

THE INTERNATIONAL CAT ASSOCIATION, INC.

2014 Annual Board Meeting

Worcester, Massachusetts

August 27-29, 2014

(Open Session)

August 27, 2014, Wednesday, 9:00 AM

		ACTION	TIME	PAGE
Welcome and Call to Order				
1. Roll Call	Fisher	Verbal	9:00-9:15	-
2. President's Remarks	Fisher	Verbal		-
Consent Agenda				
1. Future Meetings	EO	Approve	9:15-9:30	4
2. Minutes, Corrections/Additions	EO	Approve		
Governance				
1. Follow Up Report	EO	Discussion	9:30-10:15	5
2. Restrictions on Rules Committee Memberhsip	Vasquez	Approve		6

BREAK - 10:15-10:30 AM

Fiduciary				
1. Marketing Report	Fulkerson	Inform	10:30-11:00	to be furnished
			11:00-11:30	
2. Year End Financial Review	EO	Accept		9
3. Hotel and per diem rates	BOD	Approve		

PROPOSALS

UCD				
1. 71.6 Genetics	Bird	Approve	11:30-Noon	17

LUNCH - NOON-1:15 PM

Discussions				
1. 29.2.3 (Closing Show Entries)	Stadter	Discuss	1:15-2:15	18
2. Breeder Recognition Award	Stadter	Discuss		19
3. Exhibitor Recognition Award	Stadter	Discuss		21

Registration Rules (Requires Membership Approval)				
1. 36.3.1 Foundation Cats	Rules	Approve	2:15-5:00	23
2. 33.2, 33.9 Structural Mutations	Dany	Approve		25
3. 32.3 Experimental Breed Certificates	Rules	Approve		27

BREAK - 2:45-3:00 PM

4. 37.1.2 Creation of Category VII	Klamm	Approve		28
a. Committee Comments	Rules/Robertş		32

	ACTION	TIME	PAGE
EXECUTIVE AGENDA (See Executive Agenda)		8:30-10:15	
Judging Program Advancements			

BREAK - 10:15-10:30 AM

OPEN SESSION

Show Rules (Requires Membership Approval)		10:30-Noon	
1. 216.9 (Biting)	Barton	Approve	34
2. 29.4.5 (Benching of Males)	Klamm	Approve	36
Standing Rules			
1. 202.2 (Show Formats)	Rules	Approve	38
2. 901.4.2 and 901.4.3.4 (RWs)	Rules	Approve	39

LUNCH - NOON-1:30 PM

	ACTION	TIME	PAGE
BREEDS			
Breed Reports		1:30-1:45	
1. Australian Mist	King	Accept	41
2. Chausie	Tullo	Accept	44
3. Highlander		Accept	46
4. Savannah	Cowell	Accept	48
Breed Advancement Request		1:45-3:00	
1. Comments - Breed Advancement	Rules	Accept	50
2. Lykoi - Advancement to PNB	Gobble	Approve	52
3. Burmilla - Advancement to CH	Mohr	Approve	54

BREAK - 3:00-3:15 PM

EXECUTIVE AGENDA - PROTESTS	3:15-5:00
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		ACTION	TIME	PAGE
OPEN SESSION				
Administrative			8:30-9:00	
1. Automation Report Update	EO			
BUSINESS PLANNING DISCUSSION			9:00-11:00	
Is TICA Ready for the Millenials?	Fisher/Board Discuss			
ANNUAL PROPOSALS			11:00-Noon	
2017 South Central Region				
1. Austin Cat Fanciers				
2. Big Tex Cat Club	Jones	Accept		56
LUNCH NOON-1:30 PM				
Breeds			1:30-2:30	
1. Napoleon				
a. Change Name	Noel	Discussion		58
b. Breed Name	Bourreau	Action		59
2. Advancement to CH	Harris	Discussion		web
BREAK - 2:30-2:45 PM				
Acceptance of New Trait			2:45-3:30	
1. Maine Coon Polydactyl				
a. Genetics Committee Comments		Discussion		84
b. Breed Committee Comments		Discussion		86
c. New Trait Adv to CH		Discussion		90
OTHER BUSINESS			3:30-3:45	
1. Royal Canin Presentation	Lund			to be furnished
Members Open Meeting			3:45-4:30	

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Future Meetings

<u>Year</u>	<u>Meeting</u>	<u>Club/EO</u>	<u>City/State</u>	<u>Date of Meeting</u>
2014	Annual	NE	Worcester, MA	08/27-29/2014
2015	Winter	EO	Harlingen, TX	01/23-25/2015
2015	Spring	Electronic		05/15-17/2015
2015	Annual	Blue Danube CC	Salzburg, Austria	09/02-04/2015
2016	Annual	SW	San Diego, CA	08/31-09/02/2016
2017	Annual	SC		

109.1 Annual Convention.

109.1.1 Annual Convention. Labor Day weekend each year is reserved for the Annual Convention. No other shows may be held the weekend of the Annual Convention with the following exception. A club may receive permission to hold a show on the Annual weekend upon application to the Board. Application must state specific reasons for the request for exemption and why such a show would have no impact on the Annual.

109.1.1.1 The rotation for the Annual Conventions shall be: Mid Pacific - 2010, Mid Atlantic - 2011, Great Lakes - 2012, Northwest - 2013, Northeast - 2014, International - 2015, Southwest - 2016, South Central - 2008, Southeast - 2009.

109.1.1.2 Proposals to host the Annual Convention in the designated region must be received for the Annual Meeting 3 years prior to the proposed convention.

109.1.1.3 In the event no club submits an acceptable proposal, any club in any region may submit a proposal to host the Annual Convention by the agenda deadline for the Semi-Annual Meeting 2½ years prior to the convention and a notice soliciting such proposals shall be published in the TICA TREND.

109.1.1.4 The subsequent designated order of rotation will remain the same.

109.2 Meetings of the Board.

109.2.1 All Board Meetings shall be scheduled for a minimum of 2 days.

109.2.1.1 Meetings of the Board shall be the fourth full weekend in January (Winter Meeting), the third full weekend in May (Spring Meeting) and the week immediately preceding Labor Day weekend (TICA Annual).

109.2.1.2 The Winter Meeting shall be held in Harlingen TX without a show OR at a location outside the United States in conjunction with a show, approved by the Board.

109.2.1.3 The Spring Meeting shall be held in the United States, rotating from Central to West to East, with or without a show. The meeting venue must be at or near a major international airport at a hotel with adequate meeting space, full restaurant service and airport shuttle.

109.2.1.4 The Winter and Spring meeting locations shall be selected by the Board without consideration of accompanying show.

109.2.1.5 Minutes of all meetings of the Board of Directors shall be completed within 10 working days following the meeting.

No.	ITEM	LEAD	STATUS
1	TDS Program notice to clients when work is received and in process	Hart	A2014
2	Look into - Consider Possibility of Judging Contract Mileage to be possible	Rules	A2014
3	Dedicate a program to subsidize money to be set aside for off-setting travel expenses for the Regional Directors from donations or sponsors.	Board/Fulkerson	A2014
4	to revisit appointment of Minskin Working Breed Chair at the Annual.	Hicks	A2014
5	to amend Show Rule 29.4.5 to read: Adult male or neutered cats shall not be benched in adjacent cages in the judging ring unless permission is obtained from the owner.	Rules	A2014

Amend Standing Rules 106.4 (Committees) - Vasquez

Rationale:

The rationale is because many people feel that with board members on the rules committee that there is an unfair advantage to those not on the rules committee. They can form opinions on rule and program changes before the entire board has a chance to see it and discuss it as a board. It creates a more level playing field during meetings.

This rule used to include that sentence and was changed in 2006.

(Rules Chair note: Mike Vasquez has clarified that although the rationale focuses on the Rules Committee, the intention is for the amendment to apply to ALL committees).

Amendments:

106.4 Standing Committees. The President, with the advice of the Board of Directors, shall appoint persons knowledgeable in the fields specified to serve on the following standing committees. Any other committees, which from time to time may be necessary and proper for the effective and efficient operation of the Association, may be created by the President and appointments to them made by the President, with the advice of the Board. **Each committee shall have a chairperson, members as needed and a Board member who works with the committee as a liaison director .Board members may not be included in the committees other than a liaison to the committee.**

Rules Comments:

(NP) I believe the proposal is not well thought out. If it is taken as written it would prohibit Legal Counsel from sitting on the Committee(s), it would prohibit the current chair of Legislation from acting as such and it would prohibit people that are interested in volunteering to serve on committees from doing so.

Truthfully, working on the Rules Committee (or any committee on a volunteer basis) is not something people are beating down the door to do. Look at how many people have said they wanted to be on the Rules Committee that have not contributed or discussed or lost interest and left over the years. To tell people that are interested and will participate that they cannot do so and hopefully find people to take their places seems to be not well thought out to me.

(AB) I'm not crazy about the structure of the second sentence he is proposing to add: "Board members may not be included in the committees other than a liaison to the committee."

I'd suggest changing it to: "No Board members other than the member serving as a liaison to the committee may participate in the committees." I think it gets Mike's point across more succinctly. Other than that I think the proposal is in order.

(CL) From a Rules point of view, there is a problem between the rationale and the proposal. While rationale refers to Rules Committee the proposal refers to Standing Committees. We don't have many experts in genetics ready to work in a voluntary way for TICA, what happen if in the future any of them become a board member...I think it's a pity to lose their work from Genetics just because they are in the Board. It's the same with Rules and Legislative committee. Additional I think this proposal needs to define the role of the liaison since this position was removed from the current rules. What is the liaison supposed to do? Duties?

I also agree that Amanda's suggestion is a better wording.

(PS) Technically the proposal appears to be in order, however I am not following the rationale, and even after reading it still do not clearly understand what the issue is.

(MW) Only the final sentence of Mike's addition ("Board members may not be included in the committees other than a liaison to the committee") was removed in 2006.

A couple of years later the entire rule was comprehensively revised and the requirement for liaison Director roles removed, along with the explanation of that position. Consequently, the proposed revision adds a requirement without any explanation of the duties. That is unsatisfactory and, in my opinion, requires further drafting before it could be incorporated into TICA's rules.

As regards prohibiting any Board member from all committees (except for a "liaison" position), I think this is short-sighted and detrimental to the overall best interests of TICA. For example, that would have meant excluding the current Chair from the Legislative Committee, thus depriving that Committee of "persons knowledgeable in the fields specified". And our current Legal Counsel would be excluded from the Rules and Legal Committees if the proposal went through, which is totally unsatisfactory.

In any Board, members are always going to have varying degrees of knowledge about a subject so a "level playing field" is very difficult to achieve in reality. Having more than one Board member familiar with TICA's rules (and the implications of any proposed change) is an advantage in my opinion.

MARKETING REPORT

TICA
Balance Sheet
As of June 30, 2014

Jun 30, 14

ASSETS

Current Assets

Checking/Savings

CD - Capital One	54,277.11
CD - FNB	86,957.27
IBC-CD-1YR	15,560.71
IBC-CD 6MO	15,121.01
Jim Becknell Memorial Fund	
PayPal Account	7,072.81
RBC Investment Account	200,000.00
TSB-General	569,487.18
TSB-Payroll	24,834.51

Total Checking/Savings	<u>973,310.60</u>
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Other Current Assets

A/R Membership	3,315.32
Deferred Tax Assets	2,729.92
Inventory Yearbook	2,935.00
PrePaid Expenses	22,133.59
Prepaid Federal Income Tax	55,874.00

Total Other Current Assets	<u>86,987.83</u>
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Total Current Assets	1,060,298.43
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Fixed Assets

capital lease improvement	96,911.39
Equipment/Machinery	140,159.76
Furniture/Fixtures	25,338.04
Recorded Depreciation	-211,150.23

Total Fixed Assets	<u>51,258.96</u>
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TOTAL ASSETS	<u><u>1,111,557.39</u></u>
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LIABILITIES & EQUITY

Liabilities

Current Liabilities

Accounts Payable

Accounts Payable	16,113.42
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Total Accounts Payable	<u>16,113.42</u>
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Other Current Liabilities

Credits Payable Membership	75,865.34
Deferred Income	91,625.00
Payroll Liabilities	5,619.36
Payroll Payable	18,990.75

TICA
Balance Sheet
As of June 30, 2014

	<u>Jun 30, 14</u>
Total Other Current Liabilities	<u>192,100.45</u>
 Total Current Liabilities	 208,213.87
 Long Term Liabilities	
Compensated Absences	18,199.49
Deferred Taxes	<u>3,767.61</u>
Total Long Term Liabilities	<u>21,967.10</u>
 Total Liabilities	 230,180.97
 Equity	
Retained Earnings	153,357.65
Unrestricted Fund Balance	465,155.24
Net Income	<u>262,863.53</u>
Total Equity	<u>881,376.42</u>
 TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY	 <u><u>1,111,557.39</u></u>

TICA
Profit & Loss Budget vs. Actual
July 2013 through June 2014

	<u>Jul '13 - Jun 14</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>\$ Over Budget</u>	<u>% of Budget</u>
Ordinary Income/Expense				
Income				
01 Memberships	102,945.05	113,000.00	-10,054.95	91.1%
02 Family Memberships	2,725.00	2,000.00	725.00	136.25%
03 International Memberships	99,370.00	63,000.00	36,370.00	157.73%
04 Additional Breed Sections	3,225.00	2,000.00	1,225.00	161.25%
05 Cattery Registrations	117,642.00	95,000.00	22,642.00	123.83%
06 Individual Registrations	73,230.00	70,000.00	3,230.00	104.61%
07 Blue Slips	231,591.00	215,000.00	16,591.00	107.72%
08 Litter Registrations	207,633.00	180,000.00	27,633.00	115.35%
09 HHP Registrations	4,200.00	3,500.00	700.00	120.0%
10 Transfers/Leases	47,741.00	35,000.00	12,741.00	136.4%
11 Dup/Corr/Add or Delete Suff	24,300.00	20,000.00	4,300.00	121.5%
12 Title Confirmations	35,525.00	35,000.00	525.00	101.5%
13 Supreme Title Confirmations	5,480.00	5,000.00	480.00	109.6%
14 Cert 3-Gen Pedigrees	79,300.00	68,000.00	11,300.00	116.62%
15 Cert 5-Gen Pedigrees	134,850.00	125,000.00	9,850.00	107.88%
16 Club Charters	950.00	1,000.00	-50.00	95.0%
17 Club Fees Renewals	5,495.00	5,000.00	495.00	109.9%
18 Judges Fees	5,738.00	4,500.00	1,238.00	127.51%
19 Show License Fees	42,630.00	42,000.00	630.00	101.5%
20 Annual Awards Fees	56,760.00	58,000.00	-1,240.00	97.86%
21 Show Insurance Fees	19,800.00	20,000.00	-200.00	99.0%
22 Publications	106.00	0.00	106.00	100.0%
23 TICA TREND	20,913.50	6,000.00	14,913.50	348.56%
24 TICA Yearbook	53,287.00	35,000.00	18,287.00	152.25%
25 Miscellaneous	1,400.00	800.00	600.00	175.0%
26 COE/OSTD Cattery	3,230.00	2,000.00	1,230.00	161.5%
27 Election Filing Fees	1,260.00	300.00	960.00	420.0%
28 Wire Transfer Fees	450.00	300.00	150.00	150.0%
29 Donations	39,830.40	0.00	39,830.40	100.0%
30 Clerking Fees	1,495.00	1,000.00	495.00	149.5%
31 OS/OD/LA	1,710.00	500.00	1,210.00	342.0%
32 Annual Awards Dup/Frt	643.00	250.00	393.00	257.2%
33 Website Breeder Listings	11,455.00	4,000.00	7,455.00	286.38%
34 Website Banner Ads	41,400.00	1,500.00	39,900.00	2,760.0%
35 Website Classified Ads	790.00	500.00	290.00	158.0%
36 Website Online Store	30.00	0.00	30.00	100.0%
37 Rush	33,530.00	25,000.00	8,530.00	134.12%
38 Ballot Fees	150.00	0.00	150.00	100.0%
39 Complaint Fees	1,935.00	800.00	1,135.00	241.88%
40 Shipping Fees	2,265.82	1,000.00	1,265.82	226.58%
41 Annual Awards Sponsorships	8,350.00	2,000.00	6,350.00	417.5%
42 Late Fees (Judges/Pstg Due/	2,935.00	1,500.00	1,435.00	195.67%

TICA

Profit & Loss Budget vs. Actual

July 2013 through June 2014

	<u>Jul '13 - Jun 14</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>\$ Over Budget</u>	<u>% of Budget</u>
43 Affinity Program	7,833.27	500.00	7,333.27	1,566.65%
44 Return Check Svc/Handling	390.00	500.00	-110.00	78.0%
45 Rtn'd Chks/Handling Fees	476.00	500.00	-24.00	95.2%
46 Refunds	33.06	500.00	-466.94	6.61%
47 MTB - Advertising	3,855.00	5,000.00	-1,145.00	77.1%
48 MTB - Merchandise Sales	5,688.36	2,000.00	3,688.36	284.42%
Corporate Sponsorships	46,250.00		46,250.00	100.0%
Deposit - Other	-1,701.84	0.00	-1,701.84	100.0%
Total Income	<u>1,591,119.62</u>	<u>1,253,450.00</u>	<u>337,669.62</u>	<u>126.94%</u>
 Gross Profit	 1,591,119.62	 1,253,450.00	 337,669.62	 126.94%
 Expense				
 ANNUAL AWARDS PROGRAM				
Banquet Expense	3,595.37	3,500.00	95.37	102.73%
Freight and Postage	106.09	200.00	-93.91	53.05%
Plaques/Trophies	5,993.25	5,800.00	193.25	103.33%
Regional Rebate	20,105.00	19,000.00	1,105.00	105.82%
Rosettes	3,507.66	3,800.00	-292.34	92.31%
Total ANNUAL AWARDS PROGRAM	<u>33,307.37</u>	<u>32,300.00</u>	<u>1,007.37</u>	<u>103.12%</u>
 BANK				
Card Charges	27,052.80	29,000.00	-1,947.20	93.29%
PayPal Fees	25,108.92	17,000.00	8,108.92	147.7%
Service Charges	3,505.23	3,500.00	5.23	100.15%
Total BANK	<u>55,666.95</u>	<u>49,500.00</u>	<u>6,166.95</u>	<u>112.46%</u>
 BOARD MEETING EXPENSE				
Annual Meeting				
Appointed Officials - Lodging	2,051.26	700.00	1,351.26	293.04%
Appointed Officials - Per Diem	1,159.73	380.00	779.73	305.19%
Appointed Officials - Travel	2,449.24	400.00	2,049.24	612.31%
Board-Lodging	8,604.30	8,500.00	104.30	101.23%
Board-Per Diem	5,006.89	3,500.00	1,506.89	143.05%
Board-Travel	6,852.05	7,100.00	-247.95	96.51%
Room/Refreshments/Supplies	2,763.81	1,000.00	1,763.81	276.38%
Annual Meeting - Other	110.00			
Total Annual Meeting	<u>28,997.28</u>	<u>21,580.00</u>	<u>7,417.28</u>	<u>134.37%</u>
Spring Meeting				
Board-Lodging	0.00	500.00	-500.00	0.0%
Board-Per Diem	0.00	500.00	-500.00	0.0%
Total Spring Meeting	<u>0.00</u>	<u>1,000.00</u>	<u>-1,000.00</u>	<u>0.0%</u>

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Profit & Loss Budget vs. Actual
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	<u>Jul '13 - Jun 14</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>\$ Over Budget</u>	<u>% of Budget</u>
WCC Meeting	3,437.00	3,000.00	437.00	114.57%
Winter Meeting				
Appointed Officials-Lodging	328.27	150.00	178.27	218.85%
Appointed Officials-Per Diem	0.00	80.00	-80.00	0.0%
Appointed Officials-Travel	322.52	300.00	22.52	107.51%
Board-Lodging	4,033.59	4,500.00	-466.41	89.64%
Board-Travel	9,744.92	7,100.00	2,644.92	137.25%
Board -Per Diem	2,460.55	2,700.00	-239.45	91.13%
Room/Refreshments/Supplies	254.04	500.00	-245.96	50.81%
Total Winter Meeting	<u>17,143.89</u>	<u>15,330.00</u>	<u>1,813.89</u>	<u>111.83%</u>
Total BOARD MEETING EXPENSE	49,578.17	40,910.00	8,668.17	121.19%
COMMUNICATIONS				
Internet Charges	0.00	12,000.00	-12,000.00	0.0%
Telephone				
Telephone - Other	10,438.52	7,500.00	2,938.52	139.18%
Total Telephone	<u>10,438.52</u>	<u>7,500.00</u>	<u>2,938.52</u>	<u>139.18%</u>
Webmaster	<u>0.00</u>	<u>500.00</u>	<u>-500.00</u>	<u>0.0%</u>
Total COMMUNICATIONS	10,438.52	20,000.00	-9,561.48	52.19%
COMPUTER				
Equipment	3,339.30	5,000.00	-1,660.70	66.79%
Maintenance	991.19			
Programming				
Lesley Hart	2,386.76	2,000.00	386.76	119.34%
Loom Technologies	56,130.03	100,000.00	-43,869.97	56.13%
Total Programming	58,516.79	102,000.00	-43,483.21	57.37%
Software	4,699.89	3,500.00	1,199.89	134.28%
Supplies/Support	<u>1,788.46</u>	<u>2,000.00</u>	<u>-211.54</u>	<u>89.42%</u>
Total COMPUTER	69,335.63	112,500.00	-43,164.37	61.63%
CORPORATE SPONSORSHIP	33,356.00	0.00	33,356.00	100.0%
DEPRECIATION EXPENSE	12,353.79	14,000.00	-1,646.21	88.24%
DUES/MISC/SUBS/GIFTS				
Gifts	25.00			
DUES/MISC/SUBS/GIFTS - Other	<u>4,135.31</u>	<u>1,000.00</u>	<u>3,135.31</u>	<u>413.53%</u>
Total DUES/MISC/SUBS/GIFTS	4,160.31	1,000.00	3,160.31	416.03%
FREIGHT AND POSTAGE				
Box Rent/Permits	0.00	150.00	-150.00	0.0%

TICA
Profit & Loss Budget vs. Actual
July 2013 through June 2014

	Jul '13 - Jun 14	Budget	\$ Over Budget	% of Budget
Freight-Customers	1,885.73	1,500.00	385.73	125.72%
Freight-Show Supplies	1,911.23	2,200.00	-288.77	86.87%
Freight - Marketing	5,257.02	500.00	4,757.02	1,051.4%
Miscellaneous Postage	649.39			
Other Freight Charges	1,190.97	2,000.00	-809.03	59.55%
Postage Meter	61,166.10	50,000.00	11,166.10	122.33%
FREIGHT AND POSTAGE - Other	118.32			
Total FREIGHT AND POSTAGE	72,178.76	56,350.00	15,828.76	128.09%
INSURANCE				
Director's Liability Insurance	3,524.15	2,500.00	1,024.15	140.97%
General/Administrative	419.70	1,500.00	-1,080.30	27.98%
Judge's Liability	1,215.00	1,500.00	-285.00	81.0%
Property	778.00	2,000.00	-1,222.00	38.9%
Show Liability	24,890.73	22,000.00	2,890.73	113.14%
Total INSURANCE	30,827.58	29,500.00	1,327.58	104.5%
MARKETING				
Advertising	661.20			
Marketing Director Fees	9,000.00	24,000.00	-15,000.00	37.5%
MEET THE BREEDS	27,122.52	28,000.00	-877.48	96.87%
Q D EVENTS LTD	3,459.70	2,800.00	659.70	123.56%
Special Events	1,713.18			
Supplies	477.99	5,000.00	-4,522.01	9.56%
Travel Expense	1,274.71			
MARKETING - Other	934.57			
Total MARKETING	44,643.87	59,800.00	-15,156.13	74.66%
OFFICE EQUIPMENT				
Leases	36,373.46	36,000.00	373.46	101.04%
Maintenance	1,754.19			
Purchase	1,672.49	500.00	1,172.49	334.5%
Repair	558.65			
Tax	884.51			
Total OFFICE EQUIPMENT	41,243.30	36,500.00	4,743.30	113.0%
OFFICE MAINTENANCE				
Repairs	0.00	500.00	-500.00	0.0%
Total OFFICE MAINTENANCE	0.00	500.00	-500.00	0.0%
OFFICE SUPPLIES				
Laminating Supplies	3,118.99	1,700.00	1,418.99	183.47%
Other	13,163.83	11,000.00	2,163.83	119.67%
Paper	3,524.41	3,000.00	524.41	117.48%

TICA

Profit & Loss Budget vs. Actual

July 2013 through June 2014

	<u>Jul '13 - Jun 14</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>\$ Over Budget</u>	<u>% of Budget</u>
Total OFFICE SUPPLIES	19,807.23	15,700.00	4,107.23	126.16%
PAYROLL				
Contract Labor	10,188.53	0.00	10,188.53	100.0%
Employee Benefits	12,185.98	14,800.00	-2,614.02	82.34%
Salary/Wages	533,862.07	470,000.00	63,862.07	113.59%
Taxes	42,594.36	41,400.00	1,194.36	102.89%
Total PAYROLL	598,830.94	526,200.00	72,630.94	113.8%
PRINTING				
Administration	11,269.55	10,000.00	1,269.55	112.7%
Other	5,051.33	1,000.00	4,051.33	505.13%
Total PRINTING	16,320.88	11,000.00	5,320.88	148.37%
PROFESSIONALS FEES				
Accounting and Audit	11,565.00	11,000.00	565.00	105.14%
Balloting	415.00			
Legal	11,529.09	10,000.00	1,529.09	115.29%
Payroll Preparation	1,965.21	2,000.00	-34.79	98.26%
Total PROFESSIONALS FEES	25,474.30	23,000.00	2,474.30	110.76%
REIMBURSEMENTS				
BOD				
Telephone	253.21			
Total BOD	253.21			
Judging Administrator				
Fees	2,500.00	2,500.00	0.00	100.0%
Postage/Supplies	79.72	300.00	-220.28	26.57%
Total Judging Administrator	2,579.72	2,800.00	-220.28	92.13%
Total REIMBURSEMENTS	2,832.93	2,800.00	32.93	101.18%
RENT AND UTILITIES				
Custodial	7,211.00	6,500.00	711.00	110.94%
Rent	33,332.00	31,000.00	2,332.00	107.52%
Total RENT AND UTILITIES	40,543.00	37,500.00	3,043.00	108.12%
SECURITY	97.43	500.00	-402.57	19.49%
TAXES				
Franchise	3,468.32	5,000.00	-1,531.68	69.37%
Property	3,420.26	3,000.00	420.26	114.01%
State				
State - Other	120.00			

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Profit & Loss Budget vs. Actual
July 2013 through June 2014

	<u>Jul '13 - Jun 14</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>\$ Over Budget</u>	<u>% of Budget</u>
Total State	<u>120.00</u>			
Total TAXES	7,008.58	8,000.00	-991.42	87.61%
TRAVEL REIMBURSEMENTS				
Officers	<u>538.27</u>	<u>1,500.00</u>	<u>-961.73</u>	<u>35.89%</u>
Total TRAVEL REIMBURSEMENTS	538.27	1,500.00	-961.73	35.89%
TREND EXPENSES				
Editorial Fees	15,000.00	18,000.00	-3,000.00	83.33%
Publishing and Distributuion	<u>89,200.35</u>	<u>75,000.00</u>	<u>14,200.35</u>	<u>118.93%</u>
Total TREND EXPENSES	104,200.35	93,000.00	11,200.35	112.04%
YEARBOOK				
Editorial Fees	<u>13,500.00</u>	<u>12,500.00</u>	<u>1,000.00</u>	<u>108.0%</u>
Total Editorial Fees	13,500.00	12,500.00	1,000.00	108.0%
Freight	6,630.47	5,000.00	1,630.47	132.61%
Publishing	34,876.08	28,000.00	6,876.08	124.56%
Reimbursed Expenses	<u>618.39</u>	<u>500.00</u>	<u>118.39</u>	<u>123.68%</u>
Total YEARBOOK	<u>55,624.94</u>	<u>46,000.00</u>	<u>9,624.94</u>	<u>120.92%</u>
Total Expense	<u>1,328,369.10</u>	<u>1,218,060.00</u>	<u>110,309.10</u>	<u>109.06%</u>
Net Ordinary Income	262,750.52	35,390.00	227,360.52	742.44%
Other Income/Expense				
Other Income	<u>113.01</u>			
Total Other Income	113.01			
Other Expense				
Total Other Expense				
Net Other Income	<u>113.01</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>113.01</u>	<u>100.0%</u>
Net Income	<u><u>262,863.53</u></u>	<u><u>35,390.00</u></u>	<u><u>227,473.53</u></u>	<u><u>742.76%</u></u>

Delete UCD 71.6.1, 71.6.2, and 71.6.3. (Bird)

Rationale:

The current rules were written before commercial genetic tests for recessively inherited feline coat colors were available. Now that reliable genetic testing is widely available and widely used, UCD 71.6 should be sufficient to ensure that no “orphan” colors are created in breeds. For example, if a breed accepts black and chocolate, but not cinnamon, it is easy to use testing to distinguish chocolate from cinnamon and eliminate cinnamon from the breed.

Amendment:

71.6 The genetically anticipated product of any two recognized colors shall also be a recognized color for a given breed. Examples of specific instances of broad applicability appear in the following paragraphs, however, the applications are not limited to those specifically mentioned.

~~71.6.1 A breed may accept a single pigment genotype with or without its dilution; however, a breed which accepts pigment genotype B/- and either other pigment genotype must accept all pigment genotypes. (See chart 71.5)~~

~~71.6.2 A breed which recognizes cats in all eight divisions of a category must accept all colors of these divisions.~~

~~71.6.3 A breed may be recognized in white only. However, if other colors are recognized in addition to dominant (epistatic) white (W/-), the breed must accept all colors of all divisions which are accepted by that breed.~~

~~71.6.4~~ **71.6.1** A breed may choose to recognize only the black-based (eumelanistic) colors or the sex-linked red-based colors. Recognition of both implies automatic acceptance of the corresponding tortoiseshells as well.

~~71.6.5~~ **71.6.2** A breed that accepts the “with white” divisions in any color shall include the combination of white together with any and all colors accepted for the breed.

~~71.6.6~~ **71.6.3** A breed which recognizes both sepia and pointed categories shall also accept the mink category.

Rules Comments:

(MW) This is a valid proposal from a Rules perspective. The impact of this proposal needs to be evaluated by the Genetics Committee.

(NP) I agree with Martin.

(CL) I also agree with Martin

(PS) I am in agreement with what you and the others have said. I assume the Genetics committee also received a copy and have offered their comments separately.

For Discussion

Cut Off for Excepting Show Entries

Requested by Ralph Stadter, EN

In the past we have had quite a few precedents over on this side of the pond where clubs accepted entries very late in the game and would sometimes take substitutions at the door. This is somewhat common practice. Once or twice over the last couple of years I stumbled across show rule 29.2.3 which actually prohibits clubs from doing that:

"29.2.3 Under no circumstances may the show management accept entries not printed in the catalog. This does not apply to entries accepted prior to the printing of the catalog which have been inadvertently omitted from the catalog by show management.

29.2.3.1 No substitute cats or kittens can be accepted in place of the original entry printed in the catalog."

I'm not really sure just how old these rules are and why they were created. I absolutely understand that obviously no new entries could ever be accepted once the show was officially closed and entries were (explicitly or implicitly) refused...

About 29.2.3

We usually don't print our catalogs until Wednesday - if someone decides after that they still want to come to our show, I guess you could say that they're just out of luck ;)

However, there are a lot of clubs over here struggling to get enough cats to pay for their shows (yes, in Northern Europe as well!) and as we found out last year these clubs are also competing with other associations where this is allowed and encouraged... I'm not sure what the reasoning is behind this.

From a master clerk / judge point of view it's annoying to deal with late entries - but if it helps a club stay afloat...

I see two main issues with accepting entries at the door:

#1 Exhibitors may enter for Saturday only, see how their cat does and then enter it for Sunday as well. So if the cat doesn't do well the club misses out on the entry fees for Sunday...

#2 Other exhibitors will complain if these late entries do well, i.e. better than their own cats ;) Right now they will file a complaint. If they didn't have that option - would they stop showing (i.e. clubs would lose future entries from these exhibitors)? Or would they learn that it shouldn't really make a difference when their competition was entered - if the cats are better then they will do better...

About 29.2.3.1

I don't understand why substitutions should not be acceptable. We've had things like cats hurting themselves the day before the show and exhibitors asking whether they can bring a substitute for that entry. I don't think this should be an issue:

Nobody was refused because of the substitute (the place was already taken even if other entries were refused).

- The exhibitor has to pay for the entry one way or the other - why not let them actually show a cat for it...

- There are always absentees anyway and we're struggling with counts. This would be a way to avoid even lower counts...

DISCUSSION PAPER

BREEDER RECOGNITION AWARDS PROGRAM

PRO: This award recognizes breeders who have consistently produced cats of the highest caliber over a number of years. The breeders of the cats are not very well recognized in the current award system.

CON: Very few breeders will ever achieve the higher levels of this awards program.

901.x.1 TICA Breeder Recognition Awards

901.x.1.1 The TICA Board of Directors shall establish the Breeder Recognition Award program to recognize breeders whose cats have excelled in the show ring.

TICA Breeder Recognition Awards will be awarded on a certificate, suitable for framing. Breeders certified as earning this award shall be eligible to use this award in their advertising.

901.x.1.2 Eligibility for TICA Bronze Level Breeder: A breeder shall be eligible for the Award TICA Bronze Level Breeder if they are the registered breeder of cats who have earned the following awards:

5 cats / alters / household pets with a title of Grand Champion / Grand Champion Alter / Grand Master or higher

OR

3 cats / alters / household pets with a title of Triple Grand Champion / Triple Grand Champion Alter / Triple Grand Master or higher

OR

1 kitten / cat / alter / household pet kitten / household pet with the title Regional Winner.

901.x.1.3 Eligibility for TICA Silver Level Breeder: A breeder shall be eligible for the Award TICA Silver Level Breeder if they are the registered breeder of cats who have earned the following awards:

5 cats / alters / household pets with a title of Triple Grand Champion / Triple Grand Champion Alter / Triple Grand Master or higher

OR

3 cats / alters / household pets with a title of Quadruple Grand Champion / Quadruple Grand Champion Alter / Quadruple Grand Master or higher

OR

2 kittens / cats / alters / household pet kittens / household pets with the title Regional Winner.

901.x.1.4 Eligibility for TICA Gold Level Breeder: A breeder shall be eligible for the Award TICA Gold Level Breeder if they are the registered breeder of cats who have earned the following awards:

5 cats / alters / household pets with a title of Quadruple Grand Champion / Quadruple Grand Champion Alter / Quadruple Grand Master or higher

OR

3 cats / alters / household pets with a title of Supreme Grand Champion / Supreme Grand Champion Alter / Supreme Grand Master or higher

OR

3 kittens / cats / alters / household pet kittens / household pets with the title Regional Winner
OR

1 kitten / cat / alter / household pet kitten / household pet with the title International Winner.

901.x.1.5 Eligibility for TICA Platinum Level Breeder: A breeder shall be eligible for the Award TICA Platinum Level Breeder if they are the registered breeder of cats who have earned the following awards:

15 cats / alters / household pets with a title of Supreme Grand Champion / Supreme Grand Champion Alter / Supreme Grand Master or higher

OR

9 kittens / cats / alters / household pet kittens / household pets with the title Regional Winner

OR

3 kittens / cats / alters / household pet kittens / household pets with the title Lifetime Achievement Award.

901.x.1.6 Eligibility for TICA Diamond Level Breeder: A breeder shall be eligible if for the Award TICA Platinum Level Exhibitor if they were the registered exhibitor of cats who earned the following awards while being shown by that exhibitor:

5 kittens / cats / alters / household pet kittens / household pets with the title International Winner
OR

3 kittens / cats / alters / household pet kittens / household pets with the title Lifetime Achievement Award.

901.x.2.3 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.

901.x.2.4 For Household Pets, awards shall be earned in the Household Pet Kitten class OR in the Household Pet class.

901.x.2.5 There is no time limit for claiming a TICA Breeder Recognition Award. You may claim it for deceased cats if you choose to do so. However, awards for 21st Best through 25th Best International may be claimed only for years in which those awards were actually presented.

901.x.2.6 Claiming the award: The following items must be provided by the breeder of the cat:

901.x.2.6.1 A completed application form.

901.x.2.6.2 A check or money order, made payable to TICA, for \$20.

901.x.2.6.3 A color photo to be scanned for inclusion on the certificate (optional - \$5 additional fee).

901.x.2.7 The TICA Breeder Recognition Award Program shall be administered by the Executive Office.

DISCUSSION PAPER

EXHIBITOR RECOGNITION PROGRAM

PRO: This award recognizes exhibitors who have shown an outstanding amount of dedication while showing cats of the highest caliber over a number of years.

CON: Very few exhibitors will ever achieve the higher levels of this awards program.

901.x.1 TICA Exhibitor Recognition Awards

901.x.1.1 The TICA Board of Directors shall establish the Exhibitor Recognition Award program to recognize exhibitors whose cats have excelled in the show ring.

TICA Exhibitor Recognition Awards will be awarded on a certificate, suitable for framing. Exhibitors certified as earning this award shall be eligible to use this award in their advertising.

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OR

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OR

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OR

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OR

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OR

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901.x.2.7 The TICA Breeder Recognition Award Program shall be administered by the Executive Office.

Amend Registration Rule 36.3.1 (Foundation Cats)

Rationale:

TICA has grown significantly since its inception and is now expanding into areas where sometimes there is no existing cat fancy or established pedigree registry. People have imported cats many years ago and have been breeding without registering because there is no local registry - like India, and possibly other countries. The cats are "purebred" but have no papers.

Such areas may hold only 2 ring shows on an infrequent basis, leading to difficulties in getting cats registered with TICA under the existing rule.

The "3 judge" requirement should be relaxed to 2 Allbreed judges for such developing areas. Also, as an additional safeguard, the form should only be signed by Approved Allbreed judges.

Amendment:

36.3.1 A cat of a recognized breed for whom one or both parents either are unknown or are not registered with TICA or an association which has a reciprocal registration agreement with TICA may be registered in the ancestry record of the association if the application for registration is accompanied by a signed Certification Form (R-1020) from three TICA **Approved** Allbreed judges stating that they have evaluated the cat in question and find that it sufficiently meets the standard for its breed to be used in a breeding program. **In developing areas (as agreed by the Board), only two Approved Allbreed judges need to sign the form.**

Rules Comments:

(EC) I believe that this might be a good compromise - Personally here in North America, I won't sign off on most cats because in most cases it is a way to get around breeder's contracts, or because the cats are one or two generations down from such contracts.

Developing areas are different - say India - where cats have been bred for generations without benefit of registries. Costa Rica was another example.

(TJ) I think we need to hold our standards high. In new, developing areas, two judges would be sufficient...in established areas I feel it needs to remain at 3.

(SA) I agree with Toni

(AB) I agree with Toni.

(BT) I can live with 3 for developed and 2 for developing or I can live with 2 total. If we split it between developed and developing there will always come the question of "what is a developing area" - it will mean different things to different people.

Truth is - if someone wants a cat signed off on bad enough in places like the US they will keep asking judges until they get the number of signatures required.

(MW) I'm in agreement with this change. To address Bobbie's point, I don't believe we can easily draft a "one size fits all" rule to define a developing area. I'm happy to leave it as a Board decision – the same way as we currently have in the Judging Program.

Amend Reg Rules 33.2, 33.9. (Stop combining of Structural Mutations) - Dany

Rationale:

I am proposing a couple of rule changes with the intention to stop the creation of new breeds based on combining structural mutations simply because it's possible. Too often the intentions behind these "designer breeds" are solely focused on the money that they will be able to generate with no or too little regards to the physical well being of their creations. Way too little is known about the side effects that the combination of structural mutations may cause. In the best interest of the cats we have to stop this practise.

The following breeds are already considered Experimental in TICA: the Dwelf (Munchkin / Sphynx / American Curl); the Kinkalow (Munchkin / American Curl) and the Scottish Kilt (Munchkin / Scottish Fold). Just because their cats are listed as Experimental by TICA, many breeders are promoting their cats as being recognized and/or registered by TICA. This reflects very badly on us. If these breeds advance to Championship, this will definitely be the time when I stop being a TICA judge.

Amendments:

The following are my suggestions for rule changes – additions in red, deletions crossed out:

Registration Rules

33.2 Classification of Registrations. A breed shall be classified for registration as one of the following:

33.2.1 Domestic Hybrid Breed - A breed developed from a deliberate cross between two existing domestic breeds, incorporating characteristics of both parental breeds into the new breed. **Breeds that have a structural mutation as breed characteristic must not be used as source breeds.**

33.2.2 Domestic x Non-Domestic Source Species Hybrid Breed – A breed being developed by means of deliberate foundation crosses between domestic cats and a single non-domestic source species. **The domestic cats used must not have a have a structural mutation.**

Add a new registration rule:

Structural mutations are "owned" by the first breed establishing championship status that displays that structural mutation (such as folded ears = Scottish Fold, short legs = Munchkin, curled ears = American Curls, etc.) New breeds may only use this structural mutation with permission (majority vote of the breed section) of the breed/breed group owning it.

33.9 New Traits of a Championship Breed.

303.9 Trait: A visible distinguishing characteristic.

33.9.1 ~~Any~~ new trait or traits of a Championship Breed, not recognized for competition in the kitten, cat or alter class of that breed, **that is not a structural mutation (such as, but not limited to, folded ears, short legs etc.)** may be exhibited in the New Traits Class. New Traits Class cats appear in the catalog and judges' books and judges include these cats in judging fees.

Add to definitions:

Structural mutation: Appearance of the skeletal and/or cartilage expression different from the average domestic cat such as, but not limited to, folded ears, shortened legs, shortened or absent tail, etc. The difference in expression may or may not affect the physical abilities of the cat.

Rationale: The Munchkin is being used/over used extensively to create "designer breeds." In addition to the previously-mentioned Experimental breeds there are more new "breeds" that are using the Munchkin: Bambino/Minskin (w/Sphynx), Genetta (w/Bengal), Skookum (w/LaPerm), Lambkin (w/Selkirk Rex) and the Napoleon (w/Persian Breed Group), which is planning to apply for advancement to Championship status at the Annual.

Rules Committee Comments:

(BT) While I understand and sympathize with what Monika is trying to accomplish with this rule change it basically defeats the whole purpose of the new traits class and would only allow new colors to be accepted in a breed.

(PS) I have to agree – it also potentially stops the progression of those experimental or preliminary new breeds already accepted by TICA that include mutations in their standard, if they are no longer able to use source breeds with those mutations in their programs.

While I'm not a fan of introducing mutations simply to create a 'new breed', I think each new breed needs to be evaluated by the TICA BOD on an individual basis as to whether it is truly a unique breed, or simply a variation of an existing breed.

(EC) Personally I believe that it is detrimental to existing breeds to have "their" mutation used to create "sub-breeds".

I have forwarded this to the Genetics Committee, because I believe that it is an issue that needs the opinion of that committee as well.

IMO, the majority of our membership would love to see this type of protection for their breeds.

(MW) I am in full agreement with Bobbie's comments. I think that the proposals are too restrictive in their present form.

(TJ) I think Monica's rule change is properly written and I think it needs to go on to the board for discussion. This is a real "hot topic" right now. I believe it deserves the attention of the board.

I know that I am hearing more and more from people that that they are kind of tired of the experimental breeds and people being able to say they are registered with TICA when they are just an experimental breed. Maybe what we need to look at is a change in words or semantics, if you will...instead of saying that they are registered with TICA, what about being recorded with TICA just for tracking purposes. I think that would go a long way with a lot of breeders.

(BT) We have talked about that more than once....that the Experimental Breeds are not an accepted breed but are being tracked....and in fact, a breed is not accepted as a breed until Registration Only when the breed name and breed are accepted by the Board. Maybe that is the way to go.

(AB) I know I get a lot of questions about this outside of Rules. People do not understand that breeds are not fully accepted until they reach championship. They try to misuse this confusion to get new breeds registered for championship using the fact that we register them.

(NP) I think it would be simple to issue a Certificate of Record rather than a Certificate of Registration. If the breed moves on to Registration Only, then a Certificate of Registration can be issued. Because at that time, a breed name is approved and instead of EXP+birthdate a breed abbreviation will be assigned and used with the birthdate as in normal registrations.

(BT) I think Nancy's idea has merit and should be considered. It was never the intent of the experimental registry to suggest an experimental was a breed. The name is approved by the Board when the breed is accepted for Registration Only. Before that happens they basically have no status in TICA.

(SA) I agree with Nancy that the Certificate of Record is a more appropriate term,

Amend Reg Rules 32.3 (Experimental Breeds) - Rules

Rationale:

By issuing Certificates of Pedigree for Experimental breeds, this can be perceived elsewhere as the breed being registered with TICA, whereas in reality TICA is just tracking ancestry in case a later application is made for formal breed recognition.

The amendment changes the issued document to be a Certificate of Record, together with revised wording on the certificate clarifying that TICA does not recognize the breed.

Amendments:

32.3 The registration certificates for cats registered in the Foundation or the Experimental Registry shall be distinguished from those registered in the Stud Book to avoid potential confusion regarding the status of a given cat or breed within the association. Experimental Registration Certificates shall **be issued as Certificates of Record and** clearly state **that the breed and breed name are not recognized or approved by TICA and are** "Not Eligible for Exhibition."

Rules Comments:

(CL) Fine with me.

(EC) I still think we need to separate the experimentals from the word "registration" by removing it from the rule.

(BT) I have a question on the wording "exhibition" - are we talking about exhibition only and they can't come into the show hall or competition type exhibition? I think we need to be clear. My understanding was that it meant competition.....but it was used to stop an experimental breed from coming as exhibition only.

(EC) I'm wondering if it really means "not in the show hall"?

(BT) I called and talked to Nancy about this when an experimental breed was refused exhibition only in a show hall as I'd seen many experimental breeds come so people could see them while being worked on and Nancy's feeling was the same as mine, that we were talking about "can't be shown competitively" - not can't come into the show hall.

(VF) I think the rule is talking about the breed, not an individual cat. The unrecognized breed is not eligible for exhibition/competition.

(SA) I agree that I would interpret it as talking about the "breed" and not the cat.

(MW) I'm happy with the main wording regarding Certificates of Record. As regards "Not Eligible for Exhibition", I've always understood that to mean not eligible for competitive classes, but that an individual cat could be put "on exhibition only" (as with Registration Only breeds). I think that the topic is a separate discussion to the current proposal and that the existing words are left "as is" for now.

Creation of Category VII – Breed Revitalization (Klamm, Hall, Wiklundh)

Rationale:

For years, TICA Bombay, Burmese, Havana and Singapura breeders have been very concerned about the extremely low genetic diversity of their breeds, which has led to increased health issues and reduced numbers. Data published in the journal *Genomics* in January 2008 demonstrated that these breeds have the lowest genetic diversity of all cat breeds (Appendix A). (Note: Bombays were not included in this study. However, because of its smaller breeding population and dependence on Burmese for outcrosses, the Bombay breed is highly likely to have low genetic diversity as well.)

Because of this concern, the idea of creating a new category, Category VII, specifically for the revitalization of breeds was discussed with Dr. Pflueger. It was her recommendation that outcrossing not be limited to specific breeds approved by each breed section. She stated that if limited to specific breeds, breeders may overlook potential outcrosses. Additionally, almost every breed has problems. She suggested that Category VII should have open registration to include not only recognized domestic breeds, but domestic cats of unknown or unregistered ancestry. She pointed out that common street cats are often the most hardy due to “survival of the fittest.”

The creation of Category VII to allow open registration will give the above-mentioned breeds now in need of revitalization and other breeds in the future the genetic diversity that they require. While outcrosses can be done at any time, the offspring of such outcrosses cannot be shown until the 4th generation. In order to maintain a viable breeding program, breeders have to maintain a relatively large number of cats. By creating Category VII and allowing open registration, the progeny could be shown, if of show quality, which would encourage MORE breeders to work with outcrosses.

Proposal: Create Category VII – Breed Revitalization

Amend Registration Rules:

37.1.2 ~~Six~~ **Seven** registration categories are provided as follows:

37.1.2.1 Category I: Established Breeds

37.1.2.2 Category II: Natural Breeds

37.1.2.3 Category III: Variant or Mutation Breeds

37.1.2.4 Category IV: Domestic Hybrid Breeds

37.1.2.5 Category V: Non-Domestic Source Breed Hybrids

37.1.2.6 Category VI: Experimental (Developing) Breeds

37.1.2.7 Category VII: Breed Revitalization

37.1.3 For a list of breeds recognized in each registration category, see Standing Rules 307.2, 307.3, 307.4, 307.5, 307.6, 307.7, **307.8**

Add new 37.8 to create new Category VII, and renumber existing 37.8 (Assignment of Registration Categories) to 37.9 and renumber 37.9 (Change of Categories) to 37.10

37.8. Category VII – Breed Revitalization

37.8.1 Purpose. This category is for breeds/breed groups that have been identified as needing outcrosses to improve their genetic health. It assumes that the goal is to improve the health and long-term sustainability of the breed/breed group. This category is to allow breeds/breed groups a limited period of time during which wider choices of outcrosses are available. This will be an open registration

category. Outcrossing to all recognized domestic breeds and unknown or unregistered ancestry domestics is permissible. No change to the standard is necessary or recommended to move a breed/breed group to Category VII, although it is recognized that some standard changes may be needed as a result of the outcross policy. This category is NOT to create a New Trait. Any new trait that occurs within Category VII will have to go through Registration Rules 33.9 New Traits of a Championship Breed. This category is NOT to create new breeds. Any new breed that occurs within Category VII will have to go through Registration Rules 33.3 Procedures for Acceptance for Registration.

Requirements to move a breed/breed group to Category VII include:

- The breed section(s) must vote to request transfer to Category VII
- Supporting rationale for the category move may include any of the following, as determined to be adequate by the board:
 - Peer reviewed studies
 - Information from breeders acceptable to the Genetics Committee
 - Any other information that the board deems adequate, including information on the number of registered cats and litters of the breed.
- The Board of Directors may approve, disapprove or impose additional requirements on the breed/breed group as a condition of transferring to Category VII.
- A breed/breed group may not transfer to Category VII during the period it is subject to Registration Rule 33.8.15. [Three years after acceptance into championship, a new breed must maintain required registration and showing requirements.]
- Breeds/breed groups may remain in Category VII for five years. Should a breed/breed group not achieve its revitalization goal, the breed committee may petition the board for a two-year extension. The breed/breed group shall be transferred back to its prior category upon expiration of the outcross policy unless the breed committee, with approval of the board, requests assignment to another breed category.
- Outcross offspring shown while in Category VII will continue to be shown and retain their titles after open registration has ended and the breed has returned to its original or subsequent category. Any outcross offspring born after open registration has ended will be subject to the exhibition rules of the breed or breed group's category.

It is highly recommended that any outcrossing program should include screening of candidates for known phenotypic traits and genetic defects to ensure that undesirable genes are not introduced into the breed/breed group.

37.8.2 Requirements for Championship Exhibition. Hybridization is acceptable within the pedigree. Any cat conforming to the standard will be considered a first generation purebred and will be eligible for Championship Exhibition. (See Requirements for Registration 37.10.3.)

37.8.3 Requirements for Registration. A cat which is the product of two members of this breed or breed group shall be considered a purebred of this breed. The hybrid between this breed and an outcross breed shall be considered a first generation purebred if it conforms to the standard, otherwise a first generation "variant". Cats of unknown or unregistered ancestry for which proof of origin is available and such origin is acceptable for the breed in question. Such cats may be registered as first generation purebreds, providing the application is accompanied by a health certificate, customs declaration, air bill, or similar evidence of origin. For a domestic breed, a signed Certificate Form (Form R-1020) from three TICA Allbreed judges must be submitted stating that they have handled the cat in question and find that it sufficiently meets the standard for its breed for use in a breeding program.

Creation of Category VII – Breed Revitalization - APPENDIX A

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The ascent of cat breeds: Genetic evaluations of breeds and worldwide random-bred populations

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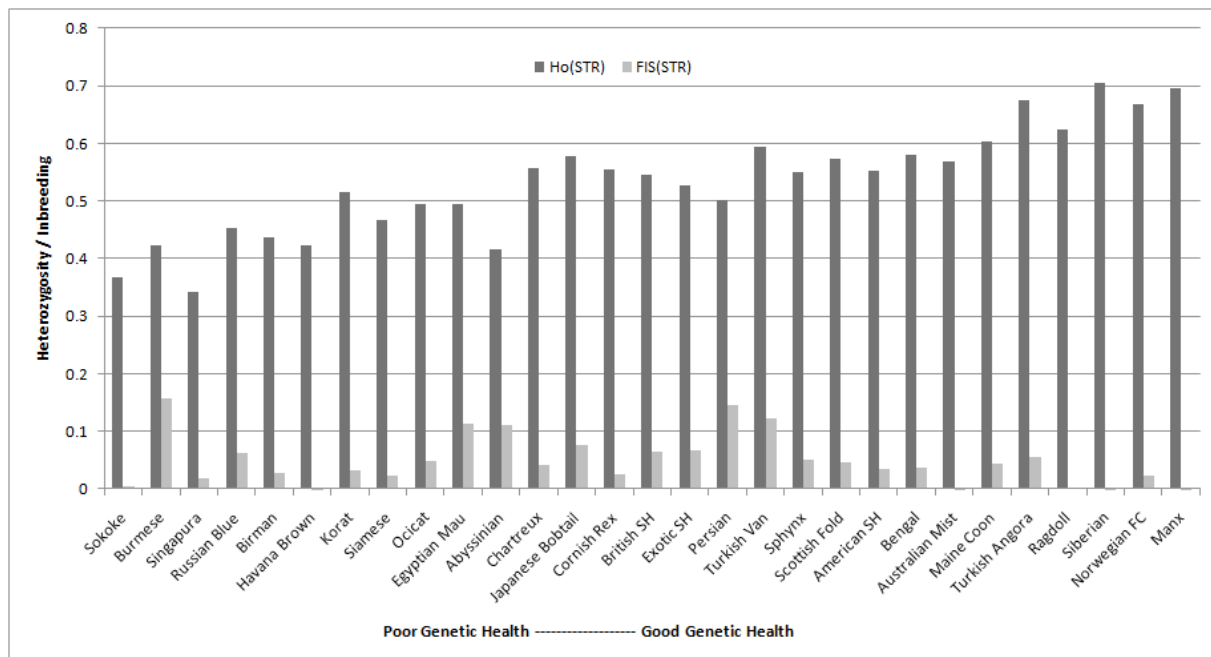
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“The Burmese and Singapura breeds have the lowest heterozygosity and the highest FIS of any breed, reflecting the most intense inbreeding (See Figure 4 on the next page). The newest CFA breed, the Siberian, had the highest variation, comparable to random-bred populations. This indicates that it was derived from a broad foundation stock. The Sphynx, which is a derivative of the Devon Rex breed, also had high genetic diversity. **Given these results, Burmese and Singapura breeders should be concerned about genetic diversity,** while Siberian breeders should be encouraged to retain existing diversity as their breed becomes more established. Similar to the conservation efforts in captive exotic felid populations, genetic analyses, breed histories, and population dynamics could be used to develop breed management or survival programs to maintain genetic variation within the breed gene pool for an extended period of time. “

The complete article “The ascent of cat breeds: Genetic evaluations of breeds and worldwide random-bred populations” can be found at the following link:
http://www.sciencedirect.com/science?_ob=ArticleURL&_udi=B6WG1-4R8KT3B-3&_user=10&_coverDate=01%2F31%2F2008&_rdoc=1&_fmt=high&_orig=search&_origin=search&_sort=d&_docanchor=&_view=c&_acct=C000050221&_version=1&_urlVersion=0&_userid=10&md5=a59e5b29f36e29e86f23373b3236166b&searchtype=a

Figure 4 from “The ascent of cat breeds: Genetic evaluations of breeds and worldwide random-bred populations.”



Caption for the figure:

“Relative genetic health of domestic cat breeds.

“A variety of genetic markers and population statistics are used to measure a population’s genetic diversity. Short tandem repeat markers (STRs – microsatellites) and single nucleotide polymorphisms (SNPs) were used to calculate the genetic variation of cat breeds, measured as heterozygosity and inbreeding Wright’s coefficients (F_{IS}). Presented are the heterozygosity values and inbreeding coefficients based on STRs for the breeds. Additional statistics were also calculated, including the SNP-based heterozygosity and inbreeding coefficients and the effective number of alleles for each type of genetic marker. The relative rank for each measure was determined for each breed and then averaged to determine an “overall genetic health”. The overall genetic health is represented from poor health on the left to good health on the right.”

Rules Committee Comments:

(CL) I like the proposal. Not sure if Revitalization breed is the right name for this new category. I think we need the input from Nancy Parkinson about coding. What happen with the codes registration when a breed is moving from category I to category VII during this time?

(PS) According to 37.9.3 any change to a less restrictive category shall be retroactive to all cats of the breed regardless of birth date.

(PS) I am a little confused about the codes that she is using on the bottom of pg 2 – are those supposed to be Registration Rules' codes? If so, they don't seem to fit in to what those codes currently say. Also, I'm not sure that coding cats that don't fit the standard as 'variant' is the correct use of this code.

(BT) I also wonder about the cats that come from non-domestic source breeds.....if they wanted to expand the gene pool and go to this category the "unknown" would not work for them but a recognized breed could.

(MW) This is a complex change which arrived very close to the submission deadline so I have not been able to fully review all the implications and check for potential conflicts with existing rules. For example, who will determine in 37.8.3 if a "hybrid between this breed and an outcross breed ... be considered a first generation purebred if it conforms to the standard"? I think that this is a useful proposal but needs more analysis before it can go to a membership ballot.

It would be more logical to call this Category V and to move the existing V and VI categories accordingly, so that all the Championship categories are consecutive - but that involves a substantial edit to the existing rules.

(NP) I think the category should be set up so that breeds in this category are registered as AOP, BOP, COP, 01P, 02P or 03P to indicate that the crosses are permissible within the description in the proposal. Whether to use the ABC or 123 codes would follow the registration rules as they are now ...ABC for crosses between existing breeds and 123 for breeds with an unknown or unregistered cat. Only thing that would need to be changed in standards is the section about outcrosses. It should simply state "Allowed" rather than "None" without listing breeds.

Comment from Genetics Committee:

I think this proposal is sound and has merit. We need "something" to help with the genetic diversity problems, while allowing incentive for folks to do it. And this proposal places the approval in the breed section's hands.....where it should be in my opinion. I feel pretty strongly that the proposal should not actually make mention of breed names at the very beginning. It places an automatic bias that those are the breeds are in peril (and a newer Singapura study shows they are not as inbred as originally thought).

Heather R."

Amend Show Rule 216.9 (Biting) - Barton

Rationale:

The current rules ARE vague. According to the current rule a cat can be disqualified for biting anything at any time. It does not specify when the biting has to occur nor who or what has to be bitten. It simply says "any cat that bites". Rules should not be open to interpretation, they should be specific. The proposed amendment is far more specific as to who is protected by the rule and when the rule is in effect.

The current rule is also quite lax in terms of penalties and does nothing to prevent the cat from being entered in additional TICA shows nor does it do anything to protect our judges being from being exposed to repeated injuries from the same animal as was recently the case in California. The penalties proposed in this rule will prevent the cat from being entered in any additional shows. If the owner does enter the cat and the Entry clerk accepts the entry, the owner will be in direct violation of the show rules and thus, be subject to Board discipline up to and including expulsion from TICA.

We need to take the situation of our judges being injured by biting cats more seriously and the rules and penalties need to reflect this.

Amendment:

Delete the current 216.9 and 216.9.1:

~~216.9 A judge shall disqualify and dismiss from the ring any cat that bites.~~

~~216.9.1 A cat that is disqualified from competition for biting shall be noted by the Executive Office. If three disqualifications for biting by the same cat occur, the cat will no longer be scored or allowed to confirm titles, and the owner of the cat shall be notified by the Executive Office.~~

Replace these rules with the following:

216.9 Any cat or kitten which intentionally bites the judge, clerk, steward, trainee or any other show official during the course of judging, shall be immediately disqualified from that ring. The cat shall not be eligible to compete in any rings in which it has not already been judged for the remainder of the show.

216.9.1 The judge shall notify the owner/exhibitor and the show manager that the cat has been disqualified for biting.

216.9.2 Awards received prior to the disqualification will remain in effect.

216.9.3 In the event a disqualified cat is subsequently selected for a final award based on the decision of a judge, the cat shall be officially excused from being present in the final.

216.9.4 Any cat or kitten that has been disqualified from competition for biting shall be recorded by the Executive Office. If any cat receives three disqualifications for biting, the cat will no longer be considered as eligible for entry in any TICA show. All titles won prior to this shall remain in effect, but no additional scores shall be

accumulated nor shall any additional titles be confirmed. The cat shall not be eligible for any Regional or International wins for the show season in which it becomes ineligible for entry. The EO will notify the owner that the cat is no longer eligible to enter TICA shows, but it shall be the owner/exhibitor's responsibility to comply with all the provisions of this rule whether they have received notification from the EO or not.

Rules Committee Comments:

(BT) This proposal is formatted correctly from a rules standpoint. While I understand what Carol is trying to accomplish I am very concerned over the parts of what has been submitted, especially taking all RW or International wins from a cat for the show season.

(TJ) I appreciate the thought behind the proposed rule change and I agree that the judges need protection from biting cats and everything needs to be properly documented by the judges and the Executive Office but I think that the cats should be able to keep whatever awards they have achieved up to the time that they are no longer scored because of three documented bites.

(EC) - I agree that biting cats have been "falling through the cracks" due to issues with how they are reported to the EO - I do not agree that voiding a whole season's wins are the way to deal with it. Our current rules, if used correctly, are adequate.

(SL) I agree with Bobbie. The cat in question has earned the awards fare & square up to that point and should be awarded such.

(AB) Totally agree with Ellen

(CL) From Rules point of view the proposal is not in conflict with any other current rules. However I think there is a problem about what means "Any cat or kitten which intentionally bites...", this is very open to the judge's subjective point of view. One situation: a cat bites a trainee, the trainee thinks the bite was intentional but the judge thinks it was not, I see too much room for an arbitrary decision. I'm in disagreement about having a cat ineligible for entry after 3 DQs for biting, how are the Entry Clerks supposed to enforce this proposal? This is not practical. Finally I don't see the point of changing the current rules about not allowing the cat to be eligible for any RW or IW wins for the show season in which it receives 3 DQs for biting. In all TICA history, the EO has never scored a cat with more than 3 DQs for this reason, what means judges could be not reporting detailed the bites, I don't see this proposal helping the judges to follow the rules more than the current ones in place.

(MW) The proposal is correctly formatted from a Rules perspective but withholding RW/IW awards that have already been earned before the cat was DQ'd for biting for the third time sounds draconian and not in the spirit of TICA. Also, it is not clear how Entry Clerks can comply with the proposal that such a cat is ineligible for entry to subsequent shows. If an Entry Clerk accepts such an entry by mistake, would they then also become liable to disciplinary action?

Amend Show Rule 29.4.5 (Benching of males) – Board Directive

Rationale:

The Alter and adult HHP classes are predominantly neutered males, which make the benching and judging of large classes problematic. However, there are many instances where there are two or more neutered males who would have no problem being benched next to each other as they either live together or are just very laid back. Clerks who know these cats have been asking the owner(s) if the cats may be benched next to each other in order to facilitate matters. This is a practical solution to the problem, but is against show rules. The following amendment to the show rules would bring this practice into line with the show rules and would continue to facilitate judging. It would also ensure that former breeding males who might have a problem with being benched next to another neuter would still be separated.

Amendment:

29.4.5 Adult male or neutered cats shall not be benched in adjoining cages in the judging ring. **However, neutered cats may be benched in adjoining cages if permission is obtained from the owner(s).**

Rules Committee Comments:

(BT) I think this is fine.

(EC) I think this is fine.

(TJ) I think the wording is fine now. The owners know their cats better than anyone and should be able to tell the clerk/judge if it's ok for them to go side by side.

(AB) Given that the Board gave direction to Wendy, I have no problem with the way her proposal is worded but my comment for the record is that it should be handled the same way we handle Kittens and HHP. In fact if we really wanted to simplify the rules we would change it so that the rule is about whole males something like "In the judging ring whole males may not be placed next to each other".

(PS) The amendment appears to be appropriate as written. I was actually wondering about the logistics of how this rule would be carried out, in other words how clerks would be obtaining permission before putting up numbers, but since the rationale stated that it is already happening I assumed that it is being done in a way that doesn't break other show rules, e.g. identifying a cat with its owner.

(BT) Even in kittens where we can run them in order there is sometimes a young male (or female) that is starting to get hormonal - when I see it happening I stop whoever is picking up the kitten from my ring and suggest they tell the other clerks to separate the kitten or not put it next to xyz.

I think the majority of exhibitors know to go to the clerk and if we [judges] help reinforce the concept I really don't see a problem with it.

(CL) The spirit of the proposal seems to be to treat the alters and HHPs in the same way we do with kittens. I think the proposal is properly written, however my suggestion would be just delete from the current rule "or neutered cats". In this way clerks will tend to call the alters and HHPs in the same way we call kittens. If a neutered cat needs not to be benched next to other neutered cat, then the owner/agent might ask the clerk to do in that way.

(MW) The amendment is correctly formatted from a Rules perspective. We also need to ensure that the Clerking Manual (54.1.9.3, 54.2.2.3) is updated if this change passes the membership ballot.

(SA) Wording is fine although I have some concerns with the logistics.

Amend Standing Rules 202.2 (Show Formats)

Rationale:

Clarify the rules for allowable show format combinations as the existing rules can be confusing.

Amendments:

202.2 Maximum **number of consecutive days for which a club may apply for a show license is three and the maximum** number of times any single cat may be judged **during any three day period in any location** ~~on any show weekend~~ is twenty, regardless of format.

202.2.1 One-Day Alternative Format shows may have up to five rings in the morning and five in the afternoon for a **daily** ~~weekend~~ maximum total of 10 rings including Congresses. ~~A 1-day alternative format show with more than 8 rings may not be combined with any other format.~~

202.2.2 Two-Day Alternative Format shows may have up to four rings in the morning and four rings in the afternoon for a daily total of eight rings and a ~~weekend~~ **combined** total of sixteen rings including Congresses.

202.2.3 At Back-to-Back Shows or Split Format Shows any single cat may be judged not more than eight times per day, including any Congresses.

202.2.4 A club may choose to have different formats for each day of a show. ~~(For example, a club may opt to have a one-day Alternative format show on Saturday with four rings in the morning and four rings in the afternoon and a one-day show on Sunday with five rings.)~~ The show format(s) must be clearly advertised in all promotional material.

Rules Comments:

(CL) I do think we need to try to eradicate the term "show weekend" from the rules. I think a maximum of 3 days shows is realistic and a maximum of 20 times for each cat as well.

With this wording you can do sat AM 5 times / sat PM 5 times and then sun 5 times. I don't like the idea of 20 times a single for 2 days, it's too stressing, 16 times it's reasonable.

(EC) We want to make the maximum 20 - and allow for alternative format of one day 10 and another 5 - and I'm not seeing how that works with what is written here. Personally I'd be fine with alternative format 2 day with 5/5 and 5/5/

(BT) I agree with you Ellen - I don't see how this will allow for 5/5/5 - I'm probably ok with 5/5/5/5 as well

(MW) As Carlos points out, you can have a 1 day Alternative Format show of 5/5 rings and then a one day show of 5 rings. The club is free to choose to restrict the number of entries on Day 2 to 125 maximum. Personally, I feel that 5/5 and then 5/5 might be too much – the rules are there to help prevent cats from being overshadowed.

Amend Standing Rules 901.4.2 and 901.4.3.4 (Increase RWs to Top 25) – Board Directive

Rationale:

As TICA has grown substantially over the past 5 years, it is appropriate to increase the number of Regional Awards to account for the growth and widespread geographical competition in many regions.

Amendments:

901.4.2 Lifetime Achievement Award.

901.4.2.1 The TICA Board of Directors shall establish the Lifetime Achievement program to recognize cats who have excelled in the show ring. 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.

901.4.2.2 Eligibility: All eligible cats must have received at least one Top 25 International award as a kitten, cat or alter and two International or Regional top 20 **or Regional Top 25** awards as a kitten, cat or alter. ~~(Example: A regional top 20 kitten and top 20 cat in 1998 and a top 25 international alter in 1999 would make the cat eligible for this title.)~~ Two titles may be achieved in 1 year, i.e., top kitten and cat or alter. However, a Regional award and an International award on the same cat (See Show Rule 21.73) in the same year counts as only one title. Ownership of the cat may change from year to year. The award is for the cat, not the owner, although the current owner will be requesting the award.

901.4.2.3 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.

901.4.2.4 For Household Pets, awards shall be earned in the Household Pet Kitten class OR in the Household Pet class.

901.4.2.5 There is no time limit for claiming the LA title. You may claim it for deceased cats if you choose to do so. However, awards for 21st Best through 25th Best International **or Regional** may be claimed only for years in which those awards were actually presented.

901.4.3.4 Regional Awards.

Regional Awards will be presented to the ~~20~~ **25** cats, kittens, alters, household pets, household pet kittens and ~~20-25~~ longhair cats and ~~20~~ **25** shorthair cats having the highest aggregate points of all cats, kittens, alters, household pets and household pet kittens, as applicable in the region. In order to receive a Regional Award, the owner of the cat, kitten, alter, household pet and household pet kitten must have exhibited the cat, kitten, alter, household pet or household pet kitten, as applicable, in at least one TICA sanctioned cat show in the regions presenting the award during the show year for which the regional award was earned. All awards earned during the show year will be listed accordingly for every region or recognized area and internationally.

901.4.3.4.1 All winners are notified by letter by the appropriate Regional Director.

901.4.3.4.2 The Top 3 Cats in each color of their respective breeds receive a color certificate by mail from the appropriate Regional Director.

901.4.3.4.3 The Top 20 **25** Cats, Kittens, Alters, Household Pets and Household Pet Kittens, in each region are featured in a visual media presentation at the Regional Banquet.

901.4.3.4.4 The Regional Top 20 **25** Longhair Cats and Shorthair Cats, and Breed Award winners, are honored at the Regional Awards Banquet.

901.4.3.4.5 The Top 10 Cats, Kittens, Alters, Household Pets and Household Pet Kittens are featured in the TICA YEARBOOK in black and white free of charge. ~~(Some regions purchase pages in the TICA YEARBOOK to feature the 11th-20th Top Cats, Kittens, Alters, Household Pets and Household Pet Kittens in black and white.)~~

Rules Committee Comments:

(BT) Fine with me

(TJ) I have no problem with this. I think with the regional rebates the cost will be of little concern.

(PS) Looks like everything has been addressed to accommodate the increase in RWs.

(EC) This is proving popular with the membership - I believe we have addressed all the rules.

(MW) I'm fine with the proposed changes.

Australian Mist Breed Working Group

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Dear TICA Officers, Members of the Board and Committee Members:

On behalf of all of the Australian Mist Breed Working Group, I submit the following Annual Report on the status of the breed in the Advanced New Breed category.

Although we placed the announcement to request advancement to championship at the Annual in Worchester, we will not be doing so. Although we have met and actually exceeded many of the requirements we still have a few that we need to achieve – one of which is having the required number of breeders. Delaying the action to the Winter meeting will allow us to reach those goals as well as allow a number of new breeders the opportunity to participate in this exciting and important endeavor.

We would also like to ask, however, that we be allowed to present the breed at the Annual. I will be attending, as will possibly a number of other Mist exhibitors/breeders and we plan to have cats present. We may not be able to attend the Winter meeting and travel in the winter with animals can be difficult. Please let me know if this will be possible.

Our Working Group has followed up on various comments and suggestions given by judges who have handled our Mists in the Advanced New Breed Category. We have drafted some slight modifications to the standard in consideration of those issues as well as a couple of other items that were inadvertently left out of the original. We feel these changes will significantly help clarify a number of areas about our breed. The revised standard will be submitted with the Application for Advancement.

Here is a summary of our progress toward meeting the requirements on the Application for Advancement to Championship:

- **Date since advanced to Advanced New Breed** Last Annual Requirement met

- **200 adult cats registered in a WCC organization, 50 of which must be in TICA**

Report from the TICA Office shows 208 cats registered – all will be adults by the Winter meeting and there will be more registered.

In addition – there are hundreds of Australian Mists that have been registered with ACF, CCCof A and ANCATS in the 30 year history of the breed in Australia Requirement met and exceeded.

List of 35 shows, 10 of which must be TICA shows

Mists have been shown as ANB in 20 TICA shows to date with four more planned for June. We hope that by the Winter meeting we may have shown in 35 TICA shows.

Mists have been shown in numerous WCC shows in Australia. If we use those shows – as is allowed – we have met and exceeded this requirement.

25 individual cats that have been shown

Several hundred have been show to multiple grand championship in Australia in addition to the number that have been shown in TICA. We plan to submit a list of the cats that first were shown in Australia and then exported and shown as ANB in TICA, then those shown and exported but not shown in TICA, followed by some of the most noteworthy cats in the breed. We feel this report will show the Board some of the diversity in the lines we have and also the quality of the cats that have been spread throughout the world.

Requirement easily met and exceeded.

List of Judges who have judged the breed in Advanced New Breed

85 TICA judges and guest judges have handled the Australian Mists in the Advanced New Breed category.

No specific number requirement Requirement met when list is created.

Australian judged who have judged the breed in Australia were not included unless they have also judged them in the ANB category in a TICA show.

15 Breeders Representing at least 5 TICA Regions

To date we have 11 breeders that are TICA members. All of these have litters born – some still need to be registered. They represent 7 TICA Regions.

This is clearly the area where we need additional numbers to satisfy the requirement. There are several people who have queens they will be breeding or that will have litters in the near future. We will satisfy this requirement by the Winter meeting.

At least 25 cats shown in Advanced New Breed in the past year

23 cats have been shown in ANB since the Annual. Six more are planned to be shown in June 2014. This requirement will be met and exceeded by the Annual and more so by the Winter meeting.

The remainder of the requirements pertain to the actual Application for Advancement and will be submitted at the appropriate time for that action for the Winter meeting.

Many of the above lists have been drafted. Since we are continuing this process several are still "works in progress". If you would like copies of the draft materials – please let me know. We will be bringing them as a draft packet to the Annual. They will all be included in final, of course, with the final Application for Advancement.

That concludes my report.

Most respectfully,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'V King', with a large, stylized loop at the end.

Valerie King, Chair

Australian Mist Breed Working Group

2014 Breed Report for Chausie

Per Registration Rule 33.8.15 regarding each breed making a breed report during the first 3 years of Championship. I can say we are very proud of the Chausie this first year in competition. We are a small breed group - 23 Breed Section Members – however, our breed group has done a fine job of showing this first year and the cats have done well!

Regarding the requirements – we met and in many cases exceeded the requirements as set out in RR 33.8.15.

There were 26 individual cats registered in the year 2013.

15 cats shown in 320 rings in 8 different regions (EN,EW, MA, MP, NW, SC, SE, SW,).

- Biruna Walhalla
- Marechal Ankhsenamun of Sonnenblume
- Marechal Howdy Partner
- Marechal Kid Shelleen
- Marechal Sidekick Sally
- Tasurt Amenset of Miragecats
- Tasurt Amun Ra of Sonnenblume
- Tasurt Desert Dancer of Sarsenstone
- Tasurt Herishef
- Tasurt Iris Moon of Royalhunter
- Tasurt Osiris
- Tasurt Sharbano of Sarsenstone
- Tasurt Sothes
- Tasurt Tefnut
- Tasurt Zeus
- Tribes Boogy Down

Our Breed Section Members are in 7 different Regions including EN, SW, SC, SE, EW, MA, NW – our active breeders reside in EN, ES, SC, SW, SE at this time. We have new breeders being set up with breeding cats in England, France, Italy, Sweden and Russia this Spring and Summer. The first litter of Chausies was just born in the UK this Spring.

We currently have members of the breed community that do not care to breed but want to show – they are showing Alters.

Breed titles and RW wins for the year....

- Tasurt Amenset of Miragecats owned by Joyce Pierce – Triple. Gr. Alter – 16th Best Alter MP Region
- Tasurt Amun Ra of Sonnenblume owned by Jo Milnes – 3rd Best Kitten, Best SH Kitten EW Region

- Tasurt Desert Dancer of Sarsenstone owned by Cristy Bird – Qd. Gr. Champion – 18th Best SH SW Region
- Tasurt Herishef owned by Bobbie Tullo SW Region – Champion
- Tasurt Osiris owned by Alex Marinets – 7th Best Kitten NW Region
- Tasurt Sharbano of Sarsenstone owned by Cristy Bird – Supreme Gr. Alter – 11th Best SH SW Region
- Tasurt Sothes owned by Bobbie Tullo SW Region – Champion
- Tribes Boogy Down – owned by Judy Bender SC Region – Champion

The entire Chausie Breed Group would like to thank the TICA Board of Directors for their continued support of our breed.

Respectfully Submitted on behalf of the Chausie Breed Group,

Bobbie Tullo, WBC

The Highlander Breed Group Report: 2013-2014

The Highlander has been a PNB since 2008. We are continuing to slowly gain popularity as more people become interested in our breed. As of this writing our breed section membership is at 21, however there are several active members who have not yet renewed so we expect that number to grow by the end of June.

The Highlander was a featured breed in the 2013 issue of Cats USA magazine. This has been a great opportunity to increase awareness of our wonderful breed to the public, and provide an accurate overview of the breed for the entire year that this magazine is available on store racks. The Highlander segment on Cats 101, Animal Planet also continues to generate interest in our breed as it continues to be rerun on television or viewed online. Although lacking accuracy in some facts, this exposure has overall been positive in promoting our breed.

Highlander Litter Registrations

In the 2013-14 show season there were 89 Highlander litters registered from 23 different catteries, which continues the trend of a steady increase in the litters registered each year. Of these litters, 3 were 02T registered, 12 were 03T/V registered, 36 were A registered, 22 were B registered, 9 were C registered, and 7 were SBT/V registered litters. This also demonstrates a continued progression of advancement in breed codes by an increase in the number of B, C, and SBT litters.

Individual Highlander Registrations

In the 2013-14 season there were a total of 97 Highlanders registered, this number is slightly down from the previous year when 103 cats were registered. Of these individually registered kittens 2 were 01T, 5 were 02T, 14 were 03T/V, 38 were A registered, 21 were B registered, 9 were C registered, and 8 were SBT. This again shows a progression in the codes of the cats being registered, particularly the SBT numbers which is almost tripled from the previous year's 3 SBT Highlanders that were registered.

Highlanders in the Show Hall

Five unique Highlanders were shown in five different shows in five different regions, representing five different catteries in the 2013-14 show season. Although we are not seeing an increase in the number of cats shown, this does represent an increase in the number of catteries represented in the showhall. What is even more exciting is to find that four of these Highlanders were shown for the first time this past season, bringing us that much closer to meeting our show requirement for advancement to ANB.

Summary

In review of the Highlander's progression over the years we find that we have met and surpassed all but one of the requirements needed to transfer to ANB, and that is the number of cats shown, as mentioned above. With this realization, we are going to make a push to get as many Highlanders as possible into the showhall this summer with the hope that we can submit our advancement packet this fall for consideration at the 2015 Winter Board of Directors meeting. This is an exciting time for the Highlander breed and we look forward to seeing it grow both in numbers and in popularity in the future.

SAVANNAH BREED REPORT – SHOW YEAR 2013-2014

The Savannah breed had a fabulous first year in Championship and the second was a strong follow up. I believe the Savannahs are fully part of the TICA family and are here to stay!

TICA Registration Rule 33.8.15 sets out the requirements of every new breed advanced to Championship, these requirements need to be met for the 3 show years post-advancement.

33.8.15.1 asks that a minimum of 25 additional cats of the breed be registered each year. The Savannah breed continues to be a popular one, in the year 2013 1324 were registered, and so far in 2014 582 Savannahs have been individually registered.

33.8.15.2 asks that a minimum of 10 individual cats of the breed be shown in at least 15 rings in at least 3 regions. Collating the data sent by the Executive Office, 45 individual kittens, cats &/or alters were shown at 44 cats shows in 11 regions.

33.8.15.3 asks that our breed group have at least 5 TICA members in a minimum of 3 regions that are actively breeding the breed. Given the number of Savannahs registered, it is obvious that we exceed this requirement, but at least 5 members of our Savannah Breed Committee have had litters in the past year: Brigitte Cowell in the MP region, Paige Hiemier in MA region, Patti Struck in the SW region, Jennifer Gray in GL region and Lori Greer in the SE region.

What I think was one of the biggest achievements this past show year is the show success of one Savannah, alter Halestone Midnight Hunter (bred and owned by Mike & Sandy Hale, SW region). In only our second year of Championship competition the Savannah breed has its First International Winner! Hunter achieved 20th Best Alter Internationally. With that IW, Hunter additionally earned her Lifetime Achievement award which is also a First for the Savannah breed!

Hunter was not the only Savannah to be successful this past show year, there were 9 Savannah Regional Winners (almost 10, but for illness preventing one SV from being shown in her region to make her points count to a RW) in 5 regions. 7 catteries produced those Regional Winners also, showing that our breed is successful as a whole, not just one cattery.

In the last breed report, I mentioned the issue of PK Deficiency as being suggested in a scientific article as potentially being a breed concern for Savannahs (along with a number of other cat breeds). A number of breeders have tested, and a few cats were found to be positive for this issue but the great majority has been N/N. The identified cats have had related programs notified and lines chased as far back as possible. It's difficult to give accurate numbers on this issue as not all the breed section was comfortable publishing results, of those that have been tested and

published on Facebook, 122 cats were tested with 2 cats found to be K/K (affected) and 17 found to be N/K (carrier status). Whilst performing testing, a problem with the PK Deficiency test was found in regards to the Serval genes that can be involved in Savannah DNA. With some correspondence with the lab, it was determined that the Serval N gene was not being detected, which only caused an issue with a small number of N/K results that thence appeared to be K/K. This issue has now been resolved and the testing more accurate now. All cats that appeared to be K/K were retested to be certain of that result subsequently.

Savannah Rescue continues its trend of having a huge waiting list for the handful of cats available. On this day, there were 11,070 members of the email notification group. To further help, another yahoo group was established by Savannah Rescue to allow pet owners to rehome their Savannahs without having to surrender to Rescue. Many pet owners wanted to have some choice and input into the new home, this group also allows breeders to post retired altered breeders. That yahoo group has 3,672 members waiting for the right cat to be available.

In conclusion, the Savannah breed continues to grow and flourish. We feel that the Savannah is becoming solidly established in the TICA cat breed family.

Brigitte Cowell, Ph.D.
Chair, Savannah Breed Committee

Rules Committee – Breed Advancement Comments

Lykoi Advancement to PNB

(MW) I believe that the application is in order from a Rules perspective (I am assuming that the EO can confirm that the cats listed have been registered as Lykoi). As far as the proposed breeding program is concerned, I feel that is a matter for Genetics.

(EC) - I support their application - this is a distinctive new breed that deserves to be seen.

(NP). The Lykoi application is in order. A very interesting breed - one of the most unique and interesting to come along in a long time.

(CL) Requirements are in order to advance to PNB status. They have a unique look and certainly have a merit to keep progressing through TICA New Breed program.

(BT) The application appears to be in order for their advancement.

(PS) The packet appears to be in order, and I look forward to seeing this unique breed in the new breed rings

Burmilla Advancement to Championship

(EC) - I believe their application is in order

(NP). The Burmilla application appears to be in order

(MW) The application looks to be in order. This is a long-established breed that has been at Championship status elsewhere in the cat fancy for many years.

(BT) Everything appears to be in order for their advancement.

(CL) everything is in order and this breed deserves to be approved for championship status.

(PS) Everything looks in order in the Burmilla advancement packet.

Napoleon Advancement to Championship

(TJ) It appears that everything is in order but my concern is the lack of consistency in the breed. It varies from a Munchkin to a Persian to a domestic. Another concern is we are seeing them in numbers only in certain parts of the country. Judges in certain regions have never seen them at all.

(PS) The packet appears to be in order. I would recommend that if there are suggestions on standard changes (page 14 of the packet) that they be taken back to the breed section members to be voted on and submitted with the rest of the packet.

(MW) The application appears to be in order from a Rules perspective. However, I am aware that an objection has been raised to the breed name - which I trust will be discussed by the Board prior to taking a decision on this application.

(EC) I agree with Toni's concerns - I also believe that with the controversy over the name that this should be put on hold until such time as they can resolve the problems.

(BT) The application appears to be in order.

(CL) French members have complained about the breed name and it seems to be a conflict with registration rule 33.4.2. Before considering the advancing to Championship status the Board should ask the breed section to vote for a new breed name. If no clear majority of the breed section agrees on a new name, it's up to the Board to designate a new breed name.

(SA) I agree with Martin, that the objection to the breed name will need to be discussed.

Maine Coon Poly Advancement (New Trait to Championship)

(PS) It looks to be in order to me

(BT) I agree

(MW) I think that, to be consistent with 2016.1.2.2, it should say "maximum of 7 toes on any foot". Otherwise, from a Rules perspective it looks fine.

(EC) I agree with Martin

(NP) OK with me

(CL) I must admit the application is in order from Rules point of view. However I would like to comment that in TICA history all the new traits than have been advanced to championship status were through and with the support of the Breed Committee: marble/snow/silver Bengals, silver Abyssinians/Somalis, British LH and Scottish Straights. I'm not against or in favor of this particular new trait, I'm just pointing out that this proposal could be handle in other way following the example of other new traits advanced to championship status.



THE INTERNATIONAL CAT ASSOCIATION, INC. REGISTRATION ONLY ADVANCEMENT TO PRELIMINARY NEW BREED



An indication that the breed is to be categorized as a Natural New Breed (Cat III), a Mutation New Breed (Cat III), a Domestic Hybrid New Breed (Cat IV) or a Non-domestic Species Hybrid New Breed (Cat V), with the rationale for the category must be included in this application. (Any breed may request to be classified as a Category I breed and may have no outcrosses.)

Name of Breed: LYKOF CAT

List the proposed breed category: III - Variant / mutation

Rationale for category: The natural genetic mutation produces partial hairlessness and a Roca Color Pattern in the hair coat that does not exist in ANY OTHER breed of Cat.

33.6.1 A breed recognized for REGISTRATION ONLY may apply for Preliminary New Breed status no sooner than 2 years after acceptance for Registration Only upon completion of the following:

Date (meeting) accepted for Registration Only: 08/31/2012

33.6.1.1 At least 15 cats which have attained the age of 8 months (at the time of application) are registered with TICA;

List cats by name and registration number. B2P1114

1. Gobs Gobbles Hobb Hobbes B2P1114
2. RAY of HOPE A1P070410090
3. Gobs Gobbles Dine Dine B2P091411006
4. Gobs Gobbles Queen Gricia B2P042612007
5. Gobs Gobbles Hing Hing B2P04262005
6. Nada Moonlight Biceps B3P091413013
7. Nada Lycaon Man Man B3P091413029
8. Gobs Gobbles Carlshed is he B2P042612006
9. Gobs Gobbles Gobs Dine B2P100512003
10. CATitid Silverman Susi B3P131213010
11. Gobs Gobbles Faolan B2P032213006
12. Gobs Gobbles Caleb B2P081613016
13. Gobs Gobbles Lolo B2P032213007
14. Gobs Gobbles EDGAR A2P022013016
15. Gobs Gobbles moonlight news B2P081613019

33.6.1.2 At least 10 litters have been registered with TICA;

Include copies of litter registrations in packet.

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

List member, region, and membership number. 1080186

1. CHERYL Herr - SE - R-3631SE
2. Johanny Gobbles SE - RF-3843-SE
3. Patti Thomas - R-2797 - MA/103506
4. Catherine Cloutier NW - 108481
5. Jayne Harrower - 1084965 - SW
6. BRITNEY Gobbles - 1091003 - SE

33.6.1.4 Submission of an Application for Acceptance as a Preliminary New Breed to each member of the Genetics Committee and Rules Committee at least 90 days prior to the Board Meeting at which approval is sought. Following approval of the proposal by the Genetics and Rules Committees, the application must be submitted by the proposed Working Group chair to the TICA Executive Office at least 60 days prior to the Board Meeting for inclusion in the agenda. Any comments of the Genetics or Rules committees must be included. The application must include the following:

33.6.1.4.1 A Letter of Intent to apply for approval as a Preliminary New Breed, including a proposed Preliminary New Breed Working Group Chair and the names and addresses of the proposed Preliminary New Breed Committee to be confirmed by the Board (The Preliminary New Breed Committee shall consist of all members of the breed section.);

Include a list of names, addresses, membership numbers and request for Working Group Chair in a separate document with packet.

33.6.1.4.2 A proposed breed standard with permissible outcrosses, any, approved by the Rules and Genetics Committees; include as a separate document in the application packet.



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33.6.1.4.3 A proposed breeding program;
Submit outline in packet.

33.6.1.4.4 A processing fee of \$50;
Include copy of DAR in packet.

33.6.1.5 A Notice of Intent to Apply for Advancement to Preliminary New Breed status must 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.

Date submitted for publication in the Trend: 01-21-2014
Include copy of DAR in packet.

June 25, 2014

To: Leslie Bowers
TICA

From: Stephanie Mohr
Burmilla Advancement Coordinator
info@kasanovakatz.com
916-995-6306

Subject: Advancement Application Packet

Please find the current version of our application packet requesting advancement for Burmilla/Burmilla LH to Championship status.

We respectfully request to be added to the TICA Board meeting agenda on Thursday, August 28, at the upcoming Annual meeting in Boston. One of our group members who will be assisting with the presentation and bringing cats, has a conflict on Friday and we are hoping our advancement presentation can be scheduled for Thursday.

Please let me know so that we can plan accordingly.

Thank you



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ADVANCED NEW BREED *ADVANCEMENT TO CHAMPIONSHIP*



Name of Breed: Burmilla (BM), Burmilla Longhair (BML)

33.8 Championship Status Requirements. An Advanced New Breed may apply for Championship Status upon completion of the following:

33.8.1 At least 1 year has passed since the breed was first advanced to Advanced New Breed status. The Board of Directors at its discretion may reduce the time required of Transfer New Breed.

Date (meeting) advanced to ANB: Annual Meeting, August 2012

33.8.2 A minimum of 200 adults registered in any full member association of the World Cat Congress (WCC) of which a minimum of 50 are registered in TICA at a level potentially eligible for championship competition.

Attach Addendum A.

33.8.3 List of at least 35 shows licensed by WCC organizations of which at least 10 must be TICA shows where cats have been exhibited, including region/countries and judges. A Show shall be defined as a "show catalog" for this purpose.

Attach Addendum B.

33.8.4 List of 25 unique individual cats that have been shown, including registration numbers and region/countries shown.

Attach Addendum C.

33.8.5 List of judges who have judged the breed.

Attach Addendum D.

33.8.6 A minimum of 5 regions are represented by a minimum of fifteen breeders who are TICA members in good standing actively breeding the breed.

Attach Addendum E.

33.8.7 At least 25 unique cats shown in the Advanced New Breed Class including entries shown in at least five regions during the year preceding the application.

Attach Addendum F.

33.8.8 Submission of an electronic Application for Advancement to Championship to each member of the Genetics Committee and each member of the Rules Committee at least 90 days prior to the board meeting at which approval is sought. Any proposed modifications to a previously approved standard must be submitted with the application. Following approval of the proposal by the Genetics Committee and Rules Committee, the application must be submitted by the ANB Working Group Chair to the TICA Executive Office at least 60 days prior to the Board Meeting for inclusion in the agenda. Any comments of the Genetics Committee or Rules Committee must be included. The application must include the following: (applications available from the TICA Executive Office or at tica.org)

33.8.8.1 A Letter of Intent to apply for approval as a Championship Breed, signed by at least ten TICA members in good standing; **Add. G**

33.8.8.2 A proposed breed standard; (See 33.8.8) Include as a separate document in the application packet.

33.8.8.3 A proposed breeding program;

33.8.8.4 A processing fee of \$50. Include copy of DAR in application packet.

33.8.9 A Notice of Intent to Apply for Advancement to Championship Status must 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.

At the meeting of the Board where application is made:

33.8.10 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.

FOR INFORMATION ONLY:

33.8.12 No breed may recognize for championship cats which are phenotypically indistinguishable from an already established breed; that is, each breed recognized for championship must be unique. However, this restriction does not apply to registration. Such cats are acceptable for registration and breeding purposes.

33.8.13 If the breed is approved for Championship, a Breed Committee shall be elected in the next regular election.

33.8.14 Meeting the requirements set forth in these rules does not guarantee advancement. The Board of Directors shall judge each request for advancement on a case by case basis.

33.8.15 Every NEW breed must meet the following requirements in each of the next three show years following acceptance in order to retain championship status:

33.8.15.1 Register a minimum of 25 additional cats of the breed.

33.8.15.2 Exhibit a minimum of 10 individual cats of the breed in at least 15 rings in at least 3 regions.

BIG TEX CAT CLUB

PROPOSAL FOR THE 2017 ANNUAL SHOW AND BANQUET

Big Tex Cat Club, a TICA chartered club since before 1983, would like to submit a proposal to host the 2017 TICA Annual Show and Banquet in Houston TX.

Big Tex is comprised of members that have been active in the cat fancy for a combined total of over 100 years cat show experience which includes but is not limited to show production, exhibiting, judging and breeding. All members are current active members of the South Central Region and have had experiences producing prior annual and regional shows and banquets.

Location: The show will be held at the George R. Brown Convention Center in Houston TX. This is a venue that is no stranger to cat shows and other like events. They have agreed to work with us in giving us the most reasonable rates possible and have more than enough space to accommodate 500 cats and numerous vendors. At the present time we are looking at securing at least 80,000 sq. ft. of floor space. The convention center is currently undergoing renovations which will include when it is complete new flooring, restrooms and an updated PA system just to name a few things. It has easy access on and off major highways and has a history of phenomenal spectator participation.

Show Hotel: The show hotel will be the Hilton-Americas Houston Hotel. It is connected via skywalks to the George R. Brown Convention center. They have over 91,000 sq. ft. of meeting space and ballrooms...enough to handle our awards banquet. They have agreed to negotiate a room block for us as well as meeting space for the annual board of directors meeting the week prior to the show. The Hilton is located directly in the middle between George Bush-Intercontinental Airport and Houston Hobby Airport and does provide shuttle service to both.

The Hilton will also host the 2017 TICA Annual board meeting. There is a variety of different sized rooms available as well as a wide range of food and beverage packages available. Big Tex Cat Club will work closely and side by side to assure that our board of directors has everything they need to conduct TICA business as comfortable and efficiently as possible.

Transportation: Houston is served by George Bush Intercontinental Airport and Hobby Airport. The convention center and hotel are located in between both airports. Intercontinental is a port of entry for the United States and receives many non-stop international flights from every continent. This will make air travel very easy for our international members. Houston Hobby airport is a Southwest Airlines hub and has just received permission to begin flying in and out of Mexico so our friends south of the border will have easy access as well. Hobby also serves several other major airlines so exhibitors will have a choice in air travel.

If exhibitors choose to drive Interstate 10 runs through Houston as well as IH 45 from Dallas and points north. Interstate Hwy 59/69 also runs through Houston, alongside the George R. Brown Convention Center.

Things to do: One of the most popular things to do in Houston is visit NASA's Johnson Space Center, home to Mission Control for the U.S. space program. The location of the show venue and hotel are right downtown and only minutes away from shopping, the theater district and the museum district. Minute Maid Park, home to the Houston Astros, is also within walking distance. If you want to put your feet in the Gulf of Mexico, Galveston is only a short drive down IH 45. There you can enjoy the Kemah Boardwalk and some of the best seafood in the country.

Show Personnel: We have had numerous volunteers step forward offering their services to us in order to produce the best possible show. We have had people already offer to master clerk, entry clerk and help to coordinate all the events. These people are seasoned cat show veterans and will help to make this an outstanding show!

Big Tex would be honored to host the 2017 Annual Show and Banquet in Houston. We are planning numerous side events during the show including but not limited to an educational ring with noted speakers from different universities, groups, etc..all pertaining to animal education, rescue and health. We are planning on having several different rescue groups along with a breed walk, which will serve as an informational tool for education about our breeds and what the cat fancy is all about. We are planning for numerous vendors for every ones shopping pleasure. This is but the tip of the iceberg..many more things are in the works.

We will present a more in depth presentation at the annual board meeting in Worcester MA.

Respectfully submitted by,

The members of Big Tex Cat Club

Anne Paul

Toni Jones

Vicki Jo Harrison

D'Ann Kovic

Maricia Munden

June 4, 2014

Dear Madame President, Madame Vice President and Board Members,

Before the Napoleon comes before the Board for advancement to Championship, an important issue regarding the breed name needs to be discussed and decided upon by the Board. Therefore, I am requesting that this be added to the Agenda for the 2014 Annual Board Meeting. Below are the registration rules that pertain to breed names and with which I am concerned.

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

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

Below are my concerns:

1. Napoleon Bonaparte was a prominent French military and political leader during the latter stages of the French Revolution and its associated wars in Europe. As Napoleon I, he was Emperor of the French from 1804 to 1814. He did not have cats and was NEVER the creator of the Napoleon breed. To the contrary, it is said that he either hated or feared cats, so naming a breed after him is not an honor.
2. The underlying reason the name Napoleon was chosen was because he was supposedly short. This reasoning was incorrect. Napoleon's height was actually average for his time period as the average 18th-century Frenchman stood at 5 ft 2 in (1m 57). Historians are now suggesting that Napoleon was 5 ft 6 in (1m 68) tall. To name this breed after Napoleon because he was supposedly short is derogatory to the man. The breed could easily have been named Stalin - 5 ft 6 in (1m 68) or Gandhi - 5 ft 3 in (1m60), Khrushchev - 5 ft 3 in (1m60), Keats – 5 ft 1 in (1m55), Stratton (aka General Tom Thumb) - 2 ft 9 in (.84m), Capote – 5 ft 4 in (1m63), Carnegie – 5 ft (1m52) or after any British, Brazilian, German, Japanese, etc. dignitary who was short in stature. I am certain that any of the board of directors would feel concerned by the misappropriation of the name of an important person in his/her country's history.
3. No other breed in TICA is named after a person. This should never occur unless that person is the particular breed's creator. I do not think anyone in the United States would appreciate it if a future new breed is named after one of the American Presidents, a famous (or infamous) politician, or a well-known public person.

I have been concerned about the name of this breed ever since it was created. I have requested many times for the name to be changed. I have heard the dumbest arguments not to change the name... business cards and documents are pre-printed with that name!!!!!!!!!!!! I do not believe these are good reasons to continue with a name that is inaccurate, as well as derogatory and demeaning. I am not the only one who believes the names should be changed. Attached is a list of people who also believe the name should be changed. I can provide copies of emails and letters to support these additional names at the Board's request.

I sincerely hope you will give my concerns serious consideration and request the Napoleon breeders to rename the breed.

Sincerely yours,

Aline Noel Garel
TICA Approved Allbreed Judge
Judge of Merit
Ring Instructor

Dear TICA Board of Directors,

Thank you for your consideration in advancing Napoleons to Championship. I am a new breeder to Napoleons, prior to that I have bred Munchkins since 2011. My first Napoleon litter was born this year. I had a first generation litter of a MK to HI, with one kitten who was to my standards, and then a 2nd generation litter of NPL to PS, with many kittens well on the way to being Championship Naps. I personally would like to work toward removing the flat tops to their eyes that came from the father. Mom has perfect round eyes and just a too long muzzle. These would be perfect to me if they had no flat tops. I'm very happy and interested to show my babies and see others compete. I'm lucky to be in FL with Judy, Lynn, and Elizabeth, all who show Naps at our local shows.

Thank you for your consideration to advance Napoleons to Championship.

Megan Appleby, TinyLegs



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Supporters of Napoleon Name Change

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ALICE RHEA
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ELAIN WEITZ

This list is judges only, I could not list the big number of members, breeders, and other associations judges in Europe

June 11, 2014

The International Cat Association
Board of Directors

Dear Sirs and Madams:

RE: NAPOLEON BREED: CHALLENGE TO NAME OF BREED

This letter is in support of leaving the breed name as is. There is no legitimate reason to change the breed name. Those people who hold a prejudice against Napoleon Bonaparte and have determined to take that out on our beloved breed should rethink their motives. Exactly what do they think to accomplish if successful? The museums and monuments, cafés and hotels, street names and pastries will continue to carry the name. The only thing that will be harmed is our breed. When all is said and done here, we are talking about the name of a cat breed. There were no politics at play when the cat was named. There were no negative sentiments attached to the name. And it has been brought to light in previous letters there are many more positive aspects attached to the name "Napoleon" than negative. I was born and raised in Louisiana where the name Napoleon and/or Bonaparte are everywhere you look. Our state is governed under The Napoleonic Code of Law. And we are all quite happy with it. We all look at it as just another part of our proud French heritage here. And on a very personal note, during the nine months I cared for my mother while she was dying from cancer, the only thing she would eat for the last few months was Napoleons from our local bakery. How could I ever attach anything negative to a word that brought a bit of peace and joy during such a difficult time?

In the past 16 years this cat has proudly carried the name "Napoleon". It has gained extreme popularity around the world with this name. It continues to grow in popularity and has reached Championship Status in two other cat registries in two other countries. The only thing I can see happening if this name change is given any merit is a lot of confusion regarding a 16 year old cat breed and there being a prohibitive cost to someone for making changes to all of the documents that would need to be changed. I am only assuming the person(s) petitioning for the change are willing to carry the costs. I know I am certainly not willing to. I am the proud breeder of Napoleons. And I will continue to breed Napoleons. No one can erase 16 years of a cat's history. Regardless of the outcome of the petition, Napoleons will continue to be bred, continue to grow in popularity, and will continue to be known as Napoleons.

Thank you so much for your consideration.

Peggy S. Chenault Robert L. Chenault
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Joshua C. Chenault
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Hello Lisa Martin,

Thanks for the facebook message. While I'm not a TICA member (but will become very soon) and plan to become a very strong advocate for the Napoleon cat real soon. Hope my mail to you sort of helps. I would find it very sad to not see this breed advance because of its name. Since I believe it is a perfect name and fits the cat very well.

It was strange for me to read that there is a discussion about the name Napoleon to be used for the Napoleon cat breed and that is perceived as something negative. In fact, I believe the name is very intelligently chosen and does not have a derogatory feel to it at all. I'm living in Belgium and half of us speak French, we all live in the area where Napoleon's code and actions have shaped history and to us the name Napoleon cat sounds logic and fits perfectly with the race.

Historians agree that Napoleon's remarkable personality was one key to his influence. Although not physically imposing, in one-on-one situations he typically had a hypnotic impact on people and seemingly bent the strongest leaders to his will. Same goes for the Napoleon cat that stands out as a breed and is clearly having a hypnotic impact on the eye when you see one. They are short legged but surely stand out and combine the shorter legs of the Munchkin cat with the looks of the Persian.

Since Napoleon's death, many towns, streets, ships, and even cartoon characters have been named after him. He has been portrayed in hundreds of films and discussed in hundreds of thousands of books and articles. It seems logic that this new breed of cat, the better and stronger breed compared to the Munchkin, would get the name Napoleon.

Over here Napoleon is mainly remembered for his role in leading France against a series of coalitions in the Napoleonic Wars. He won the majority of his battles and seized control of most of continental Europe in a quest for personal power and to spread the ideals of the French Revolution. He is widely regarded as one of the greatest commanders in history, his campaigns are studied at military academies worldwide. He remains one of the most studied political and military leaders in all of history. It should be fitting that one of the most beautiful breeds ever created should receive such a strong name.

Surely the Napoleon cat is at the moment mainly an American thing, but it is slowly moving over to our area and we in Europe love the name Napoleon cat. This is how we got introduced to it, by watching the 101 cat series on television. The internet is going strong for years using the name and I don't see how it would be possible to even consider to change the name Napoleon cat now. It is with us for such a long time now that I believe it has been accepted. Any cat lover you talk with knows what a Napoleon cat is and it is clearly a breed that is here to stay and soon will become very popular in Europe.

We have an aging population with over 60% of the people living here being of older age. There is a high need for a cat breed like the Napoleon cat. It is the perfect companion and they are so lovely and strong. The short stature and strength of the breed does deserve a name like Napoleon.

Ok, it is well known that the great Napoleon Bonaparte feared felines. Cats chilled Napoleon to the bone. However, it is unknown why he feared them. But what is known is that the sight of a kitty would put him in panic mode. And it isn't just Napoleon! Many other men who tried to rule the world feared cats, including Hitler, Mussolini and Julius Caesar. I guess cats and dictators were never meant to get along! And I guess that is one more reason to name this breed the Napoleon cat, since the Napoleon cat is such a fabulous breed that it will make this right, and grow into a global breed, that will be cherished and loved all over the globe!

My kindest regards,

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Dear TICA Board of Directors,

Thank you so much for your consideration in advancing Napoleons to championship. I have been so very blessed to be a part of the ongoing development and advancement of this unique and wonderful breed. My first Napoleon litter was born on Christmas Eve 2006. Since then it has been wonderful to see so many breeders come together and work together to define and redefine the standard, help each other out through education and mentoring, and get Napoleons out to shows and into the hands of judges all over the world. It is exciting to see the beautiful consistency in conformation that has developed over the last eight years.

As we move forward I expect you will see so many more Napoleons in the show halls since we have many new people beginning Napoleon breeding programs now. Napoleons capture the hearts of everyone they meet which means an ever growing population of breeders, showmen and happy pet owners as time goes on. I myself have only ever bred Napoleons and it is the only breed I ever plan to work with. I enjoy several happy, healthy litters each year working always to come ever closer and closer to the perfect Napoleon show cat. Over the past year and a half I have had the opportunity to attend several shows and have thoroughly enjoyed the experience, education, atmosphere and people at each one. Below are photos of my two best show girls. I love their big round eyes and open sweet expressions that are key to a great Napoleon look and which sums up their wonderful personalities as well.

Again, thank you for your consideration to advance Napoleons to Championship and I look forward to seeing you in the show halls!

~Kristin DuBois, Blueskies Napoleons



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Dear TICA Board,

It has come to my attention that the name of our beautiful Napoleon cats is being challenged. For several reasons I am asking you please to support the name staying the same.

First of all the rule being given to push for a name change is: 33.4.2 A breed name shall not be derogatory, nor shall it make unsubstantiated claims regarding the merits of or geographic or genetic origins of the breed.

I can only assume that this is in regards to the historical French figure, Napoleon Bonaparte. However our wonderful cats are not named Bonaparte, which is the surname of a man who may or may not bring bad connotations to the name depending on who you are. They are Napoleons which, true, was this man's first name, but a name shared with many other people, real and fictional, over history including royalty, athletes, artists, politicians, scientists, architects, musicians, cities in eight US states, characters in novels, video games and movies. It is also the name of a delicious pastry and candy. To imply that the name Napoleon, apart from the surname Bonaparte, is derogatory in any way, is somewhat discriminative and prejudiced against all those other people, characters and sweets who share this name.

A private survey of what people think of when they hear the word "Napoleon" evoked a number of responses including ice cream, dessert, Napoleon Dynamite and, yes, Bonaparte. The two people who referred to the man made a point to say that it did not bring negative connotations to their minds. The most prolific response was, you guessed it, cats!

Furthermore there are meanings behind every name. It doesn't take much of a google search to find over and over the meaning of the name Napoleon. It means "new city," "from Naples" and most notably "lion!" None of these meanings are derogatory or negative in any way. The fact that "lion" is one of the meanings of the name of our cats is actually extremely appropriate!

The name of our breed, Napoleon, has been around now for 16 years. Many breeders, showmen and happy pet owners are now very familiar with Napoleon as the name of the breed of cat we love. Napoleons have been the subject of countless magazine articles throughout the world and featured in books and television using this name. With the great advances in the internet and social media in the last decade or so, now more than ever, when something is "out there" in the media it spreads quickly and sticks. People around the globe know what a Napoleon is. To change the name at this point would be a serious detriment to the public awareness of the breed. Although the cats do speak for themselves and would eventually climb back up and beyond the recognition and popularity they now enjoy, the hit that we all, breeders and TICA alike, will feel is real.

Finally, although there will always be someone, somewhere, who will object to any name, Napoleons have moved up the ranks within TICA to where we are today as Napoleons. Although there have been those along the way who have voiced their objection to the name it has not been an issue enough to force a name change upon Napoleons. Is there...was there ever, truly, an actual reason to force a name change?

Thank you for your time and consideration. I sincerely hope that you will support maintaining the name of our breed as Napoleon since it is not derogatory in anyway, its meanings are positive and even feline in origin, and that the name Napoleon has been used for this marvelous breed both in TICA and the world round for over 15 years!

Most Sincerely,

Kristin DuBois
Blue Skies Napoleons

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Shorty Shorty Shortcakes, or "Shorty", for short :) is our Shell Cameo Napoleon. He is sweet, beautiful, and very demanding of attention. The son of "Marv"/Mavoleous (Standard Munchkin) and Marshmellow (Shell Cameo Persian), he has taken on the best of his parents' looks, traits, and temperament. After a short break from breeding (due to financial, relocation, and school obligations), we are planning on getting fully back into the program here on the West Coast.

I am proud to have a cat named after such an important emperor. Though diminutive in stature, they both are regal, and able to capture the attention of people around them. Many leaders around the world have been nicknamed "the Napoleon of ___" in reference to his epic, sweeping accomplishments.

Here are some quotes from Wikipedia.org concerning Napoleon. Please see article for any original sources.

"As Napoleon I, he was Emperor of the French from 1804 to 1814 and again in 1815. He implemented a wide array of liberal reforms across Europe, including the abolition of feudalism and the spread of religious toleration. His legal code in France, the Napoleonic Code, influenced numerous civil law jurisdictions worldwide. Napoleon is remembered for his role in leading France against a series of coalitions in the Napoleonic Wars. He won the majority of his battles and seized control of most of continental Europe in a quest for personal power and to spread the ideals of the French Revolution. Widely regarded as one of the greatest commanders in history, his campaigns are studied at military academies worldwide. He remains one of the most studied political and military leaders in all of history."

"Historians agree that Napoleon's remarkable personality was one key to his influence. Although not physically imposing, in one-on-one situations he typically had a hypnotic impact on people and seemingly bent the strongest leaders to his will"

"Napoleonic Code

The Napoleonic code was adopted throughout much of Europe, though only in the lands he conquered, and remained in force after Napoleon's defeat. Napoleon said: "My true glory is not to have won forty battles... Waterloo will erase the memory of so many victories. ... But... what will live forever, is my Civil Code." The Code still has importance today in a quarter of the world's jurisdictions including in Europe, the Americas and Africa."

"Napoleon reorganized what had been the Holy Roman Empire, made up of more than a thousand entities, into a more streamlined forty-state Confederation of the Rhine; this provided the basis for the German Confederation and the unification of Germany in 1871.

The movement toward national unification in Italy was similarly precipitated by Napoleonic rule. These changes contributed to the development of nationalism and the nation state."

Metric system

The official introduction of the metric system in September 1799 was unpopular in large sections of French society, and Napoleon's rule greatly aided adoption of the new standard across not only France but the French sphere of influence. Napoleon ultimately took a retrograde step in 1812 when he passed legislation to introduce the mesures usuelles (traditional units of measurement) for retail trade—a system of measure that resembled the pre-revolutionary units but were based on the kilogram and the metre; for example the livre métrique (metric pound) was 500 g instead of 489.5 g—the value of the livre du roi (the king's pound). Other units of measure were

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rounded in a similar manner. This however laid the foundations for the definitive introduction of the metric system across Europe in the middle of the 19th century"

"International Napoleonic Congresses are held regularly and include participation by members of the French and American military, French politicians and scholars from different countries. In January 2012, the mayor of Montreuil-Fault-Yverne, near Paris (the site of a late victory of Napoleon) proposed development of Napoleonland, a commemorative theme park at a projected cost of 200 million euros."

"Legacy outside France

Napoleon was responsible for spreading the values of the French Revolution to other countries. (Napoleon provided the design for the flag of Italy on the basis of the French tricolour.)

The Napoleonic Code is a codification of law including civil, family and criminal law that Napoleon imposed on French-conquered territories. After the fall of Napoleon, not only was Napoleonic Code retained by such countries including the Netherlands, Belgium, parts of Italy and Germany, but has been used as the basis of certain parts of law outside Europe including the Dominican Republic, the US state of Louisiana and the Canadian province of Quebec.

The memory of Napoleon in Poland is highly favorable, for his support for independence and opposition to Russia, his legal code, the abolition of serfdom, and the introduction of modern middle class bureaucracies".

In France and throughout the world, some people love Napoleon and his accomplishments, and some saw him only as a tyrant, just as people here in America like/dislike some of our presidents and social figures. No one can doubt his historical importance.

I am not Joseph B. Smith (the originator of the breed and name), but I am fairly certain that in no way he meant the name to be derogatory or offensive in any way, nor an assumption that they originate in France

TICA Registration Rule 33.4.2: "A breed name shall not be derogatory, nor shall it make unsubstantiated claims regarding the merits of geographic or genetic origins of the breed".

I am fairly certain that I've shown some examples of how "Napoleon" is not derogatory. As far as "unsubstantiated claims", it seems no different to me than the Bombay (not from India), Havana (not Cuban), Himalayan (probably not really from the Himalayan Mountains), Javanese (not actually from Java/Indonesia), Maine Coon (A wide-spread (though biologically impossible) belief is that it originated from matings between semi-wild, domestic cats and raccoons) (taken from official TICA website <http://www.tica.org/public/breeds/mc/intro.cfm>). Munchkins (not actually from Oz, and little people could possibly take offense), Serengeti (Asian, not African in background), Singapura (though brought back from Singapore, may have originated in the US), Sphinx (not Egyptian, nor in close resemblance to The Sphinx).

This is truly not meant to be argumentative, but an example of already accepted names within TICA that seem to be in the same situation to that of the "Napoleon" cat.

If the only way to keep this beautiful and regal cat in the running for championship status, or indeed recognition with TICA is to change the name, then I would rather change the name. Since the Napoleon name has been associated to this breed of cat for almost two decades I am sure Napoleon will always be used as the Common Name.

If this is required, I have heard possibilities from other people, and also came up with a few potential names of my own, as follows

Nikita (American Indian - smooth or round one), Nappies, Nankin, Napkin, MiniPur/ Minipurr (although in use as the name for a Teacup Persian cat), Luxurium, Mersian, Perkin, Pomkin, Achondroper (a play on achondroplasia - dwarfism and Persian), Munchian/Munshian/Munchen, Belfaygor (a resident of Oz with a long beard), Kalidiah (also from Oz - a tiger/bear hybrid creature), Hobbics (also small with furry feet),

Gillikins, Winkles, Quadlings (groups from Oz - countries separated North, East, South, (accordingly) and West (designated for the Munchkins))

Thank You

Tommy Bentley and Allen Fertuna

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Sandy G

Greetings,

I breed and have shown Napoleons. The breed seems to be gaining in popularity and I feel it will mean more registrations for TICA in the future. It is a wonderful new breed and I hope the Board will allow us to advance to championship.

There has been much discussion about the name "Napoleon". I am not sure why that name was chosen by Joe Smith when the breed was founded and I will not be personally offended if the name of the breed is changed. I think there have been some excellent suggestions made from breeders that we could use. My personal favorite is "Cherub".

The name is not important, but the breed is. My hope is that the board will advance the breed even if the name "Napoleon" is rejected. I can't speak for others, but I would love to be able to show my cats to championship in TICA.

Respectfully,

Sandy Groleau
Purrrle Lace Napoleons
Hinckley, MN



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bengalislandcat@aol.com

Jun 8 at 10:12 AM

Dear Board Members,

I am requesting the Napoleon advancement to Championship.

I am a focused Bengal Breeder and I show them, and one of them Bengalislandcat Obsidian Oasis of Jungletrax placed Third Best Bengal Kitten in the World for 2012, I have loved the Bengal and thought of no other breed till I met my first Napoleon ! I was in love ! The adorable faces neither Persian or Munchkin looking but a blend of the two, that adorable face and look of their own !

I had to find out more about these cats and have had much help from Terri and many others who love breeding and developing these cats. My inquiry with Terri was in wanting the best she had to offer me to start my program and to show them. I am looking forward to my girls first show in July at Hickory NC. She helped me decide on my first girl and boy who I plan on showing and investing time and money into and promoting the Breed.

Cats 101 has promoted this Breed and I have found many people to know of these cats the Napoleons from this alone . My 9 year old Granddaughter is very aware of the cats and is excited that I will be getting my kittens soon. Many of my friends are excited too and want on my waiting list for future kittens ! I feel after more ten years of "developing" and advancing the Breed and as far as the cats popularity around the World, the cats are ready for Championship !

I would love the Chance to one day have another World Champion in this wonderful Breed also.

Donna V. Haynes

LapNaps Bengalislandcat



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Dear TICA Board of Directors,

I would like to add my voice to the breeders requesting advancement for Napoleons to Championship, and thank you for this opportunity.

With my Napoleon adventure beginning in 2008, I have been delighted to watch this breed grow in popularity as people discover what a treasure these little cats are. They are not only beautiful physically and relatively low maintenance, but balanced in personality, a perfect companion. Thanks to their wonderful attributes, they will only continue to grow in popularity with new breeders and owners bringing the cats to the show halls.

I feel that showing and the ability to show at a Championship level is important because it encourages breeding for the standard, encourages the most beautiful looks, and the best, most balanced temperaments and healthy conformation. This helps to promote better breeding stock for the future, encouraging the beauty and balanced temperament that makes this breed such a gem.

I would like to see their name remain unchanged and to see their advancement proceed as is. With dedicated, experienced breeders and many new up-and-coming breeders working together, this breed is going places! I myself look forward to learning the ropes at shows and experiencing the joy of sharing these cats in a show hall.

Thank you for your consideration,

David Hodge - Little Frenchmen Cattery



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June 1, 2014

Dear TZCA Board of Director

Thank you so much for take your time for the advancing the Napoleons to the Championship. I am thankful to have this opportunity to be part in the advance of this marvelous breed.

Since I started with the Napoleons, it was only a few breeders and now there so many more interested in the development of this breed working, learning and mentoring no matter we are in different places in the world. I am the first breed in Puerto Rico and some of my clients definitely want to become a breeder too. Even a veterinary who bought me one of them and want another Napoleon.


We want to demonstrate you that they have all the characteristic for the consideration to the advance of these adorable breed.

This breed capture the attention of all cat lovers even the ones who are breeding other breeds. Everyday people are learning of this breed and asking about them.

This breed are and easygoing temper and they don't have health problems, and they can live the same as other cats even when they come in short legged.

Napoleon have to be part of the Championship as we can demonstrate they have the standard that you need.

Please take a little more time and look how gorgeous and easygoing and how they are growing since people are knowing more about them.


Rebecca Hernandez
Napoleon breeder in Puerto Rico



www.miumiucatz.com/cms

MiuMiucatz is a indoor cattery based in China, Suzhou. Being past scottish fold breeders, we decided to bring in a relatively new breed that will leave something in everyone' s heart.

After a lengthy search and a long learning process provided by the breeders in US, we finally went ahead with the Napoleon project.

This sweet unique breed is previously unknown here and we are striving to spread the awareness to the best of our efforts.

Even though there is a lack of TICA events over in this part of the world, we are working through other channels to increase the exposure of Napoleons.

If things go well, we can expect to see Napoleons LH on the coverpages of magazines in china during the upcoming year.

Thus, we are 100% behind the advancement for this breed.



**Best Regards,
JY Goh
2014/6/03**

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June 08, 2014

Dear Tica Board Members,

It has come to our breed groups attention that there may be objections to the name given this breed when it originated. This breed has been known at "Napoleon" for many years and advanced to advanced new breed status within TICA known as this name. I would like to ask for your consideration to keep the name "Napoleon" since this specific hybrid class of cats has been known as this name, would be identified with this name within the cat community for now many years.

It is concerning at this late date that now objections are raised right before our petition to request to be advanced into championship. I have to ask why did this wait till now to be requested, why it wasn't brought up so the breed group could address the objection or change of name if required.

This breed group has worked hard to move these lovely cats forward to become a member of TICA at a championship status, there have been many years and opportunities for this objection to be voiced so this breed group could address it.

Should the name be rejected it also will confuse the public who now know this breed by the name Napoleon. A name change will effect more than a few catteries that use the word "napoleon" or a derivative of that word as part of their cattery name. This inconvenience will affect many financially to reregister their catteries, correct and replace business forms, correct websites and etc. This breed has been shown on television shows, magazine articles also as Napoleons.

I would truly hope that TICA will consider some of these issues and also acknowledge the hard work this breed group has done to advance this breed to where they are now and with that said, be gracious enough to consider this late objection as just that, it should have been brought forward years ago if some found the name "Napoleon" offensive or did not meet the criteria for the bylaw for names and allow this breed to be considered for advancement to championship as it has been known as "Napoleon". If in fact the name "Napoleon" is voted against to be used for this group, then I would like to ask the board's courtesy of allowing a new name to be chosen by the breed groups majority or by the board members themselves at this time, so our petition for advancement can be considered for championship status.

I personally would like to state, no matter what this new breed is known as or called, they are worthy of being shown in championship. I would like to have my cats known as Napoleons part of the championship community of TICA and to continue to happily support this wonderful organization we are all part of.

Thank you very much for your consideration and attention to this matter,

Ann & Allen Lydick
Wundrland Cats

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Dear TICA Board of Directors,

May 28, 2014

I would like to take the opportunity to thank you for your consideration in advancing the Napoleons to championship into TICA.

Our family has been actively involved in breeding and showing Exotic shorthairs in CFA since 1997. We became involved in this breed in 2012 when my daughter wanted a Napoleon kitten to join our family. I contacted Terri Harris to help us on our search and became intrigued with the breed after having many long conversations with Terri about the Napoleons and their development as a new hybrid breed. We had our first litter in early 2013 and out of our second litter, produced a very nice litter that Wundrland S Dealer Gift of Magi came out of and he earned the highest scoring Napoleon of 2013.

I have only worked with Persians and Shorthair Exotics in cats and only bred for show. Our goals are to create a healthy, good temperament show cat that will be successful in the show hall and/or someone's beloved beautiful companion. My main goal here is for showing and to possibly be part of the foundation of this breed. Health and temperament and type are without question my priorities for our involvement in this breed.

We have been happy to join this breed group and meet new breeders and hopefully contribute to its future. I would like to thank Terri for her friendship and support and generosity in not only sharing some of her cats to help start our breeding program but also in her support to this breed to see them to championship status.

I have included several pictures of three of our Napoleon kittens we have had this past year for your viewing.

Again, thank you for your consideration to advance Napoleons to Championship and I look forward to seeing you in the show halls!

Wundrland Cattery

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Naptime Napoleons

My name is Lisa Martin and I own the registered cattery NapTimeNapoleon. I began breeding Napoleons about 10 years ago. I wasn't taught what being a breeder meant. At the time, I just knew what a Napoleon was and I bred one pair for years without any knowledge of what T.I.C.A. was or what it meant to really be a good breeder. I just had a passionate love for the breed. It wasn't until a little over 2 years ago when I discovered the facebook groups that I learned so much! By interacting with the other breeders I became aware of how important registration was, what diseases to test for, what the standard is, and so much more.

I was lucky to have started out with great cats and I have continued to be blessed. I have a very strong bloodline that I am continuing to improve upon. I believe that we, The working group of Napoleon breeders, need to continue expanding our gene pool. I plan to continue using a Persian to Napoleon model not only because I like the offspring but also to increase the gene pool. I have a very healthy cattery. I have never lost a newborn and have never had any positive results for PKD or FeLV. I've never even had fleas. I'm sure having such a small cattery has helped.

My goals are to continue to breed healthy cats that conform to the set standard and to educate as many as I can not just about breeding Napoleons but about breeding in general. I'd like to save beginners from making mistakes that a little education could prevent. I also educate buyers that contact me about the importance of getting proof that the kitten is PKD negative, why registration is important, what to look for in a healthy kitten, and so on. I have made myself available to answer questions to anyone even if they are not buying from me.

I believe the Napoleon should be granted Championship status. I would like to see the Nonstandard Napoleons given just as much attention as the Standard. In my experience the Nonstandard cats are just as different as the Standard from any other breed. They have the exact same qualities except for the leg length. I've had buyers come back to me to buy more Nonstandards because they love them! I have had buyers get a standard and nonstandard and they have reported back to me about how much they love them equally and how different they are from other breeds they have had.

One buyer has bought four of my kittens from different litters. She bought two Standards and two Nonstandards. She uses them to help Autistic children in a group home. After she bought the first two, a Standard and Nonstandard, she noticed such a difference in the children and was amazed at how well the cats tolerated and reacted to the children. A year later she came back for two more. I believe the Nonstandards are just as beautiful and unique as the Standards and they should be allowed to compete on the show floor as well.

*I can not stress how much I believe in Napoleons and I have faith that T.I.C.A. will benefit from advancing them to Championship status. This breed is so unique that I find it hard to express how wonderful they are. You almost have to play with one for a few minutes to understand how wonderfully unique they are. Thank You for your time,
Lisa Martin*

Kagome, my first Napoleon

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To The International Cat Association 06-10-2014
Board of Directors

RE: THE PROPOSED CHANGE OF THE NAPOLEON BREED NAME

My name is Lisa Martin and I own the registered cattery, NapTimeNapoleon. I have been advised by our liaison that there is a petition requesting that the name Napoleon be changed. I am STRONGLY against a change being made as are the vast majority of Napoleon Breeders as evidenced by a poll taken. My understanding is that this is an issue that has come up several times before. If it was such a serious problem, it would or should have prevented us from advancing before.

I happen to know many people that live in France and that have moved here from France. I asked 35 people from different age groups simply, "Do you find using the name Napoleon for a breed of cat that was developed in the U.S. offensive in any way?" The oldest person I spoke to, Marcelle Stuckey who is 92, chuckled and said "Are you serious? Why would the name of a sweet be offensive?" Marcelle lived in France during WW2 and didn't move to the U.S. until she was in her 50's. I spoke on the phone to a couple of people in their twenties that live in France and they found it ridiculous that anyone would find a problem with a cat breed developed in the U.S. would think the French would be offended. They were more offended that anyone would think it was offensive and that it was a way to fuel the stereotype that the French hate Americans.

I made these calls because I wanted to know if actual French people would be offended. Not one person I spoke with said it would be offensive. I am not saying there may not be a person offended, but I didn't come across one.

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As a breeder, I love the name Napoleon for this beautiful breed. I also want to point out that this breed has been recognized by this name for over a decade, has been on T.V. Shows, in magazines, ect. Internationally. To change the name at this point is not only going to undo all of the work put into making this breed known internationally for so long, but it will be expensive for many. I have a good amount of money invested in the name Napoleon. My cattery contains the name as does my website and advertising. Who will pay to have our websites changed? What about all of the kittens that were registered under this name? Who is going to pay to change the registration papers? Who is going to be in charge of contacting all of the registered owners? Who will pay the people that need to do that? There are so many other expenses that go along with changing the name. We have been told that there is no objection to the breed, just the name. If this is true then it would be an even bigger outrage if this kept the Napoleons from advancing to Championship status. In my opinion that would show that T.I.C.A. isn't about the cats. The rate of new breeders starting new catteries of Napoleons appears to be very high at this point in time. There is a large demand for kittens which tells me that it is a great breed and will be a great asset to T.I.C.A. Please don't prevent the advancement of this wonderful breed over the politics of what seems to be a few people. No one wins by preventing championship status as soon as possible.

Thank You for your time,

Lisa Martin

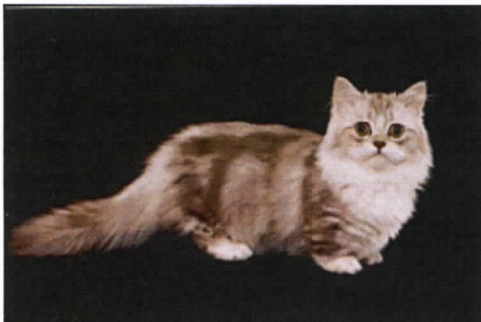
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Dear Board of Directors:

We are Ron and Annie McMullen, owners of Purr De Lis Napoleon Cattery in Topeka, Kansas. We just had our first litter on April 12, 2014 from our little Napoleon dam, Molly and Persian sire, Beau. They are beautiful kittens and we hope to have more litters of this quality! We hope to expand our hobby cattery to 3 breeding females within the next year. Right now we own one altered female, Creator's Love Our Mini Madeline, one breeding female, Judy's Cuties Unsinkable Molly Anne, and our stud, Extasse Beaufort Blues. We fell in love with the Napoleon cat about 5 years ago when we got Madi. She was lovely, smart, and had a wonderful personality. Our hope is to continue to breed beautiful kittens that are healthy, good-natured, and beautiful pets for others to love as we do.



Madi is 4 years old and our first standard Napoleon. When we got her we had no intention of breeding or selling kittens. We simply wanted a pretty pet that we could spoil! Madi is wonderful pet quality Napoleon. We have shown her twice, once in Kansas and once in Indiana. She did well and we were very proud of her!!!. Madi is also a little bit long in the nose to be the perfect Napoleon, however, she's very special in our eyes!



Molly is our standard Napoleon queen. She is a beautiful example of the Napoleon Longhair breed standard. Molly has been to 3 shows. Her face and head are round and she has a cobby body. Her legs are short and her ears are rounded. She is neither too long, or too tall. If we could change anything about Molly it would be to make her body more substantial. When we acquired Beau, that's what our goal was; to increase the substance of the body of Molly's kittens. We feel we've achieved that!



And finally, we have the babies! These 3 standard baby girl kittens came from Molly's first litter. They are round, cobby and so much fun! This picture was taken when they were 5 weeks old. They all have the beautiful baby doll face of the old time Persian, rounded ears, round eyes, cobby bodies, with personalities that don't stop! They are the pride of our vet's office and often, the entire staff stops what it's doing to come visit them during their well checks! We sincerely hope that all of these kittens bring joy to their new owners as well as beautiful kittens!

We thank you for this opportunity to introduce ourselves and hope you'll vote to advance the Napoleon breed to TICA Championship status!

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Dear Board of Directors,

What's in a name? One could argue many things. Dictionary.com defines a name as noun

1. a word or a combination of words by which a person, place, or thing, a body or class, or any object of thought is designated, called, or known.

Why does this matter? Well, our Working Breed Group Chair and our Liaison have given us a task. We were informed on Friday that there is a petition against the name of our beloved breed of cat, the Napoleon. As they both stated that they were too busy to address this issue, Lisa Martin, graciously and without hesitation offered to collect letters and set up a poll in order to gather data to see what might be our next move. This is my letter hoping to give my opinion as to why our cats should keep the name that has been bestowed upon them, The Napoleon.

Our understanding is that the name is considered offensive to some. That the name Napoleon brings bad feelings to some and it offends them. Point taken. It is completely understood that Napoleon Bonaparte does not carry favorable opinions by some, however, I can tell you that the name Maine Coon can be terribly offensive to us and our family. You see, our grandson is a bi-racial child. He has been called the derogatory term "Coon" on more than one occasion. That, by itself, makes the term "coon" offensive to me. However, we know that the name of this beautiful feline portrays the feelings of the folks who names the Maine Coon...they were not intending to offend anyone, rather, they were giving a name to their beloved breed.

The name Napoleon was given to our breed. It was an attempt to encompass the short legged, regally beautiful, precocious cats in one word. Napoleon is a first name. It has been given to so many people and things. Theme parks, pastries, children, movies, and candy come to name a few. The name Napoleon is not meant to insult but to describe. Napoleon Cats are regal in their beauty, precocious in the personality, and short legged...all of these things describe the Napoleonic Era, and Napoleon Bonaparte perfectly....well...maybe not the short legged part, but Napoleon Bonaparte has been labeled as small in stature so it suits our cats!

The name of our breed has come under scrutiny. Some want it changed. We implore you. Please allow us to keep our name. Many of us have spent money to advertise and 'brand' our catteries. The name Napoleon has been in place for 16 years. Our breed is known by this name and changing it now would set us back a great deal. If we asked every breed that had a name that could be offensive to someone, to change it, we'd have a huge debacle. Please allow us to move forward and put this issue to rest!

Respectfully,

Annie and Ron McMullen, Purr De Lis Napoleon Cattery

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TICA Board Members,

It has recently come to my attention that a petition has been filed to attempt to remove the name of Napoleon as the breed name of our Napoleon cats. I understand that the judge filing it feels the name is derogatory. While I understand that Napoleon Bona Parte was a military ruler that some may not have cared for, in many circles he is respected for his military prowess, intelligence, and skill. However, there are also other associations with this word that are not derogatory. There is a pastry, candy, and CATS! Many, many people associate that word with our wonderful breed. I suggest to you that there are other cat breeds current registered with names that could be considered far more offensive, for example, Maine Coon. In the deep South, any association with the word "Coon" is considered very derogatory to the African American people, yet this name is accepted.

In addition, the cost of changing the name this late in the game would be catastrophic to most breeders. Websites, advertising, business cards, photographs, website links, and simply the number of hits to a website based on the name Napoleon all will be adversely effected and cost the breeders thousands of dollars which will not be reimbursed. This will be enough to drive many out of the breed. The name change would directly effect the sales of these beautiful cats and confuse future owners. It could very easily take at least ten years to regain the mapping on the internet to our websites. While I respect your desire to keep names from being derogatory, I ask you to consider the severe financial hardship you would be causing many people as well as the adverse effect it would cause to the breed.

Napoleons have gained much popularity over the last few years, and are now recognized by that name. TV series have focused on these cats frequently and increased the popularity of the breed. Will they come back and cover the name change and help us make the transition? I doubt it! People will continue to search for Napoleons on the internet and suddenly not find them all because of a name change. Please consider the cats when you are making this decision. Please consider that there will always be people in our world who will find fault with what others do. To let such a small minority rule over the majority would be wrong. Please let common sense reign and allow us to retain the name Napoleon for our beloved breed.

Respectfully,
Linda Osborne
Windswept Napoleons



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Dear TICA Board Members,

I am very excited to be a part of the Napoleon Breed Group. Like many other new breeders, I became involved first as a very lucky pet owner. My excitement and love for this breed led me down the path I am currently on, which I couldn't be more thrilled about.

I am a small cattery, located in central Minnesota, dedicated to promoting these amazing cats through specific breedings that are designed to showcase their finest qualities set up by the breed standards. I will be doing mostly Nap to Nap breedings and therefore will be producing 2nd generation Napoleons. I attended the TICA show held in South Bend, Indiana last April and I plan to continue to learn and become an active showing member. I expect to see my first litters arriving sometime this Fall.

I feel that changing their name at this late date would do harm to the majority of Napoleon breeders who have worked so hard for obtaining Championship status, and remain hopeful that they will advance as is.

Thank you very much for your consideration for advancement. I am looking forward to the privilege of being able to compete at the highest level allowed.

Sincerely,

Char Sletten / Aristonaps Cattery



Little Frenchmen Starlet



Isla Jewel's Fool's Gold

My name is Elizabeth Snead and I am a new Napoleon breeder. My cattery name is Chateau Napoleon.

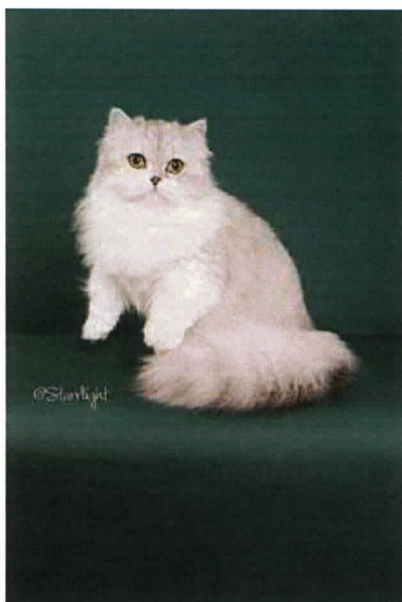
My foundation females - all of whom have shown well -- are from solid lines including Creators and Bluebonnet cattery.

But I am striving to produce to the TICA standard -- round eyes, wide set rounded ears, old-style Persian nose with no break. Some of my queens have areas that I feel need improving. Two are smallish, just 5 lbs and I would like to breed 6-8 lbs. Some have ears that are too large and/or pointed, not round like the standard. Two have almond eyes, not round enough and noses too long and munchkiny.

I hope to improve upcoming generations by mating my queens with both a doll face and a non-extreme nosed Persian male to get the combo of solid boning and pleasing round faces. I also have a Persian girl whom I will mate to a standard Nap male.

Eventually I hope to breed Nap-to-Nap but at this stage I feel the Persian boost is needed create that instantly identifiable Napoleon look and solid structure. And I want to get new blood lines into my cattery. This is very important to the ongoing health of the breed. It goes without saying I aim to produce kittens with no cow-hocking, small chins, bad bites, etc I want strong healthy Napoleons with good dispositions who will live long and happy lives in pet homes or with a very select few breeders.

While advancing to championship status would be wonderful for all who have worked so hard for this breed, I will personally miss the helpful dialogues with TICA judges in both PNB and ANB.



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To: TICA Board of Directors

On: The move to change the name of the Napoleon breed.

From Elizabeth Snead

I got my first Napoleon kitten in late 2012 from Margie Gardner at Creators Cattery. I had heard of Munchkins but to me, they were not appealing physically.

Then I saw a Napoleon silver shaded female kitten on Margie's website. A Napoleon? Well, the name instantly conveyed SHORT in my mind. I remember smiling at the cleverness of the name. Napoleon is reputed to have been short. Not dwarf short but short. Which could have something to do with the fact that he surrounded himself with much taller soldiers. But no matter. Whatever the reason, that is his rep and always will be and nothing can change that perception that has been passed down for the centuries. Its hardly a slur or smear, and a far cry from slander or libel.

I found the name Napoleon to be clever, catchy and one that instantly associated the breed as being short in stature. But it also represented aristocracy, elegance and refinement. I never once assumed that the Napoleon cat was created in France or associated it with the country, people or government. (I did read the history of the breed online and in case you haven't noticed, its pretty much everywhere)

Of course, I knew Napoleon had been defeated and exiled but i also knew his celebrated tomb was in Paris. I have spent a lot of time in France in the past 25 years as a journalist for USA Today, LA Times, etc and have never heard of or met anyone who vehemently reviled Napoleon. All great rulers throughout history can be criticized. You will find more people who admire him than loathe him, given the hindsight that a couple of centuries have provided.

There is no way that naming a short-legged cat Napoleon is derogatory to Napoleon or misleading to consumers. It is catchy, fun and completely conveys the look and stature of this charming little breed of aristocats.

As for the move to change the 10-year old name of this globally popular breed of cat, well, that is tantamount to destroying the breed. The little Nap has clawed its way into worldwide consciousness thanks in large part to the huge coverage of the breed on the Web.

To change the name now will be devastating to the breed and breeders who have worked so hard these past ten years. Cattery names will have to be changed. New sites and names purchased. New TICA registrations will have to be issued. Who will contact the millions of websites to get them to remove the name Napoleon. And even if they do take it down (which they won't) Google will keep all that past press coverage cached. It will take 2 decades to get the new name up to where we are now.

We have so much more work to do to perfect the breed to the evolving TICA standard. Please don't shoot us in the paw. Please let us keep this hard-fought for recognizable brand. To force us to change it to something like Cherub or Perkin is heinous. And will be like trying to change people's perception that Napoleon was short. It cannot be done. Not in this cached Google ruled world we live in.

Sincerely,

Elizabeth Snead.

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Dear Board Members,

In regard to the possibility of renaming the Napoleons, I think you should consider the damage that changing the name of any breed that has been in existence for 16 years would cause. Renaming the Napoleons would be a major mistake for everyone involved. There simply has been too much media put out over the years to promote this breed. It would not only be inconvenient but it would be nearly impossible to change the breed name now.

The subject of name change should have been addressed in the beginning when a name change would not have disrupted so many people, cats, media and everything else involved in the breed.

The name Napoleon by itself is not a derogatory name. The reason for the name could have come from many different sources. The complaint should be against the reason that name was chosen not the name itself.

Jeri Newman named her breed Selkirk Rex after her step fathers name and denied this for many years claiming this name was named after the Selkirk mountain range which was not true. No one discussed changing the name of this breed just because it was brought about under false pretences. The rules for naming breeds includes that the name can not be named after a person. So my point here is that the reason behind the name is a mute point after the fact and changing it for this reason after so many years would be detrimental for the breed.

So this petition has no merit because the name is not what offends the people, it is the intention behind the name that offends them. The name Napoleon in itself is not derogatory. So the majority of the Napoleon breeders feel that the name should not be changed for the fact that changing the name would be a tremendous inconvenience for the breeders and the breed itself.

Thank you for your time,
Rebecca Warren
Purwaky Cattery

Dear Board Members, my name is Rebecca Warren and my cattery name is Purwaky Cattery located in Indiana. I have been a breeder for many years. I started breeding and showing cats in 1985 with Persians, Exotics and Selkirk Rex until I closed my cattery around 2008. In 2013 I started breeding cats again when I found the Napoleons. This is a magnificent new breed that I believe will be more popular than the Persians and Exotics once the public finds out about them. I plan to show my cats here in the Midwest and Great Lakes area.

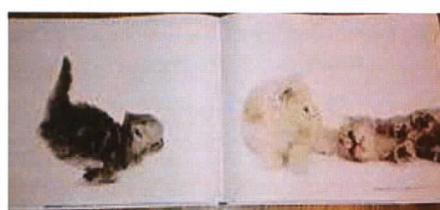
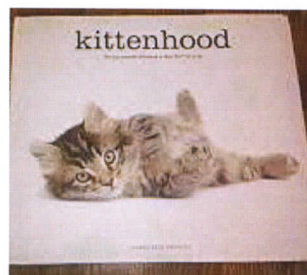
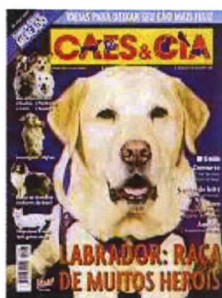
The Napoleons are a much improved breed compared to the Persian group breeds. They are much more adorable and they have much better personalities than any other breed. I have enjoyed working with the other Napoleon breeders and the members of the Napoleon breed group and I think this group is extremely devoted to their cats and to this breed.

Since I have just started breeding again, I have only had a few litters now but I have been a member of the breed group for over a year preparing for and researching this wonderful breed.

Thank you for the opportunity to present our new breed to you and I hope that you will vote to move our Napoleons forward toward their championship status very soon.

Rebecca Warren
Purwaky Cattery
Persians, Exotics, Napoleons

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Genetics Committee Comments on Polydactyl Maine Coons

Sorry about the delay in response. I just spent a couple weeks in intensive care in Brigham and Women's Hospital in pretty rough shape and am only now getting to my email again.

I personally see no reason why polydactyl Maine Coons should not be accepted. The trait is highly prevalent in the ancestral population from which the breed was derived and more than a handful of polydactyls were present in early lines. If any breed has a legitimate claim to the trait, it is the Maine Coon.

One can argue that more than one gene can lead to polydactyly, as is also true in humans. However the mutation seen here in New England and which is present in the Maine Coon appears to be benign and is not associated with other anomalies.

We already accept polydactyly in the Pixie Bob breed, so allowing it in another breed isn't bringing in a trait that has not already been accepted.

Although not all the polys I have seen are approaching show quality, allowing the polys to be shown and openly crossed with cats of excellent type should resolve this very quickly.

Your arguments appear valid and I personally am in support of your proposal to allow polys to be shown in championship.

Solveig Pflueger

I see no reason why they cannot take it to a vote. We already have polydactyls in Pixiebobs. I have seen my share of poly Maine Coons. I know that they have been in the breed from the very beginning and are already kept and used in standard Maine Coon programs (as an outcross as the Poly Maine Coons tend to have very different ancestry), with non poly kittens being kept. I remember seeing a poly Maine Coon not long after I went in the fancy in the early 80's. I also know the code generally used in naming the poly cats. It is not universal but if the cat's registered name has a P. in the middle as in Hairy P. Potter (I made that up) that is the code that it is a poly. All the Poly Maine Coon I have seen, have not had more than an extra toe per foot. It is generally a simple dominant with variable but not excessive expression in the Maine Coons and is not associated with any other problems.

I know that there are lots of anti-polydactyl Maine Coon breeders, so the breed section as a whole may very well not want them in as a New Trait, but that has nothing to do with their genetics and I see no scientific reason it should not be allowed on a poll.

Heather Lorrimer

Although I personally do not embrace the polydactyl Maine Coon, there is no genetic reason that I can see why this should not move forward to the breed section polling.

Heather Roberts

After some additional research of available documents, I'd like to add that the scientific research around polydactily in cats is extremely limited. The gene responsible for this trait has been described as an incomplete dominant gene with variable expression. Records exist of cats with different digit configurations. A trait that cannot be controlled is a true can of worms. The variable expression issue alone will require a very strict regulation of what is allowed and what is NOT.

I still believe that promoting the breeding of animals with physical defects is against the foundation of values TICA was built on. I am completely against this. I have seen many cats with forms of polydactily with very abnormal postures in the front legs when standing. Cat's do not complain and are so resilient that they do not show evidence of pain. How can discomfort be evaluated? Even cats with 3 legs can run and jump....

Adriana Kajon

I have seen several polydactyl MC, but only once I had a chance to test the fitness level. This was when my ring had a cat tree, once in America, and I was judging a big poly MC who was willing to climb it. Well, he could not, because of the contrasting push of his several "back" claws. I guess that, in smaller and lighter breeds, this would not be a problem. However, I cannot vote positively for poly MCs.

In the meantime I have seen the comments of other members of the genetic Committee. Then I would like to add that, in my opinion, the fact that we have already accepted polydactilism in PB is irrelevant, because MCs are much heavier and the lack of fitness and possibly pain or discomfort due to polydactilism might be correspondingly more severe.

But, in my opinion, accepting skeletal deformation in such a sensitive and functionally prominent part as the feet is unwise for all breeds. In my opinion we should not accept it for any other breed, and we should also stop accepting it in PBs.

Massimo Picardello

To Whom it May Concern:

The following is a listing of individual comments of the TICA Maine Coon Breed Committee members on the Advancement of a New Trait-Polydactyl Maine Coon:

I am against accepting polydactyl Maine Coons for Championship competition despite the literature that was sent to us for review.

Also, to be forced to accept all kinds of polydactyly in MC's seems a bit unfair and should, at the very least, have strict definitions as to what is acceptable as stated by Phillipa. I would like to see some work done (and not be rushed into this with our backs to the wall) by discussing this genetic trait with a qualified orthopedist and internist to see what their experience is with the long term effects, if any, on the health and bone /structural health of these cats. I know cats are not kids but, as a pediatrician, polydactyly is often associated with other anomalies (heart, skin. blood dyscrasias, cartilage, brain abnormalities and other genetic syndromes). Although often this is a "benign" inherited familial trait, some of the syndromes that are associated with polydactyly IN HUMANS include:

•Asphyxiating thoracic dystrophy•Carpenter syndrome•Ellis-van Creveld syndrome (chondroectodermal dysplasia)•Laurence-Moon-Biedl syndrome•Rubinstein-Taybi syndrome•Smith-Lemli-Opitz syndrome•Trisomy 13•Down Syndrome

So, I am a bit biased by this to be honest. If we allow polydactyly, why is a white spot which has absolutely NO associated problems considered a default and cats are DQ'd when judged? When I get the answer to this, maybe I'll yield on my opinion.

Dr. Judith Bernbaum

Again, I think our question to answer here is whether or not we accept the proposal of adding "polydactyls allowed" to our breed standard. I believe it needs to be worded better (being specific on the number of digits, their placement & even diagrams). Above all else, I believe it's the decision of the individual breed section members.

Dr. Liz Hansen

I have thought long and hard about this. I would back a separate class for these cats with clear cut parameters as to what is acceptable. I want a way for these cats to be separated on the register as well so they can be identified within pedigrees. As it stands I cannot and will not back this. It is TOO vague and leaves it wide open for abuse. As a judge I'm not being shouted at in a ring by an exhibitor because I think a foot formation is unacceptable but it doesn't say so in the standard.

I'm just back from NZ and whilst they do accept polys I didn't see any. My role on this committee is to protect my breed and it's Standard. Whilst I know polys are in the breed it doesn't make them show cats, unless they want to have their own class.

Dr. Phillipa Holmes

One thing all of us should keep in mind is that we all have polydactyl cats behind our current Maine Coons. The breed has been started with polydactyl cats but to have it accepted back then and lose the smell of a being "only" a barn cat the trait was cut out of the standard. Only a few breeders carried on with this old tradition, mostly those who did not care for show success or newer type fashion. So when some breeders started to show interest in maintaining and continuing that old and original trait they faced the problem that these cats did not look ready to match the other examples of the breed in the show hall. Still these people desired to have polydactyl Maine Coons accepted the same way the straight footed are. They took a lot of effort and accomplished their goal to match nowadays show hall requirements in type and size. They have come a long way; despite they have been treated really badly (or even totally ignored) by all the breed committees in the last 10 years. Of course accepting polydactyly back into the breed officially by allowing it into championship will cause some work like defining the amount of toes acceptable but then this should not be a big problem since it seems that there are barely any examples exceeding the 7 toes per leg limit that has been already set in the Pixie Bob. The other points of critic worded by a few members of this breed committee like various shape of paws needs to be addressed and from what seems to be observed by those who have been working with the trait for a while gives serious expectations that by selection it may become more uniform. There are already families that throw only one shape of paw.

In regards of the health concerns that have been worded by some I can assure you that polydactyl Maine Coons have no more or less health and/or temperament problems than any other Maine Coon. The absence of similar ill side effects like the mutations causing polydactyly in humans seem scientifically proven - see attachments to the rationale, these include scientific renowned studies and also documentation on the old ancestor cats who were polydactyl and that are behind every Maine Coon. Nobody asks extra health tests from the current Maine Coons, we have RWs and IWs who have no more teeth in their mouths by 18mo of age, who have problem with allergies and other symptoms of Eosinophilia, who have severe hip dysplasia (if only one would x-ray them) or who drop dead all of a sudden. Or who are well known as "judge eaters" but since they are campaigned they still win, no matter how bad they behave. Now I don't say that no Poly Maine Coon might ever come up with the same issues, but at least here in Europe, where many many breeders work currently on the Polys and who are responsible for their evolution in type and size, it is self evident that these breeders also care for health. I dare to say that at least over here the Poly Maine Coons have been monitored very closely in regards of hereditary diseases of all kind that run in our breed.

In the end both - straight footed and poly Maine Coon - follow the exact same standard of breed, share the same goals in temperament and health, have the same cats of origin, have the same genepool. While TICA has taken over some of the old separations in different breed groups for a few breeds like the Persian-Himalayan-Exotics-group, they run other breeds in the same group that are divided in other organisations, like the Siberians, who are judged in the show hall as Siberians, no matter which colour they have, while in all organisations in Europe their colourpoint sport run in a different class and even have a different name (Neva Masquerade). Maine Coons, no matter how many toes they have, share everything - the looks, the size, the temperament, the health (problems), the lines, the identity. Putting them in two different breed groups would arise even greater problems, since the current Maine Coon standard does not allow any "outcross". Also, I think, that it is totally irrelevant what CFA thinks of

polydactyl Maine Coons. If TICA ever cared for what CFA accepts we would definitely not have some of our most popular breeds like the Bengals and others. TICA has a long tradition of being a genetic registry, since 35 years. Maine Coons have an even longer history of polydactyly since the early days of the breed ... some 55 years long. It is high time to bring it back into the breed with full acceptance.

I write this not to serve my own purposes but simply from my knowledge of the breed and study of it's history, and my experience as a very health concerned breeder. I do not currently work with polydactyl Maine Coons, never have. I would not be in support if I had any concern in health or breed specific matters.

Ulrike Illia

Here are my thoughts in summary, based on all of the discussion so far and I appreciate having the benefit of everyone's thoughts to date. Many of my concerns have been voiced and there were a number that I would not have thought of as well.

- I think the wording of the acceptance into the standard is too vague as it stands. I agree with others who would like to see more specificity, including drawings of what is acceptable. And drawings without more specifics spelled out in writing and description, are not acceptable by themselves. I only have to reference all of the difficulties we have had in working the regular Maine Coon standard to get to this point. And there are still widely different interpretations by judges.

- I am 100% in favor of having PD identified on registrations and pedigrees. I think MC breeders need to know for sure what traits they are dealing with and be able to rely on the information to develop their breeding program without surprises.

- I lean toward the idea of a separate class for consideration, but I think this bears more detailed thought. If they are in a separate class they may get closer scrutiny which may/may not be to their benefit - it can be argued either way. In all cases, however, the rest -- and the MAIN part -- of the MC standard must be upheld. I worry about judge leniency based on the 'cute' factor (though I, for one, do not consider the trait cute).

- In the department of wishful thinking, I would like if there could be a gene test for the 3 gene variants that have been identified as non-problematic for other health concerns. The possibility of still-unknown issues plagues me. Since PDs have not been widely bred with the general population of MCs we may not really know the extent of issues that could arise. I state here that I am in no way considering myself a scientist so I cannot argue this point. I can only point to human studies and scientific findings which regularly get overturned and rethought.

Teri Matzkin

I, too, agree that the standard is vague and needs to more detailed. Pictures or drawings would help define what can be accepted, but needs to be described in writing also. I would like to know if, bottom line, there are verifiable medical reasons why we should NOT breed polys. I think a separate class is the way to go, but polys must be identified in pedigrees and registrations.

If I had to vote now, I would say no to acceptance of the polydactyls as it is now. If we can have the time to work on what would be acceptable in the standard and research can identify the many questions in a favorable way, I could change my mind.

Jennifer Sable

The majority of the committee members (6-1) favor a breed group if this new trait is accepted by the breed section and approved by the board. The creation of a Scottish Breed Group with the acceptance of the Scottish Straight is an example to argue for a Maine Coon Breed Group.

I am concerned there is no way to track polydactyls within pedigrees and registrations. The breed chair for the NZCF Maine Coon Committee explained their registry does track the polydactyl MC with a different breed code. It is only fair that all Maine Coon breeders know exactly what is in their pedigrees.

Another question is why did the TICA Board reject the polydactyl Highlander?

More time is needed to make a decision that will affect the Maine Coon breed as greatly as this. There was insufficient explanation of the new trait other than polydactyl, seven toes per foot maximum. If this passes as is there will be a mad rush to revise the standard by May 2015. If the petitioners for this trait had chosen the route to work with the committee these things may have been worked out to a beneficial outcome. As it stands it is too vague to accept.

Kim Tomlin, Chair



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Name of Breed: Maine Coon

33.9.2 Requirements for Championship Status. A new trait or traits may apply for Championship Status upon completion of the following:

33.9.2.1 At least ten individual examples of the new trait or traits have been shown.

List cat by name, registration number and show.

1. LeatherandLace Raging Storm P, SBT 030913 046, Cats and Tulips, 2-3 November 2013, Hellevoetsluis, NL
2. Adelheids Haiku Ai PP, SBT 041413 053, Cats French Lovers, 8-9 February 2014, Toulouse, France
3. White Rocks Lilly Marlene PP, SBT 060112 037, Cats and Tulips, 19-20 January 2013, Brielle, NL
4. Abracoondabra PPaws H'arien, SBT 070212 025, Catimini Club, 3-4 November 2012, Orléans, France
5. Polypassion Angelica P, SBT 100711 038, Cats and Tulips, 28-29 April 2012, Asperen, NL
6. Dissulot's Explosive PP Chaos, SBT 070913 011, Cats and Tulips, 2-3 November 2013, Hellevoetsluis, NL
7. Jarnac Un G Rico P, SBT 090303 048, TICA CATS Annual show, 2-3 September 2006, Hannover, Germany
8. Fishingtigers Jumper, SBT 080611 057, Cats and Tulips, 28-29 April 2012, Asperen, NL
9. UpperValley Silverfoot P, SBT 031105 048, WFC TICA Annual show, 2-3 September 2005, Syracuse, US
10. The Dorsai Orlith of Pern, SBT 070607 010, Cats & Tulips, 10-11 November 2007, Hellevoetsluis, NL
11. Migatobonito P Lampawghinni, SBT 050213 013, Ragtime TICA, 14-15 September 2013, Peterborough, UK
12. Candymoon's Sympathy for the Devil, SBT 070212 051, Cats and Tulips, 19-20 January 2013, Brielle, NL
13. Wackymoon Rosaline PP, SBT 032812 110, Blue Danube Cat Club, 30 November 2013, Vienna, Austria
14. Boonland's Bell Josephine PP, SBT 092211 015, Cats and Tulips, 28-29 April 2012, Asperen, NL
15. TLC Polycoon's Butch P Cassidy, SBT 032105 056, Magnifi-Cat/Belgium Catlovers, 5 June 2006, Belgium
16. Hakachou Nicnac of Jalhay PP, SBT 070512 070, Cats and Tulips, 2-3 November 2013, Hellevoetsluis, NL
17. Petteycats Ynot Raven, SBT 070507 001, Westchester Feline Club, 17-18 November 2007, White Plains, US
18. Løve Hulen's Funky Feet, SBT 031412 069, Cats and Tulips, 19-20 January 2013, Brielle, NL
19. Nova's Place Lady of the Well P, SBT 041211 065, Cats and Tulips, 28-29 April 2012, Asperen, NL
20. KityWhiskers Mustang Sally, SBT 041807 011, Cape Cod Cat Club, September 8-9 2007, Marstons Mills, US
21. Siduroy Poly P Paws, SBT 110707 016, Cats & Tulips, 1-2 November 2008, Heinenoord, NL
22. Firedevils P Pink Floyd, SBT 011712 008, UK TICA Alliance, 21 July 2012, Brigg, UK
23. Bloomingcoons Nora P, SBT 031613 065, Cats and Tulips, 2-3 November 2013, Hellevoetsluis, NL
24. Peppermountz Mamba, SBT 030608 024, Forestshow, 30-31 May 2009, Moscow, Russia
25. Dynamicats PP Fireworks, SBT 031711 030, Cats and Tulips, 28-29 April 2012, Asperen, NL
26. Vaskebjorns Layla P, SBT 120107 011, Cats & Tulips, 1-2 November 2008, Heinenoord, NL
27. Furkats Buttercup P Meadow, SBT 040201 037, Kool Kats Cat, 11-13 Sept. 2009, Hamilton Ontario-Canada
28. Cameron Coons Alicia Spinnet P, SBT 012308 018, Cats & Tulips, 1 March 2009, Hellevoetsluis, NL
29. BlueBlaze Princess Llewella P, SBT 032507 048, Gold Coast Show, 10-11 November 2007, Hempstead, US
30. Aranycoons Dacota PL, SBT 030313 036, Cats and Tulips, 2-3 November 2013, Hellevoetsluis, NL
31. Galaxy P de Redland, SBT 092311 048, Cats and Tulips, 12-13 April 2014, Asperen, NL
32. Clevercoon's Quandro, SBT 082308 024, Cosy Cats, 11 July 2009, Riihimäki, Finland
33. RoyalMainlys P Bandhu Dancer, SBT 042306 009, Cats & Tulips, 26-27 August 2006, Woerden-NL
34. Amerrykoon P Mary's Memory Dancer, SBT 081206 064, Cats & Tulips, 10-11 Nov. 2007, Hellevoetsluis, NL
35. Ormedons Candy P Cookie, SBT 022503 073, TICA CATS Annual, 2-3 September 2006, Hannover-Germany
36. Ikaro Nicnac of Jalhay PP, SBT 050113 038, Cats and Tulips, 2-3 November 2013, Hellevoetsluis, NL
37. Avistacats Morticah of Petteycats, SBT 020106 008, CFL, 15-17 June 2007, Syracuse, US
38. Wakpala Luta Native Pommegranata, SBT 071711 043, Cats and Tulips, 28-29 April 2012, Asperen, NL
39. Dirigo Cap'N P'Tigger, Nauticats, SBT 071109 056, 16 March 2014, Augusta, Maine, US



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- 40.** Aranycoons Drobby PL, SBT 030313 035, Cats and Tulips, 2-3 November 2013, Hellevoetsluis, NL
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- 41.** Coonplay P. Linkin of QuiltsNQueens, SBT 021707 024, Cape Cod Cat, 8-9 Sept 2007, Marston Mills, US
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- 42.** Bogycat Sopphy, SBT 070309 066, Cats and Tulips, 28-29 April 2012, Asperen, NL
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33.9.2.2 At least ten TICA members in good standing actively breeding and/or exhibiting the new trait or traits in the New Traits Class.

List member, region and membership number.

1. Christiane Düntzer, Northern Europe	2. Winnie Scheffmann, Northern Europe, RI-1720-EN
3. Elisabeth Morcel, Southern Europe, RI-1039-ES	4. Peter Tucker, Mid Pacific, (RF-3334-SC)
5. Sharon Otten-Boult, Northern Europe, RI-1926-EN	6. Michael Hammond, Mid Atlantic, RLM-3121-MA
7. Elektra Hammond, Mid Atlantic, RLM-3120-MA	8. Berit Sorensen, Northern Europe, RI-2233-EN
9. Sandra van Kluiven, Northern Europe, RI-0820-EN	10. Maria Bryant, Western Europe, RI-0080-EW
11. Carolyn Tucker, Mid Pacific, (R-3319-SC)	12. John Monster, Northern Europe, RI-2068-EN
13. Astrid Lykken, Northern Europe, RI-1950-EN	14. Christèle Benoit, Southern Europe, 1143905
15. Adela Kroupova, Southern Europe	16. Bente Høidahl, Northern Europe, 1106232 (card nr.)
17. Miriam Muller, Northern Europe, RI-1659-EN	18. Maryline Compagnon, Southern Europe
19. Cathy Pettey, North East, R-2825-NE	20. Rikke Jensen, Northern Europe, 1093456 (card nr.)
21. R.A. Oude Egbrink, Northern Europe, RI-1544-EN	22. Marine Cornière, Southern Europe
23. Izabella Sijka, Asia, 1140213 (card nr.)	24. Cindy Keeman, Northern Europe
25. Marjan Boonen, Northern Europe	26. Beth Kus, North East, R-0681-NE

33.9.2.3 A minimum number of cats expressing the new trait or traits have been registered in the 3 years prior to application as follows:

33.9.2.3.1 Ten cats in breeds registering fewer than 100 cats

OR

33.9.2.3.2 Ten percent of the cats registered, not to exceed 50 cats, for those breeds registering 100 or more cats.

List cats by name and registration number.

1. Wackymoon Hoban Washburn PP, SBT 071411 034	2. Aranycoons Dacota PL, SBT 030313 036
3. Adelheids Haiku Ai PP, SBT 041413 053	4. Abracoondabra PPaws H'arien, SBT 070212 025
5. Landsbykattens Zorba P, SBT 011512 009	6. Fishingtigers Jumper, SBT 080611 057
7. White Rocks New Moon, SBT 042611 022	8. Mishikoonz Logan P, SBT 100912 021
9. Dissulot's Explosive PP Chaos, SBT 070913 011	10. Migatobonito PP Blizzard, SBT 041011 040
11. Wakpala Luta Native Black Pepperoni, SBT 071711 044	12. Dynamicats PP Fireworks, SBT 031711 030
13. Gulinka PP Nicnac of Jalhay, SBT 092211 023	14. LeatherandLace Bonnie P Parker, SBT 092411 020
15. Candymoon's Sympathy for the Devil, SBT 070212 051	16. Antocats Mjolner, SBT 072211 063
17. Mishikoonz Bianca P Neve, SBT 091012 046	18. Firedevils P Pink Floyd, SBT 011712 008



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19. Unforget P Fire of Magic Craft, SBT 110111 021	20. Wackymoon Jayne Cobb PP, SBT 071411 035
21. Galaxy P de Redland, SBT 092311 048	22. Nova's Place Lady of the Well P, SBT 041211 065
23. Bloomingcoons Nora P, SBT 031613 065	24. Ikaro Nicnac of Jalhay PP, SBT 050113 038
25. Mishikoonz Peekabo P, SBT 092311 031	26. Prairiebaby Praying for Polly, SBT 020513 025
27. Abracoondabra PPaws H'EöL, SBT 070212 024	28. Migatobonito PP Avalanche, SBT 041011 039
29. Fishingtigers Jasper, SBT 080611 056	30. Adelheids Hattori Hanzo PP, SBT 041413 052
31. LeatherandLace Jellylorum PP, SBT 111212 037	32. White Rocks Lilly Marlene PP, SBT 060112 037
33. Aranycoons Drobbly PL, SBT 030313 035	34. Dissulot's Extreme PP Storm, SBT 070913 012
35. Wackymoon Simon Tam PP, SBT 071411 032	36. Wakpala Luta Native Pommegranata, SBT 071711 043
37. PolysRock Biggie P Smalls, SBT 120113 028	38. Bloomingcoons Mississippi, SBT 052513 055
39. Boonland's Bell Josephine PP, SBT 092211 015	40. Løve Hulen's Funky Feet, SBT 031412 069
41. Hakachou Nicnac of Jalhay PP, SBT 070512 070	42. Landsbykattens Dream Girl, SBT 090813 026
43. LeatherandLace Missundaztood PP, SBT 040413 043	44. Polypassion Angelica P, SBT 100711 038
45. Landsbykattens Leonardo, SBT 041913 057	46. Mishikoonz Rosetta P, SBT 091012 031
47. Adelheids Hir Hito PP, SBT 041413 051	48. LeatherandLace North Dakota P, SBT 030711 052
49. Migatobonito Edward P Scissorhands, SBT 060612 018	50. Wackymoon Rosaline PP, SBT 032812 110

33.9.2.4 Submission of an electronic Application for Advancement to Championship to each member of the Breed Committee, (and if part of a Breed Group, to each member of each Breed Committee in the Breed Group), each member of the Genetics and of the Rules Committee, at least 120 days before the applicable Board meeting. The application must be signed by at least ten TICA members in good standing.

The following TICA members in good standing support the proposal:

1. Member Name Deborah Brown Region North East Membership Number _____

Signature: Deborah Brown

2. Member Name Winnie Scheffmann Region Northern Europe Membership Number RI-1720-EN

Signature: _____

3 Member Name Carolyn Tucker Region Mid Pacific Membership Number R-3319-SC

Signature: _____

4. Member Name Yvonne Bode Region Northern Europe Membership Number RI-1468-EN

Signature: _____



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5. Member Name Elektra Hammond Region Mid Atlantic Membership Number RLM-3120-MA

Signature: 

6. Member Name John Monster Region Northern Europe Membership Number RI-2068-EN

Signature: 

7. Member Name Gordon Pugh Region North East Membership Number R-2804-NE

Signature: 

8. Member Name Yvonne Bode Region Northern Europe Membership Number RI-1590-EN

Signature: 

9. Member Name Michael Hammond Region Mid Atlantic Membership Number RLM-3121-MA

Signature: 

10. Member Name R.A. Oude Egbrink Region Northern Europe Membership Number RI-1544-EN

Signature: 

11. Member Name Elisabeth Morcel Region Southern Europe Membership Number RI-1039-ES

Signature: 

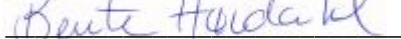
12. Member Name Sharon Otten-Boult Region Northern Europe Membership Number RI-1926-EN

Signature: 

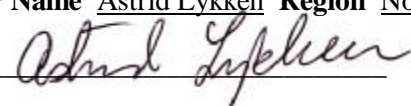
13. Member Name Izabella Sijka Region Asia Membership / Card Number 114021

Signature: 

14. Member Name Bente Høidahl Region Northern Europe Membership / Card Number 1106232

Signature: 

15. Member Name Astrid Lykken Region Northern Europe Membership Number RI-1950-EN

Signature: 



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16. Member Name Peter Tucker Region Mid Pacific Membership Number RF-3334-SC

Signature: Peter T. Tucker

17. Member Name Miriam Muller Region Northern Europe Membership Number RI-1659-EN

Signature: M. Muller

18. Member Name Maria Bryant Region Western Europe Membership Number RI-0080-EW

Signature: M. Bryant

19. Member Name Hugo Mulder Region Northern Europe Membership Number RIF-2058-EN

Signature: H. Mulder

20. Member Name Rikke Jensen Region Northern Europe Membership / Card Number 1093456

Signature: Rikke Jensen

21. Member Name Angela Tenneriello Region South West Membership Number _____

Signature: Angela Tenneriello

22. Member Name Sandra van Kluiven Region Northern Europe Membership Number RI-0820-EN

Signature: S. van Kluiven

23. Member Name Cathy Pettey -Mello Region North East Membership Number R-2825-NE

Signature: Cathy Pettey

24. Member Name Marjan Boonen Region Northern Europe Membership Number _____

Signature: M. Boonen

25. Member Name Yvonne van Stroe-van den Brink Region Northern Europe Membership Number _____

Signature: Y. van Stroe

26. Member Name Robert Sijka Region Asia Membership / Card Number 114021

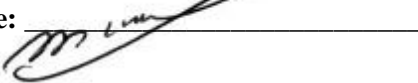
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27. Member Name Marinus van der Veer Region Northern Europe Membership Number _____

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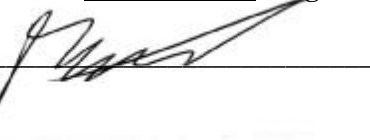
28. Member Name Marine Corniere Region Southern Europe Membership Number _____

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29. Member Name Beryl McMillan Region Western Europe Membership Number RI-1309-EN

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30. Member Name Ruud Kaltoven Region Northern Europe Membership Number _____

Signature: 

31. Member Name Renée van Stroe Region Northern Europe Membership Number _____

Signature: 

33.9.2.4.1 Any required standard changes must be included in the application.

"Feet: Large, round and well tufted." ***Add: Polydactyl allowed - maximum 7 digits per paw.***

33.9.2.4.1 A processing fee of \$50.

33.9.2.7 A Notice of Intent to Apply for Advancement to Championship Status must 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.

Date submitted for publication in the TREND: 26 February 2014

FOR INFORMATION ONLY:

33.9.2.5 Following approval of the Genetics and Rules Committee, and at least 90 days prior to the applicable Board Meeting, the approved application shall be submitted by the Breed Committee Chair to the Executive Office for polling of the Breed Sections. The application shall include comments of the Genetics Committee on the genetic validity of the new trait or traits and any comments of the Rules Committee.

33.9.2.6 Upon receipt of the application marked as approved, the Executive Office shall issue a poll to all members of the related Breed Section(s). Polls must be returned to the TICA Ballot Judge no later than 30 days from the date of issue. In cases of a Breed Group, a majority of the Breed Section members voting in EACH of the Breed Groups, must vote to approve the new trait or traits in order to advance to championship status. The results of the poll shall be included in the meeting agenda with the application.

33.9.2.6.1 The expense of any poll shall be the financial responsibility of the individuals requesting the poll.

33.9.3 Meeting the requirements set forth in these rules does not guarantee advancement. The Board of Directors shall judge each request for advancement on a case by case basis.