

THE INTERNATIONAL CAT ASSOCIATION, INC.
2014 Winter Board Meeting
January 23-24, 2014
Harlingen, Texas

The meeting was called to order at 9:11AM on January 23, 2014 in the White Wing Room of the Best Western Casa Villa Suites in Harlingen, Texas and the President welcomed the new Board Members . The following Board members were present:

President, Vickie Fisher

Vice President, Bobbie Tullo

Directors:

Asia, Motoko Oizumi*

Great Lakes, Mike Vasquez

Mid Atlantic, Susan Adler

Mid Pacific, Jay Bangle

Northeast, Francine Hicks

Northern Europe, Ralph Stadter

Northwest, Ellen Crockett

South America, Luiz Paulo Faccioli*

South Central, Wendy Klamm*

Southern Europe, Damien Boureau*

Southeast, Laurie Patton

Western Europe, Phil Cornwell

*new board members

Southwest Regional Director, Kristine Alessio was unable to attend and Southeast Regional Director, Laurie Patton and Northeast Regional Director, Susan Adler were delayed in flight but able to join the meeting by telephone enroute to Harlingen. Michiko Hagan, translator for Mrs Oizumi and Christina Unangst, Yearbook Editor were also present. Georgia Morgan, Fate Mays, Kay and Harley DeVilbiss attended the meeting.

The President welcomed the Board and acknowledged Georgia Morgan, Founding President, Kay DeVilbiss, Immediate Past President, Christina Unangst, Yearbook Editor, and additional guests, Fate Mays and Harley DeVilbiss. She asked Susan Adler, Legal Counsel, to brief the new Board Members on their fiduciary responsibility as a member of the TICA Board.

Susan Adler indicated to the Board that fiduciary responsibility is the foremost duty of the Board of Directors. The Board is charged with making the best decision for the organization as a whole. Board members were reminded that knowledge gained or shared in Executive Sessions is confidential. The President then asked the directors previously on the board to share with the new Board Members their advice and expectations. New Board Members were invited to ask any questions that they might have.

The President noted that the Spring Meeting date was on the same weekend as the London Pet Show. Various changes were discussed and the issue was ultimately tabled to later in the meeting.

Hicks gave an update for the 2014 Annual Meeting to be held in Worcester, MA. Information is available at <http://www.ticamembers.org/calendar/140830a.htm>.

1. Unanimous consent to approve the Consent Agenda. Without objection.

2. Motion was made by Klamm and seconded by Hicks to accept the appointments of Caroline Fralia and Beth Edwards (as proposed by Cheryl Hogan) to the currently inactive Household Pet Breed Committee. Motion carried with Crockett opposed because she felt that we should just wait for elections being held in October 2014.

3. Motion was made by Vasquez and seconded by Bangle to appoint Micheline England from the Great Lakes Region to the Household Pet Breed Committee. Motion carried with Crockett opposed because she felt that we should just wait for elections being held in October 2014.

The Governance Policy proposal was tabled to allow for the arrival of Directors Adler and Patton.

4. Motion was made by Cornwell and seconded by Bangle to leave Ireland in Isolated Status but to change England, Scotland, and Wales to Non-Isolated status. Motion carried with Patton and Stadter opposed.

5. Motion was made by Crockett and seconded by Stadter to accept the FY2013 Audit Report (attached). Motion carried unanimously.

6. Motion was made by Bangle and seconded by Tullo to accept the Budget Report. Motion carried unanimously.

7. Motion was made by Stadter and seconded by Klamm to set the Winter Meeting per diem rate to \$40 for up to 6 days. Motion carried unanimously.

8. Motion was made by Crockett and seconded by Vasquez to pay for the Winter Meeting hotel costs for up to 6 nights. Motion carried unanimously.

9. Motion was made by Crockett and seconded by Klamm to allocate an additional \$300 over the current travel reimbursement for the international directors. Motion carried with Bangle abstaining.

10. Motion was made by Stadter and seconded by Bangle to reimburse the full flight costs for Asia and South America. Motion carried with Crockett opposed.

The Board recessed for lunch. Upon reconvening, Adler and Patton joined the meeting.

11. Motion was made by Bangle and seconded by Tullo to fund \$3,000 for a TICA- sponsored reception for the World Cat Congress guests and delegates. Motion carried unanimously.

12. Motion was made by Bangle and seconded by Adler to increase the travel reimbursement by \$100 for US directors (from \$300 to \$400) for this meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

13. Motion was made by Stadter and seconded by Crockett to discount the Show License Fees by \$40 for those clubs not requiring the Executive Office to send Judging Book supplies, effective May 1, 2014. Motion carried with Cornwell, Hicks, Klamm, Patton, Tullo and Vasquez opposed.

14. Motion was made by Vasquez and seconded by Klamm to amend the Board Governance Policy to include the proposal **Publishing Minutes of the Executive Session Meetings**. Motion carried with Bangle, Bourreau, Crockett, Stadter and Tullo opposed. Adler was in favor with the provision that we should use the opportunity to publish a statement outlining the issues and reasoning behind what we are voting on.

Publishing Minutes of the Executive Session Meetings of the TICA Board of Directors:

Article Nine of the By-Laws provides that the Board of Directors may go into closed session if the matter under discussion concerns personnel matters, contract negotiations, is of such a nature that it may be embarrassing, derogatory or humiliating to a member or is of a sensitive business nature related to business strategy for the organization. The Article further makes public to the membership the results of all actions by the Board, other than those relating to pending contract negotiations or those relating to charges, complaints or protests which have been found to be groundless. It is the policy of the Board that the minutes of its meetings are reported consistent with the By Law provisions and in a uniform manner. Therefore, the Board adopts the following guidelines for publishing minutes of its Executive Session meetings.

Reporting Executive Sessions

It is expected that the published minutes of the general board meeting record that the Board went into executive session, the purpose of the session, and the outcome of the discussion. For example, the general minutes of the meeting may record that, "the Board went into executive session to consider advancement and re-licensing of judges." The general minutes would then record the outcome of that consideration, including the name of the maker and second of the motion. **For votes on any issues involving personnel matters or matters that may be embarrassing, derogatory or humiliating to a member, the outcome of voting on motions will be either noted as "carried" or "denied". The same is true for votes involving contract negotiations.** The use of "carried unanimously" shall be used only if requested by the Chair and agreed to by the Board.

For votes on issues involving approving contracts and taking action on protests, the individual votes of the Board Members will be recorded. Exempt from reporting in the general minutes would be the outcome of charges, complaints or protests which were found to be groundless. In accordance with Standing Rule 109.2.7, the Board will maintain separate minutes of the executive session meeting, in the form of a confidential addendum, if discussions and actions are taken on matters prohibited from dissemination to Members under By Law 19.2.7.

15. Unanimous consent to go into Executive Session to include Michiko Hagan, Larry Hart, Frances Cardona and Lesley Hart for the purpose of Strategic Business Discussion and Planning. Without objection.

16. Motion was made by Stadter and seconded by Crockett to take no action on the proposal to change the Judging Program 417.3 below. Motion carried with Faccioli opposed.

417.3 Participants in the Judging Program are representatives of TICA at all times, and shall conduct themselves as such.

417.3.1 TICA Judges will not serve as a club officer in another cat association that completes with TICA in putting on shows.

417.3.2 TICA Judges will not be part of a show committee that puts on shows in a cat association other than TICA.

417.3.2.1 The exception to 417.3.2 is a show management role in a show that is coordinating shows from multiple organizations at the same time and in the same venue as long as a TICA show is included as one of the shows.

*****TAKE NO ACTION*****

17. Motion was made by Crockett and seconded by Bangle to take no action on the Judging Contract amendment concerning reimbursement of the judge. Motion carried unanimously.

f. Mileage at the prevailing rate allowed by the Internal Revenue Service regulations, **or the official rate set forth by Government in the Country of residence of the judge.**

18. Motion was made by Stadter and seconded by Faccioli to take no action on the proposal to amend the Standing Rules as below. Motion carried with Cornwell and Patton opposed.

204.3 ~~At the option of the~~ **Each club, for each entry, shall may include a nominal fee to help defray the cost of expenses of the Regional Director. Said fee, to be determined by the club, shall not exceed be a minimum of \$1 per entry.**

*****TAKE NO ACTION*****

Add to follow up report: Look at show license fee increase to offset the expense of Regional Director travel.

19. Motion was made by Klamm and seconded by Hicks to take no action on the proposal to amend the Standing Rules as below. Motion withdrawn.

209.4.3.1 ~~Whenever possible~~ **The** tables on which the judging cages are placed shall have leg extenders to raise the height of the tables to between 34 and 38 inches (89 and 97 centimeters) from the floor.

20. Motion was made by Stadter and seconded by Crockett to amend Standing Rule 209.4.3.1 as proposed. Motion denied with Bangle, Bourreau, Cornwell, Crockett, Stadter and Tullo in favor.

209.4.3.1 The tables on which the judging cages are placed shall be between 34 and 38 inches (89 and 97 centimeters) from the floor.

~~~DENIED~~~

21. Motion was made by Bangle and seconded by Patton to amend the Standing Rule 2013.1 as below. Motion carried unanimously.

2013.1 Permission to Judge. A TICA judge may judge any TICA show any place at any time. Only **licensed TICA** Allbreed judges may judge non-TICA shows ~~outside North America~~.

22. Motion was made by Stadter and seconded by Bangle to accept the proposal to revise Show Rule 22.4 so that all TICA shows are publicized for at least 30 days prior to the show date on the TICA website and any additional publicity channels selected by the clubs. Motion withdrawn.

22.4 Show Licenses.

22.4.1 A show shall not be held under the auspices of this association, ~~nor shall the cats entered in that show be awarded any regional, international and/or title points,~~ unless the show has been **published** issued a show license at least 30 days prior to the first date of the show **on the approved show calendar of the Association. (see Standing Rule 202.4.3)**

**22.4.2 A show license must be applied for at least 60 days prior to the first date of the show.**

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

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

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

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

22.4.34 All fees must be paid to Executive Office at least 30 days prior to the opening day of the show unless other arrangements have been made in writing with the Executive Office.

22.4.45 Show licenses issued to clubs employing a show production company must be issued jointly to the club and the show production company.

If the above rule is passed by the membership, the following Standing Rules changes will also be made:

Add new rule 204.4.4 and renumber the rule following it to 204.4.5:

**202.4.4 The show must be publicized at least 30 days prior to the first date of the show in the show calendar on the official TICA web site. In addition to this, clubs are encouraged to use other available means to publicize their shows.**

202.4.5 Late Show License Application. The Executive Office shall charge a \$25 late Application for Show License Fee to any club that does not have the proper paperwork in the hands of the Executive Office staff 60 days prior to the show.

23. Motion was made by Stadter and seconded by Bangle to amend the following Show Rule. Motion carried unanimously.

22.4.1 A show shall not be held under the auspices of this association, unless the show license application has been received by the Executive Office at least 30 days prior to the first date of the show.

24. Motion was made by Crockett and seconded by Adler to add 202.4.4 to the Standing Rules. Motion carried unanimously.

202.4.4 The show information must be submitted for publication to the show calendar on the official TICA website at least 30 days prior to the first date of the show. In addition to this, clubs are encouraged to use other available means to publicize their shows.

**From the prior Follow up Report, the Rules Committee was asked to consider defining a Show Weekend. The Rules Committee submitted a white paper asking for guidance from the Board. Upon discussion the Board decided to drop the item from the Rules Committee task list.**

The Board received a report from Christina Unangst, Yearbook Editor. The Board congratulated her on a job well done.

25. Motion was made by Vasquez and seconded by Klamm to increase the yearbook size from 8.5x11 inches to 9x12 inches. Motion carried unanimously

26. Motion was made by Bangle and seconded by Stadter to appoint Jessie Machuca and Julio Vega to the Turkish Angora Breed Committee. Motion carried with Crockett opposed because there are breed committee elections this year.

27. Motion was made by Tullo and seconded by Faccioli to accept the amber and light amber colors for championship for the Norwegian Forrest breed effective May 1, 2014. Motion carried with Crockett opposed because she felt that we shouldn't accept amber for just one breed. By accepting amber for the Norwegian Forest, we should accept the color for all breeds which accept all colors, all divisions.

28. Motion was made by Tullo and seconded by Bangle to approve the changes to the Turkish Van Breed Standard: "Change Ears to: Moderately large in proportion to the body" (the rest of the ear section to remain the same). Motion denied with Tullo in favor and Stadter abstaining.

~~~DENIED~~~

Cheryl Hogan presented the Scottish Fold Straight-Ear breed application via Skype.

29. Motion was made by Tullo and seconded by Hicks to accept the Scottish Straight/Scottish Straight Longhair breed for championship. Motion carried with Adler, Oizumi and Patton opposed.

30. Motion was made by Tullo and seconded by Hicks to accept the standard for the Scottish Fold Breed Group (SF/SFL/SCS/SCL) as revised. Motion carried unanimously. (See Addendum page 9.)

Robin Lively and Patti Stuck presented the Highlander proposal.

31. Motion was made by Tullo and seconded by Hicks to accept the Highlander proposal for polydactyl feet to be added to the standard. Motion denied with Adler, Cornwell, Hicks, Stadter and Tullo in favor and Faccioli abstaining.

~~~DENIED~~~

32. Motion was made by Crockett and seconded by Hicks to accept the revised Highlander Breed Group standard without the wording to include the polydactyl trait. Motion carried unanimously. (See Addendum page 11.)

Wendy Klamm presented the proposal for the Burmese/Bombay Breed Group.

33. Motion was made by Klamm and seconded by Hicks to accept the Burmee/Bombay proposal. Motion denied with Klamm, Adler, Stadter and Oizumi in favor and Cornwell abstaining.

~~~DENIED~~~

34. Unanimous consent to go into Executive Session for the purpose of considering protests and Judging Program matters and to include Marylou Anderson and Michiko Hagan. Without objection.

35. Motion was made by Patton and seconded by Stadter to take no action on the Vandiver v Stomback complaint. Motion carried.

*****TAKE NO ACTION*****

36. Motion was made by Bangle and seconded by Stadter to take no action on the Newby v Bliss complaint pending a court order or directions from a tribunal. Motion carried.

*****TAKE NO ACTION*****

37. Motion was made by Adler and seconded by Patton to accept Christina Baumer as LH/SH Trainee. Motion carried.

38. Motion was made by Faccioli and seconded by Tullo to accept Ana Ferreya as LH/SH Trainee. Motion carried.

39. Motion was made by Bourreau and seconded by Hicks to accept Walberga Petz as a LH/SH Trainee. Motion carried.

40. Motion was made by Cornwell and seconded by Hicks to accept Delsa Rudge as Probationary SP Judge. Motion carried.

41. Motion was made by Hicks and seconded by Bourreau to accept Erwin van den Bunder as Probationary Specialty Judge. Motion carried.

42. Motion was made by Patton and seconded by Hicks to advance Clint Knapp to Provisional Allbreed Judge. Motion carried.

43. Motion was made by Klamm and seconded by Faccioli to advance John Creech to Provisional Allbreed Judge. Motion carried.

44. Motion was made by Cornwell and seconded by Stadter to advance Sue Hart-Jones to Provisional Allbreed Judge. Motion carried.

45. Motion was made by Bourreau and seconded by Hicks to advance TOMOKO VLACH to Ring Instructor. Motion carried.

46. Motion was made by Crockett and seconded by Faccioli to relicense all judges who are current on their license fees/memberships with the exception of Valerie Davidson, Juri Yawata, Alberto Leal and Carlos Arrieta. Motion carried.

47. Motion was made by Crockett and seconded by Adler to relicense judges who owe debts as soon as they clear their debts and meet all requirements. Motion carried.

48. Motion was made by Hicks and seconded by Klamm to relicense Alberto Leal and Carlos Arrieta. Motion carried.

49. Motion was made by Faccioli and seconded by Bangle to start gathering information to begin the complaint process relative to Carlos Arrieta and Alberto Leal. Motion carried.

50. Motion was made by Bangle and seconded by Hicks to relicense Valerie Davidson. Motion denied.

~~~DENIED~~~

51. Motion was made by Faccioli and seconded by Stadter to relicense Juri Yawata. Motion denied.

~~~DENIED~~~

52. Motion was made by Bangle and seconded by Vasquez to approve the Yearbook contract with Christina Unangst. With a proposal by Patton to increase the compensation, the motion was tabled to allow research.

53. Motion was made by Bangle and seconded by Hicks to accept the Employment Agreement for the Business Manager, Leslie Bowers, with an amendment to the proposed compensation by 3 percent. Motion carried.

54. Motion was made by Crockett and seconded by Patton that the salary will be retroactive to July 1, 2013. Motion carried.

The President appointed Francine Hicks to work with Leslie Bowers to create a set of goals by the next meeting.

55. Motion was made by Bangle and seconded by Vasquez to accept the Yearbook Contract for Christina Unangst, as proposed, but with an amended base compensation of \$14,000. Motion carried.

56. Motion was made by Crockett and seconded by Stadter to authorize the President to go forward with filing for the 501 tax exempt status for TICA. Motion carried unanimously.

The meeting was adjourned at 7PM.

ADDENDUM

SCOTTISH BREED GROUP (SF/SFL/SCS/SCL)

The Scottish cats are best known for the Scottish Fold (SF) with its distinctive ears and large, round eyes, which give it a sweet, open expression. The Scottish Fold Longhair (SFL) is the longhaired version of this breed. The Scottish Straight (SCS) is the straight eared version of the Scottish Fold. The Scottish Straight Longhair (SCL) is the straight eared, longhaired version of this breed.

HEAD 40 points

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| Shape | 10 |
| Ears | 15 |
| Eyes | 5 |
| Chin | 1 |
| Muzzle | 3 |
| Nose | 3 |
| Profile | 3 |

BODY 40 points

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| Torso | 5 |
| Legs | 4 |
| Feet | 3 |
| Tail | 20 |
| Boning | 3 |
| Musculature | 5 |

COAT/COLOR/PATTERN 15 points

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| Length | 4 |
| Texture | 5 |
| Pattern | 3 |
| Color | 3 |

OTHER 5 points

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| Balance | 2 |
| Condition | 2 |
| Temperament | 1 |

CATEGORIES: Traditional and Pointed.

DIVISIONS: All.

COLORS: All.

PERMISSIBLE OUTCROSSES: American Shorthair, British Shorthair, British Longhair.

HEAD:

Shape: Well rounded. Prominent cheeks with a jowly appearance. Overall look should have a sweet, open expression. Should be round from any angle.

Ears: Folded forward and downward. Small, tightly folded ear preferred. The ears should be set in

a cap-like fashion to expose a rounded cranium, not set high on the head. Size of ear is not as important as ear set and fold. Ear tips to be rounded.

Ears : (Straight) Size is medium to small with rounded tips. The set is the same wide set to show a rounded top head.

Eyes: Wide open, large and round with sweet expression. Eye color to conform to coat color.

Chin: Should be moderate.

Muzzle: Moderate wide muzzle to have well-rounded whisker pads.

Nose: Broad and short.

Profile: Gentle curve, brief stop is permitted.

Neck: Head should blend into a short neck.

BODY:

Torso: Body should be medium and well rounded. Should be even from shoulder to pelvic girdle.

Legs: Length in proportion to body. Cat should stand firmly and show no signs of weakness or lack of mobility in the hindquarters.

Feet: Toes to be neat and well-rounded.

Tail: Must show normal flexibility and be in proportion to the body.

Boning: Medium boning.

Musculature: The Scottish should have a firm, muscular body, no sign of softness or flabbiness should be present.

COAT/COLOR/PATTERN:

Length:

(SF/SCS) Should be short, double coat preferred. Should not lie flat to the body.

(SFL/SCL) Semi-long. Toe tufts and ear furnishings should be clearly visible. Ruff and britches desirable.

Texture:

(SF/SCS) Should be plush, dense and resilient.

(SFL/SCL): Should be soft and stand away from the body.

Pattern: All patterns.

Color: All traditional and pointed colors accepted.

OTHER:

Balance: Body should be medium and well-balanced and well-proportioned.

Condition: Cat must exhibit a healthy condition.

Temperament: Unchallenging. The Scottish Fold is a sweet-tempered, affectionate cat and enjoys being with people.

GENERAL DESCRIPTION: The Scottish Fold occurred as a spontaneous mutation in farm cats in Scotland. All bona-fide Scottish trace their pedigree to Susie, the first fold-ear cat discovered by the founders of the breed, William and Mary

Ross. The Breed was subsequently established by outcrosses to both pedigreed breeds and domestic cats in the United States. One word can describe the Scottish and that is ROUND in every sense of the word. Round head, body, eyes, and feet. The Scottish Fold is best known for its distinctive ears and large, round eyes, which give it a sweet, open expression. They retain a "kittenish" expression their entire life. The shorthair is medium in size with a plush, dense coat. The longhair has the same standard as the Shorthair Fold/Straight with the exception of the coat, which is semi-long and stands away from the body. However, the longhair gives the breed a somewhat softer overall look. The Scottish Straight is identical with that same sweet open expression but with straight ears.

ALLOWANCES: Seasonal changes in coat length and texture for the longhair fold. Lockets.

PENALIZE: A heavy brow ridge is to be penalized as it closes down the face, making the cat look as if it is scowling or frowning and detracts from the sweet, open expression. The forehead should be smooth. A definite nose break is considered a fault. Any hint of lack of mobility in the cat due to short course legs.

WITHHOLD ALL AWARDS (WW): Evidence of illness, poor health, emaciation.

DISQUALIFY (DQ): Kinked tail. Tail lacking in flexibility.



Temperament must be unchallenging; any sign of definite challenge shall disqualify. The cat may exhibit fear, seek to flee, or generally complain aloud but may not threaten to harm. In accordance with Show Rules, ARTICLE SIXTEEN, the following shall be considered mandatory disqualifications: a cat that bites (216.9), a cat showing evidence of intent to deceive (216.10), adult whole male cats not having two descended testicles (216.11), cats with all or part of the tail missing, except as authorized by a Board approved standard (216.12.1), cats with more than five toes on each front foot and four toes on each back foot, unless proved the result of an injury or as authorized by a Board approved standard (216.12.2), visible or invisible tail faults if Board approved standard requires disqualification (216.12.4), crossed eyes if Board approved standard requires disqualification (216.12.5), total blindness (216.12.6), markedly smaller size, not in keeping with the breed (216.12.9), and depression of the sternum or unusually small diameter of the rib cage itself (216.12.11.1). See Show Rules, ARTICLE SIXTEEN for more comprehensive rules governing penalties and disqualifications.

HIGHLANDER BREED GROUP (HG/HGS)

The Highlander (HGS) and Highlander Longhair (HG) are medium to large muscular and athletic appearing domestic cats. Distinguishing features are the straight to slightly convex forehead, wide nose bridge, blunt profile, and the loose relaxed curl to its wide based ears.

HEAD 40 points

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| Shape | 6 |
| Ears | 10 |
| Eyes | 5 |
| Chin | 6 |
| Muzzle | 6 |
| Nose | 4 |
| Profile | 3 |

BODY 40 points

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| Torso | 10 |
| Tail | 10 |
| Boning | 8 |
| Musculature | 7 |
| Legs/Feet | 5 |

COAT/COLOR/PATTERN 20 points

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| Length | 6 |
| Texture | 6 |
| Pattern | 4 |
| Color | 4 |

CATEGORY: All.

DIVISION: Solid, Tortie, Tabby, Silver/Smoke

COLORS: All.

PERMISSIBLE OUTCROSSES: Domestic longhair/shorthair, not a member of a recognized breed.

HEAD:

Shape: Wide, inverted pear-shaped head with substantial width to the muzzle.

Eyes: Medium to large sized, set far apart. Set on a slight bias. Slightly flattened or hooded oval in shape. Eye color is independent of coat color except in the Pointed and mink Category.

Ears: Medium to large, wide at the base, set as much on the top of the head as on the side, as erect as possible. Ears must be firm at the base, flexible at the tips. Loose relaxed curl of no more than 90°, allowing the tips of the ears to be visible in a frontal view. Ear furnishings and ear tufts are desired but not required. Kittens may have a greater degree of curl but not more than 90° by

adulthood. No preference given to the direction the ear tips point in.

Muzzle: Full, wide, strong with a definite break. Prominent whisker pads should make the muzzle appear squared. Muzzle length makes head appear longer than wide.

Chin: Strong and deep. Must align with the top of the jaw.

Profile: Rounded back skull, straight to slight convex forehead, with a change of direction at the eye ridge, may have a slight concave curve to nose. Nose, muzzle and chin form a blunt look in profile.

Nose: Wide with substantial nose leather.

BODY:

Torso: Medium to large in size with noticeable depth. Rectangular in shape. Straight back with hips higher than shoulders. Overall muscled, athletic appearance. Males are proportionally larger than females.

Legs: Medium in length, back legs longer than front.

Feet: Medium to large, rounded with large knuckles. Longhair (HD) must have toe tufts.

Tail: Short and thick. Bone length must be a minimum of 1 inch in adults with proportional length in kittens. Should not extend past the hock. Kinks and curls are allowed.

Boning: Moderately heavy and substantial.

Musculature: Well-muscled.

COAT/COLOR/PATTERN:

Length: (HGS) Short, dense and resilient.

Length: (HG) Longhair up to 2½ inches with shaggy belly hair that is longer than the rest of the coat.

Texture: There will be texture variations depending upon the color and coat length of the cat.

Pattern:

Tabby: All tabby patterns are allowed.

Pointed: Expression of the underlying tabby pattern is desirable.

OTHER:

Balance: All parts of the body in proportion.

Condition: Should reflect excellent health, good muscle tone.

Temperament: Must be unchal-lenging.

GENERAL DESCRIPTION: The Highlander is a muscular, athletic cat. Highlander cats come in both shorthair and longhair. Physical characteristics include a straight to slightly convex forehead and wide nose, with the nose and muzzle forming a blunt look in profile. The curled ear is seen in profile as a loose, relaxed curl. The ears are wide-based, open and stand tall.

LOCKETS: Withhold all awards

ALLOWANCES: Tarnishing in silvers

PENALIZE: Ears that are not open or wide based, ears too small or low set. Tail too long.

DISQUALIFY: Ears not erect. Tail too short or docked.



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