



THE INTERNATIONAL CAT ASSOCIATION, INC
2006 TICA Annual Board Meeting Public Minutes
August 30, 2006 – September 1, 2006
Hannover, Germany



The meeting was called to order at 8 AM on Wednesday, August 30, 2006 by the President, Kay DeVilbiss. The following members were present:

Kay DeVilbiss – President	Ellen Crockett – Director, Northwest
Nancy Parkinson – Vice President	Jaime Christian – Director, Great Lakes
Pamela Barrett – Director, Mid Pacific	Genevieve Basquine – Director, Southern Europe
Jo Parris – Director, Southeast	Motoko Oizumi – Director, Asia
Don Caruthers – Director, South Central	Laurie Schiff – Legal Advisor
Tracey McCullough – Director, Great Plains	Kenji Aria – Translator
Donna Gonyea – Interim Director, Northeast	Bobbie Tullo – Judging Administrator
Ralph Stadter – Interim Director, Northern Europe	Dorothy Lewis – Rules Committee Chair
Lisa Dickie – Director, Mid Atlantic	

Vickie Fisher, Southwest Regional Director arrived at 11:40 AM on Wednesday, August 30, 2006 due to cancelled flights.

The President, when presiding over the meeting, refrains from voting except when the vote is by ballot, or whenever her vote will affect the result.

1. Unanimous consent requested by Barrett to go into Executive Session. Without objection.

****EXECUTIVE SESSION****

2. Unanimous consent to allow Kenji Aria, Laurie Schiff, and Bobbie Tullo in Executive Session. Without objection.

6. Unanimous consent to defer Rene Copeland, Deborah Reed, Carol Barton, and Marge Hanna for judge emeritus to Semi-Annual Meeting 2007. Without objection.

****REFERRED TO THE SEMI-ANNUAL MEETING****

7. Motion was made and seconded to accept Yukari Kaneko as LH/SH Trainee. Motion carried.

8. Motion was made and seconded to accept Mimi Tsurouka as LH/SH Trainee. Motion carried.

9. Motion was made and seconded to advance Jay Bangle to Probationary Specialty Judge. Motion carried.

10. Motion was made and seconded to advance Brigitte Berthelon to Probationary Specialty Judge. Motion carried.

11. Motion was made and seconded to advance Susan Lee to Probationary Specialty Judge. Motion carried.

12. Motion was made and seconded to advance Karen Stinson to Probationary Specialty Judge. Motion carried.

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13. Motion was made and seconded to advance Monika Dany to Provisional Allbreed Judge. Motion carried.

14. Motion was made and seconded to advance Dewane Barnes to Approved Allbreed Judge. Motion carried.

15. Motion was made and seconded to approve Heather Roberts as Genetics Instructor. Motion carried.

16. Unanimous consent to destroy the ballots. Without objection.

****EXECUTIVE SESSION****

19. Unanimous consent requested by Parkinson to exit Executive Session. Without objection.

20. Motion was made by Fisher and seconded by Christian to accept the Board Governance Policy on Ethics. Motion carried unanimously.

21. Unanimous consent requested by Fisher to approve the Consent Agenda. Without objection.

22. Unanimous consent requested by Parris to hold the 2007 Spring Meeting in Seattle on May 18-20, 2007. Without objection.

23. Motion was made by McCullough and seconded by Gonyea to set a hearing date for Elaine Jordao (Feline Club) at the February Meeting. Motion carried with Parris, Fisher, Stadter, and Christian opposed. Parris wanted see the information on the violations.

****NOTE:** Show flyers must be sent in regardless of where the show is - or the license will not be provided.

24. Unanimous consent requested by Fisher to defer financial wrap up and yearbook finances until the numbers are updated, and a report from the auditors is received. Without objection.

****The meeting was recessed until the next morning.**

25. Unanimous consent requested by Crockett in lieu of a \$2,000.00 direct donation, provide TICA Purebred Rescue Committee opportunity to publish an article in the TICA TREND with a continuing notation asking for donations (to be approved by the Board prior to being published). The Executive Office will keep track of donations and provide the Trend Editor with details to be acknowledged in the Trend. The official poster and brochure will be made available online for the clubs to print. Without objection.

26. Unanimous consent requested by Caruthers to build a Mentoring Program from the Feline Welfare Committee. Without objection.

27. Unanimous consent requested by Fisher to go into Executive Session. Without objection.

****EXECUTIVE SESSION****

28. Unanimous consent to exit Executive Session. Without objection.

29. Withdrawn.

30. Withdrawn.

31. Motion was made by Fisher and seconded by Stadter to accept request for registration reciprocity with AACE. Motion carried with McCullough, Gonyea, and Crockett opposed. Basquine, Parkinson, and Barrett abstained.

32. Motion was made by McCullough and seconded by Crockett to reject the amendment of By-Law 13.1 and add 13.1.1-13.1.4. Motion carried unanimously.

Amend By-Law 13.1, Add new 13.1.1 – 13.1.4 (Hicks/A Stadter)

Current wording for reference:

13.1 Qualifications: Membership shall be open to any individual person who is interested in owning, breeding or exhibiting domesticated cats. New members must complete the application for which includes an agreement to abide by the rules and regulations of the Association, pay the required fee for membership dues and have at least one cat or a cattery name registered with TICA. A member's region of record is the region where the member resides.

New wording:

13.1 Qualifications. Membership shall be open to any individual person who is interested in owning, breeding or exhibiting domesticated cats, by making application, signing an agreement to abide by the rules and regulations of the Association and paying the required fee for membership dues. A member's region of record is the region where the member resides.

Add:

13.1.1 Regardless of membership class, all members join with non-voting status. After a minimum of one year as a member with non-voting status, a member may request a change to voting status by providing proof of any one of the following requirements to the EO:

13.1.1.2 Has registered a cattery name and a minimum of (?) litters with TICA or

13.1.1.3 Has registered a minimum of (?) cats with TICA or

13.1.1.4 Has shown a cat that they own in a minimum of (?) TICA shows.

****PROPOSAL REJECTED****

33. Unanimous consent requested by Christian to go into Committee of the Whole to allow Amy Stadter to speak. Without objection.

34. Unanimous consent requested by Crockett to go out of Committee of the Whole. Without objection.

35. Unanimous consent requested by Crockett to accept amendment to By Law 19.2.1. Without objection.

Amend By-Laws 19.2.1 (housekeeping)

19.2.1 Board of Directors meetings may be called by the President or the Vice President upon 21 days notice by mail, [or telegraph] fax, or any other suitable electronic media. Such notice shall state the time, place and purpose of the meeting.

RATIONALE: Telegraph is no longer a reasonable method for calling a meeting. This wording is consistent with By-Law 110.1.

****MEMBERSHIP VOTE****

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36. Motion was made Crockett and seconded by Fisher to reject proposal to amend By-Laws 19.2.7. Motion carried with Gonyea opposed. Stadter commented: "I am voting yes only because there is a similar proposal on the October ballot. I would like to see some changes to the current rule, depending on the outcome of the ballot."

Amend By-Laws 19.2.7 (Dell)

19.2.7 - A Regional Director who cannot to attend a Board meeting due to personal illness; or the illness or death of an immediate family member; or a natural disaster or national emergency may appoint a proxy. The Board must be advised in writing of the proxy appointment. The proxy must be a member of that Director's region who has been a TICA member for at least 5 years. At the meeting, the proxy will have all the rights and duties of the Regional Director. The same expenses which would be paid for the Regional Director will be paid for the proxy. A director present by proxy at a meeting may not be counted toward the required quorum.

****PROPOSAL REJECTED****

37. Unanimous consent requested by Crockett to delete 118.1.3 from the By-Laws. Without objection.

Delete from By-Laws 118.1.3

Delete from By-Laws:

118.1.3 In order to retain championship competition status, every new breed accepted for championship competition shall, in each of the next 3 show years following such acceptance, register a minimum of 25 additional cats of said breed per year, maintain a minimum of five TICA members in good standing in at least three regions who are actively raising the breed, and exhibit a minimum of ten specimens of the breed in at least fifteen rings in each of three regions per year.

RATIONALE: The newest new breed program virtually guarantees that these basic requirements will be met. No longer necessary.

****MEMBERSHIP VOTE****

38. Unanimous consent requested by Barrett to take no action regarding Registration Rule 33.7. Without objection.

Addition to Registration Rules 33.7

33.7.15 To retain championship status, every new breed must meet the following requirements in each of the next three show years following acceptance:

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

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

33.7.15.3 Have at least 5 TICA members in a minimum of 3 regions who actively breeding the breed.

33.7.15.4 The Breed Committee shall submit a report proving that the requirements have been met.

33.7.16 Failure to meet the requirements of 33.7.15 will result in the breed being returned to non-championship status.

Alternative wording: Instead of 33.7.15.4 and 33.7.16 – delete 33.7.15.4 and use the following wording for 33.7.16

33.7.16 It is the responsibility of the Breed Committee to document that all requirements have been met by providing a report to the Genetics Committee, the Rules Committee and the Executive Office. Failure to meet the requirements of 33.7.15 will result in the breed being moved back to Advanced New Breed status.

****PROPOSAL REJECTED****

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39. Unanimous consent requested by Barrett to accept amendment to By-Laws 123.1.9 and 123.1.10 as amended. Without objection.

40. Unanimous consent requested by Barrett to rescind Unanimous consent 39. Without objection.

41. Unanimous consent requested by Barrett to accept amendment By-Laws 123.1.9 and 123.1.10 with the change of "may" to "shall" as shown below. Without objection.

Amend By-Laws 123.1.9 and 123.1.10 (Board request)

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

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

****MEMBERSHIP VOTE****

42. Unanimous consent requested by Stadter to delete Standing Rule 901.4.5.2. Without objection.

Delete Standing Rule 901.4.5.2 as it says nothing different from above.

****STANDING RULES****

43. Unanimous consent requested by Crockett to take no action on proposal to amend Registration Rule 33.1. Without objection.

Proposal to amend Registration Rules (Stadter)

Current Rule:

33.1 The decision to accept a new breed lies solely within the discretion of the association.

Proposed Change:

33.1 A breed may be accepted for registration as follows:

The association must specify one of the following categories for a new breed when the breed is

RATIONALE: The current wording of 33.1 could be misunderstood since it is not in plain English.

The proposed change simply makes the rule easier to understand. The word "may" in the current version of the rule gives the association the choice to accept or reject an application.

****PROPOSAL REJECTED****

44. Unanimous consent requested by Crockett to take no action on amendment to Registration Rule 33.1-33.1.5, since the Genetics Committee has not seen it. Denied.

45. Motion was made by Stadter and seconded by Crockett to reject the proposal regarding Registration Rule 33.1-33.1.5. Motion carried with Barrett, Parris, Gonyea, Dickie, Basquine, and Parkinson all opposed for the reason that they think it should go to Genetics Committee. Oizumi abstained. The President broke the tie with a favorable vote.

Amend Registration Rules 33.1 – 33.1.5 (Hicks)

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

33.1.1 Transfer New Breed - A breed accepted for championship competition in another cat World Cat Congress association. If a mutation breed has been accepted by another association and the breed's type is significantly different from a breed with the same mutation that has already been accepted in TICA, the Board may accept the breed.

33.1.2 Hybrid New Breed - A breed developed from a deliberate cross between two or more existing breeds, incorporating characteristics of both parental breeds into the new breed. No breed that combines multiple mutations will be recognized. (Example – a tailless, folded eared breed).

33.1.3 Native New Breed - A breed identified through selection of phenotypically similar individuals from a naturally occurring population indigenous to a particular geographic region.

33.1.4 Mutation New Breed - A breed which has been defined by the introduction of new gene (s) not present in an established recognized breed. Effective (date) only one breed will be recognized based on any\unique genetic mutation, other than as provided for in 33.1.1. The breed may have both longhair and shorthair coats.

33.1.5 Experimental - Experimental breeding programs which have not yet designated a breed name. No experimental breed that combines two or more mutations will be accepted. Mutation traits include but are not limited to folded ears, curled ears, rex coats, short (dwarf) legs, taillessness, bobtails, lack of fur, polydactyl.

****PROPOSAL REJECTED****

46. Unanimous consent requested by Crockett to accept the amendment to Registration Rule 33.4, add Registration Rule 33.9, and Standing Rule 303.9.1. Without objection.

Amend Registration Rules 33.4

Add Registration Rules 33.9 & Standing Rules 303.9.1

Transfer New Breeds

Amend:

33.4 Championship Advancement Class Program. The Championship Advancement Class consists of [~~two~~] *three* parts.

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

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

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

33.4.2 Part Two outlines the requirements for introduction of a new trait in existing breeds currently recognized for Championship. This class shall be known as the New Traits Class. The trait in question may or may not have been recognized in other breeds.

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

33.4.4 Any breed accepted in the Foundation Registry as Category VI must declare intent for registration status in Category I, II, III, IV or V prior to acceptance for recognition in Preliminary New Breed Class. (See 36.6.2)

Add:

33.9 Transfer New Breeds (TNB) to Championship

33.9.1 Transfer New Breeds accepted for Championship status in affiliated associations (Standing Rules 303.9.1) and accepted for Registration Only status in TICA, may apply for Advanced New Breed status, without previously being accepted as a Preliminary New Breed, upon satisfying the requirements outlined below.

Standing Rule 303.9.1

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303.9.1 Affiliated associations are the Livre Officiel des Origines Felines (LOOF), and members of the World Cat Congress with headquarters **outside** the United States or Canada.

33.9.1.1 At least one year has passed since the breed was accepted for Registration in TICA;

33.9.1.2 At least 50 individual cats have been registered with TICA;

33.9.1.3 At least 25 litters have been registered with TICA;

33.9.1.4 At least 10 TICA members in good standing are actively breeding the breed.

33.9.1.5 Submission of an Application for acceptance as an Advanced New Breed to the Executive Office and a copy to each member of the Genetics Committee at least 90 days prior to the applicable board meeting.

33.9.1.6 A letter of intent to apply for approval as an Advanced New Breed, signed by at least ten TICA members in good standing;

33.9.1.7 A proposed breed standard, approved by the Rules Committee, including any permissible outcrosses;

33.9.1.8 An indication that the breed is to be categorized as an Established Breed, a Natural Breed, a Mutation Breed or a Hybrid Breed and the rationale for the proposed category. (See RR 37.1.2)

33.9.1.9 Cause a Notice of Intent to apply for advancement to Advanced New Breed status to be published in the April/May TICA TREND for application at the Annual meeting and the October/November TICA Trend for application at the Semi Annual meeting;

33.9.1.10 At least 60 days prior to the Board Meeting, the Genetics Committee must forward a written report commenting upon the application. Such report may recommend approval or denial of advancement, or may recommend further requirements be met prior to approval.

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

33.9.2 Upon acceptance by the Board as an Advanced New Breed, the Transfer New Breed shall follow the requirements for competition, exhibition and advancement to Championship as outlined in 33.6.2, 33.6.3 and 33.7 of these Rules.

****MEMBERSHIP VOTE****

47. Unanimous consent requested by Fisher to accept amendment to Registration Rules 33.5.2, 33.6.3, and 33.8.2. Without objection.

Amend Registration Rules 33.5.2, 33.6.2 and 33.8.2 (Housekeeping)

33.5.2 Competition and Exhibition.

33.5.2.1 A member of a breed designated as a Preliminary New Breed may be entered in any TICA show in the Preliminary New Breed category. Cats which have non-domestic ancestry may be entered in accordance with Show Rule 23.19 and Standing Rule 203. Preliminary New Breed Class cats appear in the catalog, and judge's books and judges shall include these cats in judging fees.

~~33.5.2.2 Each judge shall examine and evaluate each entry in accordance with the breed standard, hanging awards as specified in the Show Rules.~~

~~33.5.2.2.1 Each judge shall award one merit rosette to the best over-all example exhibiting in the Preliminary New Breed class.~~

~~33.5.2.3 Preliminary New Breed class cats will not be scored for regional or international awards.~~

33.6.2 Competition and Exhibition.

33.6.2.1 A member of a breed designated as an Advanced New Breed may be entered in any TICA show in the Advanced New Breed class provided the cat has a TICA registration number

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(203.1.1) and provided that the cat meets the pedigree requirements for championship in the proposed registration category or has a registration status code such that its offspring could be eligible for Championship competition. Cats which have non-domestic ancestry may be entered in accordance with Registration Rules 37.6.4, Show Rule 23.19 and Standing Rules 203.

~~33.6.2.1.1~~ Advanced New Breed cats appear in the *catalog and* judges' books and judges shall include these cats in judging fees.

~~33.6.2.2~~ Each judge shall evaluate the entry in accordance with the breed standard, hanging awards as specified in the Show Rules, if the entries are felt to be of sufficient merit.

~~33.6.2.2.1~~ Each judge shall award one merit rosette to the best over all example exhibiting in the Advanced New Breed Class.

~~33.6.2.3~~ Advanced New Breed cats will not be scored for regional or international awards.

33.8.1 Any new trait or traits of a Championship Breed, not recognized for competition in the kitten, cat or alter class of that breed, may be exhibited in the New Traits Class. ~~33.8.1.1~~ New Traits Class cats appear in the catalog and judges' books and judges include these cats in judging fees.

~~33.8.2~~ Each judge shall examine and evaluate the entry in accordance with the breed standard, hanging awards as specified in the Show Rules. At the option of the judge, any New Traits Class cat(s) may be called to the ring with cats of the parental breed.

~~33.8.2.1~~ Each judge shall award one merit rosette to the best over all example exhibiting in the New Traits Class.

~~33.8.2.2~~ New Traits Class cats will not be scored for regional or international awards.

RATIONALE: The items to delete are all covered in Article 17 of the Show Rules and have nothing to do with how the cats are registered. Item in italics is added to maintain consistency with the wording in other articles.

****MEMBERSHIP VOTE****

48. Unanimous consent requested by Barrett to accept Show Rule definition 21.5.7 with amendment: "and the class has been released." Without objection.

Add to Show Rule Definitions 21.57 (Rules – Requested by Caruthers)

Suggested number: 21.57 Remainder of definitions to be renumbered.

Class Closed: A class (color, division, breed) shall be considered closed when the ribbons have been hung or the awards announced and/or recorded and the class has been released. Circumstances under which a class may or may not be reopened can be found in the Show Rules.

RATIONALE: Since we have rules specifying when a class may be reopened (such as fraud), and when a class may not be reopened (error in color class discovered too late), should have a definition of when a class is considered closed.

****MEMBERSHIP VOTE****

49. Motion was made by Parkinson and seconded by Stadter to approve amendment to Show Rule 213.4 and revised Judging Contract. Motion was denied with Barrett and Parris in favor. Oizumi abstained. McCullough commented she preferred the Motion to be split up. Christian commented it was too small of a change to reprint.

Amend Show Rule 213.4 (Rules)

Revise Judging Contract

Current Judging Contract:

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It is the intent of the parties that this contract is binding, and is not subject to cancellation except in [circumstances of extreme emergency]. If such cancellation is necessary, the canceling party shall provide written notice to the other party as soon as possible.

Proposed Wording:

It is the intent of the parties that this contract is binding, and is not subject to cancellation except in an emergency. If such cancellation is necessary, the canceling party shall provide notice to the other party as soon as possible

Revision of Show Rule:

Current:

213.4 A contracted judge must give notice to the club at least 14 days prior to the advertised entry closing date if he, for whatever reason, [decides he cannot or does not want to fulfill his contract.]

Revised:

213.4 A contracted judge must give notice to the club at least 14 days prior to the advertised entry closing date if he, for whatever reason, is unable to fulfill his contract.

****PROPOSAL REJECTED****

50. Motion was made by McCullough and seconded by Crockett to accept the amendment to Show Rule 213.4. Motion carried with Caruthers, Gonyea, Christian, and Parkinson opposed.

Amend Show Rule 213.4 (Rules)

Revise Judging Contract

Current Judging Contract:

It is the intent of the parties that this contract is binding, and is not subject to cancellation except in [circumstances of extreme emergency]. If such cancellation is necessary, the canceling party shall provide written notice to the other party as soon as possible.

Proposed Wording:

It is the intent of the parties that this contract is binding, and is not subject to cancellation except in an emergency. If such cancellation is necessary, the canceling party shall provide notice to the other party as soon as possible

Revision of Show Rule:

Current:

213.4 A contracted judge must give notice to the club at least 14 days prior to the advertised entry closing date if he, for whatever reason, [decides he cannot or does not want to fulfill his contract.]

Revised:

213.4 A contracted judge must give notice to the club at least 14 days prior to the advertised entry closing date if he, for whatever reason, is unable to fulfill his contract.

****MEMBERSHIP VOTE****

51. Motion was made by Crockett and seconded by Christian to reject the proposal to amend Show Rule 216.8. Stadter commented this is already covered by the Show Rules, that if a cat is pregnant it is ineligible for competition. Motion carried unanimously.

Amend Show Rule 216.8 (Anderson)

Current:

Rule 216.8:"Disqualification (DQ) shall be used for those entries which are removed from competition for reasons set forth in these Show Rules or an individual breed standard".

Revision:

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Rule 216.8: "Disqualification (DQ) shall be used (for those entries which are removed from) to remove an entry from competition for reasons set forth in these Show Rules or an individual breed standard or any ineligible entry which may have been accepted".

Rationale from Anderson: If a pregnant cat is present, I think the judge should be able to disqualify the cat and notify the EO.

****PROPOSAL REJECTED****

52. Motion was made by McCullough and seconded by Crockett to reject proposal to amend Show Rule 217.5.4. Motion carried with Barrett, Parris, Fisher, Gonyea, and Dickie opposed. Stadter commented this proposal does not solve the issue that was made.

Amend Show Rule 217.5.4 (several TICA judges)

Current:

217.5.4 Each judge shall select and place Best, Second and Third Best of Breed awards, except as provided in 216.7. These selections are made from all of the Best, Second and Third Best of Division awards.

Revised:

217.5.4 Each judge shall select and place Best, Second and Third Best of Breed awards, except as provided in 216.7 These selections are made from all of the Best, Second and Third Best of Division awards. Except in single breed congresses, these awards shall be announced or hung.

RATIONALE: Some judges refuse to name breed winners until the finals. This makes it difficult for owners to discover their awards (and most times only the Best is actually in the finals). This practice has even required a special notation in the clerking manual allowing clerks to take numbers from the judge's sheets rather than the normal requirement of recording them as they're hung. Although some will argue that this makes things more exciting, most exhibitors I've spoken with disagree and would prefer to have the numbers announced. In the case of single breed congresses, it will be obvious who the breed winners are, and yes, in that case the breed choices could be withheld until finals.

****PROPOSAL REJECTED****

53. Withdrawn.

54. Motion was made by Fisher and seconded by Caruthers to add Standing Rule 203.1.2. Motion carried with Gonyea, Crockett, and Christian opposed.

Add Standing Rule 203.1.1 (Schiff)

203.1.1 In order for a cat to be shown without a registration number, that cat must be eligible for registration and competition in TICA in the class in which the cat is to be shown.

RATIONALE: Legal clarification.

Note: Renumber current Standing Rule 203.1.1 As 203.1.1.1

****STANDING RULE****

55. Unanimous consent requested by Crockett to add Standing Rule Chart 207.5 with the correction of changing "less" to "fewer". Without objection.

Add Standing Rule Chart 207.5 (Rules/Young), Add charts to Standing Rule 601.2.22 & 601.2.23 (Rules/Young)

Nowhere in the rules does it give the points allotted to color/division/finals wins. There should be a chart at 207.5.

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The scoring rules (of the Standing Rules) reference "Finals points are the same as for title claims, with the exception of fewer than 10 cats (see attached charts)". The titles points do not appear anywhere, nor do the referenced charts for fewer than 10 cats. The titles points should appear at 207.5 as referenced above, and the 'fewer than 10 cats' charts should appear as part of the scoring tables at 601.2.22 and 601.2.23.

RATIONALE: The only place color/division/finals points appear is on the title claim form. The scoring rules in the Standing Rules reference the points for finals and the charts for accommodating less than 10 entries, but these do not appear anywhere. Although some of these might be found on the website, at this time, not everyone has easy access to the internet. They should appear in the printed rules.

****STANDING RULE****

56. Unanimous consent requested by Barrett to take no action to amend Standing Rule 209.1.1.4. Without objection.

Amend Standing Rule 209.1.1.4 (Executive Office)

209.1.1.4 The Show Committee is required to forward via First Class Mail (or better) one completely marked catalog to the Executive Office, the regional reporters and the appropriate regional director of TICA WITHIN 48 HOURS AFTER THE CLOSE OF THE SHOW. For North American shows held DURING THE MONTH OF APRIL, the Executive Office copy must be sent via Express (can be tracked) Mail (or better). Non-US clubs must send the Executive Office copy by a method that is trackable in the US to arrive in the Executive Office NO LATER THAN 7 days AFTER THE CLOSE OF THE SHOW. The Show Committee is required to forward one completely marked catalog to the judging administrator, to each judge, the master clerk and to any person who ordered a marked catalog NO LATER THAN 7 DAYS AFTER THE SHOW. The Show Committee shall also send marked copies of the finals page (s) and the appropriate breed awards to each certified ring clerk within 7 days after the show.

RATIONALE: There were 23 shows held in April this year. As TICA grows and more shows are held during April, it's imperative that catalogs be sent promptly by the fastest method so that the Executive Office can complete the scoring for regional lists to be provided by June 10th. This year the last catalog was received May 16th. Non-US clubs have methods available to send catalogs so that they can be tracked. If a club cannot do this or cannot afford this, then their show should be scheduled in a month where the Executive Office can wait 30 to 60 days to get the catalog.

****PROPOSAL REJECTED****

57. Unanimous consent requested by Fisher to accept amendment to Standing Rule 307.4.2. Without objection.

Amend Standing Rule 307.4.2 (Parkinson)

307.4.2 Category III breeds must have an SBT (V), AOP, BOP or COP status code to be eligible for championship competition. 01T (V), 02T (V), 03T (V), A1P, B1P, C1P, A2P, B2P, C2P, A3P, B3P, or C3P cats may be permitted for championship competition if specifically permitted by the breed and marked by an asterisk.

RATIONALE: There has been a lot of confusion about the asterisk. This clarifies the issue.

****STANDING RULES****

58. Unanimous consent requested by Fisher to reject proposal to add Standing Rule 907.1.1. Without objection.

Add to Standing Rules 907.1.1 (Crockett)

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907.1.1 OUTSTANDING CATTERY TITLE (OC): A cattery (breeder) whose cats have achieved the minimum of five OS or OD awards may display the Outstanding Cattery suffix. This suffix is not to be used in conjunction with a cat's name, but may be used after the cattery name. Catteries with five or more OS or ODs may submit a form, with an appropriate fee, to the Executive Office.

RATIONALE: This cattery title recognizes the achievements of the TICA breeder in their proMotion of pedigreed cats, and in furthering the perfection of the breed according to the breed standard. Recognizing these achievements with a cattery title shows the dedication of the breeder/exhibitor and adds status to a registered TICA cattery name.

****PROPOSAL REJECTED****

59. Unanimous consent requested by Fisher to add Standing Rule 1026.8. Without objection.

Add to Standing Rules 1026.8 (Schiff)

1026.8 In the event that the entity is no longer in existence or the entity or person to whom a debt is owed cannot be located, payment of the debt may be made directly to TICA. The payer shall then be removed from the Temporary Suspension List. If the funds are claimed by the entity or person to whom they are owed within 1 year of receipt of those funds by TICA, TICA shall pay the funds to that claimant. TICA is under no obligation to segregate any such monies at any time, and may deposit any monies paid pursuant to this section into the general account.

RATIONALE: There is currently no mechanism to "clear" a person from the Temporary Suspension List if the club to whom the debt is owed is defunct, or if the person to whom the debt is owed cannot be located.

****STANDING RULE****

60. Unanimous consent requested by Barrett to amend judging program 417.16. Without objection.

Amend Judging Program 417.16 (Housekeeping)

417.16 No action may be taken against an Approved Allbreed judge or an Instructor without full documentation of charges against that judge and a hearing before the Board of Directors except as provided in ARTICLE SEVENTEEN, 417.3 and By- Laws 122.4.

RATIONALE: We need to be able to suspend any judge who has criminal charges pending.

****JUDGING PROGRAM****

61. Unanimous consent requested by McCullough to reject amendment to judging program 42.2.2 and 414.5. Denied.

62. Motion was made by McCullough and seconded by Parkinson to reject amendment to add judging program 42.2.2 and 414.5. Motion carried with Barrett and Crockett opposed. Barrett commented: It is necessary to work on a job description that defines the physical requirement. Crockett commented: I agree with Pam, there needs to be a job description. Christian commented: It is an excellent idea but needs reworked.

Add to Judging Program 42.2.2, Amend 414.5 (Sherer)

New 42.2.2

When judging, a judge must be able to see, hear and speak. Color vision must be normal. Judges must be able to lift at least 25 pounds (11 kilograms). Judges must have full use of both arms and hands. They must be able to stand and/or walk for minimum of eight hours. They must be able to remove cats from judging cages and carry them to the judging table. (then renumber the other items in the list)

Add to article 14

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New 414.5

In order to renew their judging license, each judge must meet the physical requirements of 42.2.2. A temporary disability shall not preclude re-licensing.

(Renumber current 414.5 – 414.11)

RATIONALE: I suggest that we add a description of physical demands which applicants must meet. This is taken from the requirements in nursing jobs. According to the hospital's HR department, if an existing employee is no longer able to meet these requirements, they can be let go without violating the Americans with Disabilities Act.

****PROPOSAL REJECTED****

63. Unanimous consent requested by Parkinson to reject amendment to judging program 44.6 and 45.2.1. Without objection.

Amend Judging Program 44.6 and 45.2.1 (Remy)

Advancement from Probationary Specialty Judge to Approved Specialty Judge 44.6 The probationary period shall be for a minimum of 1 year, and a minimum of 20 shows judged. Two LH or SH Congress rings may count as a show during the time of Probationary Specialty for advancement purposes with a minimum of 20 cats present in the congress. [balance of article unchanged] Advancement from Approved Specialty Judge to Provisional Allbreed Judge 45.2.1: Have judged at least 30 TICA shows as Approved Specialty. Three LH or SH Congress rings may count as a show during the time of Approved Specialty for advancement purposes with a minimum of 20 cats present in the congress. [balance of article unchanged]

RATIONALE: In Europe there are many SP Judges without as many shows as in the US to use as many SP rings. Including some congress rings in the shows accepted for advancement could help us advance more easily from step to step. This is a good opportunity for SP Judges to learn a bit more by presenting a Congress Final. In my opinion, work is not the same when presenting a LH or SH Final, with many different breeds ; and presenting a MC Congress Final for example where you need to use 10 times the same breed standard with only the good points of the cats finalized. I really think this could be a good point in the Judge's Education. The proposal is for minimum of 20 cats judged.

****PROPOSAL REJECTED****

64. Unanimous consent requested by Crockett to request per diem is granted from Monday 8/28/06 to Monday 9/4/06 on the days traveled at \$50.00 maximum per day. Without objection.

65. Unanimous consent requested by Crockett for TICA to pay a maximum of 6 nights in the Copthorne hotel in Hannover, Germany. Without objection.

66. Unanimous consent requested by Crockett to allow the Executive Office to register blue based caramel as blue, lilac caramel as lilac, and apricot as cream. Without objection.

67. Unanimous consent requested by Barrett to have the Rules Committee work on Entry Clerk Ethics and Procedures for the next meeting. Without objection. (See Addendum)

****REFERRED TO SEMI-ANNUAL MEETING****

68. Unanimous consent requested by Barrett to have Rules Committee work on an Entry Clerk License Program and bring to the next meeting. Without objection.

****REFERRED TO SEMI-ANNUAL MEETING****

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69. Unanimous consent requested by Crockett to go into Executive Session with Board, Legal Counsel, Interpreter, and Lesley Hart. Without objection.

****EXECUTIVE SESSION****

71. Motion was made and seconded to suspend all services for Laura Wilson for 5 years and \$5,000.00 fine. Motion carried.

73. Motion was made and seconded to suspend Jane Baldinger of all TICA privileges for 5 years. Motion carried. (See Motion 76 and 77 below)

74. Motion was made and seconded to have Jane Baldinger's suspension continue for a minimum of 5 years and to continue until Jane Baldinger pays a fine of \$2,500.00. Motion carried.

75. Motion was made and seconded to permanently prohibit registration of any litters or unaltered cats to Jane Baldinger. Motion carried.

76. Motion was made and seconded to reconsider Motion 73. Motion carried.

77. Motion was made and seconded to amend Motion 73 to suspend all TICA services for 3 years; suspend TICA services except for show participation in a non-executive manner (show manager, entry clerk, ring clerk – exhibiting or agenting a cat is not permitted) for an additional 2 years. Motion carried.

79. Motion was made and seconded to permanently suspend all TICA services to Tamara Tallman Rogers. Motion carried unanimously.

81. Motion was made and seconded to permanently suspend the Kenneth and Margaret Ehrhart from all TICA services. Motion carried unanimously.

****EXECUTIVE SESSION****

82. Unanimous consent requested by Gonyea to exit Executive Session. Without objection.

83. Unanimous consent requested by Barrett to appoint Eve Noonan and Shelby Noonan to the Household Pet Breed Committee. Without objection.

84. Unanimous consent requested by Fisher to appoint Hazel Blanford as a member of the Japanese Bobtail Breed Committee. Without objection.

85. Unanimous consent requested by Stadter to appoint Natascha Dekarz as a member of the Russian Blue Committee. Without objection.

86. Unanimous consent requested by Barrett to go into Committee of the Whole to view the Thai presentation. Without objection.

87. Unanimous consent requested by Crockett to table the vote on the Thai's until the winter meeting. Denied.

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88. Motion was made by Crockett and seconded by Christian to table the vote on the Thai's until the winter meeting. Motion carried with Barrett, Parris, Gonyea, Stadter, Dickie, and Basquine opposed. All those opposed commented: "we can work on approving them to PNB pending their standard and out crossing. (See Addendum)

****REFERRED TO THE SEMI-ANNUAL MEETING****

89. Unanimous consent requested by Caruthers to reject any changes to the Munchkin Standard. Without objection.

****PROPOSAL REJECTED****

90. Unanimous consent requested by Barrett to go into Committee of the Whole to hear the Turkish Van presentation. Without objection.

91. Motion was made by Caruthers and seconded by Parkinson to approve the Turkish Van Standard. Motion denied with Barrett, Caruthers, McCullough, Gonyea, and Parkinson in favor. Oizumi and Stadter abstained. (See Motion 92)

92. Motion was made by Fisher and seconded by Gonyea to reconsider Motion 91. Motion carried with Parris, Dickie, Crockett, Christian, and Basquine opposed. Oizumi abstained. The reconsideration of Motion 91 carried with Parris, Dickie, Crockett, Christian, and Basquine opposed. Oizumi abstained. (See Addendum)

93. Unanimous consent requested by Crockett to table solid Ragdolls until the 2007 Semi-Annual Meeting in order to poll the Ragdoll breed section on the solid color division. Without objection.

****REFERRED TO THE SEMI-ANNUAL MEETING****

94. Unanimous consent requested by Barrett to go into Committee of the Whole to hear comments from the breed chair of the Ragdoll's Breed Committee. Without objection.

95. Unanimous consent requested by Parkinson to go into Committee of the Whole for Carol Streit to speak about the Savannah. Without objection. (See Addendum)

96. Unanimous consent requested by Crockett to table the LaPerm proposal until the 2007 Semi-Annual Meeting and poll the breed section on use of the asterisk. Without objection. (See Addendum)

****REFERRED TO THE SEMI-ANNUAL MEETING****

97. Withdrawn.

98. Withdrawn.

99. Unanimous consent requested by Stadter to add Registration Rules 39.7.1 As Standing Rule 309.7. Denied.

100. Motion was made by Stadter and seconded by Crockett to add Registration Rules 39.7.1 as Standing Rule 309.7. Motion carried with Gonyea opposed.

Add to Registration Rules 39.7.1 (Hicks)

Add to Registration Rules:

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39.7.1 The owner's name, address and city are not allowed in the name of the cat unless it is a TICA registered cattery.
No rationale given

****STANDING RULE****

101. The board awarded the 2009 TICA annual to Orlando, Florida by secret ballot.

102. Unanimous consent requested by Crockett to destroy the secret ballots. Without objection.

103. Unanimous consent requested by Crockett to go into Executive Session with Board only, Legal Counsel, Interpreter, and Lesley Hart. Without objection.

****EXECUTIVE SESSION****

104. Unanimous consent to have Laurie Schiff and Ralph Stadter continue working with the web design company in an effort to re-negotiate the contract in a timely matter. Without objection.

****EXECUTIVE SESSION****

105. Unanimous consent requested by Stadter to exit Executive Session. Without objection.

106. Unanimous consent requested by Stadter to move Finland and the other Scandinavian countries to isolated area status. Without objection.

****STANDING RULE****

107. Unanimous consent requested by Stadter to remove Russia from isolated area status, effective May 1st. Without objection.

****STANDING RULE****

108. Unanimous consent requested by Stadter to adjourn. Without objection.



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ADDENDUM

Entry Clerk Seminar / Manual Outline

1) Who Should Attend?

Anyone interested in Entry Clerking a TICA show
Anyone interested in entering the TICA judging program

2) Purpose of the Seminar

Basic role of an Entry Clerk
Provide guidelines for step-by-step entry clerking
Establish working relationship with club
Review available computer programs for entry clerking

3) Handout Materials

Show Rules
Registration Rules
Standing Rules
Breed Standards (may or may not be needed by the Entry clerk!)
An official TICA Entry Form
Sample Show Flyer
Sample Website
Sample contract between Club & Entry Clerk
Sample benching spreadsheet

4) Role of the Entry Clerk

Enter cats into the computer program
Field exhibitor phone calls, emails and general inquiries – important to be congenial and patient)
Provide exhibitor check-in each day of the show (some clubs want to do this themselves- make sure you know up-front who will check exhibitors in the day of the show).
Exhibitor's Mailing List
Closing the Show -- Financial reports for the club
Other possible duties – you or the club?

- Develop printed show flyer
- Develop show website
- Collect entry fees (Does the club accept PayPal?)
- Bank Deposits
- Print the catalog
- Print the judges' books
- Creating the judging schedule
- Bench the show hall

5) Establish clear, working relationship with the club from the beginning

Who will develop the printed show flyer?
Who will develop the show website?
Who will be responsible for on-line promotion -- You or the club?
What will be the final deadline for accepting entries?
Does the club want you to stay open after the printed deadline?

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- Does the club want you to do a late page (if necessary)?
- Will there be a fee for late entries, payment at check-in?
- Does the club allow an exhibitor to pull entries?
 - If so, under what circumstances?
 - Does the club ever give entry refunds?
- Who will make the bank deposits?
- Will the club accept PayPal payments?
- Who will be responsible for printing the catalog?
 - Establish deadline for catalog insertions (i.e., Show Committee, advertising, etc.)
 - Besides entry information what will be included in the catalog?
 - Who will provide what?
 - Show Committee
 - List of Donors
 - Show flyers
 - Vendor & exhibitor advertisements
 - Judging schedule? – by you or the club
 - How many extra copies (after # of exhibitors, ring clerks)
 - If entry clerk, when will you get reimbursed?
 - If club is going to do the catalog,
 - Who will be putting the catalog together?
 - What's the deadline for the cat pages?
- Who will print the judges' books?
 - Will there be trainees?
- Who will bench the show hall?
 - Do you have an accurate layout/floor plan?
 - Who provides exhibitor 'row signs'?
 - What is the amount of space given for grooms - single? double?
 - For exhibitor benching
 - Will club be using stanchions? 8' tables? 6' tables?
- Will the club be providing traditional rosettes?
- If alternate plaque system will be used,
 - what info will be on the entry rosettes
 - the cats name? breed? owner name?
 - Are there special forms that the E.C. will need to fill out?
 - Who will the entry clerk give this info to?
 - What's the deadline for supplying entry plaque info?
- How will ring clerks be selected – by you, the club or both?
- How will stewards be selected – by you, the club or both?
- Negotiate compensation for entry clerking.
- Execute Entry Clerk contract with the club
- Who will collect bounced checks/lack of payment?

6) Communication is the key to being a successful Entry Clerk

Important to respond to all inquiries promptly
If you don't know something, let the person know that you will find out and get back to them ASAP with an answer

7) Computer Programs for Entry Clerking

Review of entry clerking programs available
Pros/Cons of each

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- Types of reports
- Ease of use
- Cost
- Technical support

Setting up the program – what do you need?

8) What to do when you get an entry

Acknowledge entry receipt within 24 hours

Enter exhibitor & entry information into computer program

- Note if payment has been received

- Verify proper placement for cat's color/division for that breed

- (Must have working knowledge of TICA's regulations regarding Show Rules, Registration Rules, Uniform Color Descriptions, Standards, etc.)

Send exhibitor an entry confirmation – should include:

- Summary Sheet recap including benching request

- Payment amount received or still due

- Entry catalog information

Put any checks and cash in a 'safe place' for the club

Make copies of all checks & money orders & attach to entry info

Pass checks to Show Treasurer

9) The Catalog

Be prepared – Much of the catalog can be done in advance

Work with the printer

- Get estimate for printing

- Get estimate approved by club

- Establish deadline for submittal

- What form – electronic or hard copies?

- Determine number of copies (confirm with club)

- Establish method of payment, advise club

Advise club what information you need from them and when

- Front Cover

- Show Committee List

- Donations List

- Advertisements from vendors/exhibitors

- Other show flyers

- Judging Schedule

Before printing "final" cat pages

- Recheck every catalog entry for accuracy

- Make sure every entry is in the catalog (exhibit only's too)

10) Benching

Need accurate floor plan with precise dimensions with

- Fire exits, fire extinguishers, electrical, microphones noted

Do a physical recheck of each exhibitor's requests prior to benching

Confirm # of cage spaces for exhibitors – cats, extra ½ cages, grooms

Determine # of rows / # of cage spaces needed to bench exhibitors

Make benching chart based on benching priorities & special requests:

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- Handicapped exhibitors / end of row requests
- Cats being agented
- Show Committee
- Ring Clerks (by clerking rings, if possible)
- Master Clerk (easy access)

11) Judges Books

If you don't have a dot matrix printer, get one.
Get extra toner cartridges & book rings
Do test prints from computer to dot matrix to make sure it works BEFORE you're ready to print final judges' books.
Find out from Show Management if there will be any trainees
Print judges' books for each judge & trainee for each day

12) Preparing for Exhibitor Check-In

Catalog labels or envelopes?
Row Signs
Gather and take to the show all entry related correspondence – entry forms, emails, etc.
Organize by exhibitor last name alphabetical order

13) At the Show

Check-in exhibitors
Collect any outstanding money for entries
Provide Master Clerk or Show Manager with list of Absentees/Transfers
Handle any benching problems
Give Master Clerk the TICA EO furnished "Finals Sheets"
Provide club with a final financial report
Provide club with a list of any 'unpaid' entry fees
Provide club with an "Exhibitor List"
To be included with marked master catalog to the TICA EO

14) Establish and Understand Timelines

Be prepared!
Establish timelines for each step in the entry clerking process
(i.e., Don't wait to do everything related to the catalog the week of the show – you need to give yourself time to proof the catalog, format the catalog, print it, do benching, do judges' books, and prepare for exhibitor check-in)

THAI (TH)

The Thai (TH) is a medium to slightly large, shorthair, pointed cat of medium type.

HEAD	40	points
Shape	8	
Ears	8	
Eyes	10	
Chin and muzzle.	5	
Profile and nose	7	
Neck	2	
BODY	35	points
Torso	10	
Legs and feet	10	
Tail	7	
Musculature	5	
Boning	3	
COAT/COLOR/PATTERN	25	points
texture	7	
length	8	
color	10	

CATEGORY: Pointed

DIVISIONS: Solid, tabby, tortie

COLORS: All

Permissible Outcross: None

Head:

Shape: modified wedge with rounded contours, slightly longer than wide with a flat forehead.

Profile: nearly straight, with a very slight concave curve at eye level

Nose: straight

Eyes: medium large, almost almond, appear round when wide open, set at least one eye width apart. A line from inner corner through outer corner of the eye meets with the outer base of the ear.

Eye color: blue, clear deep brilliant color preferred. Eye shape and setting is more important than color.

Ears: medium sized to slightly large, wide at the base, moderately rounded tips. The inner base of the ear is set above the center of the eye. Set as much on the side as on top of the head with outer edge within the wedge. Allow for very light furnishings.

Muzzle: medium long, quite narrow and rounded, following the shape of the wedge, no muzzle break

Chin: rounded, in alignment with the nose

Neck: medium short, well muscled

BODY:

Torso: medium to slightly long, rectangular, level back, athletic

Legs: medium

Feet: small, rounded

Tail: medium long, in proportion to overall cat, wider at base, tapering to a narrow rounded tip

Boning: medium-fine

Musculature: firm

COAT:

Length: short

Texture: soft, slight undercoat, not close lying

Color:

Body Color: even, allow for shading on the flanks; no color hues preferred, emphasis on sound color.

Point Color: mask, ears, feet and tail should match in color.

Allowance for darker body shading in older cats as long as there is still a definite contrast between body and points.

ALLOWANCE: incomplete point color and mask in kittens and young adults up to 12 months. Ghost markings in kittens and young adults up to 12 months. Slight tabby markings on the body of lynx points as long as there is a good contrast to the points. Stud jowls in males.

PENALIZE:

Ghostmarkings in non-agouti adult cats, receding or too massive chin, belly spot as dark as the point color, overly pointed muzzle, bulky or oriental structure.

WITHHOLD WINS (WW):

Roman or pronounced concave profile, white lockets; white toes and feet (including paw pads); patches of white in the points.

Other eye color than blue

DISQUALIFICATION:

Visible tail fault. Crossed eyes. Visible Protrusion of the cartilage at the end of the sternum.

GENERAL DESCRIPTION:

The ideal Cat of this breed is an athletic cat of medium to slightly large size.

Thai breed developed decades ago from Siamese breed so that Thai acquired its typical round strong forms, undercoat, full cheeks in adult males. So that now we have a clear, distinct contrast to Siamese and exact opposite towards this breed in the highest degree.

The Thai is a well balanced cat without any extremes. A cat in harmony as well in appearance as in character.

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 (216.12.4), 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.

TURKISH VAN (TV)

HEAD	35 points
Shape	7
Eyes	5
Ears	5
Chin	5
Muzzle	3
Profile	7
Neck	3

BODY	35 points
Torso	20
Legs/Feet	8
Tail	7

COAT/COLOR	30 points
Length/Texture	15
Pattern/Color	15

CATEGORY: Traditional.

DIVISION: Solid, Particolor.

COLORS:

Solid: Solid white only.

Particolor: All traditional colors, Van pattern only. Tabbies are not differentiated among the different tabby patterns.

PERMISSIBLE OUTCROSSES: None.

HEAD:

Shape: Large to medium size. Broad in males, moderately broad in females. Modified wedge with rounded contours and high cheekbones. Forehead slightly rounded. Allowances must be made for jowling in the males. Head is slightly longer than it is wide. The face should not look foxy or rounded.

Eyes: Large, walnut to peach pit shape, set slightly oblique. Color is amber, blue or odd eyed. Moderately large, a rounded aperture slightly drawn out at the corners, set at a slant, equidistant from the outside base of the ear to the tip of the nose. Eyes should be clear, alert and expressive. Allow for faded eye color and greenish cast to amber eyes in cats over 18 months of age. Rims are pink unless colored from random spotting.

Ears: Moderately large to large, set fairly high and well apart; the inside edge of the ear is slightly angled to the outside with the outside edge fairly straight but not necessarily in line with the side of the face; wide at the base. Tips are slightly rounded. Insides should be well feathered.

Chin: Rounded somewhat, with an even bite.

Muzzle: The muzzle is neat, rounded, and proportionate to head, with a definite but not sharp whisker break (must be felt in full coated cats).

Profile: Slight dip below eye level marked by a change in direction of hair growth. Nose has a slight downward curve, but not so pronounced as to be a Roman profile.

Neck: Medium short and muscular. May have full ruff with winter coat in mature adults.

BODY:

Torso: Sturdy and long. Full chest and substantial musculature. No hard planes or angles to shape of body. The ribcage is somewhat rounded (no slab sides). Size is large and imposing in males, females proportionately less so. Kittens do not have the hard muscular feel of adults. Mature males should exhibit marked muscular development in the neck and

shoulders. Shoulders should be as far apart as head is wide. Body tapers slightly to a strong pelvis. Allow for loose skin between the back legs.

Boning: Medium, well-muscled all over.

Legs and Feet: Medium length forelegs with hind legs slightly longer. Medium boned with strong trim muscles. Neat, round feet with toes tufted.

Tail: The tail is a brush or plume, medium length and in proportion to the cat. Hair is at least 2 inches long in adults with a full brush.

COAT:

Length: Semi-long with no wooly undercoat. Due to the extremes in climate of their native region, the breed carries two distinctive coat lengths and allowances must be made for the seasonal coat. The summer coat is short, conveying the appearance of a shorthair except for feathering of tummy and britches and is not as soft. The winter coat is substantially longer and thicker. Facial fur is short. A frontal neck ruff and full brush tail become more pronounced with age. The above description is that of a mature adult, allowances must be made for shorter coats and tail hair on kittens and young adults.

Texture: Soft, with the feel of cashmere. Individual hair is fine, water resistant and has a slight stand-away quality, particularly in winter. Winter coat is fuller, longer and softer.

COLOR/PATTERN:

SOLID DIVISION:

Color: Solid white cats should be free of any evidence of color. All nose leather/paw pads are pink.

Pattern: Solid white cats should be free of any evidence of pattern.

PARTICOLOR DIVISION:

Color: White with Van Pattern markings. All traditional colors, may be tabbled or not, and are true to color description. All nose leather/paw pads are pink unless colored in patches by random spotting. Since the white spotting gene is present, you may also see white patches in the colored areas or a small white tail tip. Locketts do not apply.

Pattern: Van pattern only, which is a blazed head patch and colored tail on white. Markings are ideally confined to the head and tail, but up to 20 percent of the cat (includes head and tail) may be colored with random spotting as long as it does not detract from the van pattern. A blaze (a white streak up the nose) to at least between the front edge of the ears is desirable. Allow for extended color on head or rump. Color on the tail should be continuous from base to tip. In tabbled colors, it should be ringed and darker above than below. Color may extend up rump.

GENERAL DESCRIPTION: The Turkish Van is a natural breed cat that originated in the rugged and climatically varied region of Lake Van, Turkey. In the Van Region, Turkish Van Cats are traditionally a solid white cat or a white cat that has colored markings of a distinctive pattern known as Van Pattern. Van Pattern restricts color on a white cat to the head and tail. The Vans are solidly built semi-longhaired cat

with no undercoat and display seasonal variations in coat appearance. The strength and power of these cats is evidenced in a substantial body and legs, well-developed chest, and muscularity. These cats take a full 3 to 5 years to reach full maturity and development; therefore, allowances must be made for age and sex. Despite age and sex, as adults, individuals should convey an overall impression of a well-balanced and well-proportioned appearance in which no feature is exaggerated to foster weakness or extremes. These cats should appear alert and healthy, and be well-groomed. Males should be large and imposing, females medium to large and well-balanced. These cats should not be restrained too tightly, but should be handled with a firm and gentle pressure. As they are very intelligent and alert cats, they feel more secure and perform best when allowed to stand on their own on the table (if temperament allows).

PENALIZE:

General: Any evidence toward extremes (i.e., short cobiness or svelte, fine boning); flat profile.

Particolor: Color over more than 20 percent of the cat; lack of facial blaze.

Solid: Yellowing on the coat.

WITHHOLD ALL AWARDS (WW):

General: Definite nose break, poor condition.

Particolor: Total absence of color on the head or tail; bicolor pattern.

Solid: Any color other than white. Any spot of color on the body, head or tail, except that which is allowed on any other white cat of other breeds.

– *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.*



June 1, 2006

SAVANNAH BREED SECTION ANNUAL BREED REPORT



2006



Overview

The Savannah breed group has experienced many changes over the past twelve months. At the 2005 TICA Annual, Carol Streit was named as our new breed chairperson and the Ocicat was added as a permissible outcross to the Savannah breeding program. At the 2006 TICA Semi-Annual meeting, the Savannah breed was moved from Advanced New Breed back to Preliminary New Breed. We were also pleased to see the registration nomenclature modified to accommodate the unique challenges of working with a non-domestic source breed. These changes will allow the breed group to focus on building a diverse pool of fertile males necessary for Savannah to Savannah breeding; important for future advancement to ANB and SBT. Savannah breeders are concentrating on improving type and consistency in the litters being produced; an area showing great progress when using Savannah males!

Membership and Breed Group

TICA membership within the Savannah breed section continues to grow. Recent topics of discussion within our group include a compilation of information on birth defects and their causes (genetic, external factors), information on diseases and appropriate treatments, and DNA testing.

Another project of significant value is the tracking of fertile and infertile male Savannahs. We recognized that there is some fertility at the F4 level. However, potency is seen more consistently in F5 generation males, and by F6 nearly 100% of Savannah males are able to produce offspring. The breed group wanted to identify factors that might affect fertility in the F4 - F6 generation males such as Serval lines, outcrosses used and the age of sexual maturity. Breeders are submitting information based on these factors for further analysis.

Of special interest to many Savannah breeders have been discussions on testing male fertility and artificial insemination.

Kristin Filseth is coordinating fertility testing on intact males and examination of testes from recently neutered males. Research on the genetics of male fertility is being conducted by a geneticist at Texas A & M while semen analysis and testicular pathology are being studied at the Virginia-Maryland Regional College of Veterinary Medicine in Blacksburg VA. We hope that the results will provide insight to the specific reasons for infertility with particular males and possibly result in recommendations to increase the potential fertility within our lines and at earlier generations.

We also have a breed group member, Heather Goerdts, who recently had one of her Savannah queens artificially inseminated. An F4 male was stimulated using electro-ejaculation for collection. Hopes are high that this technique will be successful and offer an option for SV to SV "breeding" without the stress of shipping cats for stud service.

The breed section website is also progressing nicely with many educational pages as well as beautiful representatives of many generations of the Savannah breed. The website can be viewed at www.savannahbreedsection.org.

Registrations

Our focus on producing SV to SV kittens is apparent in the ever increasing number of 'B' and 'C' level kittens available. Year to date there have been 232 Savannah litters registered resulting in 678 kittens. Individual registrations show a total of 253 cats already registered this year with 48 having three generations of permissible outcrosses and/or with permissible showing in the registration code. As the youngsters mature and are placed in pet homes or in breeding programs we anticipate the total number of individual registrations to increase. As a breed group we are excited at our progress in producing Savannah to Savannah kittens and anticipate submitting our request to move to ANB status for the 2007 Annual, or possibly the 2008 Semi-Annual meeting.

Announcement

We are also very excited by a report from Lisa Jeffrey that in May 2006 the Savannah breed was accepted as a new breed by the Canadian Cat Association (CCA). There was an overwhelming positive response by the CCA board members. We look forward to being able to start exhibiting our savannahs this upcoming summer at the CCA cat shows across Canada, and progressing the breed to further status in the near future.

Showing

As in past years Savannah owners and breeders were actively involved in shows, seminars and exhibitions across the country. An informal poll of the pet and breeder lists provided a total of 59 cats shown in more than 20 different shows. Many judges have taken advantage of the opportunity to handle Savannahs and to review the Savannah Standard. Many judges also participated in breed seminars to gain a better understanding of breeding goals and challenges involved in working with non-domestic foundation cat lines.

Breeders attending and showing their cats received both positive and constructive feedback on overall type in comparison to the breed standard. Clarification on specific points within our standard was also requested by a number of judges at the shows. The breed group acknowledges these recommendations and will begin reviewing our standard and working on fine tuning the verbiage and point allocations for the 2007 show season.

Junior Achievers continue to have fun and to gain experience showing their cats. These young adults not only show Savannahs but some now show more than one breed in these events!

In Closing

We would like to express our sincere appreciation to the Executive Office, Board Members and Regional Directors for their patience and for mentoring our membership as we work together for positive change. The dedication and willingness of TICA's leadership to become knowledgeable about Savannahs has enabled us to achieve so much this past year. Many individuals have also taken the time to educate our breed section members on TICA's rules, and particularly, the TICA registration codes. We have gained the knowledge we need to effectively work within our standard, and work toward Championship status. We would like to extend special thanks to Vickie Fisher and Jamie Christiansen for their efforts with the BOD regarding the use of "N" Foundation and "P" Foundation nomenclature. We would also like to thank Bobbie Tullo for her endless efforts working on the code charts which clarify use of the "N" and "P" designation.

As the 2006 TICA Annual is in Europe, many breeders/owners will not be able to make the meeting to exhibit their Savannahs. The following pages are examples of both mature Savannahs and recent kittens. We have included many photographs of B and C registered (Savannah to Savannah) cats from a variety of breeders to demonstrate the focus of our breed section members is to achieve Championship status. We hope you enjoy the pictures; they reflect our passion and love for our breed.

Respectfully Submitted,

Carol Streit

Savannah Breed Chair



Kirembo Babe Sumaku
High percent F4 AON
(23% serval)
(HP F3 SV x DSH)
Breeder: Brigitte Cowell
Owners: Mike and Sandy Hale
Photographer: Chanan



Gattobello Guido
F5 BON (F4 SV x F5 SV)
Breeder/Owner: Kristine Alessio
Photographer: Leonard Dieguez



Kirembo Amonke Amadi
High percent F4 BON
(24.5% serval)
(HP F3 SV x F6 SV)
Breeder/owner: Brigitte Cowell



Gattobello Alito
F4 BON (F3 SV x F5 SV)
Breeder: Kristine Alessio



**Ivorycoast Kashka Hasani
of Kirembo**
F5 BON (F4 SV x F8 SV)
Breeder: Meryl Peek
Owner: Brigitte Cowell
Photographer: Chanan



C & C Savannah Dahle
F3 B3S (F2 SV x F6 SV)
Breeders: Callie Ingram &
Carol Streit



**Bundas Zahara Kanzi of
MeadowCreek
F3 B3S (F2 SV x F6 SV)
Breeder: Grace Lush
Owner: Linda Swartwout**



**Rimrock Safaris KissyFit of
Jua Ini Savannahs
F2
Breeder: Manette Self
Owner: Sabira Woolley**



**C & C Savannah Galadriel of
MeadowCreek
F5 B0N (F4 SV x F4 SV)
Breeders: Callie Ingram &
Carol Streit
Owner: Linda Swartwout**



**Select Exotics Jua Ini of Jua
Ini Savannahs
F2
Breeder: Dale Hummel
Owner: Sabira Woolley**



**Jewels of the Nile Sahara
of Tasj mahal
F2 A2S 25% serval
(F1 SV x SE)
Breeder: Allison Navarro
Owner: Carol Spelts**



**Gattobello Isabella of Kasbah
F4 B0N (F3 SV x F5 SV)
Breeder: Kristine Alessio
Owner: Cynthia King
Photographer: Leonard Dieguez**



AmiriExotics Zuna
F2 A2S (F1 SV x ??)
Breeder: Dawn Thomson
Owner: Cheryl Banks



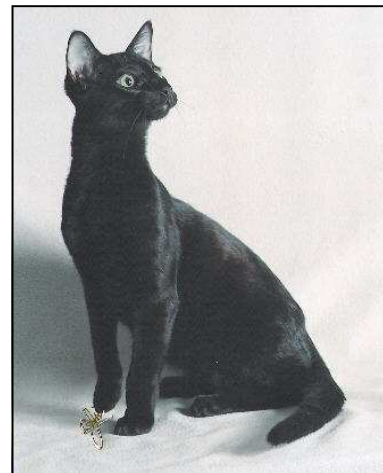
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F3 B3S (F2 x F5)
Breeder: Joyce Sroufe
Owner: Dawn Beitzel



AmiriExotics Jelani
F3 A3S (F2 SV x SE)
Breeder/owner: Dawn Thomson



Savannah Island Kismit of Jewels of the Nile
F3 B3S (F2 SV x F5 SV)
Breeder: Debby Maraspini
Owner: Allison Navarro



IvoryCoast Jafar of Nitewindes
F5 B
Breeder: Meryl Peek
Owner: Debbie Anderson



Savannah Island Jacinda
F3 A3S (F2 SV x SE)
Breeder/owner: Debby Maraspini



IvoryCoast Acacia of Nitewindes
F2 B
Breeder: Meryl Peek
Owner: Debbie Anderson



Amazingsavannah Bisa of Abba Savannahs
F2 A2N (F1 SV x SBT BG)
Breeder: Paul Beeson
Owner: Jacqueline Zimowski



Summerwood Savannahs Taz
F4 A0N (F3 SV x EM)
Breeder: Donna Lawver
Owner: Eric Kohnke



Dreamsavannahs Shala of Gulf
F1 A1S (F5 SV x SZ)
Breeder: Tina Roberts
Owner: Heather Goerd



Bespotted Liquid Abyss
F2 B2S (F1 SV x F6 SV)
Breeder/owner: Kate Davis



Bespotted Jagged Little Thrill
F3 A2N (F2 SV x DSH)
Breeder: Kate Davis
Photographer: St. Arnaud



Dreamsavannahs Hope of Gattobello
F1 A1S (F5 SV x SZ)
Breeder: Tina Robertson
Owner: Kristine Alessio
Photographer: Leonard Dieguez



Sweetspots Starbuck
F3 B3S (F2 SV x F7 SV)
Breeder: Kim Orrell
Owner: Sherry Stover



CahabaCats Kittens
F4 BON (F3 SV x F5 SV)
Breeder: Lori Johnson
Owner: Hope Dudley



A1 Savannahs Kudia of Zulu
F1 A1S (F5 SV x SZ)
Breeder: Joyce Sroufe
Owner: Pat Joyce



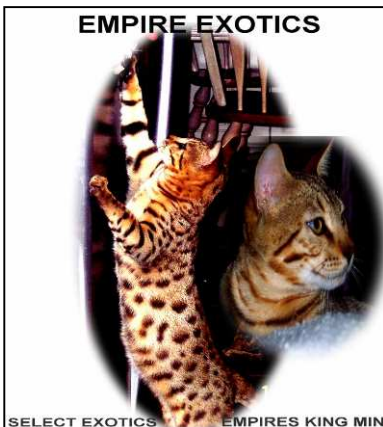
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F4 AOP (F3 SV x DSH)
Breeder: Pam Thompson



ThomKatz Batman
F4 AOP (F3 SV x DSH)
Breeder: Pam Thompson
Owner: Eric Wilder



Spots on the Lake
Mr. Bojangles
F3 B3S (F2 SV x F6 SV)
Breeder/Owner: Lisa Jeffrey



Selectexotics Empires
King Min
F5 B0N (F4 SV x F5 SV)
Breeder: Dale Hummel
Owner: Patricia
Slombak-Miller



Dreamsavannahs Capoeira
of Jua Ini Savannahs
F1
Breeder: Tina Robertson
Owner: Sabira Woolley



Marechal Second Chance
F3 A3S (F2 SV x DSH)
Breeder/Owner: Sheryl
Koontz



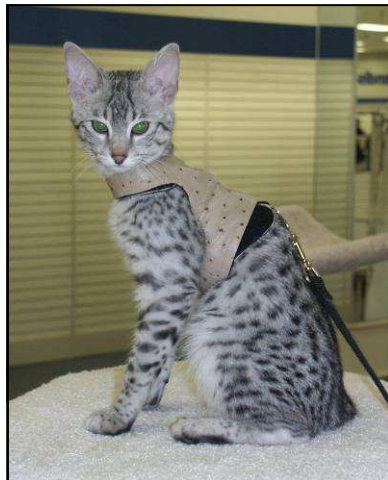
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F3 A3S (F2 SV x EM)
Breeder: Patti Struck
Owner: Kristin Filseth



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Flame of Jua Ini Savannahs
F2
Breeder: Lana ?
Owner: Sabira Woolley



A1 Savannahs Nadra of Zulu
F1 A1S (EM/BG x SZ)
Breeder: Joyce Sroufe
Owner: Pat Joyce



Jasirisana No Average Jo
of Kasbah
F2 A2S (F2 SV x EM)
Breeder: Patti Struck
Owner: Cynthia King



Kasbah Hara
of C & C Savannahs
F2 B2S (F1 SV x F6 SV)
Breeder: Cynthia King
Owners: Callie Ingram &
Carol Streit



Marechal Kimba
F4 A3N (F3 SV x DSH)
Breeder/Owner: Sheryl Koontz



Demdar Lily of the Valley of Spots on the Lake
F2 A2S (F1 SV x DSH)
Breeder: Kristin Filseth
Owner: Lisa Jeffrey



Thomwren Chikutu
F2 A2S
Breeder/Owner: Marjorie Wren



Summerwood Savannahs (kitten)
F3 A3S (F2 SV x EM)
Breeder: Donna Lawver



C & C Savannahs Elixir of Kasbah
F3 B3S (F2 SV x F6 SV)
Breeders: Callie Ingram & Carol Streit
Owner: Cynthia King



Bspotted Jane's Addiction of Kasbah
F5 CON (F4 SV x F4 SV)
Breeder: Kate Davis
Owner: Cynthia King



Thomwren Kabuki Abambu
F2 A2S
Breeder: Marjorie Wren
Owner: Deanna Lee Gulke



Sanura of AmiriExotics
F2 A3S
Breeder/Owner:
Dawn Thomson



Hits the Spot Jayvyn
F6 B3N (F5 x F7)
Breeder/Owner:
Dawn Beitzel



Gattobello Starbuck
B3S
Owner: Leonard Dieguez
Breeder: Kristine Alessio



Couture kitten
F5 C0N (F4 SV x F6 SV)
Breeder: Kaleena Lee



Demdar kitten
F5 B3N (F4 SV x F5 SV)
Breeder: Kristin Filseth
Owner: Laura Eckebrecht

PROPOSAL TO AMEND STANDARDS

By-Laws

17.4 Duties of the Breed Committees. It shall be the duty of the Breed Committee to represent the Breed/Breed Group Section members on any proposed Breed Standard change, amendment or deletion, submitted by any bona fide voting members of the Breed/Breed Group Section. It shall be the responsibility of the Breed Committee Chairperson to submit any such proposals to the Genetics and the Rules Committees for approval. Individual Breed Committee members may attach comments to any breed proposal submitted to the aforesaid committees. Upon approval of said Committees, the proposal shall be forwarded to the Executive Office for balloting of the Breed/Breed Group Section in accordance with 118.2.

118.2 Amendment of Existing Standards. Proposed Standard amendments including but not limited to the addition or deletion of colors or the adoption of a new Standard for a recognized breed shall be submitted by the Breed Committee Chairperson to the Genetics, and Rules Committees 120 days prior to the Board meeting at which the changes are to be considered. The Genetics and Rules Committees shall act on the proposal within 15 days of receipt. Upon approval of the Genetics and Rules Committees, the Executive Office shall issue a ballot to all bona fide voting members of the Breed/Breed Group Section(s) no less than 100 days prior to the Board Meeting at which the changes are to be considered, to be counted by the official TICA Ballot Judge. Financial responsibility for said poll shall rest with the requesting party(ies).

118.2.2 Breed/Breed Group Section Members shall have at least 45 days from the date of mailing to return the ballot to the TICA Ballot Judge.

118.2.3 Upon receipt of the results of the poll, the Executive Office shall place the proposed changes on the Agenda of the next Board Meeting with the official results of the poll. The Board of Directors may approve the proposal, reject it or refer it back to the Breed/Breed Group Section(s) with suggestions for revision.

Standing Rules

1018.2 Amendments. Proposals to amend Standards shall be considered by the Board of Directors at annual or semi-annual meetings and must be in writing and received in accordance with ARTICLE EIGHTEEN, 118.2 of the TICA By-Laws. **Proposals must be received by the Genetics and Rules Committee no later than 120 days prior to the opening day of the meeting.** Proposals received after the 120-day deadline will be placed on the following meeting agenda.

1018.2.1 Proposals must be on the approved form, R-4023 Proposal to Amend Standards (available from the Executive Office or the TICA web site).

1018.2.1.1 Notification. Members are to be notified of action taken at the Board Meeting on proposals submitted by them with a target date of 10 working days after completion of the minutes

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STANDARD TO AMEND: LaPerm LH/SH		DATE: June 1, 2006	

List below the changes to the current standard:

In the TICA Registration Rules, 37.4.5 Category III Breeds -
To have the Breed marked with an asterick

Rationale for proposed change:

The LaPerm registrations have dropped to a dangerous level and has an unusually limited gene pool. Since the
ONLY allowed out-cross for this breed has always been domestics with unknown and unregistered ancestry, this
would facilitate the registration problems that now exists when cross registering for other registries. This too would
allow more cats to be shown and the breed to have more public exposure. (See attached file explaining the scope of this problem)