

# **TICA Annual Board Meeting August 30-31, 2018**

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**Location:** Birmingham, Alabama

## **Welcome and Call to Order - Fisher - 8:30-8:45**

1. Roll Call
2. President's Remarks

## **Consent Agenda - Fisher 8:45-9:00**

1. Approve Minutes/Corrections/Additions - Spring Meeting
2. Approve Minutes/Corrections/Additions - Interim Meeting

## **Board Governance Proposal 9-9:30**

1. Amend Board Governance Policy Article 7 - Recording of Votes ( Judge Advancements) - Stadter

## **Bylaws Proposals 9:30-11:30**

1. Amend Bylaw 111.1.3 - Directors' Expenses - Fisher
2. Amend Bylaw 113.2 - Membership Voting Period – Fisher
3. Amend Bylaw 114.2 - Candidate Announcements - Fisher
4. Amend Bylaw 17.4 - Duties of Breed Committees - Hutcherson

## **Show Rules Proposals 11:30-4:30**

1. Amend Show Rules 21.17, 22.2.3, 22.3.1.4 - Combined Format Shows - Crockett
2. Amend Show Rules 21.70, 21.72 - Congress Definitions – Wood

**Lunch 12:15-1:30**

3. Amend Show Rule 22.2.2 - Alternative Format Shows - Crockett
4. Amend Show Rule 22.1.2.3 - Pet Expos - Faccioli
5. Amend Show Rule 22.4.2, etc. - Show Licenses - Kruszona-Zawadska
6. Amend Show Rule 23.5, 216.14 - Declawed Cats - Ardolf/Burris/Stinson
7. Amend Show Rules 23.1.1, 27.7.2 - Separate HHP Classes - Hull
8. Delete Show Rule 23.7.2 - Pedigreed Cat re-registered as HHP - Hull
9. Amend Show Rule 24.2 - Entry Information - Crockett
10. Amend Show Rules 27.2-27.4 - Qualifying Finals - Fisher
11. Amend Show Rule 211.4.1 - HHP Catalog Entries - Hull

## **Standing Rules Proposals 4:30-5:30**

1. Add Standing Rule 1023.8 - Judge of the Year - Brown
2. Amend Standing Rule 203.1.1 - Unregistered Cats – Crockett

## **STANDING RULES (Continued) Friday, August 30, 8:00- 9:15 AM**

3. Amend Standing Rules 901.4.3, 907.2 - Breed Winners - Board Directive
4. Add Standing Rule 901.4.3.4.6 - Regional Awards - Poole
5. Add Standing Rule 107.3 - Fiscal Transparency - Brooks/Holmes

**Break 9:15-9:30**

## **Automation Updates/Proposal 9:30-11:00**

1. Automation Update - DeVilbiss/Stadter
2. Proposal - Lease of TOES Entry System

## **Executive 11-12:00**

1. Set Hotel and Per Diem rates
2. Marketing Report - Fulkerson
3. Year End Financial Review - pre audit

**Lunch noon - 1:15**

4. Yearbook Report
5. TREND Report

## **2021 Annual Proposals 1:15 - 1:45**

1. TICACats - Germany - A. Stadter
2. Viking Cats – Copenhagen, Denmark – J. Vey
3. Klub Kota Xtreme – Poznan, Poland – A. Kruszona-Zawadska

## **Breed Reports (1:45 - 3:00)**

1. Comments from Rules regarding correspondence with Thai Breed Committee  
Comments from Rules regarding Breed Reports
2. Australian Mist
3. Lykoi
4. Highlander  
Highlander Breed Report  
Appointment of Board Liaison to Highlander Breed Group
5. Aphrodite
6. Toybob Breed Reports  
Comments from Working Group Chair, A. Marinets  
Reports  
Selection of Breed Working Chair Request

## **Minskin Breed Chair Request**

## **Special Breed Report/Update - Thai**

## **Other Business/Discussion 3 - 4**

## **Open Members Meeting 4 - 5**

## **Adjourn**

## Amend Board Governance VII (Voting Records) - Stadter

### Rationale:

There has been feedback that it is unnecessary and in some cases cause for embarrassment to have individual votes reported for judges' advancements. If there are issues with a candidate, the relevant information should be made available through the Judging Administrator and addressed via that channel and not publicized in meeting minutes.

### Amend Board Governance Article SEVEN:

It is expected that the published minutes of the General Board Meeting record that the Board went into Executive Session, the purpose of the session and the outcome of the discussion. For example, the general minutes of the meeting may record that, "the Board went into Executive Session to consider advancement and re-licensing of judges."

~~The~~ **For most motions the** general minutes would then record the outcome of that consideration, including the name of the maker and second of the motion. The General Minutes will include the individual vote of each board member by name.

**For motions regarding acceptance of trainees or advancement of judges, the general minutes would record the outcome of that consideration, including the name of the maker and second of the motion. The outcome on such motions will either be noted as "carried" or "denied". The General Minutes will not include the individual vote of each board member.**

### Rules Committee Comments:

(A)

As a Regional Director, I definitely support this. While I am not ashamed of how I vote, we are not allowed to explain "why" we vote the way we do in executive session and this causes much controversy and dissent within the membership (in my opinion at least).

(B)

I thought we just started reporting those votes. Now you are trying to reverse the decision? But the new Judging committee may be responsible for making these decisions anyway. This may be unnecessary

(C)

It was changed 3+ years ago. I thought the change then was done for the wrong reasons.

(D)

I never did like seeing how everyone voted. Just tell me is it a yay or nay.

I think it does create issues with membership and the people that are being voted on. I know of a couple of RD's that have had to deal with fallout over their votes. Like (A) said, they don't see the comments and they don't know why people voted the way they did.

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All personnel, contract issues, should be done in executive session with the votes just listing a pass/fail.

I agree with this proposal.

(E)

The change occurred because there was a lot of thought that RDs were not being truthful with their regions about how they voted and also, the reverse, that they were being truthful but not being believed.

There are drawbacks and advantages to both methods.

Whatever we do, we need to be able to keep track of the counts.

(C)

In my time on the Board we used secret ballots. That seemed one way to address the issue.

The proposal is only for judges, not all the Exec Session votes and that seems a reasonable compromise to me.

(F)

I agree with (C). Feel this change back should go forward for now while the judging committee is organizing and setting priorities for work. I was disappointed that this change was made in the first place. We don't need to embarrass anyone.

(G)

I agree with (A) 110%

## Amend Bylaw 111.1.3 (Directors' Expenses) - Fisher

### Rationale:

TICA is long past the time that Directors should not be reimbursed travel expenses to attend meetings. Regional Funds are not equally sufficient among the regions to support all their directors and awards programs and have not been relied on for some years.

### Amend Bylaw 111.1.3

111.1.3 The President, Vice President and Directors shall be reimbursed reasonable travel expense to the Annual Convention and ~~may be reimbursed reasonable expenses incurred~~ in attending any Board of Directors ~~or membership~~ meeting. ~~if funds are available. Directors' travel expenses shall be reimbursed firstly from the Regions' escrow account.~~

### Rules Committee Comments:

- (A) Looks good
- (B) Looks good
- (C) Sounds fine to me
- (D) I'm fine with this long overdue amendment

## Amend Bylaw 113.2 (Membership Voting Period) - Fisher

### Rationale:

TICA's voting timelines were based on a paper and mailing system. With the move to electronic voting, the time necessary to send and receive ballots is greatly reduced. The most recent Membership Ballot saw only 6 out of 4,500+ eligible voters elect to vote by mail. The remaining votes were all electronic. 80% of the ballots were received within 4 weeks with a large bump at the end of the voting period and immediately after the final reminder.

### Amend Bylaw 113.2:

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

113.2.2 All membership ballots shall be sent to each member eligible to vote by either one of the following methods, or by a combination thereof:

113.2.3. First class mail postmarked at least **30** 45 days prior to the date announced for counting ballots as set forth in the Standing Rules.

113.2.3.2 The method used by an established firm whose business is to conduct electronic voting for stockholders, memberships organizations and the like, which utilizes security in such elections. At least **30** 45 days, prior to the date announced for counting the ballots, shall be allowed for return of ballots. Further specific procedures relating to such electronic voting shall be set forth in the Standing Rules.

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### Rules Committee Comments:

(A)

I have no problem with the idea and rationale

(B)

I don't have a problem with this especially since we are still going to offer paper as an alternative.

(C)

This looks good to me.

(D)

An appropriate amendment and I have no objections.

As a separate issue, given the final sentence in 113.2.3.2, should the Standing Rules be amended now that TICA has several years' experience of electronic voting?

## **Amend Bylaw 114.2 (Candidate Announcements) - Fisher**

### **Rationale:**

TICA's election process currently (formally) spans a period of 8 ½ months, with 4 months allocated to declaration of candidacy before the Membership finally knows who the official candidates are. It would seem better to set the official field of candidates in a shorter period of time so that the Membership can focus on getting to know the candidates and the candidates can define their platforms.

### **Amend Bylaw 114.2:**

114.2 Announcement of Candidates. After the initial election, any member who has been a member in good standing for 2 consecutive years immediately preceding shall be eligible to seek office and shall declare his candidacy in writing to the Executive Office not more than ~~6~~4 months nor less than 2 months before the election month with the filing fee established by the Board of Directors. If no member in the region or no member in the Breed/Breed Group Section has been a member for the 2 years immediately preceding the election, the 2 year membership requirement shall not apply. This shall entitle the candidate to be listed as a candidate for the office sought in every issue of the newsletter including the newsletter prior to the ballot being mailed to the membership. Each candidate shall be entitled to publish a summary of his/her experience, credentials and platform in accordance with Standing Rules.

### **Rules Committee Comments:**

(A)

I might change some of the wording about mailing out ballots since everything is done electronically

But the idea is good overall..

(B)

I guess that "mailing" also implies emailing.

I'm happy with the amendment, although I would suggest that the opening words "After the initial election" are now redundant and could be safely removed.

(C)

I agree with (B) about redundant words and that mailing also includes emailing

## Amend Bylaw 17.4 (Duties of the Breed Committees) - Hutcherson

### Rationale:

Rationale #1: To better define the role of the Breed Committee to assist TICA in education and advocacy on the benefits of pedigreed cats as these tasks have consistently been performed by members of the breed committee.

Rationale #2: To assist breed section members to better identify Breed Committee candidates who can provide the functions most often done by the Breed Committee.

Rationale #3: To assist interested parties in being better able to understand the tasks and duties most often performed by TICA Breed Committees.

### Amend Bylaw 17.4

~~17.4—It is 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. Any proposal submitted to the Breed Committee must be approved by a majority vote of the Committee prior to the Breed Committee Chairperson forwarding the proposal to the Genetics and Rules Committees for review and approval. It is the responsibility of the Breed Committee Chairperson to forward any approved proposal to the aforementioned Committees within 5 days of approval by the Breed Committee and to return any proposal not approved by the Committee to the person or persons originally submitting the proposal. Individual Breed Committee members may attach comments to any breed proposal submitted to the aforesaid committees or individuals. Upon approval of the Genetics and Rules Committees, the proposal must be forwarded to the Executive Office for balloting of the Breed/Breed Group Section in accordance with 118.2.~~

### **17.4 Duties of Breed Committees**

**17.4.1 It is the duty of the Breed Committee to educate the general public about the distinctive qualities, unique history and value to society of their breed via routes identified by the TICA Board of Directors such as the TICA website, TICA publications and TICA events**

**17.4.2 It is the duty of the Breed Committee to educate and provide resources for breed section members to hone their breeding programs to produce better examples of the breed**

**17.4.3 It is the duty of the Breed Committee to present a “breed theory” document to the TICA membership and Board of Directors every six years defining the means by which this breed may maintain its distinctive traits, ensure vigorous health and be a good choice as a domestic companion pet**

**17.4.4 It is the duty of the Breed Committee to submit the breed standard to the TICA Veterinary Advisory committee every three years and to take under advisement response from that committee to alter the TICA standard to maintain or create healthier examples of the breed meeting the TICA standard**

**17.4.5 It is the duty of the Breed Committee to provide resources to TICA breed section members and judges to assist in the evaluation and ongoing improvement of the breed**

**17.4.6 It is the duty of the Breed Committee to provide representation whenever possible when requested by the TICA President**

**Rules Committee Comments:**

(A)

I think it's good to define a bit more detail as to what breed committees are responsible for

(B)

Since when have we had a Veterinary Advisory Committee? I've never heard of this before.

(C)

There was a brief reference to it at the 2017 Annual in the minutes but no details on its members or remit. No-one has asked us to formally add it to the list of Committees in Standing Rules either.

I think that in the circumstances, it is wrong for a Bylaw to refer to a committee that is not defined elsewhere.

(B)

I finally had some time to read through this thoroughly and although I agree that I would love to see breed committees take on more responsibilities, perhaps it's just me but I find much of the language of this proposal confusing, so difficult to meet the requirements. For instance:

17.4.2 – what sort of resources is Anthony thinking that the breed committee can provide that aren't already available to breed section members? I don't know that the breed committee members have any special resources or connections above what other breed section members have to help improve breeding programs – I certainly don't...

17.4.3 – what is a 'breed theory'? Even Anthony has it in quotes which to me means it has a different meaning than implied. Whatever this is supposed to be I would like to see it better defined if the breed committee is going to be required to provide one every six years.

17.4.4 – as already previously commented on, it would be difficult to require a breed committee to submit a breed standard to a committee that doesn't exist, and if this committee is formed at some time in the future I think its responsibilities need to be defined before we start requiring breed committees to be submitting reports to it

17.4.5 – again, what sort of resources can breed committees provide that are not already available to help members and judges evaluate their breed?

17.4.6 – is he talking about to providing a personal presence at board meetings, or ???

(D)

The current definition of the responsibilities of a breed committee are rather vague and undefined - he is trying to say Powerpoint presentations need to be made, health concerns need to be addressed and people need to support things like Meet the Breeds for TICA..

That's what the intent of all this is..

(E)

That was my take on it, I think if you are going to serve on a committee it shouldn't be in name only...you need to be actively involved.

(C)

I share (B)'s concerns. Since this is a Bylaw, which generally has the highest precedence, then the wording needs to be clear. The wording is what counts, not the intent behind the changes.

I also object to the amendment in its present form because:

- There is a reference to a committee that is not defined elsewhere
- The existing 17.4 is deleted entirely, which covers a process for making breed standard changes central to the concept of breed committees
- Bylaws should be describing overall policy and not a detailed list of activities.

(B)

On the contrary, the responsibilities of the breed committees are currently spelled out quite clearly in the bylaws, they are just very limited, related only to making any changes to the breed standard.

Don't get me wrong, I completely support and encourage any proposal to increase the responsibilities of the breed committees, but they need to be doable and measurable. For instance, I imagine every responsible Bengal breeder knows there has historically been a problem with HCM in the breed and knows what needs to be done to test for it and breed it out. What can the breed committee do to further education these breeders? The information is already readily available to everyone.

Also, I'm not sure that the board members are going to be terribly eager to read breed 'theories' (whatever that is supposed to be) on fifty plus breeds, even if it is only every six years – personally I think I would be blurry eyed after the first 20 or so reports, much less having to interpret it to confirm that it's content assures the maintenance of the breed's distinctive traits, ensures vigorous health and supports it as a good choice as a domestic companion pet. If these do become required, when will they be due? There needs to be a specific/set date, such as the end of the show year, or the end of the calendar year.

These same comments also go for the reports proposed to be written for the theoretical Veterinary Committee, only those are supposed to be every three years, rather than every six...

As for your suggestions, they are all very reasonable and doable – PowerPoint presentations for educational purposes, providing data on health issues to the breed section members, supporting venues such as Meet the Breeds or Pet Expos, however none of these suggestions are included in Anthony's proposal.

## **Add Show Rules 21.17, 22.2.3, 22.3.1.4 (Combined Format Shows) - Crockett**

### **Rationale:**

Show halls are increasing in cost – this format would allow fewer rings with more finals, potentially reducing costs to clubs. Alternative format causes cats to be handled more times, causing more stress on the cats and more wear and tear on the judges. By handling the cats once and doing two finals, this reduces stress, and could allow for more entries.

Because of the proposed format, only Allbreed judges can judge a Combined Format show.

### **Add new 21.17 and renumber existing 21.17 and rest of 21.x:**

#### **21.17 Combined Format Show**

**A show in which cats are judged one time and both Allbreed and Specialty finals are awarded, subject to the rules set forth in the Standing Rules. Only Allbreed judges may judge a Combined Format show.**

### **Rules Committee Note:**

Additionally, all cross references to 21.x within the Show Rules and Standing Rules will be updated if the rule number changes as a consequence of this addition. For brevity, these are not included here.

### **Add new 22.2.3:**

**A Combined Format Show is a show in which the Allbreed judge judges LH and SH cats separately, hanging Specialty finals subject to the rules for number of finals by count as set forth in Show Rule 212.3. Once judging has been completed for both LH and SH cats in each class (CH, Kitten, Alter, HHPK and HHP), an Allbreed final shall be calculated and presented (no additional handling or judging is undertaken).**

### **Add new 22.3.1.4**

22.3.1 The maximum number of entries a club may accept is limited as follows:

- 22.3.1.1 Alternative Format - 125 entries. (See Show Rule 21.16.)
- 22.3.1.2 Back-to-Back Format - 250 entries. (See Show Rule 21.14.)
- 22.3.1.3 Split Format (2-day Show) - 500 entries. (See Show Rule 21.15 and Show Rule 216.4.)
- 22.3.1.4 Combined Format Show 175 entries (See Show rule 21.17)**

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## Rules Committee Comments:

(A)

I'm not sure I like it.. Haven't gone looking for what rules are affected by it. I know CFA does something similar (not too sure but I've seen it done)

I'm rather tired of seeing proposals come thru to make getting titles easier.

(B)

I didn't like it when she brought it up on the judges list.

First, I think it's lazy judging. Yes, sometimes we judge back to back and it's 250 cats but if you can't physically do it, then don't judge. That may sound harsh, but judging is a lot of physical work.

Second, Cats can change from session to session....a bit of grooming, etc...you can have a whole different cat.

Third, As an allbreed judge, I may final more LH or SH in my AB final and then have to possibly dig for LH/SH finals...hate that.

I think this is a bad idea all the way around.

(C)

I don't like it!

You want 2 finals? Than the judge should handle the cat 2 times! Some cats are better in the morning others better in the afternoon so it will unfair to some of them

(D)

CFA does this but it is becoming less and less common. I am not sure why.

(E)

I am against this too. Cats can change between handlings and if I am going to award a second final I want to handle again and appreciate the cat again.

(A)

I've got a question - how does this affect the rules as to how many times a judge can judge in a weekend?

Also how does this affect the number of cats a judge can handle (daily and weekend)?

And how does this affect how many times a cat can be handled (daily and weekend)?

I don't think we can review other changes without knowing answers to these questions.

(F)

Interesting point - but if there is no additional judging then there are effectively 3 finals but only 2 judging sessions.

The final sentence reads: "(no additional handling or judging is undertaken)." So I think that the rules on handling would remain unchanged.

## Amend Show Rules 21.70, 21.72 (Congress Definitions) - Wood

### Rationale:

With the changes passed to 212.3 and 212.4 on the last ballot, “Top 5 Format” and “Top 10 Format” are no longer defined terms and should be removed from Congress definitions. This change also has the advantage that the number of required finals is now in just one place in the Show Rules (212.3).

### Amend Show Rules 21.70, 21.72:

21.70 BREED CONGRESSES - Shows wherein cats of the same breed compete for awards. No breed congress may be held unless there are at least 20 or more cats present and competing. ~~The Top Ten format shall be used when 25 or more cats are present and competing. The Top 9 format requires a minimum of 24 cats competing. The Top 8 format requires a minimum of 23 competing. The Top 7 format requires a minimum of 22 competing. The Top 6 format requires a minimum of 21 competing. The Top Five format shall be used when 20 cats are present and competing.~~ **Finals are awarded as set out in 212.3.**

21.72 MULTIPLE BREED CONGRESSES - Multiple breeds of cats compete for awards, generally but not necessarily breeds of like conformation or type. No multiple breed congress may be held unless there are at least 20 or more cats present and competing. ~~The Top Ten format shall be used when 25 or more cats are present and competing. The Top 9 format requires a minimum of 24 competing. The Top 8 format requires a minimum of 23 competing. The Top 7 format requires a minimum of 22 competing. The Top 6 format requires a minimum of 21 competing. The Top 5 format requires a minimum of 20 competing.~~ **Finals are awarded as set out in 212.3.**

### Rules Committee Comments:

- (A) I think it makes sense. The finals should follow whatever rules are in place.
- (B) no comment - consistency is good!
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## Amend Show Rules 22.2.2 (Alternative Format Shows) - Crockett

### Rationale:

This proposal addresses shows where judges are sometimes judging AB 3 times. Alternative Format was never intended to be a vehicle for campaigners.

### Amend 22.2.2

An Alternative Format show is a show in which two separate shows are held consecutively, but in the same calendar day. Each show shall be scored as a separate show. **Each judge may only judge one AB show on a single calendar day.**

### Rules Committee Comments:

(A)

I think this will make it a lot harder for small shows to get a good cat count.

The clubs do Alternate Format because they have a low cat count and therefore can't afford to fly in many different judges.

Some of the judges are "Only" SP Judges so this rule would make 1/2 to 2/3 of the rings SP and many exhibitors (not only campaigners) prefer AB over SP!

I think it would be better to say 1/3 of the rings of an Alternate Format have to be SP that limiting the judges!

(B)

I am not a fan of judges judging 3 times over the weekend and never have been. However, there are good reasons to have a judge judge twice in a single calendar day at an alternative format show, such as travel arrangements (fewer nights in a hotel)

(C)

From the other side...I hate judging back to back, especially both AB. I don't think it's fair to the exhibitors.

I would like to see this go even further and added into the judging program that judges can't count all those shows towards advancement. We have some judges that have judged all their shows on these formats.

(D)

Several members of the new JC agree that 3 judgments of the same cats by a judge over a weekend should not all count towards advancement. The committee will be addressing this issue.

## **Amend Show Rule 22.1.2.3 (Pet Expos) - Faccioli**

### **Rationale:**

The addition approved by the Board at the 2017 Annual Meeting was amended after the Board discussed the proposal and the new wording does not reflect clearly the original intent of the rule.

The original proposal was:

22.1.2.3 The provisions and restrictions of 22.1.2.1 and 22.1.2.2 shall not apply when one or both of the scheduled shows for the same date is part of a Pet Expo in which the Pet Expo determines the date of the expo, the shows are in different regions, and when the show is limited to a maximum of 125 entries.

The intent of the rule is that the restrictions shall not apply in the case of Pet Expo as mentioned, no matter if the shows are held on the same region or not.

### **Amend 33.8.16:**

22.1.2.3 The provisions and restrictions of 22.1.2.1 and 22.1.2.2 shall not apply when one or both of the scheduled shows for the same date is part of a Pet Expo in which the Pet Expo determines the date of the expo, and when the show is limited to a maximum of 125 entries ~~within a region~~.

### **Rules Committee Comments:**

- (A) I don't know what happened here. This was my proposal and Kurt proposed a friendly amendment that it did not even need to be a different region but could apply even if the shows were in the same region. I think the minutes did not accurately reflect the language of the motion.
- (B) The bottom line is that the membership voted upon the words in the ballot, so it does need a membership vote to change them. This new amendment makes sense in my opinion.
- (C) Sounds good - definitely less confusing.

## **Amend 22.4.2 etc (Show Licences) - Kruszona-Zawadzka**

### **Rationale:**

Currently there are many rules that clubs need to comply with (number of rings, number of cats, number of times a judge can judge during a show weekend) but the rules also demand that any club submitting a show application and paying the insurance fee (if required) is granted a show licence no matter what is on that show licence. So a club can advertise a show that is not compliant with the rules and still get a licence for it.

Many show managers think that being granted a licence mean that their show is “okay” when it is not. This proposal would allow development of a proper process to check the materials submitted and not licence shows that clearly would be in violation of TICA rules.

### **Amend Show Rule 22.4.2:**

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

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

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

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

**22.4.2.4 The date of the show was approved by the club’s Regional Director, or proof that the request was made and no response received within 30 days**

**22.4.2.5 A show flyer has been submitted**

### **Add New Show Rules 22.4.3 and 22.4.4**

**22.4.3 A club may be denied a show licence if any information on the application or on the flyer is in violation of TICA rules.**

**22.4.4 If a club was denied a show licence pursuant to 22.4.3 the club may choose to either re-apply with corrected information and flyer or to request a refund of any fees already paid for that licence.**

**Renumber existing Show Rules 22.4.3 and 22.4.4 as 24.4.5 and 22.4.6 respectively. Renumber Standing Rule 202.4.3 as 202.4.5**

### **Rules Committee Comments:**

(A)

I’m not sure what she’s getting at or I may not be reading it right.

The show license application already has a place on it to check if it’s been approved by the RD, etc...

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I know when I've licensed a show, if so forget to send them a flyer, they always remind me, so I'm not sure what is going on with this.

(B)

I agree with this proposal - but it may be difficult for the EO to know whether the RD approved or not.. I know things are kinda loose here in the SW.. and we've had clubs with the same basic show dates for years..

The requirement of a show flyer is already on the application for a license

(C)

Although the EO form may already have tick boxes etc for some things, the rules don't have those requirements specified. I'm assuming she feels that forms and rules should be consistent.

Secondly, there is no rule that forces the EO to \*not\* licence a show if the relevant information is missing or the show is non-compliant with existing rules. That's why there is a new 22.4.3 and 22.4.4

(D)

I am traveling but I believe there is a rule limiting the RDs ability to deny a show date. So even if the RD refused it, if there was no show within 500 miles, the club could still have the date.

## **Amend Show Rules 23.5 and 216.14 (Declawed Cats) – Ardolf, Burris and Stinson**

### **Rationale:**

In the past, TICA has expressly stated that it does not condone the practice of declawing but allows such cats to be shown as some exhibitors have adopted cats that were already declawed. In practice, however, the current rules allow breeders and pet owners to declaw their cats and still show them in all classes in TICA.

While the practice of declawing cats was widespread in the past, education regarding the extent of the procedure (amputation of third phalanx as well as the nail) and the impact it has on cat behavior and cat gait has decreased the practice extensively. Numerous countries and a few American states have banned the practice altogether.

TICA is an international cat association, which should reflect the views of its members and also the evolution of humane veterinarian practices. As written, the proposed rule changes would limit the entry of declawed cats and kittens to only the household pet classes, unless the exhibitor provides documentation proving the amputation was medically necessary due to injury or disease.

### **Amend 23.5:**

A cat not having all physical properties, such as eyes, ears, legs, tail (except as specified in breed standards), is ineligible for entry except in the alter classes or household pet classes. **A declawed cat or kitten is ineligible for entry except in the household pet classes, i.e. household pets and household pet kittens, unless the exhibitor submits to the entry clerk documentary proof, signed by a veterinarian, certifying that the absence of the claw(s) is due to injury or disease.**

### **Amend 216.14:**

216.14 Cats **and kittens** that have been declawed **and are eligible for entry pursuant to Show Rule 23.5** shall not be penalized.

### **Rules Committee Comments:**

(A)

I agree with this. Many years ago I had to have a cat declawed for medical reasons.

(B)

First let me say that I don't agree with de-clawing.

BUT, I'd rather see a cat declawed than put to sleep or turned into a shelter.

I don't see a lot of declawed cats behind the judging table except in the GL region. There is an exhibitor that declaws all her cats and I haven't figured out why.

I think HHP and HHP kittens should be allowed because we don't know the circumstances. But that can be said of some of the alters also. They may have come from rescue situations and we don't know the circumstances.

I don't have a problem with this rule, per se, but I do have some mixed feelings.

(C)

I don't agree with declawing either but some people live in rental properties and can't risk destruction of screens, carpets, drapes, cabinetry, whatever. So I agree with allowances for HHPAs and HHPKs who likely are rescues although not always. I agree with (B) - mixed feelings

(D)

I also don't care for declawing - or only if medically necessary for the cat. I think allowances for showing an HHP is good.

At least this is a step in the right direction. Someone recently asked me about showing declawed cats and couldn't believe it was allowed in TICA.

(E)

As our international exposure continue to grow, our rules need to adapt to international norms rather than domestic US ones. Whilst personally I hate the thought of any declawed cat in the show hall, I agree with this proposal as a reasonable compromise.

## Amend 23.1.1 and 23.7.2 (Separate HHP Classes) - Hull

### Rationale:

This proposal is to establish two classes within HHP and HHPK: a class for those cats/kittens which are purely non-pedigree and a class for cats/kittens which were deliberately bred and have a known sire, known dam, and/or known breeder.

To encourage owners of the regular, family cat, or owners who have adopted mixed-breed cats from shelters, owners of cats of unknown heritage, to participate in cat shows. The TICA website states, *“So you don’t have to have a pedigreed cat to join in on the fun”*. But this is *not* the real experience. - There are some breeders or pedigreed owners who enter their pedigreed cats into direct competition against disadvantaged cats from shelters or other places. It is an easy win for any Pedigreed cat. This *inequity* discourages genuine HHP owners from continuing to show, and also discourages them from taking membership.

To encourage HHP cat owners to join TICA and/or their local cat show club. *This purpose would also help TICA to grow.*

To prevent the HHP Division from dying, so that it will not become simply another venue for breeders to show or sell their deliberately-bred, pedigreed cats.

To prevent *tension* between Pedigreed cat-owners/breeders and the Non-pedigreed HHP cat-owners in HHP Competition. Most breeders are currently respectful and supportive of the genuine HHP cats, but some other breeders or pedigreed-owners need to accept this too. They should remember that some HHP owners could be future buyers of pedigreed cats.

To showcase the genuine HHP cats of unknown heritage, that their dispositions can be improved with trust, that their beauty can be revealed with proper care, that they and their adopted owners also deserve to be showcased, because the genuine HHP cats form the largest group in the world, *through no fault of their own*, and are in numbers beyond the pedigreed cats.

### 10-Points: Comparison Chart - Inequality in HHP:

PUREBRED Cat	NON-Purebred Cat.
1. -has known heritage & family tree.	1.-has unknown heritage.
2. -has known sire, known dam, breeder.	2.-has unknown sire/dam.
3. -was deliberately bred.	3.-not deliberately bred; feral, etc.
4. -born in a professional cattery.	4.-likely born in bad conditions.
5. -had advantages from birth.	5.-disadvantaged from birth.
6. -had socialization, proper care.	6.-not likely socialized, cared for.
7. -did not suffer abuse or neglect.	7.- perhaps suffered abuse, etc.
8. -is likely for sale or offspring.	8.-not for sale; is a forever “pet”.

9. In some cases, the breeder can deduct expenses, entry, supplies, hotel, etc as “business expenses” because the breeder has a cattery business. On the other side, the Non-purebred cat owner cannot do this, because the owner is not a “business”. The Non-purebred owner pays all expenses out of his/her own pocket.

10. Showing Purebred Cats in HHP has advantages for breeders and pedigreed cats, but on the other side, has disadvantages for Non-purebred, genuine HHP cats. Non-Purebred owners can be discouraged from furthering a show career of their cat(s), and can be discouraged from joining TICA or from joining a local cat show organization. General growth of TICA is impeded by the inequity of the current HHP Class at TICA shows.

#### **Rules Committee Note:**

Should this amendment pass, then there are a number of additional Standing Rules that will need amending – e.g. scoring, RW/IW awards and recognitions of these awards. In addition, considerable rework will be needed in TDS, which is unlikely to be achieved by the start of the 2019/2020 season.

If the Board approves these changes to go on the ballot, it should be on the condition that, if approved, implementation is delayed until programming changes are successfully complete and all the relevant Standing Rules have been amended.

#### **Add to Article ONE (Definitions) and renumber existing 21.74 as 21.76**

**21.74 Non-Pedigree HHP/HHPK Class – a class for cats (or kittens) of unknown heritage, not deliberately bred, having unknown sire/dam/breeder, perhaps born feral, or adopted from a shelter, or a rescued cat.**

**21.75 Pedigree HHP/HHPK Class – a class for cats (or kittens) that were deliberately bred and have a known sire, known dam, known breeder. This category would include any Experimental or New-Breed cats that do not fit into Standards for their Experimental or New Breeds, and any other deliberately-bred pedigreed cats that do not fit their breed standards.**

#### **Amend 23.1.1:**

Cats or kittens registered in TICA or eligible for registration and eligible for competition shall be entered in the appropriate competitive classification.

**HHP/HHPKs should be entered in the non-Pedigree HHP or Pedigree HHP classes as appropriate.**

#### **Amend 23.7.2**

23.7.2 All TICA registered championship class cats if shown as Household Pets, must be re-registered as Household Pets. **Such cats must be entered in the Pedigree HHP Class.**

#### **Rules Committee Comments:**

(A)

I almost adopted a non papered pedigree cat from the shelter found wandering it was wandering and lost but it obviously a rag doll and a nice one. Where would this fit. Somebody else beat me to the adoption. I understand where she is coming from but ...

(B)

Maybe in Nancy Hull's area this is true, but I don't think there are any grounds for this - I also object to the additional 50 regional and annual awards that would have to be given out in addition to additional costs to clubs to put on shows and have rosettes or winner tags for 2 more classes of cats.

I don't know of any advantage 'pedigreed' cats would have over non pedigree cats in the HHP classes.

I would want some definitive analysis over a given show year or 2 detailing the grounds for this rationale.

(C)

Very good points (B)

(D)

I don't agree with this at all. I don't think we need to be separating HHP from pedigreed cats that are being shown as such.

There are reasons these cats are being shown in that class. It's not the judges business to find out why..just to judge the cats.

I feel this would open a whole nasty can of worms...classes for pedigrees that don't quite meet the standard but might be used in a breeding program, or have a locket when it's a DQ...you get the point.

(E)

I believe this is contrary to the current rules regarding HHPs - they are judged on health, grooming, and personality only. Where they come from or what breed may be in the background has no influence on this criteria... well maybe personality, but I have seen my share of nasty pedigreed cats, as well as sugary sweet shelter cats so I consider that a wash...

(C)

Agreed (E) !

(F)

I have major issues with the rationale and that chart. There is insufficient support for many of the assumptions (i.e "likely born in bad conditions.")

(G)

I agree that the evidence base is uncertain.

I believe that the issues which prompted this proposal are regional in nature. Rules changes will apply to all of TICA and so I feel that a proposal that is addressing a regional issue only should not go forward.

I also have issues with the definitions used - what about semi-pedigrees (e.g.pedigree dam and unknown sire) which would fail both proposed definitions?

I'm also concerned at the addition of additional classes from a logistical and financial perspective.

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(H)

I have seen some pure breed cats in HHPs but I never had the feeling that the judges put them higher than the “normal” HHP.

If you get a cat from a shelter even it will never have a pedigree even if it is a pure breed cat that was breed on purpose so to which class should this cat go?

Makes no sense for me!

## **Delete Show Rule 23.7.2 (Pedigree-re-registered as HHP) - Hull**

### **Rationale:**

**This proposal is only to be put forward if the proposal to divide the HHP class is not passed.**

This current rule favours pedigreed cats while pushing out the non-pedigreed cats of unknown heritage, thereby destroying the original purpose of the HHP Class, and also discouraging membership by HHP owners in TICA.

### **Delete Show Rule 23.7.2**

~~23.7.2 All TICA registered championship class cats if shown as Household Pets, must be re-registered as Household Pets.~~

### **Rules Committee Comments:**

(A)

I do not think that this would have the desired effect. Pedigree cats would just re-appear in the catalog as "Fluffy" or "Billy" (or whatever) with no way of knowing that they were originally a pedigree cat. I disagree that the current system favours pedigreed cats in the HHP class.

(B)

I am not sure this would have the desired effect - the pedigree cat can retain its pedigree and be shown as HHP if this were to go through.

It doesn't make sense to me

(C)

I just don't understand why there is such a push to try to identify the pedigreed cats that have been transferred to HHP - they are not judged like the pedigreed cats in the other classes, so what does it matter?

(D)

I don't think there is favoritism at all towards pedigreed cats; and if this proposal were to pass there would likely be a decrease in HHP entries because those "pedigreed" cats that are not show quality would then have no place to go. We need to keep an opening for those non-show quality pedigreed cats too! They are just as important to their owners and in a sense they are rescues too.

(D)

[Replying to (C)'s comment] Exactly - Judging HHPs is about apparent health, cleanliness and presentation.

(E)

The whole tenet of TICA is that all cats have a place whether they "know" their pedigrees or not.

I just don't think this is a good idea.

## Amend Show Rule 24.2 (Entry Info) - Kissinger

### Rationale:

By changing Show Rule 24.2 it will now be saying the same thing as Show Rule 211.4. Show Rule 211.4 covers catalog rules, which most exhibitors are probably not reading. Show Rule 24.2 is in Entry Procedures, which an exhibitor is more likely to read.

Current 211.4 reads:

211.4 The catalog shall reflect the following information for each entry; entry number, name, registration number (if available), date of birth, age, sire, dam, breeder, owner, lessee (if applicable) and region of residence of owner/lessee.

### Amend 24.2:

Upon entering a cat or kitten in any TICA show, the registered owner is responsible for furnishing the correct information, including, but not limited to, registered name, registration number (**if known**), birthdate, age on the opening date of the show, **sire, dam, breeder, owner, lessee (if applicable), region of residence of owner/lessee**, and the proper competitive classification.

### Rules Committee Comments:

- (A) It is good to have consistency
- (B) Absolutely
- (C) I'm not a fan of duplicating rules in two places but I can see the justification for this change.
- (D) I agree, I'm not keen on redundancy but the rules are already in place, and it can be confusing to people if they say two different things
- (E) I see the justification for the rule but what is going to happen if that rule is broken? What's the purpose if there is no enforcement?
- (F) I totally agree with (E)
- (A) I would think the cat can't be entered. We had an exhibitor here who would not put the sire and dam on their entries. They said they didn't have to do it.
- (G) Will the entry clerk be penalized or just the exhibitor?
- (C) If the club refuses to accept the entry, then the exhibitor is effectively penalized without any need for action.

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If the club accepts an incorrect entry then my view is it should be the club not the entry clerk who should be penalized.

I do think that 23.6 should be updated to explicitly allow clubs to exclude entries which do not include the required information. Something like:  
**23.6.8 Failure to provide the required information for the entry (see 24.2)**

(A)

I agree – the clearer the better

## Amend Show Rules 27.2 to 27.4 (Qualifying Finals) - Fisher

### Rationale:

The Board were recently asked to clarify which finals are considered as “qualifying” finals under Article 7 of the Show Rules and accompanying Standing Rule 207.1.1. The provisions of Article 7, when read with the definitions of “formats” in Article 12 (prior to May 1, 2018), have always been interpreted by the TICA Executive Office to define “qualifying” finals as those finals which place in Top 5 SP or Top 5 AB and finals in places 6-9 only when at least 25 cats are present and Top 10 finals are awarded. This is a historical definition from the days when fiinals were either Top 5 (less than 25 cats) or Top 10 (25 or more cats).

This distinction seemed known only to the EO and has caused some comment among members who did not realise that not all finals qualified for titles above CH/CHA/MS. Consequently some cats did not actually obtain titles that their owners thought had been earned.

This proposal simplifies the policy so that a “qualifying final” is either a top 5 final in an SP ring or any final in an AB ring.

### Amend Show Rules 27.2, 27.3 and 27.4:

27.2 GRAND CHAMPION/GRAND CHAMPION ALTER/GRAND MASTER: An eligible male or female cat registered in TICA shall be entitled to the prefix "GRAND CHAMPION", an eligible neuter or spay cat registered in TICA shall be entitled to the prefix "GRAND CHAMPION ALTER", and an eligible, TICA registered household pet shall be entitled to the prefix "GRAND MASTER" when it has won a minimum of 1,000 points, and acquired a minimum of 6 finals, three of which are within the ~~Top 5 Cats~~ **top 5 cats** in a specialty ring or ~~Top 10 Cats~~ **any final** in an allbreed ring. However, in such isolated areas as defined in Standing Rules 1012.3, cats will be entitled to Grand Champion, Grand Champion Alter or Grand Master status by being awarded no less than 500 points, and acquired a minimum of 3 final awards, one of which is within the ~~Top 5 Cats~~ **top 5 cats** in a specialty ring or ~~Top 10 cats~~ **any final** in an allbreed ring.

27.3 DOUBLE GRAND, TRIPLE GRAND AND QUADRUPLE GRAND CHAMPIONS/ALTERS/MASTERS: An eligible male or female cat registered in TICA may qualify for the Grand Champion, an eligible neuter or spay cat registered in TICA shall be entitled to the prefix Grand Champion Alter, and an eligible, TICA registered household pet may qualify for the Grand Master categories above by winning a total of not less than 1,000 points for each additional title, with at least one additional award being within the ~~Top 5 Cats~~ **top 5 cats** in a specialty ring or ~~Top 10 Cats~~ **any final** in an allbreed ring. However, in such isolated areas as defined in Standing Rules 1012.3, cats will be entitled to each additional title by earning 500 points with at least one additional award being within the ~~Top 5 Cats~~ **top 5 cats** in a specialty ring or ~~Top 10 Cats~~ **any final** in an allbreed ring.

27.4 SUPREME GRAND CHAMPION/SUPREME GRAND CHAMPION ALTER/SUPREME GRAND MASTER: An eligible male or female cat registered in TICA, an eligible neuter or spay cat registered in TICA, and an eligible, TICA registered household pet, after attaining the title of Quadruple Grand Champion, Quadruple Grand Champion Alter or Quadruple Grand Master respectively, shall be entitled to the prefix "SUPREME GRAND CHAMPION", "SUPREME GRAND CHAMPION ALTER", or "SUPREME GRAND MASTER" by winning an additional 2,000 points with at least one additional award being Best Cat of either format **in any final**. However, in such isolated areas as defined in Standing Rules 1012.3, cats are entitled to the title "Supreme Grand Champion", "Supreme Grand Champion Alter", or "Supreme Grand Master" by earning 1,000 points with at least one additional award being Best Cat of either format **in any final**.

**Amend Associated Standing Rules 207.1.1:**

207.1.1.1

<i>Champion</i>	<i>HHP</i>	<i>Requirements for Titles</i>
CH CHA	MS	300 points from 4 different judges, plus one final
GRC GCA	GRM	1000 points with 6 finals, 3 in Top <b>top</b> 5 SP or Top-10 <b>any final in AB</b>
DGC DGCA	DGM	2000 points plus 1 final Top <b>top</b> 5 SP or Top-10 <b>any Final in AB</b>
TGC TGCA	TGM	3000 points plus 1 final in Top <b>top</b> 5 SP or Top-10 <b>any Final in AB</b>
QGC QGCA	QGM	4000 points plus 1 final in Top <b>top</b> 5 SP or Top-10 <b>any final in AB</b>
SGC SGCA	SGM	6000 points plus 1 Best Cat as a QGC/QGCA/QGM

207.1.1.2

*Isolated Areas:*

<i>Champion</i>	<i>HHP</i>	<i>Requirements for Titles</i>
CH CHA	MS	150 points from 2 different judges, plus one final
GRC GCA	GRM	500 points with 3 finals, 1 in Top <b>top</b> 5 SP or Top-10 <b>any final in AB</b>
DGC DGCA	DGM	1000 points plus 1 final in Top <b>top</b> 5 SP or Top-10 <b>any Final in AB</b>
TGC TGCA	TGM	1500 points plus 1 final in Top <b>top</b> 5 SP or Top-10 <b>any final in AB</b>
QGC QGCA	QGM	2000 points plus 1 final in Top <b>top</b> 5 SP or Top-10 <b>any final in AB</b>
SGC SGCA	SGM	3000 points plus 1 Best Cat as a QGC/QGCA/QGM

**Rules Committee Comments:**

- (A) This is all well and good but I think the Alter finals should be restricted to Top 5 in Allbreed rings due to now having top 10 in the finals changes.
- (B)

Why so complicated? I think every final should be a qualifying final, That would make IT programming a lot easier.

(C)

I think the rationale for top 5 in SP is because there is a smaller pool of cats in an SP ring compared to AB rings in the same show.

(D)

I think all finals should qualify as well. What is the purpose of having 10 finals if they all don't count.

(E)

I agree with (B). We should be trying to make it simpler if at all possible.

(F)

I too agree. Make it simple

(C)

But \*all\* finals count towards the points total for titles anyway.

In my view, the "Qualifying Final" concept is about making sure the cat is of a certain quality to get to a title. You don't need one at Ch level, and although you need 3 for a GRC, you only need one such "Qualifying Final" for DGC/TGC/QGCs, which doesn't seem a great burden. Otherwise a cat could earn higher titles by just showing up enough times to get an appropriate points count.

(D)

I still don't agree with it. We have cats that are SGC that aren't really deserving of the title but they hit the right shows and got that best cat.

I think all finals should count towards titles because you still have to have 6 finals to grand. You also will always have to have a best to supreme.

As someone who shows, I want every final my cat gets to count. Exhibitors pay a lot of money for those finals and if we trying to keep and bring in exhibitors, why would we limit finals to qualifying and not.

## Amend Show Rule 211.4.1 (HHP Catalog Entries) - Hull

### Rationale:

Transparency and honesty should be condoned all Classes.

Fellow HHP exhibitors have a right to know the Breed of cat(s) they are competing directly against, if the breed is a deliberately-bred, purebred, or pedigreed cat being entered into HHP.

If TICA wants keep secret the names of sire/dam/ breeder, this could continue, although many fellow exhibitors object to this. The Breed, however, should be made known.

### Amend 211.4.1

211.4.1 HHP entries shall omit information as to sire, dam, & breeder. **Any deliberately-bred, pedigreed cat entering an HHP class should have their Breed made known.**

### Rules Committee Comments:

(A)

"should have their breed made known" is not a rule - it is a statement and doesn't belong in the rules (i.e. how should it be made known?)

Also, "TICA wants keep secret" does not belong in the rationale.

Also, there is no dishonesty in showing a purebred cat in the HHP  
Susan

(B)

(A) says it well!

(C)

I can't see how this will work. Rescued pedigree cats may not have papers, hence cannot be described as a specific pedigree breed, which defeats the proposed objective.

I also don't agree with the underlying assumption that exhibitors have a right to know if an HHP is a specific breed.

(D)

The whole thing is silly. Last week we had four HHP One real Siamese that didn't meet the standard. One straight haired Devon shown by the breeder and my straight haired Selkirk, Four time IW and a shelter cat and we shared the wealth. I think the proposer of these suggestions must have a personal reason that we do not know about.

(E)

I agree – this whole thing feels like some personal vendetta.

(F)

I don't agree with any of the proposals that she has submitted. She obviously has some sort of issue with something or someone.

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We judge HHP's based on their cleanliness, temperament and it actually is the only class where it is truly the judge's preference. It's actually, sometimes, the hardest to judge.

They don't need to be labelled, separated or anything. They are in the HHP class for a reason.

## **Add Standing Rule 1023.8 (Judge of the Year)- Brown**

### **Rationale:**

Members are not privy to the evidence brought to the Board at the time of advancements or complaints. Members only see the outcome of any action taken (such as a failure to advance or a decision of action). Since members are not privy to this information, making decisions on Judge of the Year can be a clouded one.

If the TICA Board has found such cause to take action against a judge, said judge should not be eligible for TICA's most prestigious award for a period of 3 years following. TICA's Judge of the Year should be one in good standing & represent our brightest and best.

### **Add new Standing Rule 1023.8:**

(Existing Bylaw 123.8 Judges Awards. Each year, the membership shall be asked to select the most outstanding TICA judge for the year. The judge selected shall be presented with an engraved plaque at the Annual Banquet.)

**1023.8 Judges eligible to be selected as the most outstanding TICA judge for the year must meet the following qualifications.**

**1023.8.1 Currently licensed as an Approved or Provisional Allbreed Judge or Approved or Probationary Specialty Judge.**

**1023.8.2 Have not been the subject of discipline or sanction by the TICA Board of Directors within the three years immediately prior to the month in which the call for votes is issued.**

### **Rules Committee Comments:**

- (A) Works for me
- (B) I am fine with it
- (C) Works for me

## Amend Standing Rules 203.1.1 (Unregistered Cats) - Crockett

### Rationale:

Our liberal system of allowing one entry without a TICA registration is only for cats eligible for TICA registration. If no proof of that eligibility is provided, how do we know if the cat is registered in another association or if it is a cat with no pedigree?

### Amend 203.1.1

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. **No entry shall be accepted without a TICA registration number unless a copy of valid registration certificate from another registry, or a TICA litter registration (for kittens) is submitted along with the entry form. Copies of that documentation shall be submitted to the Executive Office with the Master Catalog. Any documentation found to be invalid will result in entries not being counted.**

### Rules Committee Chair note:

The proposer has confirmed with Erwin that the ability to upload PDF documents into TOES for such entries can be included within a few weeks if the rule change is agreed. I have no information about other entry clerk programs.

### Rules Committee Comments:

(A)

I think it will help with the stuffing situation - it does not allow litter registrations from another organization - it may encourage TICA registrations.

(B)

I would say instead of creating more work for entry clerks, the EO, etc...Why not make it so cats must be registered to be entered.

CFA has had that rule forever. If your cat isn't registered; you don't enter. If the number hasn't come back, then submit proof of it actually being worked on like the email from the EO.

I get why this has been submitted but just go ahead, bite the bullet and make it a requirement to have your cats registered. That would solve a myriad of problems.

(C)

The "try once before you commit" is really important in attracting new exhibitors and especially in areas where there is an incumbent registry and TICA is the "new guy". I know my own region would never have taken off without that in place.

I agree it is more work but it would ensure that the rule that the cat is eligible for registration is enforced.

Contd/...

(B) I get the try before you commit and maybe in developing regions an exception could be made but technically in TICA all cats are eligible for registrations either pedigreed or HHP. (Before you all start in on f1 this or that I get that)

We have a hard enough time getting people to entry clerk and even if Erwin can do something with Toes so people can upload documents, I think it's going to create more work.

(D) CFA keeps changing their rules. I showed a kitten last month with no registration number and she didn't even count into the count. I don't carry around certified pedigrees of my cats to get TRN numbers. I believe they changed their rule this weekend. The inconsistency is a problem. Whatever we decide to do, I think we need to be prepared to not keep changing it since you can't expect the average exhibitor to keep up with every rule change, especially if it changes every year.

(E) As always I have to say that [compulsory registration] will reduce entries in some European countries. There are always exhibitors that come only for the fun of it and will never register their cats with TICA. And will there be a public list of organizations that issue pedigrees that are accepted by the EO?

## Amend Standing Rules 901.4.3, 907.2 (Breed Winners) – Board Directive

### Rationale:

The Board and membership have already approved the concept of Breed Winners. These amendments provide the details of eligibility and recognitions for these awards.

### Amend Standing Rule 901.4.3:

901.4.3.5 International Awards. International Awards will be presented to the 25 cats, kittens, alters, and household pets, household pet kittens; and 25 longhair cats and 25 shorthair cats having the highest aggregate points of all cats, kittens, alters, household pets, and household pet kittens, as applicable, in the association during the applicable show year. **International Breed Awards will be presented to the cat, kitten, and alter having the highest aggregate of points in each Championship breed, provided those points aggregate at least 1,000.** All awards earned during the show year will be listed accordingly for every region or recognized area and internationally.

901.4.3.5.1 The Top 25 Cats, Kittens, Alters, Household Pets and Household Pet Kittens, **and Best of Breed Cats, Kittens and Alters**, are featured in a visual media presentation at the Annual Awards Banquet and in the TICA YEARBOOK in color, free of charge.

901.4.3.5.2 The Top 25 longhair and shorthair cats, and the Best ~~Cat~~ **of Breed** in each breed are honored at the Annual Awards Banquet. **All three (kitten, cat and alter) may be brought up together and presented.**

~~901.4.3.5.3 International Best of Breed winners are pictured in the TICA YEARBOOK.~~

901.4.3.6 The Executive Office is responsible for the International Awards After Regional Directors lists are furnished, notification letters are mailed to International Award winners.

### Amend Standing Rule 907.2

907.2 RW/IW. Beginning the show year 1996-97, International Winner (IW) and Regional Winner (RW) will automatically be added to the registration records of winners at the Executive Office. A new Certificate of Registration with the title added to the cat's name may be requested by submission of the original certificate and the fee for a duplicate record according to the current price list. Alternatively, the owner can use TICA's online services to reprint their registration certificate.

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**907.2.1 BW. Beginning the show year 2018-2019, International Breed Winner (BW) will automatically be added to the registration records of winners at the Executive Office. A new Certificate of Registration with the title added to the cat's name may be requested by submission of the original certificate and the fee for a duplicate record according to the current price list. Alternatively, the owner can use TICA's online services to reprint their registration certificate.**

**907.2.2. Any cat, kitten or alter that has achieved the official status of International Breed Winner, shall be entitled to apply for the prefix International Breed Winner (BW) to be added to its official registered title, retroactively, provided that proof of the win can be provided. Proof of the win may be evidenced by a copy of the official TICA standings for breed for the particular show season, a best of breed certificate, or photocopies of win acknowledgement from the TICA Yearbook or TICA Trend. A new Certificate of Registration with the title added to the cat's name may be requested by submission of the original certificate and the fee for a duplicate record according to the current price list.**

907.2.23 An International Win (**IW**) title will take precedence over a Regional Win (**RW**) title.

**Rules Committee Comments:**

(A)

I don't have a problem with it except that the BW will take rank over the RW. Some of these breed winners haven't been shown enough to get a regional win and now they get to brag that they are a breed winner when they can't even achieve a regional win...

(B)

My only concern is the time added to the banquet (and the cost of additional awards and programming changes. But it was already decided to move forward)

(C)

I think 907.2.3 spells out that only an IW outranks an RW. The Board needs to clarify the level of precedence. My view is that a BW should be independent of the LA/IW/RW hierarchy and be shown separately on the registration document.

I also assume that the Board has considered the impact of the workload on the EO by making these awards retroactive.

(D)

I was thinking the same as (B). By the time we get to Cat of the Year, half of us may have gone to bed. Gone are the days when I stay up to party

(A)

I don't mind the banquet because after all we are supposed to be honoring the cats that have done what we have asked them to do...but there does come a time when you have to limit "everyone getting a prize"

(E)

We had a discussion with Frances (EO) and Ralph (IT) in terms of programming. Currently, only 3 title abbreviations can be listed with a name (such as OD LA SGC). We wondered if 4 would be possible for programming.

I'm hoping nothing needs to go away in terms of the titles (so a cat that was an OD BW RW SGC, for instance) would have all of those.

Also, the 1000 points are RW/IW points and not title (color/division) points.

## **Add Standing Rules 901.4.3.4.6 (Regional Awards) – Poole**

### **Rationale:**

A Regional Award recognizes the achievement of a cat earning a Regional Win in every available category. This is quite an achievement as kittens can be born at wrong time of year; cats are spayed or neutered right out of kitten class as they are not part of a planned breeding program; or championship cats are used for breeding and then placed in loving pet homes. Just as there are many cats who earn an IW, not all can earn an LA; so to, many cats may earn an RW, but not all will be able to earn an "RA".

Suggest that at least the 3rd "leg" must have been earned in the 2017/2018 show season or later as I don't know if Board / EO wants to allow earlier achievements to earn the title of RA. I picture a smaller version of the LA Award; however, each Region can determine the award to be presented.

### **Add Standing Rule 901.4.3.4.6:**

**901.4.3.4.6 Regional Achievement (RA) Award - To be presented to a cat that wins an RW in every available category, one of which must be in top 10 Qualifying cats must have earned an RW as a kitten, in championship, and in the alter class. All RW must have been won in the same Region. Household Pets must have won an RW as a kitten and two (2) RWs as an adult. The award is for the CAT; the CAT is still eligible even if ownership has changed. There is no time limit. Owners must be able to provide documentation of all previous regional wins.**

### **Rules Committee Comments:**

(A)

I kind of like this. We have lots of members that just show in their own regions and never travel, which is fine. I think this might give some incentive to those people to continue showing.

(B)

I did think this might discourage people from going for LA.

I also question how far back this may go. I have cats from 4 years to 12 years old that I could bring back out for an RW as alters .. As long as their kitten and cat RW apply...

And then it's also more cost to annual awards .. Those are getting very expensive.

(C)

I think it needs to be made clear if these awards are to be retroactive. If so, then a new 901.4.3.4.7 and 901.4.3.4.8 along the same lines as the proposed 907.2.1 and 907.2.2 (see BW proposal) is needed.

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Retroactive recognition also imposes additional workload on the EO and that needs to be considered by the Board.

Also what is the hierarchy? An RA clearly outranks an RW, but where does it sit in relation to IW and LA? (A cat could both qualify as an RA and also an IW - would this be separately recognised on the registration document or other official lists?).

- (D) Are we getting to the point of over-rewarding?
- (B) My feelings exactly

## **Add Standing Rule 107.3 (Fiscal Transparency) – Brooks/Holmes**

### **Rationale:**

More transparency is needed in the individual regions as to Accounting of Regional funds. Some regions have thousands of £/€/€ etc and it is important to have accounting available. It is important when Regions are attempting to raise funds to be able to give their membership an accounting of such funds.

### **Add Standing Rule 107.3**

**107.3 The Regional Directors shall be responsible for providing their region with an annual detailed Income and Expense report of the funds in their region from May 1 thru April 30. This report shall be available to the regional members by May 31 following the end of the previous show year.**

### **Rules Committee Comments:**

(A)

We don't have this problem in our region but obviously I guess some regions do.

I don't have a problem with this but historically TICA has never gotten involved in club/regional finances. This could become a slippery slope...but whatever.

(B)

It wasn't so long ago that RDs were required to provide accounts in the Trend of their regional funds every year. Though I think that was about reconciling how the regional rebate from TICA was spent.

I think the Board will need Legal Counsel's perspective on whether this proposal increases any financial liability to TICA.

(C)

Totally support this proposal. It is more than appropriate for regional members to expect this as part of the RD's fiscal responsibilities as their elected official.

(D)

The biggest issue I have with this is that in many regions, the RD does not have access to or control the treasury. They are dependent on the treasurer. This can lead to issues such as the treasurer (perhaps appointed by a previous RD) not wishing to cooperate and the RD being in violation of the rule through no fault of his/her own. This proposal places an obligation on the RD that the RD might be in no position to fulfil.

The problem with the earlier requirement that certain expenditures be placed in the Trend was that it wanted a breakdown of the use of the regional rebates and the rebates usually only covered a portion of the actual awards and awards ceremony.

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I don't think this proposal works unless you spell out the positions/obligations of the regional treasurers and RDs.

As yet, TICA has no specific rules relating to this and no rules dictating how the treasury be used. But on the other hand, not having a rule can subject TICA to liability as well.

(E)

These are good points – I must be honest, I never thought about it before, but I think it might be important to have some rules related to the responsibilities of the regional treasurers otherwise they are able to do whatever they want, however they want to do it.

(B)

I think it is sensible that the RD is not necessarily a signatory to a bank account, but would expect them to be kept aware of the contents.

On reflection, I think whilst the intentions of the proposal are good, more work is needed to address the concerns raised here.

## **Rules Committee Comments on TIMBA Correspondence**

The Rules Committee received a letter from the Thai Breed Committee (on behalf of the Thai Breed Section) dated 30 May 2018 concerning the recent decision by the Board to recognise TIMBA pedigrees from specific breeds, which were Category II (Natural Breeds).

The Thai BC claimed that the action of the Board that accepted TIMBA pedigrees for some breeds is not an administrative decision because it was not accepted for all of TICA's breeds or in a way that follows existing registration rules in TICA. They requested that Rules Committee review the decision and provide further input.

Rules Committee has considered the letter and has the following comments:

### Breed Section Poll:

The Thai Breed Section poll was an unofficial one and is therefore not binding on the Board and purely advisory.

### Interpretation of Reg Rule 37.2.1:

Registration Rule 37.3.1 states: "Purpose. This category is for natural breeds which may have need to augment their gene pool with additional cats of unregistered ancestry but which have little to gain (and perhaps much to lose) by outcrossing to other breeds. For the most part these breeds are ones which originated in specific geographic regions where good representatives of the breed are still to be found in their native state as pets, barn cats, feral cats, etc."

Note that the first sentence says "may have need" - in other words it is an option and not an exclusive requirement that unregistered cats be used to augment the gene pool.

The use of a registry located in a "specific geographical region" is not forbidden. For example, TICA would not refuse to register a Manx with a GCCF pedigree or a Norwegian Forest with an NRR (Norwegian member of FIFe) pedigree.

### Use of selected Breeds

Although unusual to only recognise pedigrees only for specific breeds from a registry, this is not against any TICA rules. Since the Rules Committee was not present during that Board meeting discussion, the Committee cannot comment further on the rationale for doing that.

### Acceptable registries:

There are no TICA rules regarding what is, or is not, acceptable as a registry for pedigree registration purposes. In the past Rules has considered drafting such rules

but felt it was better to treat each registry on a case by case basis by the EO and/or Board.

Point 2 in the letter lists criteria for a “proven registry”. These criteria are not facts or TICA policy but assumed to be the opinions of the letter’s authors. A number of independent clubs (particularly in Europe) that issue pedigrees would not meet such criteria but have already been recognised on a case by case basis by TICA.

#### Use of 01T Registration Prefixes

The BC comments that “Thais registered by TIMBA should not receive 01T registration prefixes”. The Committee cannot comment on such matters, since it is not privy to the information used to decide registration codes for specific cats. Registration queries should be raised with the EO in the first instance.

#### 37.3.3 and Form R-1020

In the context of the Registration Rules, a “domestic breed” refers to a breed of *Felis Domesticus*, as opposed to a non-domestic cat (31.1) and has nothing to do with geographic origin. The letter’s reference to TIMBA being a “domestic registry” is therefore seen as incorrect. 37.3.3 refers to “evidence of origin” for cats of unknown or unregistered ancestry, which would be adequate for registering purposes. Form R-1020 would only be needed if the cat was unregistered and being registered with TICA in its country of origin rather than being imported into (for example) the US.

#### Provenance Information in Pedigrees

The Thai BC suggest that TICA record provenance information such as “a cat colony in a certain wat in Bangkok”. This is not something that Rules can comment upon in isolation. It would need consultation with Genetics and also with the EO and Computer Committee, because of the database implications. That is an aspect that the Board should review and provide direction on.

## Rules Committee Comments on Breed Reports – Annual 2018

### 1. PNB Reports:

Under 33.6.3.3, each PNB breed is required to provide a report on the status of the breed 60 days prior to the meeting to Rules Committee, Genetics Committee and the Executive Office.

The following breeds should be providing reports:

- Minskin (MS)
- Aphrodite (APS/APL)

No report on the Minskin breed was received by the required deadline.

#### 1.1 Aphrodite Breed Report Comments

The report contents do not really provide information upon the "the status of the breed development" (see 36.3.3) It is therefore impossible to comment objectively on the breed's viability and development beyond the information that 100 litters have been registered in an unknown time period.

### 2. ANB Reports:

Under 33.7.4.3 each ANB breed is required to provide a report on the status of the breed 60 days prior to the meeting to Rules Committee, Genetics Committee and the Executive Office.

The following breeds should be providing reports:

- Highlander (HG/HGS)
- Serengeti (SE)

No report on the Serengeti breed was received by the required deadline.

### 3. New Championship Breeds:

Registration Rule 33.8.15 requires that each new breed accepted for Championship must provide a report for each of the following 3 show years showing that the criteria in 33.8.15 have been met.

Breeds which currently require such reports are:

AUM	Australian Mist	(May 2015)
BM/BML	Burmilla	(May 2015)
KM	Khao Manee	(May 2015)
DSK	Donskoy	(May 2016)

MNT/MNL	Minuet	(May 2016)
LY	Lykoi	(May 2017)

The following reports show that the requirements in 33.8.15 have been met:

- Australian Mist
- Lykoi

No other breed reports were received in time to comment on them for the Agenda.

### **3.1 Australian Mist Report**

The AUM report marks the completion of their 3 years of reports since the breed advanced to Championship.

### **3.2 Lykoi Report**

Whilst the Committee believes the figures quoted in the Lykoi report are correct, no verification evidence was presented in the report.

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Chrissy Russell  
Chair, TICA Australian Mist Breed Committee  
[...]

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17 May 2018

Dear Mr President, Officers, Members of The Board, Chairs of The Rules and Genetics Committee, and Mrs Leslie Bowers, Executive Director, TICA:

This is our 3<sup>rd</sup> report since attaining Championship status for the Australian Mists, and on behalf of TICA AUM breeders, exhibitors and owners, I would like to thank you for your continued support in allowing us to show these amazing cats in TICA.

We have just completed our 3<sup>rd</sup> year at Championship level, and the Mists continue to grow in both number and popularity. We continued to do well at show with several Grands, multiple Grands and a Regional Winner. The breed was represented at TICA's Meet the Breeds on 10 February 2018, and Kay Hanvey presented an AUM breed seminar at ThamesTICA in Swanley, UK on 15 July, 2017, which was well attended by judges, breeders and the public.

On the breeding front, numbers of litters have remained steady, kitten registrations have increased, and outcross kittens have been born in the UK and registered in TICA. We also had an Outstanding Dam, although the owner has not yet claimed the title, Thera Marmor Belle Amarith.

Our exciting news is that we broke into EN region, with 2 new breeders in Germany, who have already shown during the past season and currently have a girl due kittens in a few weeks. We hope to encourage more breeders in mainland Europe on the back of this wonderful news. We also had new breeders joining us in the US.

As per the registration rules, we are required to provide you for three years with the following information. This is our third and final year and again, we have exceeded the requirements:

- 33.8.15.1 Register at least 25 cats each year.  
**30 cats were registered. See appendix A, Pages 3-4.**
- 33.8.15.2 Exhibit at least 10 cats in 15 rings in at least 3 TICA regions.  
**23 cats were shown in at least 15 rings 5 TICA regions. See appendix B, Page 4**
- 33.8.15.3 Have at least 5 TICA members in at least 3 TICA regions that are actively breeding.  
**14 active breeder members in 6 TICA regions. See Appendix C, Page 5.**

Appendix D is from the EO and shows Australian Mists registered for each year since we first started to register in TICA. These figures are a little difficult to collate with the show season as they run per year,

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as opposed to per season. However, you will see that 2017 showed a marked rise in registrations and being halfway through 2018 we are on track to at least equal that number of registrations again.

In conclusion, I would like to report that the Australian Mists are comfortably established in TICA, and we look forward to many more years breeding and showing with TICA.

Respectfully submitted by Chrissy Russell, Chair, TICA Australian Mist Breed Committee .

[The following is an abstract of information in the original breed report]

Details have been removed for confidentiality reasons and are available to Board members as a confidential document.

**Appendix A**

Original report contained registration details of 30 cats registered between 12 December 2016 and 05 March 2018.

**Appendix B**

Original report contained detail information of 23 individual cats shown in 5 different regions. They were shown in 15 – 101 rings.

**Appendix C**

Original report contained names of 14 breeders from 6 different regions.

**Appendix D**



**TICA Cat Registrations by year for:  
AUM AUSTRALIAN MIST**

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Year	Male			Female			Grand Total
	Whole	Neuter	Total	Whole	Spay	Total	
2009	1	0	1	1	0	1	2
2011	7	0	7	9	0	9	16
2012	4	0	4	4	0	4	8
2013	25	3	28	31	1	32	60
2014	10	4	14	23	1	24	38
2015	12	2	14	10	2	12	26
2016	10	7	17	5	3	8	25
2017	16	2	18	22	3	25	43
2018	11	0	11	12	0	12	23
Totals	96	18	114	117	10	127	241

## **Report of the Lykoi Breed Committee 2017-2018**

Pursuant to Registration Rule 33.8.15, the Lykoi Breed Committee submits the following report regarding Lykoi for the show year May 1, 2017 to April 30, 2018, which is the first year of championship:

1. 110 Lykoi have been registered.
2. At least 31 Lykoi have been shown at TICA shows in at least 11 different regions. Four of those Lykoi should be awarded regional wins for this season.
3. Lykoi have well in excess of the required five breeders in at least three regions. Lykoi have at least three breeders in the Southwest Region; one breeder in the Mid-Pacific Region, and more than three breeders in the South East Region. There are additional breeders located in European regions and well as in other North American regions.

Of additional interest is several Lykoi have been located “in the wild” and been added to the gene pool; two from Long Beach, California, and one from North Carolina. Lykoi continued to be discovered in local cat populations in geographically diverse locations.

We have also conversed with a pet owner who confirmed via photos that 40 years ago, her childhood pet was a black roan Lykoi. That cat lived to be 20 years old and was adopted from a shelter in the Pasadena, California area (close to the Arcadia show location).

Thank you for your attention and interest.

Laurie Schiff  
Chair  
Lykoi Breed Committee



HG HIGHLANDER  
(litter registration counts by year registered - since\_d8)

Year	Litter Count	Live Male	Live Female	Live Total
2008	14	30	33	63
2009	2	10	4	14
2010	21	44	41	85
2011	21	36	47	83
2012	71	155	136	291
2013	50	100	112	212
2014	54	100	129	229
2015	45	77	91	168
2016	40	89	82	171
2017	23	38	45	83
2018	27	52	49	101
	368	731	769	1,500



HGS HIGHLANDER SHORTHAIR  
(litter registration counts by year registered - since\_d8)

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Year	Litter Count	Live Male	Live Female	Live Total
2006	16	42	30	72
2007	30	53	47	100
2008	50	103	119	222
2009	36	62	67	129
2010	10	19	17	36
2011	14	31	26	57
2012	20	28	43	71
2013	31	60	60	120
2014	23	52	35	87
2015	57	112	116	228
2016	49	105	89	194
2017	53	99	96	195
2018	20	47	44	91
	409	813	789	1,602



**TICA** Cat Registrations by year for:  
 APS APHRODITE SHORTHAIR

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Year	Male			Female			Grand Total
	Whole	Neuter	Total	Whole	Spay	Total	
2015	3	1	4	4	0	4	8
2016	4	0	4	2	0	2	6
2017	2	0	2	2	0	2	4
2018	2	0	2	1	0	1	3
Totals	11	1	12	9	0	9	21



APS APHRODITE SHORTHAIR  
(litter registration counts by year registered - since\_d8)

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Year	Litter Count	Live Male	Live Female	Live Total
2018	2	3	3	6
	2	3	3	6



**TICA** Cat Registrations by year for:  
 APL APHRODITE

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Year	Male			Female			Grand Total
	Whole	Neuter	Total	Whole	Spay	Total	
2015	18	0	18	18	0	18	36
2016	15	0	15	22	0	22	37
2017	2	0	2	3	0	3	5
2018	1	0	1	2	0	2	3
Totals	36	0	36	45	0	45	81



APL APHRODITE  
(litter registration counts by year registered - since\_d8)

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Year	Litter Count	Live Male	Live Female	Live Total
2015	11	25	19	44
2016	11	25	24	49
2017	2	5	2	7
	24	55	45	100

## **Toybob Breed Group (TB/TBL) 2018 Report**

The Toybob breed had a great year since its 2017 advancement from Experimental to Registration status in TICA. The breed is quickly gaining popularity and gets its own attention at the cat shows. As of this report, our breed section in TICA stands about the same as some breeders have not renewed their memberships yet, and at the same time we have gained some new breed group members up to date with their TICA memberships, and we expect the number to grow by the end of June 2018 continuously.

The Toybob official breed club: International Toybob Cat Club (ITCC, [www.toybob.org](http://www.toybob.org)) has published a new issue of the breed magazine and includes even more information and research than the earlier edition released last year. As the Board acknowledges, the Toybob breed had been in Experimental status at TICA for a very long time, and it did not reflect the overall progress of the breed's development across other Cat Fancier associations. Thanks to our Club's efforts we currently working with breeders across Europe, its native Russia, the United States, Japan, Canada and as well as introduction of the breed in South America and China. Other than global breed expansion, our primary goals are helping the breed in its advancement across all Cat Fancier organizations, mentorship, unique breed preservation, as well as continue our genetic research led by Dr. Leslie Lyons.

ITCC is currently leading and founding the genetic research as the breed's founder in Russia and the closely associated breeders have refused to provide samples from their cats. The ITCC members & Toybob breeders are following Dr. Lyon's letter of recommendation for the breed and now use the Wisdom Panel testing offered by Mars to screen for genetic health soundness of the breeding stock. Correspondingly, also choosing the appropriate group of cats for studying the further research on the tail mutation at Dr. Lyons' lab.

As of March 2018, the Toybob breed has been accepted within the Cat Fancier Federation (CFF) in Championship status. Breeders are very excited about presenting their cats and competing in their own class and hopefully achieve the first titles in the upcoming show season. The breed recognition in CFF is a further step for its recognition and acceptance in expanding to other North American Cat Fancier organizations. As the breed enthusiasm grows, the club has also approached American Cat Fancy Association (ACFA) with a new breed application and has presented teaching seminars on the breed. The ITCC is also working actively with all associations to make sure the standards in each association meets a uniformity and is one of important goals.

Each quarter we have new litters registered, in the United States alone we have gotten a variety of colors and patterns other than the traditional seal-point as well as a first Toybob Longhair kittens. While all colors and patterns are not new in the Toybob breed or the TICA association, bringing the Longhair variety to the cat shows is an exciting time and one of our priorities for this year. As we have been screening cats with the full informative genetic testing panel, we can see that this year alone will be able to present, even more, litters with different colors and coat length. We are also very excited about the growing enthusiasm and admiration for the Toybob cat, not only from pet owners but even coming from a fellow Cat Fancy colleagues, breeders, and judges.

In the 2018 year, the ITCC and the breed group is focusing on preparation and coordination of the TICA registered breeders to apply for PNB as early as January 2019 meeting. At present, we strongly feel that we will be able to have even more exciting news about the breed's overall advancements. We are looking forward to great year with the breed and bring the breeder closer one step at the time as also

addressing the feedback we are receiving from TICA judges as they say they are “tired of seeing them shown in Household Pet category” and can't wait to judge them in appropriate class as its own breed.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'M Hill', with a stylized, cursive script.

Margo Hill

Toybob Breeding Group

ITCC President and Secretary

[www.toybob.org](http://www.toybob.org)

## TOYBOB BREED GROUP TB/TBL

The Toybob (TB) is a diminutive cat with proportionally balanced features, medium muscularity, and bone structure. The cat's small size and bobbed tail appearance are owed to a natural mutation(s) from feral cats found in Russia. Toybob Longhair (TBL) is the semi-longhair version of the breed.

<b>HEAD</b> .....	40 points
Shape .....	9
Eyes .....	10
Ears .....	5
Chin .....	3
Muzzle .....	3
Nose .....	1
Profile .....	7
Neck .....	2
<b>BODY</b> .....	40 points
Torso .....	10
Legs .....	4
Feet .....	2
Tail .....	10
Boning .....	7
Musculature .....	7
<b>COAT</b> .....	20 points
Length .....	5
Texture .....	10
Color/Pattern .....	5

**CATEGORY:** All

**DIVISIONS:** All

**COLORS:** All

**PERMISSIBLE OUTCROSS:**

Russian Domestic Shorthair and Longhair with similar phenotype. (Currently imported from the Ural regions of Russia) The outcross policy is currently permitted during the breed development and recognition process to ensure the genetic soundness of the breed.

**HEAD:**

Shape: Medium sized modified wedge with rounded contours and a flat plane above the eyebrows. Head is slightly longer than broader with rounded cheekbones curved inward from

face to mid muzzle, to create a slight to no whisker pinch and ending in a round, modified square shaped muzzle. Jowls are prominent in adult males.

Ears: Medium tall, high on the head, one ear width apart and wide at the base. Ears must be as tall as wide in length, with rounded tips and slightly tilted forward.

Eyes: Eyes must be large, expressive, oval with a slight upward slant. The line across the corners of the eye leads to the outer base of the ear. When wide open, eyes can appear larger and round. The big-eyed expression is what gives the Toybob its sweet-faced look.

Eye Color: Traditional eye color is related to coat color, pointed divisions are blue; sepia is gold/green, mink is blue/green eyes.

**PROFILE:**

Distinctly curved profile with a dip from the forehead to the nose at the eye-middle level. Definite stop is not allowed

Chin: Strong with moderate depth, so as to still be in line with nose tip. Chin must be neither receding nor protruding.

Neck: Short and Thick. Allowances must be made for longer necks in kittens

Muzzle: Short, rounded, modified square shape in proportion to the face. Nose is Roman.

**BODY:**

Torso: Small and compact with a solid chest. Broad rib cage and slight depth of flank add to the solidness of the overall body balance. Back is almost straight when viewed from the side when the cat is in natural walking position.

Legs: Strong, medium in proportion to the body. Hind legs are slightly longer than front legs.

Feet: Rounded with elongated toes on the hind legs.

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Tail: Bobbed with kinks and curves in any combination. The tail minimum length is 1 inch (minimum two vertebrae) to the maximum length (without stretching) down to the hock. The last bone may gently be felt to be pointed, not blunt.

Musculature: Firm, solid and well developed with clean lines and no bulging appearance.

Boning: Strong, moderately refined and proportional to the body. Neither heavy nor delicate.

**COAT:**

Color/Pattern: All

Texture/Length —

TB: Coat is short, soft and plush to touch, dense and resilient but not close lying to the body. The coat has developed undercoat where the top coat is almost the same length as the undercoat. Stomach hair is shorter and softer, while fur texture on spine area is thicker and slightly coarser. Kittens can have a slightly woolly coat.

TBL: Coat is semi-longhair in length and softer than the short-coated variety. Topcoat and undercoat should be proportionally similar in length around the entire body giving it a plush appearance and feel. The coat has very minimal ruff if any over the whole cat's body and visible ear furnishings. No ear tufts.

**GENERAL DESCRIPTION:**

The Toybob breed was primarily developed in the Rostov and Ural regions of Russia. The "Toybob" name is derived from two words, where "Toy" describes a small sized cat breed and "bob" refers to a bobbed tail. The Toybob is a small cat that is typically no bigger than a 3-6-month-old kitten of a normally developed domestic/household cat. They have compact, strong, muscular bodies with short bobbed tails, consisting of several kinked vertebrae. The cat's small size and bobbed tails are due to spontaneous mutation(s) in feral cats native

to Russia. The Toybob has a pleasant temperament and is affectionate while also obedient to their human companions. Despite their small size, they are very active, playful and agile.

**ALLOWANCES:** Jowls in adult males, males smaller than females, longer necks in kittens, white spotting on feet in pointed coat divisions.

**PENALIZE:**

TB: Small eyes, longer necks in adults. Too foreign body type or oversized cat. Tail length past hock.

TBL: Small eyes, longer necks in adults. Too foreign body type or oversized cat, Tail length past hock.

Long "Persian" like coat. Tufts on ears.

**WITHHOLD ALL AWARDS (WW):** No flexibility to the tail.

**DISQUALIFICATION (DQ):**

No tail. Short "Munchkin" like legs.

Blue eye mutation (USA/Russian Ojos Azules).

Undernourished or frail.



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.

Dear TICA Board of Directors,

I would like to be considered as the working Breed Chair for the Toybob breed. It has been a year since the appointment of the temporary Breed Chair, and many Toybob breeders have been disappointed with the way the position was run and that there was no open channel of communication between the Chair, the breed liaison to the board, and the breeders. As an active breeder and exhibitor, I am seriously committed and actively involved in this breed and since 2012 had shared great passion for the breed that started when I purchased my first Toybob. For the last three years, I have been one of the key presenters and leaders in the breed's TICA advancement process and a primary contributor to the creation of the first Toybob breed cat club. Under my leadership, the breeders were able to bring the Toybob breed to Championship status this year in the CFF association as well as apply for recognition in other Cat Fancier organizations in USA and different countries.

In 2016, I was elected to serve as the president of the International Toybob Club (ITCC) where one of the main goals (to name a few) we have for the breed is in its unique gene preservation, promotion, and support advancing the breed in various Cat Fancy associations. The Club also provides mentorship and guidance of both new and existing breeders. The ITCC has an open, friendly invitation policy to all Toybob breeders and is dedicated to uniting all breeders in working together toward the breed's further development as the breed progresses in each association. Under my leadership, the ITCC club has an open dialog with many other organizations where active Toybob breed advancement applications currently stand.

In addition to my work as a breeder, exhibitor, and mentor for new breeders I have also been actively involved in further research on the genetic background for the breed. Through the donations of our club as well as with my own funding we can follow the recommendation of Dr. Leslie Lyons to perform genetic trait screening available at Mars as well as the further selective approach to identify the unique Toybob mutation with the cooperation of Dr. Lyons.

Consequently, I would like to follow with the TICA Toybob Advancement application to Preliminary New Breed status in January 2019 by combining the efforts of all breeders in different regions and making sure of the breed's success in the ongoing years to come while continuously advance them in other cat fancy associations. I feel strongly that in the next year's Toybob PNB application, we would be able to provide the board with the substantial growth we are anticipating in the numbers of breeders as well as more genetic research on the mutation that everyone is asking for.

**Dear TICA Board of Directors,**

**Please consider this as a petition to select Margo Hill as the working breed group chair for the Toybob breed, in the upcoming TICA board meeting, Annual 2018.**

**Sincerely,**

**Undersigned TICA Members, Toybob Breeders and Owners**

**May 27, 2018**

[The original letter contained names and signatures of 24 individual members. The names and signatures have been removed for confidentiality reasons. They are available to Board members in a confidential document.]

The breed is gaining significant popularity, and there is a great interest to bring the breed to other associations, while also well-versed communication of the breed standards and its interpretation in different languages is not overlooked.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "M Hill". The letters are cursive and fluid.

Margo Hill

President and Secretary

International Toybob Cat Club

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**TICA** Cat Registrations by year for:  
MS MINSKIN

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Year	Male			Female			Grand Total
	Whole	Neuter	Total	Whole	Spay	Total	
2005	10	0	10	20	0	20	30
2006	8	0	8	18	0	18	26
2007	6	0	6	8	0	8	14
2008	4	0	4	5	0	5	9
2009	6	0	6	6	0	6	12
2010	2	0	2	1	0	1	3
2011	1	0	1	0	0	0	1
2012	2	0	2	6	0	6	8
2013	1	0	1	0	0	0	1
2014	3	1	4	6	0	6	10
2015	2	1	3	8	0	8	11
2016	1	0	1	2	0	2	3
2018	2	0	2	1	0	1	3
<b>Totals</b>	<b>48</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>50</b>	<b>81</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>81</b>	<b>131</b>



MS MINSKIN  
(litter registration counts by year registered - since\_d8)

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Year	Litter Count	Live Male	Live Female	Live Total
2000	1	3	1	4
2005	23	38	45	83
2006	23	41	44	85
2007	7	12	11	23
2008	7	11	10	21
2009	8	17	16	33
2010	2	4	0	4
2011	5	7	10	17
2012	2	4	6	10
2013	2	4	3	7
2014	3	3	6	9
2015	5	6	7	13
2016	4	7	5	12
2017	2	3	3	6
2018	1	5	2	7
	95	165	169	334

Special Report:

## **The Thai Breed in 2018**

### **Eight Years After Earning Championship**

The Thai breed, which was granted championship status in 2010, is one of the newer TICA breeds. Other breeds recognized for championship within the last ten years include the Peterbald, the Toyger, the Savannah, the Kurilian Bobtail, the Australian Mist, the Burmilla, the Chausie, the KhaoManee, the Minuet, and the Lykoi.

Although the Thai's final mandatory progress report was in 2013, we believe that comparing the Thai's progress with that of other new breeds will offer insights. With the globalization of the cat fancy, a host of new issues have arisen. The Board will soon need to make decisions that may have a substantial impact on the Thai's continued development – and they may impact other breeds, as well.

### **The Thai is a Successful New Breed**

We occasionally hear directors and judges say that people haven't been showing any of the newer breeds. Or, they say that none of the newer breeds has "panned out" as expected.

Anyone who believes that needs to take a good look at the available data. If you determine a breed's success by growth in registrations, growth in breed section membership, active involvement in the breed section, and growth in numbers of cats shown, at least three of the newer breeds are successful. They are the Thai, the Peterbald, and the Toyger. The Thai easily qualifies as successful. We will show you some of the evidence below, and will have even more to show you at the Annual Meeting, 2018.

First, although Thai registrations were initially slow when the breed started the new breed process in 2001, a large increase occurred in numbers of Thais registered in the year after the Thai was granted Preliminary New Breed status (2007). Why? Because it was in 2007 that it became possible for the first time to register cats as Thais in TICA whether they came from Thailand, North America, or Europe. TICA agreed that the Thai should be a category 2 breed (from Thailand), and, at the same time, the Thai was allowed to transfer Siamese on a one-way basis into the Thai breed. This was important because there were no Thais in North America or the United Kingdom – only (Old-Style) Siamese. Opening the Thai breed to those cats caused a spurt in registrations. Here's a quote from the 2008 Thai breed progress report to the Board:

As of 3/12/08, a total of 182 individual cats have been registered as Thais with TICA. Ninety-one cats were registered in 2007. That means half of all Thai cats ever registered in TICA were registered in 2007, a huge increase over previous years.

The Thai has maintained a steady rate of registrations since 2008, and now more than 1,200 Thais have been registered in TICA. While that is not many compared to the largest and oldest TICA breeds, it compares very favorably to the bulk of breeds in TICA – that is, compared to such established and stable breeds as the Birman, the Tonkinese, the Russian Blue, the Cornish Rex, and the American Shorthair. (See, for example, breed registration data from the 2016 Annual Meeting.)

Second, look at Thai breed section membership (Figure 1). From the time the Thai breed applied for Preliminary New Breed status (2006) to the present, the breed section membership has increased tenfold.

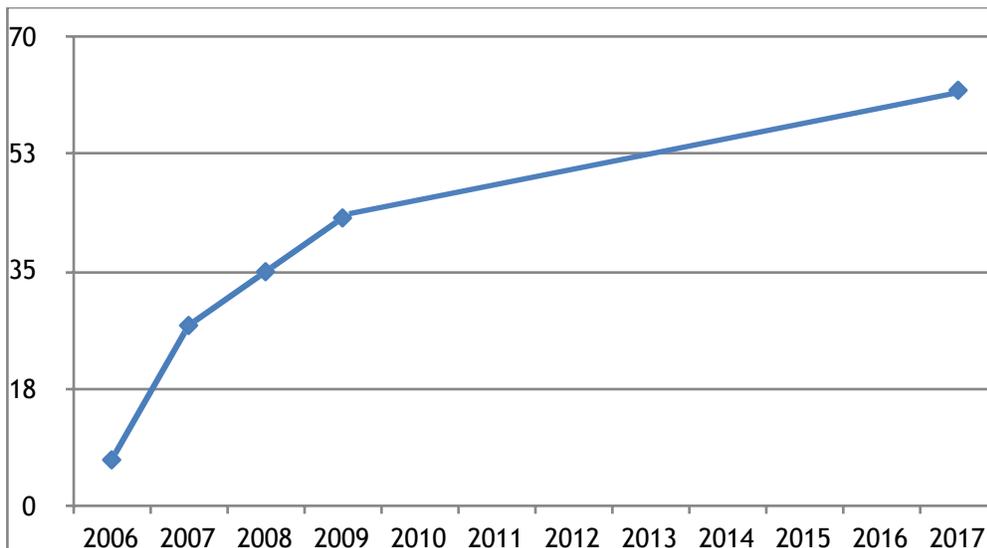


Figure 1 Thai Breed Section Membership

Third, the Thai Breed Committee has been consistently, enthusiastically active. In fact, six people filed to run for Thai Breed Committee last fall (2017), twice as many as needed to fill the three available positions. If you look at other new – and old – breeds, you will see that many have inactive breed committees on a frequent basis. The Thai has vigorous, ongoing participation in the breed.

Fourth, the numbers of Thais shown have increased slowly but steadily since the breed earned championship. Unlike some of the breeds granted championship within the last 5 years, Thai fanciers were happily showing Thais in championship the very first season they were allowed to, and the numbers have only increased from there. See Figure 2.

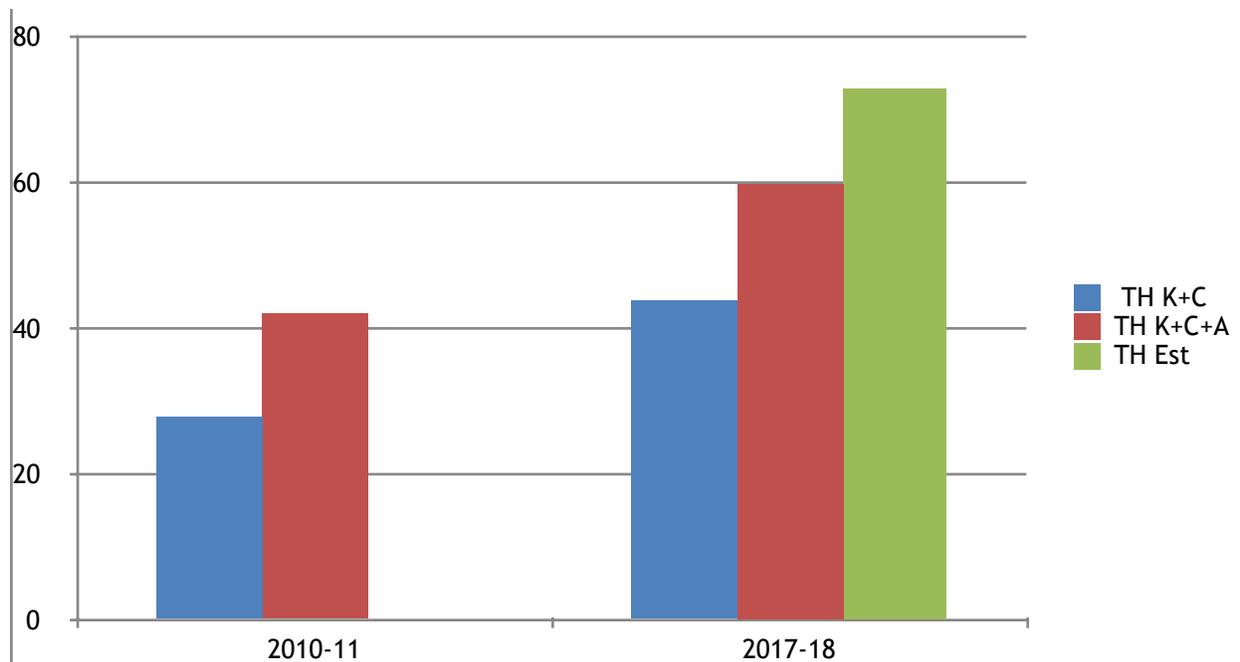


Figure 2 Thais Shown in 2010-11 versus 2017-18

NOTE: The red bars in Figure 2 count Thais from the TICA official standings in all three championship classes. Blue bars are the same cats, minus the alters. The green bar counts Thais from all three classes, as listed in the estimated standings. In other words, the green bar includes some Thais that were not registered in TICA before the end of the show season (mostly Russian Thais and a few Chinese).

We will have a number of additional charts to show you at the Annual Meeting in 2018, but for now we would like to show you just one more – a chart that compares the Thai's show activity with that of other newer breeds over time . This is where you can begin to appreciate how well the Thai has been doing. In Figure 3, to represent show activity, we have counted the sum of unique kittens and unique cats shown each year. We excluded alters from this particular chart because some breeds show a lot of alters, and some breeds show almost none. Kitten and Cat counts seem to reflect the activity of the breeders and be more comparable across breeds. (The trends in show activity remain the same when alters are counted, however.)

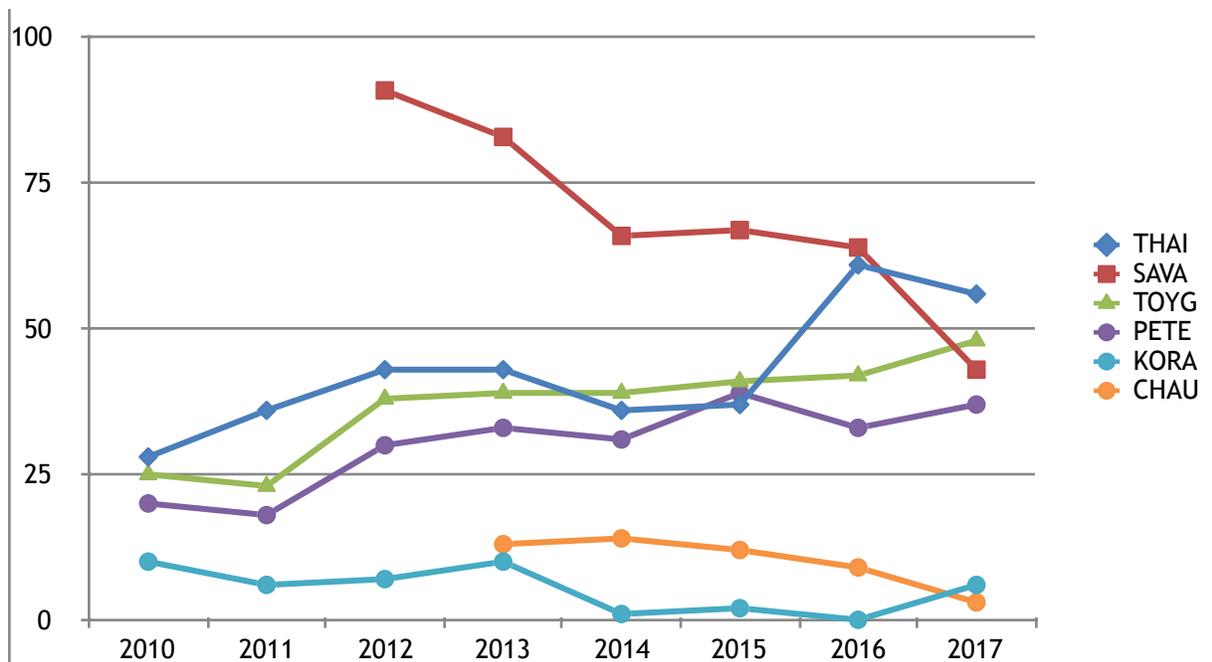


Figure 3 Sum of Unique Cats & Kittens Shown Over Time

Note: The vertical axis represents the sum of unique cats plus kittens shown. Each colored line in Figure 3 represents a different breed. The dark blue line is the Thai. All of these breeds earned championship status within the past ten years except for the Korat.

In Figure 3, you can see three types of trends in show activity. We have left out some of the newer breeds to keep the chart easy to read, but all of them would have fallen into one of these three categories. The categories are thriving breeds, troubled breeds, and failing breeds.

The red line at top is the Savannah. The Savannah earned championship in 2012, and started showing immediately. It's a huge breed, with something like 400 cats registered each year. They also have a consistently active breed committee. But you can see that the amount of show activity has been going down steadily. Down at the bottom, you can see an orange line. That is the Chausie breed. The Chausie breed is much smaller than the Savannah breed, and it also may be trending downward in show activity. Both are nondomestic source breeds, and arguably they are troubled breeds at the moment. We suspect that there are unique problems this type of breed encounters, and it may be that their new breed committees will be able to work with TICA's board to address those problems in the near future.

At the very bottom of the chart is a light blue line. That is the Korat. It is an established breed, not new, but we included it here to illustrate what show activity looks like when it is all but dead. The Korat has also had an inactive breed committee for a while. Last year only one person ran

for breed committee. That is not a criticism of the breed. The situation could change in the near future. We simply wish to point out that show activity when charted can tell you a lot about how a breed is doing in TICA.

If we had included in the chart the breeds that earned championship since 2014, most of them would be down in the same range as the Korat and Chausie. Most did not show at all the first year after earning championship, and several have inactive breed committees. The exceptions are the Minuet and the Lykoi, which seem to be doing quite well so far.

Now, please look at the mid-range of the chart. There are three breeds there – the Toyger, the Peterbald, and the Thai. While they are not huge breeds like the Savannah, they are showing in numbers that fall in the same range as many stable, long-time established breeds, such as the Tonkinese.

But, the three breeds are not merely stable. Their show activity has been gradually growing over time. All three breeds began showing the very first year after earning championship, and all three have been slowly expanding the numbers of cats shown since that time.

As a matter of fact, you can see in the chart that the Thai, the Toyger, and the Peterbald are now showing in numbers comparable to the Savannah, despite the fact that the Savannah is a much larger breed.

When you look at charts like this one, you can identify times when the breeds have suffered setbacks. For example, you can see a drop in show activity in the Thai breed that started in 2014. The Thai's show activity rebounded by 2016, and is still increasing. What happened in 2014? In that year, two of the Thai breed's most experienced and active breeders in Europe retired from breeding. The blip in activity is there, but the important thing is that there was a rebound. The breed could and did recover.

Overall, Thai show activity has roughly doubled in the last seven years, and there is no sign yet that it is slacking off.

### **Where is the TICA Thai Growing Most?**

We will have charts to show you at the Annual Meeting in 2018, but the short answer to the question is, the Thai is growing on more than one continent, and currently it is growing most in Europe. (Chinese cat fanciers so far have shown very few Thais, and usually they are not registered in TICA.) Europe is where most of the growth is currently, and this is no surprise.

Why no surprise? Because it's exactly what we said would happen. We told the Genetics Chair, Solveig Pflueger, and the TICA Board of Directors in 2006/2007 that, for the Thai to grow, we would need to make it possible for breeders from countries all over the world to gradually join TICA and work together. The breeders in North America and the United Kingdom would need to be able to transfer (Old-Style) Siamese one-way to the Thai breed in TICA. For a while, some breeders, especially in the United Kingdom, would need to be able to outcross to Siamese because the GCCF does not recognize the Thai breed. Many studs were registered as Siamese, not as Thais, and many Europeans don't keep their own studs.

To ensure that the breed develops the authentic look of the native pointed cat of Thailand, we would need the Thai to be classified as a natural breed from Thailand, and we would need to bring Thailand imports to as many countries as possible to improve what was left of the Old-Style Siamese stock we all started with.

At first, most of the TICA Thai's growth was in North America. As soon as it became possible to transfer Siamese one-way to the Thai breed, our American breeders began to do so. In Europe, breeders did register and show Thais in the PNB, ANB, and early years in championship, but not as many as in North America. The Thai was already well established in European registries and at European shows. There was not much incentive for continental European breeders to register and show their Thais in TICA per se. In the United Kingdom, the dominance of the GCCF and skepticism about newcomer TICA meant that British fanciers would need convincing before they would transfer cats from the British Old-Style Siamese Club (OSSC) to the Thai breed in TICA.

We knew there would need to be something to motivate Europeans to register and show Thais in TICA. But we also knew that, if they did, there were quite a lot of European Thais. This was clear at the 2006 TICA Annual in Hannover, Germany, where no fewer than 35 Thais were entered. They entered for the novelty of that first TICA Annual in Europe, but we knew it would take convincing for European Thai fanciers to develop a longer term habit of registering and showing in TICA.

It has taken time, but we are beginning to see European Thai breeders come to TICA in greater and greater numbers.

The key to maintaining growth in the Thai breed in TICA is to retain the registration rules we have now. Those rules in a nutshell allow Thai breeders from many different countries to work with each other easily and bring (Old-Style) Siamese from registries such as GCCF into TICA as

Thais. TICA's Thai registration rules also encourage the importing and registering of natural, native cats from Thailand into TICA as Thais.

The use of native, unregistered cats from Thailand in the Thai breed in TICA is critically important. To quote the Thai Breed Seminar (created for the TICA website in 2010),

Dr. Leslie Lyons & coworkers discovered in 2010 that the cats of Thailand today constitute a pristine race of cats unique from other cats in the world. Their DNA is so different that they are unlikely to have changed much in the last several hundred years. The Thai breed in TICA uses direct imports from Thailand, from the same native cat population that was studied by the geneticists . . .

It is the use of Thailand imports in combination with Western Thais that gives the TICA Thai its distinctive look (e.g., the relatively high ear set), that keeps the breed from drifting toward an overly Siamese or Tonkinese appearance. The Thailand imports – precisely because they come from the natural, native unregistered cat population – also contribute considerable genetic diversity and hardiness to the TICA Thai. On the other hand, the established Western Thai lines are relatively free of the faults (crossed eyes and kinked tails) that are prevalent in the Thailand imports. The Thailand imports and Western Thai lines balance each other. It is a happy combination of bloodlines.

When we give our presentation to the TICA Board of Directors at the 2018 Annual, we will have a lot more to say about all of these things. For example, Leslie Lyons has told us that her team submitted a new paper for publication in approximately March, 2018, that goes into further detail about the extraordinary nature of the native, unregistered cats of Thailand.

Only in TICA does the Thai have so much going for it – the chance to improve genetic diversity while maintaining authenticity and improving the breed's appearance. As the British member of our Thai Breed Committee has said, this is the "secret sauce" that is making the TICA Thai an international success. With declining registrations and show entries in so much of the cat fancy, the Thai's continued growth is all the more notable. The registration rules we have been operating with are working. Let's not spoil a good thing.

Submitted by:

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