

**THE INTERNATIONAL CAT ASSOCIATION, INC.**

2000 Annual Board Meeting  
August 30-September 1, 2000  
Las Vegas, Nevada

The meeting was called to order on August 30, 2000, Wednesday, at 8 AM by Vice President, Kay DeVilbiss. The following people were present:

Kay DeVilbiss- Vice President  
Cheiko Ohira - Director, Asia  
Dewane Barnes - Director, Great Lakes  
Edith Mary Smith - Director, Great Plain  
Louise Van De Water - Director, Northeast  
Marcel Louwyck - Director, Northern Europe  
Alice Rhea - Director, Northwest  
Barbara Washburn - Director, Mid Atlantic  
Sue Servies - Director, Mid Pacific  
Fate Mays - Director, South Central  
Jo Parris - Director, Southeast  
Bob Mullen - Director, Southwest  
Laurie Schiff - Legal Advisor

Larry Paul, President, Aline Noel, Director, Southern Europe and Inar Pessoa, Director, South America, were not present. Aline Noel arrived on Thursday

#1 Unanimous consent to allow Cathy Welch, Bobbie Tullo, and Georgia Morgan to remain in the meeting during Executive Session.

#2 Unanimous consent to go into Executive Session.

~~~~~**Executive Session**~~~~~

#3 Unanimous consent to move the discussion of Motoko Oizumi to Friday morning.

#4 Unanimous consent to allow Deborah Reed to remain in the meeting during Executive Session to hear the complaints.

The hearing for Laretta Nawojski was moved to Friday morning.

#5 Unanimous consent to send the Feltman versus Petr complaint that does not merit further action by the Board to the Feline Welfare Chair to be kept on file for 2 years.

1. Motion was made by Parris and seconded by VandeWater to direct Legal Counsel to write a letter to Higgerson giving her 30 days to get the registration to Van Dunk otherwise or she will be temporarily suspended with a hearing at the 2001 Semi-Annual Meeting.

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

#6 Unanimous consent to forward the records on Higgerson versus Van Dunk to the Feline Welfare Committee Chair.

#7 Unanimous consent to take no action on Zsoldos versus West.

2. Motion was made by Parris and seconded by Mays to temporarily suspend French until the 2001 Semi-Annual Meeting and set a hearing at that meeting with Legal Counsel advising her to cease the false advertising that she is an "Outstanding Cattery". Motion carried unanimously.

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

#8 Unanimous consent to direct Legal Counsel to write a letter to Villocero giving him 30 days to get the registration to Hidalgo otherwise, he will be temporarily suspended and a hearing set for the 2001 Semi-Annual Meeting.

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

#9 Unanimous consent to temporarily suspend Debra Rexelle until the criminal action in her case is resolved.

#10 Unanimous consent to table Lisa Bressler until the paperwork is received. (See Motion 52.)

3. Motion was made by Rhea and seconded by Mullen to reconsider the motion made at a previous meeting to end the suspension of Pattie Dailey. Motion denied with Rhea abstaining.

4. Motion was made by Parris and seconded by Mays that TICA pay for Major Medical Insurance for the Business Manager--Health Guard Policy insurance as presented. Motion carried unanimously. (See Motion 47.)

The Vice President appointed a committee consisting of Fate Mays, Don Caruthers, and Dewane Barnes to set guidelines and requirements for Living Treasures and the Hall Fame with input from Larry Paul to be furnished to the Rules and Technical Terminology Committee and placed on 2001 Semi-Annual Meeting Agenda.

~~~~~**Referred to Rules and Technical Terminology Committee**~~~~~

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

6. Motion was made by VandeWater and seconded by Washburn to induct Roland Lindsey and Arthel Scheurmann into the TICA Hall of Fame. Motion carried with Barnes abstaining simply because the Board had no criteria for making such selection.

7. Motion was made by VandeWater and seconded by Washburn to suspend Inar Pessoa from the training program for 6 months, pending a letter of apology to both Bobbie and Kay and if no apology is forthcoming, then she is to be dropped from the Judging Program. Motion carried.

8. Motion was made by VandeWater and seconded by Washburn that, in light of the fact that Stuart Smith failed his recertification Clerking Exam, he be suspended from the Judging Program until he is recertified as a clerk and his completed judging exam must be returned by November 1<sup>st</sup>. Motion carried unanimously.

#11 Unanimous consent that the deadline for completing the exam for Thomas Anderson, Lisa Dicke, Francesca Gagern, Michael Hammond, and Joyce Henderson be November 1<sup>st</sup> or they will be automatically dropped from the Judging Program.

#12 Unanimous consent that Erick Pessoa be dropped from the Judging Program.

#13 Unanimous consent for the Board to ask the Judging Administrator to write a letter to the Allbreed Sponsor of Festuca Takada to inform her that she will be suspended or dropped from the Judging Program if all requirements of the Judging Program are not met by the 2001 Semi-Annual Meeting.

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

#14 Unanimous consent to take no action on Kumi Yamada until the 2001 Semi-Annual Meeting.

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

#15 Unanimous consent to suspend Margaret Rheinheimer until the 2001 Semi-Annual Meeting in order to pay her license fees.

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

#16 Unanimous consent to reinstate Yoshiko Iwaido as a Probationary Specialty Judge effective immediately.

#17 Unanimous consent to suspend Thomas Anderson from the Judging Program until he meets all requirements for recertification in the Clerking Program.

Glynnis McCartney has resigned from the Judging Program and Regional Director. Alice Rhea, Northwest Regional Director stated that she will be missed by the Northwest Region.

Chris Pohto has resigned from the Judging Program.

9. Motion was made by VandeWater and seconded by Barnes to accept Francine Hicks as a Trainee in the Judging Program provided she shows a longhair. Motion carried.

10. Motion was made by Fate Mays and seconded by Barnes to accept Toni Jones as a Trainee in the Judging Program. Motion carried.

11. Motion was made by VandeWater and seconded by Mullen to accept Nahoko Kaizuka as a Trainee in the Judging Program provided she shows a shorthair. Motion carried.

12. Motion was made by Mays and seconded by VandeWater that Ana Maria Sosa be accepted as a Trainee in the Judging Program pending receipt of her clerking recertification exam. Motion carried.

13. Motion was made by Barnes and seconded by Mays that Debbie Lopeman be advanced to Probationary Specialty Judge. Motion carried.

14. Motion was made by VandeWater and seconded by Servies that Hiromi Osada be considered for advancement to Probationary Specialty Judge at the 2001 Semi-Annual. Motion carried.

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

15. Motion was made by Barnes and seconded by Mullen that the Board advance Robin Sessler to Probationary Specialty Judge. Motion carried.

16. Motion was made by Ohira and seconded by Barnes that Tomoko Tanaka be advanced to Probationary Specialty Judge. Motion carried.

17. Withdrawn.

18. Withdrawn.

19. Motion was made by Barnes and seconded by Mullen that the Board hold John Creech over until the 2001 Semi-Annual Meeting at which time he will have to submit proof of a Master Clerk License, a list of shows at which he has previously judged and any other information required by the Judging Administrator. Motion carried unanimously.

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

20. Motion was made by Mullen and seconded by Barnes to accept Sandi Mattingly as an Approved Specialty Judge pending meeting the requirement of training a minimum of six times and writing breed critiques for breeds that were not recognized in the other associations. Motion carried.

21. Motion was made by VandeWater and seconded by Rhea to advance Genevieve Basquine to Provisional Allbreed Judge. Motion carried unanimously.

22. Motion was made by Parris and seconded by Smith to advance Robby Whyte to Provisional Allbreed Judge. Motion carried unanimously.

23. Motion was made by VandeWater and seconded by Washburn to advance Martine Caillard to Approved Allbreed Judge. Motion carried.

24. Motion was made by Parris and seconded by Smith to advance Judy Chapetta to Approved Allbreed Judge. Motion carried.

25. Motion was made by VandeWater and seconded by Washburn to advance Odette Lamoureux to Approved Allbreed Judge. Motion carried unanimously.

26. Motion was made by Mullen and seconded by Rhea to advance Pascale Portelas to Approved Allbreed Judge pending the completion of the nine judging assignments. Motion carried.

Later, there was unanimous consent to reconsider Pascale Portelas. (See motions 45 and 46.)

27. Motion was made by Ohira and seconded by Mays to advance Haruyo Tomonari to Ring and School Instructor. Motion carried.

#18 Unanimous consent to destroy the secret ballots for the judges.

~~~~~**Executive Session**~~~~~

#19 Unanimous consent to go out of Executive Session.

#20 Unanimous consent for the TICA Trend Editor to publish the TICA website addresses and the regional website addresses and David Thomas' show information report and calendar addresses in the TICA Trend.

28. Motion was made by Barnes and seconded by Mullen that the amount paid to judges for mileage be increased to 32.5 cents/mile. Motion denied with Louwyck abstaining, Mays, Ohira, Parris, Servies and VandeWater opposed and the Chair breaking the tie.

29. Motion was made by VandeWater and seconded by Barnes that the amount paid to judges for

mileage be increased to 30 cents per mile. Motion carried with DeVilbiss and Louwyck abstaining and Mays and Parris opposed. This motion is effective immediately.

#21 Unanimous consent to include the year of each judge's acceptance into the Judging Program next to the name of the judge in the TICA Trend.

30. Motion was made by VandeWater and seconded by Washburn to accept the amendment to the By-Laws reference the classification of judges. Motion carried with Barnes, Mullen, Rhea and Smith opposed. Smith and Barnes voted no because of the verbiage of the rules. Rhea wanted the record to reflect that in all instances she believed it should be TICA time. (See page A.)

#22 Unanimous consent to add to the Standing Rules to the Show Rules, II. Judges. (See page V.)

31. Motion was made by Mays and seconded by Rhea to reconsider the previous unanimous consent to add to the Standing Rules to the Show Rules II.D. Motion denied with Louwyck, Mays, Rhea, Smith and VandeWater in favor.

32. Motion was made by Rhea and seconded by VandeWater to add to the Judging Program, 17.3: Failure to: Forward training and clerking evaluations within 48 hours. Motion carried with Mays opposed because he wanted the rule to read 14 days.

33. Motion was made by Parris and seconded by VandeWater that 2.2.d of the corrected Judging Program remains the same: "Be a working member of an active TICA club which hosts TICA shows in resident region." Motion carried with Mullen, Mays, Rhea and Servies opposed. Mays stated that he voted to leave in the rule because he had members in his region who are in Las Cruces, NM and their club was in El Paso, TX, two cities close together in different regions.

#23 Unanimous consent to accept the changes to the Judging Program as presented.

#24 Unanimous consent to recess for the day.

The meeting was called to order at 8:04 AM on Thursday, August 31, 2000.

Guidelines for hotel rooms that are trashed with the end result the guilty parties to be placed on the Temporary Suspension List were referred to the Rules and Technical Terminology Committee for the 2001 Semi-Annual Meeting Agenda.

~~~~~**Referred to Rules and Technical Terminology Committee**~~~~~  
=====Referred to the Semi-Annual Meeting=====

#25 Unanimous consent that the requested judges for the Belgium Cat Lovers (Jurgen Stein and Friedemann Lohf) and the Gallic Cat Club (Ineke Zegers and Claude Seignot) be approved.

#26 Unanimous consent to approve the Minutes of the 2000 Semi-Annual Meeting, in Harlingen, Texas with the following corrections.

Unanimous consent to establish the Best Himalayan Award in honor of Sue Pannell to be awarded at the 2000 Annual Convention and **move all Special Breed related awards to the end of the program after Cat of the Year.**

Motion 51 was made by Barnes and seconded by Mullen that the 2001 Annual be held in Omaha Nebraska. Motion carried with DeVilbiss opposed.

Motion 58 was made by DeVilbiss and seconded by Barnes that all breed committees or breed group committees have **until February**, 2001 to submit new standards which add up to 100 points. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion 68 was made by DeVilbiss and seconded by Rhea that a 1 year moratorium be placed on the recognition and progression of any color, pattern or coat length ~~until the NBC rules are ratified~~ **to run concurrently with the progression moratorium passed at the 1999 Semi-Annual Meeting**. Motion carried with Servies opposed, and Smith absent.

Motion 12 was made by DeVilbiss and seconded by Barnes to notify Laretta Nawojski of a hearing at the ~~2004~~ **2000** Annual since as a HHP Judge, she is a representative of TICA and continued unfounded remarks regarding the Executive Office made in a public forum are unacceptable. Motion carried unanimously.

34. Motion was made by Smith and seconded by Mullen that Motion 7 of the 1999 Annual Meeting Minutes be rescinded. Motion carried unanimously. "7. Motion was made by Barnes and seconded by Mullen to refer the change on ARTICLE X, Section 2 of the By-Laws to the October Membership Ballot as follows: "Adoption of any proposal by mail ballot shall require an affirmative vote of a majority of all Board Members who return their ballots to the Executive Office by the deadline stated in the ballot." Pro and con to be done by counsel. Motion carried unanimously."

35. Motion was made by Barnes and seconded by Servies that that motion 76, 1999 Semi-Annual Minutes be rescinded. "76. Unanimous consent that the TICA Yearbook shall contain a page devoted to every country in TICA on which shall be pictured the Best Cat, Kitten, Alter, Household Pet and Household Pet Kitten. Without objection." Motion carried unanimously.

#27 Unanimous consent that Motion 77, 1999 Semi-Annual Minutes be rescinded. "77. Motion was made by Rhea and seconded by Mullen that the top scoring NBC Cat in each breed be pictured on one page of the TICA Yearbook. Motion carried unanimously."

#28 Unanimous consent to accept the change to the Standing Rules to the Show Rules VII.G. Regional and International Awards. (See page V.)

36. Motion was made by Mays and seconded by Barnes to add the following to the Standing Rules to By-Laws: Guidelines for the TICA Webmaster. Motion carried with Parris, Rhea, and Smith opposed. Parris voted no because she sees no way to police backyard breeders. (See page P.)

37. Motion was made by Barnes and seconded by Parris to amend the Standing Rules to the Show Rules, II.c. Judge's Books, effective May 1, 2001. Motion denied unanimously. (See page W.)

#29 Unanimous consent to amend Show Rule 2.1 Shows. (See page K.)

#30 Unanimous consent to amend Show Rule 2.2 (as rewritten for 2.8) (See page K.)

38. Motion was made by Barnes and second by VandeWater to add Show Rule 2.3 as corrected. Motion carried unanimously. (See page K.)

39. Motion was made by Barnes and seconded by VandeWater to amend the Show Rules ARTICLE NINE. Motion denied with Louwyck and Noel abstaining and Barnes, DeVilbiss, VandeWater, and Washburn in favor.

40. Motion was made by Servies and seconded by Barnes to reconsider the previous motion. Motion carried with Louwyck and Noel abstaining and Mays, Mullen, Parris, and Rhea opposed.

41. Motion was made by Barnes and seconded by VandeWater to amend the Show Rules ARTICLE NINE. Motion carried with Mays, Mullen, Parris, Rhea and Smith opposed. (See page K.)

42. Motion was made by Barnes and seconded by Mays to change Standing Rules to the Show Rules I.C. Motion carried with Noel abstaining and Servies and VandeWater opposed. (See page W.)

43. Motion was made by Barnes and seconded by Mays to defer the following until after the new scoring system is in place. Add to Standing Rules to the By-Laws: Any Regional or International Winner with unclaimed titles will forfeit their award and the next eligible cat will be moved into the position. Motion carried with Servies opposed.

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

The report on Merchandising of TICA articles was presented by the Vice President. (See page Y.)

#31 Unanimous consent to continue the merchandising.

#32 Unanimous consent to apply to re-register the TICA Logo.

44. Motion was made by Servies and seconded by Washburn that the 2004, 25<sup>th</sup> Annual Awards Convention of TICA be awarded to the Southwest Region where the first annual was held. Motion carried with Rhea abstaining.

#33 Unanimous consent to instruct the TICA Trend Editor to discontinue efforts to publish the top cats by country.

#34 Unanimous consent to change ARTICLE XII-Regions. (See page B.)

#35 Unanimous consent to accept the wording of ARTICLE XIII - Membership Voting by emergency power of the Board of Directors, effective immediately. (See page B.)

#36 Unanimous consent to adopt ARTICLE XIV - Election of Officers by emergency powers of the Board of Directors effective immediately. (See page B.)

#37 Unanimous consent to adopt the Standing Rules to the By-Laws, Election Procedures. (See page P.)

#38 Unanimous consent to have the Standing Rules changes to the Election Procedures printed on the Membership Ballot along with the changes to the By-Laws with the clear stipulation that one is a By-Law change for Membership Vote and one is for Information Purposes Only.

#39 Unanimous consent to submit the proposal for renumbering the By-Laws, Show Rules, and Registration Rules to the Rules and Technical Terminology Committee.

**~~~~~Referred to Rules and Technical Terminology Committee~~~~~**

#40 Unanimous consent that Frances Young's combining of the Standing Rules be referred to the Rules and Technical Terminology Committee.

~~~~~**Referred to Rules and Technical Terminology Committee**~~~~~

#41 Unanimous consent to add the Lifetime Achievement Award regardless of when the award was achieved to the Standing Rules to the By-Laws. (See page S.)

#42 Unanimous consent to add the Guidelines for the Use of the TICA Logo as modified to the Standing Rules to the By-Laws. (See page T.)

#43 Unanimous consent for the Board to authorize the Executive Office to pay the hotel expense for Tuesday through Saturday as applicable.

#44 Unanimous consent to recess for the day.

#45 Unanimous consent that the Executive Office print and include with the show supplies the following brochures: "Early Spay & Neuter" and "Determining A Breeder's Reputability".

Pat Harding, Chair of the Foreign Affairs Committee gave her report. (See page Z.)

Cathy Welch, TICA Trend Editor, presented her report to the Board. (See page AA.)

#46 Unanimous consent to accept the Breed Reports for the American Bobtail, Chausie, LaPerm, Munchkin, and Peterbald.

The meeting was brought to order at 8 AM on Friday morning.

#47 Unanimous consent to go into Executive Session.

~~~~~**Executive Session**~~~~~

#48 Unanimous consent to accept the proposal for editorial services on the TICA Yearbook with John Harrison with the changes discussed beginning with Volume 22.

45. Motion was made by Barnes and seconded by VandeWater to reconsider the advancement of Pascale Portelas. Motion carried with Mullen and Servies abstaining and Rhea opposed.

46. Motion was made to make to have Pascale Portelas reapply at the 2001 Semi-Annual Meeting when all requirements have been met.

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

47. Motion was made by Vandewater and seconded by Rhea that TICA pay for Major Medical Insurance from Health Guard Insurance Company for the Business Manager. Motion carried unanimously. VandeWater commented that this should be considered as an increase in compensation regarding the contract negotiations in February.

48. Motion was made by VandeWater and seconded by Smith that the sum of \$2500 per year be the beginning compensation for payment of Bobbie Tullo, Judging Administrator, paid in whatever manner she wishes. Motion carried unanimously.

49. Motion was made by Barnes and seconded by Parris to defer the matter of Mrs. Oizumi to the 2001 Semi-Annual and that the Judging Administrator be instructed to inform Mrs. Oizumi that she may not judge cats without handling them. Motion carried unanimously.

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

50. Motion was made by Rhea and seconded by that the membership of Mary Lou Howard be revoked in TICA and that she be permanently suspended from all services and that she be denied entry from any TICA show. Motion carried unanimously.

51. Motion was made by VandeWater and seconded by Mullen that Lauretta Nawojski be prohibited from any show production, show management, all clerking activity, and from any verbal contact with the Executive Office for 5 years. Motion carried unanimously.

~~~~~Executive Session~~~~~

#49 Unanimous consent to go out of Executive Session.

Larry Hart, Programmer, presented an updated report on the computerization projects on-going at the Executive Office. Two new computers, and a server have been purchased and the Litter Registration Program is utilizing data from the server. The next programs to be converted to the server system will be the Registration Program and the Membership Program.

52. Motion was made by Parris and seconded by Mullen to temporarily suspend Lisa Bressler for a review at the 2001 Semi-Annual Meeting in order for her to get her affairs in order. Motion carried with Mullen, Ohira, Smith, and VandeWater abstaining.

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

53. Motion was made by Barnes and seconded by VandeWater that the Board accept the NBC proposal as amended. Motion carried unanimously. (See page D.)

#50 Unanimous consent to change the site of the 2003 TICA Annual Show and Awards Banquet from Peoria, IL to Green Bay, WI.

#51 Unanimous consent to change Show Rule 12.2. (See page L.)

#52 Unanimous consent to reinstate the Ojos Azules and California Spangled as New Breed/Color Breeds.

54. Motion was made by Mullen and seconded by Rhea to send the proposal for Alternative Specialty rings to the Rules and Technical Terminology Committee. Motion carried with Barnes, Parris, Smith and VandeWater opposed.

~~~~~Referred to Rules and Technical Terminology Committee~~~~~

#53 Unanimous consent, provided the changes to the Registration Rules, ARTICLE III are ratified by the membership, that the changes to the manner of exhibitions of NBC's shall be effective 5/1/01. All other changes to this article shall be effective immediately. The moratorium on acceptance of advancing new breeds and/or colors shall terminate upon this article becoming effective.

#54 Unanimous consent, pending approval of the changes to the Registration Rules, ARTICLE III, change Show Rules 1.29, 1.30, 1.31, 1.70, 11.9, 12.4, 12.5, 16.5, and 17.9. (See page L.)

#55 Unanimous consent, pending approval of the changes to the Registration Rules, ARTICLE III, to accept the Registration Rules changes to ARTICLE IX and the By-Laws change to ARTICLE XVIII as corrected. (See pages B and D.)

#56 Unanimous consent to get Rules and Technical Terminology to write a policy on the submission of proposals for the Annual Awards Banquet and Conventions to be no more than 3 years prior for referral to the 2001 Semi-Annual Meeting.

~~~~~**Referred to Rules and Technical Terminology Committee**~~~~~  
=====**Referred to the Semi-Annual Meeting**=====

55. Withdrawn.

#57 Unanimous consent to refer the regional rotation of the Annual to the Rules and Technical Terminology Committee.

~~~~~**Referred to Rules and Technical Terminology Committee**~~~~~

56. Motion was made by Parris and seconded by Barnes to approve the changes to the Show Rules 12.6 through 12.9. Motion denied with Parris in favor. (See page N.)

#58 Unanimous consent to change Show Rule 16.11. (See page N.)

#59 Unanimous consent to add Show Rule 16.16. (See page N.)

#60 Unanimous consent to add Show Rule 16.19. (See page O.)

57. Motion was made by VandeWater and seconded by Parris to adopt the new Abyssinian/Somali Breed Group Standard. Motion carried unanimously, (See page BJ.)

#61 Unanimous consent to accept the Bengal Standard. (See page BL.)

#62 Unanimous consent to accept the Devon Rex Standard. (See page BN.)

#63 Unanimous consent to accept the Norwegian forest Standard. (See page BP.)

#64 Unanimous consent to refer the Ocicat Standard back to the Breed Committee.

#65 Unanimous consent to refer the Peterbald Standard back to the Breed Committee with a request to poll the Breed Section and to comply with the guidelines for categories and subcategories.

#66 Unanimous consent to accept the Russian Blue Standard. (See page BR.)

#67 Unanimous consent to accept the Siamese Breed Group Standard. (See page BS.)

58. Motion was made by Mays and seconded by Rhea to accept the Siamese Breed Group Standard and refer back to the breed committee for a description of each breed in the group to be on the standard. Motion carried unanimously.

#68 Unanimous consent to refer the Siberian Standard back to the Breed Committee for the points to be accurate.

#69 Unanimous consent to accept the Singapura Standard. (See page BU.)

#70 Unanimous consent to adopt the Tonkinese Standard with correction of points. (See page BW.)

#71 Unanimous consent to direct the Executive Office to include a Table of Contents and Index with the Standards so that a specific breed in the breed group they can be identified alphabetically.

#72 Unanimous consent to refer the changes to the Bombay/Burmese questions to the individual breed committees and the Genetics Committee.

#73 Unanimous consent to refer proposed changes to the Standing Rules from Frances Young to the Rules and Technical Terminology Committee.

~~~~~**Referred to Rules and Technical Terminology Committee**~~~~~

59. Motion was made by VandeWater and seconded by Rhea to put the proposed General Penalties and Withholds in layman's terms that are easily understandable by judges and exhibitors to be incorporated into the standards after referral to the Rules and Technical Terminology Committee. Motion carried with Louwyck abstaining and Barnes, Rhea, Parris, and Servies opposed.

~~~~~**Referred to Rules and Technical Terminology Committee**~~~~~

#74 Unanimous consent to allow the inactive breed sections to work on their respective breed standards.

#75 Unanimous consent to appoint Sherrie Zabriskie to the Chartreux Breed Committee.

#76 Unanimous consent to go into a Committee of the Whole for the membership to speak.

#77 Unanimous consent to award the 2002 to be hosted by NOVACATS, MA Region, in Arlington VA.

#78 Unanimous consent to adjourn at 4:05 PM.

# ADDENDUM

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| CHANGES TO THE BY-LAWS .....  | A  |
| <i>All motions that carried and unanimous consents will be placed on the October membership ballot.</i> |    |
| CHANGES TO THE REGISTRATION RULES .....   | D  |
| <i>All motions that carried and unanimous consents will be placed on the October membership ballot.</i> |    |
| CHANGES TO THE SHOW RULES .....   | K  |
| <i>All motions that carried and unanimous consents will be placed on the October membership ballot.</i> |    |
| CHANGES TO THE STANDING RULES TO THE BY-LAWS .....  | P  |
| <i>Standing Rules take effect immediately.</i>  |    |
| CHANGES TO THE STANDING RULES TO THE SHOW RULES .....   | V  |
| <i>Standing Rules take effect immediately.</i>  |    |
| MERCHANDISE REPORT .....  | Y  |
| INTERNATIONAL COMMITTEE REPORT .....  | Z  |
| TICA TREND REPORT .....   | AA |
| JUDGING PROGRAM .....   | AB |
| STANDARDS .....   | BH |
| <i>Newly Formatted Standards approved by the Board will be effective 05/01/2001</i>                     |    |

**MOTION 57:** Abyssinian/Somali Breed Group Standard

#61 UNANIMOUS CONSENT: Bengal Standard

#62 UNANIMOUS CONSENT: Devon Rex Standard

#63 UNANIMOUS CONSENT: Norwegian Forest Standard

#66 UNANIMOUS CONSENT: Russian Blue Standard

#67 UNANIMOUS CONSENT: Siamese Breed Group Standard

Siamese/Balinese/Oriental Shorthair/Oriental Longhair

#69 UNANIMOUS CONSENT: Singapura Standard

#70 UNANIMOUS CONSENT: Tonkinese Standard

# CHANGES TO THE BY-LAWS

## MOTION 30.

### ARTICLE XXIII - *Judges, Trainees, and Applicants*

#### SECTION 1. Classification of Judges.

a. Instructor. An Allbreed Judge licensed to conduct judging schools and seminars and to instruct trainees.

b. Approved Allbreed Judge. A judge licensed to judge Allbreed and/or Specialty shows.

c. Provisional Allbreed Judge. A judge licensed to judge Allbreed and/or Specialty shows.

d. Approved Specialty Judge. A judge licensed to judge Longhair only or Shorthair only or both, who have not qualified as Provisional Allbreed Judge.

e. Probationary Specialty Judge. A judge licensed to judge Longhair only or Shorthair only or both, who have not qualified as Approved Specialty Judge.

f. Trainee. One who has been accepted into the judging program who have not completed the requirements for a license.

g. Household Pet Judges. Those persons licensed to judge only Household Pets in a Longhair and/or Shorthair Specialty format.

h. Judge Emeritus. A retired judge who may be accorded the honor for outstanding service as a judge to this Association and to the cat fancy in general. An honorary title bestowed on Judges who are retired from judging. Judges Emeriti who wish to judge any shows must be TICA members in good standing. Judges Emeriti are exempt from license fees, refresher tests, record forms and CEU's.

i. 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.

j. 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 CAU requirements, except that 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 CAU's shall be required for that year.

k. Beginning at the 25th Annual Meeting and thereafter, only time as a licensed TICA judge shall be used for computing judging time for honorary awards; however, titles shall be retained by judges previously so honored.

PRO: Establishes new honorary titles for judges that have substantial longevity and service in the cat fancy. Clarifies rules relating to requirements of such judges.

CON: Creates a minimum amount of additional work for the Judging Administrator.

SECTION 4. Guest Judges. Any licensed judge from a cat association not affiliated with TICA and outside the United States and Canada may, with the approval of the Board judge a TICA show. The sponsoring club shall apply to the Board on the appropriate form furnished by the Judging Administrator upon request.

#34 UNANIMOUS CONSENT

**ARTICLE XII - Regions**

SECTION 1. ~~U.S. and Canada~~ North America The Board of Directors shall be empowered to establish Regions as needed and economically feasible so that the membership is adequately represented. The area comprising each region shall be published.

RATIONALE: We now have a club in Mexico, and a judge trainee from Mexico, so North America is less cumbersome--this has been corrected in the Judging Program.

#35 UNANIMOUS CONSENT

**ARTICLE XIII - MEMBERSHIP VOTING**

SECTION 2. Ballot.

a. All voting of the membership shall be by secret ballot and known only by the CPA firm counting the ballot.

b. All membership ballots shall be sent to each member eligible to vote ~~by the CPA firm~~ by first class mail postmarked at least 45 days prior to the date announced for counting ballots as *set forth in the Standing Rules*. Lost or misplaced ballots shall be replaced ~~by notifying the Executive Office in writing as set forth in the Standing Rules~~. Duplicate ballots shall be remailed by the CPA firm. The CPA firm shall mail duplicate ballots by US Postal Service unless other arrangements are made by the requestor and paid accordingly.

~~c. The name and address of the CPA or person appointed by the Board of Directors to count the vote and the date the ballot is returnable shall be printed on the ballot.~~

~~d. All ballots must be received by the person or firm designated to count the vote through the mail or by fax or by any other commercial delivery service.~~

#36 UNANIMOUS CONSENT

**ARTICLE XIV - ELECTION OF OFFICERS**

SECTION 6. Responsibilities of Members. *Each members shall be responsible to ensure that his ballot is property authenticated and placed in the mail with the proper postage affixed or otherwise forwarded by a commercial delivery service. No member shall attempt to invalidate or otherwise tamper with the TICA election process in any manner whatsoever.*

PRO: The new procedures (please see accompanying Standing Rules), allow for a more secure election, without a huge increase in cost to TICA, as well as allow members outside of North America to vote by fax, as well as clearly specify a procedure in the case of lost or misplaced ballots and make the ballots easier to read and tally.

CON: The cost may be slightly higher to include return envelopes and use colored paper for the ballots.

See #37 Standing Rules to the By-Laws for Election Procedures.

#55 UNANIMOUS CONSENT

Pending approval of the NBC rules, change the following BY-LAWS:

**ARTICLE XVIII - STANDARDS**

SECTION 1. General Requirements for New Breed Advancement.

a. ~~No new breed may be recognized for championship competition until at least 50 cats meeting the proposed requirements for championship exhibition have been registered with the Association. There must be a minimum of five active breeders representing three or more regions. Collectively, the breeders must be able to demonstrate that at least ten different representatives of the breed have been exhibited in the NBC class during the year prior to application for advancement, including a minimum of ten different show weekends representing at least three regions~~ the requirements set forth in ARTICLE II of the Registration Rules have been met.

b. Procedure. A copy of the proposed standard, including a list of all proposed colors, and the proposed breeding program together with the recommendation of the Genetics Committee shall be submitted to the Rules and Technical Terminology Committees and the Board of Directors by the Working Group Chairperson. Proposals for advancement shall be submitted pursuant to ARTICLE III of the Registration Rules. The Board of Directors may recognize the breed for championship competition, defer it pending additional information, reject it, or refer it to a membership vote. The Board shall assign a Registration Category (I-IV) to the breed being accepted for championship under the provisions of ARTICLE VII of the Registration Rules; recommendation of the Genetics Committee will be considered in assigning a Registration Category.

# CHANGES TO THE REGISTRATION RULES:

## #55 UNANIMOUS CONSENT

Pending approval of the NBC rules, change the following REGISTRATION RULES:

### ARTICLE IX - *General Registration Rules*

SECTION 1. Non-domestic felines (i.e., cats other the *Felis domesticus*) shall be permitted for registration purposes within the Foundation Registry only. They shall not be accepted for NB, *Evaluation Breed exhibition, Assessment Class* exhibition or championship competition.

SECTION 3. Acceptance *of a breed* for NB or *Evaluation Breed exhibition* does not imply that all cats which have been registered as non-domestic hybrids are eligible for exhibition in this class. No non-domestic feline can appear as a parent or grandparent of a cat entered in NB *or Evaluation Breed exhibition* competition. For some breeds the 03 or CO cat may be permitted in the NB *or Evaluation Breed* class at the discretion of the Board but such cats cannot be exhibited in the championship classes (see section 2, above).

## MOTION 53.

### ARTICLE III - NEW BREED AND COLOR

SECTION 1. Registration. A breed may be accepted for registration as follows:

- a. Transfer New Breed - A breed accepted for championship competition in another cat association.
- b. Hybrid New Breed - A breed developed from a deliberate cross between two existing breeds, incorporating characteristics of both parental breeds into the new breed.
- c. Native New Breed - A breed identified through selection of phenotypically similar individuals from a naturally occurring population indigenous to a particular geographic region.
- d. Mutation New Breed - A breed which has been defined by the introduction of new gene(s) not present in an established breed.
- e. Experimental - experimental breeding programs which have not yet designated a breed name.

SECTION 2. Procedure for Acceptance for Registration. An initial application for registration must be accompanied by:

- a. A brief description of the proposed breed. (This is to enable the office to identify the breed. It could be a paragraph written by a breeder, a standard from another association, or another means for identifying the cats included in the breed.)
- b. A proposed breed name that is unique. (This is potentially subject to change at the discretion of the Board.)
- c. A suggested two-letter registration code, if applicable.

SECTION 3. Breed Names.

- a. A new breed may not use a name the same as or substantially similar to that of a recognized breed.
- b. 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.
- c. 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.
- d. Experimental breeding programs which have not yet designated a breed name shall be designated by the code EX.

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

#### SECTION 4. Evaluation Breed Status.

a. Requirements for Application. A breed recognized for registration only may apply for Evaluation Breed status upon completion of the following:

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

2. At least 10 litters have been registered with TICA;

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);

4. Submission of an Application for Acceptance as an Evaluation Breed to the Executive Office which approval is sought and a copy to each member of the Genetics Committee 120 days prior to the board meeting which includes the following to the Executive Office:

a. A Letter of Intent to apply for approval as an Evaluation Breed, including a proposed Evaluation Breed Chairperson and the names and addresses of the proposed Evaluation Breed Committee;

b. A proposed breed name that is unique (if not already assigned);

c. A proposed breed standard that is unique;

d. A proposed breeding program;

e. A processing fee of \$50.00;

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

5. At least 90 days prior to the Board Meeting each member of the Genetics Committee shall forward a written report commenting upon the application. Such report may recommend approval, recommend denial, recommend that further requirements be met prior to approval, or make any other comments. Members of the Genetics Committee are invited to address the Board of Directors regarding the breed.

6. The Board of Directors may approve, disapprove or impose additional requirements on the Evaluation Breed, including, but not limited to, appointing a different Chairperson and requiring changes to the standard and/or breed name, or any other modification which the Board of Directors, entirely in their discretion, may require. The Board of Directors shall designate a member of the Genetics Committee as an liaison to the Evaluation Breed Committee. The Evaluation Breed Chairperson serves at the pleasure of the Board of Directors, and may be replaced at any time. Any advancement to Evaluation Breed status is entirely within the discretion of the Board of Directors.

c. Competition and Exhibition. A member of a breed designated as an Evaluation Breed may be entered in TICA shows for Exhibition only. As such they may be handled by any or all of the judges present at the show at the discretion of each judge. Evaluation cats are included in the show catalog but do not appear in the judges' books and judges do not include these cats in judging fees. The cats are not to be ranked competitively and no ribbons are to be hung. Rather, the judge handling the cat shall report on the cat on the approved form, provide one copy to the exhibitor, retain one copy, and provide one copy to the Master Clerk for inclusion with the master catalog.

d. Evaluation Breed Committee.

1. During the period of time a breed is designated an Evaluation Breed, the Evaluation Breed Committee will include all of the active TICA breeders of the breed and all members of the Genetics Committee.

2. The Executive Office shall furnish the Evaluation Breed Chairperson and Genetics Committee liaison with a list of the Evaluation Breed Committee members.

3. The Evaluation Breed Chairperson shall provide a report on the status of the breed development and other issues relevant to the breed to the Genetics Committee and the Board of Directors 90 days prior to each Annual Meeting. Any member of the Genetics Committee may submit comments on that report, or on any aspect of the breed, to the Board of Directors.

4. If the report is not received by the Genetics Committee and the Board of Directors 90 days in advance of the meeting, or it reflects lack of interest in the breed, the breed may be dropped from Evaluation status until any requirements imposed by the Board of Directors have been met.

5. The Executive Office shall twice a year forward a report on litter and individual cat registrations for the breed to each member of the Genetics Committee and the Evaluation Breed Chair.

6. The Evaluation Breed Chairperson shall also submit on January 1 of each year, an interim progress report on the breed to each member of the Genetics Committee.

#### SECTION 5. New Breed Status.

a. Requirements. An Evaluation Breed may apply for New Breed status upon completion of the following:

1. At least 1 year has passed since the breed was first advanced to Evaluation Breed status.

2. At least 50 cats, which have attained the age of 8 months, are registered with TICA;

3. At least 25 litters have been registered with TICA;

4. At least 10 TICA members in good standing, in at least five different regions are actively breeding the breed.

5. At least ten separate specimens of the breed have been evaluated in TICA shows, as evidenced by evaluation forms, which have been filed in the Executive Office. (Note: Kittens and alters may be included in this total but each cat only counts once toward the total, regardless of how many times the cat has been shown.)

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

7. A Letter of Intent to apply for approval as a New Breed, signed by at least ten TICA members in good standing;

8. A proposed breed standard;

9. A proposed breeding program;

10. A processing fee of \$50.00

11. An indication that the breed is to be categorized as a Transfer New Breed, a Hybrid New Breed, a Native New Breed or a Mutation New Breed, and the rationale that category was chosen as well as a list of allowable outcrosses.

12. Cause a Notice of Intent to Apply for Advancement to 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.

13. At least 90 days prior to the Board Meeting each member of the Genetics Committee shall forward a written report commenting upon the application. Such report may recommend approval to advance to New Breed Status, denial of advancement, that further requirements be met prior to approval, return to registration only status, or make any other comments. Members of the Genetics Committee are invited to address the Board of Directors regarding the breed.

14. Make a formal presentation at the meeting of the Board of Directors, including photographs, illustrations, statistics, health and breeding reports, representatives of the breed and any other relevant material.

15. Breedings should ideally be limited to the members of the breed and allowable outcrosses. Any proposed modifications to a previously approved standard must be submitted to all of the members of the Genetics Committee at least 90 days prior to any Board Meeting, and each member of the Genetics Committee shall forward comments to the Board of Directors regarding that modification.

16. The Board of Directors may approve, disapprove or impose additional requirements on the New Breed, including, but not limited to, appointing a different Chairperson and requiring changes to the standard and/or breed name, or any other modification which the Board of Directors, entirely in their discretion, may require. The Board of Directors shall designate a member of the Genetics Committee as a liaison to the New Breed Committee. The New Breed Chairperson serves at the pleasure of the Board of Directors, and may be replaced at any time. Any advancement to New Breed status is entirely within the discretion of the Board of Directors.

b. Competition and Exhibition.

1. A member of a breed designated as a New Breed may be entered in any TICA show in the New Breed category. New Breed cats appear in the judges' books and judges shall include these cats in judging fees. Each judge shall evaluate the entry in accordance with the breed standard, hanging awards as specified in the Show Rules, if the entries are felt to be of sufficient merit. In addition, the judge will complete a two-part class evaluation form, commenting on the quality of the entries and progress of the breed appears to be making toward achieving the goals of the breed standard. One copy is to be sent to the Executive Office with the Master Catalog, the other is retained by the Judge.

2. The judge shall designate the top five through ten New Breed as indicated by the number of participants. A club which wishes to do so may award Best of the Best rosettes to the NBC class, however this is not obligatory. NBC's will not be scored for regional or international awards.

c. New Breed Committee.

1. During the period of time a breed is designated a New Breed, the New Breed Committee will include all of the active TICA breeders of the breed and all members of the Genetics Committee.

2. The Executive Office shall furnish the New Breed Chairperson and Genetics Committee liaison with a list of the New Breed Committee members.

3. The New Breed Chairperson shall provide a report on the status of the breed development and other issues relevant to the breed to the Genetics Committee and the Board of Directors 90 days prior to each Annual Meeting. Any member of the Genetics Committee may submit comments on that report, or on any aspect of the breed, to the Board of Directors.

4. If the report is not received by the Genetics Committee and the Board of Directors 90 days in advance of the meeting, or it reflects lack of interest in the breed, the breed may be returned to Evaluation or Registration Only status until any requirements imposed by the Board of Directors have been met.

5. The Executive Office shall twice a year forward a report on litter and individual cat registrations for the breed to each member of the Genetics Committee and the New Breed Chair..

6. The New Breed Chairperson shall submit on January 1 of each year, a progress report on the breed to each member of the Genetics Committee.

SECTION 6. Championship Status. Requirements. A New Breed may apply for Championship Status upon completion of the following:

1. At least 1 year has passed since the breed was first advanced from Evaluation Breed status.

2. A minimum of 200 adults registered of which 100 are eligible for competition.
3. Written class evaluations including at least one class evaluation from each of the 100 shows including at least one under each of two-thirds of active licensed judges.
4. The North American regions are represented by a minimum of fifteen breeders who are TICA members in good standing actively breeding the breed, and at least two non-North American regions have at least one TICA member in good standing actively breeding the breed.
5. At least 25 unique cats entered in the New Breed Class including entries in at least two-thirds of the North American regions and two unique cats entered in each of two non-North American regions during the year preceding the application.
6. Submission of an Application for Acceptance as a New Breed to the Executive Office and a copy to each member of the Genetics Committee at least 120 days prior to the board meeting at which approval is sought which includes the following:
  - a. A Letter of Intent to apply for approval as a New Breed, signed by at least ten TICA members in good standing;
  - b. A proposed breed standard which includes the approval of each member of the Genetics Committee;
  - c. A proposed breeding program;
  - d. A processing fee of \$50;
7. Cause a Notice of Intent to Apply for Advancement to Championship 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.
8. At least 90 days prior to the Board Meeting each member of the Genetics Committee shall forward a written report commenting upon the application. Such report may recommend approval to advance to Championship Status, denial of advancement, that further requirements be met prior to approval, return to Evaluation Status or registration only status, or make any other comments. Members of the Genetics Committee are invited to address the Board of Directors regarding the breed.
9. Make a formal presentation at the meeting of the Board of Directors, including photographs, illustrations, statistics, health and breeding reports, examples of the breed and any other relevant material.
10. The Board of Directors may approve, disapprove or impose additional requirements on the breed which the Board of Directors, entirely in their discretion, may require.
11. If the breed is approved for Championship, a Breed Committee shall be elected in the next regular election.

SECTION 7. New Color/Coat Length of a Championship Breed.

- a. Any new single trait difference such as color or coat length of a Championship Breed may be exhibited in the Assessment Class.
  - b. Each judge shall examine the entry and report on the cat on the approved form, provide one copy to the exhibitor, retain one copy, and provide one copy to the Master Clerk for inclusion with the master catalog. Assessment Class cats appear in the catalog and judges' books and judges include these cats in judging fees.
  - c. Requirements for Championship Status. A New Color/Coat length may apply for Championship Status upon completion of the following:
    1. At least ten TICA members in good standing actively breeding and/or exhibiting the New Color Class.

2. Notification has been given to the parent Breed Committee Chairperson and the Breed Committee Chairperson of any other member of the same breed group, all members of the Breed Committee, and all members of the Genetics Committee, requesting acceptance for championship and signed by at least ten TICA members in good standing, at least 120 days before the next Board meeting.

3. Each member of the Genetics Committee has provided a report on the New Color/Coat Length, and has indicated that the new color, pattern or coat length is genetically valid.

4. The Breed Committee Chairperson has polled all members of the Breed Section, and has included the original letter of intent and the reports of the Genetics Committee members. The results of the poll shall be forwarded to the Executive Office and each member of the Genetics Committee at least 60 days prior to the meeting of the Board of Directors.

RATIONALE: TICA is a genetic registry. Therefore, in order to establish and maintain a viable gene pool it is necessary to have a large number of cats registered and available to keep our breeds healthy, rather than limit the gene pool to a few cats where more than likely the majority are descendants of two or three prototypes. Even 250 cats may be inadequate to insure a healthy breed.

The goal of these rules is to provide a broad base of cats to help promote healthy breeds. At the same time we feel it is important that our Judges have an opportunity to become thoroughly familiar with each new breed and that the breeders have had ample input in order to stabilize conformation and refine their standard before advancing to Championship. These requirements are designed to accomplish these goals.

|  | Registration   | Evaluation                    | Assessment                    | New Breed   | Championship  |
|--|--|-------------------------------|-------------------------------|---|---|
| Registrations required for advancement     |  | 15 adults<br>10 litters       |                               | 50 adults<br>25 litters   | 250 adults<br>(100 eligible for championship)   |
| Active Breeders                            |  | 5 in 3 regions                | 10 total                      | 10 in 5 regions   | 15 N. America<br>3 Foreign  |
| Judges' Evaluations                        |  |                               | Individual cat assessments    | Individual cat evaluations for at least 10 unique representatives of the breed representing at least 10 different judges. | Class evaluations from each of 100 shows, including at least one evaluation under each of 75% of active licensed judges.                              |
| Entries in TICA shows prior to advancement |  |                               |                               |   | 25 unique cats entered in NB including entries in at least 75% of the N. American regions and also 2 unique cats entered in each of 3 Foreign Regions |
| Entry Class                                | Not Applicable (can be in hall with approval of show comm) | Exhibition (Evaluation Class) | Exhibition (Assessment Class) | Entry in New Breed Class  | Championship Class  |
| Judging Procedures                         | Not handled  | Handled if judge willing      | Handled by judge              | Judged in NB Class  | Judged for championship   |
| Awards                                     |  | None - evaluation form        | None - assessment form        | Class awards and NB finals  | Color, division, breed and final awards   |
| Annual Award Scoring                       | Not Scored   | Not Scored                    | Not Scored                    | Not Scored  | Scored for Annual Awards  |

# CHANGES TO THE SHOW RULES:

## #29 UNANIMOUS CONSENT

Amend Show Rule 2.1:

### 2.1 SHOWS

2.1.1 Any chartered TICA club in good standing may sponsor a show.

2.1.2 ~~SPONSORING CLUB~~ *The sponsoring club and/or show management shall determine the format duration of the show. The show Shows may be 1 day , 2 days , or more, or a back-to-back show format, and must be advertised as such on all materials promoting the show.*

2.1.3 *A back-to-back show is two or more shows, held on consecutive days. For scoring purposes, each days is considered a different show. With the following exceptions:*

2.1.3.1 *If May 1 is a Sunday in any given year, all shows on any day in that same weekend shall be scored in the show year ending April 30 of that year.*

2.1.3.2 *If May 1 is a Saturday in any given year, all shows on any day in that same weekend, including shows held on Friday, shall be scored in the show year beginning May 1 of that year.*

## #30 UNANIMOUS CONSENT

Amend Show Rule 2.8:

2.2 ~~2.8~~ *A show TICA shows shall be limited to the exhibition and/or judging of felines. A TICA show may be held in conjunction with a sanctioned show, governed by an established, nationally known species or breed organization (i.e., The American Kennel Club). The sanctioning organization must cooperate by licensing the prospective show, approving of the format in conjunction with TICA and providing licensed judges. A TICA club may elect to hold a TICA cat show in conjunction with another such organization under the above conditions, provided this information is included in all publicity and flyers pertaining to the show.*

## MOTION 38.

Amend Show Rule 2.3 :

### 2.3 SHOW LICENSES

2.2.1 *A show shall not be held under the auspices of this association, nor shall the cats entered in that show be awarded any regional, international and/or title points, unless the show has been issued a show license at least 30 days prior to the first date of the show.*

2.2.2 *A show license shall be issued upon the following requirements having been met:*

*A completed show application has been submitted, listing the total number of rings, type of rings (AB, SP, HHP and/or congress);*

*The club applying for the show license is in good standing;*

*The application is accompanied by the insurance fee, or that fee has been waived.*

PRO: Clarifies the procedure if a show season is "spilt" over one weekend. Solves the problem of clubs licensing shows after the fact, and holding unlicensed shows without proper insurance coverage.

CON: Repercussion on exhibitors when show season is an "unknown".

## MOTION 41.

### ARTICLE NINE - RESPONSIBILITIES OF SHOW MANAGEMENT

9.17 *The Show Committee shall prohibit the presence of any animal in the show hall, except the following:*

9.17.1 *Animals entered for competition in the show.*

9.17.2 *Animals entered for exhibition or for sale at the show.*

9.17.3 *In the United States, service animals, the barring of which would violate the Americans With Disabilities Act. The show management shall determine if the barring of an animal would violate the Americans With Disabilities Act, and the show management shall assume all responsibility for, and hold TICA harmless from, any decision to bar a service animal from the showhall.*

9.17.4 *Animals offered for adoption for a reasonable fee from a legitimate rescue organization. The show management shall either obtain a waiver of liability from any such organization or shall hold TICA harmless from any claim that arises from the presence of such adoptable animals.*

9.17.5 *Animals that are not domestic felines in a country outside of North America whose presence is typically allowed in restaurants. [Ms. Tullo would prefer this be left up to the show committee].*

9.17.6 *Non-domestic felines whose presence is for charitable or promotional purposes, provided the owner of that feline provides an agreement to hold TICA, the producing club and the show committee harmless from any damages arising out of the presence of that feline. It is preferred, however, that any non-domestic feline be exhibited outside of the show hall.*

PRO: Specifies exactly what type of animals may be in a showhall, and limits TICA's liability for animals whose presence is unknown, while still allowing for cultural differences. Requires that the responsible person for each animal acknowledge the show rules or waive liability. Provides a record of who is responsible for each animal present in the showhall.

CON: Show committees would not be allowed to have any random type of animal in the showhall.

#### #51 UNANIMOUS CONSENT

Change Show Rule 12.2 to read: Final awards shall be rosettes with the appropriate award printed on one of the streamers. *Alternatively, a rosette may be presented to each exhibit at the start of the show, and engraved (name of judge, award and date) award plaques may be presented in the rings to be attached to this individual rosette...Balance to remain the same.*

#### #54 UNANIMOUS CONSENT

Pending approval of the NBC rules, change the following SHOW RULES:

1.29 NON-CHAMPIONSHIP CLASS-NEW BREED OR COLOR - Any cat, kitten or alter that is registered in TICA and approved by the Board for NB competition.

1.30 NON-CHAMPIONSHIP CLASS - EVALUATION CLASS - Any cat, kitten or alter that is registered in TICA and approved by the Board for Evaluation Class competition.

1.31 NON-CHAMPIONSHIP CLASS - ASSESSMENT CLASS - Any cat, kitten or alter that is registered in TICA of non-recognized single trait difference such as color or coat length in any recognized breed.

1.70 Any reference to the term "CAT" shall mean cat, kitten, alter, household pet, household pet kitten, NB or Evaluation Breed or new breed or color where applicable unless otherwise noted or defined in these rules.

11.9 Catalogs shall contain the number of entries present and competing in each of the following categories: LH Kittens, SH Kittens, LH Adults, SH Adults, LH Alters, SH Alters, LH HHP Kittens, SH HHP Kittens, LH Household Pets, SH Household Pets and *NB, as well as list each entry present for Exhibition Only, including Assessment Breeds, Evaluation Breeds, and for sale cats and kittens.*

12.4 The Top 5 format MUST BE USED WHEN 20 OR FEWER CATS, KITTENS, ALTERS OR HOUSEHOLD PETS ARE COMPETING. Entries not eligible for competition under Show Rules 15.2 and/or 15.4 may be "presented" in the ring, where ineligible for competition, and shall be counted when determining the number of entries present and competing. Best Cat/Kitten/Alter/NB; 2nd Best Cat/Kitten/Alter/NB. 3rd Best Cat/Kitten/Alter/NB; 4th Best Cat/Kitten/Alter/NB; 5th Best Cat/Kitten/Alter/NB. The number of rosettes awarded in the HHP kitten class shall be equal to the number of kittens competing up to a maximum of 10.

Best Cat/Kitten/Alter/Household Pet/HHP Kitten/NB.

2nd Best Cat/Kitten/Alter/Household Pet/HHP Kitten/NB.

3rd Best Cat/Kitten/Alter/Household Pet/HHP Kitten/NB.

4th Best Cat/Kitten/Alter/Household Pet/HHP Kitten/NB.

5th Best Cat/Kitten/Alter/Household Pet/HHP Kitten/NB.

12.5 The Top 10 format REQUIRES A MINIMUM OF 25 CATS, KITTENS, ALTERS OR HOUSEHOLD PETS COMPETING. Entries not eligible for competition under Show Rules 15.2 and/or 15.4 may be "presented" in the ring where ineligible for competition, and shall be counted when determining the number of entries present and competing.

The Top 9 format requires a minimum of 24 CATS, KITTENS, ALTERS OR HOUSEHOLD PETS competing.

The Top 8 format requires a minimum of 23 CATS, KITTENS, ALTERS OR HOUSEHOLD PETS competing.

The Top 7 format requires a minimum of 22 CATS, KITTENS, ALTERS OR HOUSEHOLD PETS competing.

The Top 6 format requires a minimum of 21 CATS, KITTENS, ALTERS OR HOUSEHOLD PETS competing.

Best Cat/Kitten/Alter/Household Pet/HHP Kitten/NB.

2nd Best Cat/Kitten/Alter/Household Pet/HHP Kitten/NB.

3rd Best Cat/Kitten/Alter/Household Pet/HHP Kitten/NB.

4th Best Cat/Kitten/Alter/Household Pet/HHP Kitten/NB.

5th Best Cat/Kitten/Alter/Household Pet/HHP Kitten/NB (when 20 or less are present and competing).

6th Best Cat/Kitten/Alter/Household Pet/HHP Kitten/NB (when 21 are present and competing).

7th Best Cat/Kitten/Alter/Household Pet/HHP Kitten/NB (when 22 are present and competing).

8th Best Cat/Kitten/Alter/Household Pet/HHP Kitten/NB (when 23 are present and competing).

9th Best Cat/Kitten/Alter/Household Pet/HHP Kitten/NB (when 24 are present and competing).

10th Best Cat/Kitten/Alter/Household Pet/HHP Kitten/NB (when 25 or more are present and competing).

16.5 Judges must handle and physically examine all cats *entered* in the show *except as provided in ARTICLE II of the Registration Rules.* Any cat not amenable to handling on the judging table should be penalized for temperament or may be disqualified from that ring, but will be counted present and competing in that ring. If disqualified, the judge shall make the notation "unable to handle" in his judge's book.

17.9 Each judge shall provide a written class report on each NB class and individual reports on any Assessment Breed cats, as well as on any Evaluation Breed cat that that judge has elected to handle. Assessment and Evaluation Breed cats receive no awards. One copy of each written report is included with the Master Catalog, one copy provided to the exhibitor, and one copy retained by the judge.

#### **MOTION 56. DENIED**

**12.6 The Top 15 format REQUIRES A MINIMUM OF 90 CATS, KITTENS, ALTERS OR HOUSEHOLD PETS COMPETING**

*Entries not eligible for competition under Show Rules 15.2 and/or 15.4 may be "presented" in the ring where ineligible for competition, and shall be counted when determining the number of entries present and competing.*

~~12.6~~ 12.7 All cats shall be presented for final awards during advertised show hours, unless special permission to leave has been granted by the show manager.

~~12.6.1.~~ 12.7.1 Only those cats receiving a final award may be present in the judging ring during final award presentation.

~~12.7~~ 12.8 Chartered clubs, other associations, or organizations holding licensed shows under TICA rules are required to have ribbons and rosettes on display at the opening of the show and throughout the show until all awards have been distributed accordingly.

~~12.8~~ 12.9 With the permission of the Show Manager, a Judge, in order to expedite things, and remain within his time frame, may hold finals with or without all the cats being benched in the ring, provided the following is adhered to: (1) The cats in finals are present in the show hall but are being judged elsewhere; or the exhibitor has received prior approval from the Show Manager to leave the show hall early, i.e., airline schedule, illness, etc.; (2) And, the Judge's clerk delivers or sees to it that the rosette is delivered to the exhibitor of the absented cat. In the case of an absent exhibitor, the show committee is responsible for sending the rosette.

#### **#58 UNANIMOUS CONSENT**

Change Show Rule 16.11 to read:

16.11 Cats, *except those whose breed standards REQUIRE all or part of their tails be missing*, shall be disqualified, except in alters and household pets or as authorized by a Board approved standard. Damaged ears or eyes as a result of an injury shall be considered a fault and not a disqualification. Totally blind cats shall be disqualified from championship competition.

PRO: This is merely a change in wording and grammar to make the rules easier to understand.

#### **#59 UNANIMOUS CONSENT**

Add Show Rule 16.16 to read:

16.16 Male cats in the adult championship class which do not have two descended testicles.

PRO: Discourages males without two descended testicles from attaining titles and being used in a breeding program.

CON: Discourages males without two descended testicles from attaining titles and being used in a breeding program.

**#60 UNANIMOUS CONSENT**

Add Show Rule 16.19 to read:

16.19 Each judge shall indicate the number of cats present and competing in each class on the final sheet.

# CHANGES TO STANDING RULES to the BY-LAWS:

MOTION 36:

## Guidelines for the TICA Webmaster

The TICA Webmaster may place links on the TICA Website, at the Webmaster's discretion, as follows:

### **Links to member's websites:**

1. The site shall belong to member in good standing of TICA who has a TICA registered cattery.
2. The site shall not display photographs of cats other than domestic cats unless such photographs refer to the Asian Leopard Cat as the ancestor of the Bengal Breed.
3. The site shall not refer to the current breeding of Asian Leopard Cats or any other non-domestic cat, alone or in conjunction with any other breeding program.
4. The site must use the same terms as used by TICA to describe breeds, colors, patterns, etc., except that the site may explain what other terms may be used that are not the proper TICA terms.
5. The site must not contain any erroneous or misleading information. The opinion of the TICA Webmaster shall be conclusive as to what constitutes erroneous or misleading information.
6. The site must not refer to TICA or it's officers, directors, clubs or shows in a derogatory manner. The opinion of the TICA Webmaster shall be conclusive as to what constitutes derogatory information.
7. If the site uses the TICA logo, the owner of the site must have fully completed and signed a logo licence agreement.
8. The site must display a reciprocal link to the TICA site.

### **Links to other websites:**

1. The site must be related to the objects and purposes of TICA
2. The site must not contain any erroneous or misleading information. The opinion of the TICA Webmaster shall be conclusive as to what constitutes erroneous or misleading information.
3. The site must not refer to TICA or it's officers, directors, clubs or shows in a derogatory manner. The opinion of the TICA Webmaster shall be conclusive as to what constitutes derogatory information.

## #37 UNANIMOUS CONSENT

### **Amend the Standing Rules to the By-Laws as follows:**

#### **Election Procedure:** *Revise entirely as follows:*

*A membership application must have been received in the Executive Office by October 1 for any member to be eligible to vote on that year's election.*

**Ballots.** *On or before October 15, the Executive Office shall forward ballots to each member as follows:*

*The Executive Office shall include with each ballot a return envelope, printed whatever colored paper is most difficult to duplicate by photocopying or scanning yet is still practicable for use and addressed to the Certified Public Accountant who has been designated to count the ballots, and include a signature line for the member to validate the ballot.*

*The Executive Office shall affix to the return address area of the envelope a label containing the name, address, membership number and region of the member or breed committees.*

*For example:*

Joe Member  
123 Main Street  
Anywhere USA  
NW-1234-R  
or  
AB-PS NW-1234-R  
Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

CPA  
PO Box 1111  
New York, NY 10000-000

*The ballots shall be in the following format:*

*The ballots shall be printed on whatever colored paper is most difficult to duplicate by photocopying or scanning yet is still practicable for use. The ballot for international officers and for amendments to the bylaws, show rules and registration rules shall be printed on a separate sheet from the ballots for regional directors.*

*The ballots for regional directors shall be forwarded only to members of the region voting on that director and ballots for breed committee members shall be forwarded only to members of the breed section.*

*The ballots shall not contain the entire text of any proposed amendment to the bylaws, show rules and registration rules. The proposed text shall be included with the ballot. For example, the ballot may be in the following format:*

2005 General Membership Ballot

This Ballot must be received by the CPA on or before December 15, 2005

President:

\_\_\_\_\_ John Smith  
\_\_\_\_\_ Jane Doe  
\_\_\_\_\_ Write In \_\_\_\_\_

Vice President

\_\_\_\_\_ Jane Smith  
\_\_\_\_\_ John Doe  
\_\_\_\_\_ Write In \_\_\_\_\_

Proposal 1

\_\_\_\_\_ Yes  
\_\_\_\_\_ No

Proposal 2

\_\_\_\_\_ Yes  
\_\_\_\_\_ No

2005 Northwest Regional Ballot

This Ballot must be received by the CPA on or before December 15, 2005

Regional Director

\_\_\_\_\_ Fred Smith  
\_\_\_\_\_ Sue Doe  
\_\_\_\_\_ Write In \_\_\_\_\_

2005 Siamese Breed Committee Ballot

This Ballot must be received by the Ballot Official on or before August 15, 2005

Vote for **not more than five**

\_\_\_\_\_ John Smith  
\_\_\_\_\_ Jane Doe  
\_\_\_\_\_ Susan Roe  
\_\_\_\_\_ Michael Jones  
\_\_\_\_\_ William White  
\_\_\_\_\_ Mary Black

*In the event a return envelope or ballot is lost or misplaced by a member, the member must request a duplicate envelope and ballot from the Executive Office **in writing**. Further, that member must certify to the Executive Office, **in writing**, the date on which the member placed the duplicate ballot and envelope in the mail and the Executive Office must receive that certification by the last date of the election.*

*A member residing outside of North America may submit their ballot to the CPA via facsimile, provided the facsimile contains all of the information provided on the return envelope, including the member's signature. In the event a mailed ballot is received by the CPA from the same member that has submitted a ballot via facsimile, the mailed ballot will be counted and the facsimile ballot discarded.*

**Validation of Ballots:**

*The Executive Office will forward to the CPA a list of members eligible to vote, sorted by region and then alphabetically. The Executive Office shall also forward to the CPA a listing of the members requesting duplicate ballots and the date the member placed the ballot in the mail.*

*The CPA shall not begin opening or tallying the ballots until the close of the election.*

*After the close of the election, the CPA shall sort the sealed envelopes by region if a ballot for regional directors is included in that election.*

*The ballots shall be validated, while still sealed, as follows:*

*The CPA shall not count any ballot with an unsigned envelope*

*The CPA shall compare the ballot to the valid membership list, and determine that the voting member is, in fact, eligible to vote.*

*The CPA shall compare the postmark date on any ballot submitted by a member who has requested a duplicate ballot, and count only the ballot with a postmark date on or near the date certified by the member that the ballot was mailed.*

*The CPA shall compare any ballot received via facsimile to the valid membership list, and determine that the voting member is, in fact, eligible to vote, and shall not count any facsimile ballot that is unsigned or for which member the CPA has received a ballot via mail.*

*The CPA shall then open each envelope and determine that the envelope contains only one general ballot and only one ballot for the region in which the member is entitled to vote or one ballot for each of the breed sections in which the member is entitled to vote. If the envelope contains more than one of any ballot, no ballot contained in the envelope shall be counted, and the CPA shall affix all of the contents of the envelope to the envelope and return those items to the Executive Office for investigation.*

*If the envelope contains only one general ballot and one proper regional ballot or one proper breed section ballot for each breed in which the member is entitled to vote, the CPA shall separate the envelope from the ballot.*

*The CPA shall only begin tallying ballots after the above procedures are complete. The CPA shall not tally any votes for officers or proposals if such vote is not legible.*

### **Notification of Results.**

*After tallying all validated ballots, the CPA will certify to the President and to the Executive Office of TICA the results of the election, and shall inform all of the candidates of the results of the election.*

#### **#41 UNANIMOUS CONSENT**

Add to the Standing Rules to the By-Laws VI.D. Lifetime Achievement Award.

The TICA Board of Directors shall establish the Lifetime Achievement program to recognize cats who have excelled in the show ring during several seasons of their show career. These special cats will be awarded the title LA on a certificate, suitable for framing, and will be recognized in the TICA Trend, the Yearbook, and in the Annual Awards Program. Cats certified as earning this award shall be eligible to use the title LA before their name in the following fashion LA OD SGC Babsy's Baby.

Eligibility: All eligible cats must have received either an International Top 20 or a Regional Top 20 award for 3 years. These do not need to be consecutive years, and ownership of the cat may change from year to year.

For pedigreed cats, awards shall be earned in the kitten class, the championship class and the alter class. Years of awards need not be consecutive.

For Household Pets, awards shall be earned in the Household Pet Kitten class and 2 years in the Household Pet class.

There is no time limit for claiming the LA title. You may claim it for deceased cats if you choose to do so.

Claiming the title: The following items must be provided by the owner of the cat:

- A copy of the TICA registration of the cat claiming the title

- A completed application form

- Proof of the wins as evidenced by any one of the following:

  - Copies of the certificates issued by Executive Office

  - Photocopies of the Yearbook or TICA Trend with the year and region, if applicable, clearly identified

  - Photocopies of any plaques received

  - Letter from Executive Office verifying the award (an additional research fee of \$10.00 will be required)

    - A check or money order, made payable to TICA, for \$10.00

    - A color photo to be scanned for inclusion on the certificate (optional - \$5 additional fee)

The Lifetime Achievement Program shall be administered by the Executive Office.

PRO: This award salutes cats which have competed successfully over time and have achieved Regional and/or International wins in a number of show seasons. LA, along with OS/OD would be THE most prestigious awards that could be earned in TICA. This award might encourage exhibitors to bring CH and Kitten award winning cats to compete in the Alter classes after the cat is mature and has completed its contribution to a breeding program.

CON: A very few cats which compete successfully in both the Kitten and Championship classes would fail to qualify without showing in Championship a second season.

## #42 UNANIMOUS CONSENT

### Guidelines for the Use of the TICA Logo:

The TICA logo is a trademark of TICA, is the exclusive property of TICA, and may only be used by an individual or entity other than TICA, including an individual TICA member or TICA club, without any modification, and subject to any further restrictions as may be imposed by the Board of Directors, as follows:

1. A license is granted to all TICA clubs for use of the logo on show flyers if the logo is prominently displayed. All show flyers **must** display the TICA logo.

2. A license is granted to all TICA clubs for use of the logo on web pages promoting a TICA show if the logo is prominently displayed and accompanied by the html code provided by TICA. All such web pages **must** display the TICA logo.

3. A license is granted to all TICA clubs for use of the logo on advertising and other promotional material for a show.

4. A license is granted to all TICA clubs for the use of the logo on club stationary.

5. A conditional license is granted for the use of the TICA logo on personal and cattery web sites or pages or any personal cattery stationery or promotional material, provided that the owner of any such web site or page or cattery has fully completed and provided to the TICA Executive Office a completed waiver of liability form and places the following on the web site or page or promotional material:

“This cattery has not been inspected by and is not endorsed by The International Cat Association, Inc.”

This conditional license may be revoked or suspended by the Board of Directors at any time. The required form follows this section.

6. Any other use of the TICA logo without written permission from the Board of Directors is specifically prohibited.

## License for the Personal Use of the TICA Logo

If I choose to use the trademark of The International Cat Association (TICA) in connection with an internet web site or page, I acknowledge that TICA has not, and does not endorse any product or service that I provide, specifically including, but not limited to, any representation regarding my cattery or any kitten or cat that I may sell, lease or otherwise transfer, any opinion that I hold, or any statement that I make, and I agree fully to indemnify and defend TICA, its officers, directors, and agents from and against all claims, demands, causes or action or proceedings of any nature whatsoever, in whatever forum or venue any such matters may be brought, judicial or otherwise, arising or allegedly arising in any way from my use of the TICA logo and/or trademark. I agree that my obligation to defend includes, without limitation, paying for all expenses associated with any such defense, including attorneys' fees and costs, and includes expenses incurred that are in any way related to such proceedings even if incurred prior to the commencement of formal proceedings. If I fail adequately to provide any such defense, TICA may, at its option do so for me, and I agree promptly to reimburse TICA for expenses so incurred.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_

State/Province: \_\_\_\_\_

Zip Code/Postal Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Cattery Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Membership Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Web Site URL: <http://> \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

# CHANGES TO STANDING RULES to the SHOW RULES:

## #22 UNANIMOUS CONSENT

Add to the STANDING RULES to the SHOW RULES, II. JUDGES.

B. International Guest Judge. A club may apply to the Board of Directors for approval for a licensed *Allbreed* judge from a cat association outside the United States and Canada to judge a TICA show.

*Prior to application to the Board, the club must furnish documentation of the international judge's qualifications to the Judging Administrator, or JA designee, with a translation to English if the original documents are in a language other than English.*

*Such documentation may include the following:*

*A copy of the judge's license;*

*A page from the licensing association's yearbook or newsletter which lists judges with their current status;*

*Other documentation or correspondence from the office of the licensing association which indicates the judge's current status.*

If approved, the club is responsible for furnishing the International Guest Judge copies of TICA Show Rules and Standards, and working with said judge on interpretation and clarification.

## **MOTION 31. DENIED**

D. Permission to Judge. Any TICA judge may judge any TICA show any place at any time. Specialty judges residing in North America must let the Judging Administrator know if they are judging outside North America; specialty judges residing outside of North America must let the Judging Administrator know if they are judging outside of their own region. Any Allbreed judge may judge a non-TICA show outside North America with the Judging Administrator's permission. Specialty judges must apply, through the Judging Administrator and their Regional Director, to the Board of Directors to judge a non-TICA show outside of North America. Rationale: TICA judges are ambassadors to the world cat fancy. Customs and practices differ from country to country, and there have been cases where judges have been pressured to judge classes that they are not licensed to judge, and cats which are not approved. Giving advance notice to the Judging Administrator allows them to be given a warning about possible problems they might encounter and ways to decline gracefully if asked to act inappropriately.

## #28 UNANIMOUS CONSENT

Change the Standing Rules to the Show Rules VII.G:

1. Calculation of Regional and International Awards. The Executive Office will accumulate the scores of each registered cat, kitten, alter and household pet as well as all household pet kittens as shown in the marked catalogs from all TICA sanctioned cat shows held during the period May 1st through April 30th (show year). *If May 1st falls on a Saturday, any shows held during that weekend will be scored in the Show Year beginning on that May 1. If May 1st falls on a Sunday, any shows held during that weekend will be scored in the Show Year ending April 30 of that year.*

PRO: A weekend would not be split between two show years. This rule eliminates the need to have board action on a case by case basis every few years, and assures consistency.

CON: Changes the traditional show year for years when May 1 is on a Sunday.

## MOTION 37. DENIED

Amend Standing Rules to the Show Rules, effective May 1, 2001 as follows:

~~II c. **Judge's Books.** Judges must forward the COVER and the ORIGINAL (white copy) of all pages of the judge's book to the Executive Office of TICA within 48 hours after the close of the show. The goldenrod copy of all pages of the judge's book is to be turned in to the master clerk at the proper time during the show. The judge retains the pink copy of all pages of the judge's book for his/her personal records. At the completion of the show, the Master Clerk will submit the marked catalog and the judge's books to the Club/Show Committee.~~

~~At the completion of judging, each judge must provide the Show Secretary his or her original judge's book, including the cover and all original (white) pages.~~

~~The Show Secretary shall then provide the judge a receipt indicating that the judge's book has been received. No fees shall be paid to the judge until the judge's book has been received by the Show Secretary.~~

~~The judge shall retain the pink copy of his or her judge's book and invoice until 1 year after the close of the show season, at which point the book and invoice may be discarded.~~

I. g. **Marked Catalogs.** *At the completion of the show, the Master Clerk will submit the marked catalog to the Show Secretary. The show committee shall forward the Master Catalog and all judges' books to the Executive Office within 48 hours after the close of the show. It is suggested that priority mail and/or an express delivery system be used rather than regular mail. In regions outside of North America, it is recommended that the senior US Allbreed judge be appointed by the show committee to transport all judges' books and the Master Catalogue to the US and forward them to the Executive Office within 48 hours of his or her return to the US or within 8 business days of the close of the show, whichever is earlier. If a show committee fails to forward the Master Catalog and Judges' Books within 48 hours to the Executive Office, the club shall pay a fine of \$250.00.*

~~The show committee is required to shall forward one completely marked catalog to the Executive Office of TICA and the appropriate regional director of the region in which the show was held within 48 hours after the close of the show. The show committee is required to shall forward one completely marked catalog to the judging administrator, each judge, the master clerk and to any person who ordered a marked catalog, and a catalog with the finals page(s) marked to the TICA Trend editor, and a catalog marked with the finals page(s) and the appropriate breed awards to each certified ring clerk within one week after the close of the show. Further, the show committee shall send a completely marked catalog to each judge, the master clerk and to any person who ordered a marked catalog no later than 30 days after the show. The show committee shall also send a catalog marked with the finals page(s) and the appropriate breed awards to each certified ring clerk within 30 days after the show.~~

RATIONALE: Shows could be scored more efficiently if all materials required for scoring were received in one package, and scoring would not be held up if one judge failed to submit their records in a timely manner. Simplifies the procedure to send marked catalogues.

## MOTION 42.

Amend the Standing Rules to the Show Rules to read:

I.C. Show Flyers. Show flyers **must** be sent to the local regional director, the Executive Office, and the contracted judges at the time the show license application is submitted. Failure to send a flyer with the application will result in a \$25 fine.

## Merchandise Report through 8/23/2000

### EXPENSES

|               |  |
|---------------|--|
| \$3,753.03    | Denim and white shirts (314)   |
| 5,531.40      | Monogramming on purchased shirts, totes, polos, hats, briefcase and monogramming purchases |
| <u>313.07</u> | Postage, supplies, and special order shirts  |
| \$9597.50     | Total paid by Kay DeVilbiss  |
| 1,157.40      | Total of limited edition items, size small and 3X shirts                                   |
| 1,590.62      | Additional totes and briefcases and the related  |
| <u>371.53</u> | Monogramming paid by Executive Office  |
| \$12,717.05   | Total Expenses to date   |

### INCOME

|                |  |
|----------------|--|
| \$ 270.00      | Paid @ Executive Office by staff for merchandise |
| 10,037.19      | Total deposits for merchandise sold              |
| 250.00         | Cash for Sales bag                               |
| <u>-116.64</u> | Bad checks and bank charges                      |
| \$10,440.55    | Total revenue to date                            |

### BALANCE

|                  |                                  |
|------------------|----------------------------------|
| \$12,717.05      | Total expenses                   |
| <u>10,440.55</u> | Total revenue                    |
| \$2,276.50       | Balance of expenses over revenue |

By Kay DeVilbiss

# THE INTERNATIONAL COMMITTEE REPORT

TICA ANNUAL MEETING  
LAS VEGAS, NEVADA, AUGUST 2000

TO THE PRESIDENT, VICE PRESIDENT, BOARD OF DIRECTORS, EXECUTIVE SECRETARY,  
JUDGING ADMINISTRATOR AND ALL THE MEMBERS OF TICA.

I will forgo my usual report style so that I can discuss the important matters on hand. TICA is at the crossroads of it's international program.

At this time Europe as a general rule is experiencing a financial crisis. Our International clubs are having to retrench. It has become especially difficult to finance a show in Europe. The French clubs have to put on TICA shows only and the lack of entries and gate has hurt their show calendar. LOOF is having internal problems so there is no information available at this time. Germany has cancelled shows and the Balkan countries are having trouble getting entries and gate due to the financial crunch. Russia is in serious straits. The cost of bringing in overseas judges is prohibitive and the lack of judges in their area is limited.

Europe's needs are:

Strong regional leadership, more schools and training judges available to increase their judging panels. The European countries must feel as if TICA is here to help. A program exists to hold international schools and training sessions. Perhaps Regional Directors can furnish a list of shows willing to have a school. With TICA's financial help, the regions could plan ahead for schools. This way more judges could come into the program.

I would appreciate the Board's input on the situation with emphasis on the Russian situation.

South American clubs and shows are continuing to grow. The lack of finances prevents them from bringing in many overseas judges but their spirit makes up for that.

Japan continues as always to grow and their judge's list is increasing.

Mexico is continuing onward and is to be commended for their work in the field of animal welfare.

**CONCLUSIONS:** More use of the International School Program, which in turn will help existing clubs and start new clubs. More detailed leadership from the regional directors. The International Committee stands ready to do whatever the regional directors and the Board wishes us to do, to continue TICA's growth internationally. All the committee members are dedicated to TICA and it's growth internationally.

Respectfully submitted,

PAT HARDING  
Chair

## THE TICA TREND

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| Editor's Commission: | -2,285.00  |             |
| Total Income:        | \$5,150.60 |             |
| Total Cost:          |            | \$16,874.04 |

Last year at this time, I reported to you a 15% increase in the cost of printing and a 40% increase in the cost of postage. Primarily, this increase was due to the return of show results to the Trend, requiring an average of 57 pages to be published per Trend in the prior year compared to the 44 pages or less without show results. For the past year, the Trend has averaged 60 pages per issue due to show results.

However, I am pleased to report to you that Postage & Handling is \$2,062.61 less than it was for the same three issues last year even though we published a total of twelve more pages and mailed fifty more copies. Most of the savings came from ISAL, which is second class postage outside the USA. The savings came because we mailed an average of 160 fewer copies per Trend in this category this year than last year.

There also was a \$2,068.80 increase in advertising income compared to the same three issues of the Trend in 1999. The largest increase in advertising came from commercial advertisers but show ads and Trendsetters have also seen a solid increase.

At last year's Annual, the Board asked that I publish the Top Cats, Kittens, Alters, HHP's and HHPK's for each country in Europe South, Europe North, and South America. This list was to be provided to me by the Regional Directors and published annually in the Trend until the new computer programs are in place at the Executive Office. At that time, the Office will be able to create the list from the computer and Nancy Nolen will publish it in the Yearbook.

The problem we discovered last year with this list is that the Regional Directors only have the same Regional Awards list to work from that I already publish in the August/September Trend. The only new cats and owners who are published in the "best in each country" list are those from the Best LH and SH Cats since I don't have enough space to publish those categories in the Regional Awards Trend. These cats do still get added recognition as being the best in their category in their country.

However, an unknown number of cats and owners are being omitted since they didn't receive a Regional Award. I am asking if you want me to continue publishing this list under these circumstances.

THE INTERNATIONAL CAT ASSOCIATION  
JUDGING PROGRAM  
EFFECTIVE 05/01/99 (05/01/2001)

*The Board of Directors of TICA expressly retains the right and full discretion to consider factors not listed within this program in making its determination regarding acceptance into, or advancement within, the TICA Judging Program*

***(Changes are underlined.)***

**The International Cat Association, Inc. (TICA)  
Judging Program**

**PREFACE**

***THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE INTERNATIONAL CAT ASSOCIATION SHALL EXPRESSLY RETAIN THE RIGHT AND FULL DISCRETION TO CONSIDER FACTORS NOT LISTED WITHIN THIS PROGRAM IN MAKING ITS DETERMINATION REGARDING ACCEPTANCE INTO, OR ADVANCEMENT WITHIN THE JUDGING PROGRAM.***

Acceptance into, or advancement within The International Cat Association's Judging Program will be considered only at regularly scheduled Board Meetings and will be considered only upon applicant furnishing proof of having met all requirements at each level as set forth in the TICA Judging Program.

Meeting or exceeding the minimum requirements listed in the Articles within this program are not to be considered a guarantee of acceptance or advancement in the TICA Judging Program.

The Board of Directors will consider each new applicant's showing and club activity, experience in breeding\*, exhibiting, clerking and show management, personal appearance, deportment, reputation, ethics and attitude, reports from TICA members, and may consider the applicant's activities in TICA beyond the program requirements, the variety of breeds bred\*, maintained and shown, titles earned and any other pertinent factors it deems applicable and may grant the applicant's entrance into the program, may reject the applicant, or may require additional work.

In reviewing applications for advancement to **Probationary** Specialty Judge, the Board will consider the applicant's knowledge, ability, training, club activity, personal appearance, deportment, ethics, attitude, reports from TICA members, and willingness to abide by the TICA By-Laws, Show Rules, Registration Rules, the TICA Standards, the TICA Mission and Policy Statements and the Rules and Codes as set forth in the Judging Program, as well as any other pertinent factors it deems applicable, and may grant or reject the application or may **require** additional work.

In considering applications for further advancement in the Judging Program, the Board will review the applicant's knowledge, personal appearance and demeanor, ethics, attitude and reports from TICA clubs, members, and/or exhibitors, the ability to abide by the Judging Program rules and requirements, the timeliness of Judge's Books received at the Executive Office and the number of mechanical errors, and/or the habitual repetition of either late books or numerous errors, timely payment dues, fees, and/or fines, the providing of a **professional photograph (4x6)** for the Yearbook, as well as any other appropriate factors it deems applicable and may grant the applicant's request for advancement, may reject the application, or may require additional work.

If the applicant is denied acceptance or advancement, s/he may reapply at a later date. This will not be automatic. The applicant must reapply in accordance with the Rules as set forth in the Articles of the TICA Judging Program.

\*The exception being applicants to the Household Pet Judging Program.

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| Application Fee .....   | \$40 |
| Processing Fee .....  | \$15 |
| Advancement from Trainee to Probationary<br>Specialty Judge-License Fee .....   | \$25 |
| Advancement from Probationary Specialty Judge to<br>Provisional Allbreed Judge: |      |
| Processing Fee .....  | \$20 |
| License Fee .....   | \$25 |
| Advancement from Provisional Allbreed to Approved Allbreed:                     |      |
| Processing Fee .....  | \$35 |
| License Fee .....   | \$35 |
| Application of Judges from Other Domestic Cat Associations for TICA:            |      |
| Application Fee .....   | \$40 |
| Processing Fee .....  | \$15 |
| Appropriate License Fee   |      |
| Acceptance of Overseas Applicants:  |      |
| Application Fee .....   | \$40 |
| Processing Fee .....  | \$15 |
| Appropriate License Fee   |      |
| Reinstatement:  |      |
| Application Fee .....   | \$40 |
| Processing Fee .....  | \$15 |
| Appropriate License Fee   |      |
| Leave of Absence:   |      |
| Application Fee .....   | \$40 |
| Processing Fee .....  | \$15 |
| Appropriate License Fee   |      |
| Household Pet Judging Program:  |      |
| Application Fee .....   | \$20 |
| Processing Fee .....  | \$15 |
| License Fee .....   | \$15 |

**ARTICLE ONE - The Role of the  
Approved Allbreed Sponsor**

- 1.1 The Approved Allbreed Sponsor plays an important role in the participation of an individual in the TICA Judging Program and in the advancement of the individual through the levels of the Judging Program from Trainee to Approved Allbreed Judge.
- 1.2 The Sponsor must have been an Approved Allbreed Judge for at least 3 years, have some knowledge of the applicant's background and current activities and ideally reside in the same Region. In isolated areas or regions where there are no Approved Allbreed Judges available, a neighboring region may be considered. Judges Emeriti shall not accept sponsorship of any new applicants.
- 1.3 The Sponsor shall provide the applicant with the Endorsement of Approved Allbreed Sponsor Form and shall be prepared to write letters of endorsement for each level of the participant's advancement through the Judging Program.
- 1.4 The Sponsor shall review the participant's Application Forms, and Check-Off Form when applicable, for the verification of fulfillment of requirements for acceptance into or the advancement within the Judging Program.
- 1.5 The Sponsor must be able to establish a good rapport with the applicant and work closely with them, enabling each to discuss openly and frankly any concerns or situations that may arise during the advancement period, and shall serve as a confidant to the participant, being aware that special needs may exist, and be of assistance where needed.
- 1.6 A training plan shall be discussed and implemented that will provide the most benefit to the Trainee.
- 1.7 The Sponsor shall monitor ring training or judging when possible to enable better assessment of the progress of the participant.
- 1.8 The Sponsor must receive the Monthly Report from the Trainee by the first of each month. The critiques and the evaluations contained in the report shall be reviewed by the Sponsor, discussed in depth with the Trainee and any concerns addressed immediately.
- 1.9 The Sponsor must be willing to address any negative feedback with the Trainee, the Training Judge, the Trainee Coordinator or the Judging Administrator.
- 1.10 The Sponsor acts as an advisor, mentor, guide and confidant to the participant and must be able to devote time and effort to accomplish this.
- 1.11 The Approved Allbreed Sponsor shall be available to assist in other areas; checking exams, refresher tests, additional training and any other areas where the Sponsor's expertise would be beneficial in helping the participant reach their goal.
- 1.12 Should it become necessary that the Approved Allbreed Sponsor drop the Sponsorship of an applicant, trainee or judge he/she must inform the Judging Administrator of the reason. He/she shall notify the applicant, trainee or judge in a formal letter with a copy to the Judging Administrator.

## ARTICLE TWO - Trainee

### Requirements for Application for Admission into the Judging Program

2.1 Names of applicants MUST be published in two issues of the TREND, notices must be received by the Judging Administrator by April 25<sup>th</sup> for application at 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.

2.2 Applicants must meet the following requirements. The Board of Directors may require additional work. The applicant must:

- a. Be 21 years of age or older.
- b. Be a member of TICA in good standing.
- c. Have a TICA registered cattery.
- d. Be a working member of an active TICA club which hosts TICA shows in resident region.
- e. Have been breeding cats for at least 5 years; have bred a minimum of five TICA registered litters; have shown in at least twenty-five TICA shows (back-to-back shows will be considered as one show).
- f. Have been a member of TICA for at least 5 years prior to application.
- g. Be a licensed TICA Head Ring Clerk and a licensed TICA Master Clerk. Must have served as a Head Ring Clerk in at least ten TICA shows and must have served as Master Clerk in at least five TICA shows; at least three Master Catalogs must be error free.
- h. Have an Approved Allbreed Judge as sponsor.
- i. Have attended one TICA judging school within the previous 2 years. Must have attended one breeders seminar or one TICA genetics seminar within the previous 1 year.
- j. Have actively served at least two times as a TICA show manager (may be "co-show manager" only once), and two times as a TICA entry clerk. (Additional activity is encouraged.)
- k. Be familiar with and agree to abide by the TICA By-Laws, TICA Show Rules, TICA Registration Rules and TICA Standards
- l. Provide in the application packet documentation verifying fulfillment of all requirements.

2.3 A longhair/shorthair specialty applicant shall 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 breed specialty and one cat of opposite coat length/body type (may be an alter). Additionally, at least one whole cat bred and/or acquired by the applicant as a kitten (5 months of age or younger), shall be shown to Supreme Grand Champion status.

2.4 Consideration may be given for Regional and International Top 20 wins, to include kitten, cat, alter and household pet awards. However, all requirements in 2.2 must be met.

2.5 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:

- a. A personal resume.
- b. Letter of recommendation from the club in region of residence or from the club nearest the applicant's home, in which the applicant is an active member.
- c. Copy of Head Ring Clerk and Master Clerk License.
- d. A letter of sponsorship from one TICA Approved Allbreed Judge who agrees to serve as applicant's sponsor until Approved Allbreed status is reached by the applicant. Allbreed sponsor shall review the applicant's complete packet and sign where indicated on the check-off list that the application has met all requirements.
- e. A recent professional 4x6 color photograph.
- f. Documentation verifying fulfillment of all requirements as listed above.

2.6 Upon completion of all requirements (as specified in 2.2 and 2.3), and acceptance of the application by the Judging Administrator/Designee, the applicant shall be furnished a comprehensive written, open-book examination covering TICA By-Laws, Show Rules, Breed Standards, Ethics and the cat fancy, in general. This examination must be completed and received by the Judging Administrator/Designee no later than six months from the date of receipt by the applicant. The applicant must score 95 percent or higher on the examination, and all questions missed must be answered correctly. Should the applicant fail to complete the examination within the time allowed, application may not be resubmitted for six months.

2.7 Upon successful completion of the examination, the Judging Administrator shall submit the applicant's name for consideration by the Board for admittance into the TICA Judging Program. Submission of applicant's name must be made no later than 90 days prior to the meeting at which the applicant shall be considered for acceptance.

2.8 The Board of Directors shall consider the applicant's knowledge, ability and experience in breeding, showing, clerking, show management, and club activity. The Board shall 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.

2.9 Upon acceptance by the Board of Directors, the applicant shall be granted permission to begin ring training.

### **ARTICLE THREE - Training Program**

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

- a. All requirements set forth by the Board of Directors and the Judging Administrator/Designee.
- b. Paid a \$15 processing fee to the Executive Office.
- c. Completed and forwarded to the Judging Administrator/ Designee the Request for Advancement to Ring Training Form.
- d. Received permission from the Judging Administrator/ Designee to proceed with ring training.

3.2 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.

3.3 A trainee shall attend the following during the training period:

- a. One TICA Judging School;
- b. One TICA Judges Conference;
- c. One TICA Breeders Seminar and
- d. One TICA Genetics Seminar.

3.4 A trainee shall obtain from the Judging Administrator or Judging Administrator Designee the Trainee Evaluation Record Forms and Permission to Train Forms. The trainee shall complete the Permission to Train Form for each show at which s/he wishes to apprentice/train, obtaining written permission from both the club hosting the show and the instructor giving the training. This form will indicate the type of training, ring or solo, agreed upon. Copies shall be sent to the Judging Administrator/Designee and the trainee's Allbreed sponsor at the trainee's expense. Permission to Train Forms shall be signed by all parties prior to the day(s) of training.

3.5 At any time during the training period, the Judging Administrator/ Designee may make recommendations for additional training in particular breeds and/or colors. The trainee must submit proof of this additional training to the Judging Administrator/Designee and the trainee's Allbreed sponsor at the trainee's expense.

3.6 Upon acceptance into the judging program, the trainee shall 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. The training period, which begins when the Applicant Examination is passed and the Board has approved the applicant's application to the Judging Program, shall be for a minimum of 15 full months. Application for advancement may not be made prior to the completion of 15 full months of training.

3.7 The trainee shall prepare written critiques on a minimum of 50 different cats which will include a critique of no less than 75 percent of the breeds recognized for Championship status, using the breed standards as a reference. This is to be done outside of the judging ring. The completed critique forms are to be forwarded to the trainee's Approved Allbreed sponsor and to the Judging Administrator or Judging Administrator Designee at the trainee's expense.

3.8 The training sessions shall consist of forty (40) total ring training sessions handling championship breeds, including four (4) ring training sessions handling household pets and an additional four (4) training sessions consisting of solo judging. **Solo judging cannot be started until all ring training sessions have been completed.**

a. The trainee shall have a minimum of 40 ring training sessions handling approximately thirty-six (36) championship kittens, cats, alters or household pets. The first thirty-one (31) of these training sessions shall consist of handling full classes (i.e. championship cats, alters, etc.) or handling full breeds and/or breed groups (i.e. the Persian Breed Group; Maine Coon kittens, cats & alters; etc.). The selection of cats for training shall be at the training judge's discretion. Emphasis during the first five (5) of these training sessions will be on handling the different breeds and body types. During the final five (5) training sessions, the trainee shall stay with the training judge the entire day, handling cats as designated by the judge.

b. The trainee shall have a minimum of four (4) ring training sessions consisting of approximately twenty (20) Household Pets. (A trainee who is already a Household Pet Judge need not meet the requirement for Household Pet ring training sessions during the training period.)

c. The trainee shall make a set of judge's books, if not furnished by the hosting club, containing the classes to be handled, prior to working with the instructor. (These books shall be made from another judge's book, NOT from a show catalog.) These may be single xerox-type copies if the official NCR-type pages are not available.

d. At the end of a training session, the instructor may ask the trainee to write a Breed Comparison Report on a breed or breed group designated by the instructor. This report will be handed in to and reviewed by the instructor who will then sent it to the appropriate persons. A minimum of 15 Breed Comparison Reports are required during the training period.

e. Only one ring training session may be counted for one day. However, the trainee may train with more than one judge during the day for a minimum total of forty (40) cats. For example, the trainee may train on adult cats with one judge and kittens with another; or the trainee may train on the Persian Breed Group with one judge and the Siamese Breed Group with another; or the trainee may train on shorthairs with one judge and longhairs with another.

f. No more that two (2) training sessions are allowed per show weekend ("show week-end" is defined as a one-day, two-day or three-day show), working with any Allbreed Judge, ten (10) of which must be different Licensed Ring Instructors. At least six of the training sessions must be outside of the trainee's resident region, or beyond 500 miles from the trainee's residence.

g. The trainee shall handle the cats as directed by the instructor. (The trainee is expected to handle his or her own cat(s) during the training period, without calling attention to the ownership of the cat(s).) The trainee shall not leave the judging ring and may not have access to a show catalog until s/he has completed training and been dismissed by the instructor(s).

h. The trainee shall provide the instructor with stamped addressed envelopes. The instructor shall complete the Trainee Evaluation Form and review any Breed Comparison Report, mailing copies to the Trainee Coordinator, and to the trainee's Allbreed Sponsor in the envelopes provided. It is then the Allbreed Sponsor's responsibility to send a copy of the Trainee Evaluation to the trainee for his or her files and to discuss the training session and breed comparison with the trainee.

i. The trainee shall have a minimum of four (4) training sessions consisting of solo judging, (three of which must be done out of region or beyond 500 miles from the trainee's residence.) Three of these must be with longhairs only (kittens, cats, alters); three must be with shorthairs only (kittens, cats, alters); one with longhair household pets only, and one with shorthair household pets only. (A trainee who is already a Household Pet Judge need not meet the requirements HHP solo rings during the training period.) Solo judging shall consist 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. A solo training session may not be done on the same day as a ring training session. At least three of the solo judging sessions must be with Licensed ring Instructors. Trainees shall furnish their own rosettes for their solo finals.

3.9 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.

a. If the trainee completes the solo judging before the show begins, s/he is then free to exhibit at that show.

b. If solo judging is to take place during or after the show, the trainee may exhibit in that show using an agent.

3.10 The Judging Administrator/Designee is to advise the trainee of any additional training required, other than solo training.

3.11. The trainee may send to the Judging Administrator/Designee a statement commenting on the type and quality of training received from any instructor.

## **ARTICLE FOUR - Probationary Specialty Judge**

### **Advancement from Trainee to Probationary Specialty Judge**

4.1 Names of applicants MUST be published in two issues of the TREND, notices must be received by the Judging Administrator by April 25<sup>th</sup> for application at 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.

4.2 When the training portion of the program has been completed, the trainee shall send the completed Application for Advancement to Probationary Specialty Judge Form to be received by the Trainee Coordinator not less than 90 days before the next scheduled Board Meeting, with a copy to each Board member and the Judging Administrator. ALL training, including all solos, must be scheduled 90 days prior to the next scheduled Board Meeting and completed prior to the meeting. The Judging Administrator/Designee shall compile all records for presentation to the Board. Applications received after the 90-day deadline will be presented at the following scheduled Board meeting.

4.3 The license fee of \$25 shall be sent to the Executive Office.

4.4 The Board shall consider the applicant's knowledge, ability, training, experience, show and club activity, personal appearance, deportment, attitude and any other factors it deems appropriate and may grant the probationary specialty license, deny the applicant, or require additional work.

4.5 If applicant is denied advancement, s/he may reapply, for consideration at the next scheduled Board meeting. Copies of reapplication form must be sent to the Judging Administrator/Designee and to each Board member to be received not less than 90 days before the next scheduled Board meeting. Applications received after the 90-day deadline will be presented at the following scheduled Board meeting.

### **Advancement from Probationary Specialty Judge to Approved Specialty Judge**

4.6 The probationary period shall be for a minimum of one (1) year, and a minimum of 20 shows judged. The Probationary Specialty Judge shall submit the Application for Advancement to Approved Specialty Judge to the Judging Administrator/Designee for advancement to Approved Specialty Judge, which shall include a list of shows judged during the probationary period and which shall be signed by the Allbreed Sponsor. If no problems have arisen during the probationary period the Judging Administrator/Designee shall inform the Probationary Specialty Judge that they have completed probation and shall grant an Approved Specialty License.

## ARTICLE FIVE - Provisional Allbreed

### Advancement from Probationary Specialty Judge to Provisional Allbreed Judge

5.1 Names of applicants MUST be published in two issues of the TREND, notices must be received by the Judging Administrator by April 25<sup>th</sup> for application at 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.

5.2 The applicant must have completed the following before applying for advancement:

- a. Have judged at least 30 shows as Approved Specialty.
- b. Obtained a letter of endorsement from his/her Approved Allbreed Sponsor stating his/her approval of advancement.
- c. Passed the advancement examination (95 percent correct answers is considered a passing grade; however, all questions missed must be answered again correctly).
- d. Met any special requirements as set forth by the Board, Judging Administrator or Judging Administrator Designee.
- e. Paid a \$20 processing fee to the Executive Office no later than 90 days prior to the Board Meeting at which application is being made. ALL training, including all solos, must be scheduled 90 days prior to the next scheduled Board Meeting and completed prior to the meeting.
- f. Completed and mailed to be received by the Judging Administrator not less than 90 days before the next scheduled Board meeting the Application for Advancement to Provisional Allbreed Judge Form with a copy to each Board member. Applications received after the 90-day deadline will be presented at the following scheduled Board meeting.

5.3 A judge may request an exam anytime within 1 year of the time planned for advancement.

- a. Exam must be completed and returned within 4 months of receipt of exam and 90 days prior to the Board Meeting at which application is being made.
- b. If the examination is not completed and returned 90 days prior to the next scheduled Board meeting, and/or if all other requirements have not been met, the applicant must reapply for advancement at a following scheduled Board meeting.
- c. Upon reapplication, all advancement requirements must be met, including successfully passing the advancement examination and payment of all fees.

5.4 The Board shall consider the applicant's knowledge, ability, training, experience, show and club activity, personal appearance, deportment, attitude and any other factors it deems appropriate and may grant the Provisional Allbreed License, deny the applicant, or require additional work.

5.5 If the applicant is denied advancement, s/he may not reapply for one year. Copies of reapplication form must be sent to the Judging Administrator/Designee and to each Board member to be received not less than 90 days before the next scheduled Board meeting. Applications received after the 90-day deadline will be presented at the following scheduled Board meeting.

5.6 The license fee of \$25 shall be sent to the Executive Office no later than 90 days prior to the Board Meeting at which application is being made.

## **ARTICLE SIX - Approved Allbreed**

### **Advancement From Provisional Allbreed to Approved Allbreed**

6.1 Names of applicants MUST be published in two issues of the TREND, notices must be received by the Judging Administrator by April 25<sup>th</sup> for application at 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.

6.2 Before applying for advancement, applicant must have:

- a. Been a licensed Provisional Allbreed judge for at least 2 years and judged at least 60 shows as such (60 LH and 60 SH or 60 AB or any combination thereof).
- b. Obtained a letter of endorsement from his/her Approved Allbreed sponsor stating his/her approval of advancement.
- c. Passed the Approved Allbreed examination (95 percent correct answers is considered a passing grade; however, all questions missed must be answered again correctly).
- d. Met any special requirements as set forth by the Board or the Judging Administrator/Designee.
- e. Paid a \$35 processing fee to the Executive Office.
- f. Completed and mailed the Application for Advancement to Approved Allbreed, to be received by the Judging Administrator/ Designee no later than 90 days prior to the next scheduled Board meeting with a copy of the completed Check-Off Form to each Board member. Applications received after the 90-day deadline will be presented at the following scheduled Board meeting.

6.3 A judge may request an exam anytime within 1 year of the time planned for advancement.

- a. Exam must be completed and returned within 4 months of receipt of exam and 90 days prior to the Board Meeting.
- b. If the examination is not completed and returned prior to 90 days before the next scheduled Board meeting, and if all other requirements have not been met, the applicant must reapply for advancement at a following scheduled Board meeting.
- c. Upon reapplication, all advancement requirements must be met, including successfully passing the advancement examination and payment of all fees.

6.4 The Board shall consider the applicant's knowledge, ability, training, experience, show and club activity, personal appearance, deportment, attitude and any other factors it deems appropriate and may grant the Approved Allbreed license, deny the applicant, or require additional work. The Board shall take into consideration the number of out of region shows the applicant has judged.

6.5 If applicant is denied advancement, s/he may not reapply for one year. Copies of reapplication form must be sent to the Judging Administrator/Designee and to each Board member to be received not less than 90 days before the next scheduled Board meeting. Applications received after the 90-day deadline will be presented at the following scheduled Board meeting.

6.6 The license fee of \$35 shall be sent to the Executive Office no later than 90 days prior to the Board Meeting as which application is being made.

## **ARTICLE SEVEN - Application for Instructor**

7.1 Names of applicants MUST be published in two issues of the TREND, notices must be received by the Judging Administrator by April 25<sup>th</sup> for application at 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.

7.2 An Approved Allbreed judge may apply for instructor after having been a licensed Approved Allbreed judge no less than 2 years and having judged no fewer than 50 shows as an Approved Allbreed judge (50 LH and 50 SH or 50 AB or any combination thereof).

7.3 An Approved Allbreed judge may apply for ring instructor and/or school instructor.

a. Duties of a ring instructor: teach trainees, completing and returning Trainee Evaluation Forms to the Judging Administrator/Designee and the Allbreed Sponsor within 48 hours of close of show.

b. Duties of a school instructor: teach trainees, completing and returning Trainee Evaluation Forms to the Judging Administrator/ Designee and the Allbreed Sponsor within 48 hours of close of show; conduct judging schools, breed seminars and judge's conferences sending attendance list and subject matter covered to the Judging Administrator/Designee within 30 days following any session conducted.

7.4 The applicant shall send the completed Application for Instructor Form to the Judging Administrator, with a copy to each Board member. Applications for Ring Instructor only must be accompanied by a narrative stating how the instructor proposes to work with a trainee, including, but not limited to, what the trainee can expect of the Instructor and what the Instructor will expect of the Trainee. If applying for School Instructor, an outline and a lesson plan for a judging school and for a breed seminar must be included. This must be received by the Judging Administrator/Designee and the Board members not less than 90 days before the next scheduled Board meeting. Applications received after the 90-day deadline will be presented at the following scheduled Board meeting. This applies to all applicants, including those outside of North America.

7.5 If all requirements have not been met, the applicant must reapply for instructor at a following scheduled Board meeting.

7.6 The Board shall consider the applicant's knowledge, ability, training, experience, show and club activity, personal appearance, deportment, attitude and any other factors it deems appropriate and may grant instructor status, deny the applicant or require additional work.

7.7 If applicant is denied advancement, s/he may not reapply for one year. Copies of reapplication form must be sent to the Judging Administrator/Designee and to each Board member to be received not less than 90 days before the next scheduled Board meeting. Applications received after the 90-day deadline will be presented at the following scheduled Board meeting.

## **ARTICLE EIGHT - Acceptance of Overseas Applicants & the Overseas Judging Program**

(The Overseas Judging Program will be in effect for overseas trainees entering the Judging Program until May 1, 2002. After that date, new applicants will begin and continue under the rules of the Judging Program. After May 1, 2004 all judges must then follow the Judging Program guidelines as set forth in ARTICLES ONE through SEVEN - **NO Exceptions.**)

8.1 Anyone may apply to the Judging Administrator/Designee for acceptance into the TICA Judging Program, requesting the appropriate application form. **If applicant is applying as a judge from another association, the highest level for which application may be made is Approved Specialty. Such applicant will follow the guidelines in ARTICLE 9 for application and training.**

8.2 The Board of Directors may require additional work or make certain exceptions when circumstances or experience warrant. If an applicant is applying for acceptance into the Judging Program from a country not having a TICA region, s/he may apply using guidelines as set forth by the Judging Administrator or using the guidelines of the current Judging Program. Once a TICA region has been established, the TICA Judging Program guidelines for advancement must be followed.

8.3 Names of applicants **MUST** be published in two issues of the TREND, notices must be received by the Judging Administrator by April 25<sup>th</sup> for application at 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. **No application will be considered by the Board unless this requirement has been met.**

8.4 The applicant must have a TICA Approved Allbreed judge sponsor. It is the responsibility of the Allbreed sponsor to make every effort to assure the applicant is provided with current information and documents concerning TICA; to be in communication with the applicant; to work closely with the Judging Administrator/Designee concerning the individual needs; to assume the responsibility of monitoring the applicant's progress until Approved Allbreed status is reached; and to review anything the applicant wishes to submit to the Judging Administrator/ Designee and the TICA Board of Directors for clarity, accuracy and translation if necessary.

8.5 Answers to questions on the Application Form must be submitted in English.

8.6 All documents or attachments must be translated into/submitted in English.

8.7 All applicants to the Judging Program must meet the following requirements:

- a. Must be 21 years of age or older.
- a. Must be a member of TICA in good standing
- b. Must have been a TICA member for a minimum of 4 years prior to application.
- c. Must be a working member of an active TICA club.
- d. Must be a licensed Had Ring Clerk.
- e. Must be a TICA Licensed Master Clerk.
- f. Must have been breeding cats at least 5 years and have a minimum of five TICA registered litters.
- g. Must have exhibited in a minimum of 10 TICA shows.
- h. Must have served a minimum of one time as a TICA entry clerk.
- i. Must have served a minimum of one time as a TICA show manager.
- j. Must have shown a minimum of three whole cats to TICA Grand Championship status.
- k. Must have sent a 4 x 6 professional color photograph to the TICA Yearbook Editor.
- l. Must be familiar with and agree to abide by the TICA By-Laws, Show Rules, Registration Rules and Breed Standards.

8.8 Consideration may be given for International or Regional awards or the equivalent thereof; however, all of the above requirements must be met.

8.9 Applicant must send application fee of \$40 (US) to the Executive Office, and must send the original application to the Judging Administrator/ Designee. Documentation verifying fulfillment of all requirements as listed above in Article 9.7 must be included in the application packet.

8.10 All overseas applicants at the Trainee level will start judging as Probationary Specialty Judges. As they progress through the program they may progress in the Judging Program (ARTICLES TWO through EIGHT) and be licensed to judge everywhere or they may follow the Overseas Program and have a license restricted to their country or isolated area, (i.e. Approved Specialty - South America only, or Approved Allbreed - Europe only, etc.)

8.11 Applicants for acceptance into the (Name of Country) Judging Program as a Trainee must meet the requirements in 8.3, 8.4, 8.5, 8.6, 8.7, and 8.9. Application must be sent to the Trainee Coordinator and Allbreed Sponsor to be received no later than 90 days prior to the Board Meeting at which application is being made.

8.12 Application Check-Off Forms must be sent to each member of the Board, the Judging Administrator and the Allbreed Sponsor, to be received no later than 90 days prior to the Board Meeting at which application is being made.

8.13 Applications received after the 90-day deadline will be presented at the following scheduled Board Meeting.

8.14 Upon acceptance into the Judging Program and prior to beginning ring training, the applicant must complete the Applicant Exam with a passing grade of 95% or higher. Upon satisfactory completion of the Applicant Exam, the trainee must submit a [Permission to Begin Training Form](#) to the Judging Administrator or Judging Administrator Designee prior to beginning ring training. [The Applicant Exam must be completed and returned to the Judging Administrator/Designee no later than six months from the date of receipt by the applicant.](#)

8.15 Must complete at least 20 written Breed Critiques outside the judging ring. Referring to the Standards, the critiques may be done at a show or at a breeder's home or cattery. Critiques must be done on the official Breed Critique Form, following the instructions at the top of the form.

8.16 Must complete at least twenty (20) training sessions. Sessions shall consist of approximately 30 purebred kittens, cats and alters per training session working, with any TICA Approved Allbreed Judge or Licensed Ring Instructor.

8.17 No more than two training sessions may be done per day, nor more than four training sessions may be done per weekend.

8.18 Must complete at least five written Breed Critiques in the judging ring. Using the Official Breed Critique Form, the trainee shall have the training judge review and sign the form. Instructions at the top of the Breed Critique Form must be noted and followed.

8.19 Must complete at least one training session consisting of only Household Pets.

8.20 The Training Judge/Licensed Ring Instructor shall complete a Trainee Evaluation for each training session. Instructions at the top of the form must be duly noted and followed.

8.21 Upon completion of the ring training sessions, and working with any TICA Approved Allbreed Judge or Licensed Ring Instructor, the trainee must complete four Solo Training Sessions consisting of approximately 25 to 30 championship kittens, cats or alters.

8.22 The Training Judge/Licensed Ring Instructor shall complete a Solo Trainee Evaluation Form for each solo session following the instructions at the top of the evaluation form.

**Advancement to (Name of Country/Region)  
Probationary Specialty Judge**

8.23 [Completed application forms for Advancement to Probationary Specialty Judge Overseas, with a packet containing documentation verifying the fulfillment of requirements, must be sent to the Trainee Coordinator and the Allbreed Sponsor to be received no later than 90 days prior to the Board Meeting at which application is being made, with a copy of the completed Check-Off Form to each member of the Board and the Judging Administrator. ALL requirements must be met prior to applying for advancement.](#)

- 8.24 The following trainee requirements must be met prior to applying for a Probationary Specialty License:
- a. Must comply with Article 8.3 by having name published in at least two issues of the TREND.
  - b. Must send \$15 (US) processing fee and \$25 (US) license fee to the Executive Office to be received no later than 90 days before the Board Meeting at which application is being made..
  - c. Allbreed Sponsor must review and sign the Application Form and the Check-Off Form in the designated space provided.
  - d. Must be a member of TICA in good standing.
  - e. Must be a working member of an active TICA club.
  - f. Must have attended a Judging School, Breed seminar or Genetics Seminar during the training period.
  - g. Must have completed and sent to the Trainee Coordinator an Overseas Trainee Monthly Report, to be received by the first of each month.

**Advancement to (Name of Country/Region)  
Approved Specialty Judge**

8.25 The probationary period shall be for a minimum of one (1) year, and a minimum of 20 shows judged. The Probationary Specialty Judge shall submit the Application for Advancement to Approved Specialty Judge to the Judging Administrator which shall include a list of shows judged during the probationary period. If no problems have arisen during the probationary period and which shall be signed by the Allbreed Sponsor. If no problems have arisen during the probationary period, the Judging Administrator/Designee shall inform the Probationary Specialty Judge that they have completed probation and shall grant an Approved Specialty License.

**Advancement to (Name of Country/Region) Provisional Allbreed**

- 8.26 The following requirements must be met prior to applying for advancement to Provisional Allbreed:
- a. Must comply with Article 9.3 by having name published in at least two issues of the TREND.
  - b. Must send \$20 (US) processing fee and \$25 (US) license fee to the Executive Office to be received no later than 90 days before the Board Meeting at which application is being made..
  - c. Allbreed Sponsor must review and sign the Application Form and the Check-Off Form in the designated space provided.
  - d. Must be a member of TICA in good standing.
  - e. Must be a working member of an active TICA club.
  - f. Must have completed the written, open-book examination for Advancement to Provisional Allbreed with a passing score of 95% or better. This exam must be received by the Judging Administrator/Designee no later than four months from the date of its receipt by the applicant and no later than 90 days prior to the Board Meeting at which application being made.

8.27 Must have judged at least 20 shows as a TICA Approved Specialty Judge.

8.28 Completed Application for Advancement to Provisional Allbreed Overseas, with any attachments, must be received by the Judging Administrator and the Allbreed Sponsor no later than 90 days prior to the Board Meeting at which application is to be considered, with a copy of the completed Check-Off Form sent to each Board member.

8.29 Applications received after the 90-day deadline will be presented at the following scheduled Board Meeting.

**Advancement to (Name of Country/Region) Approved Allbreed Judge**

- 8.30 The following requirements must be met prior to applying for advancement to Approved Allbreed:
- a. Must comply with Article 9.3 by having name published in at least two issues of the TREND.
  - b. Must send \$35 (US) processing fee and \$35 (US) license fee to the Executive Office to be received no later than 90 days prior to the Board Meeting.
  - c. Allbreed Sponsor must review and sign the Application Form and the Check-Off Form in the designated space provided.
  - d. Must be a member of TICA in good standing.
  - e. Must be a working member of an active TICA club.
  - f. Must have completed the written, open-book examination for Advancement to Approved Allbreed with a passing score of 95% or better. This exam must be received by the Judging Administrator/Designee no later than four months from the date of its receipt by the applicant and no later than 90 days prior to the Board Meeting at which application is to be considered.

8.31 Must have been a Provisional Allbreed Judge for a minimum of two (2) years and must have judged at least 45 TICA shows (LH/SH and/or Allbreed) as a TICA Provisional Allbreed Judge. Must have either judged or trained a minimum of two (2) times in the United States or Canada.

8.32 Completed Application for Advancement to Approved Allbreed Overseas, with any attachments, must be received by the Judging Administrator and the Allbreed Sponsor no later than 90 days prior to the Board Meeting at which application is to be considered, with a copy of the completed Check-Off Form sent to each Board member.

8.33 Applications received after the 90-day deadline will be presented at the following scheduled Board Meeting.

**Advancement to (Name of Country/Region) Instructor**

8.34 The following requirements must be met prior to applying for advancement to Instructor:

- a. Must comply with Article 9.3 by having name published in at least two issues of the TREND.
- b. Must be a member of TICA in good standing.
- c. Must be a working member of an active TICA club.
- d. Must have been a licensed Approved Overseas Allbreed Judge for a minimum of two (2) years).
- e. Must have judged no fewer than 25 TICA shows (LH/SH and/or AB) as an Approved Overseas Allbreed

Judge.

8.35 Completed Advancement to Overseas Instructor Application Form, with any required attachments, must be received by each member of the Board and the Judging Administrator no later than 90 days prior to the Board Meeting at which application is to be considered.

8.36 Applications received after the 90-day deadline will be presented at the following scheduled Board Meeting.

## ARTICLE NINE - Application to TICA by Judges from Other Domestic and Overseas Cat Associations

### Requirements for a TICA Judge's License

9.1 Names of applicants MUST be published in two issues of the TREND, notices must be received by the Judging Administrator by April 25<sup>th</sup> for application at 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.

9.2 Any judge who is or has been licensed by another single domestic cat association, for at least 5 years, and who has judged at least 25 cat shows before applying to TICA, may apply to the Judging Administrator/Designee for a TICA judge's license not less than 90 days before the next scheduled Board meeting. The highest level for which application may be made is Approved Specialty. Any such application shall include a detailed description of prior training and education and shall be evaluated on a case by case basis. Applications received after the 90-day deadline will be presented at the following scheduled Board meeting.

9.3 Payment of a \$40 application fee, a \$15 processing fee and the appropriate license fee shall be forwarded to the Executive Office.

9.4 Applicants must meet ALL of the following requirements prior to submitting their application for a TICA Judging License:

- a. [Must be a member of TICA in good standing for a minimum of 2 years prior to applying.](#)
- b. Must be a working member of an active TICA club.
- c. [Must be a licensed TICA Head Ring Clerk and a licensed TICA Master Clerk. In the two years prior to applying, the applicant must serve three times as a Head Ring Clerk and one time as Master Clerk in TICA sanctioned shows.](#)
- d. Be familiar with TICA By-Laws, Registration Rules, Show Rules and Breed Standards.
- e. Successfully complete the applicant examination.
- f. [In the two \(2\) years prior to applying, must](#)
  - a. [Attend a TICA judging school](#)
  - b. [Attend a TICA genetics seminar.](#)
  - c. [Attend a TICA breed seminar.](#)
- g. Must have an Approved Allbreed Judge for a sponsor.
- h. Must [have exhibited in at least 6 \(preferably 12\) TICA shows in the two years prior to applying.](#)
- i. [Must resign their current Judge's License prior to applying if applying from another Domestic Association.](#)
- k. Must provide documentation in the application packet verifying fulfillment of all requirements as listed above.

9.5 The Board shall consider the applicant's knowledge, ability, training, experience, show and club activity, personal appearance, deportment, attitude and any other factors it deems appropriate and may grant the license in the appropriate status, deny the applicant or require additional work.

9.6 [All applicants must meet the basic requirements of Article 9.4; however, as the individual circumstances in each case are different, in considering applicants from regions/countries other than in North America, it is recommended that each applicant be considered separately for any additional requirements. The Board may approve the applicant at an appropriate level, require additional work, or deny the applicant. With the approval of the Board, the Judging Administrator may designate someone residing in a particular country/region to act as an assistant in that country/region.](#)

9.7 [If the license is granted, the applicant shall enter the Judging Program at the level approved by the Board, but no higher than Approved Specialty. The license shall be granted ONLY AFTER the applicant has trained with TICA Instructors, handling all cats and kittens in a minimum of six \(more may be required\) different TICA shows, four of which must be out of region. In addition, the applicant shall write breed critiques on all breeds not recognized in the association in which the applicant previously judged.](#)

9.8 If applicant is denied, s/he may reapply in one year. Copies of reapplication form must be sent to the Judging Administrator/Designee and to each Board member to be received not less than 90 days before the next scheduled Board meeting. Applications received after the 90-day deadline will be presented at the following scheduled Board meeting.

## **ARTICLE TEN - Reinstatement**

10.1 Names of applicants MUST be published in two issues of the TREND, notices must be received by the Judging Administrator by April 25<sup>th</sup> for application at 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.

10.2 Any judge formerly licensed as a TICA Approved Allbreed or Provisional Allbreed judge may apply to the Board for reinstatement at the appropriate level not less than 90 days before the next scheduled Board meeting. Applications received after the 90-day deadline will be presented at the following scheduled Board meeting.

10.3 Payment of a \$40 application fee, a \$15 processing fee and the appropriate license fee shall be forwarded to the Executive Office.

10.4 Applicant must successfully complete the Master Clerk's examination and the trainee examination before their Application for Reinstatement is sent to the Board.

10.5 The approved applicant shall train with TICA Instructors, handling all the kittens and cats at four different shows, before their license shall be granted.

10.6 The Board shall consider the applicant's knowledge, ability, training, experience, show and club activity, personal appearance, deportment, attitude and any other factors it deems appropriate and may grant reinstatement at the appropriate level, deny the applicant, or require additional work.

10.7 If a license is granted, applicant shall enter the Judging Program at the level approved by the Board.

10.8 Any judge demoted by the Board may, after a period of one (1) year, apply to the Board for reinstatement to his/her previous level of certification not less than 90 days before the next scheduled Board meeting. Applications received after the 90-day deadline will be presented at the following scheduled Board meeting.

10.9 Based on present performance, the Board may grant the reinstatement, require additional work, or deny the advancement to previous certification level.

## **ARTICLE ELEVEN - Leave of Absence**

- 11.1 Any TICA judge requiring a leave of absence must notify the Judging Administrator/Designee, giving the effective date of the leave.
- 11.2 All dues and license fees shall be paid and all refresher tests shall be successfully completed during the leave of absence.
- 11.3 If the leave of absence extends for less than 1 year, the judge shall request reinstatement from the Judging Administrator/Designee.
- 11.4 If the leave of absence is more than 1 year, the judge must make application to the Board to be reinstated. Any requirements for reinstatement established by the Board shall be completed.
- 11.5 If dues or license fees lapse, or if refresher tests are not satisfactorily completed during the leave of absence, the judge shall be required to reapply for acceptance into the Judging Program.
- 11.6 The Board shall consider the applicant's knowledge, ability, training, experience, show and club activity, personal appearance, deportment, attitude and any other factors it deems appropriate and may grant reinstatement at the appropriate level, deny the applicant, or require additional work.

## **ARTICLE TWELVE - Continuing Education**

121 With the permission of the show management and the officiating judge, anyone participating in the Judging Program is encouraged to handle breed(s) and/or color(s) as a training session for the purpose of gaining more knowledge. (Exception: Refer to ARTICLE THREE, 4.1a - Trainee.)

12.2 A CEU is a Continuing Education Unit. One hour of instruction equals one CEU. CEU's may be accumulated by attending judging schools, breed seminars, genetics seminars, judges conferences or workshops. Six annual CEU's must be accumulated by attending one or more of the preceding during each show season. CEU's must be earned by judges and trainees. Judges Emeriti (JE) and Distinguished Judges (DJ) are exempt from the CEU requirement. However, Distinguished Judges must lead a judges' conference or breed seminar, or conduct a judging school or genetics seminar (if qualified) at least once every 2 years. 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. No more than six CEU's shall be granted for any session. Additionally, Licensed Ring Instructors may receive CEU credit for conducting ring training sessions (1hour CEU for each completed training session, **with a maximum of three CEU's obtained in this manner annually.**) (Note: Refer to 13.2 for "one-on-one" Sessions.) The Judging Administrator may award CEU's for other cat fancy activities at his/her discretion (such as, but not limited to, writing articles in feline publications, translating TICA material, or attending feline health seminars). All senior Allbreed Judges are encouraged to participate by conducting seminars.

12.3 Conducting or moderating any of the above schools, seminars, conferences or workshop sessions satisfies the requirement of attendance. The instructor or moderator shall send a typed/printed attendance list along with attendees signatures and summary of what was covered to the Judging Administrator/Designee within one (1) month following the session.

12.4 Judges are encouraged to clerk at TICA shows, however, no CEU credit is awarded for clerking.

## **ARTICLE THIRTEEN - Schools, Seminars and Workshops**

13.1 A minimum of 2 working hours is required to earn attendance credit for a breed seminar, genetics seminar, or judges' conference. A minimum of three (3) working hours is required to earn attendance credit for all other schools, seminars, symposia or workshops. A maximum of six (6) hours credit will be given for any one school, seminar, symposia or workshop.

13.2 Schools, seminars and workshops can be held at any time or any place convenient to organizers, instructors and attendees, with arrangements made by a club or individual directly with the instructor. Formal/organized schools, seminars and workshops are STRONGLY encouraged, rather than informal, impromptu gatherings. "One-on-One" sessions are allowed ONLY in special circumstances; i.e., when a trainee has been given prior approval by the Judging Administrator/Designee to gain additional knowledge regarding a specific breed (or breeds) and/or if an Approved Allbreed Sponsor requests that a trainee participate in a "one-on-one" session. Only one CEU hour per year may be accumulated by any judge or trainee for a "one-on-one" session. The one hour CEU credit for a "one-on-one" session MAY NOT be counted in addition to a ring training session on the same day.

13.3 Schools, seminars and workshops do not need to be advertised in advance. It is, however, suggested that the proposed date and location be sent to the Judging Administrator/Designee well in advance of the session.

13.4 The organizers may charge a reasonable fee for attendance.

13.5 A \$50 honorarium should customarily be offered to the instructor, conductor or moderator.

13.6 Attendance at judging schools, breeders seminars or genetics seminars is open to anyone. Attendance at judges conferences is restricted to those in the Judging Program.

13.7 Judging schools are conducted by licensed school instructors.

- 13.8 Topics addressed at judging schools can be anything related to procedures, techniques, standards and rules of judging. Upon request, the Judging Administrator/Designee will provide suggested guidelines for conducting a school.
- 13.9 Genetics seminars are conducted by licensed genetics instructors.
- 13.10 Credit may also be given by the Judging Administrator on a case by case basis for schools, seminars, courses or symposiums hosted by other organizations. Advance approval from the Judging Administrator/ Designee is required.
- 13.11 Breed seminars are conducted by any Approved Allbreed judge. Upon request, the Judging Administrator/Designee will provide suggested guidelines for conducting a breed seminar.
- 13.12 Judges conferences are moderated by any Approved Allbreed judge. Upon request, the Judging Administrator or Judging Administrator Designee will provide suggested guidelines for conducting a conference.
- 13.13 Judges conferences shall be considered a private gathering, a meeting ground where participants may speak openly and freely among themselves without consequences.
- 13.14 The minutes or summary of a judges conference are not to be published or sent to anyone other than the Judging Administrator or Judging Administrator Designee. The Judging Administrator may publish in the Judges Newsletter subject matter from the judges conference which, in the opinion of the Judging Administrator, would be of constructive interest to participants in the Judging Program, but participants' privacy will be protected.
- 13.15 Workshops are conducted by any Approved Allbreed judge(s) who has/have obtained advance permission from the Judging Administrator/ Designee or the Board of Directors.
- 13.16 The purpose of a workshop is to provide in-depth, intensive training to all applicants and participants in the Judging Program.
- 13.17 Workshops may be several days long, and must consist of a minimum of 6 working hours per day.
- 13.18 International workshops may be held in any country, including the United States and Canada.
- 13.19 Topics addressed should be breed standards, Show Rules, By-Laws, Registration Rules, clerking, genetics, colors, patterns, divisions and/or any other information that would be beneficial to the attendees.
- 13.20 Workshops may be arranged with the help of the Judging Administrator/Designee or the Board of Directors, which may appoint a Workshop Coordinator.

## **ARTICLE FOURTEEN - Requirements for Annual Renewal of Judging License**

- 14.1 All judges actively engaged in judging, including all Distinguished Judges and Judges of Merit, and all trainees shall be required to take an annual refresher test, which must be returned to the Judging Administrator/Designee with a postmark, fax or email date no later than June 30<sup>th</sup> of each year. The test must be passed with a score of 95% or higher.
- 14.2 All judges **and trainees** must accumulate six CEU's each show season, with the exception of Judges Emeriti and Distinguished Judges. Judges of Merit who lead a judges' conference or breed seminar, or conduct a judging school or genetics seminar (if qualified), shall be considered to have met the annual CEU requirement.
- 14.3 Each judge must be a working member of an active working TICA club in resident region.
- 14.4 Each participant in the Judging Program must agree to and abide by the TICA Code of Ethics.
- 14.5 TICA membership dues and judge's license fee for the year following must be paid to the Executive Office by October 30<sup>th</sup> of each year. Judges Emeriti and Distinguished Judges are exempt from license fees.
- 14.6 The completed **annual** Judge's Record Form must be sent to the Judging Administrator/Designee with **a postmark, fax or email date no later than June 30<sup>th</sup>** of each year. The **annual** Record Form **lists** a judges's activities (shows, CEU's, etc.) for the previous show season (May 1<sup>st</sup> - April 30<sup>th</sup>). Judges Emeriti are exempt from the Record Form requirement.
- 14.7 Each judge's license shall be reviewed at the scheduled Semi-Annual Board Meeting. To all approved for relicensing, the Judging Administrator shall issue a judge's license by April 15<sup>th</sup> of each year, which shall be effective for May 1<sup>st</sup> through April 30<sup>th</sup> of the following show year. Not less than a 4x6 professional color photograph must be sent to the Yearbook Editor once every 3 years as a requirement for relicensing.
- 14.8 If the Board votes not to renew a judge's license for the upcoming show year, based on missing requirements, it may advise the Judging Administrator to issue a license when the missing requirements have been met. The license has not been revoked, it has expired; it may be renewed upon meeting requirements for renewal.
- 14.9 A judge's license shall not be renewed if that judge has any outstanding fines. However, the Board may instruct the Judging Administrator to renew the license when the fine(s) has/have been received in the Executive Office.
- 4.10 Applications for acceptance into the Judging Program and for advancement within the Judging Program shall be considered only at scheduled Board meetings.

## **ARTICLE FIFTEEN - Penalties for Failure to Fulfill Judging Requirements**

15.1 Failure to fulfill judging requirements shall including failure to comply with the Bylaws, Show Rules and other rules, including the Judging Program, specifically ARTICLE Sixteen, of this Association.

15.2 The penalty for failing to fulfill judging requirements shall be assessed by the Board of Directors on a case by case basis, and may include a fine, suspension, demotion or any other penalty.

15.3 The following penalties shall be automatically assessed, unless the judge is an Approved Allbreed Judge, in which case the Judging Administrator shall notify the judge that a hearing shall take place at the next meeting of the Board of Directors:

**Penalties shall be assessed for failure to:**

Satisfactorily complete the Annual Refresher Exam by June 30<sup>th</sup>;

Accumulate six CEU's per year;

Pay membership dues and/or license fees by October 30<sup>th</sup>;

Forward a complete Judge's Yearly Record form by June 30<sup>th</sup>;

Forward judges books to the Executive Office within 48 hours;

Forward training and clerking evaluations within 48 hours;

Properly notify the Executive Office, show committee and the appropriate exhibitors, upon notification by the Executive Office that a mistake which requires correction has been made in a judge's book, of the correction within 10 days;

Provide the Yearbook Editor with a new picture every 3 years.

**Penalties:**

First offense - \$25 fine and letter of reprimand from the Judging Administrator;

Second offense (within any 12 month period) - \$50 fine;

Further offenses - may include, but are not limited to, fine, suspension, demotion or any other penalty, except that an Approved Allbreed Judge may not be demoted without a hearing.

Extenuating circumstances, when applicable, shall be taken into consideration.

## **ARTICLE SIXTEEN - Code of Ethics**

- 16.1 All participants in the TICA Judging Program shall abide by the TICA By-Laws, Show Rules, Registration Rules, Judging Program, all Board rulings, the Code of Ethics and Judge's Contracts as written, and as employees of the club shall act accordingly.
- 16.2 Judges should be aware that they are being honored by being asked to judge a show.
- 16.3 Participants in the Judging Program are representatives of TICA at all times, and shall conduct themselves as such.
- 16.4 Participants in the Judging Program shall act in a professional manner by displaying a considerate and caring attitude and courteous behavior whether verbal, written and/or as demonstrated by physical actions.
- 16.5 Participants in the Judging Program shall support the TICA Mission Statement, and the Position Paper on Pet Overpopulation.
- 16.6 Judges, whether judging, exhibiting or visiting a show, shall not cause disruption during a show.
- 16.7 If a judge shares a room with a cat, for any reason or at any place, that cat must be Presentation Only in that judge's ring for the next 6 months.
- 16.8 If there is a conflict between a written contract and a verbal contract by a judge, the written contract shall prevail. A change in the written contract voids the contract.
- 16.9 Any judge who has signed a contract to judge a show shall not accept another contract to judge a different show on that same date unless the original contract is canceled by the club. In the event that, inadvertently, more than one contract has been signed, the earlier date of signing will determine the applicable contract.
- 16.10 A judge may judge a show one day in one location, and judge a different show at a different location on a subsequent day of the same weekend only if:
- a. Both clubs agree in writing to this arrangement.
  - b. The judge can make travel arrangements that do not require him/her to leave the show hall during the advertised hours, and
  - c. Neither club is required to pay more than the lowest available round-trip air fare from the judge's home.
- 16.11 A judge shall make every reasonable effort to keep travel, meal and other incidental expenses as low as possible for the hosting club.

## **ARTICLE SEVENTEEN - Discipline**

- 17.1 The Board shall assess an appropriate penalty for:
- a. Failure to comply with any provision of the Judging Program, Show Rules and/or By-Laws.
  - b. Conduct unbecoming a TICA judge.
  - c. Any judge against whom a complaint is filed which could evoke a reprimand shall be notified in writing by the Judging Administrator of the specifics of the complaint and given an opportunity to respond. Complaints regarding judges are to be sent to the Judging Administrator. Protests against judges are to be sent to the Executive Office for forwarding to the Judging Administrator.
- 17.2 The Board may instruct the Judging Administrator to issue a Reprimand to any participant in the Judging Program. Such reprimand shall be considered notice to the participant that a problem exists and further action may result.
- 17.3 If a judge is not actively engaged in showing cats, and is not an active member of an active TICA club, a current judging license may not be issued or an advancement may not be granted. The Board may, however, take into consideration other contributions made by the judge to the cat fancy in general.
- 17.4 No person may judge a show without a valid judging license.
- 17.5 If the Board votes not to renew a judge's license for the upcoming show year, it may advise the Judging Administrator to issue a license when missing requirements have been met. The license has not been revoked, it has expired; it may be renewed upon meeting requirements for renewal.
- 17.6 If a judge's license is not renewed at the Semi-Annual Board Meeting, the judge may continue to judge until April 30. After May 1<sup>st</sup>, the judge does not have a valid TICA judging license and may not judge TICA shows until a valid judging license has been issued.
- 17.7 In the event a judge's license is not renewed, and there are extenuating circumstances of which the Board is unaware, the judge may ask the Board for a hearing. However, the Board is under no obligation to grant the hearing.
- 17.8 A judge whose license has not been renewed becomes a non-participant in the Judging Program on the effective date of the non-renewal.
- 17.9 If a judge's license is not renewed, the judge will be immediately dropped from the official TICA Judge's List, which is maintained by the Judging Administrator and published in the TICA TREND.
- 17.10 All hearing notices will be sent by certified mail, return receipt requested.
- 17.11 Upon receipt of notice of non-renewal of judge's license, the judge shall provide the Judging Administrator a complete list of shows contracted within 10 days. The Judging Administrator shall notify the clubs affected by this non-renewal.
- 17.12 The non-renewal date may be delayed for a show for which the affected judge has a contract and has purchased a non-refundable plane ticket prior to the Semi-Annual Board Meeting. License shall expire on completion of said show. It is understood that the affected judge will not accept additional assignments to judge shows taking place during this extended period.
- 17.13 A Probationary Specialty judge is on probation in the Judging Program. S/he may be dropped from the Judging Program, or denied advancement within the program, at any time upon demonstration of just cause. A hearing is not necessary.
- 17.14 An Approved Specialty Judge is on probation in the Judging Program. S/he may be dropped from the Judging Program, or denied advancement within the program, at any time upon demonstration of just cause. A hearing is not necessary.
- 17.15 A Provisional Allbreed judge is still on a trial basis in the Judging Program. S/he may be dropped from the Judging Program, or denied advancement within the Judging Program, or demoted, at any time upon demonstration of just cause. A hearing is recommended.

17.16 No action may be taken against an Approved Allbreed judge or an Instructor without full documentation of charges against that judge and a hearing before the Board of Directors except as provided in Article 17, Section 17.3.

## **ARTICLE EIGHTEEN - Household Pet Judging Program**

18.1 Names of applicants MUST be published in two issues of the TREND, notices must be received by the Judging Administrator by April 25<sup>th</sup> for application at 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.

18.2 Anyone may apply for acceptance into the TICA Household Pet (HHP) Judging Program who has the following qualifications:

- a. 21 years of age or older.
- b. A member in good standing of TICA for 3 years. Packet must include copy of current membership card.
- c. A working member of an active TICA club which hosts TICA shows annually.
- d. Owned and shown at least one cat in a minimum of ten TICA shows within the 2 years prior to application. Packet must include proof of ownership and list of shows in which the cat was entered.
- e. Sponsored by a TICA club and a licensed TICA Approved Allbreed judge. Packet must include letters of sponsorship from club and judge.
- f. A licensed TICA Head Ring Clerk and licensed TICA Master Clerk, having clerked a minimum of five times and Master Clerked at least one time.
- g. Served at least once as a TICA show manager or entry clerk within the 2 years prior to application.
- h. Furnish a professional 4x6 color photograph for the TICA yearbook with the application packet.
- i. Must be familiar with and agree to abide by the TICA By-Laws, TICA Show Rules, TICA Registration Rules, TICA Standards and Code of Ethics. Must have attended a Judging School in the last 2 years.
- k. Applicant must send in verification of show clerked, mater clerked and Judging School attend in packet.

18.3 Applicant must send application fee of \$20 to the Executive Office. The original application with verifying copies must be sent to the Judging Administrator/Designee. Copies of the check-off list and application shall be sent to each Board member to be received not less than 90 days before the next scheduled Board meeting convenes. Packets received after the 90-day deadline will be presented at the following scheduled Board meeting.

18.4 Applicant must be approved by the Board and pass the open book TICA HHP Examination with a passing grade of 95 percent correct answers. The exam must be completed and returned to the Judging Administrator/Designee no later than six months from the date of receipt of the exam by the applicant. If the applicant should fail the examination, s/he may reapply. Applicant may not begin training until examination is passed.

18.5 Upon acceptance into the HHP Judging Program, the applicant must submit the HHP Monthly Report to the Trainee Coordinator each month. HHP Trainees must earn six (6) CEU's annually, take the annual Refresher Test and complete the annual Judge's Record Form.

18.6 HHP trainees must attend one TICA judge's school or breeder's or genetics seminar within the year following the date of acceptance as an applicant (more are encouraged, however).

18.7 With written permission of the show management and the officiating judge, anyone participating in the HHP Judging Program is encouraged to handle Household Pets as a training session for the purpose of gaining more knowledge. HHP Permission to Train Forms and HHP Trainee Evaluation forms may be obtained from the Judging Administrator or Judging Administrator Designee.

18.8 Working under the direction of three TICA Approved Allbreed Judges, Instructors, or Approved Allbreed Household Pet Judges, HHP trainees must handle the HHP's as directed by the training judge for a minimum of eight different ring training sessions, one of which must be out of region of trainee's residence or 500 miles from residence. Emphasis is placed on:

- a. Procedure (handling, taking the cats out of the judging cages, mechanics and finals presentation).
- b. Technique (disinfecting/sanitizing hands and judging table between cats, marking judge's books, hanging ribbons, establishing a method of noting cats to be considered for finals).
- c. Establishing a routine (for example, starting with the head and working back, or starting with the tail and working forward).

- d. Examination of the cat:
  - 1. Check for clipped claws (all four feet).
  - 2. Check for clean ears (both ears).
  - 3. Check coat for cleanliness, fleas and grooming.
  - 4. Check stomach for same.
  - 5. Observe color markings.
  - 6. Check eyes for cleanliness, clearness and third eyelid being up.
  - 7. Check for over-all balance and condition.
  - 8. Observe for disposition.
  - 9. Look at face.
- e. The HHP trainee will judge the cat, mark HHP judge's book and finals sheets and hang ribbons.
- f. The training judge shall complete the HHP trainee's evaluation form and return it to the HHP trainee in a self-addressed stamped envelope, provided by the trainee, who shall make a copy of the evaluation for his/her files and then forward the original report to the Judging Administrator or Judging Administrator Designee immediately after the show. The HHP trainee shall also furnish his/her Allbreed Sponsor with a copy of each evaluation.
- g. An additional solo judging is required. This is to be done under the direction of an Approved Allbreed judge or instructor and is to consist of at least ten longhairs and at least ten shorthairs; longhairs and shorthairs shall be judged separately.
  - 1. The trainee is to work from a judge's book and handle cats, mark judge's book, hang all ribbons and present his/her finals.
  - 2. The instructor is to make note of trainee's appearance, attitude, knowledge of color/pattern and confidence in judging.
  - 3. The instructor is to fill out the solo training form and return it to the HHP trainee in a self-addressed stamped envelope, provided by the HHP trainee, who shall make a copy of the evaluation for his/her files and then forward the original report to the Judging Administrator or Judging Administrator Designee immediately after the show. The HHP trainee shall also furnish his/her Allbreed Sponsor with a copy of the solo judging evaluation.

18.9 The HHP trainee shall apply to the Judging Administrator or Judging Administrator Designee for licensing as an Approved Specialty (LH/SH) Household Pet Judge. The completed Application for Specialty HHP Judge Advancement Form must be sent to the Judging Administrator or Judging Administrator Designee with copies to each Board member. These copies must be received by the Board members not less than 90 days before the next scheduled Board meeting. Applications received after the 90-day deadline will be presented at the following scheduled Board meeting. (NOTE: Requirement 20.1 must be met prior to applying for advancement to Approved Allbreed Household Pet Judge.)

18.10 A license fee of \$15 shall be sent to the Executive Office before advancement.

18.11 The Board shall consider the applicant's knowledge, ability, training, experience, show and club activity, personal appearance, deportment, attitude and any other factors it deems appropriate and may grant a HHP judging license, deny the applicant or require additional work.

18.12 The licensed Approved Specialty (LH/SH) Household Pet Judge may apply to the Judging Administrator or Judging Administrator Designee for licensing as an Approved Allbreed Household Pet Judge after s/he has judged a minimum of six TICA HHP shows in the Specialty LH/SH format. The completed Application for Approved HHP Judge Advancement Form must be sent to the Judging Administrator or Judging Administrator Designee with copies to each Board member. These copies must be received by the Board members not less than 90 days before the next scheduled Board meeting. Applications received after the 90-day deadline will be presented at the following scheduled Board meeting. (NOTE: Requirement 20.1 must be met prior to applying for advancement to Approved Allbreed Household Pet Judge.)

18.13 A license fee of \$15 shall be sent to the Executive Office before advancement.

18.14 The Board shall consider the applicant's knowledge, ability, training, experience, show and club activity, personal appearance, deportment, attitude and any other factors it deems appropriate and may approve the applicant for advancement, deny the applicant or require additional work.

18.15 The provisions of the Championship Judging Program relating to the publication of names of those applying for admission and advancements, leave of absence, continuing education, requirements for annual renewal of judging license, penalties for failure to fulfill judging requirements, etc., also apply to those in the HHP Judging Program. Please refer to the appropriate section of this program for information on these items.

***ARTICLE NINETEEN - Judge's Newsletter***

19.1 The Judging Administrator shall prepare and send, no less than bi-annually, a newsletter to all persons participating in the Judging Program, all Board members and the Executive Office.

19.2 At some point during each year, to be determined by the Judging Administrator, s/he or his/her Judging Administrator Designee shall send to each participant in the Judging Program a copy of the annual judge's record form, the judge's refresher examination and a reminder of dues and judge's license fees to be paid by October 30 of each year.

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## ABYSSINIAN/SOMALI (AB/SO)

|                                 |           |
|---------------------------------|-----------|
| <b>HEAD</b> .....               | 35 points |
| Shape .....                     | 5         |
| Ears .....                      | 5         |
| Eyes Shape .....                | 5         |
| Eye Color .....                 | 5         |
| Muzzle .....                    | 5         |
| Profile .....                   | 5         |
| Neck .....                      | 5         |
| <b>BODY</b> .....               | 35 points |
| Torso .....                     | 10        |
| Legs and Feet .....             | 10        |
| Tail .....                      | 5         |
| Boning .....                    | 5         |
| Musculature .....               | 5         |
| <b>COAT/COLOR/PATTERN</b> ..... | 30 points |
| Texture .....                   | 10        |
| Pattern (Ticking) .....         | 10        |
| Color .....                     | 10        |

**CATEGORY:** Traditional.

**DIVISIONS:** Tabby. NBC ONLY: Silver/Smoke.

**COLORS:** Limited to eumelanistic colors and agouti pattern only.

**HEAD:**

Shape: Modified wedge with rounded contours as viewed from the front. A rise from the bridge of the nose to the forehead without evidence of a sharp break. The head should be of ample length in general balance with the rest of the cat and gently curved from the forehead over the skull flowing into an arched neck.

Ears: Large, alert, and moderately pointed, broad and cupped at base and arched forward, set as though listening. Hair on ears short and close-lying, preferably tipped in conformity with the color requirements. A "thumb print" marking is desirable on the back of the ear.

Eyes: Almond shaped, large brilliant and expressive. Skull aperture follows almond shape of eyes being neither round nor oriental. Eyes accentuated by darker lid skin, encircled by a light colored area. Above each eye appears a short vertical darker pencil stroke amidst the light area. At the sides of each eye appears a curved darker pencil line as if a continuation of the upper eyelid.

Muzzle: The muzzle shall follow gentle contours in conformity with the head as viewed from the front and in profile. Chin shall be full and neither projecting nor receding, having a rounded appearance. Allowance to be made for jowls in adult males. The muzzle shall not be sharply pointed and there shall be no evidence of snippiness, foxy appearance or whisker pinch.

Profile: Without flat planes, showing gently curved transition between brow, nose and muzzle.

**BODY:**

Torso: Medium long, lithe and graceful, showing well developed muscular strength without coarseness and is solid to the feel. The rib cage is

rounded with no evidence of flat sides. The back is slightly arched giving the appearance of a cat about to spring. The flank shall be reasonably level without tuck-up. Proportion and general balance to be desired more than mere size.

Legs: Proportionately slim, long and well-muscled. The Abyssinian/Somali stands well off the ground.

Feet: Oval and compact. When standing, giving the impression of being on tip toe.

Tail: Long and tapering.

Musculature: Well-developed muscular strength without coarseness and solid to the feel.

**COAT/COLOR/PATTERN:**

SHORTHAIR (Abyssinian): Coat resilient to the touch, with a lustrous sheen, fine in texture. Medium length, long enough to accommodate four to six alternating light and dark colored bands. The coat lies fairly close to the body; however, the undercoat should be adequate enough to avoid any evidence of slickness. Woolliness undesirable. Coat is longest at the spine, gradually shortening over the saddle, flank, legs and head.

LONGHAIR (Somali): The coat over, very soft to the touch, is extremely fine-textured and double-coated. Semi-long length, except over shoulders where a slightly shorter length is permitted. The more dense the coat the better. Preference is to be given to a cat with ruff and breeches.

Pattern: Coat pattern is genetically a form of agouti ticking with even, dark-colored ticking contrasted with lighter bands giving a translucent effect.

Tabby Division: The colors of the Abyssinian/Somali in the Tabby Division should reflect warmth of color, giving the impression of a colorful cat.

**COLORS:**

Ruddy: Orange-brown (burnt sienna), ticked with two or three bands of either black or dark brown, the extreme outer tip to be the darkest with orange-brown to the skin. Outer parts of the body covered by shorter hair shall have not less than one band of ticking. Darker shadings along spine allowed if fully ticked. The underside of the body, chest and inside of legs to be an even orange-brown without ticking, barring, necklaces or belly marks. Color varies from warm apricot to deeper burnt sienna, deeper tones preferred. White or off-white to be confined only to the upper throat area, lips and around nostrils. Tail to be tipped with black, without rings or gray tones. Paw Pads to be black or dark brown with black between toes and extending slightly beyond paws. Eye Color to be gold, copper, green or hazel, the more richness and depth of color the better. Nose Leather is brick tile red.

Sorrel (Cinnamon): A warm sorrel red ticked with cinnamon. Tail tipped with cinnamon. Preference given to deeper shades of sorrel and good even

ticking. Paw pads to be pink with cinnamon between toes, extending slightly beyond paws. Eye Color to be gold, copper, green or hazel, the more richness and depth of color the better. Nose leather to be rosy pink.

**Blue:** A warm soft blue-gray ticked with deeper blue. Base hair and undersides of the body, chest and inside of legs to be a pale cream color. Spine shading to be a darker shade of body color. Tail tipped with a deep shade of blue. Preference to be given to good even ticking. Paw pads to be blue-mauve with a deep shade of blue between the toes extending slightly beyond paws. Eye color to be gold, copper, green or hazel, the more richness and depth of color the better. Nose leather to be dark pink.

**Fawn:** A warm pinkish buff with powdered effect ticked with a deeper shade of pinkish buff. Base hair, undersides of the body, chest and inside of legs to be a pale oatmeal. Spine shading to be a darker shade of body color. Tail tipped with a deep shade of pinkish buff. Preference to be given to a good, even ticking. Paw pads to be pink-mauve with a deep pinkish buff between the toes extending slightly beyond paws. Eye Color to be gold, copper, green or hazel, the more richness and depth of color the better. Nose leather to be pink-mauve.

#### **New Colors - Silver/Smoke Division:**

**General:** In the Silver Division, only the undercoat color will be different from the Tabby Division, with the four colors of ticking being the same in both divisions. In all silver varieties, the desirable undercoat color is to be icy white, with ticking appropriate to the particular color, giving an overall sparkling silver effect. The orange-brown/sorrel/cream bands within the ticking of the Traditional Tabby Division colors are replaced with white, with the band adjacent to the skin being the lightest. Yellow or brown pigmentation on the chest, belly, under tail, or inside of legs is not desirable, although minor patches of rufousing are not to be considered a fault if the overall impression is of silver. Some rufousing may be present in the areas of ticking, especially along the spine, and the rufous polygenes may have a small effect on the silver undercolor as well, although lack of rufousing is more desirable.

**Silver:** The ticking, or dark bands in the hairs, is black on icy-white undercoat. The tail is tipped with black and has no rings. Eye color, paw pads: Same as for Ruddy. Nose leather: Pink.

**Cinnamon Silver:** The ticking, or dark bands in the hairs, is cinnamon on icy-white undercoat. The tail is tipped with cinnamon. Eye color, paw pads and nose leather: Same as for Sorrel.

**Blue Silver:** The ticking, or dark bands in the hairs, is blue-gray on icy-white undercoat. The tail tip and spinal band are same as for Blue. Eye color, paw pads and nose leather: Same as for Blue.

**Fawn Silver:** The ticking, or dark bands in the hairs,

is fawn (pinkish buff) on icy-white undercoat. The tail tip and spinal band are the same as for Fawn. Eye color, paw pads and nose leather same as for Fawn..

**GENERAL:** The overall impression of the ideal Abyssinian/Somali is a medium cat, regal in appearance. The Abyssinian/Somali is modified-foreign in type. Males proportionately larger than females, the female being finer boned and usually more active than the male. The Abyssinian/Somali shows firm muscular development and is lithe and panther-like in activity showing a lively interest in all surroundings. The coat of the Abyssinian/Somali has an iridescent quality. Coat pattern is genetically a form of agouti ticking with even, dark-colored ticking contrasted with lighter bands giving a translucent effect. The Abyssinian/Somali is of sound health and vigor, well-balanced physically and temperamentally gentle and amenable to handling.

#### **PENALIZE:**

**Color Faults:** Cold, gray or sandy tone to coat color in ruddies or sorrels or gray hair next to skin with absence of correct undercoat color. Distinct broken necklaces, leg bars, mottling or speckling in unticked areas (underside of body, chest and inside legs), tabby stripes or bars. Slick coat or excessive plushness. Wrong color or patching in pads.

**Ticking and Pattern Faults:** Unevenness of ticking over body, lack of desired markings on head and tail.

**Condition:** Flabbiness of body, lack of coat luster, eye color, evidence of illness, emaciation and lack of muscle tone are faults and points shall be deducted.

**WITHHOLD ALL AWARDS:** Unbroken necklace. Reversed ticking (outermost tip of hair light instead of dark). In the Tabby division, white locket or white anywhere on the body other than around nostril, chin and upper throat areas.



Temperament must be unchallenging; any sign of definite challenge shall disqualify. The cat may exhibit fear, seek to flee, or generally complain aloud but may not threaten to harm." *Evidence of intent to deceive the judge by artificial means, cats with all or part of their tail missing (except those breeds whose standard calls for this feature), totally blind cats, cats having more or less than five toes on each front foot and four on each back foot (unless proved to be the result of an injury or as authorized by a Board approved standard), and, at the discretion of the judge, tail faults (visible or invisible) and/or crossed eyes shall be disqualified from championship competition.*

**See Show Rules, ARTICLE SIXTEEN for comprehensive rules governing penalties/disqualifications applying to all breeds.**

# BENGAL (BG)

|                                 |           |
|---------------------------------|-----------|
| <b>HEAD</b> .....               | 35 points |
| Shape .....                     | 6         |
| Ears .....                      | 6         |
| Eyes .....                      | 5         |
| Chin .....                      | 3         |
| Muzzle .....                    | 4         |
| Nose .....                      | 2         |
| Profile .....                   | 6         |
| Neck .....                      | 3         |
| <b>BODY</b> .....               | 30 points |
| Torso .....                     | 5         |
| Legs .....                      | 4         |
| Feet .....                      | 4         |
| Tail .....                      | 5         |
| Boning .....                    | 6         |
| Musculature .....               | 6         |
| <b>COAT/COLOR/PATTERN</b> ..... | 35 points |
| Texture .....                   | 10        |
| Pattern .....                   | 15        |
| Color .....                     | 10        |

**CATEGORIES:** Traditional, Sepia, Mink, Pointed.

**DIVISION:** Tabby.

**COLORS:** Brown Spotted Tabby, Brown Marbled Tabby, Seal Sepia Spotted Tabby, Seal Sepia Marbled Tabby, Seal Mink Spotted Tabby, Seal Mink Marbled Tabby, Seal Spotted Lynx Point and Seal Marbled Lynx Point only.

**HEAD:**

Shape: Broad modified wedge with rounded contours. Longer than it is wide. Slightly small in proportion to body, but not to be taken to extreme. The skull behind the ears makes a gentle curve and flows into the neck. Allowance to be made for jowls in adult males. Overall look of the head should be as distinct from the domestic cat as possible.

Ears: Medium to small, relatively short, with wide base and rounded tips. Set as much on side as top of head, following the contour of the face in the frontal view, and pointing forward in the profile view. Light horizontal furnishings acceptable; but lynx tipping undesirable.

Eyes: Oval, almost round. Large, but not bugged. Set wide apart, back into face, and on slight bias toward base of ear. Eye color independent of coat color except in the lynx points. The more richness and depth of color the better.

Chin: Strong chin, aligns with tip of nose in profile.

Muzzle: Full and broad, with large, prominent whisker pads and high, pronounced cheekbones. Slight muzzle break at the whisker pads.

Nose: Large and wide; slightly puffed nose leather.

Profile: Curve of the forehead should flow into the bridge of the nose with no break. Bridge of nose extends above the eyes; the line of the bridge extends to the nose tip, making a very slight, to nearly straight, concave curve.

Neck: Long, substantial, muscular; in proportion to the head and body.

**BODY:**

Torso: Long and substantial, not oriental or foreign. Medium to large (but not quite as large as the largest domestic breed). Consideration should be given to allow for smaller size, in balanced proportion, of females.

Legs: Medium length, slightly longer in the back than in the front.

Feet: Large, round, with prominent knuckles.

Tail: Medium length, thick, tapered at end with rounded tip.

Boning: Sturdy, firm; never delicate.

Musculature: Very muscular, especially in the males, one of the most distinguishing features. Allowance to be made for the generally slighter musculature of the females.

**COAT/COLOR:**

Length: Short to medium. Allowance for slightly longer coat in kittens.

Texture: Dense and luxurious, close-lying, unusually soft and silky to the touch.

Patterns: Spotted or marbled. Coat may be glittered or not glittered, with neither type to be given preference.

The Spotted Pattern: Spots shall be random, or aligned horizontally. Rosettes showing two distinct colors or shades, such as paw print shaped, arrowhead shaped, doughnut or half-doughnut shaped or clustered are preferred to single spotting but not required. Contrast with ground color must be extreme, giving distinct pattern and sharp edges. Strong, bold chin strap and mascara markings desirable. Virtually white undersides and belly desirable. Blotchy horizontal shoulder streaks, spotted legs and spotted or rosetted tail are desirable. Belly must be spotted.

The Marbled Pattern: Pattern shall be random giving the impression of marble, with a horizontal flow when the cat is stretched. Vertical striping undesirable. Preference should be given to cats with three or more shades; i.e., ground color, markings, and dark outlining of those markings. Contrast must be extreme, with distinct shapes and sharp edges. Virtually white undersides and belly desirable. Belly must be spotted. Colors: Four colors recognized are brown tabby, seal sepia tabby, seal mink tabby, seal lynx point tabby.

Brown Tabby: All variations are allowed; however, a high degree of rufinism yielding a yellow, buff, tan, golden, or orange ground color is preferred. Markings may be virtually black, tan, or various shades of brown. Light spectacles encircling the eyes and a virtually white ground color on the whisker pads, chin, chest, belly, and inner legs (in contrast to the ground color of the flanks and back) is desirable. Rims of eyes, lips, and nose should be

outlined with black, and center of nose should be brick red. Eye color may be gold, copper, green, bronze, brown or hazel, the more richness and depth of color the better. Paw pads and tail tip must be black.

**Seal Sepia Tabby:** Ground color should be ivory, cream, or light tan with pattern clearly visible. Seal sepia tabby pattern may be various shades of seal sepia to a dark seal sepia. Ivory or cream spectacles encircling the eyes, and ivory or cream whisker pads and chin are desirable. There should be very little or no difference between the color of body markings and point color. Paw pads should be dark brown with rosy undertones allowed. Tail tip should be dark seal brown. Eye color should be gold, but may also be gold-green, the more richness and depth of color the better.

**Seal Mink Tabby:** Ground color should be ivory, cream, or light tan with pattern clearly visible. Seal mink tabby pattern may be various shades of seal mink to a dark seal mink. Ivory or cream spectacles encircling the eyes, and ivory or cream whisker pads and chin are desirable. There should be very little or no difference between the color of body markings and point color. Paw pads should be dark brown with rosy undertones allowed. Tail tip should be dark seal brown. Eye color should be aqua (blue-green) but may also be green, or green-gold, the more richness and depth of color the better.

**Seal Lynx Point:** Ground color should be ivory to cream with pattern clearly visible. Pattern can vary in color from dark seal brown, light brown, tan, or buff, with light spectacles, whisker pads, and chin. There should be little difference between color of body markings and point color. Paw pads should be dark brown with rosy undertones allowed. Tail tip must be dark seal brown. Eye color must be blue, the more richness and depth of color the better.

**GENERAL DESCRIPTION:** The goal of the Bengal breeding program is to create a domestic cat which has physical features distinctive to the small forest-dwelling wild cats, and with the loving, dependable temperament of the domestic cat. Keeping this goal in mind, judges shall give special merit to those characteristics in the appearance of the Bengal which are distinct from those found in other domestic cat breeds. The Bengal cat should visibly appear different from other domestic cats. It's basic appearance should resemble a small, forest dwelling wild cat. A Bengal cat is an athletic animal, alert to its surroundings; a friendly, curious, confident cat with strength, agility, balance and grace. It is a medium to large cat which exhibits a very muscular and solid build. Females are generally smaller than males and exhibit proportionately similar qualities. Its wide nose with prominent whisker pads and large oval, almost round eyes in a slightly small head enhance the wild appearance and expressive nocturnal look. Its very slight, to nearly straight, concave profile and

relatively short ears with wide base and rounded tips add to the Bengal's distinctive and unique appearance. The coat area is one of the most distinguishing features of the Bengal cat. The short, dense coat, displaying either a randomly spotted or marbled pattern, has a uniquely soft and silky feel. The coat may be glittered or not glittered, with neither type to be given preference. A thick, low-set, medium-length tail adds balance to the cat.

**ALLOWANCES:** Smaller size, in balanced proportion, of females. Slightly longer coat in kittens. Jowls in adult males. Eyes slightly almond shaped.

**PENALIZE:** Spots on body running together vertically forming a mackerel tabby pattern on spotted cats; circular bulls-eye pattern on marbled cats; substantially darker point color (as compared to color of body markings) in Seal Sepia, Seal Mink, or Seal Lynx Point cats. Any distinct locket on the neck, chest, abdomen or any other area. Do not penalize for mousey undercoat.

**WITHHOLD ALL AWARDS:** Belly not spotted. Paw pads not consistent with their color group description, or paw pads not all of the same color.



*Temperament must be unchallenging; any sign of definite challenge shall disqualify. The cat may exhibit fear, seek to flee, or generally complain aloud but may not threaten to harm."*

*Evidence of intent to deceive the judge by artificial means, cats with all or part of their tail missing (except those breeds whose standard calls for this feature), totally blind cats, cats having more or less than five toes on each front foot and four on each back foot (unless proved to be the result of an injury or as authorized by a Board approved standard), and, at the discretion of the judge, tail faults (visible or invisible) and/or crossed eyes shall be disqualified from championship competition.*

**See Show Rules, ARTICLE SIXTEEN for comprehensive rules governing penalties/dis-qualifications applying to all breeds.**

# DEVON REX (DR)

|                       |           |
|-----------------------|-----------|
| <b>HEAD</b> .....     | 40 points |
| Shape .....           | 10        |
| Muzzle and Chin ..... | 5         |
| Profile .....         | 5         |
| Eyes .....            | 5         |
| Ears .....            | 10        |
| Neck .....            | 5         |

|                     |           |
|---------------------|-----------|
| <b>BODY</b> .....   | 25 points |
| Torso .....         | 10        |
| Legs and Feet ..... | 10        |
| Tail .....          | 5         |

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|--------------------------|-----------|
| <b>COAT/COLOR</b> .....  | 35 points |
| Texture and Length ..... | 10        |
| Density .....            | 10        |
| Waviness .....           | 10        |
| Color .....              | 5         |

**CATEGORIES:** All.

**DIVISIONS:** All.

**COLORS:** All.

## **HEAD:**

Shape: Modified wedge, with very full cheeks. In the front view, the wedge is delineated by a narrowing series of three (3) distinct convex curves: outer edge of ear lobes, cheekbones, and whisker pads. Forehead curving from stop to flat skull. Head comparatively small in size.

Profile: Strongly marked stop.

Muzzle: Short, well-developed, with a strong muzzle break with prominent whisker pads.

Chin: Strong, well-developed.

Ears: Large, low-set, wide at the base, tapering to rounded tips. Well covered with fine fur, sparse furnishings, with or without ear muffs and tufts. Sparse hair on temples not a fault.

Eyes: Large, wide set. Oval in shape, sloping toward the outer edge of the ear. Any eye color acceptable, generally conforms to coat color.

Neck: Medium long and slender.

## **BODY:**

Musculature: Hard, muscular.

Torso: Slender shape, medium length but broad chested. Carried high on legs.

Tail: Long, tapering, medium fine boned, well covered with short fur.

Legs: Long, medium fine in boning with length of hind legs emphasized.

Feet: Small and oval.

## **COAT/COLOR:**

Texture: Fine, wavy. (Full-bodied, rexed appearing to be without guard hairs).

Length: Coat is short on the back, sides, upper legs, and tail. It is very short on the head, ears, neck, paws, chest, and abdomen. Kittens may have very short fur all over; even if not long enough to wave, it must cover the kitten evenly, so that no bare patches are evident.

Density: The cat is well-covered with fur, with the greatest density occurring on the back, sides, tail, legs, face, and ears. Slightly less density is permitted on the top of head, neck, chest, and abdomen. Bare patches are a fault in kittens and a serious fault in adults; however, the existence of down on the underparts of the body should not be misinterpreted as bareness. Sparse hair on the temples (area in front of the ears) is not a fault.

Waviness: A rippled wave effect should be apparent when the coat is smoothed with one's hand. The wave is most evident where the coat is the longest, on the body and tail.

Color: White lockets or buttons permitted.

**GENERAL DESCRIPTION:** The Devon is a breed of unique appearance. Its large eyes, short muzzle, prominent cheek-bones and huge low-set ears create a characteristic elfin look.

A cat of medium frame, the Devon is well-covered with short, full-bodied, wavy fur; the fur is of a distinctive texture, as the mutation causing its wavy coat is found in no other breed. Devons may have down on underparts of the body; this is not bareness. Allowances may be made for lack of full coat development on kittens with very good type, over fully coated lesser type.

Devon males may be up to 25 percent larger than females. This is not a fault so long as proper proportion is maintained.

The Devon is alert and active and shows a lively interest in its surroundings.

**PENALIZE:** Narrow, long or domestic head. Ears that are small or set too high. Misaligned bite. Short, bare or bushy tail. Straight or shaggy coat; bare patches.

**WITHHOLD ALL AWARDS:** Weak hind legs. Extensive baldness.



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# NORWEGIAN FOREST (NF)

|                   |           |  |
|-------------------|-----------|--|
| <b>HEAD</b> ..... | 40 points | nose to brow without break in line, i.e., no stop. |
| Shape .....       | 8         |  |
| Eyes ..           | 8         |  |
| Ears .....        | 8         | <u>Neck</u> : Muscular; medium in length.          |
| Chin .....        | 4         |  |
| Muzzle .....      | 4         | <b>BODY:</b>                                       |
| Profile .....     | 8         | <u>Torso</u> : Medium long and substantial.        |

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|-------------------|-----------|---|
| <b>BODY</b> ..... | 35 points | <u>Legs</u> : In proportion to the body length, with hind legs higher than front legs |
| Torso .....       | 7         | <u>Feet</u> : Large, round, well-tufted.  |
| Legs .....        | 7         | <u>Tail</u> : Long and bushy. Should be at least as long as the body.                 |
| Tail .....        | 7         |   |
| Boning .....      | 7         |   |
| Musculature ..... | 7         |   |

|                             |           |   |
|-----------------------------|-----------|---|
| <b>COAT AND COLOR</b> ..... | 25 points | <u>Boning</u> : Substantial.                    |
| Length .....                | 5         | <u>Musculature</u> : Strongly built and sturdy. |
| Texture .....               | 20        |   |

**CATEGORY:** Traditional.

**DIVISION:** All Divisions.

**COLORS:** All Colors.

## **HEAD:**

Shape: Triangular, where all sides are equally long when measured from the outer base of the ears to the chin and between the outer base of the ears; good height when seen in profile; forehead is sloped back.

Eyes: Large, wide almond, set oblique. Alert expression. All eye colors except blue permitted regardless of coat color. Blue eye color permitted in white and with white only.

Ears: Large, wide at the base, arched forward as if listening, slightly rounded tips that appear pointed with lynx tips. Lynx tips and furnishings are desirable. The outer, lower edge of the ear should follow the line of the head down to the chin.

Muzzle: Following the line of the triangular head, with no evidence of pinch or snippiness.

Profile: Long, straight profile from tip of

## **COAT/COLOR:**

Length: Semi-long.

Texture: The dense, woolly undercoat is covered by a smooth, water repellant upper coat which consists of long, coarse and glossy hair covering the back and the sides. A fully coated cat has a full ruff and britches.

Colors: All colors of all divisions of the traditional category are recognized including all colors with white. Any amount of white is allowed anywhere on the cat.

## **OTHER:**

Balance: Muscular and well-proportioned.

Condition: Not applicable/ assumed.

Temperament: Intelligent and independent. Not fond of over-handling.

**GENERAL DESCRIPTION:** The Norwegian Forest cat has evolved through the centuries as a product of its environment. They had to feed, defend, and protect themselves from the elements in the forests. Only the cats that were good hunters and fast to escape from predators survived. Norwegian Forest cats that survived their first winter had the correct, semi-long, water-repellant coat and were well-proportioned, strong, and intelligent. These no nonsense traits carry into the show ring. The Norwegian Forest cat is an intelligent, alert breed that is not fond of over-handling.

A Norwegian Forest cat is big and built strong. Their hind legs are higher than their front legs, in proportion with their body. They are muscular and heavily boned. Their head is triangular, with all three sides equal when measured between the outer base of each ear and from these points to the chin. The profile is long and straight with no break or stop and displays a strong chin. Their eyes are expressive, large, wide almond-shaped, and set on an oblique tilt. Their ears are large, open and set in line with the triangular shape of the head. They may be well-tufted and have lynx tips. Their tail is long, flowing and carried high.

The Norwegian Forest cat is known for its dense, rich fur with a woolly undercoat covered by long, coarse guard hairs. This coat is warm and water-repellant. A fully coated cat has a full ruff and britches. In the summer, the coat is short. The coat feels dense, especially on tabbies. Solid, bicolor and tri-color cats often have a softer coat. The length of the Norwegian Forest cat coat is semi-long, which means that it should not be as long as a Persian coat.

**ALLOWANCES:**

Buttons, spots and lockets allowed in all colors.

Length of coat and density of undercoat vary with the seasons.

Under no circumstances should a cat be penalized for having a semi-long coat.

Coat is evaluated primarily on texture and quality.

Allow for size difference between males and females.

Very slow maturing of this breed should be taken into account.

Mature males may have broader heads than females.

**PENALIZE:**

Too small and finely built cats.

Round or square head; profile with a break (stop).

Round eyes.

Ears too small or narrow at the base.

Legs that are short, thin - not in proportion to the body, or cow-hocked.

Short tail.

Cobby or extremely long body.

Cottony or silky texture in coat.



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## RUSSIAN BLUE (RB)

|                   |           |
|-------------------|-----------|
| <b>HEAD</b> ..... | 33 points |
| Shape .....       | 15        |
| Ears .....        | 5         |
| Eyes ..           | 10        |
| Neck .....        | 3         |

|                   |           |
|-------------------|-----------|
| <b>BODY</b> ..... | 27 points |
| Torso .....       | 15        |
| Tail .....        | 5         |
| Legs .....        | 5         |
| Feet .....        | 2         |

|                               |           |
|-------------------------------|-----------|
| <b>COAT/COLOR/PATTERN</b> ... | 40 points |
| Coat .....                    | 20        |
| Texture .....                 | 20        |

**CATEGORY:** Traditional.

**DIVISION:** Solid.

**COLOR:** Blue ONLY.

### **HEAD:**

Shape: Modified Wedge with seven flat planes. The seven flat planes are: A vertical line from the tip of the nose to the bottom of the chin. The profile from the tip of the nose to the forehead. The flat top head from the front of the forehead back. Two planes in the muzzle (one on each side). Two planes formed by the high, wide cheekbones (one on each side).

Profile: Straight nose and flat forehead forming two planes.

Muzzle: Medium length.

Muzzle Break: None.

Skull: Top flat and narrow; forehead high.

Chin: Flat vertical plane from tip of nose to bottom of chin.

Ears: Almost as wide at base as tall; appear pointed; slightly rounded tips. Rather large, set far apart, as much on the side as top of head. The outside covered with short, fine hair and furnishings cover approximately ½ inside ear.

Eyes: Rather large, almost round, just oval enough to show oriental slant. Set far apart. Color is green in adults, with kittens changing from yellow to green.

Neck: Long, (but may appear shorter due to dense fur) and slender.

### **BODY:**

Torso: Foreign.

Size: Males proportionally larger than females.

Length: Long.

Boning: Fine. Note: Cat will appear to be chunkier due to density of coat. Fine bones do not mean a small cat.

Musculature: Lithe, slender. Having solid weight, not excessive bulk.

Legs: Long, fine-boned, firm and lithe.

Feet: Well-rounded, small, appears to stand and walk on tiptoe.

Tail: Long, straight, tapering from a rather thick base to slender tip.

### **COAT TEXTURE:**

Length: Short.

Texture: Fine, soft, silky.

Density: Dense, plush double coat.

**COLOR:** Even bright blue throughout. Deeper tipping preferred making the cat appear lighter in color. Guard hairs tipped with silver, with the deeper tipping preferred. This silver tipping is not due to the action of the Inhibitor (silver) gene. Ghost tabby markings permitted on kittens

**GENERAL DESCRIPTION:** The Russian Blue is a distinctively elegant cat of foreign body-type with an angular, modified wedge-shaped head consisting of seven flat planes. The slightly upturned corners of the mouth give a sweet smiling facial expression. Its most outstanding characteristic is its double coat: Short, silky and upstanding. Of a medium blue color with silver tipping of the guard hairs, the coat reflects light, giving a silvery sheen to the fur. Silver-tipped guard hairs should contrast against solid blue ground color when the hair is stroked against the grain. The coat is an even bright blue throughout, with deeper tipping preferred making the cat appear lighter in color. Ghost tabby markings permitted on kittens. The nose leather is charcoal gray; paw pads rose flesh pink. The eyes are as vividly green as possible at maturity. Russian Blue kitten eyes change rapidly through yellow to green. By 4 months, a green ring should appear around the pupil. Cats whose eyes are not completely vivid green should be penalized, the amount determined by the quantity and vividness of green as well as by the age of the cat. No green in eyes—full penalty. Russian Blues are gentle and shy, with soft, sweet voices.

**PENALIZE:** Weak chin, eye color not completely green. Full penalty for eyes with no green.

**WITHHOLD ALL AWARDS:** Any white spots or lockets.



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## SIAMESE BREED GROUP

Siamese (SI), Balinese (BA), Oriental Shorthair (OS), Oriental Longhair (OL)

|                        |           |  |
|------------------------|-----------|--|
| HEAD .....             | 35 points | <u>Eyes</u> : Almond-shaped, medium-large, set with an Oriental slant toward the nose such that a line from inner corner through outer corner is in line with center of base of ear. No less than the width of an eye between the eyes. Deeper more vivid color preferred in all breeds. SI/BA - Blue; OS/OL - Green is preferred in all coat colors, with gold acceptable, except in solid white and/or particolored where eye color may be green (gold), blue or odd-eyed. |
| Profile .....          | 5         |  |
| Shape .....            | 5         |  |
| Ears .....             | 7         |  |
| Eyes ..                | 12        |  |
| Chin .....             | 3         | <u>Chin</u> : Tip of nose in line with tip of chin.  |
| Neck .....             | 3         | <u>Neck</u> : Long and slender   |
| BODY .....             | 35 points | <u>Miscellaneous</u> : Allow for jowls in males.   |
| Torso .....            | 10        |  |
| Musculature .....      | 10        |  |
| Legs .....             | 5         |  |
| Feet .....             | 4         |  |
| Tail .....             | 6         |  |
| COAT/COLOR/PATTERN ... | 30 points |  |
| Texture .....          | 10        |  |
| Length .....           | 10        |  |
| Color .....            | 5         |  |
| Pattern .....          | 5         |  |

**CATEGORY:** SI/BA - Pointed; OS/OL - Traditional.

**DIVISIONS:** All.

**COLORS:** SI/BA - all pointed colors; OS/OL - all traditional colors.

### HEAD:

Shape: Wedge, created by straight lines extending from the nose to the tips of the ears forming a triangle; fine muzzle with no muzzle break.

Profile: Long straight line from forehead to chin OR slight change of angle midway over eyes (i.e. two-planed).

Forehead: Flat.

Ears: Wide at base, strikingly large. Set to continue the line of the wedge; neither too high nor too flared.

### BODY:

Torso: Long and tubular with equal width at shoulders and hips. Medium-sized. Fine-boned.

Musculature: Very firm, lithe, well-muscled

Legs: Long with hind legs higher than front legs; finely boned but proportioned to carry the body length and weight; firm muscles.

Feet: Small and oval.

Tail: Long, in proportion to overall cat. SI/OS: Narrow at base, tapering to fine point.; whippy. BA/OL: Plume. Long and feathery.

Miscellaneous: Allow for proportionately larger size in males.

**COAT/COLOR/PATTERN:**

Coat: SI/OS: Very short, tight, close-lying; fine textured. BA/OL: Semi-longhair, close-lying; slight undercoat; fine, silky texture. A shorter coat is permitted over the shoulders.

Color/Pattern: It is understood that there is a range of colors within each color class. Emphasis is to be on soundness and clarity of color, not on individual hue.

SI/BA: Even color on the body with any shading to be in the color of the points. Allowance for darker body shading in older cats; however, definite contrast between body and points must exist. Particolor points will have various markings of color and white throughout the body and at no time should color patches or patches of shading on the body be considered a fault. Lack of leg and tail barring desirable, except in lynx points. Lack of body barring desirable in all patterns.

OS/OL: Even solid color for solid colored coats. Pattern should be well-defined with definite contrast between pattern and ground color.

**ALLOW FOR:** Dip above the eyes (headache band) in kittens and young adults to 12 months. Ghost barring in kittens and young adults to 12 months. SI/BA: Incomplete point color and mask in kittens and young adults to 12 months.

**PENALIZE:** Receding or excessively massive chin. Roman profile. Roman nose. Miniature size. Any evidence of poor condition. SI/BA: Belly spots and/or flank spots; tabby markings on the torso of lynx points

**WITHHOLD ALL AWARDS:** Evidence of illness, poor health, emaciation. Visible tail fault. Crossed eyes. Visible protrusion of the cartilage at the end of the sternum (xiphoid process). White lockets and buttons; white toes and feet (including paw pads) except in particolors; patches of white in the points, except in particolor points.

**GENERAL DESCRIPTION:** The ideal cat of this breed group is a svelte, graceful, refined cat of medium size with long tapering lines. It is in excellent physical condition, very strong, lithe and muscular. While the breed is considered "medium" in size, balance and proportion are to be considered of greater consequence. The cat should "fit together". If it is extreme in one part, all parts should be extreme to retain balance.



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# SINGAPURA (SG)

|                         |           |
|-------------------------|-----------|
| <b>HEAD</b> .....       | 40 points |
| Shape .....             | 10        |
| Muzzle .....            | 3         |
| Chin .....              | 2         |
| Profile .....           | 3         |
| Eyes .....              | 10        |
| Ears .....              | 10        |
| Neck .....              | 2         |
| <b>BODY</b> .....       | 25 points |
| Torso .....             | 8         |
| Legs .....              | 2         |
| Feet .....              | 2         |
| Tail .....              | 3         |
| Boning .....            | 5         |
| Musculature .....       | 5         |
| <b>COAT/COLOR</b> ..... | 35 points |
| Length .....            | 5         |
| Texture .....           | 10        |
| Pattern .....           | 10        |
| Color .....             | 10        |

**CATEGORY:** Sepia.

**DIVISION:** Tabby.

**COLOR:** Sable Ticked ONLY.

## **HEAD:**

Shape: The skull should be rounded in both directions, not domed, not flat, with rounded width at the outer eye and well balanced with the rest of the cat, of medium length and in proportion to the muzzle length. Proper width at the eyes and through the muzzle will give an impression of "high cheekbones" when combined with the roundness of the head. There should be a smooth flow from the nose bridge over the top of the head. Proper head type is a very important consideration when judging this breed. Allowance for jowls in adult males.

Muzzle: The muzzle is medium short in length and is broad, with a blunt nose. There should be a definite though not extreme whisker break. The muzzle should not be slender or pointy, or appear "foxy".

Chin: The chin is well-developed, rounded and not noticeably receding or projecting.

Ears: Large with an alert appearance, slightly to moderately pointed, wide open at the base with a deep cup. The deep cupping of the base of the ear leather is an important contributor to their large appearance, and a narrow or shallow base is undesirable. Set is medium broad. Definite light colored ear furnishings.

Eyes: Large eyes in an almond setting, neither protruding nor receding, giving neither a rounded nor oriental appearance. The eyes are accented by a darker lid skin encircled by a light-colored area and facial markings highlighting the eyes. Eyes not set less than an eye's width apart. Color shading to Celadon green, hazel, green, gold or copper with brilliance preferred. Blue eyes are not permitted.

Neck: Short and thick.

Profile: There should be a short, curved rise to the nose between the brow and muzzle with a very slight stop below eye level. Not to be considered a break, this is a slight indentation marking the transition to the muzzle.

## **BODY:**

Torso: Medium to small, neither cobby nor rangy. The body, legs and floor should form a square when viewed from the shoulder blades to the base of the tail. Mid-section not tucked but firm. Rib cage rounded, back slightly arched.

Legs and Feet: Legs heavy and well-muscled at the body, tapering to a fine lower leg boning with small, short, oval feet.

Tail: Length to be short of the shoulder when laid along the torso. It tends toward slender but is not whippy and ends with a blunt tip.

Boning/Musculature: A Singapura is muscular, but should not be a fat cat, and excess weight is undesirable. The overall impression is of a moderately stocky and muscular cat, solid to the feel especially through the neck and chest.

## COAT:

Length/Texture: Fine texture, not plush or springy, lying close to the body. Not an oriental "painted on coat", but one which can carry sufficient bands of ticking. Allowance for slightly thicker or longer coat in kittens. Woolliness undesirable. Coat is longest at the spine where the ticking is most intense.

Pattern: Ticked tabby, with four or more alternating bands of light and dark color. At least two bands of dark with the outer tip band dark and the lightest band next to the skin. Outer part of the body has less noticeable ticking. The most intense ticking is across the upper back allowing for a fully ticked, dark spine line. Space between ears can be dark but must be ticked. Underside of body usually appears unticked. Ticking should exhibit intense contrast and is a most important feature of this breed. Barring on the inner front legs and on the back knees is another important feature and should be readily apparent. Allowance to be made for slow development of faint barring in immature cats.

Barring on the outer front legs is a fault. Well-defined facial markings should set off the eyes in contrast to the lighter base color. Curved "puma lines" extending from the inside eye corners onto the cheeks are preferred. A definite tabby "M" is the only forehead pattern allowed. Dark spine line is not a fault.

Color: Rich sable ticking only. Ground color a warm "old ivory" tending to yellow tones. Muzzle, chin, chest and stomach the color of unbleached muslin. Nose leather a pale to dark salmon. Eyeliner, nose outline, whisker apertures, hair between the toes to be dark brown. Paw pads to be dark seal brown with rosy undertones allowed. Tail tip to be dark seal brown. Salmon tones to the ears and bridge of nose desirable. The preferred color effect is of a warm, glowing, lightly shaded, richly ticked cat with strongly contrasting markings. Coldness and gray tones are not desirable, but allowance may be made for kittens because warmth generally improves with age.

**GENERAL DESCRIPTION:** Overall impression of the ideal Singapura is a medium to small, compact cat with a striking face dominated by large eyes and ears. The intensely ticked coat has a muted iridescent quality giving the impression of refined and delicate coloring. The ideal Singapura cat does not bear a strong resemblance any other recognized breed. This is not a long-bodied cat, nor should the torso be tubular. Males are proportionally larger than females. All Singapuras should have a lively interest in the surroundings and are, above all, outgoing, gentle cats, amenable to handling, well-balanced physically and of sound health.

**PENALIZE:** Small ears, small eyes, springy or plush coat, coldness and predominant gray tones, lack of leg barring, prominent outer front leg barring, dark necklaces, protruding eyes, too short a muzzle, anything more than a slight indentation as a nose stop, non-visible tail faults.

**WITHHOLD ALL AWARDS:** Unbroken necklaces and circular leg bracelets, barring on the tail, white lockets, visibly kinked tail, definite blue or aqua eyes, unticked top of head, removed ear furnishings. Paw pad or tail tip color inconsistent with sepia category. Lack of any ticking (a solid cat). Undershot or overshot jaw, or any malocclusion of the jaws.



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# TONKINESE (TO)

|   |           |
|---|-----------|
| <b>HEAD</b> .....                       | 30 points |
| Shape .....                             | 5         |
| Ears .....                              | 4         |
| Eyes .....                              | 5         |
| Chin .....                              | 3         |
| Muzzle .....                            | 3         |
| Nose .....                              | 1         |
| Profile .....                           | 8         |
| Neck .....                              | 1         |
| <b>BODY AND TAIL</b> .....              | 30 points |
| Torso .....                             | 11        |
| Legs .....                              | 3         |
| Feet .....                              | 2         |
| Tail .....                              | 2         |
| Boning .....                            | 4         |
| Musculature .....                       | 8         |
| <b>COAT/COLOR/PATTERN</b> ...           | 30 points |
| Length .....                            | 3         |
| Texture .....                           | 3         |
| Pattern/Color:                          |           |
| Body .....                              | 8         |
| Points, Nose Leather,<br>Paw Pads ..... | 8         |
| Eyes .....                              | 8         |
| <b>OTHER</b> .....                      | 10 points |
| Balance .....                           | 4         |
| Condition .....                         | 3         |
| Temperament .....                       | 3         |

**CATEGORIES:** Sepia, Mink, Pointed.

**DIVISION:** Solid.

**COLORS:** Eumelanistic colors ONLY (Seal, Blue, Chocolate, Lilac, Cinnamon, Fawn).

**GENERAL DESCRIPTION:** The ideal Tonkinese is a medium-sized cat of semi-foreign type, well-muscled, with a firm feel and surprising weight for its size. The impression should be of an alert, sociable cat in superb condition, silken coated and gracefully athletic.

## **HEAD:**

**Shape:** Medium-short, modified wedge with clean, gently-curved contours, just slightly longer than wide. Head and ears give the impression of an equilateral triangle when viewed from the front.

**Ears:** Slightly longer than wide. Broad base with oval tips. Medium in size. Placed as much on the side of the head as the top with outer line continuing line of wedge. Pricked slight forward.

**Eyes:** The shape of a peach pit, half almond on top, slightly more rounded on bottom and in proportion to rest of face; medium in size and placed well-apart, at least one eye-width between. Slanted toward outer edge of ear.

**Chin:** Firmly curved, neither prominent nor weak with proper bite. In profile, the tip of the chin lines with the tip of the nose in the same vertical plane.

**Muzzle:** Medium length. Good width at jaw hinge, tapering gently to blunt finish, neither pointed nor excessively rounded. Muzzle break is definite but gently curved following the lines of the wedge with no suggestion of foxiness.

**Nose:** Slight convex curvature, neither ruler straight nor humped.

**Profile:** Slight convex curve from top of head to just above eyes, dipping to a gentle stop at or just below eye level, with no appearance of a break. Cheekbones are high and gently planed.

## **BODY:**

**Torso:** Medium length rectangle, appearing neither compact nor elongated. Shape is semi-foreign, neither stocky nor rangy. Size is medium, males larger than females, appearing neither slight nor bulky. Chest is of medium width, rounding gently in front, ribs slightly curved. Flanks level. Back rises slightly from shoulders to rump.

**Legs:** Fairly slim and proportionate in length and bone to body. Hind legs slightly longer than front.

**Feet:** Oval in shape and medium in size.

Tail: Wider at base, but not thick, tapering gently to slightly blunted tip. Length is approximately equal to body length from rump to shoulder blades.

Boning: Refined medium, proportionate to body. Neither heavy nor delicate.

Musculature: Solid, well-developed, with clean lines. Not burly or coarse. Abdomen and taut. Shoulders may be quite muscular in mature male.

#### **COAT/COLOR/PATTERN:**

Coat: Medium short in length. Density is luxuriant, but close-lying.

Texture: Fine, soft, and silky with lustrous sheen.

Body Color: Rich and even, without dark spots, barring, or noticeable number of white hairs, shading gradually to slightly lighter hue on under parts. Hair may be lighter at the roots. Body color in pointeds, a shaded neutral lacking color on under parts, showing a marked contrast to points. Body color in minks a distinctly lighter shade of point color, showing definite contrast to points. Body color in sepias closer to that of extremities, showing slighter contrast to points. Preference should be given to clarity and maximum contrast in all colors, not to hue. Full color development may take up to 18 months, particularly in light colors

Point Color: Even and unbarred, without ticking or white hairs; paw pads and nose leather properly pigmented. In pointeds and minks, color comparable on mask, ears, feet and tail, with points dense and clearly marked, but merging gently into body color on minks, particularly on legs. Except in kittens, there should be visible gauntlets and tracings connecting mask to ears. Mask should cover entire face including whisker pads, but must not extend over top of head like a hood. In sepias there is darker shading of varying degree on face, ears, tail, and feet, most noticeable in young cats and light colors; this is in no way a fault.

Eye Color: Chartreuse in sepias, green-gold to yellow-green; aqua in minks, blue-green to green-blue; blue in pointeds, sky to violet. Deep, clear, brilliant, mid-range colors preferred. Color best determined in natural light.

**BALANCE/CONDITION:** Impression should be of an alert, active cat in superb condition,

silken coated and gracefully athletic. -Proper proportions and balance are more important than exact size, and excellence in one aspect does not offset deficiency in another.

**ALLOWANCES:** Incompletely developed eye and point color under 1 year of age. Darker body color due to age, provided acceptable contrast to points is maintained in pointed and mink colors. Apparent greater width and rounding of head in adult males due to stud jowls. Very slightly shorter, rounder head and more compact type in young kittens, as bone structure tends to lengthen during maturation.

**PENALIZE:** Round or overly oriental eyes. Definite nose break. Barring on body, tail or legs.

**WITHHOLD ALL AWARDS:** Round head with protuberant round eyes, short muzzle, and nose break; extreme ranginess or cobbiness; miniaturization (mature males less than 7 pounds, females less than 5 pounds); rapid oscillation of eyes; depressed or protruding sternum; any visible malformation not covered by Show Rules; white locket or button; pigment absent or spotty on leather; emaciation or apparent poor health.



*Temperament must be unchallenging; any sign of definite challenge shall disqualify. The cat may exhibit fear, seek to flee, or generally complain aloud but may not threaten to harm."*

*Evidence of intent to deceive the judge by artificial means, cats with all or part of their tail missing (except those breeds whose standard calls for this feature), totally blind cats, cats having more or less than five toes on each front foot and four on each back foot (unless proved to be the result of an injury or as authorized by a Board approved standard), and, at the discretion of the judge, tail faults (visible or invisible) and/or crossed eyes shall be disqualified from championship competition.*

**See Show Rules, ARTICLE SIXTEEN for comprehensive rules governing penalties/disqualifications applying to all breeds.**

