advising us at our last meeting, if you abstain you have to state your reason. **Mastin:** Good point, thank you. We're going to continue that practice. Pam, please state your conflict. **DelaBar:** I don't believe it's needed but I'm not violently opposed to it, so I did not feel that a no was necessary but I would abstain, based upon the comments I gave in the discussion. **Mastin:** Ed, correct me if I'm wrong here. All board members have a right to abstain with or without conflict, provided they give the reason. **Raymond:** That's correct. **Mastin:** So, Pam's abstention will remain. Thank you for the reason.

3 - STANDARD CHANGE (passes)

Votes: 33

60% of Voting: 21

YES: 30

NO: 3

ABSTAIN: 1

3. PROPOSAL: Clarify Bengal eye description.

CURRENT EYE Description:

EYES: Shape is round to oval. Large, but not bugged. Set wide apart, with a slight bias toward the base of ear, when oval in shape. Eye color independent of coat color, except in the Lynx Points, where Blue is the only acceptable color. Richness and depth of color is always preferred.

PROPOSED Replacement:

EYES: Large and dominating, the eye should be a prominent feature of the face. Shape is rounded with some angularity of the top eye lid acceptable. Set wide apart, in the lower third of the skull when viewed in profile. Boning holds the eye at a parallel angle to the nose bridge in profile and prevents an overly protruding appearance. While there is acceptable variation in the shape of the eye, size and positioning should convey a nocturnal expression. Eye color independent of coat color, except in the Lynx Points, where Blue is the only acceptable color. Richness and depth of color is always preferred.

RATIONALE: This is the best description of the eyes that portrays both a nocturnal and a non-domestic appearance. Round is not truly correct, many people have likened it to the roundness of Persians or Exotics, Oval and Almond are too closed to give the appearance of alert and nocturnal.

Mastin: OK, Annette? **Wilson:** The Bengal Proposal #3 clarifies the Bengal eye description. You can see both the current description and the proposed replacement. I'm not going to read it. You can all read it for yourself and if you have questions, I am sure Sami would be happy to answer. **Mastin:** OK, questions for Sami? Open for discussion. **Newkirk:** I just want to comment about the eye set in the lower 1/3 of the skull. That's something that has been on the internet on Bengal breed standards and I'm certainly happy that they are adding it here. **Mastin:** OK, no further discussion? Any objections? Seeing no objections, the motion passes unanimously.

The motion is ratified by unanimous consent.

Mastin: Sami, congratulations and thank you. **Kerr:** Thank you for having me and thank you to all the board members that supported our proposals.

BIRMAN

Breed Council Secretary: Karen L. Lane

Total Members: 42

1 - STANDARD CHANGE (passes)

Votes: 28

60% of Voting: 17

YES: 27

NO: 1

ABSTAIN: 0

1. **PROPOSED:** Revise/replace the current description of paw pads under the GLOVES section of the standard.

~~Pink preferred, but dark spot(s) on paw pads acceptable because of the two colors in the pattern.~~

and replace with the following:

Paw Pads can be pink or a combination of pink and any other color, complementary to the point color.

RATIONALE: Adding clarification in the Birman Breed Standard. The paw pad color in pointed cats without the white spotting gene matches the point color. Adding the white spotting gene in Birmans makes pink to the paw pads possible.

Pink or paw pads matching the point color or a combination of both colors, "blotched," can appear and should not be penalized in a Birman. This change will remove misinterpretation of paw pad color and will avoid over-handling of the feet.

Mastin: Annette, we're going on to Birman, correct? **Wilson:** Yes. Birman Proposal #1. **Mastin:** Is Karen Lane available? **Wilson:** No. Darrell is going to be her stand-in. **Mastin:** OK, great. **Wilson:** The first proposal is a standard change that revises the paw pad color description under GLOVES. What it's basically doing is saying it can be *pink or a combination of pink and any other color, complementary to the point color*. It's just clarifying what basically is already added. It is taking out the dark spot because on a lilac you're not going to see dark spotting but you may see other mottling. **Mastin:** Darrell, do you have any comments? **Newkirk:** No. This

speaks pretty much for itself. **Mastin:** Does anybody have any questions for Darrell? OK, any objections? Seeing no objections, the motion passes unanimously.

The motion is ratified by unanimous consent.

2 – SHOW RULE (passes)

Votes: 27
50% of Voting: 14

YES: 18

NO: 9

ABSTAIN: 1

- 2. PROPOSED:** Add an AOV Color Class for point colors not currently allowed/described in the standard:

*The following information is for reference purposes only
and not an official part of the CFA Show Standard.*

Birman Color Class Numbers

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AOVXXXX XXXX
*(any and all point colors not accepted in our
standard)*

RATIONALE: As we continue to see a decline in Birman breeders and exhibitors as well as fewer registrations, if we allow the registration and exhibition (in the AOV class) of other point colors, we will encourage cats in Europe (where our Birmans originated) to register and show in CFA.

While many of us may never have seen Birmans in these other colors/patterns, having them showable in an AOV class will give us that opportunity. It will also make it easier for our members to import new bloodlines and find acceptable outcrosses for our breeding programs.

Note that showing Birmans of point colors not currently accepted does NOT mean they will compete directly with Birmans of the accepted colors. They will compete in the AOV Class which awards Best and 2nd Best of Color class (no further awards and no titles).

Wilson: Proposal #2 is a Show Rule because it's a color class change. This is a proposal to add an AOV color class for point colors not currently allowed or described in the standard. For some background information, the Birman breed council asked for this on their 2019 ballot but they did not specify point colors and the board at the time decided that that meant the AOV color class could be for anything and they asked them to come back with something and they didn't at the time. So, this is adding an AOV color class for point colors that are not currently allowed or described in the standard. This is a first step into allowing down the road – they already can register other point colors. This is allowing them to show them in the AOV class so they can build their numbers and possibly accept some of these colors that they currently do not accept. **Mastin:** Any questions for Darrell? Any comments? **Newkirk:** Rich, I'll just say that what they're trying to do is get some colors that are over in Europe that we don't accept for Championship here, so they are wanting these cats to be allowed to be shown in their AOV color

classes. I think the vote was pretty heavy in favor of this. **Mastin:** Any objections? Seeing no objections, the motion passed unanimously.

The motion is ratified by unanimous consent.

3 – INFORMATION ONLY

3. **PROPOSED:** Clarify the Birman Rules for Registration to be more specific:

REGISTER AS AOV: 02/20: any point color not recognized in the Birman color (show) standard.

RATIONALE: It's necessary to be clear when registering cats. Since the only acceptable pattern in Birmans is 'color pointed,' revise the AOV Registration Rule that was revised effective February, 2020 to specify "any POINT color."

No Action.

4 – INFORMATION ONLY

4. **PROPOSED:** Should proposal #2 pass, the following AOV information will be added to the breed registration notes for the Birman as follows:

AOV SOLID POINT COLORS

CINNAMON POINT: body light ivory, as clear as possible. The body should be free from barring. Pale body coat is desirable, preferably free from body markings. Points, except for gloves, mask, ears, legs warm cinnamon, reddish-brown with pinkish tone. Tail color should be warm cinnamon, reddish-brown. **Nose leather:** Pink to Cinnamon, reddish-brown.

FAWN POINT: body off-white (magnolia color), as clear as possible. The body should be free from barring. Pale body coat is desirable, preferably free from body markings. Points, except for gloves, mask, ears, legs fawn, warm-toned, rose-pink to mushroom. Tail color should be warm warm-toned, rose-pink to mushroom. **Nose leather:** Pinkish fawn.

CARAMEL POINT: body off-white (magnolia color), as clear as possible. The body should be free from barring. Pale body coat is desirable, preferably free from body markings. Legs may be paler than points. Points, except for gloves, mask, ears, legs, dark brownish-blue/purple to brownish-grey/pink points. Tail color should be dark brownish-blue/purple to brownish-grey/pink. **Nose leather:** Dark brownish-blue to brownish-gray/pink.

APRICOT POINT: body warm creamy white, with a soft metallic sheen as clear as possible. Shading to tone with the points. Pale body coat is desirable, preferably free from body markings. Legs and feet slightly paler in color but definite color should show at the rear of the hind legs below the hock. Points, except for gloves, mask, ears, legs, hot cream with a soft metallic sheen points. Tail color should be hot cream with a soft metallic sheen. **Nose leather:** Pink.

AOV TABBY POINT & TORTIE POINT COLORS: Cinnamon Tabby Point, Fawn Tabby Point, Caramel Tabby Point, Apricot Tabby Point, Cinnamon Tortie Point, Fawn Tortie Point, Caramel Tortie Point, Cinnamon Tortie Tabby Point, Fawn Tortie Tabby Point, Caramel Tortie Tabby Point.

AOV SILVER TABBY POINT & SILVER TORTIE TABBY POINT COLORS: Seal-Silver Tabby Point, Blue-Silver Tabby Point, Chocolate-Silver Tabby Point, Lilac-Silver Tabby Point, Cinnamon-Silver Tabby Point, Fawn-Silver Tabby Point, Caramel-Silver Tabby Point, Red-Silver Tabby Point, Cream-Silver Tabby Point, Apricot-Silver Tabby Point. Seal-Silver Tortie Tabby Point, Seal-Silver Tortie Tabby Point, Blue-Silver Tortie Tabby Point, Chocolate-Silver Tortie Tabby Point, Lilac-Silver Tortie Tabby Point, Cinnamon-Silver Tortie Tabby Point, Fawn-Silver Tortie Tabby Point, Caramel-Silver Tortie Tabby Point,

AOV SMOKE & TORTIE SMOKE POINTS: Seal-Smoke Point, Blue-Smoke Point, Chocolate-Smoke Point, Lilac-Smoke Point, Cinnamon-Smoke Point, Fawn-Smoke Point, Caramel-Smoke Point, Red-Smoke Point, Cream-Smoke Point, Apricot-Smoke Point, Seal Tortie Smoke Point, Blue Tortie Smoke Point, Chocolate Tortie Smoke Point, Lilac Tortie Smoke Point, Cinnamon Tortie Smoke Point, Fawn Tortie Smoke Point, Caramel Tortie Smoke Point.

RATIONALE: Including a list of the AOV Colors & Patterns will help breeders, exhibitors and judges know the options for the AOV Color Class.

No Action.

Wilson: The other two things aren't really anything we need to discuss. They were information only so the breed council members had an idea about what point colors they are talking about. It is also to aid Central Office in making a list of what to register some of these other point colors as, because up until this point there really wasn't any definition of what Any Other Color might be. So, we don't need to discuss #3 or #4. **Mastin:** OK great. Thank you to Karen and Darrell and the committee, and congratulations.

BOMBAY

Breed Council Secretary: Jeri Zottoli
Total Members: 16

1 – INFORMATION ONLY

Votes: 8

YES: 2

NO: 6

ABSTAIN: 0

- 1. PROPOSED:** The Burmese Breed Council has submitted a proposal to modify their outcross policy to allow breeding to both Sable and Black Bombay cats.

The Burmese breed may outcross to ~~the sable~~ a Bombay for the time period beginning January 1, 2013 and extending through December 31, ~~2021~~ 2031. Offspring of these breedings whose coat color is one of the approved Burmese colors may be registered as Burmese. Note: that in the case where the Burmese parent is either Champagne, Blue or Platinum, the litter may only be registered as Burmese.

General Requirements:

1. The Bombay parent must be registered in CFA. A Bombay cat registered in a foreign registry may be used once it has been registered in CFA.
2. ~~The Bombay parent must have a sable coat color (ebcb).~~
3. The Bombay parent must be color tested to not carry cinnamon (negative for bl).

Checklist: 106

- ☐ - A CFA litter application is provided.
- ☐ - A CFA registration number is provided for the Burmese parent.
- ☐ - A CFA registration number is provided for the Bombay parent.
- ☐ - A genetic test is provided indicating the Bombay parent tests as ~~sable in color~~ and is negative for cinnamon.

Note: the change in the “extending through” date is to bring the currently posted policy to the correct end date.

RATIONALE: At this point in time, many of the Burmese and Bombay breeders are working with both breeds in parallel. Although years ago, many of the Bombay breeders and some of the Burmese breeders were working to get homozygous Black and Sable cats respectively, today most of the sable Burmese carry Champagne and/or the dilute gene and many of the Black and Sable Bombay cats do as well. When a Black Bombay and a Burmese are bred together in an attempt to produce a Sable Bombay, any of the four Burmese colors are possible and have occurred in practice. The Burmese breeders are therefore asking to be allowed to use any offspring of such a breeding with an approved Burmese coat color. Note: that there are no changes needed to Bombay’s out-cross policy to support this proposal.

Do you believe that this proposed change adversely affects the Bombay breed?

No Action.

BRITISH SHORTHAIR

Breed Council Secretary: Ginger Meeker
Total Members: 41

1 – REGISTRATION RULE (passes)

Votes: 20
50% of Voting: 10

YES: 19

NO: 1

ABSTAIN: 0

1. **PROPOSED:** Add missing colors and clarify tabby patterns in the AOV Registration Rules (adopted last year); rearrange existing accepted colors/patterns to clarify which can be combined ‘with white’:

Chocolate Tabby (classic, mackerel, spotted)
Chocolate Patched Tabby (classic, mackerel, spotted)

Lilac Tabby (classic, mackerel, spotted)
Lilac Patched Tabby (classic, mackerel, spotted)

Chocolate and Lilac colors in the Shaded and Chinchilla pattern, excluding smoke, parti-color, shaded and chinchilla ‘with white’

REGISTER AS AOV:

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| <p><u>Prior to 2/23: No AOV colors/patterns</u></p> <p>(2/23) AOV – effective 5/1/23: Chocolate Chocolate Smoke Chocolate Tortoiseshell Smoke Chocolate Calico Smoke Chocolate Tabby (Classic, Mackerel, Spotted) Chocolate Patched Tabby (Classic, Mackerel, Spotted) Chocolate Tortoiseshell Chocolate Calico Lilac Lilac Smoke Lilac Cream Smoke Lilac Calico Smoke Lilac Tabby (Classic, Mackerel, Spotted) Lilac Patched Tabby (Classic, Mackerel, Spotted) Lilac Cream Lilac Calico Any of these the above colors in combination with white</p> <p><u>Chocolate Smoke</u> <u>Chocolate Tortoiseshell</u> <u>Chocolate Tortoiseshell Smoke</u> <u>Chocolate Calico</u> <u>Chocolate Calico Smoke</u> <u>Lilac Smoke</u> <u>Lilac Cream</u> <u>Lilac Cream Smoke</u> <u>Lilac Calico</u> <u>Lilac Calico Smoke</u></p> <p><u>Eff. 5/1/2024:</u> <u>Chocolate, Chocolate Tortoiseshell in the Shaded and Chinchilla patterns, excluding 'with white'</u> <u>Lilac, Lilac-Cream in the Shaded and Chinchilla patterns, excluding 'with white'</u></p> | |
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RATIONALE: The above reorganizes the AOV colors accepted last year and adds the exclusion for Bi-Color where the color already includes white (i.e., calico) or colors where there is no British Shorthair precedent for the bi-color pattern (Smoke & White). It also adds the accepted Tabby patterns (Classic, Mackerel, Spotted).

The Shaded and Chinchilla patterns of Chocolate, Lilac, Chocolate Tortie, and Lilac-Cream were not on last year's ballot. We should register these colors in all of our accepted patterns, excepting the Smoke, Parti-Color, Shaded & Chinchilla 'with white.'

Wilson: British Shorthair. **Mastin:** Is Ginger available? **Tartaglia:** Yes, she's in.
Wilson: The first proposal – and I have to say the British Shorthair breed council worked very hard on this and cooperatively amongst themselves. The first one is a registration rule which updates the list of AOV colors that were added last year with additional patterns and clarifies which *and White* patterns are not accepted. **Mastin:** OK. Ginger, welcome and thank you for attending. Do you have any comments on this first motion? **Meeker:** No, thank you. **Mastin:** Does anyone have any questions for Ginger? Open discussion? Objections? Seeing no objections, the motion passes unanimously. **Meeker:** Thank you.

The motion is ratified by unanimous consent.



2 – SHOW RULE (passes)

Votes: 20
50% of Voting: 10

YES: 19

NO: 1

ABSTAIN: 0

2. **PROPOSED:** If proposal #1 passes (AOV Registration Rule changes), revise the AOV Color Class description in the Show Rules:

*The following information is for reference purposes only
and not an official part of the CFA Show Standard.*

British Shorthair Color Class Numbers

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AOV2598 2599

*[Chocolate and lilac in the accepted British
Shorthair patterns: solid, tabby, patched
tabby, tabby & white, patched tabby & white,
parti-color, calico, smoke, shaded, chinchilla
(note: smoke & white, shaded & white,
chinchilla & white are not accepted patterns)]
~~(tabby, patched tabby, smoke, parti-color,
calico, bicolor)~~]*

RATIONALE: Clarifies what is included in the AOV Color Class.

Wilson: Proposal #2 is a show rule. If #1, which was the AOV registration passed, then this would revise the AOV color class descriptors accordingly to exclude smoke, shaded and chinchilla with white. So, previously when these colors were added, the color class descriptors in the show rule were not as specific as they needed to be. **Mastin:** Any questions? Open discussion? Any objections? Seeing no objections, the motion passes unanimously.

The motion is ratified by unanimous consent.

3 - STANDARD CHANGE (passes)

Votes: 20
60% of Voting: 12

YES: 19

NO: 1

ABSTAIN: 0

3. **PROPOSED:** Separate the Pattern Descriptions and include all acceptable colors for Shaded Silver, Shaded Golden and Shaded Tortoiseshell (silver and golden):

Add after the Solid Colors and before the Smoke Pattern:

Smoke, Shaded and Chinchilla Patterns: genetically non-agouti tabby varieties of British Shorthair where the color is restricted to the ends of the hair in both silver and non-silver (golden) colors.

Replace the existing descriptions [Smoke, Shaded Silver, Shaded Golden, Chinchilla Silver, Chinchilla Golden, Shell Cameo (Red Chinchilla) and Shaded Cameo (Red Shaded)] with the following:

SMOKE PATTERN: white or pale silver undercoat, deeply tipped with solid, tortoiseshell or blue-cream color. Cat in repose appears to be of the specified color. In motion the undercoat is clearly apparent, showing maximum contrast. **Nose leather and paw pads:** to correspond with the coat color. **Eye Color:** gold or copper.

SMOKE COLORS: Black Smoke, Blue Smoke, Red Smoke, Cream Smoke, Tortoiseshell Smoke, Blue-Cream Smoke

SHADED SILVER PATTERN: Color is restricted to the ends of the hairs in the form of tipping (about 1/3 of the hair length) and the undercoat is white or pale silver. The coat on the back, flanks, head, ears and tail should be tipped with color. The tipping is to be evenly distributed and it is the even distribution rather than the degree of tipping which is of paramount importance. Heavily tipped cats should not be penalized as long as the tipping is even and free from tabby markings; in fact they are preferable. The legs should show tipping which will decrease towards the paws but which should be as even as possible. The chin, stomach, chest and under tail should be as pale as possible. The tipping may be of any recognized solid, tortoiseshell or blue-cream color.

CHINCHILLA SILVER PATTERN: Color is restricted to the ends of the hairs in the form of tipping (about 1/8 of the hair length); the undercoat is white or pale silver. Coat on back, flanks, head and tail sufficiently tipped to give the characteristic sparkling appearance. Legs may be slightly shaded with tipping. In general, the chinchilla cat appears much lighter than the shaded. The tipping may be of any recognized solid, tortoiseshell or blue-cream color.

SHADED SILVER AND CHINCHILLA SILVER COLORS:

SILVER (Black Silver): The undercoat is pure white; back, flanks, head, ears and tail tipped with black. **Eye and nose rims:** outlined in black. **Nose leather:** brick red. **Paw pads:** black. **Eye Color:** green or blue-green.

BLUE SILVER: The undercoat is pure white; back, flanks, head, ears and tail tipped with blue. **Eye and nose rims:** outlined in blue-grey. **Nose leather:** old rose. **Paw pads:** blue. **Eye Color:** gold or copper.

CREAM SILVER (Cream Cameo): The undercoat is pure white; back, flanks, head, ears and tail tipped with cream. **Eye and nose rims:** outlined in pink. **Nose leather:** pink. **Paw Pads:** pink. **Eye Color:** gold or copper.

RED SILVER (Cameo): The undercoat is pure white; back, flanks, head, ears and tail tipped with red. **Eye and nose rims:** outlined in pink. **Nose leather:** pink. **Paw pads:** pink. **Eye Color:** gold or copper.

TORTOISESHELL SILVER: The undercoat is pure white; back, flanks, head, ears and tail tipped with black and red (light and dark shades) harmoniously distributed in tortoiseshell pattern. **Eye and nose rims:** outlined in black, pink, or patched with both. **Nose leather:** black, pink, or patched with both. **Paw pads:** black, pink, or patched with both. **Eye Color:** gold or copper.

BLUE-CREAM SILVER: The undercoat is pure white; back, flanks, head, ears and tail tipped with blue-grey and cream (light and dark shades) harmoniously distributed in tortoiseshell pattern. **Eye and**

nose rims: outlined in blue-grey, pink or patched with both. **Nose leather:** blue-grey, pink or patched with both. **Paw pads:** blue-grey, pink or patched with both. **Eye Color:** gold or copper.

SHADED GOLDEN PATTERN: Color is restricted to the ends of the hairs in the form of tipping (about 1/3 of the hair length) and the undercoat is a rich warm cream color, with a mantle of tipping. The coat on the back, flanks, head, ears and tail should be tipped with color. The tipping should be evenly distributed and it is the even distribution rather than the degree of tipping which is of paramount importance. The legs should show tipping which will decrease towards the paws but should be as even as possible. The chin, stomach, chest and under tail is a pale warm color ranging from ivory to apricot

CHINCHILLA GOLDEN PATTERN: Color is restricted to the ends of the hairs in the form of tipping (about 1/8 of the hair length) and the undercoat is a rich warm cream color. Coat on back, flank, head, ears and tai should be tipped with color. The legs and end of tail may be shaded with tipping. The chin, stomach, chest and under tail is a pale warm color ranging from ivory to apricot. In general, the chinchilla cat appears much lighter than the shaded.

SHADED GOLDEN AND CHINCHILLA GOLDEN COLORS:

GOLDEN (Black): The undercoat is ivory to neutral beige; back, flanks, head, ears and tail tipped with black. **Eye and nose rims:** outlined in black. **Nose leather:** brick red. **Paw pads:** black. **Eye Color:** green or blue-green.

BLUE GOLDEN: The undercoat is ivory to neutral beige; back, flanks, head, ears and tail tipped with blue. **Eye and nose rims:** outlined in blue-grey. **Nose leather:** old rose. **Paw pads:** blue. **Eye Color:** gold or copper.

TORTOISESHELL AND BLUE-CREAM GOLDEN: The undercoat is ivory to neutral beige; back, flanks, head, ears and tail tipped with the appropriate base color (Black and Red; or Blue-Cream) mottled or patched with areas of red, shades of red or cream. **Eye and nose rims:** outlined in base color, pink, or patched with both. **Nose leather:** appropriate to base color and/or pink. **Paw pads:** appropriate to base color and/or pink. **Eye Color:** gold or copper.

RATIONALE: Our current color/pattern descriptions in the Shaded and Chinchilla patterns are not clear (and Chinchilla Silver currently only includes black tipping). This will clarify and describe for breeders, exhibitors and judges which colors and patterns are currently accepted. Eye Color is included as appropriate for each color.

Wilson: #3 is a standard change. It passed by 60% or more. This separates the pattern descriptions and includes all acceptable colors for shaded silver, shaded golden and shaded tortoiseshell in both silver and golden. This gets kind of complicated, but the way the color and pattern descriptions were written previously in the British Shorthair standard, it left some things out that they meant to include and didn't describe all of the possibilities, which made it seem like some things weren't included. The British Shorthair standard is one of those that says, "what is described is what we want, and if it's not described, we don't," sort of. So, this is more specific and also includes the appropriate eye color and so on. **Master:** Questions for Ginger. Discussion? Any objections? Seeing no objections, the motion passes unanimously.

The motion is ratified by unanimous consent.

4 - STANDARD CHANGE (passes)

Votes: 19
60% of Voting: 12

YES: 18

NO: 1

ABSTAIN: 1

4. **PROPOSED:** Should Proposal #3 pass (describing the Silver and Golden patterns and colors), add wording to disqualify evidence of the Corin gene in the new Shaded Golden and Chinchilla Golden Pattern descriptions:

SHADED GOLDEN PATTERN: Color is restricted to the ends of the hairs in the form of tipping (about 1/3 of the hair length) and the undercoat is a rich warm cream color, with a mantle of tipping. The coat on the back, flanks, head, ears and tail should be tipped with color. The tipping should be evenly distributed and it is the even distribution rather than the degree of tipping which is of paramount importance. The legs should show tipping which will decrease towards the paws but should be as even as possible. The chin, stomach, chest and under tail is a pale warm color ranging from ivory to apricot. **Disqualify:** Any evidence of the Corin gene as evidenced by white/off-white toes and/or white/off-white on the chest and neck.

CHINCHILLA GOLDEN PATTERN: Color is restricted to the ends of the hairs in the form of tipping (about 1/8 of the hair length) and the undercoat is a rich warm cream color. Coat on back, flank, head, ears and tail should be tipped with color. The legs and end of tail may be shaded with tipping. The chin, stomach, chest and under tail is a pale warm color ranging from ivory to apricot. In general, the chinchilla cat appears much lighter than the shaded. **Disqualify:** Any evidence of the Corin gene as evidenced by white/off-white toes and/or white/off-white on the chest and neck.

Wilson: Proposal #4 is a standard change and it passed by 60%. *Should Proposal #3 pass which just passed (describing the Silver and Golden patterns and colors), add wording to disqualify evidence of the Corin gene in the new Shaded Golden and Chinchilla Golden Pattern descriptions.* Last year, the breed council included a description or the addition of the Corin gene. I forget what it's called in the British Shorthair, and it did not pass the breed council. After breed council discussions that year and this past year at the annual, they decided they did not want the cats exhibiting various aspects of the Corin gene shown as British Shorthairs at this time, so this adds in the actual Shaded Golden pattern and Chinchilla Golden pattern the disqualification for evidence of the Corin gene and describes what that would be. **Master:** OK, questions for Ginger? Discussion? Any objections? Seeing no objection, the motion passes unanimously.

The motion is ratified by unanimous consent.

5 - STANDARD CHANGE (passes)

Votes: 19
60% of Voting: 12

YES: 18

NO: 1

ABSTAIN: 1

5. **PROPOSED:** Should Proposal #3 fail (revised Pattern and Color descriptions for Shaded and Chinchilla), revise the Disqualify section of the standard to include evidence of the Corin gene:

DISQUALIFY: incorrect eye color, green rims in adults. Tail defects. Long or fluffy coat. Incorrect number of toes. Locket or button. Improper color or pigment in nose leather and/or paw pads in part or total. Any evidence of illness or poor health. Any evidence of wryness of jaw, poor dentition (arrangement of teeth), or malocclusion. Evidence of hybridization resulting in cinnamon or fawn, the Himalayan pattern or these combinations with white.* Any evidence of the Corin gene as related to the shaded or chinchilla golden British Shorthair as evidenced by white/off-white toes and/or white/off-white on the chest and neck. *The previously listed penalties and disqualifications apply to all British Shorthair cats. Additional penalties and disqualifications are listed under colors.

RATIONALE: There is no color definition in our standard for a cat exhibiting this gene. The Corin effect (Flaxen Golden) was voted down on the 2022 ballot. At this time the Breed Council has expressed a desire to only include the golden shaded color as described in the standard for many years. Perhaps other variations will be considered in the future but not at this time. While Proposal #2 included this Disqualification in the Shaded and Chinchilla Golden descriptions, should that proposal fail, and then please consider adding it here.

Wilson: #5 is dependent on, *Should Proposal #3 fail*, which it did not, so we can skip it. This would have added the evidence of the Corin gene disqualification to the actual Disqualify section of the standard, but now they have added it to the color description so it doesn't need to be in the overall disqualify. So, I'm marking that as an N/A. **Mastin:** OK.

No Action.

6 - STANDARD CHANGE (passes)

Votes: 19
60% of Voting: 12

YES: 17

NO: 2

ABSTAIN: 1

6. **PROPOSED:** Should Proposal #3 fail (revised Pattern and Color descriptions for Shaded and Chinchilla), revise the color description for Shaded Silver.

SHADED SILVER: a genetically silver variety of British Shorthair in which the color is restricted to the ends of the hairs in the form of tipping and the undercoat is so pale as to appear white. The coat on the back, flanks, head, ears, and tail should be tipped with color. The tipping should be evenly distributed and it is the even distribution rather than the degree of tipping which is of paramount importance. Heavily tipped cats should not be penalized as long as the tipping is even and free from tabby markings; in fact, they are preferable to cats with so little tipping that they are almost white. The legs should show tipping which will decrease towards the paws, but which should be as even as possible. The chin, stomach, chest and under tail should be as pale as possible. The tipping may be of any recognized solid, tortoiseshell or blue-cream colors. **Nose leather and paw pads:** to correspond with the coat color. Mingled pink and/or brick red in torties and blue-creams. **Eye color:** gold or copper except for black shaded silver which is to have green or blue-green eyes only.

RATIONALE: Clarifying that green or blue-green eye color is for Black Shaded Silver.

Meeker: #6 is the same thing. **Wilson:** Yes, #6 and #7 are both the same, so we can bypass those and go to #8.

No Action.

7 - STANDARD CHANGE (passes)

Votes: 19
60% of Voting: 12

YES: 17

NO: 2

ABSTAIN: 1

7. **PROPOSED:** Should Proposal #3 fail (revised Pattern and Color descriptions for Shaded and Chinchilla), revise the Chinchilla Silver color description to include solid color tipping other than black.

CHINCHILLA SILVER: undercoat pure white. Coat on back, flanks, head and tail sufficiently tipped with color to give the characteristic sparkling silver appearance. Legs may be slightly shadowed with tipping. Chin, ear tufts, stomach and chest, pure white. The tipping may be of any recognized solid, tortoiseshell or blue-cream colors. Rims of eyes, lips and nose outlined with black. ~~Nose leather: brick-red. Paw Pads: black.~~ **Nose leather and paw pads:** to correspond with the coat color. **Eye color:** gold or copper except for black chinchilla silver which is to have green or blue-green.

RATIONALE: The current Chinchilla Silver description only includes black tipping and green or blue-green eye color. Chinchilla Silver should allow the same color tipping as Shaded Silver (any solid color or parti-color). Removing eye and nose rim color which is not included in Shaded Silver description, nor in the solid color descriptions. Eye color is also being clarified to account for the color of the tipping.

No Action.

8 - STANDARD CHANGE (passes)

Votes: 20
60% of Voting: 12

YES: 19

NO: 1

ABSTAIN: 0

8. **PROPOSED:** Revise the OBSHC color description.

OBSHC (Other British Shorthair Colors): ~~any other color or pattern described in the standard, with the exception of AOV Colors and Patterns. Cats showing evidence of hybridization resulting in the colors cinnamon, or fawn, the Himalayan pattern, or these combinations with white are also excluded. Eye color: appropriate to the dominant color of the cat, including odd eye color or “and white” patterns. Smoke, Shaded and Chinchilla patterns and colors as described in the standard.~~

And revise the OBSHC Color Class description:

*The following information is for reference purposes only
and not an official part of the CFA Show Standard.*

British Shorthair Color Class Numbers

...

OBSHC (Other British Shorthair Colors).....2596 2597

~~(Smoke, Shaded, Shaded Golden and any other color or pattern with the exception of those showing evidence of hybridization resulting in the colors chocolate, lavender, the Himalayan pattern, or these combinations with white. Eye color: appropriate to the dominant color of the cat.) Smoke, Shaded and Chinchilla patterns and colors as described in the standard.~~

RATIONALE: Clarifies exactly what should be included in the OBSHC Color Class.

Wilson: #8 revises the Other British Shorthair color description from saying *Any other color and pattern* with the exception of AOV colors and patterns, and cats showing evidence of hybridization, to specifically what it's for. So, Other British Shorthair colors will now be *Smoke, Shaded and Chinchilla patterns and colors as described in the standard*. **Mastin:** Questions for Ginger? Discussion? Any objections? Seeing no objections, the motion passes unanimously.

The motion is ratified by unanimous consent.

9 – REGISTRATION RULE (passes)

Votes: 20
50% of Voting: 10

YES: 18

NO: 2

ABSTAIN: 0

9. **PROPOSED:** Revise the Breed Rules for Registration to allow cats that are registered by pedigree to include ticked tabby patterned cats in generations 3 through 5.

DO NOT ACCEPT (cat to be registered or cats in background):

| | | | |
|--|--|--|--|
| Pointed | | | |
| <u>Ticked tabby-allowed in 3rd through 5th generation only</u> | | | |

RATIONALE: With the emergence of recent research data about the genetic nature of the expression of the tabby and golden phenotypes, it is shown that ticked tabby is not necessarily evidence of hybridization. Genetically, a ticked tabby pattern is on the colorway for producing a shaded pattern at some point in the process.

Wilson: #9 is a registration rule which will allow cats registered by pedigree to include ticked tabby patterned cats in the pedigree generations 3-5. **Mastin:** Questions for Ginger? Discussion? Any objections? Seeing no objections, the motion passes unanimously.

The motion is ratified by unanimous consent.

10 - STANDARD CHANGE (passes)

Votes: 19
60% of Voting: 12

YES: 18

NO: 1

ABSTAIN: 1

- 10. PROPOSED:** Define the colors and patterns in the AOV Color Class. Insert following AOV: Colors and patterns listed in the AOV Color Class.

AOV: Colors and patterns listed in the AOV Color Class

AOV Color Descriptions:

Solid Colors:

CHOCOLATE: rich, warm chocolate-brown, sound from roots to tip of fur. **Nose leather:** brown. **Paw pads:** cinnamon-pink. **Eye color:** gold or copper.

LILAC: rich, warm lavender with a pinkish tone, sound and even throughout. **Nose leather and paw pads:** lavender-pink. **Eye color:** gold or copper.

Chocolate and Lilac in the accepted British Shorthair patterns:

PartiColor: Chocolate Tortoiseshell, Lilac-Cream

Smoke/Shaded: Chocolate Smoke, Lilac Smoke, Chocolate Tortoiseshell Smoke, Lilac-Cream Smoke, Shaded Chocolate, Shaded Lilac, Chinchilla Chocolate, Chinchilla Lilac, Shaded Chocolate Tortoiseshell, Shaded Lilac-Cream, Chinchilla Chocolate Tortoiseshell, Chinchilla Lilac-Cream

Tabby: Chocolate Tabby, Chocolate Patched Tabby, Lilac Tabby, Lilac Patched Tabby

Calico & Bi-Color: Chocolate and White, Chocolate Tabby and White, Chocolate Patched Tabby and White, Lilac and White, Lilac Tabby and White, Lilac Patched Tabby and White, Chocolate Calico, Lilac Calico

RATIONALE: Describing the AOV colors in the British Shorthair accepted patterns.

Wilson: Proposal #10 defines the colors and patterns in the AOV color class. I know there is some controversy about whether we should be putting AOV colors and patterns, but in breeds that have specific things they want shown in AOV but not everything goes in AOV, it's something in the past we have encouraged so that judges know what they should be transferring to or judging in the AOV color class, and that's what this does. It adds these to an AOV color class description in the standard. **Mastin:** Questions for Ginger? Discussion? Any objections? Seeing no objections, the motion passes unanimously.

The motion is ratified by unanimous consent.

Mastin: Ginger, great job. **Meeker:** Thank you very much, and a giant thank you to Annette. She was absolutely a rock. **Mastin:** Well, congratulations to you and your committee. **Wilson:** Absolutely.

BURMESE

Breed Council Secretary: Art Graafmans
Total Members: 22

1 – REGISTRATION RULE (passes)

Votes: 14
50% of Voting: 7

YES: 14

NO: 0

ABSTAIN: 1

1. **PROPOSED:** Allow modification of outcross policy to permit breeding to both Sable and Black Bombay cats.

The Burmese breed may outcross to ~~the sable~~ a Bombay for the time period beginning January 1, 2013 and extending through December 31, ~~2021~~ 2031. Offspring of these breedings whose coat color is one of the approved Burmese colors may be registered as Burmese. Note: that in the case where the Burmese parent is either Champagne, Blue or Platinum, the litter may only be registered as Burmese.

General Requirements:

1. The Bombay parent must be registered in CFA. A Bombay cat registered in a foreign registry may be used once it has been registered in CFA.
2. ~~The Bombay parent must have a sable coat color (cbeb).~~
3. The Bombay parent must be color tested to not carry cinnamon (negative for bl).

Checklist: 106

- ☐ - A CFA litter application is provided.
- ☐ - A CFA registration number is provided for the Burmese parent.
- ☐ - A CFA registration number is provided for the Bombay parent.
- ☐ - A genetic test is provided indicating the Bombay parent tests ~~as sable in color and is negative for~~ cinnamon.

Note: the change in the extending through date is to bring the currently posted policy to the correct end date.

RATIONALE: At this point in time, many of the Burmese and Bombay breeders are working with both breeds in parallel. Although years ago, many of the Bombay breeders and some of the Burmese breeders were working to get homozygous Black and Sable cats respectively, today most of the sable Burmese carry Champagne and/or the dilute gene and many of the Black and Sable Bombay cats do as well. When a Black Bombay and a Burmese are bred together in an attempt to produce a Sable Bombay, any of the four Burmese colors are possible and have occurred in practice. The Burmese breeders are therefore asking to be allowed to use any offspring of such a breeding with an approved Burmese coat color. Note: that there are no changes needed to Bombay's out-cross policy to support this proposal.

Wilson: We need to skip to the Burmese one, since the Bombay proposal is in response to the Burmese proposal. So, we need to skip through British Shorthair and go to Burmese. I don't know if Art or Jeri are on. I can only do one thing at a time here. **Tartaglia:** Let me get to

the Burmese and then I'll double check the audience. They weren't here before. No, neither are here. **Wilson:** OK. The Burmese proposal is to allow modification of their outcross policy to permit breeding to both sable and black Bombays. Then it lists what the requirements for registration would be. **Mastin:** OK. Does anybody have any questions or comments? **Newkirk:** I talked to Art last weekend in San Diego and he is very much wanting the board to support this proposal. This came up a few years back. The Bombay objected to it, but we [first recording ends] supported the Burmese breed council. This is all about health and increasing their gene pool, so let's help them out. They need some help. **Mastin:** OK, thank you. **Wilson:** Just so you know, the Bombay breed council did support this, it was just worded oddly but in general the majority of them did not have – the question was, *Do you think this adversely affects the Bombay breed?* The vote was 2 yes it does, to 6 no's. So, they supported it. We don't have to go back to Burmese. **Mastin:** Any objections to this? Seeing no objection, the motion passes unanimously.

The motion is ratified by unanimous consent.

Mastin: Congratulations to Art and the committee.

COLORPOINT SHORTHAIR

Breed Council Secretary: Mary Kolencik
Total Members: 20

Wilson: The next breed is Colorpoint Shorthair and I believe Mary Kolencik is on the call. **Tartaglia:** She is in the meeting. **Wilson:** The Colorpoint Shorthairs had two registration rules and they split evenly. I don't know how to handle that. To me, if it requires 50% for a registration rule to pass, they got 50%. However, I have information in my files that it should be more than 50% but I'm not sure what it is actually supposed to be, but that has been discussed in the past so I don't know what to tell you here. **Raymond:** I believe the standard has been 50%, not more than 50%. **Mastin:** Alright. Let's just double check on this. I had a conversation with somebody and I don't remember who it was specific to clarifying 50% for Breeds and Standards versus clarifying 50% for other action items. **Newkirk:** I think Annette has some information from a past board meeting that clarifies that. Isn't that correct, Annette? **Wilson:** I did have that. I do this spreadsheet every year with the proposals and I have it on a tab there, and I actually found it at one point – but I don't know where – in the minutes, but it probably didn't make any sense to me then and I'm not sure it makes any sense to me now. With the 60% I understand that it has to be a full person. In other words, if 60% is 8.5 and you require 9, you don't round up. There's no rounding, but in this case, it was even, so we're not rounding and it's a registration rule not a standard change. **Anger:** I'm the guilty party that brought it up. Oddly, it came up much earlier in the [breed] alphabet. I know it has been done in the past where it was >50%, I believe just because that's what we use as a board. So, that has been used in the past. George Eigenhauser was always the resource to go to, but he's not here. In other words, my point is that we should determine what works for use from today going forward. **Raymond:** It's a board standard. It's what you want it to be. It's not spelled out in the bylaws or anywhere else. If in the past you have interpreted it as more than 50%, then my advice is to be consistent with your past process and I think change the verbiage if that's what you want it to be going forward, to be more than 50%. **Mastin:** Rachel and Annette, do we have any history where we have accepted 50% on Breeds and Standard proposals – not greater than 50%, but just 50%. **Wilson:** I went

back on the spreadsheets. I haven't done this forever. This is something in the last few years I have been doing just to kind of keep track in one place of things. I didn't find any that had an even 50% vote, but that doesn't say there never was. I think George is listening in. Could we ask him. **Mastin:** Allene, do you see George? **Tartaglia:** I do. I'll bring him in. **Mastin:** While you are doing that, Rachel do you recall?

| Year | Percentage for Registration Rule Changes, Color Class Changes, Show Rule Changes | Chair(s) |
|------|--|----------------|
| 2023 | 50% | Wilson |
| 2022 | 50% | Wilson |
| 2021 | >50% | Bennett/Keiger |
| 2020 | >50% | Wilson |
| 2019 | >50% | Bizzell |
| 2018 | >50% | Bizzell |
| 2017 | >50% | Bizzell/Morgan |
| 2016 | >50% | Bizzell/Morgan |
| 2015 | 50% | Bizzell/Morgan |
| 2014 | 50% | Anger/Wilson |

Anger: The reason I brought it up to Annette this year is because my recollection has always been it was 50% or more, but her response was right on point. She said, it's a registration rule. It doesn't apply across the board that 50% is half plus one. So, Annette was correct. I think on a registration rule, we can make it 50% or not. **Wilson:** When we add the color class things, that's a show rule and 50% is acceptable, correct? If it's exactly 50% or does it have to be more than 50%? **Mastin:** Ed, Annette brought something up earlier. She mentioned something about counting 50% as 50%, versus counting somebody as a whole person or not. Can you just touch on that? **Raymond:** I think if your total number of votes is an odd number, 50% is going to be a fraction. So, you would take it to the next full person. **Mastin:** That was my understanding – you have to take it to the next person. **Raymond:** If it were 17 people, 50% by math would be 8.5. You would have to round it to 9. You only have 8 people voting yes here. **Wilson:** Right, so it wouldn't pass. The fractions I agree with. I understand that because George repeated that often enough. It's the actual percentage. OK, so I actually think this passed, but it was a tie. So, what do we do when there's a tie? I don't know. **Newkirk:** There is no rounding up in your counting, period. In order for something to pass, it needs a majority. 50% is not a majority, so if we have been working on the 50% rule, we have not been following good practice. It's a registration rule. The board can do whatever they want with a registration rule. **Wilson:** Yes. **Mastin:** OK, good point. **DelaBar:** This is not heavy math, but if there are 16 votes and you have 8 yes, 8 no and 1 abstention, that's 17. So, something is off on the basic math here. **Wilson:** We don't count abstentions. It's a vote not cast. **DelaBar:** Then why is it sitting there? **Wilson:** Because you can see that 17 people voted, 1 chose to abstain on this particular issue. We give them the option of abstaining. **DelaBar:** Yes. **Wilson:** But we do not count abstentions. **Mastin:** That's the way we have been doing it for Breeds and Standards, correct? **Wilson:** Yes. **DelaBar:** OK. I thought I still had the floor. Never mind. **Mastin:** Go ahead, Pam, finish. Ed is looking it up in the bylaws. **Raymond:** The bylaws clearly point out that an abstention does not count as a member voting for purposes of calculating the 60% when you're talking about a change to a breed standard.

1 – REGISTRATION RULE (passes)

Votes: 16
50% of Voting: 8

YES: 8

NO: 8

ABSTAIN: 1

1. **PROPOSED:** Change the Colorpoint Shorthair rules of registration to allow cats to be registered by pedigree as a 52xx series CPSH with two generations of appropriate colors. The effective date of this change will be immediate and will last for 10 years ending December 31, 2033. After that date, the requirement will revert to three generations.

RATIONALE: Currently, CPSH may be imported (registered by pedigree) with either three or five generations of the 20 allowed CPSH colors. If the cat has three generations of allowed CPSH colors, the cat is registered and receives a 52xx number, and is immediately showable if a showable color. If the cat has five generations of allowed CPSH colors, the cat is registered and receives a 22xx number, and is immediately showable if a showable color

This proposal would lower the requirement for 52xx numbers to two. The requirement for 22xx numbers would be unchanged. The proposal is time-limited for 10 years to require that the breed council review whether we need to take further steps to increase the breed's genetic diversity.

CFA is unique because we separate the CPSH colors from the Siamese and Oriental. In other associations, our CPSH are considered Siamese and a pointed cat with Oriental parents is considered a Siamese. This makes it extremely difficult to find cats to import that meet the generational requirements. While there are breeders in other associations that focus on pointed breeding programs, they do occasionally use full-color Orientals. We can find pedigrees with one or two generations of CPSH-only colors, but finding a pedigree with three generations of CPSH-only colors on a cat that is the desired sex and color and is also available for import is like getting the planets to align. Reducing the requirement for 52xx numbers by one generation opens the pool of potential imports.

Why make this change now? Back in the early 2000s, there was a great deal of drama over silver-pointed cats. Even though silver is a dominant trait, silver can hide over generations in pointed cats because it is sometimes difficult to detect on a pointed cat, especially a lynx point. Now there is a genetic test for silver. Pedigree programs and the ability to trace ancestry have improved exponentially over the past 20 years, and breeders who want more information on a cat's pedigree can easily get it. By reducing the generation requirement for imports, we would leave it up to the breeder to determine through pedigree analysis and genetic testing if a cat is silver, just as it is up to the breeder to study pedigrees for health considerations and do testing to determine recessives such as long hair.

Some background notes and history:

- When registering a cat by pedigree, the cat itself is generation 0. We begin counting generations with the parents as generation 1.
- There are 20 registerable CPSH colors – 16 showable colors and 4 AOV colors. All may be registered by pedigree as CPSH.
- A recorded cat has one less generation than is required and is recorded for breeding purposes only. A recorded cat can produce a registerable/showable cat but cannot itself be shown.

- The offspring of cats with 52xx numbers may transfer to 22xx numbers after they meet the 5-generation requirement.

It may be helpful to review the history of why the CPSH have these two number series. For many years in the latter decades of the 1900s, pointed Orientals could be shown as CPSH. The CPSH breed council wanted the pointed Orientals out of their show classes, but there were some pointed Oriental breeders who had invested resources in breeding pointed Orientals whose breeding programs would be harmed by removing the ability to show pointed Orientals. After much discussion (and angst), the board adopted a compromise to allow pointed Orientals to transfer to CPSH for a short period of time, after which pointed Orientals registered as Orientals would no longer be shown as CPSH.

All pointed Orientals were allowed to transfer for two years (later extended to three years), even those with full-color parents. Those with silver in their backgrounds were given 53xx numbers and could not be shown but offspring could revert to 52xx numbers after several generations. Those without silver were given 52xx numbers and were registered and shown as CPSH. Cats imported from other associations were required to have three generations of CPSH colors to obtain a 52xx number or five generations to obtain a 22xx number.

In 2010, the breed council approved the transfer from 52xx numbers to 22xx numbers after the progeny had 5 generations of CPSH-only colors. In 2013, the breed council removed the ability to record CPSH with only 2-generation pedigrees because at the time we believed three generations was minimal enough. Some years later, all affected breed councils agreed to open pointed color classes in the Oriental breed with restrictions on pointed-to-pointed breedings.

Mastin: Are there any questions for Mary K? Mary, do you have any comments for the board? **Kolencik:** Yes. I agree with Darrell. This is a registration rule, so you guys can do whatever you want. Even if it passed by 100% you can still deny it, so it's up to you. I just wanted to talk about it. If you don't want to even consider it because it's only 50%, then stop me now, but if you want to hear what I have to say, I'll go on and go ahead and talk. **Mastin:** Please go ahead and talk. **Kolencik:** Last summer, one of my breed council members sent me a pedigree of a cat from another association and asked me if that cat could be imported as a Colorpoint. She told me she had been searching for unrelated cats on her own and had great difficulty finding them. I completely understand. I have serious difficulty finding diverse lines in both the Colorpoints and the Siamese, so I looked at the pedigree and a photo showing a very pretty boy and I thought, wow, it would be great to bring this cat in. He's not related to CFA cats. He's from a healthy, reputable breeder. He is just gorgeous. I wanted him, too, but he would not meet our current three-generation requirement, so I had to tell her no. She decided to go ahead and get the cat anyhow, breed him and register the litter in another association, and the offspring would be able to come into CFA in a generation. So, that's how important getting some new genes was to her. It's that important to me, too. I probably would have done the same thing. Genetic diversity and the health of the breed should be paramount, so why not help our breeders find genetic diversity by going to cats from other associations without having to launder the pedigree through another association. We have that ability in the Colorpoints because right now we only have a three-generation requirement for the 52xx numbers. Let me explain about the 52xx numbers because it's hard for even us to understand. About 20 years ago, you remember we had all the political hoop-la or whatever and we created these 52xx numbers at the time. Historically, the prefix for the Colorpoint breed has the numbers that start with 22xx, so we created this 52xx number series for cats that had Oriental heritage within five generations, so you could import a cat with three generations of Colorpoint colors. There could be an Oriental in the fourth or fifth

generation, and we would still allow it to be imported. So, the 52xx numbers would then turn into 22xx numbers after five generations, so we kind of laundered our own pedigrees. So, for the 52xx cats, they can be bred, registered and shown as Colorpoints, but once an offspring has five generations of Colorpoint-only colors, it transfers to the 22xx prefix. So, with advances in genetic testing, better social media where we can find these cats, better pedigree software, breeders will still see the 52xx prefix and they will be able to decide for themselves whether they want to use or avoid these cats. So, we would like to decrease the number of generations to two, and that's all I have to say. **Mastin:** Thank you Mary. **Wilson:** Other breeds have an opportunity, like when Mary described that the person had a cat that was one generation short, other breeds have an opportunity to actually register that cat for breeding only and then the offspring are registerable. I believe that's what the second registration rule does here. **Kolencik:** Yes, exactly. **Wilson:** It would do that. This is not my breed and I'm not on the board so I don't have a say, but to me that would be a better way than defining your breed as having only two generations of a specific color, and it's the color or the pattern that defines your breed. That's all I'm going to say on it. **Kolencik:** Can I respond? **Mastin:** Go ahead, Mary. **Kolencik:** I didn't know which one of these would pass and I thought if the first one failed, we could at least do the second one but we had the same number of people vote for both. We define our breed as breeding a pointed cat to a pointed cat, with only a certain number of colors and in shorthair. The problem is, we can't find these cats out there because everybody else can breed other colors, and they can get all this diversity. So, even other breeders in other associations where they are breeding pointed to pointed, they every once in awhile will mix in another color, so it makes it really difficult for us to find these pedigrees. I'm ready to give up because it's just impossible. I proposed this and I put a ten year limit so we can try this, see if it helps. If it doesn't help, we can go back or try something else.

Newkirk: I'm going to support Mary K on this because I don't think the breed should have to be jumping through hoops to try to save their breed. **Kolencik:** Thank you. **Newkirk:** So, I think this is an OK deal, so I'll vote for it. **Wilson:** My question to Mary is, I guess I'm surprised that both of these proposals had as many people against it as for it. Do you have any input on what that's about? **Kolencik:** I'm not surprised at all. I know the people. I'm not at all surprised. This breaks down to the same political lines that we had 20 years ago. You notice that 20 years ago we had almost 90 people on the breed council. How many people do we have now? And, we still have these political divisions. I'm one of the people that, 20 years ago, would have been up in arms, hair on fire over something like this, but I'm having a really very difficult time finding cats that are not already related to our cats. It's just almost impossible. When you find a beautiful cat in another association or from another country and it's not at all related to anything you have and you're stuck because you can't bring it in, we just wanted to explore possibilities of how we can get this cat in. **DelaBar:** Well, Mary K, you know that I was probably right in agreement with you 20 years ago, but having seen some of these cats, knowing the registration rules in these other associations, I'm going to back you on Proposal #1. I think that's the way to go, to increase the gene pool, to be able to get your hands on some of these cats. I know these people also would like to have some of the lines that are in the U.S., so this would be a real good working relationship going on if you guys had ten years of this. I do think that Proposal #1 is the way to go, and I'm a member of the Colorpoint Breed Council. **Wilson:** The only other question I guess I have is, considering that Proposal #2 makes it even a generation less for breeding purposes only, at some point are you ever going to just talk to the Oriental folks about Colorpoint Shorthair being a division? **Kolencik:** I knew that was coming up. I knew it. I even have

prepared something to say. No, it's not going to come up. There is a compromise that we did several years ago. We made this compromise. We do not want to give up breed status for the Colorpoint Shorthair at all. **Wilson:** It wouldn't. **Kolencik:** We don't want to be a division of another breed. We want to be where we are.

Mastin: No more discussion? I'm going to try it. Are there any objections? Seeing no objections, the motion passes unanimously.

The motion is ratified by unanimous consent.

Mastin: Congratulations. **Kolencik:** Thank you.

2 – REGISTRATION RULE (passes)

Votes: 16
50% of Voting: 8

YES: 8

NO: 8

ABSTAIN: 1

- 2. PROPOSED:** Allow cats with one less generation of ancestry than required for the 52xx numbers to be individually recorded for breeding purposes only. The effective date of this change will be immediate.

RATIONALE: This proposal would reinstate the ability to record cats with one less generation than required for registration by pedigree for the 52xx numbers. If proposal 1 passes, cats with one generation of CPSH-only colors but not two could be recorded for breeding, not shown. If proposal 1 fails, cats with two generations of CPSH-only colors but not three could be recorded for breeding, not shown.

As our rules are now, if a breeder can find a pointed cat to import that has only one or two generations of CPSH-only colors, the breeder need only register the cat in another association and breed it for one or two generations to produce a cat that can be registered in CFA. Recording allows breeders to go ahead with imports for breeding without having to launder the pedigree through another association. As now, other breeders will see the 52xx numbers and know that the cat could have full-color Orientals behind it within five generations and choose how they wish to proceed.

Wilson: Proposal #2 allows cats with one less generation of ancestry than required for the 52xx numbers to be individually recorded for breeding purposes only, effective immediately.

Mastin: Any questions for Mary K? Discussion? **DelaBar:** Mary K, is this needed, since the first one passed? **Kolencik:** It could help. It's not necessary. The thing is though, these cats aren't showable so who cares? Seriously, I don't care. So, why not allow them to be recorded. That's my attitude. If you guys vote against it, I'm not going to cry but I don't see a problem with it. **Tartaglia:** I don't understand. Doesn't one cancel out the other? If we just accepted something that says they can do it for two generations with the 52xx registration, now this says to allow them to be for breeding purposes only. Well, isn't that the same thing? One you can show and one you can't. How do we know what to do? Do we have to ask the person which one they want? **DelaBar:** No. Vote it down. **Kolencik:** The first one allows them to be imported with the 52xx numbers and they can be immediately shown with two generations. If the first one had failed, this would work differently but the first one passed. Now they can come in with two

generations, so if this one passed, we are bringing back the ability to record a cat with one less generation. Because we had removed that ability, you can't record a Colorpoint Shorthair that comes in with three generations or not. You passed the one with two generations, so if this one passes you could record a cat with one generation. So, only the parents would have to be pointed to pointed. **Tartaglia:** OK, I get it. This pigtails on #1, because now we can take two generations, this makes it for breeding only with only one generation. **Kolencik:** Honestly, the first one was, yes, that was a big help. If you guys vote against #2, it's OK. **Tartaglia:** I understand now. **Mastin:** Mary K, I'm hearing you say if they vote this down it's OK, so are you not strongly in favor of this? **Kolencik:** I don't care. I don't want to withdraw it, because there are people who are in favor of it on the breed council. Obviously, there's 8 people who voted for it. It doesn't matter to me. **Newkirk:** So, I think we should vote this down, because we allowed you to come in now with two generations. Now you're knocking off another one. The parents only have to be a Colorpoint. We need a little bit of pedigree history here, I think. A couple generations is better than only one generation. My opinion is to vote this one down. We gave you the two and you're happy with that. I can see it on your face, so I think this one should be voted down. Just my personal opinion. **Mastin:** Any further discussion? I'm going to call for the vote on this. If you're in favor, raise your hand.

Mastin called the motion. Following a tiebreaker vote by **President Mastin, Motion Failed.** Anger, Currle, Griswold, Hayata, Huhtaniemi, Mathis, Noble and Shelton voting yes.

Mastin: Kenny, Pauli, Yukiko, Mike, Paula, Anne, Marilee. Please lower your hand. If you are opposed raise your hand. Cathy Dunham, Pam DelaBar, Russell, Carol, Darrell, Kathy Calhoun, Pam Moser, John Colilla. Lower your hands. If you are an abstention raise your hand. No abstentions. Rachel? **Anger:** I was a yes on that, by the way. That's 8 yes, 8 no, zero abstentions. We voted just like the breed council did, 8 to 8. **Currle:** Go Rich. **Mastin:** I'm going to vote no. I can't get behind it, since Darrell and the person presenting this doesn't care. Maybe next time if you care and it's important, I would change my vote but at this point in time it doesn't seem like it's going to be a hardship for the breed council if they don't get it.

Mastin: Mary K, do you have anything else? **Kolencik:** No. Thank you all. **Mastin:** Thank you.

EXOTIC – GENERAL

Breed Council Secretary: Lynn Cooke
Total Members: 61

1 - STANDARD CHANGE (passes)

Votes: 38
60% of Voting: 23

YES: 32

NO: 6

ABSTAIN: 1

1. **PROPOSED:** Change the current standard under the section BODY from, "large or medium in size" to "medium to large in size:"

BODY: of cobby type, low on the legs, broad and deep through the chest, equally massive across the shoulders and rump, with a well-rounded midsection and level back. Good muscle tone, with no evidence of obesity. ~~Large or medium in size.~~ Medium to large in size. Quality the determining consideration rather than size.

RATIONALE: The current standard stresses large over medium which can often penalize a female that fits the standard in every other regard. Females naturally tend to be smaller than males, and changing the order would help soften the language and take that into consideration.

Mastin: OK, Annette? **Wilson:** The next ballot is from the Exotic Breed Council. I think Lynn Cooke was planning to participate. **Tartaglia:** She is here. **Mastin:** Hi Lynn, welcome. **Cooke:** Hi. Can you hear me? **Mastin:** We can hear you. **Wilson:** Proposal #1 changes the current standard under the BODY section from saying *large to medium in size* to *medium to large in size*. It passed. **Mastin:** Lynn, do you want to comment? **Cooke:** I think it's self-explanatory, unless you have questions. **Mastin:** OK. Anybody have any questions for Lynn? Open discussion? Any objections? Seeing no objections, the motion passes unanimously, congratulations.

The motion is ratified by unanimous consent.

2 – REGISTRATION RULE (passes)

Votes: 39

50% of Voting:20

YES: 25

NO: 14

ABSTAIN: 0

2. **PROPOSED:** Provide a process to re-register any Exotic currently designated as CPC (colorpoint carrier) to the non-CPC registration code reflecting its color/pattern upon presentation with a DNA test proving that the microchipped cat is not a carrier of the colorpoint gene. Current Registration Rules for Exotics assign a separate breed code for colorpoints and colorpoint carriers, with separate registration codes.

A request form would have to be filled out with the cat's current registration information, corresponding microchip number, and DNA results.

After all proof is submitted to the central office and a registration transfer fee has been paid, a new non CPC number would be issued.

If a CPC dam hasn't been previously tested, and gotten a new number, all the kittens will remain with CPC numbers, and would have to go through the process individually to determine their CPC status in order for the offspring to qualify for new numbers.

If a cat qualifies as non CPC, but had offspring previously that were also designated CPC out of that cat and a parent that wasn't a CPC, the offspring would automatically qualify to get the new number, (after request and payment of registration fee), because it would be impossible for the offspring to have carried the gene.

If at any time, any cat is bred to another pointed or designated possible CPC cat, the offspring would have to go through the process again to prove they weren't carrying the gene to get the new number.

RATIONALE: The acronym CPC means colorpoint carrier. It is illogical to infinitely register and designate a cat something that it is not. It's very confusing to newer breeders that see a cat labeled as a CPC and believe that cat can produce pointed offspring when it cannot. Pointed and CPC cats should have different prefixes from cats that don't carry the gene, and DNA testing can now help us do that. There are several databases available to research pedigrees going back as far as a breeder may choose to look; therefore, it should be up to the individual breeder to determine whether or not they want to use certain cats or colors in their breeding program.

Wilson: Proposal #2 was actually on the ballot last year for information purposes only. Based on the input that Lynn received, she put it on the ballot as a registration rule this time and it passed. This would be to provide a process to reregister any Exotics that are currently designated as colorpoint carriers, to give them the non-CPC registration code as long as a DNA test is provided, along with a microchip for the specific cat, that it's not a carrier of the colorpoint gene. Current Registration Rules for Exotics assign a separate breed code for colorpoints and colorpoint carriers, with separate registration codes. She sees this as requiring a request form that would have to be filled out with the cat's current registration information, corresponding microchip number and DNA results. After all proof is submitted to the central office and a registration transfer fee has been paid, a new non CPC number would be issued.

Mastin: Does anybody have any questions for Lynn? **Newkirk:** I don't have a question, but I have a comment. Thank God we've got more breeds relying on genetics of the cats, so I applaud your breed council and all breed councils that use genetic testing for colors to help us. **Cooke:**

My question is, what are the capabilities of the Central Office to do it? **Mastin:** Allene and James? **Tartaglia:** We can do it. If it's a request, then we simply follow through with the request. Then we'll do the research, but it won't take much so we can do that. **Cooke:** Great.

Mastin: Any other comments? Any objections? Seeing no objections, the motion passes unanimously.

The motion is ratified by unanimous consent.

Mastin: Lynn, thank you very much. Congratulations on both. **Cooke:** Thank you.

JAPANESE BOBTAIL

Breed Council Secretary: Marianne Clark

Total Members: 16

1 – INFO TO BOD (not supported)

Votes: 10

50% of Voting: 5

YES: 0

NO: 10

ABSTAIN: 0

FOR INFORMATION ONLY TO CFA BOARD

- PROPOSED: (FOR INFORMATION ONLY):** The Toybob Breed Committee has asked that some of the requirements for advancement from Provisional status to CHAMPIONSHIP status be waived and that the breed be allowed to move to Championship status effective May 1, 2024. They ask that the 6-

year minimum be waived (they have been shown since May 1, 2019). They have already been granted to move from Miscellaneous to Provisional without completing the full Miscellaneous term.

JAPANESE BOBTAIL RATIONALE: The Japanese Bobtail Breed Council has concerns about waiving long standing rules for New Breed Advancement for Toybobs. Our main concern, as we already expressed when the Toybobs asked for Miscellaneous, then Provisional, was the lookalike factor and their gene pool.

Because the Toybob comes from Russia it is entirely possible they can have the Japanese Bobtail/Kurilian Bobtail gene. These two cats share the same tail gene and the Kurile cat is from Russia. Therefore, we still request DNA testing for the individual cats before CFA registration to prove their unique gene.

This time we add that the Toybob Breed dramatically revised their standard beginning May 1, 2023, 12 out of 18 categories have revisions. By the time a request to advance arrives for Board approval, that will only be 8 months under the new Standard Revisions.

We feel that advancing them at this time would be very unfair to every breed who has had to prove their merit. Other breeds who were advanced early, such as the Bengals and Burmillas, had years of success in other registries.

Our Breed Council still feels that there have not been enough shown in the past to merit advancement.

The Toybob is supposed to be a small cat. We still feel that Toybobs do not fit the term small but appear to be the same size as Japanese Bobtails, thereby making them more of a lookalike. If the tail size was limited to the longer tail only acceptable, it would eliminate some concerns.

Do you support the Toybob Breed Committee's request to advance to CHAMPIONSHIP Status?

Wilson: The next proposal is a response by the Japanese Bobtail Breed Council not supporting the Toybob request to advance. So, we're just going to skip this by for now and get to the rest of the proposals.

No Action.

PERSIAN – GENERAL

Breed Council Secretary: Carissa Altschul

Total Members: 122

1 - STANDARD CHANGE (passes)

Votes: 73

60% of Voting: 44

YES: 59

NO: 14

ABSTAIN: 1

1. **PROPOSED:** Change the Persian standard, "Body" from "large or medium" to "medium to large"

BODY: of cobby type, low on the legs, broad and deep through the chest, equally massive across the shoulders and rump, with a well-rounded mid-section and level back. Good muscle tone with no evidence of obesity. ~~Large or medium~~ Medium to large in size. Quality the determining consideration rather than size.

RATIONALE: Often, exhibitors hear that “Maine Coons have a standard that calls for medium to large, whereas Persians are large or medium, which implies that the Persian should be a larger cat than a Maine Coon.” While most people understand that is not the case, it does seem to be a point of contention and confusion. The Persian BC does not want the Persian to be anything other than a robust and substantial cat, but we do prefer to emphasize that size is not the primary determining factor.

Wilson: The next one, the Persian Breed Council had a General proposal which is next, and then they had one specific to the Tabby Division and one specific to the Calico & Bi-Color Division. So, the standard change that passed for the Persian – General Breed Council was changing the Persian standard, the BODY section, from *large or medium* to *medium to large*.

Mastin: Is Carissa with us? **Tartaglia:** She is here. There she is. She’s in the audience.

Altschul: I’m at a show, sorry. **Mastin:** Hi Carissa. Thank you for attending. **Altschul:** Hello. Thank you for allowing me to speak. The change to *medium to large* from *large to medium* – we actually have a reason for doing it – I have had many breeders come to me and say they feel like the emphasis already says in the next sentence that quality is a more important factor than size, and they feel like the breed gets judged by the pound too much. Basically, they just asked to switch the two words, so that is all. It passed by a very large majority, so I’m asking that the board support the Breed Council on this. **Mastin:** Does anybody have any questions for Carissa? Discussion? Objections? Seeing no objections, the motion passes unanimously.

The motion is ratified by unanimous consent.

PERSIAN – CALICO & BI-COLOR DIVISION

Breed Council Secretary: Carissa Altschul
Total Members: 45

Before voting on these proposals, please consider the following:

Current number of color classes per division:

Solid: 8
Silver & Golden: 8
Smoke & Shaded: 15
Tabby: 19
Particolor: 3
Calico & Bicolor: 13
Himalayan: 16

The Calico & Bicolor Division is by far the most popular division in terms of numbers exhibited, registered, and wins achieved, yet this division has the 5th most in terms of color classes. Considering the popularity of this division and increasing diversity of colors shown, this seems lacking. Adding 5 new color classes for some of the more popular colors is appropriate.

1 – SHOW RULE (passes)

Votes: 28
50% of Voting: 14

YES: 26

NO: 2

ABSTAIN: 1

1. **PROPOSED:** Add a color class for “Silver Tabby & White” in the CALICO and Bi-COLOR DIVISION:

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and not an official part of the CFA Show Standard.*

Persian Color Class Numbers

CALICO & BI-COLOR DIVISION

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| Red Tabby & White | 1140 | 1141 |
| <i>(classic, mackerel)</i> | | |
| Brown Tabby & White | 1142 | 1143 |
| <i>(classic, mackerel)</i> | | |
| Silver Tabby & White | XXXX | XXXX |
| <i>(classic, mackerel)</i> | | |

Mastin: OK Annette, continue. **Wilson:** I actually had Tabbies next, but Bi-Color is next on here. For the Calico & Bi-Color Division, the Breed Council is asking for – some are show rules, some are not – they want to divide out their Bi-Color Division further, so they want to add some separate color classes. The first one that passed was to add a color class for the Silver Tabby & White. **Altschul:** I just want to speak to these all as a group, because once I got the registration numbers, and I wish I got them prior to putting them on the ballot, honestly on all of these colors that we asked for, the only one I think that has the numbers to justify it would be the Brown Tabby & White. I think in order to advance a color or whatever, you have to have 50 and I think the Brown Patch Tabby & White is the 6th most popular Bi-Color by registration. It had 74 last year, so it's easily above the 50 and I actually withdraw my support for the other ones. **Wilson:** So I don't have to run around, where in here Rachel do we have the chart of the numbers in the report? **Tartaglia:** I believe it's back at the beginning. **Wilson:** There it is. It's page 84 [of the original compiled reports]. **Altschul:** It might be a little confusing to read, but I have the numbers if you all want that. **Wilson:** So, Silver Tabby & White, I actually put the number. I highlighted it in green on here and the total number for 2023 is to the right. So, for Silver Tabby & White, there were 22 cats shown in that color. For Cream Tabby & White there were 22. For Blue Tabby & White there were 29. For Brown Patch Tabby & White, there were 72. For Blue Patch Tabby & White, there were 15. **Altschul:** You need to add the CPC numbers to that. **Wilson:** Not on the fly I don't, but by far the Brown Patch Tabby & Whites were the highest numbers. It's more than two times as many. **Altschul:** Does anybody have any questions? Can I withdraw the other ones, or does the board just need to vote on them? **Wilson:** Your Breed Council voted for them. **Altschul:** I'll just let the board vote on them. I don't have anything else to say beyond that on these colors. **Newkirk:** I don't think you can withdraw them.

The Breed Council voted on them. You can make a recommendation that the board vote them down, but you can't withdraw them. **Altschul:** Since the Breed Council voted for them, then I would ask for the board's support, but I think the one that has the biggest justification is the Brown Patched Tabby & White. **Mastin:** Carissa, you made a comment earlier. Did you say that the Brown Tabby & White is the only one that meets the requirement? Is there a requirement? **Altschul:** The Brown Patched Tabby & White, I was just going by – I asked some people. I said, "what number do you think a breed should have to break out a color class?" There's no real requirement for it, so they said, "well, what number is required to advance the breed?" It just goes by registration, and I think the number is either 25 or 50, so going by that basis is kind of how CFA does other things. I was asking for the Brown Patched Tabby & White. That one definitely meets the requirement of what we would use to advance a new color so I tried to advance them out of a color class, so I was just trying to provide some rationale. **Wilson:** If I can add a little bit to that. 25 is the minimum required to advance a breed, depending on where the breed is – 50 or 25 – where they are in that process. However, those numbers were devised as one, a guideline. We like to kind of stick to the guidelines, but also when cats were competing for winners ribbons. I don't actually understand the need for a lot of different color classes within breeds, but I'm coming from a breed that only has one color class. So, I don't understand what the impetus is to expand into more color classes, although I do understand it. There's 72 of them shown. OK, so obviously they're not all at the same show. I'm not sure I've actually seen more than four Patched Tabby & Whites in a class this last year or the previous year or the previous four years. Four is what it would take to show them how it's ranked, right? First, second, third and the clear ribbon. So, I don't understand the impetus for continually wanting to divide into color classes. I understand Carissa saying, "other breeds get to do it." Other breeds don't have this many color classes, and the ones who do – like the Cornish Rex and the Manx – really don't ask for a lot of division of color classes. In fact, the last time the Cornish Rex did anything, they combined a color class. So, that's just a little perspective from the Breeds and Standards side of it. **Newkirk:** I was just going to point out that Proposal #1 was 26 yes and 2 no, so I think the members of this Breed Council section are highly supportive of this, so I'm going to support those yes votes. **Altschul:** Can I respond to Annette about why we want the color classes? **Mastin:** Carissa, I'm going to give you closing points. Let Pam Moser. She may have more questions for you. **Moser:** If I'm not mistaken, and please tell me if I am, isn't this what we did with the Exotic? We took out and put each color in their own division. Am I correct? **Wilson:** That is not the same. **Moser:** It's not the same? **Wilson:** These are color classes. These are not divisions. These are color classes within a division. **Moser:** OK, never mind. **Mastin:** Color classes within a division. OK Carissa, go ahead and address questions. **Altschul:** I think the only thing is, why do we want the color classes, because winners ribbons are no longer a thing. There was a couple of reasons why. I've had several people ask me, "why is this color being shown with this color? It doesn't make any sense." Or, they felt like they were getting – they just got confused because the registration says one thing and they enter as something else. It was just confusing, why is Brown Tabby & White in its own class, why is Red Tabby & White in its own class, and then we have Other Tabby & White and then Patched Tabby & White. Those are the four color classes for tabbies and white. That's where all these come from. They just basically said, there's more and more numbers, they feel like it's justified to bring it in. So, that was one thing. The numbers are somewhat there. The other thing is, while it doesn't generate any extra like breed wins or any extra titles or whatever, it does actually generate some end-of-season color awards. We don't put enough emphasis as an organization I

think on color awards, but it is something that I think is very important. Sometimes that's the only award a new exhibitor or a long-time exhibitor gets. I do think if you have the numbers to justify including these color classes, then we need to consider giving out a few more color awards – not a lot – because sometimes that's the one thing that keeps somebody going. That's a big push of mine, so that's a big part of where that came from. It wasn't necessarily because there was more than three cats there and somebody wasn't getting a ribbon, it was more of, I want to continue to celebrate what we have out there.

Mastin: OK, so Annette, we're on #1, correct? **Wilson:** Yes, Silver Tabby & White.
Mastin: OK, alright. Are there any objections to this motion? Seeing no objections, #1 passes unanimously.

The motion is ratified by unanimous consent.

2 - STANDARD CHANGE (passes)

Votes: 28
60% of Voting: 17

YES: 26

NO: 2

ABSTAIN: 1

2. **PROPOSED:** Should Proposal #1 pass, add the color description for Silver Tabby and White to the Standard:

SILVER TABBY AND WHITE (classic, mackerel): a cat of white and colored portions, the colored portions to conform to the currently established silver tabby standard.

RATIONALE: As this color is gaining in popularity, it makes sense to create a new color class to give it recognition outside of "other tabby & white".

Mastin: Are the next ones all similar? **Wilson:** The next one is actually a standard change where it would add the color description for Silver Tabby & White to the standard.
Mastin: Questions for Carissa? Any comments? Any objections? Motion passes unanimously.

The motion is ratified by unanimous consent.

3 – SHOW RULE (passes)

Votes: 28
50% of Voting: 14

YES: 24

NO: 4

ABSTAIN: 1

3. **PROPOSED:** Add a color class for "Blue Tabby & White":

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Persian Color Class Numbers

CALICO & BI-COLOR DIVISION

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| Red Tabby & White | 1140 | 1141 |
| <i>(classic, mackerel)</i> | | |
| Brown Tabby & White | 1142 | 1143 |
| <i>(classic, mackerel)</i> | | |
| Blue Tabby & White | XXXX | XXXX |
| <i>(classic, mackerel)</i> | | |

Mastin: #3. **Wilson:** Proposal #3 adds a separate color class for Blue Tabby & White.
Mastin: Questions? Comments? Objections? Motion passes unanimously.

The motion is ratified by unanimous consent.

4 - STANDARD CHANGE (passes)

Votes: 28
60% of Voting: 17

YES: 24

NO: 4

ABSTAIN: 1

4. **PROPOSED:** Should Proposal #3 pass, add the color description for Blue Tabby and White to the Standard:

BLUE TABBY AND WHITE (classic, mackerel): a cat of white and colored portions, the colored portions to conform to the currently established blue tabby standard.

RATIONALE: As this color is gaining in popularity, it makes sense to create a new color class to give it recognition outside of “other tabby & white”

Wilson: Proposal #4 adds the color description to the standard. **Mastin:** Questions for Carissa? Discussion? Objections? Seeing no objections, the motion passes unanimously.

The motion is ratified by unanimous consent.

5 – SHOW RULE (passes)

Votes: 28
50% of Voting: 14

YES: 24

NO: 4

ABSTAIN: 1

5. **PROPOSED:** Add a color class for “Cream Tabby & White”:

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and not an official part of the CFA Show Standard.*

Persian Color Class Numbers

CALICO & BI-COLOR DIVISION

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|---|-------------|-------------|
| Red Tabby & White | 1140 | 1141 |
| <i>(classic, mackerel)</i> | | |
| Brown Tabby & White | 1142 | 1143 |
| <i>(classic, mackerel)</i> | | |
| <u>Cream Tabby & White</u> | <u>XXXX</u> | <u>XXXX</u> |
| <i>(classic, mackerel)</i> | | |

Wilson: Proposal #5 adds a color class for Cream Tabby & White. **Mastin:** Questions? Discussion? Objections? Seeing no objections, the motion passes unanimously.

The motion is ratified by unanimous consent.

6 - STANDARD CHANGE (passes)

Votes: 28
60% of Voting: 17

YES: 24

NO: 4

ABSTAIN: 1

6. **PROPOSED:** Should Proposal #5 pass, add the color description for Cream Tabby and White to the Standard:

CREAM TABBY AND WHITE (classic, mackerel): a cat of white and colored portions, the colored portions to conform to the currently established cream tabby standard.

RATIONALE: As this color is gaining in popularity, it makes sense to create a new color class to give it recognition outside of “other tabby & white”

Wilson: Proposal #6 adds the color description for Cream Tabby & White. **Mastin:** Questions? Discussion? Objections? Seeing no objections, the motion passes unanimously.

The motion is ratified by unanimous consent.

7 – SHOW RULE (passes)

Votes: 27
50% of Voting: 14

YES: 24

NO: 3

ABSTAIN: 2

7. **PROPOSED:** Add a color class for “Brown Patched Tabby & White”:

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Persian Color Class Numbers

CALICO & BI-COLOR DIVISION

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| | | |
|---|-------------|-------------|
| Red Tabby & White | 1140 | 1141 |
| <i>(classic, mackerel)</i> | | |
| Brown Tabby & White | 1142 | 1143 |
| <i>(classic, mackerel)</i> | | |
| <u>Brown Patched Tabby & White</u> | <u>XXXX</u> | <u>XXXX</u> |
| <i>(classic, mackerel)</i> | | |

Wilson: Proposal #7 adds a color class for Brown Patched Tabby & White. **Mastin:** Questions? Discussion? Objections? Motion passes unanimously.

The motion is ratified by unanimous consent.

8 - STANDARD CHANGE (passes)

Votes: 27
60% of Voting: 17

YES: 24

NO: 3

ABSTAIN: 2

8. **PROPOSED:** Should Proposal #7 pass, add the color description for Brown Patched Tabby and White to the standard:

BROWN PATCHED TABBY AND WHITE (classic, mackerel): a cat of white and colored portions, the colored portions to conform to the currently established brown patched tabby standard.

RATIONALE: As this color is gaining in popularity, it makes sense to create a new color class to give it recognition outside of “patched tabby & white”.

Wilson: Proposal #8 adds the color description to the standard for Brown Patched Tabby & White. **Mastin:** Questions? Discussion? Objections? Motion passes unanimously.

The motion is ratified by unanimous consent.

9 – SHOW RULE (passes)

Votes: 27
50% of Voting: 14

YES: 22

NO: 5

ABSTAIN: 2

9. **PROPOSED:** Add a color class for “Blue Patched Tabby & White”

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and not an official part of the CFA Show Standard.*

Persian Color Class Numbers

CALICO & BI-COLOR DIVISION

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| | | |
|--|-------------|-------------|
| Red Tabby & White | 1140 | 1141 |
| <i>(classic, mackerel)</i> | | |
| Brown Tabby & White | 1142 | 1143 |
| <i>(classic, mackerel)</i> | | |
| <u>Blue Patched Tabby & White</u> | <u>XXXX</u> | <u>XXXX</u> |
| <i>(classic, mackerel)</i> | | |

Wilson: Proposal #9 adds a separate color class for Blue Patched Tabby & White.

Mastin: Questions? Discussion? Objections? Motion passes unanimously.

The motion is ratified by unanimous consent.

10 - STANDARD CHANGE (passes)

Votes: 27

60% of Voting: 17

YES: 22

NO: 5

ABSTAIN: 2

10. PROPOSED: Should Proposal #9 pass, add the color description for Blue Patched Tabby and White to the Standard.

BLUE PATCHED TABBY AND WHITE (classic, mackerel): a cat of white and colored portions, the colored portions to conform to the currently established blue patched tabby standard.

RATIONALE: As this color is gaining in popularity, it makes sense to create a new color class to give it recognition outside of “patched tabby & white”.

Wilson: Proposal #10 adds the color description for Blue Patched Tabby & White.

Mastin: Questions: Discussion? Objections? Motion passes unanimously.

The motion is ratified by unanimous consent.

PERSIAN – TABBY DIVISION

Breed Council Secretary: Carissa Altschul
Total Members: 23

1 - STANDARD CHANGE (passes)

Votes: 9

60% of Voting: 6

YES: 9

NO: 0

ABSTAIN: 0

1. PROPOSED: Add eye color of “green, hazel” to cream silver tabby eye color description.

CREAM SILVER TABBY (classic, mackerel): ground color off-white. Markings cream. Undercoat white. Lips and chin the same shade as the rings around the eyes. **Nose leather and paw pads:** pink. **Eye color:** green, hazel, or brilliant copper.

RATIONALE: This appears to have been a clerical error the time the color was first introduced, as all other “silver” tabbies have green, hazel, or brilliant copper eye color.

Wilson: The next Persian division that had a ballot was the Tabby Division. Their only proposal, a standard change, proposes adding eye color of *green, hazel* to the Cream Silver Tabby eye color description. This is something that was left out when the color was introduced. All other silver tabbies have green, hazel or brilliant copper eye color, so this adds to the eye color *green, hazel* and then the rest of the eye color description is *or brilliant copper*. **Mastin:** Does anybody have any questions for Carissa? Call for discussion? **Wilson:** Can I ask a question? **Mastin:** Yes, please. **Wilson:** Sorry, I was going to raise my hand but I was going to push my computer over. This was something that Central Office had to go back and have four people vote on this. Votes weren’t counted. It would make a difference in the results, but I was just curious as to whether those folks voted or not, Allene? **Tartaglia:** I don’t know because I don’t usually keep track of that. I’m not sure if they voted or not. **Wilson:** Well, it passed. If they voted no, it wouldn’t make any difference to the results. **Mastin:** Any other comments? Any objections? Motion passes unanimously.

The motion is ratified by unanimous consent.

Wilson: We’re done with Persian. **Mastin:** Carissa, congratulations and thank you for attending. **Altschul:** Thank you very much.

SIBERIAN

Breed Council Secretary: Iris Zinck
Total Members: 18

1 - STANDARD CHANGE (passes)

Votes: 9
60% of Voting: 6

YES: 9

NO: 0

ABSTAIN: 2

1. **PROPOSED:** Add an additional sentence to both the golden tabby and bimetallic color descriptions.

GOLDEN TABBY (classic, mackerel, spotted, ticked) Ground color rich golden. Undercoat pale honey to bright apricot. Markings may range from rich brown to black, affording a good contrast with ground color, and vary in intensity as the cat matures. Cats may have lighter shading around the muzzle, on the chest and undersides, and toes that appear almost white. **Nose leather:** rose, with or without darker outlining. **Paw pads:** black.

And

BIMETALLIC COLORS: a unique expression of the agouti gene that gives the appearance of a silver and gold combination with darker tipping (shaded) or tabby markings in all recognized patterns (shaded, tabby, bi-colors, pointed). All bimetallic cats have a white to off-white undercoat and appear primarily silver with distinct areas of pale gold. Tipping or tabby markings will range from black in the silver areas of the coat to rich brown within the golden areas. Cats may have lighter shading around the muzzle, on the chest and undersides, and toes that appear almost white. Body markings tend to become less prominent with age and a mature tabby may appear shaded; head and facial markings should be the deciding factor. **Nose leather:** pink to rose with no outlining. **Paw pads:** black desirable.

RATIONALE: The added sentence was requested by the Judging Program Committee while we were developing the presentation to explain the bimetallic and golden colors. The lighter shading and paler toes have been found to be associated with the CORIN gene which produces most of our golden tabbies and our bimetallics.

Mastin: We're going to go on to Siberian. Is Iris available? **Wilson:** Yes, Siberian. Iris said she's in rehab for her – **Mastin:** I see her. **Wilson:** She's here? OK, good. The first proposal is to add a sentence to both the Golden Tabby and Bimetallic color descriptions that says, *Cats may have lighter shading around the muzzle, on the chest and undersides, and toes that appear almost white.* To the Bimetallic color, adds the same wording. **Mastin:** OK. Are there any questions for Iris? Iris, do you have any comments? I think she said no. **Zinck:** I have no comments on this one. **Wilson:** OK, thank you Iris. **Mastin:** Are there any objections to the first one? Seeing no objections, the motion passes unanimously.

The motion is ratified by unanimous consent.

2 - STANDARD CHANGE (fails)

Votes: 10
60% of Voting: 6

YES: 5

NO: 5

ABSTAIN: 1

2. PROPOSED: Subdivide the point score for Eyes as indicated below.

HEAD (45)

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Eyes (5)

Shape.....2

Size and Set.....3

RATIONALE: Siberians are an extremely diverse breed shown in many different associations throughout the world, and we believe more than 1/3 of those currently being shown in CFA are imports being shown by new breeders. Because standards vary from one association to another, we find many of the imports have eyes that are more almond than round. We do want to be able to utilize these cats for breeding in order to maintain a high level of genetic diversity and we also want to be able to encourage new breeders. We believe that a cat that meets or exceeds the standard provisions in all other areas should not be overly penalized for eye shape. So, this subdivision is an intention to *de-emphasize* the penalize provision for almond shaped eyes WITHOUT ANY INTENTION OF CHANGING IT OR REMOVING IT. Our intent is to clarify that shape should only be 2 points and that size and set should also be given careful consideration when assessing eyes.

No Action.

Mastin: Annette, let's go back to #2. **Wilson:** #2 actually was not a tie because it requires 60%. Five people voted yes and five people voted no. It subdivided the point score for EYES, separating out the shape and size and set. **Mastin:** Iris, do you still want to make a comment? **Zinck:** Yes. I just want to say that the key point of this proposal was to further refine the 5 points assigned to EYES so as to clarify that there were other aspects to be considered in evaluating the eyes, besides shape. It was prompted by my having heard some of my colleagues refer to almond shaped eyes as a 5 point penalty, so until we can craft verbiage that more breed council members will be totally comfortable with, and I'm going to work on that next year. I would just like to remind everyone that since eye set and size are also important in this breed, it's not quite appropriate to apply the full 5 points on EYES to shape alone. To be continued next year. **Wilson:** Iris, I think the way we handle these things, when you hear some judges or a few judges or some exhibitors saying that judges are making comments like that is, we use the judges' group list to provide some input to them when they are considering the eye shape and set and so on for a specific breed. I would encourage you to write something up for Vicki to share or to have you share on the judges' list. **Zinck:** Will do.

3 - STANDARD CHANGE (passes)

Votes: 11
60% of Voting: 7

YES: 10

NO: 1

ABSTAIN: 0

3. PROPOSED: Modify the description of Eyes as indicated.

EYES: medium to large, almost round, in proportion to the head. The outer corner angled slightly toward the base of the ear. The eyes should be set more than one eye's width apart and should be open, alert and expressive. There is no relationship between eye color and coat/color pattern except in the colorpoints, which have blue eyes. No points are allocated to eye color.

RATIONALE: Given the emphasis on eye shape and size we have been experiencing in the judging ring, there is a feeling among BC members that some breeders are selecting for overly large eyes. We want to remind everyone that eyes should be in proportion to the head and discourage a bug-eyed or Persian look. The closing phrase is additional clarification to the eye subdivision proposed above.

Wilson: The second one failed, so we'll just skip to #3 which is also a standard change, which modifies the description of the Eyes as indicated. Under the EYES section of the standard it adds *in proportion to the head*. So, it reads, *EYES: medium to large, almost round, in proportion to the head*. Then it adds a sentence to the end of that section that says, *No points are allocated to eye color*. **Mastin:** Annette, before we continue, can I finish the first one. **Wilson:** Oh, I'm sorry. **Mastin:** That's OK. [Transcript goes to Proposal #1]

Mastin: Go ahead, Annette. **Wilson:** #3 is modifying the EYE description. **Mastin:** OK, any questions for Iris? Iris, any comments? **Zinck:** I have no comments on this one. I had one thing I wanted to say about the one that failed, because it was a tie, so I hope I have the

opportunity to just say a few words, but no comments on this one. **Mastin:** Alright, we'll go back to that one after we dispose of this one, OK? **Zinck:** OK. **Mastin:** Any comments on #3? Any objections? Seeing no objection, the motion passes unanimously.

The motion is ratified by unanimous consent.

Mastin: Are we finished with the Siberian? **Wilson:** We are. **Mastin:** OK, thank you Iris.

TOYBOB

Breed Council Secretary: Giselle Guerriero
Total Members: 5

1 - STANDARD CHANGE (passes)

Votes: 5
60% of Voting: 3

YES: 5

NO: 0

ABSTAIN: 0

1. **PROPOSED:** Update Muzzle description.

MUZZLE: relatively short, rounded, square-shaped in appearance with gentle contours whisker pads rounding the contour following the wedge line in proportion to the face.

RATIONALE: An update to provide consistency with the breed standard worldwide. Clarifies the shape of the muzzle.

Wilson: Next are the Toybob changes. **Tartaglia:** Gigi is here. **Guerriero:** Hello. Good afternoon. **Mastin:** Hi Gigi. Thank you for attending. **Guerriero:** Thank you. **Wilson:** There were four changes to the Toybob standard. The Toybobs are Provisional currently. All four of them passed their Breed Council. I want to thank Gigi for encouraging a few more people to join the Breed Council. The first proposal revises the MUZZLE description, saying it is *relatively short* and then *square-shaped in appearance with the whisker pads rounding the contour*. It previously said it was *rounded, square-shaped* and we discussed that quite a bit I think even the last time there were standard changes about it's hard to be rounded and square. I think the way they revised this gives a better idea of what they're looking for. So, it's *relatively short*, it is *square-shaped in appearance with the whisker pads rounding the contour*. **Mastin:** OK, does anybody have any questions for Gigi? Gigi, do you have any comments? **Guerriero:** No, not at all, other than to thank Annette for helping us to get this one out.

DelaBar: This actually gives me some very strange images of what I'm looking for in a head. *Relatively short* and *with the whisker pads rounding the contour* on a square-shaped muzzle does not quite really describe what we're looking for in the muzzle description. I'm seeing a dichotomy in the expression here. **Mastin:** Any other comments or questions? Pam, do you have anything further? **DelaBar:** I'm sorry, from my experience with this breed, I don't know how to phrase it better but this as I said does not really make a clear description of what I

want to have in judging these cats. **Mastin:** Any other comments? I'm going to call for the vote on this. If you're in favor raise your hand.

Mastin called the motion. **Motion Carried.** DelaBar, Moser and Noble voting no.

Mastin: Kenny, Russell, Darrell, Marilee, Cathy Dunham, Pauli, Anne, Mike Carol, Rachel, Yukiko, John, Kathy Calhoun. Lower your hand. If you are opposed, raise your hand. Pam DelaBar, Paula, Pam Moser. Lower your hand. If you are an abstention raise your hand. No abstentions. Rachel? **Anger:** Yes, that's 13 yes, 3 no, zero abstentions. **Mastin:** Motion passes.

2 - STANDARD CHANGE (passes)

Votes: 5
60% of Voting: 3

YES: 5

NO: 0

ABSTAIN: 0

2. **PROPOSED:** Update Tail description.

~~Tail~~TAIL: bobbed with kinks and curves in any combination, but also may be almost straight. The tail minimum length is two vertebrae and the maximum length ~~(without stretching)~~ is down to the hock. The bone length measures the tail length and must be gently handled and unstretched. The last bone may ~~gently~~ lightly be felt to be pointed.

RATIONALE: An update to provide consistency with the breed standard worldwide.

Wilson: Proposal #2 is to update the TAIL description. It currently describes the minimum length and the maximum length. Now, we're removing the words *without stretching*, so the minimum length is 2 vertebrae and the maximum length is down to the hock. *The bone length measures the tail length and must be gently handled and unstretched.* So, it's just wording it a little bit differently, enough to give people the idea of stretching it. Then it says, *The last bone may lightly be felt to be pointed.* **DelaBar:** I really like this one. **Mastin:** Any other comments? Any objections? Seeing no objection, the motion passes unanimously.

The motion is ratified by unanimous consent.

3 - STANDARD CHANGE (passes)

Votes: 5
60% of Voting: 3

YES: 5

NO: 0

ABSTAIN: 0

3. **PROPOSED:** Update Musculature and Boning description

~~Musculature and Boning~~ MUSCULATURE and BONING: firm, solid and well developed with clean lines and no bulging appearance. Strong boned, moderately refined and proportional to the body Neither heavy nor delicate.

RATIONALE: An update to title this section in a similar matter to other features.

Wilson: Proposal #3 is to update the MUSCULATURE and BONING description. It rewords the heading just a bit. That's all it does, just changes the order and capitalizes it.

Mastin: Any questions? Discussions? Any objections? Seeing no objections, the motion passes unanimously.

The motion is ratified by unanimous consent.

4 - STANDARD CHANGE (passes)

Votes: 5
60% of Voting: 3

YES: 5

NO: 0

ABSTAIN: 0

4. PROPOSED: Update Disqualification description.

DISQUALIFY: Crossed eyes. Docked tail. Complete absence of tail or tail past the hock (without stretching). Rapid oscillation of eyes. Dominant Blue Eye (DBE) gene: blue eye color in cats other than pointed, solid white, calico, bi-color or van coat patterns. Disproportionately short legs to the cat's overall body balance. Extra toes. Evidence of wild ancestry, including glitter. Undernourished or frail appearance.

RATIONALE: An update to provide consistency with the breed standard worldwide by clarifying a feature of possible wild ancestry.

Wilson: Proposal #4 updates the Disqualification description. Towards the end it says *Evidence of wild ancestry*, and that has always been a question about, well what do you mean? Things curling up or something, I don't know, so what they added was, *including glitter*, so if the coat color is glittered, that would be an example of evidence of wild ancestry. **Mastin:** Questions? Discussion? **Newkirk:** Was [Millwood] Tory of Delhi a wild cat or a housecat? That's where the glitter gene came from. **Mastin:** Does anybody have that answer? Gigi? **[Secretary's Note:** Millwood Tory of Delhi was a spotted male imported from India in 1982 in a crate marked "said to be a domestic cat".] **Guerriero:** I know the glitter is debated, whether it came from the Asian Leopard or if it came from an Indian domestic, but we still consider it a Bengal trait or Toyger trait and we don't want it in our breed. We are trying to get ahead of things because we have already seen in Russia the rosetted Oriental Shorthairs. In Turkey there's charcoal British Shorthairs and this is something we are very adamant about, not wanting in our breed. That's basically it, so we just want to make sure we are very descriptive. **Mastin:** Any other questions? Any comments? Any objections? Seeing no objection, the motion passes unanimously.

The motion is ratified by unanimous consent.

Mastin: Gigi, thank you for attending and congratulations. **Wilson:** We don't want to get rid of Gigi quite yet. If it's OK, I would like to go to the Toybob request for advancement next.

TURKISH ANGORA

Breed Council Secretary: Alene Shafnisky-Beil
Total Members: 12

1 - STANDARD CHANGE (fails)

Votes: 9
60% of Voting: 6

YES: 4

NO: 5

ABSTAIN: 0

1. **PROPOSED:** Change Muzzle and Penalize as follows:

MUZZLE: a continuation of the smooth, flowing and angular lines of the wedge with neither pronounced whisker pad nor pinch.

PENALIZE: extremes such as obviously oversized, coarse appearance, with a broad chest or hips, or verging on miniaturization. Noticeable and palpable curvature in profile. (Kittens may have a growth bump on the forehead or end of nose without penalty.) Change of direction between the muzzle and the lower cheekbones under the eye or at the side of the face (true whisker pinch).

RATIONALE: While our intention is to have a smooth wedge, I have been asked for a more detailed description in order to delineate what is a “whisker pinch.” Using the definition of whisker pinch as a Penalize is therefore appropriate, with more descriptive language under Muzzle to define what it means for us to have a truly smooth wedge.

No Action.

21. **UNFINISHED BUSINESS.**

Mastin: Rachel, do we have any Unfinished Business? **Anger:** No Unfinished Business.

22. **OTHER COMMITTEES.**

None.

Mastin: Do we have anything from Other Committees? **Anger:** Nothing for Other Committees.

23. OLD BUSINESS/NEW BUSINESS.

Mastin: How about Old Business? **Anger:** We did have something to discuss in executive session, because the motion that's in the Ratification of Online Motions was moved to executive session. **Mastin:** OK. Do we have any other business, Rachel? **Anger:** None for open session. **Mastin:** Does anybody else have any? **Moser:** I just wanted clarification. I thought that I had to bring up my reconsider in open session. Is that correct? **Mastin:** I don't believe so. Ed Raymond, the original conversation on what Pam is referring to was all done in closed session at the October board meeting, I believe it was. **Raymond:** Pam, I emailed you yesterday. It can be in closed session, given the subject matter. **Moser:** OK, I'm sorry. I didn't see the email back. **Mastin:** Does anybody else have any other business matters? OK, it is 4:08. I just want to do a reminder before we adjourn. When we adjourn, we're going to take a 10 minute break. **DelaBar:** I need a corrected copy or some real copy of the judges for the International. **Tartaglia:** I'll get that to you, Pam. I just haven't had a chance, with all this going on. **DelaBar:** I've got 8 pages of notes. **Raymond:** I can email it to you right now if you need me to. **Mastin:** Just a reminder, we will take a 10 minute break from the time we adjourn, and then we're going to go into executive session for today's scheduled executive session. I want to thank everyone for attending. The meeting is adjourned.

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The Saturday open session meeting adjourned at 4:10 p.m. Eastern Standard Time.

The Saturday executive session meeting adjourned at 6:26 p.m. Eastern Standard Time.

Respectfully submitted,
Rachel Anger, Secretary
The Cat Fanciers' Association, Inc.

Secretary's Note: The Officers and Board of Directors of the Cat Fanciers' Association, Inc. met on Sunday, February 4, 2024, via Zoom video conference. **President Richard Mastin** called the video conference meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. Eastern Time for the regularly scheduled Quarterly Video Conference. A roll call by **Secretary Rachel Anger** found the following members to be present:

Mr. Richard Mastin (President)
Mr. Russell Webb (Vice-President/Region 1 Board Liaison)
Ms. Rachel Anger (Secretary)
Ms. Kathy Calhoun (Treasurer)
Vacant (NAR Director)
Mrs. Pam Moser (NWR Director)
Ms. Paula Noble (GSR Director)
Mr. John Colilla (GLR Director)
Mr. Michael Shelton (SWR Director)
Mrs. Cathy Dunham (MWR Director)
Mr. Kenny Currle (SOR Director)
Ms. Yukiko Hayata (Japan Regional Director)
Ms. Pam DelaBar (Europe Regional Director)
Dr. Marilee Griswold (Director-at-Large)
Mr. Pauli Huhtaniemi (Director-at-Large)
Mrs. Carol Krzanowski (Director-at-Large)
Mrs. Anne Mathis (Director-at-Large)
Mr. Darrell Newkirk (Director-at-Large)

Also Present:

Edward L. Raymond, Jr., Esq., CFA Legal Counsel
Allene Tartaglia, Executive Director
James Simbro, IT Systems Analyst
Matthew Wong, ID Representative

Absent:

Eva Chen, ID-China Representative

Secretary's Note: For the ease of the reader, some items were discussed at different times but were included with their particular agenda.

Mastin: OK, Madame Secretary, would you please do the roll call? **Anger:** I will, thank you. [**Secretary's Note:** Secretary Rachel Anger called the roll, as reflected above.] We have everyone present for the meeting and I will turn it back to you, Mr. President. **Mastin:** Thank you Rachel. The meeting is now called to order. Hello everyone, and welcome to the CFA February 4, 2024 Board of Directors meeting.

CFA EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING

AGENDA

February 4, 2024

All times are in Eastern Standard Time

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 4, 2024

8:00 a.m.

Continue Breeds and Standards (if necessary)

Wilson

Mastin: Before we go to our first agenda item, let's approve the Orders of the Day. Do we have any adjustments or additions? Seeing no adjustments or additions, may I have a motion to approve? **Newkirk:** So moved. **Currle:** Kenny seconds. **Mastin:** OK, Darrell and Kenny, thank you. Any objections? Seeing no objections, the motion passes unanimously, thank you. **Newkirk:** Can we put them up on the screen? **Tartaglia:** Which Orders of the Day? **Newkirk:** The agenda. **Krzanowski:** Executive session, so it wouldn't go on the screen. **Tartaglia:** It's only Breeds and Standards. **Mastin:** OK, so we're going to go right into Breeds and Standards. [Transcript goes to Khao Manee discussion]

The Orders of the Day were accepted without objection and became the Orders of Business.

Mastin: Rachel, do we have anything else for open session? **Anger:** I do not have any notes for open session material to be dealt with. **Mastin:** OK then, we're going to adjourn the meeting. I'll thank everyone for attending.

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The Sunday open session meeting adjourned at 8:36 a.m. Eastern Standard Time.

The Sunday executive session meeting adjourned at 2:25 p.m. Eastern Standard Time.

Respectfully submitted,
Rachel Anger, Secretary
The Cat Fanciers' Association, Inc.

24. DISCIPLINARY HEARINGS AND SUSPENSIONS.

Disciplinary Hearings And Suspensions: Cases that have been reviewed by the Protest Committee and for which a recommendation was presented to the Board. The following case was heard, a tentative decision was rendered, timely notice was given to the parties, and no appeal and/or appeal fee was filed. Therefore, final disposition is as follows:

None

Appeals: Cases that have been reviewed by the Protest Committee and for which a recommendation was presented to and heard by the Board, a tentative decision was rendered, timely notice was given to the party, an appeal and/or appeal fee was timely filed, and the appeal was heard by the Board of Directors. Therefore, final disposition is as follows:

None

Board-Cited Hearing: The Board may consider any protest filed by any member of a member club or in any other manner brought to the attention of the Executive Board. The Board may delegate authority to one or more persons to review, investigate, and determine if probable cause exists for the filing of a formal protest. This case was heard on direct cite by the CFA Executive Board. Timely notice was given to the parties, and the matter was heard. Final disposition is as follows:

None

Related Board Actions: Upon motion duly made, seconded and unanimously carried, the following Related Board Actions were unanimously approved:

1. Matter 24-004: CFA shall void the registration of litter F4211417. In addition, the registration of all cats, kittens and litters registered from that litter, or any descendants of those cats, shall be re-registered as not for breeding, and flagged as not for showing.

2. Matter 24-005: CFA shall void the registration of litter F4320754. In addition, the registration of all cats, kittens and litters registered from that litter, or any descendants of those cats, shall be re-registered as not for breeding, and flagged as not for showing.