

# THE INTERNATIONAL CAT ASSOCIATION, INC.

2005 Annual Board Meeting  
Syracuse, New York  
August 31-September 2, 2005

The meeting was called to order at 8:18 AM on August 31, 2005 in the Cotillion Room of the Holiday Inn, Liverpool in Syracuse, New York. Ralph Stadter was welcomed as Interim Regional Director, Northern Europe. The following Board Members were present:

Kay DeVilbiss - President  
Dewane Barnes - Vice President  
Motoko Oizumi - Director, Asia  
Jamie Christian - Director, Great Lakes  
Tracey McCullough - Director, Great Plains  
Louise VanDeWater - Director, Northeast  
Ralph Stadter - Interim Director, Northern Europe  
Ellen Crockett - Director, Northwest  
Lisa Dickie - Director, Mid Atlantic  
Pamela Barrett - Director, Mid Pacific  
Don Caruthers - Director, South Central  
Jo Parris - Director, Southeast  
Genevieve Basquine - Director, Southern Europe  
Vickie Fisher - Director, Southwest  
Laurie Schiff - Legal Advisor  
Frances Young - Legal Advisor

Lisa Dickie, Regional Director, Mid Atlantic was absent due to work duties.

1. Unanimous consent that Michiko Dodge, Nancy Parkinson, Laurie Schiff, Frances Young, and Bobbie Tullo be allowed to remain in Executive Session. Without objection.

33. Motion was made by Caruthers and seconded by Fisher to authorize a \$5,000 stipend to Laurie Schiff as appointed Legal Advisor to the Board of Directors. Motion carried unanimously.

34. Unanimous consent to add the Judging Committees to the appropriate place in the preface to the Judging Program. Without objection.

35. Unanimous consent to accept the minutes as corrected below:

MINUTES - 2005 Semi-Annual Meeting, Harlingen, Texas

## Corrections:

109. Unanimous consent to appoint Ellen Crockett **as Board Liaison** to the Savannah Working Breed Group. Without objection.

Motion 50 was made by Caruthers and seconded by Barnes to advance Vickie Jo Harrison to Ring and School Instructor. **Motion Carried.**

Unanimous consent 158 was to create a committee to coordinate activities of the TIFS Junior Achievers. (See Addendum.) Without objection. The President appointed Shirley Little as chair with the following members: Cassie **Hale**, Diane Finch-Smith, Denis Ragnizzio, Tanya Carey, and Margaret Karpen.

Motion 167 was made by Barnes and seconded by Vlach to add to the Standing Rules **203.9.1.1:** The following breeds with a non-domestic ancestor no closer in relation than a great-grandparent may be shown in the **Preliminary New Breed** and **Advanced New Breed** classes: 203.9.1.1.1 Chausie.

203.9.1.1.2 Savannah. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion 170 was made by Barnes and seconded by Vlach that ~~Show~~ **Standing Rule 203.9.1 be amended to read: In the event that any cat, in any class, contains a Theoretical Wild Gene percentage (TWiG) of greater than twenty-five percent (25%), it shall be the obligation of the exhibitor to disclose the TWiG of that cat and obtain the informed consent of the judge to handle the cat. The appropriate form must be completed and presented to each judge prior to that cat being handled by the judge. A judge may agree to handle the cat, or choose to allow the owner or agent to handle the cat. By entering a cat with a TWiG of greater than twenty-five percent in a TICA show, the exhibitor of that cat specifically agrees to indemnify and hold TICA and the hosting club and show committee harmless from any damages that results from the entry of that cat in a TICA show. It is the responsibility of each exhibitor of a cat with any wild genes to ascertain the TWiG of that cat. Irrespective of the TWiG of the cat, if any TWiG is present and if an exhibitor fails to either ascertain the TWiG of a cat, or disclose the TWiG as required, the exhibitor shall indemnify and hold TICA and the hosting club and show committee harmless from any damages that result from the entry of that cat in a TICA show in addition to any other actions that may be taken pursuant to these rules. The TWiG of a cat is calculated by adding the TWiG of the sire and the dam of a cat, a domestic cat having a TWiG of zero percent and wildcat having a TWiG of 100 percent, and dividing the total by two.** Motion carried with Barrett, Dickie, McCullough and Gonyea opposed and Christian abstaining. Barrett was opposed because if we have concerns over high percentage wild blood because of TICA liability then we should protect ourselves by prohibiting these cats in our shows instead of finding ways to allow them to be shown. Gonyea was opposed because she felt the genetics committee, the Bengal Breed Section and Leslie Lyons should be consulted before a decision was made.

Motion was made by Barrett and seconded by Barnes that in the case of duplicate cattery names from Great Britain, **GB** would be placed before the name of the **cattery**. Motion carried with Crockett and McCullough opposed and Christian abstaining."

#### **Referred to the Annual**

Motion 68 was made by Christian and seconded by Barnes to appoint a committee to do a study of the costs of the travel for Regional Directors for the next six upcoming meetings. Motion carried with Basquine and Vlach opposed. Basquine was opposed because the committee does not exist.

Motion 70 was made by Crockett and seconded by Barrett to table the Guidelines for Writing a TICA Standard to the 2005 Annual Meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

Unanimous consent 130 was to table all remaining Show Rule and By-Law changes and accompanying Standing Rules to the 2005 Annual Meeting. Without objection.

Motion 136 was made by Fisher and seconded by Caruthers to request that the Board receive a Strategic Plan for the Implementation of Ebiz at the 2005 Annual Meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

#### **Additions:**

The President appointed Vickie Fisher, Kurt Vlach and Lisa Dickie to a Budget Ad Hoc Committee for updating the 2005-06 Budget.

The President appointed Basquine, Crockett, and Barrett to the Catalog of the Year Committee.

The President appointed a Governance Committee of Stadter, Fisher as Chair, and Christian.

36. Motion was made by Parris and seconded by Barrett to appoint Ralph Stadter as Interim Regional Director for Northern Europe. Motion carried unanimously.

37. Motion was made by Barnes and seconded by Caruthers to communicate with South America to submit a plan for their region by the 2006 Semi-Annual Meeting.

38. Unanimous consent to table Motion 37. Without objection.

39. Motion was made by Barnes and seconded by Fisher to accept the FY05-06 Budget. Motion carried unanimously.
40. Unanimous consent to appoint a permanent Finance Committee of Vickie Fisher, Chair, and Lisa Dickie. Without objection.
41. Unanimous consent to send an article to the TICA TREND concerning the new ballot CPA. Without objection.
42. Unanimous consent to allow the TICA Rescue Group to use the TICA logo on their material. Denied.  
\*DENIED\*
43. Motion was made by Caruthers and seconded by Vandewater that the TICA Rescue Group be allowed to use the TICA logo. Motion carried unanimously.
44. Motion was made by Caruthers and seconded by Crockett to amend the newly approved FY2005-2006 Budget to increase the TICA Rescue Group budget by \$1,000. Motion carried unanimously.
45. Withdrawn.
46. Withdrawn.
49. Unanimous consent that the Board adopt the following directive and send it to Carlos Arrieta, Alberto Leal, Luis Paul Faccioli and Carlos Lopez. "Sixty days prior to the 2006 Semi-Annual Meeting, the South America Region shall submit a 3-year plan for sustained growth so that that region shall become and continue to be a viable TICA region. The plan shall include goals for the region including numbers of members, numbers of shows and registrations and related income, which will be increased and maintained over the three year period, and how those goals will be achieved. The plan shall include a commitment of the Regional Director to attend board meetings over those 3 years. The plan will also include self-sustaining shows, which will include payment of travel expenses and fees for judges. If the plan is not received and approved, and the goals met pursuant to the timeline in the plan, the South America region will revert to Associate Region status, and the Regional Director will revert to Associate Director status."
50. Motion was made by Caruthers and seconded by McCullough to amend the recently approved budget to include \$1,000 for TICA Feline Welfare Committee. Motion carried unanimously.
- The President appointed Ralph Stadter as the Chair, E-Biz Committee.
51. Unanimous consent to table the Entry Clerk Program to the 2006 Semi-Annual Meeting. Without objection.
52. Motion was made by Barrett and seconded by Fisher to pay the Alternative Webmaster, Elektra Hammond, \$2,500 for her past year's work on the website. Motion carried unanimously.
53. Motion was made by Barrett and seconded by Barnes to appoint Ralph Stadter as Interim Webmaster. Motion carried unanimously.

54. Unanimous consent to put the TICA Webmaster position out for bid with a deadline NO LATER THAN 60 days prior to the 2006 Semi-Annual Meeting. Without objection.

INSTRUCTIONS: Place the notice of the job in the TICA TREND and on the website. The Computer Committee and Finance Committee will be screening the applications. Resumes to be furnished to David Thomas, Chair of Computer Committee.

55. Unanimous consent to add a field to our Registration Program which will allow for identifying the microchip number and the tattoo number on the registration certificate. Without objection.

56. Motion was made by Crockett and seconded by Barnes that the hotel rooms for the Directors shall be paid for up to 5 nights. Motion carried unanimously.

57. Motion was made by Stadter and seconded by Fisher that for cat names which contain a cattery name which is not registered with TICA or is registered to a different person in TICA, a slash and a two letter association code will be added to the end of the cat's name. Motion carried with Barnes, Crockett, Parris, and Vandewater opposed and Oizumi abstaining.

58. Unanimous consent to table this motion. Without objection.

59. Unanimous consent to untable motion 57. Without objection.

60. Unanimous consent to charge \$50 per link to the TICA website. Denied  
\*DENIED\*

61. Motion was made by Parris and seconded by Fisher to charge \$50 per link to the TICA Website per year. Motion denied with Barnes, Basquine, Caruthers and Parris in favor.  
\*DENIED\*

62. Motion was made by Fisher and seconded by Crockett to charge \$25 per link per year to the TICA Website. Motion carried with Parris opposed because the amount was too low.

63. Unanimous consent to add Sweden, Norway, and Iceland to the Isolated Area List. Without objection.

64. Unanimous consent to take no action on Standing Rules 1011.3.2 and 1011.33.2.1. Without objection.

1011.3.2 Air Travel at the lowest possible fare and hotel room rate plus tax for the nights required for the meeting shall be paid to those appointed officials whose attendance is required by the Board for Board meetings. If the official is judging the show held in connection with the meeting, *expenses shall be shared as set forth in Standing Rule 1011.3.2.1 and consequently has paid airfare, this shall relieve TICA of this responsibility.* If the official chooses to stay with a friend, or make guest arrangements other than the hotel, this shall relieve TICA of this responsibility for the nights on which no hotel accommodations are required.

1011.3.2.1 A club that hosts a show in connection with any meeting of the Board of Directors, and that invites any of those officials to judge the show, will only be required to pay one-half of the official's airfare or transportation. The balance will be paid pursuant to By-Laws 111.1, 111.1.3 and 111.3. Pursuant to its guidelines, TICA may also pay lodging and meal expenses of that official through the last day of the meeting or through Saturday night for the Annual Meeting.

1011.3.2.1.1 Clubs wishing to contract judges pursuant to this rule should take into consideration any upcoming election; expenses will only be shared for officials holding office at the time of the show.

65. Motion was made by Fisher and seconded by McCullough to deny action on the revision of By-Laws 111.1.3.1 and 111.1.3.2. Motion carried with Caruthers opposed and Barnes in favor because the article amounts to nothing more than a suggestion (which has no place in the By-Laws) to pay an undetermined amount for travel expenses and Barrett in favor because Regional Director's do not have the business tools/reports necessary to improve business at this time.

~~111.1.3.1 The President and Vice President and Directors shall be reimbursed reasonable travel expenses to attend any meeting of the Board of Directors or any other meeting as necessary, the Annual Convention and may be reimbursed reasonable expenses incurred in attending any Board of Directors or membership meeting if funds are available. Directors' travel expenses shall be reimbursed firstly from the Regions' escrow account.~~

~~111.1.3.2 A portion of the fee for the registration of each cat may be allocated for the reimbursement of the reasonable travel expenses of the Regional Director of the region in which that cat was registered to attend any meeting of the Board of Directors.~~

**RATIONALE:** As TICA grows, it behooves the association to allow its Directors to expend their energies on the business of TICA, rather than fundraising simply to cover their expenses. Allows for the payment of travel expenses for the Regional Directors, however, does not place the "burden" of such expense directly on the membership as in prior rule, but more fairly allows for greater reimbursement to directors with more activity in their region.

**\*DENIED\***

66. Motion was made by Stadter and seconded by Barnes to delete By-Laws 13.3.2. Motion carried unanimously.

~~Delete: 13.3.2 A portion of each member's dues may be placed in escrow for the account of the Region wherein the member resides to be drawn upon to defray the reasonable expenses of the Director of the Region or for any other purpose benefitting the Region and approved by the Board of Directors.~~

**RATIONALE:** The escrow account procedure has never been used. Proposed Bylaw 111.1.3.2 replaces this bylaw as relating to regional expenses.

**>>>>Membership Ballot<<<<<**

67. Motion was made by McCullough and seconded by Fisher to accept the amendment to the By-Laws 17.4 Duties of the Breed Committees. Motion carried unanimously.

17.4 Duties of the Breed Committees. It is the duty of the Breed Committee to represent the Breed/Breed Group Section members on any proposed Breed Standard change, amendment or deletion, submitted by any bona fide voting members of the Breed/Breed Group Section. Any proposal submitted to the Breed Committee must be approved by a majority vote of the Committee prior to the Breed Committee Chairperson forwarding the proposal to the Genetics and Rules Committees for review and approval. It is the responsibility of the Breed Committee Chairperson to forward any approved proposal to the aforementioned Committees within five days of approval by the Breed Committee and to return any proposal not approved by the Committee to the person or persons originally submitting the proposal. Individual Breed Committee members may attach comments to any breed proposal submitted to the aforesaid committees or individuals. Upon approval of the Genetics and Rules Committees, the proposal must be forwarded to the Executive Office for balloting of the Breed/Breed Group Section in accordance with 118.2.

**RATIONALE:** Restores the authority of the duly elected Breed Committee to determine acceptable changes to the standards. Allows for agreement between the Breed Committee, and the Rules and the Genetics committees, as well as the Breed Section members, prior to proposed standards revisions being presented to the Board.

**>>>>Membership Ballot<<<<<**

68. Unanimous consent to approve the amendments to By-Laws 123.1.9 and 123.1.10. Without objection.

123.1.9 Distinguished Judge. An honorary title of Distinguished Judge which may be granted to any judge with 25 or more years of judging experience, ~~of which at least 20 years must be~~ as a licensed TICA judge. To retain the title of Distinguished Judge, the judge MUST lead a judges' conference or breed seminar, or conduct a judging school or genetics seminar (if qualified) at least once every 2 years. A Distinguished Judge is exempt from other CEU requirements and license fees; however, they must complete the refresher test and record form.

123.1.10 Judge of Merit. An honorary title of Judge of Merit which may be granted to any judge with at least 20 years of judging experience, ~~of which at least 15 years must be~~ as a licensed TICA judge. Judges of Merit shall meet all requirements for relicensing, including license fees, refresher test, record form and CEU requirements; Judges of Merit are encouraged to lead a Judges' Conference or Breed Seminar, or conduct a Judging School or Genetics Seminar (if qualified), and if they do so, no further CEU's shall be required for that year.

**RATIONALE:** TICA no longer grants the title of DJ or JM for time judging for another association.

**>>>>Membership Ballot<<<<<**

69. Motion was made by Crockett and seconded by Barnes to accept the amendments to Show Rules 22.3.1. Motion denied with Caruthers and Crockett in favor.

22.3.1 The maximum number of entries a club may accept is limited as follows:

22.3.1.1 Alternative Format -

125 entries, *when the judges are the same for the morning and afternoon sessions on the same day.*

150 entries *when the judges in the morning are different from the judges in the afternoon on the same day*

(See Show Rule 21.16.)

**RATIONALE:** When the judges for the morning session are not the same as the judges for the afternoon session of an Alternative Format show, there is no need to limit the entries to 125. However, to keep the hours of the show reasonable, there does need to be a limit to the number of cats entered.

**\*DENIED\***

70. Unanimous consent to approve amendment of Show Rule 22.6.1. Without objection.

22.6.1 Liability insurance shall be procured by the [Board of Directors of TICA] Association. Each club submitting an application for a show license will be required to purchase a pro rata share for this liability insurance coverage.

22.6.1.1 *Exception shall be made for clubs holding shows in areas outside the TICA liability coverage area or where local laws require other insurance coverage. All such liability coverage must name TICA as an additional insured and meet TICA liability insurance requirements.*

22.6.1.2 *A Certificate of Insurance must be provided to TICA no later than 30 days prior to the start of the show.*

202.6.1 Insurance. An individual participating club's share of the liability insurance fees will be based on [TICA's] the premium, prorated on the number of clubs which applied for a show license *and insurance* the previous show calendar year. Insurance covering the Club and the Association will be included in the application fee and will be in addition to coverage obtained by a show production company, if any. [~~Exception shall be made only for clubs in states where state laws require other type coverage.~~]

**RATIONALE:** To bring Show Rules into compliance with procedure. Current insurance coverage does not extend to clubs outside the United States.

**>>>>Membership Ballot<<<<<**

71. Motion was made by Crockett and seconded by Christian to deny the amendment to Show Rule 23.8.1 Eligibility of Kittens. Motion carried with Barrett opposed.

23.8.1 No kitten under the age of 3 months shall be permitted in the show hall *or any other area under the control of the show committee [and] where the kitten might be viewed by the general public.*

**RATIONALE:** The intent of this rule is to prohibit the endangerment of underage and under-vaccinated kittens in the area of a show hall.

**\*DENIED\***

72. Motion was made was made by Crockett and seconded by Barnes to deny amendment to Show Rules 25.3 and related Standing Rules Non-Vetted Shows . Motion carried unanimously.

25.3 Non-Vetted Shows. Any exhibitor, judge or show committee member suspecting any cat of having fungus, fleas, ear mites or any infectious or contagious illness ~~may~~ *must* report same to the show manager. (See Standing Rules 205.3)

205.3.4.1 ~~In the event a disqualified cat is subsequently selected for a final award based on the decision of a judge, the show manager has the authority to officially excuse the entry from being presented in order to receive the award. If a cat is disqualified, it may not subsequently receive any awards.~~

**\*DENIED\***

73. Unanimous consent to accept the amendment to Show Rule 214.2 Judges Reimbursement. Without objection.

214.2 The club shall reimburse ~~each judge for~~ reasonable expenses *incurred*, including transportation, lodging and ~~subsistence~~ *meals* in accordance with the "Agreement to Judge TICA Cat Show" (i.e., the official TICA Judge's Contract).

**RATIONALE:** It needs to be perfectly clear that a judge is not entitled to reimbursement for expenses not incurred. For instance, when two judges drive together to a show, both are not entitled to full mileage reimbursement. They may each claim half of the total mileage or the owner/driver of the vehicle may claim the full amount.

**>>>>Membership Ballot<<<<<**

74. Unanimous consent to table the Registration Rules proposals until tomorrow. Without objection.

75. Unanimous consent to strike the optional wording in the Judging Program 42.2.4. Denied.

\*DENIED\*

76. Motion was made by Parris and seconded by Stadter to strike the optional wording in 42.2.4 in the Judging Program. Motion carried with Basquine, Fisher, and McCullough opposed.

**RATIONALE:** There are many areas of confusion the way the program is currently written. This is an attempt to clarify and better define the requirements.

42.1 Names of applicants MUST be published in two issues of the TREND. *Notices must be sent to the Judging Administrator and received by April 25<sup>th</sup> for application at the Annual and by September 25<sup>th</sup> for the Semi-Annual. Notices must be sent to the Judging Administrator.* The **Judging Administrator** will then place the notices in the TREND. TICA members shall be invited to send comments, favorable and/or unfavorable, to the Judging Administrator/Designee and to the applicant's Regional Director.

42.1.1 At the time of sending notice of intent to the Judging Administrator, an applicant to the judging Program must send a photograph to the TICA TREND Editor for publication with the notice in at least one issue of the TREND prior to the Board meeting at which the applicant is being considered.

42.2 General Requirements. Applicants must meet the following requirements: ~~The Board of Directors may require additional work. The applicant must:~~ NOTE: This wording appears later in the article.

42.2.1 Be 21 years of age or older.

42.2.2 Be a member of TICA in good standing.

42.2.2.1 (42.2.6) ~~A trainee must~~ Be a TICA member for a minimum of four (4) years prior to the effective date of a TICA Probationary Specialty Judging License.

42.2.3 Have a TICA registered cattery.

42.2.4 Be a working member of an active TICA club which hosts TICA shows in resident region. *[Optional Wording: ...in the region nearest the trainee's home]* NOTE: Example - It makes no sense for someone who lives in Las Cruces NM (SW) not to be able to be a member of a club in El Paso TX (SC) and have that be their primary club.

42.2.5 (42.2.7) Be a licensed TICA Head Ring Clerk and a licensed TICA Master Clerk.

42.2.51 Must have served as a Head Ring Clerk in at least ten TICA shows

42.2.52 Must have served as Master Clerk in at least five TICA shows.

42.2.6 (42.2.8) Have an Approved Allbreed Judge as sponsor.

42.2.7 (42.2.9) Have attended *one TICA judging school, one breed seminar and one TICA genetics seminar within one year prior to application.*

42.2.8 Have actively served at least two times as a TICA show manager (may be "co-show manager" only once)

42.2.9 Have served two times as a TICA entry clerk. (Additional activity is encouraged.)

42.2.10 Be familiar with and agree to abide by the TICA By-Laws, TICA Show Rules, TICA Registration Rules and TICA Standards.

42.3 (42.2.5) Breeding and/or Showing Requirements.

42.3.1 For Breeders Prior to being granted a Probationary Specialty License *the applicant must:*

- have been breeding cats for at least 5 years;
- have bred a minimum of five TICA registered litters;
- have shown in at least 25 TICA shows (back-to-back shows will be considered as one show)
- have bred ~~and/or acquired as a kitten (5 months of age or younger)~~ and shown to TICA Grand Champion status a minimum of two whole cats in the applicant's primary breed specialty, one of which must have received a Regional Win in the Top 20 Cats.
- have bred or acquired as a kitten 5 months of age or younger and shown to TICA Supreme Grand Champion one whole cat (may be primary specialty or opposite coat length & body type)
- have bred or acquired as a kitten (5 months of age or younger) and shown to TICA Grand Champion one cat of opposite coat length & body type (may be an alter). The cat of opposite coat length & body type must be owned or leased by the applicant and **must reside with the applicant.**

42.3.2 For Non-Breeders Prior to being granted a Probationary Specialty License *the applicant must:*

- have been actively showing cats in TICA for a minimum of 5 years;
- have acquired *all qualifying* cats at 5 months of age or younger;
- have shown a minimum of five cats from both longhair and shorthair breeds to TICA Grand Champion or Grand Champion Alter status with no fewer than three from one coat length & body type;
  - ▶ three of the five Grand Champions or Grand Champion Alters must achieve the title of Supreme Grand Champion or Supreme Grand Champion Alter
  - ▶ one of the Supreme Grand Champions or Supreme Grand Champion Alters must be a different coat length and body type from the primary coat length & body type.

- have achieved a minimum of three Regional Wins in the Top 10 Cats or Alters
  - one Regional Winner must be in the opposite coat length & body type from the primary coat length & body type
- have shown in 25 TICA shows (back-to-back shows will be considered one show).

42.4 Consideration may be given for Regional and International Top 20 wins, to include kitten, cat, alter and household pet awards. However, all requirements in 42.2 and 42.3 must be met.

42.5 Applicant must submit a \$40 dollar application fee to the TICA Executive Office, and an official Application to the Judging Program to the Judging Administrator/Designee, together with:

- 42.5.1 A personal resume.
- 42.5.2 Letter of recommendation from the club in region of residence, in which the applicant is an active member.
- 42.5.3 Copy of Head Ring Clerk and Master Clerk License.
- 42.5.4 A letter of sponsorship from one TICA Approved Allbreed Judge who *must* review the applicant's complete packet and sign where indicated on the check-off list that the application has met all requirements.
- 42.5.5 A recent professional 4x6 color photograph.
- 42.5.6 Documentation verifying fulfillment of all requirements as listed above.

42.6 *When the applicant has an Allbreed Sponsor and up to one year prior to the anticipated date of application, the applicant may request a comprehensive written open book examination covering TICA By-Laws, Show Rules, Breed Standards, Ethics and the cat fancy, in general. The applicant must score 95 percent or higher on the examination, and all questions missed must be answered correctly. If the applicant fails to complete the examination within the time allowed, application may not be resubmitted for six(6) months.*

42.6.1 Application and examination must be received NO LATER THAN May 15<sup>th</sup> for application at the Annual or November 15<sup>th</sup> for application at the Semi-Annual.

42.7 Upon successful completion of the examination, the Judging Administrator *will* submit the applicant's name for consideration by the Board for acceptance into the TICA Judging Program.

42.7.1 The Board of Directors *will* consider the applicant's knowledge, ability and experience in breeding, showing, clerking, show management, and club activity. The Board *will* also consider the applicant's personal appearance, deportment, attitude and any other factors it deems appropriate. The Board may approve the applicant upon any appropriate terms or conditions, deny the applicant or require additional work.

42.7.2 *If the applicant is denied admission to the Judging Program, s/he may not reapply for one year.*

42.8 Upon acceptance by the Board of Directors, the applicant ~~shall be granted permission to begin ring training~~ *must send a recent professional color photograph, no smaller than 4" x 6" (10cm x 15 cm), to the Yearbook Editor.*

### \*\*\*\*\* Judging Program\*\*\*\*\*

77. Motion was made by Fisher and seconded by Crockett to approve the Judging Program , Article 3 as amended. Motion carried unanimously.

43.1 The applicant may ~~apply to the Judging Administrator/Designee for advancement~~ to begin ring training when the following requirements have been met:

- 43.1.1 All requirements set forth by the Board of Directors and the Judging Administrator/Designee.
- 43.1.2 Paid a \$15 processing fee to the Executive Office.
- 43.1.3 Received permission from the Judging Administrator/ Designee to proceed with ring training.

43.2 (43.6) Trainee Responsibilities. *A 15 months training period is required before a trainee can apply for a Probationary Specialty License. The trainee must be actively involved in writing breed critiques, attending schools, conferences and seminars, clerking, ring training, solo training, and sending the required monthly reports to the Trainee Coordinator outlining all activity for each month.*

43.2.1 *During the training period the trainee must attend one of each of the following:*

- TICA Judging School
- TICA Judges Conference
- TICA Breed Seminar
- TICA Genetics Seminar

43.2.2 *During the training period, the trainee may:*

- *Show a cat through the use of an agent only until all training sessions for the weekend are complete*
- *Write breed critiques and breed comparisons in the benching area of the show hall, NOT in proximity to the judging rings*
- *Be in the show hall prior to training or doing solos, but may not be in proximity to the judging rings EXCEPT during the training/solo sessions*
- *Have NO access to the show catalog until all training is complete for the weekend.*
- *Send the Judging Administrator/Designee a statement commenting on the type and quality of training received from any instructor.*

~~43.2 Should the applicant fail to meet all requirements for acceptance as a trainee, s/he may be dropped from the Judging Program and may reapply at the next scheduled meeting of the Board. NOTE: How can you be dropped from something you have not been accepted to???~~

43.3 Training. The trainee must obtain written permission from both the club hosting the show and the training judge. The trainee must complete a Permission to Train Form for each show at which s/he wishes to train. This form will indicate the type of training agreed upon. Permission to Train Forms must be signed by all parties prior to the day(s) of training. Copies must be sent to the Judging Administrator/Designee and the trainee's Allbreed sponsor at the trainee's expense.

43.3.1 Training will consist of:

- a minimum of 40 ring training sessions
- a minimum of four solo judging sessions. Solo judging cannot be started until all ring training sessions have been completed.

43.3.2 Ring Training.

43.3.2.1 Ring training consists of handling a minimum of 40 kittens, cats, alters, household pets or new breeds. The selection of the cats for training is at the training judge's discretion. Training may consist of handling full classes (such as championship cats, etc.) or handling full breeds or breed groups (such as the Persian Breed Group or Maine Coon kittens, cats and alters, etc.). The trainee is expected to handle his or her own cat(s) during the training session without calling attention to the ownership of the cat. The trainee is expected to remain in the judging ring until dismissed by the instructor.

43.3.2.2 There may be no more than two training sessions per show weekend. A "show weekend" is defined as a 1-day, 2-day or 3-day show. Only one training session is permitted per day.

43.3.2.3 The trainee may train with any Approved Allbreed Judge. At least ten of these judges must be Licensed Ring Instructors.

43.3.2.4 At least six of the forty training sessions must be outside the region of residence or beyond 500 miles from the trainee's residence.

43.3.3 Solo Training.

43.3.3.1 Solo judging consists of handling no fewer than 20 entries (or of handling the entire class if fewer than 20 cats are present,) as directed by the instructor, marking the judge's book correctly, hanging ribbons and presenting final awards. Trainees must furnish their own rosettes for their solo finals.

43.3.3.2 A solo training session may not be done on the same day as a ring training session. Solo judging may take place before the show begins, during the show or after the completion of the show, under the direction of the instructor.

43.3.3.3 At least two of the four solo training sessions must be done outside the region of residence or beyond 500 miles from the trainee's residence.

43.3.3.4 At least three of the solo judging sessions must be with Licensed Ring Instructors.

43.4 The Training Sessions. These are **minimal guidelines**. The instructor should at all times evaluate the level of experience and development of the trainee and plan training accordingly.

43.4.1 Sessions 1 -5.

- Removing cats from and returning to the judging cages
- Learning to handle different body types
- Developing a routine for judging each cat no matter what breed
- Developing confidence
- Practicing basic mechanics
- Learning how to bend properly
- Learning when and how to use teasers
- Assessing cat "body language"

43.4.2 Sessions 6 - 10.

- Developing a routine for checking for "faults"
- Learning to keep track of large classes
- Developing a method of keeping track of "final worthy" cats
- Finding the essence of each cat
- Marking a judge's book
- Completing Breed Comparison reports
- Selecting cats for finals

43.4.3 Sessions 11 - 20.

- Learning to manage time in a large show
- Learning to manage time in a small show
- Learning to make a structural assessment of the cat
- Signing judge's book and giving goldenrod copy to clerk
- Applying skills - hanging judge's flats, marking book, cleaning table, etc.
- Comparing features within a breed and between breeds
- Applying knowledge and principles of genetics to the cats

43.4.4 Sessions 21 - 35.

- Developing showmanship

- Presenting finals
- Dealing with mediocrity in a class
- Seeing the whole cat

43.4.5 Sessions 36 - 40.

- Refining the art of judging
- Making own decisions and sharing with exhibitors

43.4.6 Solo Sessions

- Making independent decisions
- Dealing with the clerk
- Staying focused
- Loving what s/he's doing!

43.5 Written Requirements.

43.5.1 The trainee must submit 50 written critiques based on the breed standard for a minimum of 75% of the breeds recognized for championship. Critiques are to be sent to the trainee's Allbreed Sponsor and to the Judging Administrator/Designee.

43.5.2 The trainee must write Breed Comparison Reports as assigned by the training judge. These reports are to be given to the training judge for review, signed and returned to the trainee, who will send to the appropriate persons. A minimum of fifteen (15) Breed Comparison Reports are required.

43.5.3 The trainee must make a set of judge's books if not furnished by the club. These books must be made from another judge's book, NOT from a show catalog.

43.6 Clerical Requirements.

43.6.1 The trainee must provide the instructor with a stamped self-addressed envelope. It is the responsibility of the instructor to complete the evaluation and mail copies to the trainee NO LATER THAN seven (7) days after the close of the show. It is then the responsibility of the trainee to send copies of the evaluations to the Trainee Coordinator and the Allbreed Sponsor.

43.6.2 The trainee is responsible for sending trainee/solo evaluations, breed critiques, and breed comparisons to the Trainee Coordinator and the Allbreed Sponsor on a monthly basis with the Monthly Report.

43/6/3 The trainee is responsible for sending the Quarterly Report to the Judging Administrator and the Regional Director at the end of March, June, September and December,

43.7 Other Requirements.

43.7.1 Any time during the training period, the Judging Administrator/Designee may make recommendations for, or require, additional training in particular breeds and/or colors. The trainee must submit proof of any additional required training to the Judging Administrator/Designee and the trainee's Allbreed sponsor.

~~~~~**Judging Program**~~~~~

78. Motion was made by Crockett and seconded by Fisher to amend the Judging Program proposal under 42.3.2 requiring that the non-breeder must have a minimum of three wins in the top 10 allbreed cats or alters. Motion carried unanimously.

~~~~~**Judging Program**~~~~~

79. Unanimous consent to strike the requirement to have a Genetics Seminar within 1 year of application in 42.2.7 of the Judging Program. Without objection.

~~~~~**Judging Program**~~~~~

80. Unanimous consent to change 42.3.1 in the Judging Program, bullet four last of the sentence to read:

- have bred ~~and/or acquired as a kitten (5 months of age or younger)~~ and shown to TICA Grand Champion status a minimum of two whole cats in the applicant's primary breed specialty, one of which must have received a Regional Win in the Top 20 **Allbreed** Cats.

Without objection.

~~~~~**Judging Program**~~~~~

81. Motion was made by Fisher and seconded by Parris to accept the whole proposal with an amendment to 43.2.2 to read:

- Show a cat **ONLY** through the use of an agent until all training sessions for the weekend are complete.

Motion carried unanimously.

~~~~~**Judging Program**~~~~~

When the meeting was called to order on Friday, September 3, 2005, at 8:08AM, Anne Harvey, Associate Director, Australia was present.

82. Unanimous consent to reconsider Motion 81. Without objection.

83. Motion was made by Fisher and seconded by Stadter to amend changes to 42.3.2.4 in the Judging Program to read: North American trainees shall train in a minimum of 6 North American regions. It is strongly suggested that **all** trainees train internationally at least once. Motion carried with Barrett opposed because it will be a large financial burden on the trainees very early on.

**~~~~~Judging Program~~~~~**

84. Unanimous consent to postpone the Grizzled Tabby to the 2006 Semi-Annual. Without objection.  
**=====Referred to the Semi-Annual Meeting=====**

85. Motion was made by Barnes and seconded by Crockett to amend Standing Rule 106.4 to read: *“Each committee **may** have budgets as needed which shall be provided annually with the approval of the Board of Directors.”* Motion carried unanimously.

106.4 Standing Committees. The President, with the advice of the Board of Directors, shall appoint persons knowledgeable in the fields specified to serve on the following standing committees, and such other committees that from time to time may be necessary and proper for the effective and efficient operation of the Association. *Each committee shall have budgets as needed which shall be provided annually with the approval of the Board of Directors.* Each committee shall have a chairperson, members as needed and a Board Member who works with the committee as a Liaison Director. *It is the duty of the Chairperson to formulate the committee goals, to communicate the policy of the committee to the committee members, to direct the work of the committee and to seek information and guidance from the Board through the Board Liaison, and information from the Executive Office as needed. It is also the duty of the Chairperson to provide progress reports of the committee to the Board annually. The duties of the Board Liaison shall be to serve as a channel of communication between the Committee and the Board, to provide encouragement and incentive for activity of the committee and to be available for consulting and mentoring as needed or requested by the Committee Chairperson.* Board members may not be included in the committees other than as a liaison to the committees. These standing committees shall be as follows:

**}}}}Standing Rules}}}}**

86. Unanimous consent to adopt the amendment to Standing Rules 1012.2 Regional Directorships. Without objection.

Standing Rule 1012.2 Additional Regions. To apply for a full directorship, a region must have had a resident membership of 75 or more members for the past three years.

**}}}}Standing Rules}}}}**

87. Unanimous consent to adopt amendment to Standing Rule 202.2. Without objection.

202.2 Maximum number of times any single cat may be judged on any show weekend is as follows:

202.2.1 One Day Alternative Format shows may have up to five rings in the morning and five in the afternoon for a weekend maximum total of ten rings. A one day alternative format show may not be combined with any other format and may not include Congresses.

202.2.2 Two Day Alternative Format shows may have four rings in the morning and four rings in the afternoon for a daily total of eight rings and a weekend total of sixteen rings. Two day alternative format shows may not be combined with any other format and may not include Congresses.

202.2.2.1 In non-isolated areas a judge may not judge more than two Alternative Format shows on the same weekend, except in cases of emergency whereby a contracted judge has canceled and a new (i.e. different) judge cannot be contracted.

202.2.3 At Back to Back Shows or Split Format (2-Day) Shows any single cat may be judged not more than eight times per day, including any Congresses. The maximum number of times a cat may be judged in a show weekend is twenty.

**Examples** of allowable ring combinations are:

1. Four rings on Friday with eight on Saturday and eight on Sunday – Each cat judged 20 times but not more than eight times per day.
2. Six rings on Friday with seven on Saturday and seven on Sunday – Each cat judged 20 times but not more than eight times per day.

3. Eight rings on Saturday and eight on Sunday – Each day has the maximum of eight times so the total for the weekend can only be sixteen.

4. Four rings on Friday, seven rings on Saturday plus a Senior Congress and a Junior Congress, and seven rings on Sunday plus a Male Congress and a Female Congress. The congresses are on different days and any single cat will only be in one congress per day thus will only be judged a maximum of eight times per day and twenty times that weekend.

202.2.4 Shows in non-isolated areas that have been advertised as back-to-back, two day or split format, may not change to Alternative Format.

202.3 The maximum number of times a judge may judge any single cat on a show weekend is as follows:

- two times in one day
- three times in two days
- four times in three days

**RATIONALE:** The current Standing Rules as written have caused a great deal of confusion for both the membership, clubs and the Executive Office. The above proposal spells out clearly how many times a cat may be judged in a day or a weekend and how many times a judge may judge a single cat in a weekend.

**}}}}Standing Rules}}}}**

88. Motion was made by Barnes and seconded by Stadter to adopt the amendment to 202.2 as amended. Motion carried unanimously.

**}}}}Standing Rules}}}}**

89. Motion was made by Stadter and seconded by Barnes to amend Motion 88 to read: 202.2.1 One-day alternative format shows may have up to five rings in the morning and five rings in the afternoon for a weekend maximum total of 10 rings including congresses. A one-day alternative format show may not be combined with any other format. Motion carried unanimously.

**}}}}Standing Rules}}}}**

90. Motion was made by Crockett and seconded by McCullough to deny the following amendment to 202.2. Motion carried unanimously.

202.2 The maximum number of rings a cat may be judged in 1 day shall be limited to eight, except as provided in

202.2.2 The maximum number of rings in any show weekend shall be limited to ~~20~~ 21 rings, including congresses.

**RATIONALE:** Since many shows are now three days instead of two days, the maximum number of rings being 20 is not a logical maximum since 20 is not evenly divisible by three. A maximum of 21 would allow a three day show of 7 rings per day.

**\*DENIED\***

91. Unanimous consent to accept the amendment to Standing Rules 2014.1.1 Judging Fees and Expenses. Without objection.

2014.1.1.5 Household Pet Allbreed - \$0.75

2014.1.1.6 Household Pet Specialty - \$0.50

**RATIONALE:** The fee structure for Household Pet Judges needs to be included in the fees for judges.

**}}}}Standing Rules}}}}**

92. Unanimous consent to deny the addition of Standing Rule 2014.2. Denied.

**\*DENIED\***

93. Motion was made by Fisher and seconded by Barnes to deny the addition of Standing Rule 2014.2 Motion carried with Caruthers and Crockett opposed.

Add the "Agreement to Judge a TICA Cat Show" (the official judging contract) in its entirety to the Standing Rules as 2014.2.

**\*DENIED\***

94. Motion was made by Barnes and seconded by Fisher to amend the Standing Rules 901.4.3.5 International Awards

Replace 901.4.3.5, 901.4.3.5.1, 901.4.3.5.2, and 901.4.3.5.3 to read as follows:

901.4.3.5 International Awards. International Awards will be presented to the cats, kittens, alters, household pets, and household pet kittens having the highest aggregate points for their class in the association during the applicable show year. All awards earned during the show year will be listed accordingly for every region or recognized area and internationally.

901.4.3.5.1 Highest scoring 25 allbreed cats, highest scoring 25 longhair cats, and highest scoring 25 shorthair cats will be awarded.

901.4.3.5.2 Highest scoring 25 kittens will be awarded.

901.4.3.5.3 Highest scoring 20 alters will be awarded.

901.4.3.5.6 The international award winners and the best cat in each breed are honored at the Annual Awards Banquet.

901.4.3.5.6.1 The best championship cat in every TICA region will be recognized during the International Awards presentation with identical awards.

901.4.3.5.7 International award winners and best of breed winners are featured in a visual media presentation at the Annual Awards Banquet.

901.4.3.5.8 International award winners are featured in the TICA YEARBOOK in color, free of charge.

901.4.3.5.9 Best of breed winners are featured in the TICA YEARBOOK free of charge.

**RATIONALE:** Over the last few years the number of championship kittens and championship cats has increased. We are now recognizing a very minor number of the cats being shown in these classes when compared to the alter/hhpk/hhp classes. Looking at the last standings for the 2005 show season we are recognizing 1% of the kittens and .7% (1.5% including LH/SH awards) of the cats shown in comparison to 2% of the alters, 5.1% of the household pet kittens, and 4% of the household pets shown. Although moving to a top 25 format for kittens/cats won't bring the equity across all classes, it will help in bringing kittens to 1.3% and cats to 1.\*%. This also brings us in line with other associations who have made similar changes (of interest to potential cross-over exhibitors).

95. Unanimous consent to postpone this motion to the 2006 Semi-Annual Meeting. Without objection.  
===== ***Referred to the Semi-Annual Meeting*** =====

96. Motion was made by Crockett and seconded by Basquine to amend Standing Rules 307.5 Category IV breeds.

Delete:       Chausie (Jungle Cat, Abyssinian, domestic shorthair not a member fo a recognized breed.)  
                  Savannah (Serval, Egyptian Mau, Oriental Shorthair, domestic shorthair, no a member of a recognized breed.)

Amend Standing Rules 307.6 to read:

Category V Breeds: The following breeds (together with their permissible outcrosses or source breeds) are included in Category V:

Chausie (Jungle Cat, Abyssinian, domestic shorthair not a member fo a recognized breed.)

Savannah (Serval, Egyptian Mau, Oriental Shorthair, domestic shorthair, no a member of a recognized breed.)

Renumber current Standing Rules 307.6 and 207.7 Category VI Breeds.

97. Unanimous consent to postpone this motion until the other proposals have been discussed. Without objection.

102. Motion was made by McCullough and seconded by Barnes to amend Registration Rules 33.2, 33.3.4 and 33.5.1. Motion carried unanimously.

33.2 Application for Registration Only Status.

33.2.1       *An application for Registration Only Status shall consist of a Letter of Intent for Registration Only Status to the Executive Office with a copy to each member of the Genetics Committee and Board of Directors 120 days prior to the Board Meeting at which approval is sought, which includes the following:*

33.2.1.1     *A proposed breed name that is unique;*

33.2.1.2     *A proposed breed standard that is unique;*

33.2.1.3     *A proposed breeding program;*

33.2.1.4     *A suggested breed contact person;*

33.2.1.5     *A processing fee of \$50.*

33.2.2       *At least 90 days prior to the Board Meeting the Genetics Committee shall forward a written report commenting upon the application.*

33.2.3 *A two-letter registration code, if applicable, will be assigned by the Executive Office upon acceptance by the Board of Directors for Registration Only Status.*

33.3 Breed Names.

33.3.1 A new breed may not use a name the same as or substantially similar to that of a recognized breed.

33.3.2 A breed name shall not be derogatory, nor shall it make unsubstantiated claims regarding the merits of or geographic or genetic origins of the breed.

33.3.3 TICA may change a breed name at any time it is felt to be in the best interest of the association to do so. In such instances selection of a new name shall be by majority vote of the breed section with approval of the Board. If no clear majority of the breed section agrees on a new breed name, the Board may designate a breed name.

33.3.4 Experimental breeding programs that have not yet designated a breed name or *have not acquired acceptance for Registration Only Status* shall be designated by the code EX.

33.3.5 Experimental code EX may be used before the breed prefix in registering a cat that does not meet pedigree requirements or requirements for a particular breed may not have been established.

33.4 Championship Advancement Class Program. (*Unchanged*)

33.5 Preliminary New Breed Status.

33.5.1 Requirements for Application. A breed recognized for Registration Only Status may apply for Preliminary New Breed Status *no sooner than two years after acceptance for Registration Only Status* and upon completion of the following:

*Following remains unchanged.*

103. Motion was made by Crockett and seconded by Stadter to amend 33.2.2 to strike the last sentence and the underlined portion of the first sentence. Motion carried with Basquine, Christian, Crockett, McCullough and Vandewater opposed.

104. Motion was made by Barrett and seconded by Barnes made to amend 33.2.3 by striking underlined portion. Motion carried with Basquine and Crockett opposed.

105. Motion was made by Fisher and seconded by Caruthers to amend the proposal to strike the language in 33.2.3 the first sentence to read: A two-letter registration code, if applicable , will be assigned by the Executive Office. Motion denied with Caruthers Fisher and Oizumi in favor and Vandewater abstaining.

106. Motion was made by Stadter and seconded by Barnes to amend Registrations Rules 33.4.  
33.4 Championship Advancement Class Program. The Championship Advancement Class consists of [~~two~~] *three* parts.

33.4.1 Part One consists of two levels outlining the requirements for developing new breeds.

33.4.1.1 The beginning level shall be known as Preliminary New Breed.

33.4.1.2 The second level shall be known as Advanced New Breed.

33.4.2 Part Two outlines the requirements for recognition of non-recognized traits in cats, kittens and alters of breeds recognized for Championship. This class shall be known as New Traits Class.

33.4.3 *Part Three outlines the requirements for Championship recognition of Transfer New Breeds (33.1.1).*

**\*DENIED\***

107. Motion was made by Crockett and seconded by Barnes to go into a Committee of the Whole for Dr. Solveig Pflueger to speak. Motion carried unanimously.

108. Unanimous consent to postpone Motion106 to the 2006 Semi-Annual Meeting. Without objection.  
**=====*Referred to the Semi-Annual Meeting*=====**

109. Motion was made by Stadter and seconded by Christian to accept the amendment to Registration Rules 33.4 and 33.5. Motion carried unanimously.

33.4 Championship Advancement Class Program. The Championship Advancement Class consists of two parts.

33.4.1 Part One consists of two levels outlining the requirements for developing new breeds.

33.4.1.1 The beginning level shall be known as Preliminary New Breed.

33.4.1.2 The second level shall be known as Advanced New Breed.

33.4.2 Part Two outlines the requirements for ~~recognition of non-recognized traits in cats, kittens and alters of breeds~~ introduction of a new trait in existing breeds currently recognized for Championship. This class shall be known as New Traits Class. *The trait in question may or may not have been recognized in other breeds.*

33.4.3 *Any breed accepted in the Foundation Registry as Category V[VI] must declare intent for registration status in Category I, II, III or IV [or V] prior to acceptance for recognition in Preliminary New Breed Class .*

33.5 Preliminary New Breed Status.

33.5.1 Requirements for Application. A breed recognized for Registration ONLY may apply for Preliminary New Breed status *no sooner than two years after acceptance for Registration Only Status and* upon completion of the following:

33.5.1.1 At least 15 cats which have attained the age of 8 months are registered with TICA;

33.5.1.2 At least 10 litters have been registered with TICA;

33.5.1.3 At least five TICA members in good standing, in at least three different regions are actively breeding the breed ("actively breeding" means breeding at least one litter within the previous 2 years);

33.5.1.4 Submission of an Application for Acceptance as a Preliminary New Breed to the Executive Office and a copy to each member of the Genetics Committee 120 days prior to the board meeting at which approval is sought, which includes the following:

33.5.1.4.1 A Letter of Intent to apply for approval as a Preliminary New Breed, including *a list of suggested people eligible to serve as proposed Preliminary New Breed Working Group Chairperson and a list of the proposed Preliminary New Breed breed section members* to be confirmed by the Board;

33.5.1.4.2 *A proposed breed name with permissible outcrosses, if any*

33.5.1.4.4 A proposed breed standard that is unique;

33.5.1.4.5 A proposed breeding program *which includes proposed category and outcrosses, if applicable;*

33.5.1.4.6 A processing fee of \$50;

33.5.1.4.7 A proposed two-letter breed designation code, which shall be automatically included in the Registration Rules upon approval as a Preliminary New Breed (if one has not been assigned previously).

33.5.1.5 At least 90 days prior to the Board Meeting the Genetics Committee shall forward a written report commenting upon the application. Comments from individual members may be attached to the report as needed. Such report may recommend approval to advance to Preliminary New Breed status, recommend denial of advancement, that further requirements be met prior to approval, return to Registration ONLY status, or may make further comments.

33.5.1.5.1 Any advancement to Preliminary New Breed status is entirely within the discretion of the Board of Directors.

33.5.1.5.2 The Preliminary New Breed *Working Group* Chairperson serves at the pleasure of the Board of Directors, and may be replaced at any time.

33.5.1.6 Cause a Notice of Intent to Apply for Advancement to Preliminary New Breed status to be published in the TICA TREND at least 120 days prior to the meeting at which the application for advancement will be heard, and which invites comments about the breed to be forwarded to the Executive Office.

**>>>>Membership Ballot<<<<<**

110. Motion was made by Barnes and seconded by Stadter to accept the amendment to Registration Rules 33.6 and 33.7. Motion carried unanimously.

**>>>>Membership Ballot<<<<<**

111. Motion was made by Crockett and second by Christian to amend Registration Rules 33.6.1.4 to read: "at least 25 TICA members in good standing". Motion carried unanimously.

**>>>>Membership Ballot<<<<<**

112. Motion was made by Barnes and seconded by Stadter to amend Registration Rules 37.5 Category IV . Motion carried unanimously.

37.5 Category IV: Domestic Hybrid Breeds.

37.5.1 **Purpose.** This category is for newer breeds which are being developed by means of deliberate crosses between two (or more) existing *domestic* breeds. Frequent backcrosses to the parental breeds may be desirable to maintain or improve type.

37.5.2 **Requirements for Championship Exhibition.** There can be no unknown or unregistered cats within the three generation pedigree. The cat must be the product of two registered members of the breed, the product of a cat of the breed and one of the parental breeds, or the product of two of the parental breeds. The *domestic* hybrid cat is considered a first generation purebred for exhibition purposes. (See Requirements for Registration, 37.5.4.)

37.5.3 **Limitations on Championship Exhibition.** A domestic hybrid breed cannot accept for championship a cat which is indistinguishable on the basis of phenotype (physical characteristics such as color, coat length, body type, etc.) from the parental breeds. At least one characteristic which distinguishes the breed from the parental breeds must be maintained in the standard.

37.5.4 **Requirements for Registration.** A cat which is the product of two members of this breed shall be considered a purebred of this breed. The hybrid between two parental breeds or between a cat of this breed and one of the parental breeds shall be considered a first generation purebred of this breed.

**RATIONALE:** The requirements for a new breed with a non-domestic hybrid are more complex than for new breeds created with only domestic cats. In order not to penalize those new breeds which use only domestic cats, a separate category is in order for breeds created using a species other than Felis catus/Felis domesticus. This proposal restricts Category IV to domestic cats only.

113. Motion was made by Stadter and seconded by Basquine to amend Registration Rules 37.6 and related Standing Rules Domestic x Non-domestic Hybrids with Option 1. Motion carried unanimously.

**OPTION 1 - Advancement to Championship requiring an SB code and moving to Category I**

37.6 *Category V: Domestic x Non-Domestic Source Breed Hybrids.*

37.6.1 **Purpose.** This category is for breeds which are being developed by means of deliberate foundation crosses between domestic cats and a single non-domestic source breed. A Non-Domestic Source Breed is a species other than Felis catus/Felis domesticus.

37.6.2 **Requirements for Championship Exhibition.** There can be no non-permissible outcrosses within the three generation pedigree. No unknown or unregistered cats may appear within the three generation pedigree. These cats must have an SB registration code.

37.6.3 **Limitations on Championship Exhibition.** The breed must apply for championship as a Category I breed.

37.6.4 **Requirements for Registration.** Non-domestic source breed hybrids may apply for Category V Registration status during the new breed process and may be shown according to the following rules:

A cat with a **Non-Domestic Source Breed parent** is an F1 hybrid. It is not a breed of domestic cat. It can be considered an F1 Foundation \*Breed Name\* if the cross is one allowed by the breeding program, but **may not be shown in any class.**

A cat with a **Non-Domestic Source Breed grandparent** can be a Foundation \*Breed Name\*. It should be 3/4 domestic in terms of pedigree, but **may not be shown in any class.**

A cat with a **Non-Domestic Source Breed great grandparent** can use the \*Breed\* name if the other cats on the pedigree reflect only allowable outcrosses. It will still be designated by the S (367.2.5), indicating the Non-Domestic Source Breed is still on the pedigree, and is **eligible for competition in the Preliminary and Advanced New Breed classes.** Registration codes for showing are:

PNB - A3S, AON, AOP, B3S, BON, BOP, C3S, CON, COP, SB

ANB - C3S, CON, COP, SB

Any cat with a **parent that is a non-permissible domestic outcross** (i.e. a cat of any breed not specifically listed as a permissible outcross breed in the approved breeding program) will have the term hybrid in its description regardless of the length of the pedigree. It may be shown in Preliminary New Breed but **may not be shown in Advanced New Breed or Championship classes.** Registration codes for showing are:

PNB ONLY- A3S, B3S, C3S, AON, AOP, BON, BOP, CON, COP, SB

A cat with a **non-permissible domestic outcross grandparent** may be considered a foundation \*Breed Name\*. It may be shown in Preliminary New Breed but **may not be shown in the Advanced New Breed or Championship classes.** Registration codes for showing are:

PNB ONLY- A2N, A2P, B2N, B2P, C2N, C2P, A3S, B3S, C3S, AON, AOP, BON, BOP, CON, COP, SB **NOTE: No S's may shown at the A2, B2, C2 level (i.e. A2S, B2S, etc.).**

A cat with a **non-permissible domestic outcross great grandparent** may be considered a foundation \*Breed Name\* and **may be shown in the Preliminary and Advanced New Breed classes but may not be shown in Championship classes.** Registration codes for showing are:

PNB - A2N, A2P, B2N, B2P, C2N, C2P, A3S, B3S, C3S, AON, AOP, BON, BOP, CON, COP, SB **NOTE: No S's may shown at the A2, B2, C2 level (i.e. A2S, B2S, etc.).**

ANB - C3S, CON, COP, SB

**Standing Rule 307.6.2** Category V breeds advancing to championship as Category I must have the following registration status codes to be eligible to be shown in the Advanced New Breed Class: SB, CO, or C3.

**RATIONALE:** The requirements for a new breed with a non-domestic hybrid are more complex than for new breeds created with only domestic cats. In order not to penalize those new breeds which use only domestic cats, a separate category is in order for breeds created using a species other than Felis catus/Felis domesticus. This proposal creates a new Category V for non-domestic source breed hybrids.

Renumber following.

Amend Standing Rules **307.5 Category IV Breeds:**

**Delete:**

Chausie (Jungle Cat, Abyssinian, domestic shorthair not a member of a recognized breed,)

Savannah (Serval, Egyptian Mau, Oriental Shorthair, domestic shorthair, not a member of a recognized breed)

**>>>>Membership Ballot<<<<<**

114. Motion was made by Barrett and seconded by Barnes to change non-domestic source breed to non-domestic species in 37.6.2, and 37.6.3 above. Motion carried unanimously.

**>>>>Membership Ballot<<<<<**

115. Unanimous consent to amend the Standing Rules 307.6 to read:

Category V Breeds. The following breeds (together with their permissible outcrosses or source breeds) are included in Category V:

Chausie (Jungle Cat, Abyssinian, domestic shorthair not a member of a recognized breed,)

Savannah (Serval, Egyptian Mau, Oriental Shorthair, domestic shorthair, not a member of a recognized breed)

**Renumber current Standing Rules 307.6 as 307.7 Category VI Breeds.**

116. Motion was made by McCullough and seconded by Basquine to accept the categories and divisions for uniformity of showing all cats. Motion carried unanimously.

| <b>TRADITIONAL</b>                | <b>SEPIA</b>               | <b>MINK</b>               | <b>POINTED</b>             |
|-----------------------------------|----------------------------|---------------------------|----------------------------|
| Traditional Solid                 | Sepia Solid                | Mink Solid                | Solid Point                |
| Traditional Tortie                | Sepia Tortie               | Mink Tortie               | Tortie Point               |
| Traditional Tabby                 | Sepia Tabby                | Mink Tabby                | Tabby Point                |
| Traditional Silver/Smoke          | Sepia Silver/Smoke         | Mink Silver/Smoke         | Silver/Smoke Point         |
| Traditional Solid & White         | Sepia Solid & White        | Mink Solid & White        | Solid Point & White        |
| Traditional Tortie & White        | Sepia Tortie & White       | Mink Tortie & White       | Tortie Point & White       |
| Traditional Tabby & White         | Sepia Tabby & White        | Mink Tabby & White        | Tabby Point & White        |
| Traditional Silver/ Smoke & White | Sepia Silver/Smoke & White | Mink Silver/Smoke & White | Silver/Smoke Point & White |

The above table reflects an attempt to revise the categories and divisions so that both championship breeds and household pets compete in the same categories and divisions.

By breaking the particular division into separate divisions based upon the pigmented/patterned areas, we would keep the best of the current household pet divisions and would offer championship breeds additional divisions for cats expressing the piebald gene.

By classifying household pets as traditional, sepia, mink and pointed, household pets gain additional divisions for showing. Under the current system, household pets that are sepia or mink are all shown in a single division with traditional colors.

There would no longer be the differences in the divisions that silver tabbies are shown in. ALL silver tabbies, whether championship breeds or household pets, would be shown in the silver/smoke division. This would eliminate a great deal of confusion for both exhibitors and judges.

The net result of this revision is that there would be 32 competitive divisions for ALL cats. Currently, there are 10 competitive divisions for household pets and 20 competitive divisions for championship breeds.

NOTE: Approval of this proposal will ultimately require changes to Show Rules, Standing Rules, and the Uniform Color Description.

**}}}}Standing Rules}}}}**

117. Unanimous consent to go out of the Committee of the Whole.

118. Motion was made by Fisher and seconded by Stadter to allow Kat Nappers Cat Club to conduct the Bengal Congress on Friday for their ON SAFARI Show in October in a Modified British Style Format. Motion denied with Basquine, Caruthers, Fisher, and McCullough in favor and Barnes and Oizumi abstaining. Caruthers was in favor because the Regional Director and the Show Manager had assured him that benching would not identify the cats. Parris and Vandewater were opposed no because they felt it was not to the benefit of the cats.

**\*DENIED\***

119. Unanimous consent to appoint Terry Christopher as Working Group Chair for the Ojos Azules. Without objection.

120. Unanimous consent to go into a Committee of the Whole for Dr. Solveig Pflueger. Without objection.

121. Unanimous consent to postpone acceptance of the Ragamuffin as PNB to the 2006 Semi-Annual Meeting. Without objection.

**=====*Referred to the Semi-Annual Meeting*=====**

122. Unanimous consent to postpone the revision of the Chausie Standard to the 2006 Semi-Annual Meeting. Without objection.

**=====*Referred to the Semi-Annual Meeting*=====**

123. Unanimous consent to approve the change in the name of the Don Sphynx/Don Hairless to Donskoy which is what the breeders wanted. Without objection.

124. Unanimous consent to defer the decision on Application for Advancement and Standard Approval for the Donskoy to the 2006 Semi-Annual Meeting. Without objection.

**=====*Referred to the Semi-Annual Meeting*=====**

125. Unanimous consent to appoint Evelyn Jacobs as Working Group Chair for the Donskoy. Without objection.

126. Unanimous consent to postpone the Egyptian Mau and Ocicat Standard changes to the 2006 Semi-Annual Meeting and to instruct the Egyptian Mau and Ocicat Breed Sections that the Executive Office must poll the breed sections first. Without objection.

**=====*Referred to the Semi-Annual Meeting*=====**

127. Unanimous consent to send the various coats of the Peterbald and Donskoy to the Genetics and Rules Committees for their recommendations as these breeds look towards advancement in regard to coat length and expression. Without objection.

128. Unanimous consent to defer the Toyger Standard to the 2206 Semi-Annual Meeting. Without objection.

129. Motion was made by Fisher and seconded by Barnes to allow the Bengal as an acceptable outcross for the Savannah. Motion denied with Fisher and Oizumi in favor. Barrett was opposed because she would have like to have seen outside the cat fancy about the inner species. Christian was opposed because he believes that using two wild cats in the production of one domestic breed would be an Animal Rights Activist and PR nightmare.

**\*DENIED\***

130. Motion was made by Barrett and seconded by Christian to allow the Ocicat as a permissible outcross for the Savannahs. Motion carried unanimously

131. Motion was made by Barrett and seconded by Stadter to allow the Turkish Angora as a permissible outcross for the Savannahs. Motion denied unanimously.

**\*DENIED\***

132. Motion was made by Crockett and seconded by Barnes to appoint the Working Group Breed Chair for the Savannah by secret ballot. The Board appointed Carol Streit.

133. Motion was made by Fisher and seconded by Barnes to postpone the Pixiebob and the Pixiebob Longhair decision to change the category to the 2006 Semi-Annual Meeting. Motion carried with Barrett Christian, and Crockett opposed. Barrett was opposed because the Board has responsibility to act on information, i.e. the wild look claim in the Pixiebob Breed by correcting the Category of Registration.

**=====Referred to the Semi-Annual Meeting=====**

134. Unanimous consent to destroy the secret ballots. Without objection.

135. Motion was made by Barnes and seconded by Vandewater to accept the name Minskin. Motion denied with Barnes, Carutehrs, Fisher and Vandewater in favor and Stadter abstaining..

**\*DENIED\***

136. Motion was made by Barrett and seconded by Barnes to appoint Paul McSorley as Working Group Breed Chair for the Minskin. Motion carried unanimously.

137. Motion was made by Barnes and seconded by Stadter to reconsider Motion 135. Motion denied with Barnes in favor.

**\*DENIED\***

138. Unanimous consent to not accept Hobbitkat as an alternate name for the Minskin. Without objection.

139. Unanimous consent to appoint Beth Gardner as Working Group Breed Chair of the American Ringtail. Without objection.

140. Motion was made by Crockett and seconded by Christian to accept the name of the American Ringtail. Motion carried with Vandewater and Christian opposed and Oizumi abstaining. Christian was opposed because it does not resemble any other breeds with "American" in the name, such as American Shorthair or American Wirehair.

141. Unanimous consent to appoint Terri Harris as the Working Group Breed Chair for the Skookum. Denied.

**\*DENIED\***

142. Motion was made by Barnes and seconded by Stadter to appoint Terri Harris as the Working Group Breed Chair of the Skookum. Motion denied with Fisher abstaining.

**\*DENIED\***

143. Unanimous consent not to accept the breed name Skookum. Without objection.

144. Motion was made by Christian and seconded by Barnes to accept Terri Harris as Working Group Breed Chair for Nanus Rex. Motion denied unanimously.

**\*DENIED\***

145. Unanimous consent to deny acceptance of the breed name Nanus Rex. Without objection.

**\*DENIED\***

146. Unanimous consent to refer the Dwelf to the Genetics Committee for study and to suspend registration of the Dwelf pending that report.

# ADDENDUM

The following reports were received at the 2006 Annual Meeting:

- Yearbook Report
- TICA TREND Report
- E-Biz Committee Report
- Junior Achiever Committee Report
- Feline Welfare Committee Report
- Legislative Committee Report
- Marketing Committee Report
- Rescue Committee Report
- Rules Committee Report
- Chausie Breed Report
- Peterbald Breed Report
- Savannah Breed Report
- Toyger Breed Report



July 27, 2005  
TICA Annual Yearbook Report

Dear Mrs. DeVilbiss, Mr. Barnes, and Regional Directors:

I am very happy to report the Yearbook is coming together very nicely. I wish to thank all the Regional Directors for their continued support. Without their encouragement, the number of advertisements would not be as great as they are, and their efforts in getting the regional winners notified have simplified our jobs. We can never have enough advertisements in the Yearbook, and we will continue to have an early-bird advertisement sale next April and May to encourage exhibitors to place an ad.

As I reported in February in Harlingen, we made a profit on the 2004 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Yearbook. Indeed, we continue to sell them, as well as the Yearbooks from past years. Our efforts to minimize the large number of "leftover" yearbooks can be facilitated if the Regional Directors will continue to remind exhibitors of their existence and availability from the Executive Office. The Yearbook Staff has received many, many compliments on the Anniversary Yearbook.

Finally, through the efforts of Leslie Bowers and Larry Hart, the new format for regional and international standings will allow us to complete the Yearbook without the months of retyping each region and the international breed and color section of the Yearbook. Many thanks go out to Leslie and Larry, as well as to the entire staff at the Executive Office. Their hard work is certainly appreciated by the Yearbook Staff.

The Assistant Yearbook Editor will be at the 2005 Annual, and I encourage each of you to take a minute and introduce yourselves. Amy Liebold is a very dedicated and hard-working person, and I owe her great gratitude. I shall remain at my station, putting together the 2005 Yearbook, but will be with you in spirit.

Sincerely,

John Harrison  
TICA Yearbook Editor

# THE TICA TREND

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## TICA Trend Financial Report, January-June 2005 Volume 26, Numbers 1-3

|                      |                   |
|----------------------|-------------------|
| Production Cost:     | \$30,591.79       |
| <u>Total Income:</u> | <u>\$2,900.25</u> |
| Total Cost:          | \$27,691.54       |

### Comparison of Volume 24, Numbers 1-3 with Volume 25, Numbers 1-3

|                | <u>Volume 25</u>  |                 |                   | <u>Volume 26</u>  |                   |                   |
|----------------|-------------------|-----------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|
|                | 1                 | 2               | 3                 | 1                 | 2                 | 3                 |
| # pages:       | 40                | 40              | 36                | 32                | 40*               | 36                |
| # printed      | 3,100             | 3,250           | 3,600             | 3400              | 3600              | 3850              |
| Production:    | \$7,838.71        | \$7,814.09      | \$7,588.16        | \$9,676.00        | \$10,308.18       | \$10,607.61       |
| Income:        | <u>\$1,363.00</u> | <u>\$945.00</u> | <u>\$1,439.40</u> | <u>\$1,744.00</u> | <u>\$1,510.00</u> | <u>\$1,491.00</u> |
| Total Cost:    | \$6,475.71        | \$6,869.09      | \$6,148.76        | \$7,932.00        | \$8,798.18        | \$9,116.61        |
| Per Copy Cost: | \$2.09            | \$2.11          | \$1.71            | \$2.33            | \$2.44            | \$2.37            |

\*includes 8 pages of Board minutes published on cheaper paper

As you can see from the above comparison, advertising income has finally begun to increase again after a three year decline. Our economy has been improving but I believe the main reasons have been from 1) the switch to glossy paper, 2) the discounts given for show advertising and 3) the support from our Board of Directors encouraging the membership to advertise in the TICA Trend. Many thanks to everyone who has helped!

I was asked to report at the 2005 Annual on the actual costs involved in publishing on glossy paper. As I've said many times, no Trend is exactly alike: even when two Trends have the same number of pages, we don't print the same number of copies. However, by calculating a per copy cost for each item, we can then multiply the per copy cost of the cheap paper by the same number printed for the otherwise equal glossy paper Trend to find the price increase for glossy paper. However, please note:

Printing: The more copies we print, the greater the price breaks. However, I do not know where the price breaks occur nor how much they are so I cannot account for them in this report.

Domestic Mail: We currently do not receive a breakdown between bulk mail postage and first class postage (I have asked for this to change). Because of this, I cannot know where our prices have increased, if at all, so I am not reporting on this cost. The "average" per piece price seems to have remained stable but that may be due to the nature of bulk mail (the more pieces we mail, the lower the rate we pay.)

International Mail: We pay a weight-based flat rate per piece. We had a rate increase beginning with the use of glossy paper, which I will cover at the end of this report.

|                     |                    |                                                                |
|---------------------|--------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------|
| Printing:           | \$ 5,801.70        | increase over 5 Trends due to glossy paper                     |
| International Mail: | <u>\$ 3,533.61</u> | increase over 5 Trends due to the extra weight of glossy paper |
| Total:              | \$ 9,335.31        | increase over 5 Trends due to glossy paper                     |
| International Mail: | <u>\$ 938.78</u>   | increase over 5 Trends due to rate increase                    |
| Total Increase:     | \$10,274.09        | over 5 Trends                                                  |

The cost of printing with glossy paper is staying close to the original estimate of a \$6,000.00 per year increase. The remainder of the cost increase of printing on glossy paper comes from the unanticipated increase in the weight of glossy paper affecting International postal rates, plus an International rate increase occurring just when we switched to glossy paper.

With this total for five out of the six yearly Trends, we can estimate that the total annual increase will be approximately \$12,500.00-\$13,000.00 per year between the change to glossy paper and the International postal rate increase. (The range comes because a Regional Awards Trend has not yet been included in the above numbers. Since it is the second largest Trend of the year, I can only estimate that it will cost somewhat less than our largest Trend of the year, the October/November '04 Trend.)

With advertising increasing, I recommend we continue printing the Trend on glossy paper. It is much more professional looking, in line with the quality of production for most international cat association publications and the increased advertising strongly indicates the membership approves.

Yours,

Cathy Welch, Trend Editor

# E-Business Committee Status Report, 7/11/05

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As directed by the Board, we were able to create an on-line membership form, and this went "live" in late March 2005.

After we put the membership form on-line, we heard from the TICA Legal staff that we needed a Privacy Policy and Terms of Usage agreement on the Web site. Though disappointing to have to remove the on-line form, the advice from the legal staff is of course both wise and correct.

Since then, we've been working with Laurie Schiff to formulate these policies. This is proving to be very time-consuming, for a number of reasons, but once this is done and approved we hope to get the form back on-line very quickly. Other forms will follow after that, and should take much less time, once we've got the kinks worked out of the process.

Shirley Little has been working hard on getting the membership form translated into other languages, and we plan to have the form available in Spanish, French, German, Japanese, and Portugese. Currently, four of the five translations have been completed (all but the Portugese). Shirley has also been exploring some of the technical issues involved in creating Web pages in Japanese.

Elektra Hammond has been working to make a spot on the TICA site for the on-line forms and I've been working to find a new server for the e-biz site.

Regards,  
Barb Petersen  
E-Business Committee

## Junior Achiever Committee Report

The program has come a long ways since its introduction as the TIFS JA's at the Semi-Annual meeting in Harlingen. The written program is ready except for a few projects at the end of the 6 level program. We want to include several projects that can be done at any time during the program that would have a direct relationship to requirements that would be needed to go into the judging program. I look for that part to be completed before the Annual and be ready to present in full to the BOD.

The project is being tested as it is being developed. Denver High on Cats had a JA ring earlier this year. SC's first JA show was a success at the Orange Blossom Cat Show in June. We had 6 Juniors that competed and it was so exciting to see the project be put to action. Fate Mays judged the ring and did a great job. The rest of the SC shows this year have not only agreed to have a Junior Achiever ring, but have extended a discount entry to the Junior Achievers. Out next JA ring will be at the Arlington SC Regional in July. Harley will be judging the ring. The JA's will also have a scoring seminar and etiquette clinic at the Regional.

The program is comprehensive and not just about showing. I think of it as a Scouting type program for kids in the cat fancy. They will have requirements and earn "badges" as they go through the 6 Levels of Achievement. Each level has many requirements that the JA will complete. Our SC JA's are already working on their first level and will soon be going to the next level.

Our goal is to educate our JA's and give them encouragement and confidence that will benefit them the rest of their lives. We are not trying to fill the hall with unruly kids, but encourage kids and families to enjoy the TICA experience. It is like the saying in movie **Field of Dreams**, "If you build it, they will come." We are working to build the program. Once the program is ready, it could provide TICA with a great tool to introduce the cat fancy to new people. The 4H and Scouting groups are not just made up of kids. They are wonderful organizations that include kids, families and leaders. If you have a program for kids, the parents will be there to watch and participate, too. We would encourage the BOD to set up another committee to find ways to work with each county extension agent to introduce all communities about the opportunities for JA's in TICA. My thoughts are that their first task is to figure out what TICA needs to present to get the extension agents' attention and then find individuals in each state that could coordinate the introduction of the program to each county. Susan Williams has worked with this in Steamboat and Denver and may be a good choice for committee chair.

The JA program will be available online. This will give everyone access and make it a standard program for everyone. All the forms and information they will need will be available online.

<http://www.justcats.org/TICAJA/TICAJuniorAchievers.html>

All RD's in the US have been contacted and asked to select a Regional JA Liaison. This person has been invited to the committee and TIFS JA list to become more acquainted with the project. They will have the necessary tools to introduce TICA JA's into their area when they are ready to start adding JA Rings.

### REGIONAL LIAISONS:

SC JA Liaison: [Deborah Mordente](#)\*

GP JA Liaison: [Susan Williams](#)\*

NE JA Liaison: [Sue Cherau](#)

MP JA Liaison: [Denise Ragozzino](#)

SE JA Liaison: [Stephanie Smith](#)

NW JA Liaison: [Pam Crawshaw](#)

SW JA Liaison: [Sharon Kalani](#)

MA JA Liaison: [Susan Adler](#)

GL JA Liaison: [Margaret Karpen](#)

Cassie Hale will be at the Annual and will be prepared to report to the BOD on the JA's. We will have the complete written program including introduction, organization, and the paperwork that each JA will need to work through the program. We will give each RD two copies. The RD can take one copy to their JA Liaison. We also hope to have a short PowerPoint presentation and give an overview of this exciting program.

Shirley Little

# Feline Welfare Report

## July 2005

Members: Francine Hicks, NE, Connie Harvey, MA, Kim Tomlin, SE, Christie Montgomery, SC, Brigitte McMinn, MP, Vicki Jo Harrison, Chair, Lisa Dickie, Board Liaison.

Yahoo group was set up for the committee members to communicate. Christie Montgomery is the moderator.

VJ Harrison asked committee members to review standing rules 905.1-905.3.4 to see if there are any changes or additions that need to be suggested about the function of the committee.

Goals of the committee are being discussed and are listed below.

A request was made by VJ Harrison to K. DeVilbiss, TICA President, to appoint a committee member from each region in North America. As of the date of this report, the GL, SW, GP and NW positions are still vacant.

Complaints directed to the committee are being dealt with on a case by case basis as per the Standing rules.

### Feline Welfare Committee Goals:

To promote the Cattery of Excellence Program.

To create and promote a New Breeder Packet.

To start a series of articles about Feline Welfare issues to be published on the TICA website and possibly in the TICA Trend.

To work with the TICA Rescue Committee to create a resource list of rescue groups for committee members to use to assist TICA members if needed.

Respectfully submitted,

Vicki Jo Harrison

Chair, Feline Welfare Committee

# TICA Legislative Committee Report

July 10, 2005

Over the past 6 months the TICA Legislative Committee Members have concentrated upon meeting the needs of their regions. Activities have consisted of reviewing legislative activities of which they are aware in their regions, announcing legislative alerts where appropriate, and sending letters in support of legislation within and outside their regions. The committee has also worked with Elektra Hammond to create a TICA web site for the PAWS issue.

The overall purpose of the committee is summed up by the following Mission Statement.

The Legislative Committee of The International Cat Association will:

1. Be aware of and increase awareness among fanciers regarding local, state and federal legislative issues in all regions which may negatively impact pet ownership and the cat fancy;
2. Provide a resource center to advise, educate and enable fanciers to fight legislation determined by the Legislative Committee to have a detrimental effect on pet owners, breeders and all fanciers; and advance beneficial legislation or otherwise become involved in the legislative process; and
3. Organize and prepare calls to actions when appropriate and mobilize fanciers to act upon such calls to action.

In addition to the ongoing individual activities, the focus of the Legislative Committee over the next few months will be as follows:

1. Evaluate the structure of the Legislative Committee. Like many things there are dormant periods and periods of high activity. In periods of high activity the necessary work may overwhelm the 2 committee members in the region. However, to function well the committee must remain relatively small group. The President, Vice President, and Regional Directors have been invited to provide input on their thoughts about the committee and the needs of their regions so as to properly evaluate the best structure of the committee moving forward. One suggestion has been the creation of legislative watchers who are not committee members but would report in to the committee members.
2. Addressing lack of representation. Some regions do not have 2 committee members appointed to the legislative committee. Some have none at all. This must be addressed in addition to structure as we need volunteers willing to actively participate in the committee as well as serve the needs of their regions.
3. Reporting. A reporting system must be developed so that the Regional Directors are aware of the activities in their regions and what the committee is working on at the local, state, country levels as well as the work it is doing that will benefit all regions (such as development of a website).
4. Yahoo lists. Two Yahoo lists exist for the legislative committee. The original list will be used for general committee business (reports, development of educational materials, etc). This list will be limited to committee members. A second list has been created for legislative alerts and activities. A request has been made of the Executive Office to create a single email so that exhibitors and members can have an easy method of notifying the committee of arising issues and other questions. These emails will go to this second list. The Legislative Watch list will have limited membership but may be open to people not on the committee depending upon the ultimate structure of the committee.
5. Education. TICA needs materials that provide basic information to our members for use in legislative activities. This would include a web site, articles and position statements, etc.
6. Resident Experts. Some legislation may affect certain activities, such as rescue, differently than breeders and exhibitors. Those affects may be subtle. Identification that certain activities may feel a differential impact and having experts on the subject that the committee can access will help the committee meet its goals to the detriment of none.

All of these activities are in their beginning stages and will take some time to complete. It is important that the Legislative Committee effectively meet the needs of the regions as outlined in the mission statement.

Kelly Crouch  
Chair, TICA Legislative Committee

August 22, 2005

Dear TICA Board of Directors,

The Marketing Committee is a new group comprised of James Reardon, Harley DeVilbiss, Barri Giardelli, Sandy Adler, Nick Spencer, Kurt Williams and myself, Cheryl Hogan as chairperson.

In June, we set up our online list and began getting to know each other and also each other's strengths and specialties as marketing and TICA go. We are seeking to find opportunities to put TICA's name in front of as many people as we can both here in the USA and internationally as well. We are looking for ways to bring extra income to TICA. In general, we are seeking ways to help TICA grow and to become a stronger presence in the cat fancy as a whole.

Some topics of discussion so far have been:

- Seeking publications of all types, both in the US and internationally for us to place ads and designing an ad to place in them
- TICA HHP Registration materials sent w/ humane organization adoptions
- Corporate sponsorship -
  - \*Seeking new sponsors - possibly the pharmaceutical and/or microchip industries
  - \*Maintaining relations with and attending to Royal Canin
- Establishing the five 2005-06 Royal Canin shows
- Seeking markets to place TICA merchandise for sale

I would like to report that we decided to postpone an ad on the Showcatsonline.com web pages as it was tied to one particular person's article and that person requested that the ad not be linked to TICA's web page. I felt it was best to just let that idea sit for a couple of months and we could then have a clean approach not based on any one person's article and their requests.

I wish there were more to report at this time, but as mentioned before we are a new group and have just begun to get the ball rolling. We are honored and excited to be chosen to serve TICA in this capacity and look forward to great things to come.

Sincerely,

*Cheryl Hogan*

TICA Marketing Comm., Chair

## The TICA Rescue Committee Report As of July 7, 2005

The TICA Rescue Committee was established by the TICA BOD in February 2005. Initially, Christie Montgomery was appointed Chair. The end of March 2005, Christie moved to Animal Welfare and DeLynne Satimore was appointed Chair.

The Committee is composed of the following:

DeLynne Satimore, Chair

Tracey McCullough, Liaison with the TICA BOD

Kristine Alessio

Mary Arnold

Hazel Brandenburg

Tanya Carey

Diana Engelbart

Caroline Fralia

Susan Hagrelus

Linda Mercer

Carla Repetto

Bobbie Tullo

Sal Vitales

Marilyn Wagner

Nancy Welch

DeLynne Satimore is also the TICA Liaison to Purebred Cat Breed Rescue (PCBR)/CFA Purebred Rescue and is officially a member of PCBR BOD.

Two subcommittees were established - Rescue and Education. However, people on the subcommittees can cross over to the other when working on various projects.

The Committee has set up a list on Yahoo Groups to facilitate discussion and projects. Kay DeVilbiss (TICA President), Tracey McCullough (Liaison with the TICA BOD), and Vicki Jo Harrison (Chair of Animal Welfare), also belong. Additionally, others have been invited to join to facilitate cross-registry working relationships.

Thus far, the Committee has accomplished a great deal. Our first tasking was to establish our Mission, which is as follows:

The Mission of the TICA Rescue Committee is:

- \* To support, facilitate, and help to provide purebred cat breed rescue.
- \* To help all cats by continuing the cat fancy's long-standing tradition of support for and encouragement of responsible rescue efforts.
- \*To provide education regarding responsible cat ownership and responsible breeding.

I would like to digress for a moment and provide the BOD with some of the key points leading up to the above Mission Statement:

Looking at the big picture, we are doomed to have minimal impact if we try to save all cats that come to us. There is no way even hugely funded groups with large numbers of trained people can impact the estimated 3.5-4 million cats who enter shelters every year.

There are not enough rescuers with expertise in breed issues and care to provide a safety net for all purebreds. It will be possible in the long haul to essentially do that if we pool our resources, plus we can help many domestics along the way. If the fanciers with expertise in dealing with a breed will not get involved in helping purebred cats, who will?

The animal rights (AR) people repeatedly point out (and exaggerate) the number of purebreds in shelters. Expert fanciers who walk the shelters to identify purebreds needing rescue can re-educate the shelter in recognizing purebreds. By rescuing, we can make a significant impact on the AR arguments that purebred cats displace domestics in shelters who are then euthanized. Fanciers have been demonized and, without seeing us as human beings, shelter staffs start to see us that way - as demons. Just giving them a human face and a sign that we care helps demolish that perception.

There is no doubt that shelters euthanize domestic cats more frequently than potentially adoptable purebreds in the same situation. As a result, more domestic cats die. Every purebred we remove from a shelter prolongs the life expectancy of the domestics coming into that shelter and gives them an increased chance of being adopted or rescued. Even "if" we were (and a lot of times we are not, despite our focus on "purebred" rescue) just limiting our efforts to purebreds, rescuing purebreds does increase the chances for all the other cats.

As well as providing a safety net for those purebred cats in shelters, we work with animal control (AC) to take purebred cats about to be seized into rescue from hoarders and breeder busts (and we arrange for rescue of the domestics that may be in either situation). This undercuts the AR stance that breeding purebred cats is endangering the lives of domestics and causing a problem and puts us on higher moral ground. If we do this right, very few of the purebred cats in those situations will wind up in a shelter because we will have relationships with AC and get there first. TICA, CFA and ACFA are first and

foremost registries - registries that rely heavily on the registration of pedigreed cats. Should the ARs succeed, purebreds will face extinction - there will be no registries. If we establish ourselves as a reputable, caring, volunteer group that effectively helps the problems by relieving shelters of excess animals and we keep the number of purebreds entering shelters down, the ARs have less ammunition. We will be in a better position to challenge their activities and views.

If we broaden our scope to include all cats, to do it right, many of our foster homes will be tied up for long periods trying to socialize ferals. We will also need a significant number of foster homes who are willing to take FIV+ and FeLV+ cats and who can do so while protecting their own cats. These are few and hard to find. The proportion of such cats in the purebred population is very, very low - not so the general cat population. While it would be nice to help every cat, there has to be a limit. Reality dictates difficult choices. We can do a program with a limited scope (purebreds) well, but once we try to be everything to every cat, we will not do much well and will be just one of many vying for the same resources and funds. However, the fact remains, if we become well established and successful, nothing in the mission statement precludes our trying to do it all, if we have the resources to do so. Additionally, at times, Purebred Cat Breed Rescue has had those resources and/or an exhibitor's domestic cats are involved, they do provide rescue for domestics, while sharing this mission statement.

Financially, the vast bulk of our funding comes from fanciers, cat lovers, and rescuers who care deeply about their own specific breeds. While there is money out there to support domestic cat rescue, the competition for that money is fierce. We would be competing with the very organizations we work hard to support and encourage if we do general cat rescue.

There's another aspect to caring for cats that is not really rescue, but too often winds up to be rescue: many of the cats we are seeing are from retired breeders and exhibitors and cat lovers who have limited alternatives to plan for their cats in the case of their demise and who die without plans for their animals or with plans that are no longer viable. Rescues have been contacted repeatedly by fanciers wanting to put a provision in their wills to turn their purebred and domestic cats over to us to assure they will be well cared for in homes and not wind up in shelters or euthanized while they still can appreciate life. An effort to provide a safety net for these cats will take quite a bit of planning, as well as legal input, money, and resources. Planning for those cats that have lost their owners to death is a feasible direction to go at this time, hand in hand with purebred rescue and helping those domestics we can whenever it is possible. Life makes for hard choices, so we will look at helping these friends, mentors, exhibitors, any one who has registered their cats with any registry first; i.e., our very own, the fanciers, before we look to rescue all the cats of the world. Life has a tendency to throw curve balls. None of us is truly safe from them. Let us build a safety net for our cats in such circumstances and offer another option for backup if our families and friends cannot provide for them...life may throw them some curve balls, too.

We can and do help rescue domestic cats as much as we can, which is why it states, "encourage efforts aimed at providing for the welfare of all cats". This leaves that door wide open. The Mission Statement still gives us the option to rescue domestics, as well as to pay pull fees for domestic cat rescues, and provide vetting and boarding fees for domestics at vets (which we do in many situations), but does not mandate (make it our mission) that any domestic cat coming to us by whatever venue at any time must be our primary focus. There are lots and lots of domestic cat rescues out there that we work with and help support; there are too few purebred rescues and breed rescues with rescuers who are expert in dealing with the particular breeds.

(Furthermore, you should see the look on their faces or hear or read the words of shelter workers, animal control officers, and the like when "purebred rescue" is able to pull a few of the most needy domestics along with purebreds from a shelter or takes a load of domestics from a hoarder and then arranges for vetting and then transport to reputable general rescues. We impact perceptions much more by coming in as "purebred rescue" and showing that we care about them all, than we would coming in otherwise as "Cat Rescue" where we are just one more "rescue group".)

It is important, in working in an alliance with other registries, that we all share the same goals and not be at loggerheads. This Mission Statement is one we can all agree upon and avoids potential conflict, while allowing room for interpretation and expansion of our efforts. An alliance with other registries is imperative if we are to be maximally successful in rescuing the cats we all love.

We then turned out focus to crucial issues facing rescue.

One is particular is the critical shortage of fosters. It is fully understood and appreciated that breeders, as a rule, do not have the room or the ability to foster rescues. Therefore, we need to recruit fosters, screen and train them, etc.

#### Foster Recruitment

Bobbie Tullo has done a wonderful job setting up a mechanism and guidelines for clubs to sign up potential fosters. It entails setting up a booth, with information and educational materials, to recruit fosters from the spectator population at shows.

Mary Arnold has written a cover letter to go with the foster recruitment package.

Marilyn Wagner has put in place a Yahoo Group called Friends of Cats, which is for club representatives who are willing to help spread the word about Purebred Rescue and sign up fosters, answer questions, and learn more about assisting in rescue efforts. She is also the moderator.

#### Foster Screening

Again, Bobbie Tullo stepped up to the plate and has made progress. To date, she made contact with 30 people. 13 have responded and she began the screening process.

#### Home Visits

Dovetailing with foster recruitment is soliciting assistance from clubs to help do home visits and monitor foster homes in their areas.

Bobbie Tullo made contact with Charlotte Hoar regarding working with clubs in Southern CA. Additionally, she asked Rochelle Puczkowskyj if she would co-ordinate AZ clubs. Rochelle has offered to do home visits in the Phoenix and Tucson areas.

#### Foster Coordinator

Marilyn Wagner has volunteered to serve as Foster Coordinator. This is a considerable task and she has done an outstanding job setting the program up.

#### Foster Mentoring

In order to have a successful foster program, it is essential to train and mentor the recruits. Marilyn Wagner developed a program for mentoring fosters with Susan Hagrelius assisting. Marilyn also set up a Yahoo Group for the mentoring efforts. It is called Friends of Rescue and she is the moderator. The list currently has 9 members but is growing.

#### Foster Documentation

Marilyn Wagner is maintaining a freestanding database of fosters.

All hard copy foster applications/contracts will go to Susan Hagrelius. She will scan them and send e-mail copies to Marilyn. Then once a month, she will snail mail a copy of the applications/contracts to Marilyn and Linda Mercer. This serves as a main filing location and as a back up.

Another important rescue area is breed identification in shelters. Susan Hagrelius is working on a program for mentoring and supervising shelter walkers with Marilyn Wagner assisting. Marilyn also set up a Yahoo Group called Friends of Shelter (for shelter walkers). Susan is the Moderator.

We also determined the need for a variety of educational materials. Thus far: Diana Engelbart has produced a pamphlet on hoarders and how to deal with hoarding situations. She has also drafted a pamphlet on what to expect when adopting a cat from a responsible breeder or rescue. This is still under review.

Caroline Fralia completed a pamphlet about the adoptability of FIV positive cats. We just need the final reviews completed on that.

Marilyn Wagner completed two pamphlets. One was on fostering and the other on quarantine procedures. Linda Mercer has made the content of the pamphlets available on Purebred Cat Breed Rescue.org

Linda Mercer asked and Kristine Alessio volunteered to work on two issues. One is setting up some type of group sponsored life insurance program wherein pet owners can pay premiums. If the owner dies or becomes severely disabled, the policy would pay into a trust. The monies would be used to ensure the pets are cared for. The other project is looking into liability insurance for the Rescue Committee, etc. Both are still pending.

Kristine Alessio and Hazel Brandenburg were working on legally constructed and enforceable sales contracts, which would allow breeders to be able to reclaim their cats in the event they ended up in rescue situations. Sadly, Kristine has posted that reality proves this is not workable. They did garner information about how to screen buyers to prevent shelter give-ups, what to do if one of the cats a breeder sold is in a shelter, know your zoning laws, etc. This will be turned into a pamphlet addressing the basics of responsible breeding

DeLynne Satimore worked with Beth Hicks (TICA AB Judge) on a website of What Color Is My Cat? The site is for shelter workers, fosters, and Vets as well as exhibitors to determine the basic colors and patterns of cats. She is also working with Purebred Cat Breed Rescue on a poster to identify the different breeds of cats.

DeLynne Satimore has been working with Linda Mercer to revamp and update the Purebred Cat Breed Rescue website (critiquing pages, checking links, etc.)

We have established a means to send donations for rescue. Right now, there are two options on the donations aspects. Clubs can send the money to the EO, but they do have to be clearly marked for rescue. The other option is to send them to Purebred Cat Breed Rescue (PCBR). That way they will be tax deductible retroactively once PCBR's 501(c)(3) comes through. TICA cannot offer that option. For the latter, moneys can be snail mailed or sent to the PayPal account: treasurer@purebredcatbreedrescue.org

Susan Hagrelius has been working with her RD about raising funds for our rescue group. She asked members of the various clubs if they would be willing to put a donation line on the summary forms requesting a "free will" donation. The clubs would then collect the money and send it to the EO, tagged as donations for rescue. The response from her Region has been favorable.

Susan has also been talking to breeders about linking from their cattery websites to the Purebred Cat Breed Rescue site.

Kay DeVilbiss had a link to the Purebred Cat Breed Rescue website put on the TICA site using their banner. A link to Purebred Cat Breed Rescue has also been added to the GL and SE Region's websites.

Linda Mercer had a poster made up that will travel with Susan Hagrelius to Milwaukee to be posted at their next GL region show. Since Susan is the show manager for their Regional Show in August, it will be featured there too. Susan has also agreed to get some informational pamphlets to go with the poster that could be passed out. Susan will be meeting with shelters in her area to promote Purebred rescue. She has already given Knox County in West Central Illinois a lot of

information, including books on purebred cats so that they can spot them easier and quicker.

Caroline Fralia's show, Ft. Worth Feline Fanciers in June 2005, donated \$250 for rescue in lieu of Judges gifts and listed general information regarding Purebred Rescue and fostering in their Show catalog.

Sal Vitales has been advising Linda Mercer and DeLynne Satimore on various rescue matters.

Linda Mercer and DeLynne Satimore have been doing all the final reviews on the various pamphlets prior to publication. Linda has been posting most of them on the Purebred Cat Breed Rescue.org site. We are also adding them to the various Yahoo Groups Lists.

Linda Mercer has proven to be an invaluable resource for the Committee. Her knowledge and guidance is unsurpassed. We, definitely, would not have made the considerable progress that we have without her. The Committee, as a whole, thanks the BOD for appointing Linda to our group.

I would also like to mention that Kay DeVilbiss has been wonderful to work with and support our Committee at every turn. We had some rough bumps in the beginning but she is always there to help.

Things that are pending:

We need to decide how to market the Foster Recruitment Packet to clubs.

We need to designate points of contact to work with Regional clubs on the recruitment packet.

We need to draft a pamphlet on "What to do if your cat is lost".

We need to draft a pamphlet on "What to do if you are overwhelmed?" (this refers to the over numbers situations or a person has more cats than they can care for).

We need to publish guidelines on what to do if a breeder or friend is raided and cats are seized. This would include points of contact and the importance of contacting the right people first.

We need to publish guidelines on the difference between Animal Welfare and Rescue.

Marilyn Wagner needs help getting the Friends of Cats list up and running. She has asked for suggestions of people to invite.

We need to write a pamphlet on cat adoptions. It should cover responsibilities, what to expect, what the process involves (like screening applications), etc.

We need to write a pamphlet on "Responsible Breeding".

Matters for the BOD to address:

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Suggested designees of points of contact (from Regional clubs) to work with us on using the recruitment packet at shows. We would like one person from each Region.

We need funding for the Breed ID poster from all three registries and approval to use the registries' logos on the poster. These funds would be separate from those used for rescue efforts. The estimated cost are: \$1,648 for 1000 posters shipped to one location plus \$997 for 1000 tubes. If we had them split up and shipped to different locations (CFA, TICA and ACFA central offices or to each shelter separately or to state coordinators we pick to arrange to distribute them through clubs, for instance) there would be a 10% handling fee plus \$4 per shipping address. Shipping to each of 1000 shelters would then cost about \$4260 - for a total of \$2645 (posters and tubes) plus \$4000 (1000 addresses) plus \$264.50 (10%) = \$6,909.50 if we had them do the shipping. This comes to approximately \$2,303.17 per association.

We need approval from the BOD to ask clubs if they would be willing to put a donation line on the summary forms requesting a "free will" donation for Rescue. The clubs would then collect the money and send it to the EO, identified as donations for Rescue.

I, as Chair of Rescue, would like to be added to any group run by Animal Welfare so that I can be apprised of potential rescue situations.

The Committee has asked me to convey that future efforts to raise money for rescue be made in the name of the TICA Rescue Committee or Purebred Cat Breed Rescue. We do not feel it appropriate to list Committee members' names. We are a team – not individuals.

Overall, I am very pleased with what our Committee has accomplished. I believe we have done a great deal since our inception. I hope the BOD and the TICA membership, as a whole will feel the same.

Respectfully submitted,

DeLynne W. Satimore  
Chair, TICA Rescue Committee

**Rules Committee Report'**  
Annual 2005

The Rules Committee work is ongoing. In preparation for the 2005 Annual the Committee has reviewed or drafted over 26 proposals.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Nancy".

Nancy Parkinson  
Rules Chair

## 2005 Annual Chausie Breed Report

This last show season the Chausie Breed Group has been concentrating on meeting additional requirements to advance towards Championship status. Chausie cats have been in the show rings and breeder education has been continuous. The breed group currently has 8 people who either are producing "C" level cats this year or already have "C" level cats. This coming year will be critical to the breed's next step as we determine if any of the "C" males are fertile and therefore produce SBT cats for next show season (2006).

The current membership in the Chausie breed section are 34 people, the breed committee still has an active e-groups list where it discusses various aspects of the breed, feedback from the shows and revisions to the goals of the breed in general. The group updated the Chausie Breed Committee website after the first of this year as we do every year and we invite you to visit the website to view the photos and information. Additional pages were added this last year showing "B" and "C" level cats. A page of Chausies at the shows has also been added. The address is [www.ChausieBreedCommittee.com](http://www.ChausieBreedCommittee.com)

The Chausie Breed Group ran several polls to rename the currently called Silver Tip Chausie with the name selected being Grizzled Tabby. This addition is in the form of a proposal to be added to the UCD and Glossary along with a request for the Grizzled Tabby to move back into the Traditional Tabby Division. The Breed Group had asked to move to the Misc. Division at the Semi-Annual and it has since been determined that the Tabby Division was correct for this coloration.

As of May, 2005

2. 773 Chausies registered in TICA.
4. 128 Chausies registered in 2004 and 45 registered from Jan. - May 2005.
6. 104 Chausie litters registered in 2004, 14 litters between Jan. - May '05.
8. During the 2004 - 2005 show seasons the Chausie was seen and handled;
  2. In 32 individual shows.
  4. Shown in 9 Regions.
  6. 16 individual Cats shown.
  8. 81 individual Judges handled Chausies a total of 268 times during the course of the show year.

Chausie Rescue was established on March 21, 2001 for the protection of all Chausies and preservation of the breed. Chausie Rescue is currently raising money to apply for their 501c3 status.

Although the main focus for Chausie Rescue is the welfare of Chausies, the group has worked with breeds other than Chausies as well as rescue groups who are non-Chausie related. Chausie Rescue will continue to operate in this manner when the need arises. Currently, the group has been successful in assisting all Chausies that were referred to Chausie Rescue.

**Future Breed Goals:**

- To maintain a presence in TICA shows with the Chausie.
- To continue to mentor new breeders.
- To register Chausie litters and individual cats and kittens.
- To continue education in various formats.
- To continue rescue of all Chausies in need.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Bobbie Tullo  
Chausie Working Breed Chair

## **Peterbald Breed Report**

Annual 2005

Since acceptance for Advanced New Breed status at the 2005 Semi Annual, the number of Peterbald cats being shown in TICA shows has increased tremendously. Since the beginning of the new show season there have been more than 15 different Peterbald cats shown in seven different regions.

As of June 5, 2005 there have been over 260 individual Peterbalds registered and over 399 litters registered. Of the cats registered over 200 are eligible for championship status. There are 16 SBT's currently registered. As a Category IV breed, AOP, BOP, COP and SB are eligible for championship competition.

As of July 5, 2005, there are 38 TICA Peterbald breed section members. This number is increasing on a regular basis, indicating the interest in the Peterbald breed. More and more people are realizing the benefits of joining TICA as an organization and the benefits for their individual breed.

The breed section is currently working on revising and refining the standard. As a result of showing and getting input from judges, the breed section members are more aware of the issues in the standard that are not clear. The end result of this will be a better-written, more accurate standard which will be useful for both breeders and judges.

As an ongoing project, the breed section is continuing their efforts to understand the genetic factors related to the Peterbald coat. The breed section members are aware that the more knowledge they have, the better able they will be to make intelligent decisions regarding the breeding of Peterbalds.

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy Parkinson  
PD Working Group Chair

Savannah Breed Report  
TICA semi-Annual 2005

The Savannah Breed, its breeders and Breed Section membership continues to grow at a rapid rate. There were 1098 Savannahs registered in 2005.

The Savannah Breed is undergoing a correction of Registrations. During 2005 it was uncovered by the EO and the Genetics Committee that many Savannahs were incorrectly registered, and should actually be registered as Experimentals. This is due to Non Permissibles used in breedings.

The Breed Section has discussed this with various TICA officials, and has agreed to fund Nancy Parkinson to travel to TICA to correct registrations. Until this is completed we don't have an actual, reliable count of the various generations of Savannahs.

Also, members of the Savannah Breed Section are requesting additional Permissible Outcrosses. Presentations will be done following the presentation of this Breed Report.

Attached to this Breed Report are the proposals for the Ocicat and the Turkish Angora. The proposal for the Bengal is being submitted by alternative method.

Also included with the proposals for the Ocicat and the Turkish Angora is a dissenting viewpoint on accepting the Bengal. The Breed Chair is presenting these proposals and the dissenting viewpoint without comment. She does request that the Board Members give this careful thought, with the future best interests of the Savannah Breed in mind.

Additionally, the Breed Chair wishes to acknowledge that she has close friends on the Board and that she has attempted to serve the Board and the Savannah Breed to the best of her ability; attempting to balance the wishes of the Board and the opinion of the section members.

Signed,

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Lorre Smith

## Annual TOYGER Breed Report 2005

The Toyger breed continues to make slow and steady progress, laying a strong foundation for the future.

**SHOWING:** Showing is becoming more fun for us all as the cats become more distinctive, the judges become better informed and the public gets more excited. 2004-05 sees both an increase in the number of Toygers registered, the number of shows with TGs participating (18), an increase in the number of cats shown (20 competing, others exhibiting) and the number of TICA members showing Toygers (10). This number should rise before September as English (and other) kittens come of age.

To maintain our community support system we are making the effort and expense to field more than one breeder at any one show, if possible. Then as individual new breeders and exhibitors become more thick skinned and confident with explanation and evaluation, they in turn take out their Toygers to show in their areas in their new mentorship roles. Please note that we can bring new people to TICA with our showing requirements but we cannot keep them showing (after all they are not earning titles for their cats!) without a little help from judges to make it a more pleasant experience. This also provides more variety of cats shown (ages and quality) and gives more of a continuity in the continuing dialogue.

**BREEDING:** Requests for breeding cats for would-be breeders still far outstrips our ability to provide quality animals. Thus the breeder numbers are still expanding but slowly.

We now have many new breeders waiting impatiently for their kittens to grow up. Toygers are now International with the first imports into the UK and into Australia. Within the US, Toygers are being bred in five TICA regions at the time of this writing but breeders in two additional regions are waiting for top kittens. These new breeder/show kittens should be hitting the TICA show rings as we are encouraging/requiring people to show in TICA to get Toygers before the public. While TICA is our first registry, Toygers have now also been accepted in Australia as a New Breed by WNCA (Waratah National Cat Association).

Some people are self-eliminating themselves at this time as we are carefully informing all new prospects of the necessity of breed community involvement, the slow long-term development expectations, our outcross necessity and then the years to return to good showable COP and SBT Toygers, and our demanded temperament and health vigilance and culling.

**REGISTRY STATUS/STANDARD:** While we are well beyond meeting the requirements for advancement and for the most part are working far down in SBT, we are split as a Breed Group as to our readiness to so apply. All are excited. Some want the cats to meet our Standard a bit better and be a little more uniform. We are to some degree hesitant to yield our imagined position of increased tolerance in Preliminary New Breed as we bring new showfolks into TICA showing a lesser understood breed. Our need for outcrossing also suggests that we may value the ability to show those earlier outcross Toygers in PNB if requirements are that only COP and SBT cats are showable in ANB.

Attached please find a revision request for the TICA TOYGER BREED STANDARD. These revisions (and all those in the foreseeable future) spurred on by judge questions and observations, reflect a better understanding by us all not only of descriptions but of what the breed might achieve.

**ONGOING EDUCATION:** \* This year saw the development of a Toyger Breed Power Point presentation used by Breed members with 2 TGs for a Breed Seminar in May. A spur of the moment lunchtime Breed presentation was successful at the Burlington Cat Fanciers show. The Toyger Breed Presentation is now available to any judge or club wishing to view it for minimal CD shipping costs We plan to do more Breed Seminars in the coming year.

Five TG owners had a TG Breed Booth at the Pet Expo in Southern California offering Toyger purrs and pettings from their 4 show and 8 exhibition cats. Our pet owners enjoyed playing in the ICAT with their charges while we all gave out literature and mini breed talks. A good time was had by all.

The International Toyger Cat Society held a formal meeting of its membership in conjunction with the Westchester Feline show in White Plains, NY Nov. 2004 and presented the premier issue of its official publication the Toyger Times to members in attendance and some of the judges. The Toyger Times will be published bi-annually as a forum for the exchange of information, excitement and milestones in the advancements of the Toyger. A number of TICA judges and Toyger owners participated. Several copies were made available to judges. The second issue to be published in in the summer of 2005 and will be available on a wider scale as publication,

distribution and financing of the publication have been determined. TICA judges are encouraged to ask Toyger exhibitors for copies and or to contact the International Toyger Cat Society to receive a copy.

The International Toyger Cat Society has also sought to become a TICA club and participate in the production and support of TICA cats shows.

**PUBLICITY:** Toygers were used for television publicity of the TICA 2004 White Plains, NY. show, which resulted in people coming to the show specifically to see them.

**TOYGERS IN SERVICE:** We are getting lots of referrals and repeat customers because of companionability and temperament. Two altered pet Toygers were featured in newspaper articles for their pet therapy work in Southern California. Timba the Toyger is the first cat (as far as we can tell) to be allowed to stay with his owner in hospital in his role of "working animal". Timba learned the job by watching the owner's trained dogs. Timba is more convenient than a dog in some situations as he does not require walking. Another Toyger pet owner is convinced that her cat saved her life by dialing 911 for her.

In summary, the Toygers have finally reached the point of breed recognition and the point of expansion. We would like to thank the Board for its continued support of the breed and wish us all luck, happy cats and happy people.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Judy Sugden  
Toyger Chairperson