

THE INTERNATIONAL CAT ASSOCIATION
2009 Winter Board Meeting Minutes
January 23-25, 2009
Harlingen, TX

The meeting was called to order by President, Vickie Fisher who welcomed Bobbie Tullo, Vice President and Susan Levine, Interim Southwest Regional Director. The following were also present:

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| Great Lakes Regional Director, Jamie Christian | South America Regional Director, Carlos Arrieta |
| Southeast Regional Director, Jo Parris | Southern Europe Regnl Director, Genevieve Basquine |
| Mid Atlantic Regional Director, Lisa Dickie | South Central Regional Director, Cheryl Hogan |
| Mid Pacific Regional Director, Linda Kay Ashley | Legal Advisors: Laurie Schiff |
| Northeast Regional Director, Donna Madison | Frances Young |
| Northwest Regional Director, Ellen Crockett | |

Director Asia, Motoko Oizumi, and Northern Europe Regional Director, Martin Wood, were not present at this time.

Unanimous consent to remove Future Annuals from the consent agenda. Without objection. See Addendum for corrections.

Unanimous consent to approve the Consent Agenda. Without objection.

Unanimous consent for the Executive Office to rebalot tie votes for the Toyger, Singapura, Thai, Munchkin and Laperm breed committees. Without objection.

Motion was made by Dickie and seconded by Christian to accept the Budget Report for the first two quarters of fiscal year 2008-09. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion was made by Crockett and seconded by Ashley to accept the Financial Report for the first two fiscal quarters. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion was made by Crockett and seconded by Ashley to approve reimbursement for the officers and officials of \$39 per diem up to 6 days in order to attend the Winter Board Meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion was made by Crockett and seconded by Ashley that TICA pay for the hotel for up to 4 nights. Motion carried unanimously.

Unanimous consent to go into Executive Session. Without objection.

Motion was made by Hogan and seconded by Parris to appoint Marylou Anderson as Judging Administrator. Motion carried with Ashley, and Christian opposed. Christian was opposed because he felt that interested parties should have a sign up period for Judging Administrator and that judges should be able to vote in an advisory straw poll for the position since they have to work directly with the next Judging Administrator.

Unanimous consent to out of Executive Session. Without objection.

Motion was made by Christian and seconded by Madison to take no action on the addition of Standing Rule 307.6.1. Standards for Breeds with non-domestic species hybrids. Breeds that are based on a non-domestic ancestor should have a statement at the beginning of the standard listing the species used and stating that other non-domestic breeds are not acceptable for outcrossing. Those breeds currently affected are the Savannah, the Bengal, and the Chausie. Motion carried unanimously.

XXXXXPROPOSAL REJECTED XXXXX

Motion was made by Crockett and seconded by Christian to take to no action on the amendment to Show Rule 210.9 to read: Any time a cat is out of its cage, whether for grooming, transporting to or from a ring or for any other reason, the cat must be secured in one or both hands or in a carrier. Motion carried unanimously.

XXXXXPROPOSAL REJECTED XXXXX

Motion was made by Madison and seconded by Ashley to take no action on adding Show Rule 210.13: No exhibitor shall spray, pour or otherwise introduce any liquid or aerosol substance into a judging cage except the official cage cleaning solution in use in that ring, or at the judges specific direction. Motion denied with Basquine, Christian, Crockett, Dickie, Hogan, Parris, and Tullo opposed.

XXXXXPROPOSAL REJECTED XXXXX

Motion was made by Crockett and seconded by Christian to add Show Rule 210.13: No exhibitor shall spray, pour or otherwise introduce any liquid or aerosol substance into a judging cage except the official cage cleaning solution in use in that ring, or at the judges specific direction. Motion carried with Arrieta opposed and Madison opposed because you can't prove what is being used and there is no way to police the rule.

>>>>Membership Ballot<<<<

Motion was made by Crockett and seconded by Madison to take no action on the amendment to the Judging Program 42.3.1: For Breeders Prior to application, must:42.3.1.1 Have bred a minimum of five TICA registered litters. *At least five of these litters must be born in the applicant's house and must remain there until the kitten are 12 weeks of age. Motion carried unanimously.

XXXXXPROPOSAL REJECTED XXXXX

Unanimous consent to accept the amendments to the Standing Rules:

901.4.2.2 Eligibility: All eligible cats must have received at least one Top 25 (was 20) International award as a kitten, cat or alter and two International or Regional top 20 awards as a kitten, cat or alter. (Example: A regional top 20 kitten and top 20 cat in 1998 and a top 25 (was 20) international alter in 1999 would make the cat eligible for this title.) *Remainder of the article unchanged.*

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

Without objection.

}}}}Standing Rules}}}}

Motion was made by Christian and seconded by Ashley to amend Standing Rule 2017.1 as below:

2017.1 Judges Books. Judges must forward the COVER and the ORIGINAL (white copy) of all pages of the judge's book to the Executive Office of TICA within 48 hours after the close of the show. **Alternately, judges may forward a scanned document containing the cover and all white pages to the Executive Office within 48 hours after the close of the show. The scanned book must be legible and all pages must be included, otherwise the judge's book will not be considered complete and timely, and the penalties for a late judge's book assessed. If a scanned book is used in lieu of the original, the judge must retain the original judge's book until one year after the close of the show season to**

which that judge's book relates, and must provide the original judge's book to the Executive Office within 48 hours after a if requested to do so. The yellow copy of all pages of the judge's book is to be turned in to the master clerk at the proper time during the show. The judge retains the pink copy of all pages of the judge's book for his/her personal records. At the completion of the show, the Master Clerk will submit the marked catalog and the yellow copies of the judge's books to the Club/Show Committee. Motion carried with Basquine, Crockett, Levine, and Tullo opposed. Tullo did not feel that the Judge's copies need to be kept past the end of the show year when scoring is completed.

}}}}Standing Rules}}}}

Martin Wood arrived.

Motion was made by Crockett and seconded by Madison that we create a third region in Europe called Western Europe composed of England, Ireland, Northern Ireland, Iceland, Scotland, Isle of Mann and Wales effective May 1, 2009. Motion carried with Parris opposed.

}}}}Standing Rules}}}}

Unanimous consent to accept the new division of Southern and Northern Europe effective May 1, 2009. Without objection. Northern Europe will include Belgium, Belorussia, Denmark, Estonia, Finland, Germany, Latvia, Liechtenstein, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Netherlands, Norway, Poland, Sweden, Russia, and Ukraine. Southern Europe will include Albania, Austria, Bosnia, Bulgaria, Channel Islands, Croatia, Czech Republic, France, Gibraltar, Greece, Guadeloupe, Herzegovina, Hungary, Israel, Italy, Macedonia, Malta, Martinique, Moldova, Monaco, Montenegro, Portugal, Romania, Serbia, Slovakia, Slovenia, Spain, Switzerland, and Turkey. Without objection.

}}}}Standing Rules}}}}

Unanimous consent to move Guadalupe and Martinique to the Southeast Region effective May 1, 2009. Without objection.

}}}}Standing Rules}}}}

Motion was made by Ashley and seconded by Crockett to change Standing Rules 1014.1 to read: The Regional Directors from the Mid Pacific, Northeast, Northern Europe, Southeast, Western Europe and Southwest regions are elected every 3 years beginning in 1994. Motion carried with Levine, Basquine, and Arrieta absent.

}}}}Standing Rules}}}}

Unanimous consent to add Panama and El Salvador to South America effective May 1 2009. Without objection.

}}}}Standing Rules}}}}

Motion was made by Crockett and seconded by Levine that all countries in Central America, south of Mexico, shall be moved to South America effective May 1, 2009. Motion denied with Arrieta, Basquine, Crockett, Madison, and Levine in favor.

Motion was made by Tullo and seconded by Hogan to appoint Martin Wood as the Interim Regional Director for the new region Western Europe effective May 1, 2009. Motion carried with Wood abstaining.

Motion was made by Wood and seconded by Madison to remove isolated status from England effective May 1, 2009. Motion carried unanimously.

}}}}Standing Rules}}}}

Motion was made by Parris and seconded by Crockett to remove Scotland from isolated status effective May 1 2009. Motion denied with Christian, Crockett, Levine and Parris in favor.

}}}}Standing Rules}}}}

Motion was made by Wood and seconded by Ashley to grant isolated status to the following countries: Estonia, the Channel Islands, the Isle of Man, Ireland, Latvia, Lithuania and Israel effective to May 1, 2009. Motion carried unanimously.

}}}}Standing Rules}}}}

Motion was made by Christian and seconded by Madison to take no action on amending the Judging Program **42.3**: A longhair/shorthair specialty applicant shall have bred and/or acquired as a kitten (5 months of age or younger) and shown to TICA Grand Champion status a minimum of two whole cats in the applicant's breed specialty and one cat of opposite coat length/body type (may be an alter). The cat of opposite coat length/type must be owned or leased by the applicant and must reside with the applicant.

42.3.1: Applicants applying under the requirements of 42.2.5.2 must have shown to TICA Grand Champion or Grand Champion Alter five cats from opposite body type with no fewer than three from one body type. ~~both the longhair and shorthair breeds, with no fewer than three from one coat length/body type and the remaining from the opposite coat length/body type.~~ One Supreme Grand Champion or Supreme Grand Champion Alter and Regional Winner must be in the opposite coat length/body type from the primary coat length/body type

42.3.1.3.5: One of the four must be a cat of opposite body type and coat length. Selection of the breed of cat of opposite body type and coat length must be approved by the Judging Administrator. Motion denied with Wood opposed, Tullo abstaining and Arrieta absent.

XXXXXPROPOSAL REJECTED XXXXX

Motion was made by Tullo and seconded by Ashley that the Ragdoll Standard be approved pending the outcome of the Breed Section vote. Motion carried with Madison opposed. See Appendix.

Motion was made by Tullo and seconded by Levine that the Highlander Standard be accepted effective May 1, 2009. Motion carried unanimously. See Appendix.

Unanimous consent by Tullo to accept the Savannah Standard changes effective May 1, 2009. Without objection. See Appendix.

Unanimous consent to go into a Committee of the Whole to see the Thai presentation. Without objection.

Motion was made by Ashley and seconded by Basquine to advance the Thai Breed to ANB effective May 1, 2009. Motion carried unanimously.

}}}}Standing Rules}}}}

Motion was made by Tullo and seconded by Hogan to advance the Tennessee Rex to Registration ONLY effective May 1, 2009. Motion carried unanimously. See Appendix.

The President appointed Linda Kay Ashley as liaison to Tennessee Rex Working Breed Group.

Unanimous consent to go out of a Committee of the Whole. Without objection.

Motion was made by Wood and seconded by Crockett to change the certificate for experimental breeds to read "This certificate is supplied purely for the purposes of ancestry tracking and does not imply acceptance or approval by TICA of the breed name or the breed itself." Motion carried unanimously.

Motion was made by Wood and seconded by Hogan that the Rules Committee look at the wording around the Experimental Registry to perhaps rename it as Experimental Tracking. Motion carried with Arrieta

abstaining, Ashley opposed because we are a registry and the word "registry" should be there; Christian and Tullo were in favor because renaming the Experimental Registry as the "Experimental Tracking System" would remove the idea that these cats are "registered" and therefore, have some form of acceptance as a breed in TICA; Dickie was in favor but felt that regardless of what was placed on the certificate, we would not be able to stop or police individuals who would advertise their cats as "TICA registered".

The Board was given a presentation by Embrace Pet Insurance.

Unanimous consent to go into Executive Session. Without objection.

Unanimous consent to allow Laurie Schiff and Frances Young, Legal Advisors, to remain in Executive Session. Without objection.

Motion was made by Crockett and seconded by Madison take no action on the Lindeman v Rose complaint. Motion carried unanimously.

XXXXXXPROPOSAL REJECTED XXXXX

Motion was made by Christian and seconded by Madison to take no action on the Duke v Surmann complaint. Motion carried unanimously.

XXXXXXPROPOSAL REJECTED XXXXX

Unanimous consent to relicense all the judges who have met all the requirements for relicensing. Without objection.

Motion was made by Tullo and seconded by Madison that all judges who have not met all their requirements will be relicensed pending meeting the requirements by April 30, 2009. Motion carried with Ashley opposed.

Motion was made by Wood and seconded by Madison to accept Valerie Davidson as a LH/SH Trainee. Motion denied.

Motion was made by Parris and seconded by Christian to accept Toni Scarborough as a LH/SH Trainee. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Madison and seconded by Christian to advance Rene Knapp to Provisional Allbreed. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Madison and seconded by Christian to advance Ryoko Doi to Approved Allbreed. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Madison and seconded by Christian to advance Elektra Hammond to Approved Allbreed. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Christian and seconded by Parris to advance Debbie Lopeman to Approved Allbreed. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Parris and seconded by Levine to advance Christina Unangst to Approved Allbreed. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Tullo and seconded by Hogan to reinstate Jimmie Reardon to Probationary Specialty

Judge. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Hogan and seconded by Madison to advance Wendy Klamm to Approved Allbreed Judge. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Crockett and seconded Madison to advance John Burch to Judge Emeritus. Motion carried unanimously.

Unanimous consent to go out of Executive Session. Without objection.

Motion was made by Tullo and seconded by Hogan to adopt the Mentoring Program. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion was made by Parris and seconded by Crockett that any judge who has not cleared his/her debt by April 30th may not be relicensed until such debt is cleared. Motion carried unanimously.

The President adjourned the meeting at 9:35AM.

ADDENDUM

Future Meetings

| <u>Year</u> | <u>Meeting</u> | <u>Club/EO</u> | <u>City/State</u> | <u>Date of Meeting</u> |
|-------------|----------------|----------------|-------------------|------------------------|
| 2009 | Winter | SC | Harlingen, TX | 01/23-25/09 |
| 2009 | Spring | GL | Chicago, IL | 05/15-17/09 |
| 2009 | Annual | SE | Orlando, FL | 09/02-04//09 |
| 2010 | Winter | AA | Japan | 01/20-22/10 |
| 2010 | Spring | <i>tba</i> | <i>tba</i> | 05/14-16/10 |
| 2010 | Annual | MP | Santa Clara, CA | 09/01-03/10 |
| 2011 | Annual | MA | Philadelphia, PA | 08/31-09/02 |

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.

RAGDOLL (RD)

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|---------------------------------|-----------|
| HEAD | 40 points |
| Shape | 9 |
| Ears | 5 |
| Eyes .. | 7 |
| Chin | 5 |
| Muzzle | 4 |
| Profile | 9 |
| Neck | 1 |
| BODY | 35 points |
| Torso | 8 |
| Legs/Feet | 5 |
| Tail | 4 |
| Boning | 10 |
| Musculature | 8 |
| COAT/COLOR/PATTERN | 25 points |
| Length | 4 |
| Texture | 8 |
| Pattern | 6 |
| Color | 7 |

CATEGORY: Pointed.

DIVISIONS: Solid Point Division, Tortie Point Division, Tabby Point Division, Solid Point /white, Tortie Point/white, Tabby Point /white Divisions (mitten and bicolor pattern ONLY).

COLORS: All pointed colors.

PERMISSIBLE OUTCROSSES: None.

HEAD:

Shape: Broad modified wedge, with slightly rounded contours, slightly rounded forehead (not domed), appearance of flat plane in area between ears, skull medium in size.

Ears: Medium in size, broad at base, rounded tip. Set as much on top of the head as on the side, slightly tilted forward.

Eyes: Blue, large, oval, moderately wide-set, outer aperture to fall in line with base of ear.

Chin: Well-developed.

Muzzle: Rounded, medium in length; in line with wedge.

Profile: Chin well-developed in line with nose. Straight nose to bridge followed by change of direction to gentle curve to brow. Appearance of flat plane between ears.

Neck: In proportion to head and torso.

BODY:

Torso: Medium-long to long, substantial. Broad chest. Fat pad on lower abdomen acceptable. Females may be smaller than males.

Legs: Substantial boning, in proportion to body, hind legs slightly longer than front legs.

Feet: Large, round, tufting desirable.

Tail: Equal to length of body. Thicker at base, with slight taper.

Boning: Substantial.

Musculature: Well-muscled with solid weight.

COAT:

Length: Semi-long, allow for shorter coats on unaltered adults and seasonal variations.

Texture: Silky soft, plush. Minimal undercoat gives the coat body but coat still falls smoothly. Not wooly or cottony.

COLOR: Even, lighter color on the body with minimal shading. Definite contrast between body and point color. Allow for darker body color in older cats. Allow for undeveloped color in young cats.

SOLID POINT DIVISION:

Points: Ears, mask, legs, feet and tail to be darker, well-defined color.

Body: Chest bib and chin areas may be somewhat lighter in color. Soft shadings of color are allowed.

ANY COLOR AND WHITE DIVISION:

Mitten Pattern:

Head: May have a broken or evenly matched white blaze on nose and/or between eyes. White not to extend into the inner corner of the eye, nose leather or whisker pads. Chin must be white.

Front feet: Evenly matched white mittens not to extend above bend of paw. All toes to be white.

Back Legs: White goes up to and around the hocks entirely and extends no higher than mid-thigh.

Body: White stripe extending from chin through chest and length of belly.

Bicolor Pattern:

Head: White inverted "V" on face that completely surrounds the pink nose leather and does not extend beyond the outer edge of the eye on either side. The "V" to be as symmetrical as possible. White Chin.

Body: Chest, stomach and ruff are white. Saddle may include white or shading in body color.

Feet and Legs: All white preferred.

Small spots of point color allowable.

Paw Pads: Pink preferred, but mixture of color on paw pads acceptable because of two colors in pattern.

GENERAL DESCRIPTION: The Ragdoll is a semi-long haired, blue eyed pointed cat with a sweet personality. The Ragdoll grows large and heavy, but is slow to mature and may not reach full weight and size for four years. Full color is not reached until 3 years old. The Ragdoll is muscular with little fat except on the lower abdomen fatty pad.

ALLOWANCES: Seasonal changes in coat length.

PENALIZE:

General: Short tail, pointed ears, short legs; cobby body, round eyes, Roman nose, straight profile, wooly/cottony coat texture.

Mitten: Lack of white belly stripe; white on ears and/or tail.

Bicolor: White beyond the outside edge of the eye. White on ears and/or tail.

WITHHOLD ALL AWARDS (WW):

General: Crossed eyes, any eye color other than blue.

Pointed: Any white.

Mitten: Lack of white chin.

Bicolor: Any dark markings inside the white "V" including the chin.



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.

From: chittagong2@comcast.net [mailto:chittagong2@comcast.net]
Sent: Sunday, February 01, 2009 7:19 PM
To: Patty Hopps
Subject: Ragdoll Standards Ballot

Below are the results of the ballots received for the Ragdoll Standard.

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| Item # | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 |
| Count Yes | 63 | 72 | 75 | 77 |
| Count No | 27 | 20 | 17 | 15 |
| Total all | 90 | 92 | 92 | 92 |
| 92 voting | | | | |

The standard was approved.

HIGHLANDER BREED GROUP (HG/HD)

The Highlander (HG) is a medium to large shorthair domestic cat. Distinguishing features are its sloping forehead, wide nose blunt profile, and the loose relaxed curl to its wide based ears. The Highlander Longhair (HD) is the long hair version.

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

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 muzzle.

Eyes: Medium to large set far apart. Set on a slight bias. Slightly flattened oval in shape. Eye color independent of coat color except in Pointed 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 with little backward direction, allowing

the tips of the ears to be clearly 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°.

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

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

Profile: Rounded back skull, sloping forehead, change of direction at the nose bridge, slight 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 2 inches in adults with proportional length in kittens. Must not extend past the hock. Slight kinks and curls are allowed.

Boning: Moderately heavy and substantial.

Musculature: Well-muscled.

COAT/COLOR/PATTERN:

Length: (HG) Short, dense and resilient.

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

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

(HG) Resilient, snapping back into place.

(HD) Soft.

Pattern:

Spotted: Random pattern preferred. Spots should be well-defined; may be oval, round, squared or triangular in shape.

Classic: Will have spots and swirls distinguishing it from the normal classic pattern.

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 unchallenging.

GENERAL DESCRIPTION: The Highlander is a muscular, athletic domestic cat. Selective breeding has contributed to protecting the unique features and enhancing the bloodlines. Highlander cats come in both shorthair and longhair. Physical characteristics include a sloping 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 with minimal backward direction. 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. Tips of ears not visible from frontal view in adults. Kittens with more than 90° curl. **Tail too short.**

DISQUALIFY: Ears not erect. **Tails too long or docked.**

SAVANNAH (SV)

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|---------------------------------|-----------|
| HEAD | 40 points |
| Shape | 6 |
| Ears | 7 |
| Eyes | 6 |
| Chin | 4 |
| Muzzle | 4 |
| Profile | 4 |
| Nose | 3 |
| Neck | 6 |
| BODY | 40 points |
| Torso | 8 |
| Legs | 8 |
| Feet | 3 |
| Tail | 7 |
| Boning | 7 |
| Musculature | 7 |
| COAT/COLOR/PATTERN | 20 points |
| Texture | 8 |
| Pattern | 8 |
| Color | 4 |

CATEGORY: Traditional.

DIVISIONS: Solid, Tabby and Silver/Smoke Division.

COLORS: Black, Brown Spotted Tabby, Silver Spotted Tabby and Black Smoke ONLY.

PERMISSIBLE OUTCROSSES: Egyptian Mau, Ocicat, Oriental Shorthair, domestic shorthair not a member of a recognized breed.

HEAD:

Shape: The face forms an equilateral triangle. The top of the triangle is the brow line over the eyes; the sides follow down the jaw bone meeting at the chin. The triangle excludes the ears. The head is small in proportion to the body.

Ears: Ears are extremely large and high on the head. They are wide with a deep base and rounded tops. The inside base of the ears is set close at the top of the head. Ear furnishings may be present; pronounced ocelli are desirable.

Eyes: Medium sized and set underneath a slightly hooded brow. The top of the eye resembles a boomerang set at the exact angle so that the corner of the eye slopes down the line of the nose. The bottom half of the eye has an almond shape. The eyes are

moderately deep set, low on the forehead, and at least one eye width apart. Tear stain markings are present along and between the eye and the nose. All eye colors are allowed and are independent of coat color.

Chin: From the frontal view the chin tapers to follow the triangle of the head. In profile, the angle from the nose to the chin slants back, which may cause the chin to appear shallow.

Muzzle: The muzzle is a tapered muzzle with no break. It falls within the bottom portion of the facial triangle that runs from the brow to the point of the chin.

Profile: The forehead is a straight to slightly convex curve from the top of the head to the ridge just above the eye where there is a slight change of direction and a straight to very-slight concave curve from that ridge to the tip of the nose. In profile, the face also forms a triangle from the top of the eye to the tip of the nose, turning to follow the jaw line and back up to the eye.

Nose: Viewing from the front, the nose is wide across the top with low set nostrils. In profile, there is a slight downward turn at the end, giving a rounded appearance. Nose leather is slightly convex not flat.

Neck: Long and lean.

BODY:

Torso: A semi-foreign body type with a full deep rib cage and a slight, but not extreme, tuck-up and a rounded rump. The hip and thigh are full and long and somewhat heavy in proportion to the rest of the body.

Legs: Very long and slender yet strong. Back legs are slightly longer than the front legs, and due to this extreme length, may now and then give a false appearance of being cow-hocked.

Feet: Oval, small to medium, with elongated toes.

Tail: Medium to thick in width. Medium in length, ending between the hock and just above ground level when standing with preferred length just below the hock. Tail should taper slightly to a blunt end.

Boning: Medium boning with density and strength.

Musculature: Firm and well-developed. Athletic yet not bulky. Lean but not delicate.

COAT: Short to medium in length with good substance and a slightly coarse feel to it. Coarser guard hairs cover a softer undercoat. The spots have a notably softer texture than the texture of the ground color hairs. The coat is not inordinately dense and lies relatively flat against the body. Glitter is not desired.

COLORS: Black spotted tabby, black silver spotted tabby, black, black smoke. No preference is given to ground color on the Black Spotted Tabby. Bold solid markings are preferred on all tabbies; ghost markings preferred on solid blacks and a visible pattern on black smokes. In any variation the lips are black and the tear duct lines are prominent. On the spotted Savannahs the nose leather can be solid brick red, pink, or black, as well as red or pink surrounded by black. In black Savannahs, the nose leather must be solid black. Paw pads in any color variation should be deep charcoal or brownish black.

PATTERN: The spotted Savannah pattern is made up of bold, solid dark-brown to black spots, which can be round, oval, or elongated. Rosettes are undesirable. A series of parallel stripes, from the back of the head to just over the shoulder blades, fan out slightly over the back and the spotting pattern follows the line of the stripes from the shoulders continuing the length of the body. Vertically aligned spots are not desired. Smaller spots may be found on the legs and feet as well as on the face. The black Savannah should be solid black. Black spotting on a black background is preferred. The spots should conform to the spotted Savannah's standard. The smoke pattern should conform to the spotted Savannah's standard.

TEMPERAMENT: The ideal Savannah is confident, alert, curious and friendly.

GENERAL DESCRIPTION: The overall impression of the Savannah is a tall lean graceful cat with striking, dark spots and other bold markings on a background color of any shade of brown, silver, black or black smoke. The Savannah cat is a domestic breed which closely resembles it's ancestral source the African Serval, but is smaller in stature. Affectionate and outgoing, with exceptionally long neck, legs and ears, as well as a medium length tail, the Savannah is both unusual and beautiful. The Savannah is also an exceptionally graceful, well-balanced cat with striking color and pattern.

PENALIZE: Spots that are any color other than dark brown to black. Any distinct locket.

Mackerel tabby type stripes. Cobby body. Small ears.

DISQUALIFY (DQ): Extra toes, any fused, or kinked tail.



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.

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