

**CFA EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING
FEBRUARY 1/2, 2008**

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Secretary’s Note: The Officers and Board of Directors of the Cat Fanciers’ Association, Inc. met on Saturday, February 1, 2008, at the Houston Airport Marriott at George Bush Intercontinental, Houston, Texas. President **Pam DelaBar** called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. with the following members present:

Ms. Pam DelaBar (President)
Ms. Kitty Angell (Vice-President)
Ms. Kathy Calhoun (Treasurer)
Ms. Rachel Anger (Secretary)
Ms. Debbie Kusy (NAR Director)
Mr. Dick Kallmeyer (NWR Director)
Mr. James Watson (GSR Director)
Mrs. Loretta Baugh (GLR Director)
Ms. Regina Shaffer (SWR Director)
Mrs. Kay Janosik (MWR Director)
Ms. Peg Johnson (SOR Director)
Mrs. Yayoi Satoh (Japan Regional Director)
Roger Brown, DVM (Director-at-Large)
George Eigenhauser, Esq. (Director-at-Large)
Ms. Joan Miller (Director-at-Large)
Mrs. Elizabeth Watson (Director-at-Large)
Mr. David White (Director-at-Large)
Mrs. Annette Wilson (Director-at-Large)

Not present due to various medical obligations was **Mr. Robert Molino (Director-at-Large)**.

Also present were Ms. Allene Tartaglia, Executive Director, and Fred Jacobberger, Esq., CFA Legal Counsel. Ms. Roeann Fulkerson attended in her capacity of Director of Marketing and Public Relations, and Ms. Akemi Makita attended as Japanese Translator.

Secretary's Note: For the ease of the reader, some items were discussed at different times but were included with their particular agenda.

(1) CORRECTIONS TO THE MINUTES.

No corrections to the October, 2007 minutes having been submitted, **Angell** moved to accept the minutes as published. **DelaBar** called the motion. **Motion Carried.**

RATIFICATION OF ON-LINE MOTIONS

Moved by	Motion	Vote
Executive Committee via Central Office	Midwest Persian Tabby Fanciers is requesting a format change for their January 26-27, 2008 show from CH-5 AB, 3 LH/SH; Kit/PR-8 AB to 7 AB, 1 LH/SH.	Motion Carried. Anger and Calhoun abstained.
Executive Committee via Central Office	Cat Friends of Germany is requesting a format change for their January 12-13, 2008 show from 6 AB to Kit/PR-6 AB; CH-6 LH/SH.	Motion Failed. The club did not state a valid reason for changing the format at such a late date.
Executive Committee via Central Office	Japan Region Show is requesting a format change for their January 12-13, 2008 show from 7 AB, 1 LH/SH to 6 AB, 2 LH/SH.	Motion Carried.
J. Watson	[Clarification] That scoring for kittens in the 2007-2008 (current show year) follow the current rules and all points are zeroed on May 1, 2008. This is consistent with CFA policy regarding new rules taking effect starting with the new show year. There will be NO carryover points into the 2008-2009 show year. The new rules will apply to the 2008-2009 show year as voted on by the delegation and ratified by the board.	Motion Carried. Satoh and Molino did not vote.
Executive Committee via Central Office	Permission to license a one-time event in St. Louis, MO sponsored by 10 clubs in Midwest Region 6, called "America's Heartland Show", the format to be 7/1 CH; 8 AB for Kit & PR with an entry limit of 375.	Motion Carried.
Anger	All judges who are listed on the Judging Program Roster in the on-line Almanac under Show Officials as of the date the annual licensing fee is due shall pay the annual licensing fee. [Note: the fee will be renamed.]	Motion Carried. DelaBar voting no. Calhoun abstained. Molino did not vote.

Eigenhauser moved to ratify the on-line motions. **DelaBar** called the motion. **Motion Carried.**

(2) **TREASURER/BUDGET COMMITTEE REPORT.**

Treasurer Kathy Calhoun gave the following report with a standing motion and the right to vote no:

This report is based on financial reports for the period beginning May 1, 2007 through December 31, 2007

KEY FINANCIAL INDICATORS

Total Assets (primarily cash)

Key cash reserves comparable to year ago.

Ordinary Income-Registrations and related services

Income from registration continues to decline at a rate of 9.7% when compared to the budget. The decline is 9.4% lower than the prior year. The majority of the categories contributing to Ordinary Income were close to year ago with the exception of the following:

- *Breed Council Dues favorable – 10.2%*
- *Championship Confirmations unfavorable – 3.6%*
- *Club Dues/Application Fees favorable 8.2%*
- *Breeder Directory favorable 6.8%*
- *Certified Pedigrees unfavorable -12.9%*
- *Registration from Pedigree new category (mostly foreign)*

Overall, revenue from Ordinary Income was down 4.3% for the first eight months of the fiscal year compared to prior year.

DelaBar: Registrations have been on a downslide since our peak in 1991. In trying to bring out and raise the emotional value of cats in our society, at the last annual meeting we asked the breed council secretaries to help us come up with ways to insure that we brought our litter and individual registrations up. For us to focus on pedigreed cats, we should value our pedigreed cats enough to give them a birth certificate, which is their registration. We are open to suggestions and we need a centralized push. This helps everything we do in trying to bring out the pedigreed cat as something of value and worth in our society and other societies. **Eigenhauser:** Before we can convince society as a whole of the value of pedigreed cats, we've got to convince our own people. Maybe the time has come to do a survey of a randomly-selected group of breeders to determine why they aren't registering all of their kittens. If there is something we can fix, we can try to fix it. **Johnson:** Other registries' fees are double and triple what our fees are, so one way to look at it is, CFA doesn't put a lot of value on cat registrations. It's a different side of the same coin. We've always tried to make it inexpensive, to encourage people. That's not working. The fees are unrealistic to make it attractive for people to want to register their cats for non-showing purposes. It's not valuable to some people. **Calhoun:** I recommend that we put together a task force around this issue and come up with a set of recommendations and financials. **Miller:** The "Meet Your Match" program is spreading through the shelter world. If we're competing now with even the shelter world, we need to have something at least as good as what they are giving out. **Angell:** People like to get like coupons, where they can go to our website and shop, and then they may buy other things, too. **Johnson:** We are meeting critical

mass, where we need to take action and be very proactive. Somehow, we need to come together and react more quickly to address this. We need to focus on this, rather than come back every year and talk about it. **DelaBar** appointed **Brown** to chair a committee, with **Johnson, Baugh, Calhoun** and **Tartaglia** to assist.

Yearbook and Almanac

The Yearbook continues to perform ahead of last year with a 7.6% increase in revenue. This is primarily due to an increase in the sales of prior volumes and adjustments to shipping and handling. Current volume sales and future volume sales both lag behind last year.

Both the income and expenses associated with the Almanac have declined when compared to last year as the print version of this publication is being phased out. The income category is greater than budget due to a change in accounting methods. Instead of recognizing subscription dollars in the month received they are pro-rated over the life of the subscription.

The eAlmanac is up in actual revenue approximately 6.8%.

Calhoun: The key take-away here is that currently the eAlmanac income does not offset the expenses from that publication. We need to get that in line.

Central Office

The Central Office schedule is on track from a budget perspective. Several categories, such as salaries and utilities, are unfavorable to last year. These variances were expected and budgeted. Several depreciation items have been rolled into depreciation building which makes that number considerably larger when compared to last year.

Computer Expenses

Software rental and support is over budget.

CFA Programs

This category is favorable to budget with a year-to-date positive variance. Most of the variance resides in web site maintenance and expense which is a timing issue.

Corporate Expense

Corporate expense is down compared to last year driven by a reduction in professional fees and close to this year's budget with a 4% negative variance.

Legislative

The legislative spending is slightly under budget.

Subsequent to the December close, the revenues from the gate at the CFA Iams Championship Show were received bringing that show in at a \$48,000 profit.

Considering total revenues from the CFA Iams Championship Show, total net revenue is at a \$62,000 loss.

Financial Bonding

A quote has been received from Chubb to provide criminal coverage for CFA associates. The annual premium for \$200,000 limit is \$1,295.

Following an executive session discussion, **Johnson** moved for approval of bonding of all club treasurers and regional treasurers as a service to the clubs, as part of the club dues, which will be increased by \$5.00 effective with 2009 dues. **DelaBar** called the motion. **Motion Carried.**

Regional Treasurer Reporting

In order to support complete and accurate financial accounting, each region will be required to provide a monthly income statement to Central Office effective Feb 15, 2007. Frank Myers, CFA Accountant, has created a template and instruction sheet to facilitate reporting. Each month each region will send a completed report to Central Office no later than the 15th of the month. A reminder will be sent to the Regional Director and the Regional Treasurer on the 25th of the month if not received. These reports will be incorporated in the financials beginning next fiscal year.

Action Item: *Each CFA Region will be required to submit monthly reporting by completing the template provided by CFA and maintain documents to support those reports for a minimum of seven years.*

Calhoun: We want to better our ability to report regional treasuries. Our accountant, Frank Myers, has created a template and instruction sheet for the regions to complete on a monthly basis back to February of 2007. We will start to incorporate this into our financials in May, our next fiscal year. **Tartaglia:** I'll be keeping track of it. **Baugh:** Is this going to make our operating fund look better because we are incorporating the regional money into it, when really the regions are the ones that are paying the money? **Calhoun:** We will incorporate it on a separate schedule. We are not going to be using those dollars. They are under our tax ID number and we need to do the right thing. **Baugh:** It is very positive that all of the regions will be reporting in the same manner. We'll have a better figure on where we are. **DelaBar** called the motion. **Motion Carried.**

Financial Workshop

In order to educate and communicate relative to CFA financials a pair of workshops are being recommended to be held in conjunction with the Annual Meeting in Louisville. It is recommended that our CFA accountant be a participant in those workshops and attend the full Annual if calendars permit.

Calhoun: In our conversations with our accountant, we talked about putting on workshops at the annual meeting for board members and for regional treasurers. There will be costs associated to get the accountant in. Two hours would do it. **Johnson:** We need to start focusing on how we can better be a board and a better organization. It would be money well spent. **DelaBar:** We could have it Saturday when we know who the new board members will be. We could have a morning session with the accountant and then go on with the afternoon session for our breed council secretaries and our International Division. **Wilson:** The breed council

meetings are in the afternoon. **Johnson:** We could have a Wednesday afternoon meeting. So moved. **DelaBar** called the motion. **Motion Carried.**

Audit Committee

It is recommended that the structure of the Audit Committee be re-evaluated. The recommendation is that the Audit Committee be comprised of board members that do not have direct financial involvement with CFA financials with the exception of the Treasurer who should sit on the committee but not chair the committee. The committee will have authority to call independent financial and procedural reviews using independent audit firms on an as needed and unscheduled basis. Guidelines for Audit Committees can be found at AICPA.org, IRS.gov or BoardSource.com

Action Item: Restructure the Audit Committee providing this committee authority to conduct business that would include independent audits.

Calhoun: One of the other things that came as a result of our meeting with the accountant was around how we structure our audit committee. **Johnson:** His recommendation was to have board members that don't have direct financial involvement. **Molino:** You can't have cross-membership between the finance committee and the audit committee. **Calhoun:** His advice was that the treasurer's participation was appropriate, but not in a leadership role. I would like to make sure that the audit committee has the ability to call unannounced independent audits at will, and to audit any facet of the organization that would warrant further investigation. That would be the responsibility of the audit committee. **Eigenhauser:** Is this also going to include the annual audit; for example, of the Madison Square Garden show or to audit regional treasuries? **DelaBar:** Yes. Bob, you're the chair of the audit committee. Who will be your committee? **Molino:** I'm still looking for a very good numbers cruncher. I have a CPA who is not a member of the cat fancy, and he is willing to do some of the work on a pro bono basis if we provide parameters. If it becomes too onerous, we'll work out a fee arrangement. Before we get started, I will put a budget together and submit it to the board for approval. **DelaBar** called the motion. **Motion Carried.**

*Respectfully Submitted,
Kathy Calhoun
CFA Treasurer*

(3) BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE.

Business Development Team Chair Kitty Angell presented the following report with a standing motion and the right to vote no:

Committee Chair: *Kitty Angell*
Committee Members: *Roeann Fulkerson (Director of Corporate Marketing and Public Relations), Bob Johnston (Club Liaison), Donna Jean Thompson, Yayoi Satoh*

When this committee was created almost four years ago, our vision encompassed more than just bringing in additional income to CFA. Easing the financial burdens of this organization and providing funding for future growth is extremely important. We have worked to make the name “CFA” recognizable throughout the world. We want our beautiful pedigreed cats to become as easily recognized as pedigreed dogs. We have been “in the trenches”, so to speak, working to bring enough financial revenue and backing to make this dream a reality.

Our vision includes helping as many CFA clubs as we possibly can. Thanks to the Business Development Committee, this year we have more sponsorship money and more clubs receiving support than ever before.

Ongoing Committee Activities:

➤ **4-Sight Manufacturing/License Contracts (CFA Branded Products)**

- *Royalty\$ Magazine distributed and read by the licensing and retail industries. They discuss current and upcoming trends for products as well as addressing retail. CFA and AKC were the exclusive Brand on both the front and back covers of the new issue of Royalty\$ Magazine. This is great exposure within the licensing and retail industries because it calls attention to the brand. Included within this issue is an editorial article on CFA. This is expected to open some new licensing opportunities.*
- *America’s Greatest Brands featured JPI products and CFA was displayed on the cover of this publication as well.*
- *PetCo: CFA remains the number 1 cat toy at PetCo. They continue to run wing panel promos and 4Kids/4Sight is working on additional in-line placement for the August point of sale reset.*
- *PetSmart: CFA Kitten line will be added as in-line items in May. This is incremental to the current in-line SKU’s. 4Kids/4Sight is working on Q3 promos.*
- *Wal-Mart ordered for Q2/Q3 promo’s which include 4 different CFA wing panels.*
- *ToysRUs will be launching the CFA product line at all ToysRUs locations in mid February. CFA will have a 4-foot section at all stores.*
- *Sam’s Club is currently reviewing placement of CFA Brands in select stores.*

➤ **New Licensing Contracts**

- ***Aspen Pet and Grooming Products: Deal Memo Signed December 24, 2007. Initial Term, through December 31, 2010. Marketing and Ship date is October 2008.***
 - *Nonexclusive license for dental brushes and cleaners, pet hair removers, de-shedding tools, nail trimmers, brushes, combs, topical treatment delivery systems, treatment solutions cartridges, grooming tools sanitizers and storage solutions, grooming towels, shears, and hair cutting tools.*

➤ ***An update for the projected revenue check from 4Kids to CFA, which is received in mid-February, will be provided at the Board meeting.***

- ***Jakks Pacific Inc. (JPI).***
 - *The CFA House Mouse still holds the record for being the number 1 toy over all toy products ever sold at **PetCo**.*
 - ***Target** is working with JPI for additional CFA products placement in stores.*
 - ***Global Pet: Jakks Pets** is dedicating 16 feet for CFA product line at the booth.*
 - **CFA International: NEW ORDER**
 - *Italy (Wonder foods Distributor) -- Jakks Pets just received confirmation on 6 freight containers of each wing panel (6 different Plush Toys) for CFA. These will be shipping 2nd qtr 2008.*
- ***JPI Kitten Line***
 - *CFA Kitten Line will be added at **PetSmart** as “in-line items” in May. This is incremental to the current in-line SKU’s for CFA products.*
 - *The twelve plus additional Kitten Line CFA products will be in multiple additional locations by spring 2008.*
- ***Eternal Image***
 - *Garden Memorial Marker and Urn both specifically designed for CFA are now in the manufacturing stage and should be ready for market late winter. A photo sample of the approved products has been attached.*
- ***Dakota Collectables*** *completed twelve breed specific embroidered designs developed from the photos taken at the NYC photo shoot scheduled by 4Kids and CFA with our exhibitor/breeders and their cats. The initial samples can be seen at the Board meeting, corrections to these are underway. These are beautiful true representations of some of our pedigreed breeds. Additional breeds added to cover all 41 breeds.*
- ***Commonwealth Toys:***
 - *Deal Memo signed September 2006 has now resulted in products. Commonwealth submitted for review and approval fifteen human plush toys. Each is very well made and should be highly desirable by the public. A photo sample of some products has been attached.*

- **AKC/CAR Microchipping and Partnering:** *An updated report regarding the AKC-CAR Microchipping program will be provided with an Addendum to this report. Roger Brown, DVM and Board member has agreed to chair this project with the Business Development and Education Outreach Committees.*
- **CFA Pet Healthcare;** *a new underwriting company has partnered with Pet Healthcare to provide better service and coverage to all cats seeking Pet Health Insurance through the CFA Branded coverage.*
 - *A new brand new, full color tri-fold brochure with updated photos from the pictures submitted for the CFA-Iams Cat Championship and Simon & Schuster Publishing “Cutest Cats & Kids Digital Photo Contests” is used to create a pleasing professional presentation of this program. Using the photos from the CICC & Simon & Schuster publishing contest, is another way of partnering and promoting all aspects for CFA.*
- **Show Sponsorship**
 - *Royal Canin currently approved and has been invoiced for financial awards to CFA programs, web and clubs.*
 - *Dr. Elsey’s currently approved and has been invoiced for financial awards to CFA programs, web and clubs.*
 - *Greenies has received proposals for 2008 and we are pending their approval.*
 - *Arm & Hammer has received proposal and we hope to provide an update of approved and invoiced amount at the Board meeting.*
 - *Sturdi Products has committed to the same sponsorship and participation for 2008 as they did in 2007.*
 - *World’s Best Litter has committed to additional funding for 2008. It is expected this amount will increase by 15% to 20% when the final invoice is totaled.*
- **Pet Oxygen Masks** *has continued to be a huge success. Each week we receive news stories where animals have been saved by the use of the Pet Oxygen Masks. Several clubs have taken advantage of using this program as a promotion at their shows. The fire departments and first responders are so appreciative and it generally always makes local news coverage.*
- **Decals Window Clings.** *With great enthusiasm, the Business Development Committee is pleased to announce the completion of the CFA Decal Window Clings. The Mid-West Region will be handling the sale and distribution for this long awaited project. It was by the financial allocation of Royal Canin to complete **funding** of this project that we can now say it will soon be on the way to the printer. Many sincere thanks should be given to Bev Frenzel and Paul Patton for their hard work and perseverance in design, proofing and review so this project got underway and completed.*

New Activities:

- **NBC Universal Television Studio www.petside.com partnered with CFA in October 2007. CFA and NBC Universal Television Studio partnered with P&G to provide content to PetSide.com.**
 - *Petside will also be linked to a pet-specific site in NBC’s iVillage site and promoted weekly on the “Today” show.*

- *iVillage receives over 40 million hits monthly to their web site.*
- *CFA provides all breed specific content for pedigreed cats. The CFA logo on the cat breed pages is linked directly back to the CFA web site ~ where the Breeds and Colors page can be accessed.*
- ***CYNFUL Inc.*** *was authorized to create specialty products for the CFA cat fancy. Current items are high quality golf shirts with the CFA logo embroidered on the left chest. The shirts initially are offered in 5 various colors and a variety of sizes. The shirts are available for sale at CFA sanctioned cat shows, to CFA clubs and club members, selected vendors across the country and possibly world wide as requested by the CFA fancy. Regular retail price will be \$29.95. A very nice CFA logo brief case is also currently available.*
- ***Videos for the Education and Outreach Program*** *is currently underway with initial filming being completed by producers from Painless Productions at the San Diego Cat Club show in January. This will be an initial single DVD/CD with the topic “Choosing The Right Cat”. Plans are to expand this to a twelve series product of informational line.*

Projections for the future:

The Business Development Committee works tirelessly for CFA to bring new and innovative programs to augment our financial position and to enrich and broaden education on promoting the pedigreed breeds of cat.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kitty Angell, Chair

Roeann Fulkerson, Director of Marketing and Public Relations

Angell: I would like to add that Iams is picking us up for three years. The major portion is going to the CFA-Iams Cat Championship. They are also giving a substantial amount to our International show. This is an extremely wonderful thing that they are doing for us. Also, I can happily tell you that we are going to have funding for the Mentor Program from Royal Canin.

(4) CFA INTERNATIONAL SHOW.

Committee Chair: Emily M. Turner
Liaison to Board: Kitty Angell

I want to thank Debbie Kusy, Mark Hannon and Allene Tartaglia for the jobs they did on the previous Internationals. Most of the people who they selected and who have worked for years on the show will be with us again this year. Their continued involvement with the 2008 International has made my job so much easier than it would have been if I had to start from scratch. At this time all volunteer positions have been filled with one exception and that position may have been filled by the time you read this report. As you all know, the International Cat Show could not take place without the contributions of these very competent volunteers.

Brief Summation of Immediate Past Committee Activities:

Allene Tartaglia and I made a trip to Atlanta in early December to visit the Georgia International Convention Center, the show hall site and the Renaissance Concourse, the show hotel. These two facilities and their proximity to each other and to the Atlanta Hartsfield Airport make them extremely convenient.

CFA will provide buses to transport exhibitors to the show hall and to the airport on Sunday afternoon. Both of these trips take a little over 5 minutes. The Atlanta Airport with the availability of flights from all over the country and even from all over the world presents an opportunity for many people to come and participate in this year's International.

Current Happenings of Committee:

The committee is working on the budget at this time and it should be available sometime in March.

Allene and I interviewed three public relations firms and we selected Creaxion. They came to the meeting already knowing what we needed them to do and had exciting suggestions about how to do it.

Future Projections for Committee:

As earlier stated we are currently working on the budget but we already know that the cost of the show production will be greatly reduced from some previous years, which will have a positive effect on our bottom line. The reduction in production cost is due mainly to our location and venue.

We have also been able to negotiate a \$94 per night hotel rate which is certainly in the reasonable range. We will be receiving complimentary meeting rooms at the hotel for Breed Awareness and a New Bee class as well as a room for a Saturday night hospitality party which Royal Canin has graciously offered to host.

At this time Royal Canin and Dr. Elsey's World's Best Cat Litter have contracted to be our initial corporate sponsors. We are waiting for a positive response from Iams.

Plans for This Year's International:

Since the Game Show Network did not pick up their option to film this year's show, we will go back to our old format. Everyone should now breathe a sign of relief. The criticism of the 2006 show was mostly based on their presence.

We are looking into some ways to reduce the time of the Sunday afternoon presentations but at this time those plans have not been finalized. In any event, every cat that finishes in the top three cats in kitten, championship and premiership class will be recognized. Of course, our top placing kittens, cats and premiers will be presented.

The public relations plan is to inform Atlanta how fortunate they are to have been chosen for the largest cat show in the Western Hemisphere. As part of that plan, we will begin providing press releases in March, April and May 2008 and then again in September, October and November. We are hopeful that these press releases will generate free advertising for the show. In addition, our public relations firm, Creaxion, will be placing paid advertising in selected media platforms.

*Respectfully Submitted,
Emily M. Turner, Chair*

Angell: Emily is very pleased with the public relations group that was chosen for this show. The Committee should have a budget in March to present to the Budget Committee.

Johnson: Living in Atlanta and being regional director, I've not heard anything about the show and no people from the Atlanta area have been asked to be involved. People that put on shows all the time might be able to give some insight. **Tartaglia:** Emily is keeping a lot of people in place.

Johnson: If we can lend any assistance, I am offering assistance. I'm concerned about an International being in Atlanta and at that facility.

(5) **JUNIOR SHOWMANSHIP.**

Junior Showmanship Liaison Kitty Angell presented the following report:

Committee Chair: Emily M. Turner

Liaison to Board: Kitty Angell

As you know, Junior Showmanship has not received corporate funding. But I am here today to suggest a way for us to continue the program. But first, let me tell you about some of our plans.

The Junior Showmanship Committee is looking at several ways to promote JS at the 2008 International Cat Show. Interestingly enough, Mark Petit who heads up the PR firm that we have hired to promote the Atlanta International asked us in our first conversation with him if we had any young people involved in the show. He said kids make great human-interest stories.

There were 10 young people who received US Saving Bonds at the December 8, 2007 Madera show. Gary Spina and Diane Amble have made sure that their club will promote JS now and in the future.

As with most people, Gary has his own reasons to support JS. His daughter started participating in JS as a way to make her applications to colleges look better. At a meeting of the California Junior Scholarship Program, it was suggested that the young people consider 4-H, FFA and CFA's Junior Showmanship program as an extracurricular activity. Gary's daughter knowing that her father had at one time been involved with cat breeding and exhibiting asked him if he would help her learn how to participate as a CFA Junior Showman and teach her to exhibit in the regular CFA cat shows.

Not only did JS provide a place for this young woman to learn about cats it also is teaching her good sportsmanship, how to speak in public and how to think on her feet. I don't think many of us would feel comfortable facing a CFA judge and spontaneously answering questions about our breed. With time and practice young people in the JS program learn to do just that. Many of them have worked with several breeds before they finish their JS careers.

During the 2006-07 season there were 38 JS rings held around the world. 1 was held in Malaysia, 1 in Singapore, 2 in Japan and 1 in Hong Kong. The remaining 33 rings were held in the US.

Now here is an additional piece of news. As a result of his daughter's interest in JS, Gary Spina has come back to CFA as a breeder, exhibitor, show producer and last but not least a promoter of Junior Showmanship.

Gary and his daughter's story is only one of the successes that JS has provided to CFA. For the last 8 years many young people around the world have successfully participated in the program. During these years, I have had many parents thank me for the experience the JS program has provided their child. Many are thrilled that many of the skills their children have learned have benefited them in school. Just the ability to confidently speak in public is one that every young person needs to learn.

The JS committee is intent upon providing a JS ring at this year's International Cat Show. Gary Spina has agreed to manage it. He will do what I did from 1999-2004 and Gerry Martin did at the 2006 show in San Mateo. One incentive we are considering for JS participation this year is a US Savings Bond for every child. The cost of the bonds is half the face value. Can you think of a better way to support JS and our country too? Plus, it makes for another great press story.

Without additional funding the Junior Showmanship Program will cease to exist after the 2007-08 Show Season. With minimal funding we can keep the program alive and active.

The program as structured needs interested individuals and clubs that will work and promote the program as the Madera club did. History has proven several times that what it takes for a viable JS program is just an interested individual who will work with the clubs in his or her area to produce the JS rings. But finding those people has been very hit or miss. Somehow we need to find incentives for both the individual and the clubs to become involved. Suggestions are welcomed.

I think it is imperative that we fund Junior Showmanship. As I mentioned earlier without additional funding, the program will end with the current show season. The funding that we received from Friskies will be gone. We can continue the program for another year with minimal funding from CFA. If CFA chooses to support the program in the short run there is always the possibility that we will obtain corporate funding in the future. If the program is allowed to die, we will have failed the young people in our organization.

The committee will be requesting \$3000.00 for the upcoming budget to support the JS program through the 2008-09 Show Season. With \$3,000 we can support the JS ring at the International, underwrite the other cost of the program for the next show season and keep the program alive while continuing our search for corporate support. At the same time, we need to double our efforts to find people who are willing to support the program with their time and talents.

If you decide to fund the program for the next show year, we will be back at the June Board Meeting with detailed plans for the JS ring at the CFA International Cat Show.

Angell: We have tried to get corporate funding with no success. This is a program that CFA needs to fund. I feel it's so important to keep this Program alive. **Eigenhauser:** They are looking for guidance on whether or not to put together a new program for the board – a vote of confidence in the Program to say that we as a board support and encourage this Program, and we consider it valuable. **Miller:** Junior Showmanship deals with expanding the cat fancy in some way. We might want to consider incorporating Junior Showmanship as one aspect of Mentoring. That might encourage more corporate potential. **Janosik:** Where are the participants? We don't have any in Region 6. **Angell:** If the regional directors don't push it, then it's not going to exist. **Johnson:** Regional directors have very little influence over what clubs want to do. As many, if not more young people actually show their cats in the regular show and they get to participate all day long, and that's more interesting to them. We need to come up with some middle ground, rather than relying on the regional directors to come up with something. **Angell:** Do whatever you think is necessary. We're not going to get anyone new if we're not offering it. You've got to have a person that is a spark plug, who wants to make it successful, to drive the program. **Wilson:** Kids can already show their cats. This isn't really showmanship, this talking about your cat. The whole Junior Showmanship program needs to be revised or rethought from the ground up. **Baugh:** In our region, we see the same children from fanciers that are already active in the

fancy. This isn't bringing new people in. **Janosik:** As an incentive, what about a junior scholarship program to encourage kids to participate? **Miller:** Junior Showmanship is somewhat static. It needs to be re-energized. The juniors could work for badges by doing a certain thing to get to another level. For instance, assistance in the education ring, or they could learn to be handlers in agility for those that can't run the course with their cat. I would support it only with the idea that they really re-look at this program. **J. Watson** moved that the board supports Junior Showmanship going forward with a budget so it can be restructured. **DelaBar** called the motion. **Motion Carried.**

*Respectfully Submitted,
Emily M. Turner, Chair
CFA Junior Showmanship Program*

(6) JUDGING PROGRAM.

Judging Program Chair Rachel Anger presented the following report and made all standing motions with the right to vote no:

Committee Chair: *Rachel Anger – Letters of Complaint; Board of Directors Meeting Reports; General Communication and Oversight*

List of Committee Members: *Norman Auspitz – Representative on the CFA Protest Committee; Judging Program Rules and Updates; File Administrator*
Carla Bizzell – File Administrator
Ellyn Honey – Mentor Program Administrator; Domestic Trainee Administrator
Becky Orlando – Japan and International Division Trainee and File Administrator; guest judges (CFA judges in approved foreign associations, licensed judges from approved foreign associations in CFA)
Neil Quigley – New Applicants (inquiries, queries, follow ups, counseling); Teach Judging Application Process at Breed Awareness & Orientation School
Donna Jean Thompson – Domestic Trainee Administrator
Annette Wilson – File Administrator
Bob Zenda – Judges’ Education (Workshops, Judges’ Test)
Pat Jacobberger – Judges’ Education (Breed Awareness and Orientation School)

Brief Summation of Immediate Past Committee Activities:

Thank You Messages: The Judging Program Committee has received notes of appreciation from Vicki Abelson, Marsha Ammons, Edward Maeda, Makoto Murofushi, Sharon Powell and Beverly Wood for their recent advancements.

Current Projects for Committee:

In addition to the day-to-day file administration of our advancing judges, the Judging Program has completed a review of 2008 judging fee payments and workshop attendance in accordance with Judging Program Rule Section VIII, Paragraph H. Judges not in compliance with one or both requirement(s) have been notified.

Current Happenings of Committee:

Judges’ Education (Breed Awareness and Orientation School) has been passed to Pat Jacobberger by Norman Auspitz. Pat has been involved in the BAOS for some time and we look forward to her professional approach, thereby continuing to make the school stimulating and interesting to attendees. Carrying on his many years of greatly appreciated service to the Judging Program, Norm will remain as a file administrator and Protest Committee liaison.

Action Item: *In accordance with a special permission judging request, suspend Show Rule 25.11 and allow a judge to cancel one show to judge another show.*

After an executive session discussion, a standing motion on the action item was called.
Motion Failed (vote sealed).

Leave of Absence Request: *The Judging Program has received a request from Allbreed judge Kenji Takano for a one-year medical leave of absence commencing February 4, 2008, and ending February 2009.*

Action Item: *Grant leave of absence.*

DelaBar called the motion. **Motion Carried.**

International/Guest Judging Assignments: *Permission has been granted for the following:*

CFA Judges to Judge International Assignments:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Affiliation</u>	<u>Sponsor</u>	<u>City/Country</u>	<u>Date</u>
Vicki Abelson	WCF	Nika Feline Center	Moscow, Russia	10/14/07
Mary Auth	Cats Inc.	Nine Lives CC	Waikato, NZ	5/11/08
Ken Currle	ICU	Int. Cats Union	Moscow, Russia	12/2/07
Carolyn Lyons	ACF, Inc	Feline Assoc of NSW	Mingara, NSW	5/25/08
Carolyn Lyons	NZCF	NZCF show	Nelson, NZ	5/31/08
Darrell Newkirk	ICU	Int Cats Union	Moscow, Russia	12/2/07
Vicki Nye	FIFE	Vastsvenska CC	Gothenburg, Sweden	9/13/08
Vicki Nye	FIFE	Ostkatten	Stockholm, Sweden	10/4/08
Jan Rogers	ACF, Inc	Birman Cat Club of Canberra	Canberra, Australia	5/17/08
Jan Rogers	ACF, Inc	Birman Cat Club of NZ	Auckland, NZ	5/25/08
Jan Rogers	NZCF	NZCF National show	South Island, NZ	5/31/08
Yayoi Satoh	IND	Cat Fancy of Indonesia	Jakarta	11/4/07
Wayne Trevathan	WCF	Nika Feline Center	Moscow, Russia	10/14/07
Liz Watson	WCF	Nika Feline Center	Moscow, Russia	10/14/07

Non-CFA Judges requesting permission to guest judge CFA shows:

<u>Judge</u>	<u>ASSN</u>	<u>CFA Show</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Date</u>
Olga Arsenkina	RUI	Chatte Noir CC	Moscow, Russia	4/5/08
Galina Dubrovskaya	RUI	Rolandus CC	Kiev, Ukraine	11/2/07
Ingrid de Wet	SACF	WCC	Houston, TX	3/29/08 R
Irina Kharchenko	RUI	Chatte Noir CC	Moscow, Russia	12/1/07
Olga Korotonozhkina	RUI	Chatte Noir CC	Moscow, Russia	4/5/08
Victoria Pohvalina	RUI	Chatte Noir CC	Moscow, Russia	12/1/07
Allan Raymond	ACF	Thailand CF	Bangkok, Thailand	11/11/07
Eric Reijers	FIFE	WCC	Houston, TX	3/29/08
Michael Schleissner	WCF	Cat Fanciers of Finland	Finland	5/3/08
Inna Shustrova	RUI	Rolandus CC	Kiev, Ukraine	3/29/08
Annette Sjodin	FIFE	WCC	Houston, TX	3/29/08
Irina Tokmakova	RUI	Nika Feline Center	Moscow, Russia	10/13/07 R
Irina Tokmakova	RUI	Chatte Noir CC	Moscow, Russia	12/1/07
Cheryle U'Ren	CCCA	Borneo CC	Malaysia	11/23/07
Cheryle U'Ren	CCCA	Feline Soc. of Malaysia	Malaysia	11/24/07
Rod U'Ren	CCCA	Singapore CC	Singapore	8/26/07 R
Jan Van Rooyen	SACF	WCC	Houston, TX	3/29/08

* R = replacement judge

Action Item:

Approval of International Judging Forms: Forms entitled “Application of International Associations and/or Independent Clubs Requesting Status To Use CFA Judges”, and “CFA Judging Program Process For Approval to Judge Non-CFA Shows Abroad” were presented. Use of these forms will help our Guest Judge Administrator identify associations with which we are not familiar, as well as to help our CFA judges identify the currently approved list of associations for whom they can guest judge.

DelaBar called the motion. **Motion Carried.**

Action Item: *Our file administrators are looking for guidance on what to do with the volumes of paper they are maintaining for each of their actively advancing judges. While it is understood that original evaluations are sent to Central Office for the reading room, the file administrators have show catalogs, judges’ sheets, etc. that tend to mount up. The file administrators would like permission to “decommission” these papers after a judge’s advancement.*

DelaBar called the motion. **Motion Carried.**

Action Item:

Acceptance/Advancements: The following individuals are presented to the Board for acceptance/advancement:

Accept as Trainee:

Marsha Ammons (LH – 2nd Specialty) 19 yes

Advance to Apprentice:

Carol Fogarty (LH – 2nd Specialty) 19 yes

Lorraine Rivard (SH – 1st Specialty) 19 yes

Michie Shinmoto (LH – 1st Specialty) 19 yes

Megumi Yamashita (SH – 2nd Specialty) 19 yes

Advance to Approval Pending Specialty:

Barbara Jaeger (SH – 2nd Specialty) 19 yes

B. Iris Tanner (SH – 2nd Specialty) 19 yes

John Webster (SH – 2nd Specialty) 19 yes

Advance to Approval Pending AB:

Peter Vanwonderghem 19 yes

Advance to Approved Allbreed:

Jo Ann Miksa-Blackwell 19 yes

Action Item: Relicense Judges: All judges are presented to the Board for relicensing, with the exception of the following for non-payment of annual licensing fee: Teruko Arai, C. Bess Higuchi, Margot Mellies, Aki Tamura, Vicki Baylus.

DelaBar called the motion. **Motion Carried.**

Respectfully Submitted,
Rachel Anger, Chair

The Cat Fanciers Association, Inc. Judging Program Mentor Report

I am very happy to report that our first crop of trainees has been using the CFA Judges' Mentor Program with great success. We had 6 trainees who began using the forms and program in June of 2007. Of the 6, only one trainee did not participate in the program, and that has been addressed. This may have been because the Mentor may have not been responsive and the issue is being addressed at this time.

We have one advancing judge who was directed to choose a Mentor because of some issues that needed to be addressed. I am delighted to say, that with the help of the Mentor, those issues are being resolved. The advancing judge is taking the issues to heart, working with the Mentor, and taking that Mentor's advice. It is working out very well.

I am happy to say that the program is a success. Several issues have come up during training, wherein the Mentor has been able to help address them. The fact that we have asked permission to bring these issues to the Trainee Administrators' attention, with the Trainee and Mentor's permission, has instilled confidence that the relationship between Trainee and Mentor is different than that of Training Administrator and Trainee. Between the two, our trainees are getting a good solid foundation for their continued success in the program.

Once the trainees are advanced, the file handlers for that trainee will be advised as to whom that Mentor is. The Mentor will continue to work with the advancing judge throughout the program, and if there is an issue, the file handler can go to the Mentor to help in resolving the issue.

Our Current Trainees and their Mentors:

<i>Lorraine Rivard</i>	-	<i>Sharon Roy</i>
<i>Sandy Stewart</i>	-	<i>Jim Thompson</i>
<i>Anne Mathis</i>	-	<i>Ellyn Honey</i>
<i>Cathy Dinesen</i>	-	<i>Brian Pearson</i>
<i>Jim Dinesen</i>	-	<i>Brian Pearson</i>
<i>Carol Fogarty</i>	-	<i>Jody Garrison</i>

Advancing Judge:

<i>B. Iris Tanner</i>	-	<i>Diana Rothermel</i>
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Thank you for giving me your support in developing this program.

Respectfully Submitted,
Ellyn Honey, Chair

CFA Judges' Mentoring Program

(7) **PROTEST COMMITTEE.**

Protest Committee Chair George Eigenhauser gave the Protest Committee report containing recommendations for disposition of pending matters (see item #28).

Chair: George Eigenhauser, Jr.
Committee Members: Chuck Reich; Betsy Arnold and Norman Auspitz (member and Judging liaison) (Japan liaison: Kayoko Koizumi; International Division liaison: Peter Vanwonterghem; Animal Welfare: Linda Berg; Legal Counsel: Fred Jacobberger)

With respect to sponsoring CFA shows, please state how frequently your club intends to produce and how (as distinguished from sponsoring a ring), the type of show you anticipate producing, and the city or cities where you anticipate locating any such shows:

- *We hope to put on a CFA Cat show on an annual basis, and more if it becomes feasible. Show will be held in the Shizuoka Prefecture and other areas where show halls are available.*

Additional information:

- *None of the members are pet shop owners. The cat is our hobby and we seek CFA affiliation so that we can enjoy cat shows, learn more about cats and make friends.*

From The Japan Dancing Cat Club Constitution

- Objectives:
 - *To promote the welfare of all cats.*
 - *To promote the breeding of pedigreed cats to the standards as accepted by CFA.*
 - *To sponsor cat shows and exhibits.*
 - *To promote sportsmanship and friendship among cat fanciers.*
 - *Membership is open to persons of good character who have mutual interest in the objectives of the club.*

As of this date, January 21, 2008, no positive or negative letters have been received.

Approval or Disapproval by Japan Regional Director – Ms. Yayoi Satoh

Satoh: The club is already very active. I support the club. **DelaBar** called the motion. **Motion Carried.** Angell abstained.

SOMETHING HEART CAT FANCIERS
Region 8 - Japan Regional Director – Yayoi Satoh

Constitution and By-Laws meet CFA guidelines

- *Thirty-three members*
- *The President and one director share the same address and the Treasurer and one director share the same address; no other officers share the same address.*
- *No members are officers or directors of any other CFA Club.*
- *All members reside in Japan.*

Have you incorporated or do you plan to incorporate?

- *The club is not incorporated at this time.*

Club Interest:

- *Applying for Allbreed status*

Club activities:

- *Hold one cat show per year.*
- *Hold two or more study meetings, one with a Veterinarian and one with a breeder.*

Disbursement of funds in the event the club disbands:

- *When or if the club is dissolved funds would be sent to the WINN Foundation.*

With respect to sponsoring CFA shows, please state how frequently your club intends to produce and how (as distinguished from sponsoring a ring), the type of show you anticipate producing and the city or cities where you anticipate locating any such shows:

- *Will hold 2 day or Back to Back show in Tokyo because Tokyo has good transportation. Thinking about a one day show for people that can not arrive on time.*

Additional information:

Attached to the application was a letter from the Club Secretary, Shusaku Ogawa. Although it is hard to understand, my interpretation of the additional information is:

- *This is a group of proud breeders and exhibitors in CFA. However, they feel that the club situation is not the best at this time.*
- *Clubs are not accepting new members.*
- *Many of the members hold Clerking Licenses and one member is a teacher at a Veterinarian School. There is much experience in the club and these members feel they have much to offer as a club in CFA.*

From the Something Heart Cat Fanciers Constitution

- *Objectives:*
 - *To promote the welfare of all cats.*
 - *To promote the breeding of pedigreed cat to the standard of CFA.*
 - *To sponsor cat shows and exhibits*
 - *To promote sportsmanship and friendship among cat fanciers.*
 - *Membership is open to persons of good character who have mutual interest in the objectives of the club.*

As of this date, January 21, 2008, no positive or negative letters have been received.

Approval or Disapproval by Japan Regional Director – Ms. Yayoi Satoh

Satoh: The president of Something Heart Cat Fanciers dropped out of the club, so we don't have a president of the club. **Janosik** moved to table until June. **DelaBar** called the motion. **Motion Carried.**

KYOTO SKYLARK CAT CLUB

(Application held over from October 2007 CFA Board Meeting)

Region 8 - Japan Regional Director – Yayoi Satoh

Additional information in support of this application:

- *Letter of Recommendation from Edward M. Maeda, Secretary of Sun Pacific Cat Club and Ancient Capital Cat Society. Mr. Maeda states that there were three clubs in Kyoto area but two have changed locations and one is inactive. Mr. Maeda and his fellow club members recently held a meeting and all support the application for the Kyoto Skylark Cat Club and request that their application be approved.*
- *This application was held over due to a lack of experience therefore I have included additional information in the letter from the Club Secretary. Kumiko Taniguchi states, "I have been breeding American Shorthair for 10 years and have 3 Grand Champions, 2 Grand Premiers, including 3 Regional Winners in CFA. I am also a member of American Breed Council and National American Shorthair Club." With the high expense of showing in Tokyo and Yokohama, Kumiko Taniguchi believes that many exhibitors would*

have more of a chance to achieve Regional Awards and grand points with a show in the Kansai area.

Constitution and By-Laws meet CFA guidelines

- *Twenty members*
- *The Secretary and Treasurer reside at the same address; all other officers have different addresses.*
- *One member belongs to another CFA cat club, the Osaka Philocat Society.*
- *All members reside in Japan.*

Have you incorporated or do you plan to incorporate?

- *No answer given.*

Club Interest:

- *Applying for Allbreed status*

Club activities:

- *Hold cat show and seminars in Kyoto*
- *Support for rescue cat*
- *Participate in cat shows as exhibitors*

With respect to sponsoring CFA shows, please state how frequently your club intends to produce and how (as distinguished from sponsoring a ring), the type of show you anticipate producing and the city or cities where you anticipate locating any such shows:

- *About once a year or a year and half are going to hold show in Kyoto.*

Additional information:

- *We have over 40 shows in Japan every year, however most of the shows are held in Tokyo and Yokohama (Kanto area). We had no CFA show in Kyoto past several years. We would like to hold a show and hope people will come join us and enjoy beautiful Kyoto. We wish exhibitors in Kansai area (Osaka, Kyoto and other city) will be able to attend more shows easily.*

From the Kyoto Skylark Cat Constitution

- *Objectives:*
 - *To promote the welfare of all cats.*
 - *To promote the breeding of pedigreed cat to the standard of CFA.*
 - *To sponsor cat shows and exhibits*
 - *To promote sportsmanship and friendship among cat fanciers.*
 - *Membership is open to persons of good character who have mutual interest in the objectives of the club.*

As of this date, January 21, 2008, one positive letter, referenced above, has been received and no negative letters have been received.

Approval or Disapproval by Japan Regional Director – Ms. Yayoi Satoh

Satoh: The club came forward in October. I cannot give a recommendation to it.

DelaBar: Kyoto Skylark does not have a recommendation from the regional director. **Anger:** What is it about this club that makes you not want to recommend it? **Satoh:** She is not an active

CFA person. She doesn't participate in CFA activities. **Miller:** That doesn't seem to be the case here, unless this application is not true. They have been breeding American Shorthairs for 10 years. **Anger:** The Treasurer has had three grand champions, two grand premiers and three regional winners in CFA. That sounds to me like a person that's active in CFA. **DelaBar:** Are there any other problems with the club, why we should not approve this club? **L. Watson:** Did we get any negative letters in on this club? **Janosik:** No negative letters. **DelaBar** called the motion. **Motion Carried.** Eigenhauser, Johnson, Satoh, Angell and Kallmeyer voting no.

RUS SIBERIA CAT CLUB
International Division - Chair – Mr. Darrell Newkirk

Constitution and By-Laws meet CFA guidelines

- *Twenty members*
- *None of the members hold membership in another CFA club*
- *All officers hold different addresses*
- *All members reside in Zheleznogorsk, Russia*

Have you incorporated or do you intend to incorporate?

- *No plans to incorporate*

Club interests:

- *Applying for Allbreed status*

Club activities:

- *Intend to produce two shows per year*
- *Club intends to be involved in cat shows*

Disbursement of funds in the event that the club disbands:

- *The club would donate remaining funds to a cat related charity*

With respect to sponsoring CFA shows, please state how frequently your club intends to produce and how (as distinguished from sponsoring a ring), the type of show you anticipate producing and the city or cites where you anticipate locating any such shows:

- *Plan to hold two shows per year, one in Zheleznogorsk, Krasnoyarsk and one in another region of Russia.*

Additional information:

No additional information given.

From the RUS Siberia Cat Club Constitution:

- *Objectives:*
 - *To encourage the breeding and improvement of purebred cats (both long and shorthaired).*
 - *To hold cat shows and exhibitions.*
 - *To promote animal welfare.*
 - *Membership is open to persons of good character who have mutual interest in the objectives of the club.*

As of this date, January 19, 2008, no positive or negative letters have been received.

Approval or Disapproval by the International Division Chair – Mr. Darrell Newkirk

Anger: Where is Zheleznogorsk? **Miller:** I would like a requirement for international clubs that they submit a map of their location. Sometimes we get club applications for places we don't know. **J. Watson:** [searching Google] It's in the Kirsik province. **DelaBar:** It's southwest of Moscow, north of Kiev. We have a lot of activity in that area. **DelaBar** called the motion. **Motion Carried.**

Future Projections for the Committee:

Review new club applications as they arrive.

Action Items:

Voting on the four clubs outlined in this report:

- *The Japan Dancing Cat Club*
- *Something Heart Cat Fanciers*
- *Kyoto Skylark Cat Club*
- *RUS Siberia Cat Club*

Time Frame:

February Board Meeting

What will be presented at the Next Meeting:

All new club applications.

*Respectfully Submitted,
Kay Janosik, Chair*

(9) **INTERNATIONAL DIVISION.**

International Division Liaison Liz Watson gave the following report:

Committee Chair: *Darrell Newkirk*
Board Liaison: *Liz Watson*
Committee Members: *Liz Watson – Europe Liaison; Robert Zenda – Asia/Latin America Liaison; Michael Schleissner – Elected European Representative; Fund Manager Europe – Peter Vanwonderghem; Fund Manager Asia/LA – Rarteo Lo; Wilson Ng – Elected Asia/LA Representative; Rob Loot - ID Clerking Liaison; Alenka Unk - ID Legislative Liaison; Manfred Pszak - Europe Show Scheduling; Vera Chan - Asia/LA Show Scheduling; Rob Loot/Henny Wintershoven - ID Website; George Cherrie - Sister Club Liaison*

Recent Happenings in the International Division:

On January 7, 2008 CFA Central Office mailed to all International Division Secretaries notice for the election of the International Division Representatives for Asia/Latin America and Europe. This information has also been posted on the Yahoo Email groups for both Asia/LA and Europe. Declarations must be received in Central Office by March 3, 2008.

Europe Liaison Report: *Liz Watson – no Report received.*

I will list the following activity that has occurred in Europe since the October Board meeting:

Oc 6-7, Golfo dei Poeti CC – La Spezia, Italy

Oct 13-14, Nika Feline Center show – Moscow Russia – 168 entries

Oct 21-22, Grand Feline Club Español – Madrid, Spain (1st CFA sponsored cat show) 159 Entries.

Oct 27-28, Cat Friends of Germany – Halle, Germany – 225 entries

Nov 3, Dutch Purrpuss Club Clerking School Instructor: Peter Vanwonderghem – Wijchen, The Netherlands

Nov 4, Dutch Purrpuss – Wijchen, The Netherlands – One day Show = 225 entries.

Nov 2, Rolandus CC Clerking School Instructor: Robert Zenda

Nov 3-4, Rolandus CC – Kiev, Ukraine – 133 Present and competing.

Nov 24-25, France Cat Fancier – Avignon, France – 205 entries

Nov 30, Chatte Noir Club Clerking School, Instructor: Darrell Newkirk – Moscow, Russia

Dec 1-2, Chatte Noir Club – Moscow, Russia

Jan 12-13, Cat Friends of Germany – Kassel, Germany – 331 entries (117 Kits/ 187 Chship!)

Jan 26-27, 2008, Cats R' Us – Klagenfurt, Austria – 195 entries

With the help of Anna Maria Tuvo, CFA continues to be a force in Italy. Waltraud Novak has been very active in keeping the Cats-R-Us club active in Austria. Their show on Jan 26-27 has 195 entries, a very respectable count as compared to their past shows.

Cat Fanciers of Finland will be hosting their first CFA cat show in Heinola, Finland May 3-4, 2008.

Abyssinian Breed Club Europe will host their first CFA cat show in Bulach, Switzerland May 31 and June 1, 2008. We wish both of these clubs much success as they host their first CFA Cat shows.

Asia/Latin America Liaison Report: Robert Zenda

Activities in the Asia/Latin American section of CFA's International Division have continued at a very healthy pace. Since the October meeting, 11 Championship shows (41 rings) were held and 8 more shows (30 rings) will be conducted before the end of the current show season. The Royal Cat Club hosted their first show in Vladivostok in November, the Seoul Cat Club hosted their first show in December, the China Phoenix Cat Club is partnering with the Feline Society of Malaysia for their first show the last weekend in January and the Cat Fanciers Society of Indonesia will host their first show in April.

Junior Showmanship, Feline Agility and the CFA Ambassador Program have all been successfully promoted, and a Breed Showcase was one of the features at the large Hong Kong show in December.

Training competent CFA Clerks continues to be a priority, and four more CFA clerking schools have been completed and/or are scheduled between now and the end of April 2008. We now have a total of 17 Certified Clerks in the Asia/Latin America Division (Hong Kong 3, Malaysia 2, Philippines 1, Singapore 2, South Korea 6, Taiwan 2 and Thailand 1).

Below is a listing of the activities that have been summarized above:

10/21/07 – Taiwan: Formosa Top Show Cat Club (1 AB ring)

11/10/07 – Hong Kong: Hong Kong Cat Fanciers Club (4 AB, 1 SP ring)

11/11/07 – Bangkok, Thailand: Thailand Cat Fanciers (4 AB rings)

11/17/07 – Vladivostok, Russia: CFA Clerking School (Rick Hoskinson)

11/18/07 – Vladivostok, Russia: Royal Club (2 AB rings)

11/17-18/07 – Shanghai, China: Shanghai Cat Lovers' Society (4 AB rings)

11/22/07 – Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia: CFA Clerking School (Dick Kallmeyer)

11/23-25/07 – Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia: Feline Society of Malaysia (6 AB, 2 SP rings, JS, Agility, Ambassador Program)

12/15/07 – Seoul, South Korea: Seoul Cat Club 1st Championship Show (4 AB rings)

12/16/07 – Singapore Feline Fanciers Society of Singapore (1 AB ring)

12/15-16/07 – Hong Kong: Hong Kong Cat Lovers' Society (7 AB, 1 SP ring, JS, Agility, Ambassador Program, Breed Showcase)

01/05-06/08 – Singapore: Singapore Cat Club (2 AB rings)
01/25-26/08 – Malaysia: China Phoenix Cat Club & Feline Society of Malaysia (2 AB rings)
02/16-17/08 – Hong Kong: Persian & Exotic Cat Club (4 AB rings)
02/23-24/08 – Shanghai, China: Shanghai Cat Lovers' Society (2 AB rings)
03/01-02/08 – Bangkok, Thailand: Thailand Cat Fanciers (4 AB rings)
03/08-09/08 – Philippines: Philippine Cat Lovers' Society (2 AB rings)
03/22-23/08 – Kwun Tong, Hong Kong: Hong Kong Shorthair Cat Club (4 AB rings)
04/04/08 – Shanghai, China: CFA Clerking School (Bob Zenda)
04/05/08 – Shanghai, China: Shanghai Cat Lovers' Society (4 AB rings)
04/05-06/08 – Hong Kong: Hong Kong Cat Lovers' Society (7 AB, 1 SP ring)
04/26/08 – Jakarta, Indonesia: CFA Clerking School (Bob Zenda)
04/27/08 – Jakarta, Indonesia: Cat Fanciers Society of Indonesia 1st Championship Show (2 AB rings)

On December 17, 2007 President Pam DelaBar, International Division Chair Darrell Newkirk, and I met with Hong Kong Special Administrative Region Agriculture, Fisheries and Conservation Department (AFCD) leadership officials Drs Yeung and Brackman, to review and report on progress on our previous commitment to establish appropriate Show Rules and procedures that would ensure that exhibitors comply with quarantine requirements of any country where CFA shows are held. We were accompanied by Rarteo Lo and Phebe Low (President & VP of HKCLS, respectively) who arranged for the meeting.

We opened the discussion with a review of what had occurred since the previous meeting on April 27, 2007 where we had agreed to pursue the following actions aimed at preventing any further violations of Hong Kong quarantine rules:

- 1. First, to implement an Exhibitor Declaration Form that would be required for every cat entered in CFA Shows in Hong Kong.*
- 2. Second, to amend CFA Show Rules to clearly require compliance with country specific rules and regulations.*

An Exhibitor Declaration Form (aka "EXHIBITOR'S DECLARATION"), coordinated with the AFCD and the CFA Board of Directors was implemented and is now required for every cat entered in CFA Shows in Hong Kong. The completed forms must accompany the official CFA entry form. All CFA show announcements for shows in Hong Kong now contain information regarding the quarantine regulations and provide a link to the rules. A minor modification to the form that was suggested by the AFCD at this meeting was agreed to and it will be implemented before the next show in Hong Kong.

We reported that the CFA Board of Directors recognized that other countries where CFA Shows are held also had unique requirements regarding health and quarantine issues, and they approved and adopted the following addition to CFA Show Rules which will become effective on May 1, 2008: "Exhibitors, clubs and show officials are expected to adhere to all regulations and requirements specific to the country in which any CFA show is held." With this Show Rule in

effect, any violations in the future would be subject to the CFA protest and disciplinary processes.

We affirmed our belief that these actions, as well as the negative publicity generated by the violations that allegedly occurred at the show last April, have served to prevent these violations from being repeated in the future.

We also asked again ask that the AFCD consider establishment of a special quarantine waiver process for CFA registered cats with microchips and acceptable rabies titer tests for the sole purpose of participating in CFA cat shows in other countries in Asia, specifically Thailand and mainland China. Drs Yeung and Brackman explained in great detail their concerns about the veracity/authenticity of veterinary documents and that they neither had the authority to grant such exceptions nor much hope that the Hong Kong Government Public Health Department (to which they are a subordinate organization) would entertain such an exception for such an isolated group as show cats. While the outlook of progress in this area is not all that bright, they did not completely close the door to the idea and agreed to keep an open mind as we move to the future.

Although we did not make any significant progress toward relaxation of the quarantine restrictions for cats that participate in our CFA shows, I believe that the overall outcome of this meeting was positive because the AFCD now knows for a fact that CFA lives up to commitments and desires to keep the lines of communication open at the highest levels of our organization.

*Respectfully submitted,
Bob Zenda, CFA International Division Liaison for Asia (except Japan)*

DelaBar: One of the reasons they could not address a cat passport is that they are trying to figure out how to handle the rabies and quarantine for 2,000 horses coming in for an equine event for the Beijing Olympics. All of the equine events are taking place in Hong Kong. We have an excellent rapport with these people, but we have to let them get through the Olympics before they even consider this.

Action Items:

None

*This report is respectfully submitted by,
Darrell Newkirk, Chair
CFA International Division Committee*

(10) **CENTRAL OFFICE OPERATIONS.**

CFA Executive Director Allene Tartaglia gave the following report, with **Anger** making a standing motion, reserving the right to vote no:

Tartaglia: A donor who wishes to remain anonymous has made a very generous donation to Central Office. Our two graphics people were using computer systems that are about 6 years old. The donor generously purchased two complete systems plus software. [applause]

1. Show Format

- a) *Club Name:* *Freestate Feline Fanciers and Tonkinese Breed Association*
Show Date: *September 27/28, 2008*
Location: *Baltimore MD*
Request: *Permission to give 1st-5th place wins for the Tonkinese classes (kitten, championship and premiership). They will also be doing a Best of the Best for the Tonkinese by having the Best Tonkinese Championship, Premiership and Kitten from each of the 8 rings compete for overall Best, Second Best and Third Best Championship, Premiership and Kitten.*

DelaBar called the motion. **Motion Carried.**

- b) *Club Name:* *Americans West Cat Club*
Show Date: *March 22, 2008*
Location: *Victorville CA*
Request: *Permission to give 1st-5th place wins for American Shorthair classes (kitten, championship and premiership).*

DelaBar called the motion. **Motion Carried.** Eigenhauser abstained.

- c) *Club Name:* *Garden State Cat Club*
Show Date: *July 19-20, 2008*
Location: *Somerset NJ*
Request: *Special HHP competition*

Tartaglia: Garden State is usually very innovative with things they want to do for their show. They are going to conduct a session entitled, "Is Your Cat a Star?"; also, sessions to explain to people how to show their cat. At the end of those sessions, they plan on accepting entries for one ring of judging on Sunday to give people a taste for showing. They will also make a short presentation on pedigreed cat judging. Their goal is to provide these cat owners with an opportunity to have a show experience and hopefully entice them to the world of cat shows.

DelaBar called the motion. **Motion Carried.**

2. Show Licensing –Experimental Format (back-to-back 6-ring, one day shows):

Molino: It seems to me that with 12 different questionnaires, we can come up with one standardized questionnaire so that we can compare apples to apples, so that they are all answering the same questions. We can make the questionnaire more streamlined. **Kallmeyer:** If we want to use the same questionnaire, make sure it is in Japanese and in English so it's relevant. Also, on questionnaires, we ought to charge them a surcharge on the license and then refund it, based on percentage of questionnaires returned so we actually get some compliance. If they don't return them, then they don't get it back. Just something to encourage participation.

a) *Club Name:* The Western Pennsylvania Cat Fanciers
Show Date: March 2009
Location: Pittsburgh PA (Region 4)

Baugh: They want to do it as one club, putting on two different shows. I explained that that was probably not the intent of the resolution when it was passed and they still wanted me to bring it forward. **Eigenhauser:** It was clear that the experimental format was meant for two clubs. **DelaBar** called the motion. **Motion Failed.** Anger, Kallmeyer and Brown voting yes.

b) *Club Name:* Portland Cat Club and Ancient Capital Cat Society
Show Date: October 25-26, 2008
Location: Kanagawa, Japan (Region 8)

Satoh: This is two different clubs but we have the same club members putting on both shows. **Baugh:** I don't think we can use dual membership as a criteria. **J. Watson:** Most of these are going to have the same show personnel. It's probably necessarily going to have to be that way, as long as they are two separate clubs. **Janosik:** Satoh-san gave her permission in this report so is she withdrawing that permission? **DelaBar:** No. She just wanted to bring up that it's two clubs. **DelaBar** called the motion. **Motion Carried.** Shaffer, Miller, Kusy and Wilson voting no. Molino abstained.

c) *Club Name:* Wild Blue Yonder and Metroplex Allbreed Cat Club
Show Date: July 19-20, 2008
Location: Denver CO (Region 3)

J. Watson: We worked very hard to find a date to put this together. I support this. **DelaBar** called the motion. **Motion Carried.** Molino abstained.

d) *Club Name:* Stars & Stripes, Tabby & Tortie and National Birman Fanciers
Show Date: May 3-4, 2008
Location: Temple TX (Region 3)

J. Watson: They are changing their date to the first weekend in May, which was approved by the National Scheduling Committee. I have two problems. First, they proposed a 12-ring catalog. I would approve the show with the stipulation that they generate two totally separate catalogs. They are willing to do that. Second, if we approve this show, we have gone past the 90 days, so they are going to have to pay a late fee because we didn't approve it until now. I would ask that we waive the late fee on this club. **Shaffer:** Is the motion for two catalogs?

DelaBar: It is amended to approve the license for two catalogs and waive the show license late fee penalty. **DelaBar** called the motion. **Motion Carried.**

- e) *Club Name:* Pacific Rim Allbreed Cat Fanciers and Fort Vancouver Cat Club
Show Date: August 9-10, 2008
Location: Portland OR (Region 2)

DelaBar called the motion. **Motion Carried.** Wilson voting no. DelaBar abstained.

- f) *Club Name:* Hallmark Cat Club and Monroe Shorthair Cat Club
Show Date: August 16-17, 2008
Location: Brockport NY (Region 4)

Baugh: Monroe Shorthair puts on a show every year that weekend. It's not a new show date. **DelaBar** called the motion. **Motion Carried.** Kusy abstained.

- g) *Club Name:* Cat Club of the Palm Beaches; American Wirehair International, Carolina Castaways, National Alliance of Birman Breeders, Ocala Cat Club
Show Date: May 24/25, 2008
Location: Orlando FL (Region 7)

Tartaglia: This is Cat Club of the Palm Beaches and four other clubs. **Johnson:** They submitted one of the first proposals and did a good job. They believe that we should have a common survey so that we can look at the results across all the shows, and I felt strongly that that was a good idea. They are looking at putting it on Memorial Day weekend. That would be the perfect type of weekend for this type of show. They are people that work together on shows already and I firmly support this. **DelaBar** called the motion. **Motion Carried.**

3. Out-of-Region Show Requests:

- a) *Club Name:* Cat-A-Lina
Show Date: November 7-8, 2008
Club Regional Assignment: Midwest (Region 6)
Requested Show Location: Tucson AZ, Southwest (Region 5)

Shaffer: It's a club that is going to eventually move into Region 5, made up of Tucson people. **DelaBar** called the motion. **Motion Carried.** DelaBar abstained.

- b) *Club Name:* National Birman Fanciers
Show Date: May 3, 2008
Club Regional Assignment: North Atlantic (Region 1)
Requested Show Location: Temple TX, Gulf Shore (Region 3)

Tartaglia: This is in line with the experimental format request above. **DelaBar** called the motion. **Motion Carried.**

4. **Club Name Change**

- a) *Current Name:* *Liberty Gunma Cat Club*
 Proposed Name: *Exotic Cat Club Japan*
 Region: *Japan (Region 8)*
 Conflict w/Existing Names: *None*
 Reason: *None given*

DelaBar: Concurred by Satoh-san. **DelaBar** called the motion. **Motion Carried.**

- b) *Current Name:* *Royal Club*
 Proposed Name: *Royal Cat Club*
 Region: *Russia (International Division – Asia Region)*
 Conflict w/Existing Names: *None*
 Reason: *None*

DelaBar called the motion. **Motion Carried.**

5. **Club Resignations:**

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| Argente LH Fanciers | (Region 6) |
| Aardvark SH Fanciers | (Region 6) |
| A-Cat-Ami Allbreed | (Region 6) |
| Bluegrass Cat Club | (Region 4) |
| SH Japanese Bobtail Club | (Region 1) |

DelaBar: We will accept them with regret. **DelaBar** called the motion. **Motion Carried.**

6. **Cattery Names**

- a) **Cattery Name Reissuance**

The current rules for reissuance of a cattery name are as follows (these were adopted at the October 1999 board meeting):

- *Immediately if no litters have been registered.*
- *After one year from the birth of the last litter if no individual kittens have been registered.*
- *After five years from the birth of the last litter if no individual kittens/cats are titled.*

I am requesting clarification on the word “titled” used in the last instance. Obviously, the titles of Grand Champion, Grand Premier, National Winner, Regional Winner, Breed Winner, Divisional Winner and Distinguished Merit would be considered a titled cat. But what about Champion or Premier? Are these titles sufficient to keep a cattery name from being reissued if the cattery is no longer active? With more and more cattery names being registered, it becomes even more difficult to find a unique name and it would be helpful to be able to release cattery names back into the pool of available names.

Action Requested: Ruling on use of Champion and Premier in the reissuance of an expired cattery name.

Tartaglia: Do you consider champion or premier a title sufficient to not re-issue that cattery name somewhere down the line? **Eigenhauser:** I would be concerned if a cat got it's championship but it now has offspring and we've suddenly got this whole chain of cats with a cattery name that we now have assigned to someone else. **Tartaglia:** We're looking at catteries that have had no activity for any cats of their breeding, no litters have been registered. If you had one cat with your cattery name on it that was grand titled, it doesn't get reissued ever. **Anger:** I have a question and a statement. The question is, how many instances of this would there be? **Tartaglia:** Not many. **Anger:** My statement is, to me, the title of CFA champion means something significant. This would diminish the meaning and the value of the title. **DelaBar** called the motion. **Motion Failed.**

b) Word Usage in Cattery Names

Currently there is no provision for the disallowance of achievement titles (initials or words): GC, GP, NW, RW, BW, DW, DM. A few cattery names have been registered with the initials NW in the beginning. In each instance, the cattery is located in the Northwest area and the NW was intended to denote Northwest. However, the use of these initials could easily be interpreted to mean National Winner. The cattery name of "Grand Winner" has also been registered. Fortunately, there is no activity in any of the cattery names except one.

Action Requested: Endorse a policy to disallow the use of achievement titles as part of a cattery name. Clarification: should CH and PR be disallowed also?

Johnson: Is this only as a separate two letters? A lot of words begin with CH. **Tartaglia:** Only if those initials are separate. **Eigenhauser:** Everyone condenses and contracts. How do we know when CH is part of a word and when CH is not allowed? There are too many words in the English language that start with CH and PR to make that a policy. **DelaBar:** The action item is asking for NW, not CH or PR. **DelaBar** called the motion. **Motion Carried.**

7. Year-End Audit Report at Annual Meeting

It has been requested the year-end audit be printed in the delegate booklet. This is not possible due to the timing of the availability of the audit vs. the printing deadlines for the Delegate book. Typically the audit is not available until mid-June at the earliest and the deadline for the Delegate booklet is usually the beginning of June.

An alternative to printing in the delegate booklet is to have the year-end audit printed and inserted into each delegate bag. I estimate the cost to do this will be around \$300-\$400 since it is a multi-page document and we will need at least 400 copies. In the past, approximately 50 copies of the audit were taken to the Annual and made available. Very few, if any, were taken. However, that may have been, in part, due to the possibility delegates were not aware of their existence.

Action Requested: determine distribution method for the year-end audit at the Annual Meeting.

Calhoun: We receive criticism about lack of disclosure. It would be money well spent to put it in the delegate bags and we will print it economically. **DelaBar** called the motion. **Motion Carried.**

8. **Show Licensing**

At the October 2005 board meeting a motion passed approving a procedure for handling new requests for show dates and changes to existing traditional show dates and locations. All such requests are to be routed through the regional director and national show scheduling chair for approval.

We have been following this procedure since that time; however, there is nothing in the show rules which speaks to the location change portion and Show Rule 12.03 needs to be modified. I realize this should have been done at the October meeting, but we didn't realize this was a problem until recently when a situation came up regarding a location change. I would like to see this revision in the Show Rules being printed for the upcoming show season. Following is the proposed revision (addition bold and underlined):

***12.03 c.** Any show held on a weekend or in a location different from the previous year must have written permission of the Regional Director for the region in which the show is planning to be held. Written permission must accompany the show license application. Shows being held in the International Division must have the authorized signature of the Chairman for the International Division if they are applying for a show date different from the previous year's show.*

Action Requested: approve inclusion of this modification for the printing of the 2008-2009 Show Rules.

Tartaglia: To Central Office, location means “city”. Location defined by show hall is even more restrictive. We will have to check out every show hall location. **Eigenhauser:** We should have a little more structure, a little more guideline as to what is acceptable, unless your regional director has a good reason. We need to give openness to CFA as to how these decisions are being made. **Johnson:** We have published guidelines in the Southern Region for 8 years, and I push it out from time to time. Not everyone is going to be happy with guidelines. That won't solve this problem. **Kusy:** It's hard to come up with a standard for the whole country. **Brown:** What constitutes a negative vote on the National Scheduling Committee? **Johnson:** We usually compromise. It's not a vote. **J. Watson:** If there is a conflict, we discuss it between ourselves on the Committee list. List members interject their opinions into the situation, but ultimately it comes down to those 2 or 3 regional directors and we work out a compromise. Occasionally, we have unresolvable situations and they end up before the board. That's going to happen regardless of what system we have in place. **DelaBar** called the motion. **Motion Carried.**

9. **Club Dues Mailings**

A number of dues notices/reminders are sent to clubs starting in December (schedule below). Although we attempt to utilize email for the mailings to clubs with an email address (about 1/2), of those, a good portion bounce back undeliverable. It is time consuming to then follow-up piecemeal for these undeliverable emails. Instead, we have found it best to simply do the paper mailing and not use email. Over the years, we have added additional reminder mailings to this schedule. These reminder mailings require

considerable staff time plus the cost of postage. When we started the reminders, we thought the reminder mailing would be much smaller than the original mailing but, in reality, that is not the case. In conjunction with the reduction of staff, we are looking at working “smarter” and reducing redundancy.

Effective January 16, we started posting to the website, <http://cfa.org/clubs>, the list of clubs in good standing as an aid in alerting club members to the status of their club. If their club is not listed, then either the dues have not been paid or a membership list has not been received. A list of important deadline dates is included too. I propose we streamline the mailing schedule as follows (dates are approximate based on year). The proposed revision is listed first and underscored. The original mailing date follows in italics and parentheses.

Mailings

- December 15 (November 29). Club fees & membership list reminder.
- ~~January 7~~ (January 7). Club fees & membership list reminder (President of club copied). [Secretary's note: no change]
- March 3 (March 3). Club fees & membership list reminder.
- March 7, Delegate form packet. NO CHANGE.
- March 20, CFA Officers and Regional Director ballots mailed. NO CHANGE.
- April 4 (April 4). Club fees & membership list reminder (President of club copied).
- April 11, Delegate form reminder (President of club copied).
- May 2 (May 2). Club fees & membership list reminder.
- May 9, CFA Officers and Regional Director (or Director-at-Large) ballot reminder. NO CHANGE.
- May 13, Proposed Amendments & Resolutions mailed. This mailing contains a list of clubs not eligible to vote at the Annual Meeting. NO CHANGE.

Deadlines

- January 2. Club fees & membership list must be received in Central Office (CO) by this date for a club to be considered in good standing.
- February 1. Club fees & membership list must be received in CO by this date for a club to be eligible to vote for CFA Officers and Regional Directors.
- April 15. Proposed Amendments & Resolutions must be received in CO by this date.
- May 1. Delegate forms must be postmarked by this date to be eligible to vote at Annual Meeting.
- May 8. Club fees & membership list must be received in CO by this date for a club to be eligible to vote at the Annual Meeting.
- June 2. Club fees & membership list must be received in CO by this date for a club to remain on CFA's membership roster.
- June 2. CFA Officers and Regional Director ballot must be received in CO by this date.

Action Requested: Endorse revised mailing schedule.

Eigenhauser: The only one I have a problem with is the January 7th mailing. That's the first time we have a penalty for not getting things in and there is no notice to the club president. I would like to have at least one notice go to the president, as a back-up to the secretary. That's the one I would be most concerned about keeping. I would like to put the January 7th mailing back in. **Tartaglia:** We have started listing on the website the clubs in good standing. Anyone can go there and check the status of their club. When we send out any of these dues reminders, we will be including the information where they can go to on the website. **Calhoun:** How much do these mailings cost individually? **Tartaglia:** The first two mailings are the most expensive. For the domestic clubs only, 41 cents for postage times 650 clubs, plus the cost of paper and staff time. **DelaBar** called the motion. **Motion Carried.** Calhoun voting no.

10. **Cat Name Change Policy.** *A situation has occurred regarding the renaming of a cat which has prompted us to review our current policy for allowing a cat's name to be changed. The registration rules have simply stated for 40+ years that a cat's name can be changed only if "the cat has never been bred or shown and only with the signed permission of any/all former owners." As clarification, "bred" means a litter registered.*

a. *A slight modification to the wording regarding "shown" occurred a number of years ago and appears on the FAQ portion of the CFA website as follows: "The cat has never earned a title (CH, GP, DM) or received a national/regional award." We maintain historical records of cats shown AND earning points or a title, not simply shown. Therefore, we are able to verify if the title/award requirement has been met when a request to change a cat's name is received. I recommend we tighten this up by further stipulating the cat's name cannot be changed if any POINTS have been earned in the show season in which the cat's name is changing. There could be some confusion with different names appearing in catalogs in the same show season and also an issue as to which name should be used in case the cat does receive an award at season-end.*

Tartaglia: We don't know if a cat has been bred; we only know if a litter has been registered. If a cat has been shown and they haven't earned any points, we don't keep track of that cat. **DelaBar** called the motion. **Motion Carried.**

b. *Prior owner permission. Is it necessary to obtain any/all former owner's permission for the name change? Once someone signs off as owner of a cat, they have relinquished all legal rights to the cat and should have no further input regarding the cat's name.*

Action Requested: Review and implement policy revision regarding cat name changes.

Tartaglia: People make name changes for a variety of reasons. **Eigenhauser:** Some breeders have naming conventions and are very fussy about how their cats are named. The breeder has an interest in their cats as long as they are alive. If the original breeder registers the cat, I would like at least that person among the prior owners to be considered. **Tartaglia:** Sometimes we can't locate the breeder. **J. Watson:** If the original breeder placed a cat with Owner A who later returned the cat to the breeder, and the breeder resold the cat to Owner B, then Owner A has no vested interest in the cat any longer. **Eigenhauser:** Eliminate intervening owners, but the breeder still has an interest. **DelaBar:** What we're coming to is, does the new owner have the opportunity to change the name? **Tartaglia:** We're not going to require all prior owners' permission to change the name of the cat, except if the breeder was ever a registered

owner, at which point we need to get that breeder's permission. **DelaBar** called the motion. **Motion Carried.** Johnson, Shaffer, Anger voting no.

***The following items are informational.
No specific action is being requested.***

11. **Employee Policies & Procedures and Job Descriptions.** James Watson visited the office the week of January 7. He created an employee policies and procedure manual and also worked on job descriptions for office staff. James will be reporting on this in his report; however, I'd like to take this opportunity to thank James for all the time and effort he put into this. These items were desperately needed and now, for the first time in CFA's history, we have them.
12. **Personnel.** The part-time position of mail room/shipping clerk was eliminated December 14. The majority of the functions for this job have been distributed to our pressman Pete Weller, Gwen Foster and Janet Booth with other employees contributing their share by doing their own mailings.
13. **On line inquiry.** A fair amount of phone calls and/or emails we receive in the office are from customers inquiring as to whether their paperwork has been received in the office. Often, we receive duplicate emails as well as a phone call from the same person. Answering the inquiries is time consuming and redundant. In hopes of cutting down on this type of inquiry, we are looking into having on-line inquiry available which would allow people to input their name, the amount of the funds sent and they could then see what paperwork has been logged in at the office. We may be able to expand this at a later date to also include information as to when the work has been completed, etc.
14. **Show Licensing.** The staff time used to license a show, from opening the envelope to entering the data, has increased on average from 10 minutes per show to one hour over the past several years. Just as with registrations, there are fewer show licenses to process, but the customer service end has increased tremendously. There are several reasons for this as follows:
 - a. Incomplete information received. No judging contracts, no money, judging contracts but no show license, information on judging contracts (date, ring type, etc.) does not match the show license application, or a combination thereof.
 - b. Every show license received has to be checked for the prior year's date and/or location. If necessary, proper approvals must be obtained for a different show date and/or location. Although these approvals are supposed to be provided at the time the show license is submitted, this is rarely, if ever, the case. Therefore, Gwen Foster (who licenses the shows), must start the process of contacting regional directors, regional schedulers and whomever else is necessary to obtain the approval prior to licensing the show. Usually, this process requires follow-up emails on Gwen's part because there is a delay in receiving the approval and either the club/show calls wondering why their license is being delayed, or Gwen automatically follows up as a matter of course in an effort to move along the licensing process. Correspondence ensues between the national/regional schedulers, regional director and perhaps others about why it's necessary for this change. Unfortunately, Gwen is very often caught in the crossfire of all this

correspondence and she has to wade through all this extraneous email. Bottom line, all we need to know is “yes” or “no.” We don’t need to know all the reasons.

Then there are the exceptions. A show is permitted to hold a show one time only (could be location or date). Therefore, rather than merely checking a prior year’s show for date and location to see if there has been a change, it’s necessary to keep track of shows which had a one time only exception.

I will be bringing forward a show rule change in October which will attach a surcharge to show licenses not received in good order. Streamlining this process is more important than ever as we try and reduce expenses which sometimes requires a reduction in staff.

Tartaglia: I’m asking that we keep this in mind when applying for new show licenses. Send us everything at one time so we’re not spending hours licensing a show. Technically, we are supposed to charge a late fee if an incomplete application comes in at the deadline and they don’t complete it until after the deadline. I plan on bringing forward a show rule change in October which would attach a surcharge to show licenses not received in order by the deadline.

15. **Catalog Addenda.** *We are still receiving about the same number of catalog addenda and for the same reasons; however, the fee is being included so at least CFA is receiving some compensation for the time and effort expended to investigate the matter.*

(11) CFA/IAMS CAT CHAMPIONSHIP SHOW.

CICC Liaison David White presented the following report:

Committee Chair: Pam Huggins
Liaison to Board: Pam DelaBar
Committee Members: David White (Show Manager)
Allene Tartaglia (CFA Director of Special Projects)
Roemann Fulkerson (CFA Director of Corporate
Marketing and Public Relations)
Kathy Calhoun, Show Treasurer

White: I would like to go on record, saying this was the first year we made a profit with this show, and it will not be the last.

Committee Activities since October Board Report:

A flurry of activity immediately preceded the October Board Meeting as last minute details and preparations for the press conference and show were finalized. While much of the final preparations involved reconfirming what we had completed and in place, i.e. hotel arrangements, press conference, show hospitality and menu selections, food orders, sponsors shipments, judges itineraries, rosettes, advertising, decorations, contact information, vendors and sponsor space requirements revalidated and placed to finalize the floor plan. Unfortunately when we requested the vendor information for booth placement, we were informed by the vendor coordinator that only 4 vendors were confirmed, although information previously provided to the show committee stated a larger number. We quickly pulled several committee members together who worked tirelessly to contract more vendors and fortunately they were able to fill these spaces within a few days.

Ongoing or completing PR preparations :

Focus then turned to the press preview which is crucial to the success of this show. We had the right mix of exhibitors with their cats, including cats for agility, plus the Iams trained cats, and an exhibitor with a pink cat stroller that really captured the interest of the reporters, one of which returned on Saturday to purchase one for her cat! In addition to the press preview inside the facility, we also had tremendous visibility surrounding the outside of the MSG facility this year.

- *Parked outside and along the side of the Madison Square Garden facility, on display and open to the public was B.A.R.T. (B.A.R.T., Big Animal Rescue Truck), a Mobile Command Vehicle which is a huge, self-sufficient, disaster-relief tractor trailer unit.*
- *In front of the facility was the MSG Marquee running a video in a constant loop which showcases the MSG events to include the CICC show. The video was in full color and included pictures of CFA cats and judges ending with the CFA and Iams logos prominently displayed. This video was immediately followed by another showing the cats that would be available during the Mayors Alliance Adopt-A-Cat held in conjunction with our show.*

- *Added to the show this year to increase awareness and visibility was a new PR effort -- street banners. Partnering with Mayor's Alliance, we were able to obtain 100 street banners (50 for the CICC show, and 50 for the Adopt-A-Cat) that would hang from the street light poles around the MSG facility prior to the show. The banners were two sided and quite colorful and striking. Pictures of CFA cats, cats for adoption, information on the CICC show and the CFA and Iams logos were prominently displayed. Mayor's Alliance selected Callie, the calico SH Manx 2006 CICC Best In Show cat, to be on the reverse side of their banner. Callie was pictured with text inviting everyone to "Come Meet Me." With all of the outside visibility, coupled with the huge success of the press conference and the follow-on articles and interviews, there was simply no way New Yorkers did not know that the CFA-Iams Cat Championship show would be in town! Weeks after the show ended, we were able to present the hanging banners to the Mayors Alliance, IAMS and owners of the cats used for the banners for their participation in the 2007 show. This was well received by all!!*

*Although I've included a few highlights of the press coverage for live TV segments following the 2007 CICC show below, the last update provided by our PR person in December indicated almost 50,000 hits in papers, magazines, TV stations, and internet sites worldwide. He anticipates, by the time he receives all of the information, we will number **over a million hits**. Updated information will be provided in the next report. The live TV segments following the show included:*

- *Fox's NY morning show, "Good Day New York" broadcast live again this year at the press conference (she was the reporter that came back for a cat stroller)*
- *Winners invited to be on the "Regis and Kelly" show on Monday following the CICC show.*
- *Winners invited to be on the Today Show (first time they agreed to keep the cats indoors; have always wanted the cats to be outside).*
- *The BIS cat, Tess, was invited to be on the Martha Stewart show, a huge success for this year.*
- *David Letterman show – repeated one liners about the show on multiple evenings.*
- *All major TV networks plus CNN, USA, Reuters, Associated Press, and much more.*

Special Events at the show:

- ***Iams: "Trained Cats"*** *performed throughout the show – always a huge draw with the crowds and press. Always sought after for TV as well.*
- ***Iams (Dr. Bernadine Cruz)*** *spoke to audience several times throughout the weekend. Feedback received on this presentation.*
- ***Dr. Elsey's Precious Cat Litters,*** *Dr. Bruce Elsey spoke multiple times in the show hall as well as in the Adopt-A-Cat area. Feedback provided regarding future presentations.*

- **Code 3 Associates** personnel with *B.A.R.T. Big Animal Rescue Truck*, spoke several times throughout the weekend to explain how they respond and operate in emergency and disaster efforts.
- **Cat Agility**, located on the main floor and towards the entrance of the show hall, enjoyed large crowds and constant press attention.
- **Breed Showcase**, always one of the favorite with the crowds and press always surrounds this area. Feedback received for consideration next year.
- **Best of the Best Presentation** – this is what the show is all about at the end of Sunday. We need to make this more prestigious for participants and press. Under discussion, good ideas shared with committee.

Sponsorship Update:

- Iams feedback very positive, they were pleased with the show and press coverage.
- TBD

Other activities completed or to be determined:

- 2008 Show Date Issue if not already addressed.

Future Projections for Committee:

- Following the show, after action comments and feedback were solicited for committee awareness towards improvements.

What Will Be Presented at the Next Meeting:

Financial information will be made available as soon as it is received from Central Office and the CFA Treasurer. We have yet to receive the final settlement statement from the Garden even though constant reminders have been sent by Allene. As of the date of this report, based on preliminary numbers and notes taken throughout, I feel quite comfortable in saying this show made a profit and am anxiously awaiting the financials.

As Chairperson, I would like to take a moment to thank Iams, our friends and co-sponsors, the CFA Board for the opportunity to Chair this committee, the Central Office personnel and staff for their constant hard work and support to the CICC show committee members, and others who volunteer their time to support the show with their participation, support and dedication to CFA. You did a superb job with this show. Thanks!

Respectfully Submitted,

//s// Pam Huggins, CICC Chairperson

//s// David White, CICC Show Manager

Wilson: Will you have a preliminary budget for us to look at, at the June meeting?
Huggins: Yes. You'll have it before June. **Kusy:** We haven't seen a final budget for this last show. Will we be able to see that? **White:** Yes. **Huggins:** A problem has come to us and we

need to change the date for this year only. There is a conflict due to Olympic qualifiers. We considered several alternate dates and the best date we came up with is October 18/19. Obviously, some CFA clubs already have shows licensed on that date. We feel the show that would have been affected the most is National Birman Fanciers, which is a wonderful breed club that does a great job with their show. I am very sensitive to that. They agree that although it would be a hardship, they are willing to swap weekends with us, based on certain conditions.

- Assurance that this plan will go forward with the approval of our Regional Director and the CFA Board.
- Right of first refusal to return the show to their traditional 3rd week of October in 2009 and beyond in Region 1.
- The judges we have contracts with for the weekend of 10/18-19/2008 are not available for the weekend of 10/11-12/2008 so we would have to cancel our contracts with these judges if we change our show date.

Johnson: Richmond also has a show that weekend. That's fairly close to New York, and it draws from that area. **Kusy:** The National Siamese show is that weekend, too, in Rochester. **Huggins:** I looked at the Richmond exhibitor list for the last two years and we drew a very small percentage from the Southern Region. Most of the entries for this show come in from the North Atlantic Region. **Johnson:** I'm talking about the Richmond show being impacted, not your show being impacted. **Huggins:** We didn't feel that that show would be impacted. **Shaffer** made a motion to move the show to October 18/19, 2008. **DelaBar** called the motion. **Motion Carried.** Johnson and Kusy voting no. DelaBar and Anger abstained.

DelaBar: We have to come up with different judges for New York. **Huggins:** The judges were selected by a draw. Is it best to follow the show rules? **Eigenhauser:** We shouldn't cancel other clubs' judges. **Anger:** We can look at the judges that are no longer available in '08 and swap them for '09. **Eigenhauser:** That's what we normally do. **DelaBar:** We're just following procedure and we're not changing policy on that. **Huggins:** We would like to alternate how the best of the best judge is selected. We will look at the list of judges and select those judges that will be comfortable doing best of the best, and not put them in the draw until we ascertain best of the best.

Huggins: I would like to thank the board for the opportunity to do this show, thank the show managers, Central Office, everyone that was involved in this. **DelaBar:** Good job. [applause]

Mandatory spay/neuter of cats over 6 months unless a person holds a permit to keep an unaltered cat or a license and permit for breeding cats.

MN S 121 / H 1046 1/18/07

Betzold (DFL)

Breeder licensing, inspection, fees (over 6 breeding females)

Relates to animals; provides standards of care for dog and cat breeders; provides for investigations, seizures, enforcement, fees and penalties.

NY A 1677 1/19/07 (has not moved)

Peralta (D)

Micro Chipping of Dogs and Cats

Requires micro-chipping of dogs and cats and the creation of a registry of dogs and cats; exempts feral cats and temporarily kept dogs.

NY S 1261 1/17/07 (has not moved)

Trunzo (R)

Registration of Cats *Authorizes a municipality to adopt a law requiring the registration of cats (cat licensing) and to collect fees.*

NY S 3082/A 536 6/21/2007 (has not moved)

Libous (R)

Definition of Pet Dealer

In addition to the sale of more than 9 animals per year for profit (current law) this bill includes “offering for sale”.

Several newly introduced 2008 State bills of concern or special interest:

Virginia *is a very HOT STATE for legislative activity. Nineteen new bills have been introduced in the first two weeks and more are expected. Many are the result of the Humane Society of the United States (HSUS) campaign against “puppy mills”. Legislators are showing greater interest due to the Michael Vick dog fighting crime coverage. It is reported that HSUS hired a new lobbying firm (Troutman Sanders LLP) just to promote and pass Virginia legislation. In addition the animal rights organization, Virginia Voters for Animal Welfare, has also made 2008 the year to stop breeders. PETA, which is based in this State, has long advocated trap and kill of feral cats. Some of this new legislation includes provisions that affect breeders of dogs and cats or feral/stray cats.*

VA S 663 1/9/08 introduced

Blevins

Amends the animal Code to add “.....and cats”

Each county or city SHALL impose a license tax on the ownership of dogs and cats. Each county or city SHALL maintain a pound and require dogs and cats running at large without a tag to be confined therein. (Trap and kill of stray/feral cats.) Raises fees for impoundment of a cat or dog. Stray/feral cats “posing a risk of injury” can be euthanized after 3 days.

VA H 1232 1/9/08 introduced
Vanderhye (D)\
Cats and Dogs – Overbreeding

Any dealer that breeds more than 20 litters or sells more than 100 dogs or cats/year is guilty of a Class 3 misdemeanor (Concern for criminal punishment of breeders based on numbers; thresholds in laws are often later lowered.)

VA H 334 1/9/08 introduced
McClellan (D)
Animal Crimes

Adds “cat” to larceny and makes this a Class 5 felony. (Few people will feed, alter and take in stray cats who simply show up if they risk being “guilty of larceny” and becoming felons. Virginia already has code provisions for actual theft when the intent is clearly to take and carry off property.)

VA H 457 1/9/08 introduced
Merricks (R)
Veterinarians and Animal Licensure

Repeals last year’s bill (passed in spite of vigorous opposition) that requires veterinarians to provide rabies certificate information to be used to collect license fees for dogs and cats. (We support this repeal.)

VA H 538 1/9/08 introduced
Orrock (R)
Commercial Dog Breeding Operations

Defines “commercial breeders” based on numbers of unsterilized adult female dogs; requires inspections by animal control officers, maintain records of sales, veterinary care, etc. (This bill establishes on a state level what the PAWS bill attempted to do on the federal level – regulation of breeders who sell directly to the pet owning public. The threshold is 20 female dogs, which may be considered high, but once passed could be lowered.)

VA H 691 1/9/08 introduced
Armstrong (D)
Animal Control Officers

Requires animal control officers to make quarterly inspection of any premises where dealers breed companion animals. (In Virginia a “dealer” is any person who in the regular course of business for compensation or profit buys, sells, transfers, exchanges or barter companion animals. This is interpreted by some jurisdictions to include hobby breeders.)

VA H 1331 1/9/08 introduced
Landes (R)
Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services

Complete 60 page revision to the entire Code pertaining to all animal care, food, transportation, sale of animals, warranty provisions, groomers, pet shops, etc. (This is a vast and complex bill that will need analysis.)

VA HJR 163 1/9/08 introduced

Saxman (R)

Companion Animals Report

Creates a joint subcommittee to study issues related to companion animals including veterinary medicine, commercial breeding, “overpopulation”, animal shelters, dangerous animal laws, local registration, fee collection and other matters. (This is well intentioned but the outcome will depend on the selection of appointed members – to be both legislators and non-legislative citizens.)

WA H 2511 1/4/08 prefiled

Appleton (D)

Pet Dealers

Creates new provisions related to “pet dealers” including requirements for record keeping, health certificates and warranties for buyers. (In Washington State a pet dealer is a person who sells more than 20 dogs/cats or 3 litters, in a 12 month period.)

W V H 2096 1/9/08 introduced and assigned to a House Committee

Browning (D)

Cats at Large

Authorizes county commissions to enact ordinances prohibiting cats from running at large. (Detrimental to stray or feral cats as well as the 36% of cat owners who still have “indoor-outdoor” pet cats. Education is necessary and better than round-up and impounding cats.)

W V S 164 1/10/08 introduced and assigned to a Senate Committee

Barnes (R)

Seizing Certain Cats

Empowers county humane officers to pick up domestic and feral cats, alleviating the burden from private individuals presently taking on the responsibility. (This is obviously the means to round up any roaming cats for impound/killing.)

Federal:

Pet Animal Welfare Statute of 2005 (“PAWS”) *We have been informed that some version of the PAWS bill will be reintroduced this session by Senator Richard Durbin (D-Illinois). The goal of supporters is to include breeders of dogs and cats who sell directly to pet buyers to be included in the Animal Welfare Act for regulation. Last year the bill provisions, slightly modified to allow for third party inspectors, were presented as an amendment to the huge Federal Farm Bill. The only amendment to finally be included in December on the Senate version of the Farm Bill related to the importing of dogs. The Farm Bill with various amendments will now be resolved through a House and Senate Conference Committee.*

Local – Cities and Counties:

San Antonio, TX – After several years of contentious meetings and revised wording the City finally passed an extremely punitive ordinance that will mandate sterilization for dogs, spay/neuter of cats on second impound; include cats in the “dangerous animal law”; require a \$50 litter permit within 10 days of a cat or dog litter’s birth; limit of only one litter per female per year; reduce the limit law to a maximum of 8 cats or 5 dogs; require mandates for feral cat colonies that are counter productive and allow seizure and removal for “nuisance”. Impounded dogs and cats are kept for only 3 days and can be euthanized. In spite of the dog fanciers’ efforts, CFA’s attempts to influence City Council members through a comprehensive opposition letter and alerts, Pam DelaBar’s meetings and writing on behalf of CFA – nothing could prevent passage of this onerous ordinance.

California - There has been ongoing local legislative activity in California since the last Board meeting and the CFA Legislative Group has provided support, information and alerts. I have met with the dog fanciers and Deputy City Attorney for Los Angeles in our continuing attempts to avoid a mandatory spay/neuter ordinance. Huntington Beach, California will address a revised ordinance again on January 22, 2008. Several jurisdictions are considering MSN ordinances pending the outcome of AB 1634.

Florida - Palm Beach County – Animal Control last week presented a new version of the mandatory spay/neuter ordinance for a first reading on January 15, 2008. CFA has been working with dog and cat fanciers to defeat this legislation that requires sterilization unless one has a “hobby breeder” permit allowing only 2 litters per year with a required home inspection. To produce more litters a breeder is considered a “kennel/cattery and must have an “Operational Permit” with numerous commercial facility requirements already in the Palm Beach Code passed in 1998. Any puppy or kitten born to an unaltered dog/cat who is not covered by a permit shall be forfeited to animal control unless the appropriate permit is immediately obtained. There are numerous other provisions including those leading to permit denial or revocation, fines and a hearing process all of which will make breeding cats impossible in this County where there are already few breeders left due to the rigid existing Code. In addition requirements for feral cat colony registration and unreasonable rules make it difficult for feral cat caregivers to reduce the numbers of free roaming/feral cats in this county. Shelter data shows the previous harsh legislative approach has not worked to reduce the population of dogs and especially cats.

Current Happenings of Committee/Legislative Group:

AKC meeting, New York City - November 1, 2007 with leaders from various organizations to discuss our mutual interests regarding legislation. CFA was represented at this meeting by Pam, Allene and me.

Cat Writers Association conference – November 16-18, 2007, Foster City, CA. This is an important opportunity to interact with cat writers, dog writers and others involved in the media who influence public opinion on issues. George, Sharon and I attended the events and several talks.

AKC/Companion Animal Recovery - CFA has a partnership with AKC/CAR and we support identification, including voluntary microchipping, for the protection of cats. I met on December 1, 2008 with the President of AKC/CAR, Director of Sales and the National Sales Manager at

the Eukanuba Dog Show in Long Beach, California to discuss ways in which both organizations can better promote identification and enrollment with AKC/CAR. I have outlined some objectives and Roeann Fulkerson will meet with CAR in Florida in January at the North American Veterinary Conference to further discuss these. Roger Brown has agreed to follow through with initiatives to make this program successful.

The National Council on Pet Population Study & Policy – The Council meeting is in Houston January 30-31, 2008 just prior to the CFA Board meeting. George and I represent CFA on the National Council, founded 17 years ago and I am current President. This is a coalition of diverse animal organizations including the HSUS, ASPCA, AVMA, SAWA, American Humane, AAFP, APMA, Assoc. of Veterinary Epidemiology, National Animal Control Assoc. and CFA. The Council focuses on mutual goals to gather data regarding pet populations and to analyze and recommend strategies to reduce the numbers of homeless dogs and cats in the US. Presentations at this next meeting will include a report on the first phase of the “Shelter Population Index” study, a Feral Cat Population Dynamics study, Italy Dog Population studies, Gulf States Project update, High Volume/High Quality Spay/Neuter summit report as well as an important discussion on the goals and future of the Council. Pam and Allene will also attend as guests.

Future Projections for Committee and Legislative Group:

Ongoing goals:

- *Network with the sheltering community, aligned organizations, veterinarians and lawmakers in order to understand the problems and trends that motivate legislation.*
- *Provide perspective on the cat fancy views to those in animal related fields, the media and government.*
- *Work with our national and local cat fancy teams to defeat legislation detrimental to pedigreed cats, feral/unowned cats, CFA’s mission or cat ownership in general.*

PetHobbyist.com Legislative Chat - I have been invited by Christie Keith, Universal Press Syndicate’s “Pet Connection” Editor, PetHobbyist.com to be her guest for a one hour online chat session in February on feline legislative issues.

Action Items:

Sy Howard Legislative Fund – description. The Legislative Committee has approved some changes to the description of this fund and the new wording is attached for Board approval.

When the Sy Howard Legislative Fund was first established in 1991 CFA initially was able to set aside an allocation to be used to match all incoming contributions. This was very helpful to get the fund started. After several years this allocation (\$50,000) was depleted and CFA has not matched contributions for many years now. Our only “matching” element is for donations received for approved projects and this is from the general donations (funds received that are not stipulated). It is still accurate to say the Sy Howard Legislative Fund matches donations for projects - it is incorrect to state that CFA contributes matching contributions. We had hoped and anticipated that CFA would again be able to do this but at this time I feel it is important for an accurate description of the Sy Howard Fund to be on the CFA website. I receive questions about whether CFA is providing funds whenever a club or individual donates and always must explain we no longer do this. No other changes to the description have been made.

I request your approval of the revised description.

DelaBar called the motion. **Motion Carried.**

What Will be Presented at the Next Meeting:

Updates and pending legislative matters.

*Respectfully Submitted,
Joan Miller, Chair*

(13) **WINN FOUNDATION.**

Winn Foundation Liaison George Eigenhauser presented the following report:



President: Dr. Susan Little
Liaison to CFA Board: George Eigenhauser
Executive Director: Janet Wolf
Board Members: Steve Dale, George Eigenhauser, Betsy Gaither, Fred Jacobberger, Betty White

Winn Programs:

- *Veterinary Honor Roll: To date, 120 veterinarians have been honored under the program, and have received the beautiful framed certificate to display in their clinic waiting room. For more information, see the [Veterinary Honor Roll](#) page on our website.*
- *The 2007 Winn Media Appreciation award was given to well-known author and media personality, Amy Shojai.*

Winn/Miller Trust Grant Awards 2007:

- *The Winn board, along with its veterinary reviewers and consultants, met via teleconference on Sept. 28, 2007 to review the proposals received for funding under the Winn/Miller Trust grant program.*
- *This year we awarded six grants for a total of \$99,909. These important studies include new treatments for feline herpesvirus and interstitial cystitis, a new form of inherited retinal disease, and adverse effects of vaccinations, among others. Full details are available on the [Miller Trust](#) section of our website.*

Winn Grant Awards 2008:

- *The deadline for proposals for funding was Dec. 4, 2007 and 36 applications have been received. Twelve of the applications come from outside the United States, demonstrating Winn's success in increasing international visibility.*
- *The Winn board, along with its veterinary reviewers and consultants, will meet on Feb. 1, 2008 to determine the award recipients for 2008.*

Office of the Executive Director (Janet Wolf): *Much of the Executive Director's time is taken up with issues of donor management and solicitation management, as well as the day to day activities of running the Foundation. Other activities include:*

- *The applications for the 2008 Winn grants have been received and processed, ready for our upcoming grant review meeting.*
- *The Winn/Miller Trust grant awards for 2007 have been finalized.*
- *Three different targeted solicitations have been prepared and mailed; another is scheduled for February.*

- Winn's application to continue as part of the Combined Federal Campaign has been completed.
- The Executive Director also serves temporarily as our Breed Studies Liaison.

Media Relations Committee: The 2008 Winn ad campaign has started with ads appearing in *Cat Fancy*, and [Pets Magazine](#). The first ad in a veterinary publication will appear in the Jan/Feb 2008 issue of *Canadian Vet*. Winn continues to have a media presence on the websites [Catwellness.org](#), and [GoodNewsForPets.com](#), both websites that promote feline health care. Dr. Susan Little will represent Winn at the [CATalyst Summit](#) on Feb. 5-6, 2008 in Palm Springs, CA. The meeting is organized by the American Association of Feline Practitioners, with initial underwriting from Pfizer Animal Health. This gathering of key influentials represents a cross-section of leading organizations and companies, and will be moderated by Steve Dale. The ultimate goal is to lead a national initiative to champion the cat and elevate its status across North America.

40th Anniversary Committee: At the October board meeting, a committee was formed to help celebrate Winn's 40th anniversary in 2008. Preliminary plans include an anniversary pin, a special commemorative edition of the 2008 Annual Report and a retrospective presentation at the 2008 Annual.

Publications: Betty White continues to produce articles and newsletters for Winn, including:

- Winn Health News #19 (available on Winn's website and the CFA Online Almanac)
- The next CFA Yearbook will contain reprints of several articles as well as two new articles:
 - "Winn Salutes Another Houston First"
 - "Winn Goes Global"
- In the transition from print to online for the Almanac, Winn now has a section in the online version and will continue to provide content

Winn Symposium 2008: The 30th Annual Winn Feline Health Symposium will be held June 26, 2008 in conjunction with the CFA Annual Meeting in Louisville, KY. Our speakers include Dr. Michael Lappin (Colorado State University) on diagnosis and treatment of diarrhea in kittens, and Dr. Jody Gookin (North Carolina State University) on an emerging disease, feline *Tritrichomonas* infection. Winn is now an approved continuing education provider for veterinarians and veterinary technicians.

Internet Presence: Content is updated frequently on the [main Winn site](#). Recent additions include:

- 2007 Winn/Miller Trust grant awards
- 2007 Winn Media Appreciation Award (Amy Shojai)
- Library additions
 - 2007 Winn Feline Symposium lecture notes
 - Winn Health News, Sept. 2007
 - Updated list of journal articles on Winn-funded research

[Winn's Feline Health News blog](#) publishes abstracts of veterinary journal articles on Winn-funded research. The blog was launched in May 2007. Recent postings include:

- The Ascent of Cat Breeds: New Genetic Insights: Lipinski, M. J., L. Froenicke, et al. (2007). "The ascent of cat breeds: genetic evaluations of breeds and worldwide random-bred populations." *Genomics* 91(1): 12-21.

- Treatment of feline Tritrichomonas: *Kather, E. J., S. L. Marks, et al. (2007). "Determination of the in vitro susceptibility of feline Tritrichomonas foetus to 5 antimicrobial agents." J Vet Intern Med 21(5): 966-70.*

*Respectfully submitted,
Dr. Susan Little
President, Winn Feline Foundation*

(14) SCIENTIFIC ADVISORY COMMITTEE.

Chair Dr. Roger Brown presented the following report:

Committee Chair: Roger Brown, DVM

Brief Summation of Immediate Past Committee Activities:

1. *Launch CFA's new CatGenes DNA program*
2. *Assist in the set-up of CatGenes website*
3. *Present seminars on CFA's new DNA program at various cat shows*

Current Happenings of Committee:

1. *Solicit and collect hair and buccal swabs from cats as a resource for development of new VariSNP tests*
2. *New technology is embraced by many, and questioned by some. I have been addressing these questions through e-mail and telephone.*
3. *Microchipping investigation*

CATGENES

CFA's DNA project was launched toward the end of December. Early response was somewhat slow due to competition with the holiday season. In less than a month we have had requests for more than 110 DNA tests through our CatGenes website. I predict that these numbers will grow exponentially as breeders and exhibitors become familiarized with new technology. This growth will be further magnified by new tests that will be added to the present array at no additional cost. The present cost is so low that it should be viewed as a gift from CFA.

Considerable time has been spent both by phone and e-mail answering questions on these new cutting-edge SNP tests. Questions have ranged from excited wonder over the new ability to scientifically select partners for their cats to downright hostility. Unfortunately some of the exchanges with those that had hostile motives involved, "the Chicken-Little sky is falling syndrome."

I feel that it is of utmost importance to set up a foundation to administer research grants for CFA's VariSNP DNA program. I have already talked to Fred Jacobberger and John Clark about the process of setting up a such a program. There is an exhibitor waiting for such a foundation to donate funds. He was talking about \$100,000. It could be set up to make donations for a general fund or a specific breed. Money could also be donated to fund research on a specific disease that goes across breed lines. An example would be FIP which is most likely an immune-modulated disease. We are already investigating cats to sample that have a strong history of this problem, but funds are necessary to look for the mutation or DNA exclusion that may be responsible. SNP research can uncover mysteries that have been unsolvable. The horizon of SNP research for the feline is vast, and the value to cat lovers can not be quantified.

Much ado from the nay sayers has been made about one of CFA's two laboratories being a privately owned laboratory. The Bahyh-Dole Act of 1980 allows University laboratories that charge for tests to be designated "Service Laboratories", and they are run for profit just as

privately owned laboratories must be run. You will also find that the primary University investigators for new tests have their name listed on the patent, and they may even share in the licensing fee, and royalties for the new tests.

Will SNP researchers have their name on patents for new tests? Yes, they will, as do STR researchers.

There will be those that don't embrace CFA's CatGenes DNA program, but to me it will be like an unopened gift thrown away.

Brown: The CatGenes DNA program has been embraced by many, all across the United States and Europe. This is going to catch on, and as it catches on the wheel is going to turn faster and faster, and we're going to find that CFA will be in the position to do some extensive scientific work that will help breeders all over the world. Breeders are thinking about giving DNA birth certificates to each kitten that leaves their home, whether it's going to a pet home or a show home. Vast numbers of tests can be added to the present array. The samples that are submitted go into two separate archives and we can work out an arrangement to add the present test to the array from the archived DNA for a minimum cost, so it's so important to get material in our archives. The quicker we get a bank of DNA, the quicker we can have new tests and the quicker we can help breeders pick the right cats to put together in their breeding programs.

Future Projections for Committee:

1. *Set up a foundation for VariSNP grants*
 - a. *Funding SNP research will give breeder-exhibitors the thrill of contributing to the health of all cats Internationally. The most important part of CFA's mission statement is "contribution to the health of cat's worldwide."*
2. *Spearhead a new CFA Micro-chipping Program*
3. *Search for new DNA tests that can be added to the present array*
4. *Continue to inform and educate breeders and exhibitors about the value of utilizing DNA tests for Identity and Breeding Programs*
5. *Education for the proper submission of samples to the laboratory*
6. *Market the CatGenes program to other registries*

Brown: SNP stands for "single nucleotide polymorphism". SNPs are different from STRs because they are completely interpreted by machine and computer software. SNPs are run with 99.9% accuracy. 64 tests are run on one sample and in seconds the computer interprets it. 40-50 of those tests are needed for the paternity or the identity profile and at least 14 tests are used for diseases and color profiles. The lab has offered to double the number of tests to 128 and not charge us a single extra dollar. That's why it's so important that we validate new tests and we validate them as soon as we can, because we can have those tests for no extra money. So, for this reason, I think that it's now time for CFA to step up to the plate. This is a program that has unlimited potential and I think we need to do whatever we can within our power to help speed it up. This is about helping cats. To me, this is what CFA is all about – the welfare of cats, and this is one thing that we can do to help everybody worldwide that has an interest in cats. **Molino:** What is the one thing that you could say right now that would facilitate that goal? **Brown:** Actually we need two things; an increase in participation and money. **Johnson:** Are there plans to partner with any of the large shows where kits could be available and we could encourage people to participate? **Brown:** Yes. We have talked about having a booth at prime shows that

have the highest counts. Samples could be taken on the cats that are at the show. **Johnson:** We could see a double or triple increase in participation in a short period of time if we leverage some of the big shows. **Molino:** We haven't done much to publicize the need and the urgency for getting the samples or the money in. **Brown:** Allene has placed an information bulletin in each of the breed council mailings. We need to do more. I'm more than willing to give a seminar at any show that I attend, or if a club would like to talk to me about being at their show to talk about it, I'm available. **Johnson:** Can we get a link or some information for the regional websites and post to the CFA-News?

Brown: Let me give you a provocative example of what we can do. This test could even find herpes carriers. We have two tests for hypertrophic cardiomyopathy now in the Ragdoll and the Maine Coon. It's not the same in each breed. Very soon we can have 128 tests. We can have 64 additional disease and color tests. All it takes is time and money.

Action Items:

1. *Post terms of confidentiality on the CatGenes website: "This Statement of Privacy and Confidentiality applies to the CatGenes website and governs data collection and usage. CatGenes does not use or disclose sensitive personal information and is committed to protecting your privacy. Your unique test kit is issued a bar code number at the laboratory, and your private information and test results are never disclosed. You are the owner of your information and only you can make the decision to share it."*

Brown: The person that submits the sample is the owner of the DNA test results. This would apply to our CatGenes website and it would state, *"This Statement of Privacy and Confidentiality applies to the CatGenes website and governs data collection and usage. CatGenes does not use or disclose sensitive personal information, and is committed to protecting your privacy. Your unique test kit is issued a bar code number at the laboratory, and your private information and test results are never disclosed. You are the owner of your information and only you can make the decision to share it."* **DelaBar** called the motion. **Motion Carried.**

2. *Institute a -D suffix for the registration numbers of cats DNA tested by CFA's official DNA laboratories.*

Wilson: The -D suffix would mean that DNA has been submitted to CatGenes and therefore would be available for future testing if anyone ever had a question on parentage.

Brown: Most of all it means the cat has a DNA fingerprint. **Tartaglia:** It won't be difficult to do. **DelaBar:** I would like you to submit a proposal in June, with how we are going to be able to do that in Central Office. What are we going to have to change with our registration system?

3. *Pursue formation of a CatGenes Foundation to administer VariSNP grants*

Eigenhauser: Winn already does genetic tests every review period, with matching funds. We can put any kind of restriction on anything you want. **Miller:** I really feel that it is detrimental to have any foundation that would be conflicting with the Winn Foundation. **Brown:** The urgency is that we need to do this as soon as possible. If we have to wait for grant wheels to turn and boards to make decisions, everything is going to slow down. **Jacobberger:** Somebody is going to have to review grants, whether it's you or someone else. **Brown:** A committee would be formed to review grants. **Jacobberger:** This is not as easy as you think it would be. There are

tax and financial ramifications. **DelaBar:** Why don't you consider the possibility of setting up a private foundation, or some of the other alternatives available?

Time Frame:

ASAP

What will be presented at the next meeting:

1. *An update on the DNA Project*
2. *Update on the CatGenes Foundation if approved by the board*
3. *Update on CFA's Micro-chipping project*

*Respectfully submitted,
Roger Brown, DVM, Chair*

(15) BREEDS AND STANDARDS.

Breeds and Standards Chair Annette Wilson presented the following report with a standing motion and the right to vote no.

Committee Co-Chairs: Debbie Kusy; Annette Wilson
List of Committee Members: Pet Johnson, Julie Keyer, Kathryn Sylvia

Brief Summation of Immediate Past Committee Activities:

- ✓ *Reviewing and assisting with BC Ballots*
- ✓ *Updating database of PROV and MISC breed activity*
- ✓ *Ongoing work on common color/pattern descriptions.*

Current Happenings of Committee:

ACTION ITEMS

1. **Breed Advancement – RagaMuffin (from MISC to PROV)** is the only current MISC breed; they have asked to be advanced to PROV at this meeting. A recap of reports received on this breed will be provided for your review prior to the meeting. A summary with # of cats shown/region by breeder will also be provided.

- *Last standard change requested/made: 2007.*
- *2008 Standard changes on ballot – eye color description.*
- *Very few RagaMuffins shown in CY 2007, not in all regions*

Breed Committee Chair Laura Gregory: *We appreciate the opportunity of showing our cats for the last five years. Our breeders have grown over the past five years. Our cats have thrived in other associations. You see in our application booklet our breeder listing has grown and has continued to grow. Just since last July when I had given you this, we have added numerous breeders. Our breeders are also growing overseas. We have added breeders in France, Germany, Austria. We have another one pending right now in both Hungary and the Netherlands, so we have interest overseas also and continue to ship cats overseas. We have far surpassed the minimum requirements that you asked us to go to provisional of 100 cats registered; we have over 400. You asked us to show in all regions and we have done that. While we have been extremely strong in some, in the Southern Region, we have shown in all regions, which is what is required, and we do believe that going to provisional, more breeders will be inspired to come out as we get further toward an opportunity to show with a little more incentive. To address the issue that Isabel is probably going to bring forth, we don't believe that at this point we impact the Ragdoll breed. We haven't outcrossed to them. We closed our outcrosses. We don't use another breed. We don't show our pointed cats. We have a distinctive look. It doesn't look like a Ragdoll cat and we haven't used their cats, and so we believe we stand on our own. We stand on our own two feet and the cats stand on their four feet.*

DelaBar: Do we feel that the Ragdolls would be adversely affected by the advancement of the Ragamuffin from miscellaneous to provisional? **Angell:** Of the few Ragamuffins I have

seen, none are colored like Ragdolls. **Gregory:** We have Colorpoint cats but we agreed that we will not show or register cats that are pointed. **Baugh:** There's a fine line between a Colorpoint cat and a mink cat. It's very blurred and I have a concern about that. **Miller:** Mink may be a diminished pointed, but they *are* a pointed cat. When you say you don't accept pointed, that should include all of those albino gene cats. I have a problem with that. **Gregory:** There isn't another longhair breed that is showing a mink cat that looks like this. **Wilson:** When you're considering whether or not the Ragdoll breed is affected by the advancement of the Ragamuffin breed, the Ragamuffin outcross is Ragdoll and Persian, but for kittens born after July 15, 2006, they have Ragamuffin parents. **Gregory:** We have not used any outcrosses so they are not in any way affected. **Bellavance:** I want to commend Laura for all the work that she has done for the Ragamuffins over the last few years that they have been accepted for registration. Yes, the Ragamuffins have closed their outcrosses to Ragdolls in CFA, but they are not closed in other associations. My concern is that a small subgroup of the Ragamuffin population has gone solo to be recognized in CFA. Another concern is, how will CFA handle cats that are outcrossed after 2006? It has been closed in CFA but it's not closed in other registries.

Kusy: [to Gregory] In your breeder listing, you show 18 people that share 7 addresses. I personally would like to see more participation. **Angell:** I still don't see a distinctive look. I don't see the essence of this breed at all. I struggle today as much as I struggled several years ago. **Wilson:** I didn't see anything distinctive about this breed, either. I didn't think one cat looked like the next one. From my statistics taken from the catalogs and the judges' reports, we have seen a decline of these cats being shown. My other concern is that where you are showing – in Region 7 – you see many of the same judges, or in some cases the cats being absented from rings where previously the judges have been negative. What we hope is that you get the cats out and we get feed-back from a wide variety of judges and a wide variety of cats in many parts of the country. The more variety of cats and the more judges that see the cats and give input, the better we will be able to make some kind of a decision. **DelaBar:** I felt the cats were phenomenal. When I looked across the room, I saw cats that were very consistent in their look. It doesn't feel like a Siberian. I'm not going to fall on my sword over the mink pattern until I see one, but what I found is consistency. **Anger:** I saw them at a show in 2004. I haven't seen them anywhere since. I would have loved to have been able to evaluate some at the shows. **DelaBar** called the motion. **Motion Failed.** DelaBar, Eigenhauser, L. Watson, Shaffer, Anger, Kallmeyer voting yes.

2. **Breed Advancement – LaPerm (from PROV to CHSHIP) is the only current PROV breed; they have requested advancement to CHAMPIONSHIP status at this meeting. A summary of reports received on this breed will provided for your review prior to the meeting. A summary, by breed, with the # of cats shown/region by breeder will also be supplied.**

- Last standard change requested/made: 2007
- 2008 Standard changes on ballot – multiple
- LaPerms shown in all continental regions

Breed Committee Chair Erika A. Fetz: I hope the reports show that we are ready to be accepted for championship in CFA. **Wilson:** Generally, when a breed is asking for advancement from provisional to championship status, we ask that they have a standard in place. We have a number of standard changes on the ballot this year. **Fetz:** The standard changes we are implementing are not changing the essence of the cat. They are housekeeping. **Wilson:** So

you're saying that you listened to the judges' comments and adjusted your standard, but you're not changing your standard to make it look like what the cats actually look like. **Fetz:** We just want the standard better worded so it's easier for the judges to understand. We're not manipulating the standard.

DelaBar: That brings us up to their request to go to championship status. **White:** My only concern is the drop in the number of cats shown between 2006 and 2007. Why? **Fetz:** We lost some breeders for various reasons, but I hope I showed that we have interest, not only nationwide but world-wide, and we have more breeders up and coming. **Anger:** I would like to see more breeders in many different parts of the country, more uniformity in what we are looking for. In pockets of the country they have been shown successfully, but there are other places where they are never shown. I'm really hoping that we see a lot of growth in this breed. **Wilson:** Because there's not a huge number of breeders, it's very hard to keep the cats out there to show the judges. They have made a really good effort to try to do that. I hope we see cats in the ring and I do think it's a very distinctive looking cat. Good luck. **DelaBar** called the motion. **Motion Carried.** Shaffer abstained.

DelaBar: I want to welcome the LaPerm breed to championship status beginning in May as a shorthair breed. [applause]

3. ***New Breed Applications*** – *We have no applications from new breeds.*
4. ***Breed Council/Committee Ballots*** – *copies of ballots/results provided to all board members by Central Office, vote on standard changes passed by 60% or more of breed council members and consider non-standard changes, proposals and informational items.*
5. ***Advancement of Mitted and Colorpoint Patterns for Ragdoll*** – *may be discussed in conjunction with Ragdoll ballot.*
6. ***Breed Council/Committee meeting with CFA Board at June, 2008 Board Meeting*** – *set date, schedule, discussion points.*

Wilson: Is the meeting going to be scheduled for Saturday morning? **DelaBar:** Yes, we are going to try to condense the board meetings like we did last year. I am sure that they will want to be there to participate in the annual business meeting, as well.

7. ***First Cat applying for registration from CATS recording service*** – *Central Office reports that they have received their first request to register a cat (a Birman) where the ancestry (5 generations) was captured through the Cat Ancestry Tracking Service.*

Future Projections for Committee:

- *Provisional and Miscellaneous Breed Report forms are still under review. We would like to revise this form to provide better information in a measurable manner. We would also like to be able to use the same form for AOV's that might be evaluated for future movement to championship (i.e., colorpoint and mitted Ragdolls)*
- *Color descriptions for the increased number of breeds in the Breed Standards publication have grown to require more pages than can be bound in the current*

format. The Breeds and Standards Committee agrees that common color descriptions could be printed at the beginning of the Breed Standards publication with exception descriptions by breed. For common descriptions, just the color name would be included by breed. Option is to bind the standards using a more expensive process. This is a continuing project that has become overwhelming; we are adding more volunteers so the job can be broken up and shared out.

Action Items: *See Current Happenings section*

What Will be Presented at the Next Meeting:

June, 2008 - Annual meeting of Breed Council Secretaries and CFA Board; input will be sought for topics of discussion.

*Respectfully Submitted,
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Annette Wilson, Co-Chair*

ABYSSINIAN

Breed Council Secretary: Martha Auspitz

Total Members: 100

Ballots Received: 65

60% of Voting: 39

1. **PROPOSED:** Change the wording on the Red Abyssinian color description as follows:

RED (cinnamon gene): coat rich, warm glowing red, ticked with chocolate-brown, the extreme outer tip to be dark, with red undercoat. Tail tipped with chocolate-brown. The underside and inside of legs to be a tint to harmonize with the main color. Nose leather: rosy pink. Paw pads: pink, with chocolate-brown between toes, extending slightly beyond the paws.

RATIONALE: Over the last couple of years we have spoken about this at every breed council meeting. We do not want to change the historic name for this color of Abyssinian, i.e., red, but, at the same time we want to make sure people do not confuse the red Abyssinian color with the sex-linked orange gene that produces the red color in most other breeds of cats. The red Abyssinian color is really a cinnamon ticked tabby with rufousing, selectively bred for intense, deep color. As breed council secretary, I am still approached by people who have been in the cat fancy a long time who still think the red Abyssinian is the same red as a red tabby, for example. This minor change in the wording, adding the term cinnamon gene in parentheses, to the red color description in the Abyssinian standard is an attempt to clarify the actual color of the cat and retain the historic name for this color of Abyssinian.

YES: 49

NO: 16

Miller: This has been discussed for years among the Aby breeders. At first, people wanted to change the color to cinnamon or sorrel, as it's called in Europe. Many including myself objected to that because the red expresses the glowing red color. To me, this is an ideal compromise solution where we keep our red designation, but in parenthesis is the cinnamon gene for reference.

BOARD ACTION: DelaBar called the motion. **Motion Carried.**

For information only:

There was a vote taken at the last breed council meeting to put an item on the ballot to do with the continued use or not of the 036X prefixes for red or ruddy Abyssinians that MAY be carrying dilute. This has been discussed due to the availability of a DNA PCR test for dilute and dilute carriers. However, given the Abyssinian protocol for putting things on the ballot and some pretty heated discussion ensuing after that meeting, I feel that we should wait another year and look at putting this on the 2008 ballot. This will give us both a deadline and more time for productive discussions about what the breed council really thinks the Board should direct Central Office to do about these prefixes.

AMERICAN BOBTAIL

Breed Council Secretary: Kathryn Sylvia

Total Members: 16

Ballots Received: 13

60% of Voting: 8

Breed Council Secretary Kathryn Sylvia: Much of this is housekeeping, and we would like to have our colors and patterns.

1. **PROPOSED:** Add the following to the American Bobtail Standard **between** Colors and Patterns and Buttons and Lockets:

RUFIOUS: Refers to a reddening of the coat color, especially the ground color in tabbies. The rufous factor changes the drab beige ‘yellow’ band of the tabby to a brilliant apricot; it changes the drab orange to a brilliant, rich red. It presents itself as a rich pale creamy color with golden to reddish pattern to a rich pale reddish color with golden to reddish pattern (it is not to be confused with chocolate or cinnamon genetics).

RATIONALE: To explain the effect of rufousing on the colors of the American Bobtail.

YES: 13

NO: 0

Eigenhauser: Why are we defining rufousing? It’s not a color. **Wilson:** The standard currently refers to rufousing. They would like to include a description of what rufous is. **Miller:** It is so important to the distinction of this breed that everyone needs to understand what they mean by “rufous”. It’s not our cat fancy word. This is a genetically correct term. Maybe other breeds will decide they want rufousing.

BOARD ACTION: DelaBar called the motion. **Motion Carried.**

2. **PROPOSED:** Change ear-set description

Current Description:

Ears - Medium. Wide at base with slightly rounded tips, as much on the top of the head as on the side. Ear tipping and furnishings highly desirable. Lighter colored thumbprints on the back of the ears desirable on all tabbies including lynx points.

Proposed Description:

Ears - Medium. Wide at base with slightly rounded tips, ~~as much on the top of the head as on the side~~ wide-set, upright with a slight outward tilt. Ear tipping and furnishings highly desirable. Lighter colored thumbprints on the back of the ears desirable on all tabbies including lynx points.

RATIONALE: During the Judges workshop it was brought to our attention that with the previous ear description the judges perceived the ear to flare which we do not want, we want the ear set wide with only a slight outward tilt, and the proposed changes clarify that.

YES: 13

NO: 0

Sylvia: It was brought to our attention that some judges think our ear set is more flared than what we want it to be. This gives a more complete description.

BOARD ACTION: DelaBar called the motion. **Motion Carried.**

3. **PROPOSED:** Remove the following from the tail description

Current Description:

Tail - is short, being half-length or less than that of the average cat. The tail is flexible and expressive and may be straight, slightly curved or slightly kinked or have bumps along the length of the tail. Tail set in line with the top line of the hip. Tail to be broad at base, strong and substantial to the touch, never fragile. Straighter tails should exhibit a fat pad at the end of the tail and are preferred over kinked tails. Length – Must be long enough to be clearly visible above the back when alert, not to extend past a stretched hind hock in length.

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RATIONALE: 95% of American Bobtails tails have some sort of kink, bump or curve along the length of the tail. It is normal and allowable, and is a direct indicator to a person handling the cat that the tail has not been altered. There should be no preference to straight tails as they make up such a small majority of actual tail types.

YES: 9

NO: 4

DelaBar: It has to be a naturally bobbed tail.

BOARD ACTION: DelaBar called the motion. **Motion Carried.**

4. **PROPOSED:** Extend our allowable outcrosses to 2015

Current Description:

ALLOWABLE OUTCROSSES: American Bobtail allowable outcross breeds:

The single registration of domestic shorthair or longhair cats with a natural bobtail is acceptable upon written approval of the American Bobtail Breed Group Chairperson-CFA Breeds and Standards Chairperson, and one CFA Allbreed judge. This shall apply to cats/kittens born between 1/1/02 and 1/1/2008. No tailless cats to be used in the American Bobtail breeding program. Absolutely no recognized breeds or wild blood to be permitted in the American Bobtail breeding program.

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RATIONALE: The American Bobtail gene pool remains small and the ability of breeders to introduce outcross bloodlines will help to maintain the health and heartiness of the breed.

YES: 13

NO: 0

Kusy: Are you saying that after 2015, you won't be able to register any previously unregistered parentage bobtails? **Wilson:** They don't want to outcross to any breeds. **Sylvia:** We want to outcross to domestic shorthair or longhaired cats with a natural bobtail. We would like to see where our gene pool is in 2015. **DelaBar:** That's not really an outcross. That goes under the rules of registration, not under the show standards. **Wilson:** We do ask them, if they want to change their rules of registration, to put it on their ballot.

BOARD ACTION: DelaBar called the motion. **Motion Carried.**

5. PROPOSED: Set forth the following colors and patterns for the American Bobtail Breed American Bobtail Colors and Patterns

WHITE: pure glistening white. Nose leather and paw pads: pink.

BLACK: dense coal black, sound from roots to tip of fur. Free from any tinge of rust on the tips. Nose leather: black. Paw pads: black or brown.

BLUE: blue, lighter shade preferred one level tone from nose to tip of tail. Sound to the roots. A sound darker shade is more acceptable than an unsound lighter shade. Nose leather and paw pads: blue.

RED: deep, rich, clear, brilliant red; without shading, markings or ticking. Lips and chin the same color as the coat. Nose leather and paw pads: brick red.

CREAM: one level shade of buff cream, without markings. Sound to the roots. Lighter shades preferred. Nose leather and paw pads: pink.

CHOCOLATE: rich chestnut brown, sound throughout. Nose leather: brown. Paw pads: brown or cinnamon.

LAVENDER: frosty-grey with a pinkish tone, sound throughout. Nose leather and paw pads: lavender-pink.

CINNAMON: cinnamon, sound throughout. Nose leather and paw pads: cinnamon.

FAWN: pale pinkish fawn, sound throughout; lighter shades preferred. Nose leather and paw pads: pale fawn.

SHADED PATTERN: undercoat white with a mantle of specified marking color tipping shading down from sides, face and tail from dark on the ridge to white on the chin, chest, stomach and under the tail. Legs to be the same tone as the face. Rims of eyes, lips and nose outlined with marking color. Nose leather and paw pads color as defined below.

SHADED SILVER: Nose leather: brick red. Paw pads: black.

BLUE SHADED: Nose leather: blue or blue with pink tone. Paw pads: blue or blue with pink tone.

CHOCOLATE SHADED: Nose leather: pink. Paw pads: cinnamon.

LAVENDER SHADED: Nose leather: lavender-pink. Paw pads: lavender-pink.

CAMEO SHADED: Nose leather: rose. Paw pads: rose.

CINNAMON SHADED: Nose leather: pink. Paw pads: coral.

FAWN SHADED: Nose leather: fawn. Paw pads: pink.

CREAM SHADED: Nose leather and paw pads: pink

TORTOISESHELL SHADED: Nose leather and paw pads: as in the solids; may be mottled with pink.

BLUE-CREAM SHADED: Nose leather and paw pads: as in the solids; may be mottled with pink.

CHOCOLATE TORTOISESHELL SHADED: Nose leather and paw pads: as in the solids; may be mottled with pink.

CINNAMON TORTOISESHELL SHADED: Nose leather and paw pads: as in the solids; may be mottled with pink.

LAVENDER-CREAM SHADED: Nose leather and paw pads: as in the solids; may be mottled with pink.

FAWN-CREAM SHADED: Nose leather and paw pads: as in the solids; may be mottled with pink.

CHINCHILLA: undercoat pure white. Coat on back, flanks, head, and tail sufficiently tipped with specified marking color (i.e., black, blue, red, cream, tortoiseshell, etc.) to give the characteristic sparkling appearance. Legs may be slightly shaded with tipping. Chin, stomach and chest, pure white. Rims of eyes, lips and nose outlined with marking color. Nose leather: appropriate to pattern and marking color (black/brick red; blue/old rose; red and cream/rose, etc.). Paw pads: appropriate to pattern and marking color (black/black; blue/rose; red and cream/rose, etc.).

SMOKE PATTERN: white undercoat more deeply tipped with specified marking color. Cat in repose appears to be of marking color. Body pattern desirable with no penalty for lack thereof. In motion the white undercoat is apparent. Points and mask of marking color with narrow band of white at base of hairs next to skin which may be seen only when fur is parted. Nose leather and paw pads: appropriate to pattern and marking color (see below).

BLACK SMOKE: Nose leather and paw pads: black.

BLUE SMOKE: Nose leather and paw pads: blue.

RED SMOKE (Cameo): Nose leather and paw pads: rose.

CHOCOLATE SMOKE: Nose leather and paw pads: brown or brick.

LAVENDER SMOKE: Nose leather and paw pads: lavender-pink.

CINNAMON SMOKE: Nose leather and paw pads: cinnamon.

CREAM SMOKE: Nose leather and paw pads: pink.

FAWN SMOKE: Nose leather and paw pads: pale fawn.

TORTOISESHELL SMOKE: Nose leather and paw pads: mottled with pink on nose and paws.

BLUE-CREAM SMOKE: Nose leather and paw pads: mottled with pink on nose and paws.

CHOCOLATE TORTOISESHELL SMOKE: Nose leather and paw pads: mottled with pink on nose and paws.

LAVENDER-CREAM SMOKE: Nose leather and paw pads: mottled with pink on nose and paws.

CINNAMON TORTOISESHELL SMOKE: Nose leather and paw pads: mottled with pink on nose and paws.

FAWN-CREAM SMOKE: Nose leather and paw pads: pink.

CLASSIC TABBY PATTERN: markings dense, clearly defined, and broad. Legs evenly barred with bracelets coming up to meet the body markings. Several unbroken necklaces on neck and upper chest, the more the better. Frown marks on forehead form an intricate letter "M." Unbroken line runs back from outer corner of eye. Swirls on cheeks. Vertical lines over back of head extend to shoulder markings which are in the shape of a butterfly with both upper and lower wings distinctly outlined and marked with dots and other various filigree inside outline. Back markings consist of a vertical line down the spine from butterfly to tail with a vertical stripe paralleling it on each side, the three stripes well separated by stripes of the ground color. Large solid blotch on each side to be encircled by one or more unbroken rings and may also contain filigree. Side markings should be the same on both sides. Double vertical rows of buttons on chest and stomach.

MACKEREL TABBY PATTERN: markings dense, clearly defined, and all narrow pencillings. Legs evenly barred with narrow bracelets coming up to meet the body markings. Necklaces on neck and chest distinct, like so many chains. Head barred with an "M" on the forehead. Unbroken lines running back from the eyes. Lines running down the head to meet the shoulders. Spine lines run together to form a narrow saddle. Narrow pencillings run around body.

SPOTTED TABBY PATTERN: markings on the body to be spotted. The spots can be round, oblong, or rosette-shaped. Any of these are of equal merit but the spots, however shaped or placed, shall be distinct. Body spots may subtly suggest a mackerel or classic pattern but may not be connected and preference given to spots in a random pattern. A dorsal stripe runs the length of the body to the tip of the tail. The stripe is ideally composed of spots. The markings on the face and forehead shall be typically tabby markings. Underside of the body to have "vest buttons." Legs are barred. On the upper chest there are one or more broken necklaces.

TICKED TABBY PATTERN: body hairs to be ticked with various shades of marking color and ground color. Lighter underside may show tabby markings. Face and legs must show distinct tabby striping. Cat must have at least one distinct necklace.

PATCHED TABBY PATTERN: a patched tabby (torbie) is an established silver, brown, blue, red, cream etc. tabby with patches of red, cream, lavender, fawn, etc. clearly defined on both the body and extremities.

SILVER TABBY: ground color, including lips and chin, pale clear silver. Markings dense black. Nose leather: brick red. Paw pads: black.

BROWN TABBY: ground color brilliant coppery brown. Markings dense black. Lips and chin the same shade as the rings around the eyes. Back of leg black from paw to heel. Nose leather: brick red. Paw pads: black or brown.

BLUE TABBY: ground color, including lips and chin, pale bluish ivory. Markings a very deep blue affording a good contrast with ground color. Warm fawn overtones or patina over the whole. Nose leather: old rose. Paw pads: rose.

RED TABBY: ground color red. Markings deep, rich red. Lips and chin red. Nose leather and paw pads: brick red.

CREAM TABBY: ground color, including lips and chin, very pale cream. Markings buff or cream sufficiently darker than the ground color to afford good contrast but remaining within the dilute color range. Nose leather and paw pads: pink.

CHOCOLATE TABBY: ground color is warm fawn, markings are rich chestnut brown. Nose leather: chestnut, or pink rimmed with chestnut. Paw pads: cinnamon.

CHOCOLATE SILVER TABBY: ground color, including lips and chin, is silver. Markings rich chestnut. Nose leather: chestnut or pink rimmed with chestnut. Paw pads: cinnamon.

CINNAMON TABBY: ground color, including lips and chin, a pale, warm honey, markings a dense cinnamon, affording a good contrast with ground color. Nose leather: cinnamon or coral rimmed with cinnamon. Paw pads: cinnamon.

CINNAMON SILVER TABBY: ground color, including lips and chin, a pale glistening silver, markings a dense cinnamon, affording a good contrast with ground color. Nose leather: cinnamon or coral rimmed with cinnamon. Paw pads: cinnamon.

LAVENDER TABBY: ground color is pale lavender. Markings are a rich lavender, affording a good contrast with ground color. Nose leather: lavender, or pink rimmed with lavender. Paw pads: lavender-pink.

LAVENDER SILVER TABBY: ground color, including lips and chin, a cold clear silver. Markings sound lavender. Nose leather: lavender or pink rimmed with lavender. Paw pads: lavender-pink.

FAWN TABBY: ground color, including lips and chin, pale ivory, markings dense fawn, affording good contrast with ground color. Nose leather and paw pads: pale fawn.

CAMEO TABBY: ground color off-white. Markings red. Nose leather and paw pads: rose.

BLUE SILVER, CREAM SILVER, and FAWN SILVER TABBIES: tabby pattern with colors and leathers same as for corresponding shaded colors.

TORTOISESHELL: black mottled or patched with areas of red or shades of red. Presence of several shades of red acceptable.

BLUE-CREAM: blue mottled or patched with cream.

CHOCOLATE TORTOISESHELL: rich chestnut brown mottled or patched with red or shades of red. Presence of several shades of red acceptable.

CINNAMON TORTOISESHELL: cinnamon mottled or patched with red or shades of red. Presence of several shades of red acceptable.

LAVENDER-CREAM: lavender mottled or patched with cream.

FAWN-CREAM: fawn mottled or patched with cream.

CALICO: white with unbrindled patches of black and red. White predominant on underparts.

DILUTE CALICO: white with unbrindled patches of blue and cream. White predominant on underparts.

FAWN-CREAM CALICO, LAVENDER-CREAM CALICO, and CINNAMON-CREAM CALICO: as for CALICO above, with appropriate marking color.

BI-COLOR: solid, shaded, smoke, tabby, tortoiseshell, pointed or lynx pointed and white, etc. Cats with no more white than a locket and/or button do not qualify for this color class. Such cats shall be judged in the color class of their basic color with no penalty for such locket and/or button.

POINTED PATTERN: body color lighter, with color allowed. Points: mask, ears, legs, tail and feet clearly defined. Mask should not extend over the top of the head. Nose leather and paw pads: appropriate to coat color. The pointed pattern may be combined with ANY other colors (except mink), e.g. lilac-silver point and seal point

SEAL POINT: Nose leather: seal or brick red. Paw pads: seal.

BLUE POINT: Nose leather: blue or brick red. Paw pads: blue.

CHOCOLATE POINT: Nose leather and paw pads: cinnamon, or pink rimmed with cinnamon.

CINNAMON POINT Points light reddish brown, distinctly warmer and lighter than chocolate - the color of a cinnamon stick. Nose leather and paw pads: tan to pinkish beige.

LILAC POINT: Nose leather and paw pads: lavender pink or pink rimmed with lavender.

FAWN POINT Points light lavender with pale cocoa overtones. Nose leather and paw pads: pink and/or a light shade of dusty rose (no blue or lavender tones).

FLAME (RED) POINT: Nose leather and paw pads: flesh or coral pink or red.

CREAM POINT: Nose leather and paw pads: pink or pink rimmed with salmon coral.

SILVER POINT: Nose leather and paw pads: appropriate to pattern and marking color, e.g. chocolate-silver lynx point, seal-silver lynx points etc. With white (shown in the Bi-Color Class).

LYNX POINT PATTERN: body color appropriate to marking and ground color. Mask must be clearly lined with dark stripes vertical on forehead with classic "M" on forehead, horizontal on cheeks and dark spots on whisker pads clearly outlined in dark color edges. Inner ear light with thumbprint on outer ear. Markings dense, clearly defined and broad. Body pattern highly desirable on all lynx points with no penalty for lack thereof. Legs evenly barred with bracelets. The lynx point pattern may be combined with ANY other pattern (except mink) and ANY colors, e.g. lilac-silver lynx point and seal- tortie lynx point with white (shown in the Bi-Color Class).

SEAL LYNX POINT: Nose leather: seal or brick red. Paw pads: seal.

BLUE LYNX POINT: Nose leather: blue or brick red. Paw pads: blue.

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FAWN LYNX POINT Points light lavender with pale cocoa overtones. Nose leather and paw pads: pink and/or a light shade of dusty rose (no blue or lavender tones).

FLAME (RED) LYNX POINT: Nose leather and paw pads: flesh or coral pink or red.

CREAM LYNX POINT: Nose leather and paw pads: pink or pink rimmed with salmon coral.

SILVER LYNX POINT: Nose leather and paw pads: appropriate to pattern and marking color, e.g. chocolate-silver lynx point, seal-silver lynx points, etc. With white (shown in the Bi-Color Class).

MINK PATTERN: body with some color. Contrast between body color and points ranging from subtle to distinct in kittens and young cats. Body pattern highly desirable on all minks with no penalty for lack thereof . Contrast minimal in older cats, particularly in darker colors, tabbies and torties. Points: mask, ears, legs, tail and feet with even color. Nose leather and paw pads: appropriate to coat color. The mink pattern may be combined with ANY other pattern (except pointed) and ANY colors, e.g. natural mink, blue mink, champagne mink, platinum mink, natural mink tabby, blue-cream, tortie mink and platinum-smoke mink with white (shown in Bi-Color Class).

NATURAL MINK: body medium brown, shading to lighter hue on the underparts. Ruddy highlights acceptable. Points are dark brown. Nose leather: dark brown corresponding to the intensity of the point color. Paw pads: medium to dark brown (may have rosy undertone).

CHAMPAGNE MINK: body buff-cream, points medium brown. Nose leather: cinnamon-brown. Paw pads: cinnamon-pink to cinnamon-brown.

BLUE MINK: body blue-grey, shading to lighter hue on the underparts. Fawn overtones permissible. Points slate blue, distinctly darker than body color. Nose leather and paw pads: slate grey (may have rosy undertone).

PLATINUM MINK: body pale, silvery grey with warm overtones. Not white or cream. Points pewter-grey, distinctly darker than the body color. Points may have a lavender cast due to the color of the skin underneath. Nose leather: lavender-pink to lavender-grey. Paw pads: lavender-pink.

OABTC (Other American Bobtail Colors): any other genetically possible color or pattern. Cats with no more than a locket and/or button do not qualify for this class; such cats shall be judged in the color class of their basic color with no penalty for such locket or button.

RATIONALE: The American Bobtail is currently the only CFA Championship breed that has not had its colors and patterns accepted.

YES: 13

NO: 0

BOARD ACTION: DelaBar called the motion. **Motion Carried.** DelaBar voting no.

6. **PROPOSED:** Set forth the following color class

Solid Color Class Numbers to be provided by Central Office

(White, Black, Blue, Red, Cream, Chocolate, Lavender, Cinnamon, Fawn)

RATIONALE: Set forth color class

YES: 13

NO: 0

Angell: This is too soon. Not enough cats have been shown. When we see the numbers that warrant this, then this is fine. **Eigenhauser:** If we are going to break out any class, it would be the tabby colors. **Sylvia:** 62.25% of all the registered American Bobtails are tabbies.

BOARD ACTION: DelaBar called the motion. **Motion Failed.**

7. **PROPOSED:** Set forth the following color class

Tabby Color Class Numbers to be provided by Central Office

(Any solid, tortie or silver color when combined with any tabby pattern (classic, mackerel, patched, spotted, ticked) excluding tabby and white.)

RATIONALE: Set forth color class

YES: 13

NO: 0

BOARD ACTION: DelaBar called the motion. **Motion Failed.** Eigenhauser, White, L. Watson, Anger voting yes.

8. **PROPOSED:** Set forth the following color class

Bi-color/Calico Color Class Numbers to be provided by Central Office

(All colors and patterns (except white), including solid, tabby, shaded, parti-color, lynx pointed, pointed and mink, with any amount of white in any distribution except buttons and lockets.)

RATIONALE: Set forth color class

YES: 13

NO: 0

BOARD ACTION: DelaBar called the motion. **Motion Failed.**

9. **PROPOSED:** Set forth the following color class

Lynx Point/Pointed Color Class Numbers to be provided by Central Office

(Seal, Blue, Chocolate, Red, Cream, Chocolate, Lavender, Cinnamon, Fawn, Seal Silver, Blue Silver, Chocolate Silver, Red Silver, Cream Silver, Lavender Silver, Cinnamon Silver, Fawn Silver)

RATIONALE: Set forth color class

YES: 13

NO: 0

BOARD ACTION: DelaBar called the motion. **Motion Failed.** Anger voting yes.

10. **PROPOSED:** Set forth the following color class

OABTC (Other American Bobtail Colors) Color Class Numbers to be provided by Central Office

(Any other color or pattern as defined in the Show Standards and Other American Bobtail Colors and patterns.)

RATIONALE: Set forth color class

YES: 13

NO: 0

BOARD ACTION: DelaBar called the motion. **Motion Failed.** Eigenhauser voting yes.

AMERICAN SHORTHAIR

Breed Council Secretary: Carol W. Johnson

Total Members: 76

Ballots Received: 58

60% of Voting: 35

1. **PROPOSED:** Accept ticked tabby pattern for championship.

TICKED TABBY PATTERN: Legs evenly barred with bracelets coming up to meet the body markings. Tail evenly ringed. At least one necklace on neck and upper chest. Frown marks on forehead form an intricate letter "M." Stripes on head, neck, tail, with sides to be free of distinct markings. Hocks: to be the same color as markings.

Add ticked to color descriptions currently describing tabby colors. For example:

Current : RED TABBY (classic, mackerel):

Proposed: RED TABBY (classic, mackerel, ticked):

RATIONALE: Ticked tabby is an accepted color in the breed except for a short time in the 1990s. They are dominant when shaded silvers are bred to tabby (either classic or mackerel patterns. Shaded silver in ASH is homozygous for the ticked trait while ticked tabby is heterozygous and tabby is recessive. Ticked tabbies would retain all the same color combinations as tabby (either mackerel or classic), only the pattern would be different.

YES: 32

NO: 25

BOARD ACTION: No action taken.

AMERICAN WIREHAIR

Breed Council Secretary: Gerri Miele

Total Members: 22

Ballots Received: 16

60% of Voting: 10

1. **PROPOSED:** The following Ticked Tabby pattern/color description be ADDED to the AMERICAN WIREHAIR COLORS section of the Breed Standard:

TICKED TABBY PATTERN: The overall appearance is a cat without obvious markings on the body and with the distinct tabby striping on the head, neck, legs, and tail. The hair shafts on the body should be ticked with various shades of the marking color. The marking colors (stripes), ground colors and eye colors are the same as for the classic, mackerel and spotted tabby patterns. When viewed from above, the body is free from obvious spots, strips or blotches, except for darker dorsal shading. The lighter underside may show tabby markings. The cat must have at least one distinct necklace. The hocks are the same color as the tabby marking color.

RATIONALE; American Wirehair cats with the Ticked Tabby pattern/color and their corresponding colors with white, are already being shown as there is nothing in the standard that prohibits it. However, there is no color description. This proposal is simply to add the Ticked Tabby pattern/color description.

YES: 14

NO: 2

BOARD ACTION: DelaBar called the motion. **Motion Carried.**

2. **PROPOSED:** Change the EYES as follows:

CURRENT: EYES: large, round, bright, and clear. Set well apart. Aperture has slight upward tilt.

PROPOSED: EYES: large, rounded, bright and clear. Set well apart. Aperture has a slight upward tilt.

RATIONALE: This is not a large change to our standard, but does more accurately describe what breeders are trying to achieve.

YES: 12

NO: 4

Molino: Is this an effort to provide for the fact that many of the American Wirehairs we are seeing do not have round eyes? They haven't for years. **Johnson:** This is an attempt to correct that. **Kusy:** It's a step in the right direction.

BOARD ACTION: DelaBar called the motion. **Motion Carried.**

3. **PROPOSED:** To ADD the ODD-EYED eye color to the Calico pattern/color description.

CURRENT: white with unbrindled patches of black and red. White predominant on underparts. Eye color: brilliant gold.

PROPOSED: white with unbrindled patches of black and red. White predominant on underparts. Eye color: brilliant gold, odd-eyed shall have one blue and one gold eye with equal color depth.

RATIONALE: This is the addition of the odd-eyed eye color to the calico color pattern/description. Other breeds' standards identify odd-eyed calicos. This is merely a tool to assist judges and breeders when identifying an American Wirehair with this color description.

YES: 11

NO: 5

BOARD ACTION: DelaBar called the motion. **Motion Carried.**

4. **PROPOSED:** To ADD the ODD-EYED eye color to the Dilute Calico pattern/color description.

CURRENT: white with unbrindled patches of blue and cream. White predominant on underparts. Eye color: brilliant gold.

PROPOSED: white with unbrindled patches of blue and cream. White predominant on underparts. Eye color: brilliant gold, odd-eyed shall have one blue and one gold eye with equal color depth.

RATIONALE: This is the addition of the odd-eyed eye color to the calico color pattern/description. Other breeds' standards identify odd-eyed dilute calicos. This is merely a tool to assist judges and breeders when identifying an American Wirehair with this color description.

YES: 11

NO: 5

BOARD ACTION: DelaBar called the motion. **Motion Carried.**

BALINESE/JAVANESE

Balinese Breed Council Secretary: Marguerite Epstein

Javanese Breed Council Secretary: Kris Willison

Total Members: 34

Ballots Received: 29

60% of Voting: 18

INTRODUCTION: This is a proposal to have the Balinese and Javanese breeds merged into one breed to be known as Balinese. Because Balinese and Javanese are usually bred and exhibited by the same individuals, this proposal is felt to be in the best interest of both breeds. For well over a decade Balinese and Javanese Breed Council memberships have overlapped an average of 50-75%. At this time the membership overlap is 79-75%, with 27 individuals on both breed councils. (34 Balinese BC members, 36 Javanese BC members) Balinese and Javanese breeders are dedicated to their long hair cats, proud of the history and accomplishments of both breeds. This proposal for merger is not an attempt to have short hair AOVs placed on the show bench in any color. The board previously approved outcross of the Balinese with certain Javanese, so this merger would not affect the purity of the Balinese. This change would also bring our pointed long hair cats into line with other World Wide registries, CFA being the only registry that distinguishes between the Balinese and Javanese breeds.

In this proposal, two divisions would be allowed for championship competition to be known as the Balinese division and the Javanese division. Litters will be registered as Balinese, cats would registered as Balinese or Javanese (according to color) using the identifiers already in place. Cats would compete in the division and color class that they phenotypically represent.

This merger would bring cats with the same coat length and standard (with the exception of color) into one breed as was originally desired by the founders of the Javanese breed, eliminating most color AOVs. The merger would not allow coat length AOVs to be shown; those imitating the Siamese and Colorpoint Shorthair Breeds. The merged Balinese breed would be unlike any other CFA recognized breed, maintaining that only long hair pointed cats of foreign body type would be recognized for championship.

A merger would also increase CFA Balinese registration and presence in the show ring as many Javanese of the appropriate coat length in the colors Seal Point, Blue Point, Chocolate Point and Lilac Point are often not registered, even though they are now an allowed outcross for the Balinese. (please see statistics below) With the increased flexibility to breed and show our cats with minimal color AOVs we would encourage new breeders and exhibitors of Balinese and decrease the number of cats needed to maintain a healthy breeding program.

2004 - 110 total Javanese registered, including 22 Seal/Blue/Chocolate/Lilac Point (20%)

2005 - 109 total Javanese registered, including 21 Seal/Blue/Chocolate/Lilac Point (19%)

2006 - 85 total Javanese registered, including 24 Seal/Blue/Chocolate/Lilac Point (28%)

NOTE: Cinnamon/Fawn Point AOV colors were accepted for registration in 2004

What follows is the result of merging the two show standards. Eye color has been moved from the individual color descriptions to the main body of the standard under COLOR. Strikeouts and underlines otherwise indicate where the two standards were different.

1. **PROPOSED:**

BALINESE JAVANESE BREED STANDARD

POINT SCORE

HEAD (20)

Long flat profile	6
Wedge, fine muzzle, size	5
Ears	4
Chin.....	3
Width between eyes	2

EYES (5)

Shape, size, slant, and placement.....	5
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BODY (30)

Structure and size, including neck	12
Muscle tone.....	10
Legs and Feet	5
Tail	3

COAT (20)

Length	10
Texture	10

COLOR (25)

Body color.....	10
Point color (matching points of dense color, proper foot pads and nose leather).....	10
Eye color	5

GENERAL: the ideal Balinese Javanese is a svelte cat with long tapering lines, very lithe but strong and muscular. Excellent physical condition. Neither flabby nor bony. Not fat. Eyes clear. Because of the longer coat the Balinese Javanese appears to have softer lines and less extreme type than other breeds of cats with similar type.

HEAD: long, tapering wedge. Medium size in good proportion to body. The total wedge starts at the nose and flares out in straight lines to the tips of the ears forming a triangle, with no break at the whiskers. No less than the width of an eye between the eyes. When the whiskers and face hair are smoothed back, the underlying bone structure is apparent. Allowance must be made for jowls in the stud cat.

SKULL: flat. In profile, a long straight line should be felt from the top of the head to the tip of the nose. No bulge over the eyes. No dip in nose.

EARS: strikingly large, pointed, wide at base, continuing the lines of the wedge.

EYES: almond shaped. Medium size. Neither protruding nor recessed. Slanted towards the nose in harmony with lines of wedge and ears. Uncrossed.

NOSE: long and straight. A continuation of the forehead with no break.

MUZZLE: fine, wedge-shaped.

CHIN and JAW: medium size. Tip of chin lines up with tip of nose in the same vertical plane. Neither receding nor excessively massive.

BODY: medium size. Graceful, long, and svelte. A distinctive combination of fine bones and firm muscles. Shoulders and hips continue same sleek lines of tubular body. Hips never wider than shoulders. Abdomen tight. The male may be somewhat larger than the female.

NECK: long and slender.

LEGS: bone structure long and slim. Hind legs higher than front. In good proportion to body.

PAWS: dainty, small, and oval. Toes: five in front and four behind.

TAIL: bone structure long, thin, tapering to a fine point. Tail hair spreads out like a plume.

COAT: medium length, fine, silky without downy undercoat lying close to the body, the coat may appear shorter than it is. Hair is longest on the tail.

COLOR: BODY: even, with subtle shading when allowed. Allowance should be made for darker color in older cats as Balinese Javanese generally darken with age, but there must be definite contrast between body color and points. **POINTS:** mask, ears, legs, feet, tail dense and clearly defined. All of the same shade. Mask covers entire face including whisker pads and is connected to ears by tracings. Mask should not extend over top of head. No ticking or white hairs in points. **EYE COLOR:** Deep vivid blue.

PENALIZE: lack of pigment in the nose leather and/or paw pads in part, or in total, except as allowed in the color definitions for lynx and tortie points. Crossed eyes. Visible protrusion of the cartilage at the end of the sternum under normal handling. Soft or mushy body.

DISQUALIFY: any evidence of illness or poor health. Weak hind legs. Mouth breathing due to nasal obstruction or poor occlusion. Malocclusion resulting in either undershot or overshot chin. Emaciation. Visible kink in tail. Eyes other than blue. White toes and/or feet. Incorrect number of toes. Definite double coat (i.e., downy undercoat).

COLORS - BALINESE DIVISION

SEAL POINT: body even pale fawn to cream, warm in tone, shading gradually into lighter color on the stomach and chest. Points deep seal brown. Nose leather and Paw pads: same color as points. ~~Eye color: deep vivid blue.~~

CHOCOLATE POINT: body ivory with no shading. Points milk-chocolate color, warm in tone. Nose leather and Paw pads: cinnamon-pink. ~~Eye color: deep vivid blue.~~

BLUE POINT: body bluish white, cold in tone, shading gradually to white on stomach and chest. Points deep blue. Nose leather and Paw pads: slate-colored. ~~Eye color: deep vivid blue.~~

LILAC POINT: body glacial white with no shading. Points frosty grey with pinkish tone. Nose leather and Paw pads: lavender-pink. ~~Eye color: deep vivid blue.~~

COLORS - JAVANESE DIVISION

Solid Color Point Colors

RED POINT (including smoke & silver): body clear white with any shading in the same tone as points. Points: bright apricot to deep red, deeper shades preferred, with lack of barring desirable. Nose leather and paw pads: flesh or coral pink. ~~Eye color: deep vivid blue.~~

CREAM POINT (including smoke & silver): body clear white with any shading in the same tone as points. Points: pale buff cream to light pinkish cream, lack of barring desirable. Nose leather and paw pads: flesh to coral pink. ~~Eye color: deep vivid blue.~~

Lynx Point Colors

SEAL LYNX POINT (including smoke & silver): body cream or pale fawn, shading to lighter color on stomach and chest. Body shading may take form of ghost striping. Points: seal brown bars, distinct and separated by lighter background color; ears seal brown with paler thumbprint in center. Nose leather: seal brown permitted, pink edged in seal brown preferred. Paw pads: seal brown. ~~Eye color: deep vivid blue.~~

CHOCOLATE LYNX POINT (including smoke & silver): body ivory. Body shading may take form of ghost striping. Points: warm milk-chocolate bars, distinct and separated by lighter background color; ears warm milk-chocolate with paler thumbprint in center. Nose leather: cinnamon permitted, pink edged in cinnamon preferred. Paw pads: cinnamon. ~~Eye color: deep vivid blue.~~

BLUE LYNX POINT (including smoke & silver): body bluish white to platinum grey, cold in tone, shading to lighter color on stomach and chest. Body shading may take form of ghost striping. Points: deep blue-grey bars, distinct and separated by lighter background color; ears deep blue-grey with paler thumbprint in center. Nose leather: slate-colored permitted, pink edged in slate preferred. Paw pads: slate-colored. ~~Eye color: deep vivid blue.~~

LILAC LYNX POINT (including smoke & silver): body glacial white. Body shading may take form of ghost striping. Points: frosty grey with pinkish tone bars, distinct and separated by lighter background color; ears frosty grey with pinkish tone, paler thumbprint in center. Nose leather: lavender-pink permitted, pink edged in lavender-pink preferred. Paw pads: lavender-pink. ~~Eye color: deep vivid blue.~~

RED LYNX POINT (including smoke & silver): body white. Body shading may take form of ghost striping. Points: deep red bars, distinct and separated by lighter background color; ears deep red, paler thumbprint in center. Nose leather and paw pads: flesh or coral pink. ~~Eye color: deep vivid blue.~~

CREAM LYNX POINT (including smoke & silver): body clear white. Body shading may take form of ghost striping. Points: bars of pale buff cream to light pinkish cream, distinct and separated by lighter background color; ears pale buff cream to light pinkish cream, paler thumbprint in center. Nose leather and paw pads: flesh to coral pink. ~~Eye color: deep vivid blue.~~

SEAL-TORTIE LYNX POINT (including smoke & silver): body cream or pale fawn, shading to lighter color on stomach and chest. Body shading may take form of ghost striping and/or cream mottling. Points: seal brown bars, distinct and separated by lighter background color; ears seal brown with paler thumbprint in center. Random mottling of red and/or cream overlays the markings of the points. Nose leather: seal brown permitted, pink edged in seal brown preferred, flesh or coral pink mottling may be present. Paw pads: seal brown, or seal brown mottled with flesh or coral pink. NOTE: these cats resemble lynx points more than tortie points. ~~Eye color: deep vivid blue.~~

CHOCOLATE-TORTIE LYNX POINT (including smoke & silver): body ivory. Body shading may take form of ghost striping and/or cream mottling. Points: warm milk-chocolate bars, distinct and separated by lighter background color; ears warm milk-chocolate with paler thumbprint in center. Random mottling of red and/or cream overlays the markings of the points. Nose leather: cinnamon permitted, pink edged in cinnamon preferred, flesh or coral pink mottling may be present. Paw pads: cinnamon, or cinnamon mottled with flesh or coral

pink. NOTE: these cats resemble lynx points more than tortie points. ~~Eye color: deep vivid blue.~~

BLUE-CREAM LYNX POINT (including smoke & silver): body bluish white to platinum grey, cold in tone, shading to lighter color on stomach and chest. Body shading may take form of ghost striping and/or cream mottling. Points: deep blue-grey bars, distinct and separated by lighter background color; ears deep blue-grey with paler thumbprint in center. Random mottling of cream overlays the markings of the points. Nose leather: slate-colored permitted, pink edged in slate preferred, flesh or coral pink mottling may be present. Paw pads: slate-colored, or slate mottled with flesh or coral pink. NOTE: these cats resemble lynx points more than tortie points. ~~Eye color: deep vivid blue.~~

LILAC-CREAM LYNX POINT (including smoke & silver): body glacial white. Body shading may take form of ghost striping and/or cream mottling. Points: frosty grey with pinkish tone bars, distinct and separated by lighter background color; ears frosty grey with pinkish tone, paler thumbprint in center. Random mottling of cream overlays the markings of the points. Nose leather: lavender-pink permitted, pink edged in lavender-pink preferred, flesh or coral pink mottling may be present. Paw pads: lavender-pink, or lavender-pink mottled with flesh or coral pink. NOTE: these cats resemble lynx points more than tortie points. ~~Eye color: deep vivid blue.~~

Parti-Color Point Colors

SEAL-TORTIE POINT (including smoke & silver): body pale fawn to cream, shading to lighter color on stomach and chest. Body color may be mottled with cream in older cats. Points: seal brown, randomly mottled with red and/or cream. Nose leather and paw pads: seal brown; flesh or coral pink mottling desirable. ~~Eye color: deep vivid blue.~~

CHOCOLATE-TORTIE POINT (including smoke & silver): body ivory, may be mottled in older cats. Points: warm milk-chocolate randomly mottled with red and/or cream. Nose leather and paw pads: cinnamon; flesh or coral pink mottling desirable. ~~Eye color: deep vivid blue.~~

BLUE-CREAM POINT (including smoke & silver): body bluish white to platinum grey, cold in tone, shading to lighter color on stomach and chest. Body color may be mottled in older cats. Points: deep blue-grey randomly mottled with cream. Nose leather and paw pads: slate-colored; flesh or coral pink mottling desirable. ~~Eye color: deep vivid blue.~~

LILAC-CREAM POINT (including smoke & silver): body glacial white; mottling, if any, in the shade of the points. Points: frosty grey with pinkish tone, randomly mottled with pale cream; a blaze is desirable. Nose leather and paw pads: lavender-pink; flesh or coral pink mottling desirable. ~~Eye color: deep vivid blue.~~

AOV COLORS

CINNAMON POINT (including smoke & silver): body ivory with no shading. Points light reddish brown, distinctly warmer and lighter than chocolate - the color of a cinnamon stick. Nose leather and paw pads: tan to pinkish beige. ~~Eye color: deep vivid blue.~~

FAWN POINT (including smoke & silver): body glacial white with no shading. Points light lavender with pale cocoa overtones. Nose leather and paw pads: pink and/or a light shade of dusty rose (no blue or lavender tones). ~~Eye color: deep vivid blue.~~

CINNAMON LYNX POINT (including smoke & silver): body ivory. Body shading may take form of ghost striping. Points light reddish brown bars, distinct and separated by lighter

background color; ears cinnamon with paler thumbprint in center. Nose leather: tan to pinkish beige permitted, pink edged in tan preferred. Paw pads: tan to pinkish beige. ~~Eye color: deep vivid blue.~~

FAWN LYNX POINT (including smoke & silver): body glacial white. Body shading may take form of ghost striping. Points light lavender bars with pale cocoa overtones, distinct and separated by lighter background color; ears fawn, paler thumbprint in center. Nose leather: dusty rose permitted, pink edged in dusty rose preferred. Paw pads: dusty rose. ~~Eye color: deep vivid blue.~~

CINNAMON-TORTIE LYNX POINT (including smoke & silver): body ivory. Body shading may take form of ghost striping and/or mottling. Points light reddish brown bars, distinct and separated by lighter background color; ears cinnamon with paler thumbprint in center. Random mottling of red and/or cream overlays the markings of the points. Nose leather: tan to pinkish beige permitted, pink edged in tan preferred, flesh or coral pink mottling may be present. Paw pads: tan to pinkish beige, may be mottled with flesh or coral pink. NOTE: these cats resemble lynx points more than tortie points. ~~Eye color: deep vivid blue.~~

FAWN-CREAM LYNX POINT (including smoke & silver): body glacial white. Body shading may take form of ghost striping and/or mottling. Points: light lavender bars with pale cocoa overtones, distinct and separated by lighter background color; ears fawn, paler thumbprint in center. Random mottling of cream overlays the markings of the points. Nose leather: dusty rose permitted, pink edged in dusty rose preferred, flesh or coral pink mottling may be present. Paw pads: dusty rose, may be mottled with flesh or coral pink. NOTE: these cats resemble lynx points more than tortie points. ~~Eye color: deep vivid blue.~~

CINNAMON-TORTIE POINT (including smoke & silver): body ivory, may be mottled in older cats Points: light reddish brown, randomly mottled with red and/or cream. Nose leather and paw pads: tan to pinkish beige; flesh or coral pink mottling desirable. ~~Eye color: deep vivid blue.~~

FAWN-CREAM POINT (including smoke & silver): body glacial white; mottling, if any, in the shade of the points. Points: light lavender with pale cocoa overtones, randomly mottled with pale cream. Nose leather and paw pads: dusty rose; flesh or coral pink mottling desirable. ~~Eye color: deep vivid blue.~~

The following information is for reference purposes only and not an official part of the CFA Show Standard.

Balinese ~~Javanese~~ Color Class Numbers

Balinese Division

Chocolate Point.....	1270	1271
Seal Point	1272	1273
Lilac Point.....	1274	1275
Blue Point	1276	1277
AOV (shorthairs)	1298	1299

Javanese Division

EYES and EYE COLOR (25)

Shape.....	15
Color	10

Balinese Javanese allowable outcross breeds: Balinese, Javanese, Colorpoint Shorthair, Siamese or Oriental Longhair*.

*Certain limited outcrossing is permissible to the Oriental Longhair on litters born on or prior to 12/31/2010, contact the CFA Central Office for details.

YES: 27

NO: 0

Balinese Breed Council Secretary Marguerite Epstein: *My name is Marguerite Epstein and I am the secretary of the Balinese Breed council. The Ballot proposals you have in front of you were formulated through close cooperation of both Balinese and Javanese Breed Council Secretaries and Council members. Since both councils are in complete agreement with these proposals, Kris Willison, the Javanese BC sec and I will each address different sections of the ballot. I will speak first about Proposal 1, the Merger of the Balinese and Javanese into one breed with two divisions. Please understand whichever one of us is speaking to these proposals, we are speaking with one voice.*

In late 2006, the Balinese and Javanese Breed council members started discussion of a merger following presentation to our councils of proposals from another breed council. As time was short, we went with their ballot as written instead of trying to formulate a merger proposal. So, as you see, the council members had already made their thoughts known to us prior to the 2007 February board meeting. Following that BOD meeting we were requested by certain board members to poll our memberships on the subject of merging all the foreign body type cats with the exception of the Siamese. We re polled our memberships, I sent out individual emails to all Council members and an internet poll was formulated. The ballot presented for your approval today is the result of that poll, breed council meetings and correspondence with our members. The majority of our members were in agreement that the time had come for the Balinese and Javanese breeds to become one. In addition they were quite clear that under no circumstances would a merger with the Orientals be deemed acceptable. Our focus as breeders and exhibitors has always been longhaired pointed cats of foreign body type.

As you can see each of these Ballot proposals passed both the Balinese and Javanese Breed Councils with an overwhelming majority. The Balinese BC has a total of 34 members. 29 ballots were returned. 60% of entire membership would be 20. Item 1 passed with 27 Bali members voting yes and 2 choosing to abstain. The rest of the ballot items were essentially identical in outcome. Of the 36 Javanese BC members, 30 ballots were returned. 22 members would constitute 60% of the entire membership. Ballot item 1 passed with 29 yes votes and 1 abstention. Again, the remaining proposals followed the same trend as item 1.

What we are asking for in this proposal is to have the Balinese and Javanese breeds merged into one breed to be known as Balinese with two divisions. Because Balinese and Javanese are usually bred and exhibited by the same individuals, this proposal is felt to be in the best interest of both breeds. For well over a decade Balinese and Javanese Breed Council memberships have overlapped an average of 50-75%. At this time the membership overlap is 79-75%, Balinese and Javanese respectively.

Balinese and Javanese breeders are dedicated to their long hair cats, proud of the history and accomplishments of both breeds. We feel that our breeds are distinct from the other foreign body cats as they are both pointed and long haired. The merged Balinese breed would be unlike any other CFA recognized breed, neither resembling the shorthaired Siamese or

Colorpoints, or the self patterned Orientals. We maintain that only long hair pointed cats of foreign body type would be recognized for championship as Balinese/Javanese.

A merger of the Balinese and Javanese should have no impact on the Siamese and Colorpoints. Our shorthaired variants are valuable additions to our breeding programs, but do not belong in the show ring except as AOVs.

This merger would bring cats with the same coat length and standard (with the exception of color) into one breed as was originally desired by the founders of the Javanese breed, eliminating most color AOVs.

A merger would also increase CFA Balinese registration and presence in the show ring as many Javanese of the appropriate coat length in the colors Seal Point, Blue Point, Chocolate Point and Lilac Point are not registered, even though they are now an allowed outcross for the Balinese. The last three year's registrations statistics show that no less than 20% of all Javanese registered each year were Seal/Blue/Chocolate/Lilac Point, phenotypically identical to the Balinese.

With the increased flexibility to breed and show our cats with minimal color AOVs we would encourage new breeders and exhibitors of Balinese and Javanese and decrease the number of cats needed to maintain a healthy breeding program.

The board previously approved outcross of the Balinese with certain Javanese, and Oriental Longhairs, so merging the breeds would not affect the "so called" purity of the Balinese. Certain Balinese are now hybridized and that can't be changed.

This merger would also bring our pointed long hair cats into line with other World Wide registries, CFA being the only registry that distinguishes between the Balinese and Javanese breeds. We are not saying that CFA should blindly "follow the leader", but standardizing the breeds across the world not only ease importation of cats from registry to registry, but also makes it easier for the public to recognize our cats.

In this proposal, two divisions would be allowed for championship competition to be known as the Balinese division and the Javanese division. Litters will be registered as Balinese, cats would registered as Balinese or Javanese (according to color) using the identifiers already in place. Cats would compete in the division and color class that they phenotypically represent.

The revised standard is the result of merging the two original show standards. As you can see, there were minimal changes as the standards were nearly identical. Eye color has been moved from the individual color descriptions to the main body of the standard under COLOR as a housekeeping measure. Strikeouts and underlines otherwise indicate where the two standards were different.

Lastly, I personally feel that with this ballot I have achieved the goals I set forth for myself as Balinese Breed Secretary. I do not plan to run for Breed Secretary for the next term of office. In light of this, if this merger is approved by the Board, and you feel that it would be appropriate to appoint one of us as the Breed Council Secretary of the newly merged breed, with the Board's approval I would prefer to step aside so you may appoint Kris Willison to the office if you so choose. Kris' experience with both breeds over the last 35 years gives me the utmost

confidence that she can fill this role and I, as always, will be available to lend my support and assistance.

BOARD ACTION: DelaBar called the motion. **Motion Carried.** Molino voting no.

Just as when the Himalayans were merged with the Persians, it is necessary to retain our current breed identifiers for current and future generations. This will allow breeders wishing to work with “pure” lines to identify cats according to registration number. It will also protect our ability to export cats to other registries that require 5 generations of pointed to pointed ancestry for Balinese imports. What follows is a review of the Rules of Registration and a simplification of recent years ballot items - how we wish them to apply to the combined Balinese/Javanese Breed.

Summary

- **127#** “historical” Balinese series, to be reserved for cats with minimum of 5 generations Seal/Blue/Chocolate/Lilac Point ancestry
 - **20##** “historical” Javanese series, to be reserved for cats with a minimum of 5 generations pointed to pointed ancestry
 - **40 ##** hybrid Javanese series approved 2/2004, indicates Javanese with 5### CPHS or Oriental LH ancestry. 48 registered through 22-Aug-2007, 4 have graded
 - **128#** hybrid Balinese series approved 2/2005, indicates Balinese with Javanese or Oriental LH ancestry. 11 registered through 22-Aug-2007
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2. PROPOSED:

a) Rules of Registration: ARTICLE III - BREED CLASSIFICATION (excerpt)

Section 3 - Hybrids:

Balinese Javanese: Balinese, Javanese, Colorpoint Shorthair, Siamese or Oriental Longhair*.

*Certain limited outcrossing is permissible to the Oriental Longhair on litters born on or prior to 12/31/2010, contact the CFA Central Office for details.

Section 4 - Mutations:

~~**Balinese:** Balinese, Siamese, Javanese* or Oriental Longhair*. *Certain limited outcrossing is permissible to the Javanese or Oriental Longhair, contact the CFA Central Office for details.~~

b) Breedings between Balinese, Javanese, Siamese and Colorpoint SH (traditional outcrosses):

- Offspring resulting from a 127# and 20##/40## breeding should be assigned the 20/40## identifier (according to the “Javanese” parent). Seal/Blue/Chocolate/Lilac Points are to be registered as Balinese, all other colors as Javanese.
- Offspring resulting from a 128# and 20##/40## breeding should be assigned the 40## identifier. Seal/Blue/Chocolate/Lilac Points are to be registered as Balinese, all other colors as Javanese.

- Offspring resulting from breedings to Siamese should be treated as before, the offspring to be assigned the same identifier as the Balinese/Javanese parent (127#/128#/20##/40##).
- Seal/Blue/Chocolate/Lilac Points are to be registered as Balinese, all other colors as Javanese.
- Offspring resulting from breedings to Colorpoint SH should be treated as before, the offspring to be assigned the 20## identifier except where one parent carries an identifier indicating Oriental ancestry (128#/40##/5###) in which case the offspring should be assigned the 40## identifier. Seal/ Blue/ Chocolate/ Lilac Points are to be registered as Balinese, all other colors as Javanese.

c) Limited outcrossing to 4### series Orientals:

- 2004 Ballot - approved at 2005 BOD meeting:

Permit breeding of 127# series Balinese to AOV Javanese and to AOV 4### series Orientals (LH and LHC) of appropriate color (Seal/Blue/Chocolate/Lilac Point), offspring to receive a unique identifier. (cutoff - DOB 12/31/2010).

- 2003 Ballot - approved at 2004 BOD meeting (greatly summarized):

Proposed that Javanese be allowed to outcross to Pointed 4### series Orientals (excluding pointed and white). Resulting offspring are to be identified by a separate “breed code” to indicate Oriental ancestry. (no cutoff)

Revised, to apply to combined Balinese/Javanese Breed:

Permit breeding of any Balinese or Javanese to Pointed 4### series Orientals (excluding pointed and white). Resulting offspring to be registered using the 40## identifier to indicate Oriental ancestry. Seal/Blue/Chocolate/Lilac Points are to be registered as Balinese, all other colors as Javanese. (cutoff - DOB 12/31/2010)

d) Transfer via Certified Pedigree, 2005 Ballots – approved at Feb 2006 BOD meeting:

- Permit registration via 3 generation certified pedigree of 128# series Balinese. (cutoff – DOB 12/31/2010). Transferred animals of appropriate coat length would be eligible for championship competition.
- Permit registration via 3 generation certified pedigree of 40## series Javanese (cutoff - none). Transferred animals of appropriate color and coat length would be eligible for championship competition.

Revised, to apply to combined Balinese/Javanese Breed:

Permit registration via 3 generation certified pedigree. Cats to be registered using the 40## identifier. Seal/Blue/Chocolate/Lilac Points are to be registered as Balinese, all other colors as Javanese. (cutoff - none)

5 generation certified pedigree will still be required for 127#/20## transfers. Seal/Blue/Chocolate/Lilac Points to be registered as Balinese, all other colors as Javanese.

- e) **Inter-registry Transfer**, 2004 Ballots - approved at 2005 BOD meeting. It was agreed that a correction fee would be appropriate.

- Permit re-registration (inter-registry transfer) of 128#, 20##, 40## series Balinese with a minimum of 5 generations acceptable colors (Seal/Blue/Chocolate/ Lilac Point) as 127# series Balinese. (no cutoff)
- Permit re-registration (inter-registry transfer) of 40## series Javanese with a minimum of 5 generations acceptable colors (all pointed, no bi-colors) as 20## series Javanese. (no cutoff date)

Add Seal/Blue/Chocolate/Lilac Points with “Javanese” numbers to cats transferable to 127# Balinese.

YES: 29

NO: 0

Javanese Breed Council Secretary Kris Willison: *With regards to item 2 on the ballot, just as when the Himalayans were merged with the Persians, it is necessary to retain our current breed identifiers for current and future generations. This will allow breeders wishing to work with “pure” lines to identify cats according to registration number. It will also protect our ability to export cats to other registries that require 5 generations of pointed to pointed ancestry for Balinese imports.*

Item 2 on the ballot reviews the Rules of Registration and simplifies recent year's ballot items (previously approved by the Board) and how we wish them to apply to the combined Balinese/Javanese Breed.

- Reclassifies the combined breed under hybrids rather than mutations.*
- Reviews the manner in which breedings between Balinese, Javanese, Siamese & Colorpoints (traditional outcrosses) are to be handled, the registration prefixes assigned in each instance.*
- Revisits outcrossing to LH pointed Orientals, as previously approved at the 2004 & 2005 Board meetings using the 2010 outcross deadline that was agreed upon for the Balinese.*
- Revisits the 3 generation transfer via certified pedigree as approved at the 2006 Board meeting.*
- Revisits the inter registry transfer/re registration of cats w/ hybrid numbers after 5 generations acceptable ancestry, as approved at the 2005 Board meeting.*

Willison: The majority of these items were passed at recent board meetings. #1 takes us out of mutation and puts us into hybrid. #2 (a) transfers us from mutation to hybrid. (b) clarifies for Central Office the breedings between Balinese, Javanese, Siamese and Colorpoint Shorthairs, and how the numbers are to be assigned. (c) We want to permit breeding of any Balinese or Javanese to pointed 4000-series Orientals and pointed and white. The resulting offspring to be registered using the 4000-series identifiers indicating Oriental ancestry. Cut-off 12/31/2010. (d) Transfer via certified pedigree, using a 3 generation certified pedigree to bring in hybridized numbered Balinese or hybridized numbered Javanese and will be assigned a four zero identifier. Basically, just simplify what has already been approved. (e) Then we had approved inter-registry transfer once the hybridized cats have a 5 generations acceptable ancestry, to re-registered the cat. All these are either already in effect or were previously approved.

BOARD ACTION: DelaBar called the motion. **Motion Carried.** DelaBar voting no.

The following three are a rewrite of the 2006 proposals submitted by the Oriental Breed Council. These cats are already allowable outcrosses for both the Balinese and Javanese, although in the case of the Balinese there is a cutoff DOB of 12/31/2010.

In the event that the proposals for a merger of the Balinese and Javanese breeds receive the needed 60% affirmative vote of both breed councils, plus the approval of the CFA Board... the first will be withdrawn. The second two will still negate the need to return prior to 2010 to extend the outcross to pointed Oriental LH/LHC. These breedings will still be registered as Oriental, the cats registered as Oriental before a "corrected" registration can be requested. It is expected that the owner will be responsible for whatever fee is currently in effect for a "corrected" registration.

3. **PROPOSED:** That the following cats may be re-registered as Balinese with appropriate identifier (128#): any Javanese of the following colors only: Blue Point, Chocolate Point, Lilac Point and Seal Point. Cats of appropriate coat length to be eligible for championship competition. Cutoff DOB - 12/31/2020

YES: 28

NO: 0

Withdrawn.

4. **PROPOSED:** That the following cats may be re-registered as Balinese with appropriate identifier (128#): any 4### series Oriental of the following colors only: Blue Point, Chocolate Point, Lilac Point and Seal Point. Cats of appropriate coat length to be eligible for championship competition. Cutoff DOB - 12/31/2020

YES: 27

NO: 2

Kusy: This question was on the Oriental ballot and it did not pass. **Willison:** You are registering all kittens as Orientals and then re-registering. **Kusy:** We would ultimately be registering multiple breeds where neither parent is a cat of that breed.

BOARD ACTION: DelaBar called the motion. **Motion Failed.** Eigenhauser, L. Watson, Shaffer, J. Watson voting yes.

5. **PROPOSED:** That the following cats may be re-registered as Javanese with appropriate identifier (40####): any 4#### series Oriental of the following colors: Cream Point, Red Point, Blue-Cream Point, Chocolate-Tortie Point, Lilac-Cream Point, Seal-Tortie Point, Blue Lynx Point, Blue-Cream Lynx Point, Chocolate Lynx Point, Chocolate-Tortie Lynx Point, Cream Lynx Point, Lilac Lynx Point, Lilac-Cream Lynx Point, Red Lynx Point, Seal Lynx Point, Seal-Tortie Lynx Point, Cinnamon Lynx Point, Cinnamon Point, Cinnamon-Tortie Lynx Point, Cinnamon-Tortie Point, Fawn Lynx Point, Fawn Point, Fawn-Cream Lynx Point, Fawn-Cream Point, Blue Point, Chocolate Point, Lilac Point and Seal Point. (including Smoke and Silver) Cats of appropriate coat length and color to be eligible for championship competition. Cutoff - DOB 12/31/2020

YES: 27

NO: 2

Willison: *The reason we are asking to re register pointed 4##### series Oriental AOVs as Balinese and Javanese is that these cats, for the most part are already in our homes and part of our breeding programs as approved by the CFA Board in 2004/2005 respectively.*

With increasing legislation and decreasing entries at our shows, all can benefit from these proposals. The cats would initially be litter and individually registered as Orientals. Those that are phenotypically identical to the Balinese and Javanese could then be re registered as Balinese or Javanese, with the per responsible for whatever fee is currently in effect for a "corrected" registration. CFA will thus receive double fees for each cat transferred. The individual breeders will benefit by the reduction of AOVs housed to maintain a healthy breeding program. The clubs will benefit as breeders transfer animals and begin showing them.

This will also negate the need to return prior to 2010 to extend the current outcross to pointed Oriental LH/LHC. The cutoff deadline of 2020 should be more than sufficient to expand our gene pool while increasing the numbers of Balinese and Javanese being registered and shown. Over the past 3 years, CFA records indicate that less than 2 dozen cats might be eligible for this re registration, but it can be assumed that many more of these AOVs have been produced yet not registered - simply sold as pets. The numbers may seem negligible, but in minority breeds such as ours a few dozen more cats eligible for registration and exhibition would be significant.

Miller: I commend you for your cooperation and working this out with two breeds. This is a major step forward for the health of these breeds. My only concern is that the existing Balinese standard doesn't mention body striping or ghost striping, but Javanese does. We need that in the standard eventually. **Baugh:** My concern is that longhair Orientals can produce a pointed cat. Will pointed Orientals be able to be shown as Balinese? **Willison:** They will have to send in their Oriental registration slip to Central Office with a fee and re-register it as a Balinese. **Baugh:** Even though they are out of two Oriental cats? **Kusy:** Loretta is talking about the re-registration of longhair pointed Orientals as Balinese. That is not included in the merger. It's a separate question. If you don't support that concept, you could still vote to support the merger. **Wilson:** It is too difficult to create a super group with multiple divisions at this time.

BOARD ACTION: DelaBar called the motion. **Motion Failed.** Eigenhauser, L. Watson and Shaffer voting yes.

BIRMAN

Breed Council Secretary: Jeri Zottoli

Total Members: 91

Ballots Received: 74

60% of Voting: 45

1. Do you feel, as a breeder and exhibitor of Birman, that you are affected by and therefore opposed to the advancement of mitted Ragdolls from AOV to Championship status?

RATIONALE: The Ragdoll Breed Council has requested advancement of the mitted and colorpoint Ragdoll patterns from AOV to Championship status at the February 2008 Board meeting.

YES: 71

NO: 3

BOARD ACTION: Information only – no action taken.

2. Do you feel, as a breeder and exhibitor of Birman, that you are affected by and therefore opposed to the advancement of pointed Ragdolls from AOV to Championship status.

RATIONALE: The Ragdoll Breed Council has requested advancement of the mitted and colorpoint Ragdoll patterns from AOV to Championship status at the February 2008 Board meeting.

YES: 66

NO: 8

BOARD ACTION: Information only – no action taken.

3. **PROPOSED:** Remove AOV 2198 and 2199 color classes from the Birman breed standard.

RATIONALE: At the Breed Council Secretary's meeting with the CFA Board in Austin TX, the breed councils were asked to define their AOVs if there are any in the standard. The Birman has no AOV colors so these color class numbers should be eliminated.

YES: 46

NO: 27

BOARD ACTION: DelaBar called the motion. Motion Carried.

BOMBAY

Breed Council Secretary: Donna Hetherington

Total Members: 23

Ballots Received: 17

60% of Voting: 11

1. Should the AOV classification for the Bombay (0412-0413) as it appears in the Show Standards be defined as AOV- Sable?

YES: 20

NO: 34

BOARD ACTION: No action taken.

BRITISH SHORTHAIR

Breed Council Secretary: Barbara Sinbine

Total Members: 55

Ballots Received: 41

60% of Voting: 25

1. **PROPOSED:** Remove the word “level” from the description of “eyes.”

Current: “**EYES:** large, round, well opened. Set wide apart and level.”

Proposed: “**EYES:** large, round, well opened **and** set wide apart. ~~and level.~~”

RATIONALE: This does not change the intent of the British Shorthair eye position or facial expression in any way. CFA judges are trained that the word “level” means that the eye corners must be completely horizontal and in line with each other. When “level” is used, the judges expect to be able to hold a ruler on a horizontal line and have all four corners of the eyes to be in a direct line with each other. Due to the structure of the faces on the British Shorthair, this is not only something that cannot be achieved, but is something that would be undesirable if it were achieved since the British Shorthair face is not flat.

YES: 35

NO: 6

BOARD ACTION: DelaBar called the motion. **Motion Failed.**

2. Please pick one of the following three options, or check “no” for all. Any ballot with multiple “yes” votes for (A), (B), and/or (C) shall be disqualified from this proposal.

Option (A)

Current: BLUE-CREAM: blue and cream to be softly mingled, not patched. Nose leather and paw pads: blue and/or pink. Eye color: gold or copper. Penalize: tabby markings, unbroken color on paws. Solid patches of color. Disqualify: white anywhere.

Proposed: BLUE-CREAM: blue and cream to be softly mingled, ~~not patched.~~ with both colors clearly defined over the whole animal but without any obvious patches of either color, with the exception of a short, narrow blaze which is permissible. Nose leather and paw pads: ~~blue and/or pink~~ pink and/or blue. Eye color: gold or copper. Penalize: tabby markings, unbroken color on paws, ~~Solid patches of color~~ unequal balance of color. Disqualify: white anywhere.

-OR-

Option (B)

Current: TORTOISESHELL: black and rich red to be softly mingled, with both colors clearly defined over the whole animal but without any obvious patches of either color, with the exception of a short, narrow blaze which is permissible. While a single shade of rich red is desirable, the presence of two shades of red should not be heavily penalized. Nose leather and paw pads: pink and/or black. Eye color: gold or copper. Penalize: tabby markings, unbroken color on paws. Unequal balance of color. Disqualify: white anywhere.

Proposed: TORTOISESHELL: black and rich red to be softly mingled, ~~with both colors clearly defined over the whole animal but without any obvious patches of either color, with~~

~~the exception of a short, narrow blaze which is permissible. not patched.~~ While a single shade of rich red is desirable, the presence of two shades of red should not be heavily penalized. Nose leather and paw pads: ~~pink and/or black~~ black and/or pink. Eye color: gold or copper. Penalize: tabby markings, unbroken color on paws, ~~Unequal balance of color. solid patches of color.~~ Disqualify: white anywhere

-OR-

Option (C)

Current: TORTOISESHELL: black and rich red to be softly mingled, with both colors clearly defined over the whole animal but without any obvious patches of either color, with the exception of a short, narrow blaze which is permissible. While a single shade of rich red is desirable, the presence of two shades of red should not be heavily penalized. Nose leather and paw pads: pink and/or black. Eye color: gold or copper. Penalize: tabby markings, unbroken color on paws. Unequal balance of color. Disqualify: white anywhere.

Proposed: TORTOISESHELL: black and red to be softly mingled, ~~with both colors clearly defined over the whole animal but without any obvious patches of either color, with the exception of a short, narrow blaze which is permissible.~~with no large patches. While a single shade of rich red is desirable, the presence of two shades of red should not be heavily penalized. Nose leather and paw pads: ~~pink and/or black~~ black and/or pink. Eye color: gold or copper. Penalize: tabby markings in the black, unbroken color on paws, large solid patches of color. ~~Unequal balance of color.~~ Disqualify: white anywhere

Current: BLUE-CREAM: blue and cream to be softly mingled, not patched. Nose leather and paw pads: blue and/or pink. Eye color: gold or copper. Penalize: tabby markings, unbroken color on paws. Solid patches of color. Disqualify: white anywhere.

Proposed: BLUE-CREAM: blue and cream to be softly mingled, with no large patches ~~not patched~~. Nose leather and paw pads: blue and/or pink. Eye color: gold or copper. Penalize: tabby markings in the blue, unbroken color on paws, large solid patches of color. Disqualify: white anywhere

RATIONALE: For all options above: To make the Blue Cream and Tortoiseshell colors consistent in our standard. Option (A) makes the Blue Cream description consistent with the current Tortoiseshell description. Option (B) makes the Tortoiseshell description consistent with the current Blue Cream description. Option (C) would make both color descriptions consistent with each other, yet simplify and clarify what is being looked for in these two colors. In addition, Option (C) would bring the colors more in line with the description of these colors within other breeds, and still retain the integrity of our intermingled colors rather than large patches of colors.

Reminder: Please vote for **one** of the following three options, or check “no” for all. **Any ballot with multiple “yes” votes for (A), (B), and/or (C) shall be disqualified from this proposal vote.**

<u>2</u>	Yes – Option (A)
<u>4</u>	Yes – Option (B)
<u>12</u>	Yes – Option (C)
<u>21</u>	No – Votes against all Options

BURMESE

Breed Council Secretary: Erika Graf-Webster

Total Members: 88

Ballots Received: 72

60% of Voting: 44

Three minor changes to the Burmese standard are proposed. These changes are of a “housekeeping” nature, and do not intend to change core content of the standard.

1. Merge “Coat” Points

PROPOSED: Combine the points allocated for the individual characteristics of “Coat”.

Current:

COAT (10)

Short 4

Texture 4

Close lying 2

Proposed:

COAT (10)

RATIONALE: The current division of the 10 points for Coat into three categories is too fine-grained, and gives the impression that shortness and texture are twice as important as “close lying”. These three coat characteristics are actually deemed equally important by the breeders.

YES: 30

NO: 42

BOARD ACTION: No action taken.

2. Kitten Color Wording Clean-Up

PROPOSED: Replace wording for sable color in kittens with phrasing that is more consistent with the rest of the language in the standard.

Current: (Kittens are often lighter in color.)

Proposed: Lighter color in kittens is allowed.

RATIONALE: A parenthetical remark seems out of place in a standard. The proposed new wording clearly states that kittens may be lighter in color than mature sable adults.

YES: 36

NO: 36

BOARD ACTION: No action taken.

3. Standardizing the Wording for Eye Color

PROPOSED: Change the eye color description for Sable so that it is consistent for all four colors, e.g., “ranging from yellow to gold”.

Current: BURMESE COLORS, SABLE: “... Eye color: ranges from gold to yellow, ...”

Proposed: BURMESE COLORS, SABLE: "... Eye color: ranging from yellow to gold, ..."

RATIONALE: This housekeeping change standardizes the description for eye color for all four colors.

YES: 35

NO: 36

BOARD ACTION: No action taken.

COLORPOINT SHORTHAIR

Breed Council Secretary: Howard R. Webster

Total Members: 62

Ballots Received: 47

60% of Voting: 29

PROPOSED: Permit registration via 3 generation certified pedigree. Cats to be registered using the 52## identifier. Transferred animals of appropriate colors would be eligible for championship competition.

RATIONALE: The purpose of the above proposal is to encourage and facilitate transfers from foreign registries. At this time a minimum of 5 generations (62 possible ancestors) must be submitted for full registration status as either a 22## or 5### series Colorpoint SH. Cats may be "recorded" for "breeding purposes only" with one less generation. By reducing the number of generations for transfer to 3 (2 for recording purposes) the number of animals that must be checked is reduced significantly. Not only will this help to speed the processing, but will also (hopefully) qualify more animals for transfer. Five generations (4 for recording purposes) would still be required for registration as a 22## series Colorpoint SH.

YES: 23

NO: 24

BOARD ACTION: No action taken.

CORNISH REX

Breed Council Secretary: Sharon McKenzie

Total Members: 59

Ballots Received: 40

60% of Voting: 24

COLOR DESCRIPTION CHANGES/ADDITION

1. **PROPOSED:** Remove the following phrase, which is the second sentence of the current BLUE-CREAM AND WHITE color description “Less than ¼ of body being white”. The BLUE-CREAM AND WHITE color description should read as follows:

Current: BLUE-CREAM AND WHITE: blue with patches of cream softly intermingled (brindled) and white on both body and extremities. Less than 1/4 of body being white. Eye color: gold, blue or odd-eyed.

Proposed: BLUE-CREAM AND WHITE: blue with patches of cream softly intermingled (brindled) and white on both body and extremities. ~~Less than 1/4 of body being white.~~ Eye color: gold, blue or odd-eyed.

RATIONALE: Because it is the intermingling (brindling) of the patches of blue and cream that determine the blue-cream pattern, any amount of white more than a locket would be a blue-cream and white.

YES: 33

NO: 7

BOARD ACTION: DelaBar called the motion. **Motion Carried.**

2. **PROPOSED:** Remove the following phrase, which is the third sentence of the current TORTOISESHELL AND WHITE color description “Less than 1/4 of body being white”. The TORTOISESHELL AND WHITE color description should read as follows:

Current: TORTOISESHELL AND WHITE: black with patches of red softly intermingled (brindled) and white on both body and extremities. Presence of several shades of red acceptable. Less than 1/4 of body being white. Eye color: gold, blue or odd-eyed.

Proposed: TORTOISESHELL AND WHITE: black with patches of red softly intermingled (brindled) and white on both body and extremities. Presence of several shades of red acceptable. ~~Less than 1/4 of body being white.~~ Eye color: gold, blue or odd-eyed.

RATIONALE: Because it is the intermingling (brindling) of the patches of black and red that determine the tortoiseshell pattern, any amount of white more than a locket would be a tortoiseshell and white.

YES: 33

NO: 7

BOARD ACTION: DelaBar called the motion. **Motion Carried.**

3. **PROPOSED:** ADD the following color description for Lynx Point to the POINTED and POINTED AND WHITE.

Current Description:

POINTED: body color can range from white, bluish white, ivory to pale fawn depending on the point color the cat is. The points on the legs, tail, ears and head will be much darker than the body color. Nose leather and paw pads: same color as points. Eye color: blue.

POINTED AND WHITE: a bi-color cat with point color on the head, ears and tail with spots of point color on body and legs along with white. Eye color: blue.

Proposed Description:

POINTED: body color can range from white, bluish white, ivory to pale fawn depending on the point color the cat is. The points on the legs, tail, ears and head will be much darker than the body color. Nose leather and paw pads: same color as points. Eye color: blue.

POINTED AND WHITE: a bi-color cat with point color on the head, ears and tail with spots of point color on body and legs along with white. Eye color: blue.

LYNX POINT: Body color appropriate with point color (red, cream, seal, chocolate, blue, lavender, tortie, blue-cream, and lavender-cream). For example, seal-lynx point body color cream/pale fawn with seal brown stripes/bars on pointed areas—tail, mask, legs. Mask should have a clearly defined “M” marking on the forehead, horizontal on cheeks with spotted whisker pads. Ears solid with no stripes. “Thumbprints”, which are less apparent in dilute colors and kittens, should be visible on the back of the ears. The legs should have clearly defined, varied sized broken strips and/or rings. Tail barred. No striping or mottling on body, but consideration given to shading in older cats. The Lynx Point pattern may be combined with white and shown in the Bi-Color Class. Nose leather and paw pads: appropriate to point color. Eye color: blue

RATIONALE: To more clearly define the pattern variance of the Pointed Cornish Rex since the Cornish Rex has the tabby and pointed pattern allowances.

YES: 27

NO: 12

White: I have yet to see a lynx point. I don't think there are enough of them to support it.
Anger: Maybe that's why we're not seeing them, because they aren't currently described.

BOARD ACTION: DelaBar called the motion. **Motion Carried.** White, Angell and DelaBar voting no.

EGYPTIAN MAU

Breed Council Secretary: Melanie Morgan

Total Members: 46

Ballots Received: 33

60% of Voting: 20

1. **PROPOSED:** Add three generation requirement to existing import policy, new text in bold.

EGYPTIAN MAU IMPORT POLICY

The Egyptian Mau is a natural breed that has no allowable outcrosses. Cats may be imported from any of the countries listed below as defined by their geographical borders:

Afghanistan, Algeria, Bahrain, Egypt, Erythrea, Ethiopia, India, Iran, Iraq, Israel, Jordan, Kuwait, Lebanon, Libya, Morocco, Oman, Pakistan, Palestine, Qatar, Republic of Djibouti, Saudi Arabia, Sudan, Syria, Tunisia, Turkey, United Arab Emirate, Yemen

General requirements:

In order to be accepted into the Egyptian Mau registry the imported cat must:

1. Be at least nine months old.
2. Express spotted pattern only and the following currently accepted show-able colors: silver, bronze and smoke.
3. Have no physical characteristics that would be disqualified per the CFA standard or CFA rules.
4. **The cat shall have a three generation pedigree of known although not necessarily registered parents as proven by DNA parentage. This pedigree of known parents may be obtained while cat is still in originating country, OR once the cat has been imported. Registration will be granted once it is complete and verified by testing.**
5. **A third generation cat or kitten must be confirmed by a designated representative of the Breed Council as determined by the Breed Council Secretary and must be determined to not have any disqualifying characteristics. The designated representative may be a Breed Council member or members who are in close proximity to the imported cat, or the Breed Council Secretary may require that the cat be examined by a CFA judge or judges. The decision as to who the Breed Council Secretary designates for the exam is at the discretion of the Breed Council Secretary.**
6. Have the Breed Council Secretary's confirmation that the cat meets the identification requirements.
7. Imported cat shall be micro-chipped in countries where available either prior to shipping or within ten days of arrival in destination country for those countries where the technology is not available, **regardless of whether the cat has a three generation pedigree or will be the first in the line establishing the three generations.** All supporting documentation shall include the microchip number **for all generations.**

8. All paperwork materials will be reviewed by the Breed Council Secretary who will forward a letter to Central Office certifying that application is complete and that the cat has met the minimum requirements.

REQUIREMENTS FOR IMPORT IDENTIFICATION/APPROVAL:

1. The Breed Council Secretary will review all documentation and photos (must show acceptable pattern and color, including paw pads). The Breed Council Secretary or designated representative must examine the imported cat to rule out disqualifying physical features. The designated representative may be a Breed Council member or members who are in close proximity to the imported cat, or the Breed Council Secretary may require that the cat be examined by **up to** three CFA judges.
2. To maintain identification of the cat through the process, the imported cat shall be micro-chipped in countries where available either prior to shipping or within ten days of arrival in destination country. All supporting documentation must include the microchip number.
3. Notification of intent to register must be reviewed with the Breed Council Secretary. The Breed Council Secretary will notify CFA when the identification/approval process is complete.

RATIONALE: The influx of applications for imports from Egypt has increased significantly in the last year and there is no mechanism for quality control. Many of the applicants simply see the import process as a “cheap” easy way to get breeding cats. Requiring a three generation history will make it clear that this endeavor is an intricate process that involves a significant amount of time, effort and knowledge. It should also give us enough background to be able to identify the major impact that these new cats will have on our breed.

YES: 28

NO: 5

BOARD ACTION: DelaBar called the motion. **Motion Carried.**

2. **PROPOSED:** Change eye color description, including wording for eye color. Penalize and disqualify, as follows:

NEW TEXT in bold:

PENALIZE: short or round head. Pointed muzzle. Small, round or oriental eyes. Cobby or oriental body. Short or whip tail. If no broken necklaces. Pencillings in spotting pattern on torso. Solid stripes on underside of body instead of "vest button" spots. **Lack of any evidence of green in the eye color of cats 8 months or over and** amber cast in eye color in cats over the age of **1 year 6 months**. Poor condition.

DISQUALIFY: lack of spots. Blue eyes. **Lack of green in eye color in cats over the age of 1 year 6 months**. Kinked or abnormal tail. Incorrect number of toes. White locket or button distinctive from other acceptable white-colored areas in color sections of standard.

EGYPTIAN MAU COLORS

EYE COLOR: light green "gooseberry green." ~~Amber cast is acceptable only in young adults up to 11/2 years of age.~~ **Allowance is made for changing eye color, with some discernable green by eight months of age and full green eye color by eighteen months of age. Preference given at all ages for greener eyes.**

RATIONALE: Recently lack of green eye color has become an increasingly widespread problem around the country and cats are granding and retiring without showing any signs of ever developing the required green eye color. More than one judge has remarked that ten points are allotted to eye color, yet our standard makes allowances for development of eye color up to the age of 18 months. They are not sure how to apply the eye color standard, as most of our cats are shown prior to age 18 months, thus falling into the period when eyes are allowed to be changing. Eye color has been recognized as a breed defining characteristic for the Egyptian Mau and this change is designed to clarify that green eye color is not only important but also to give guidance to the judges as to how to address the issue of evolving eye color in our breed.

YES: 28

NO: 5

BOARD ACTION: DelaBar called the motion. Motion Carried.

EXOTIC

Breed Council Secretary: Peter Vanwongerghem

Total Members: 89

Ballots Received: 75

60% of Voting: 45

Divide the Exotic breed into Longhair and Shorthair Divisions. Exotic Longhairs would be registered in the appropriate Exotic color class and be identified by specific registration prefix numbers/letters as Exotic Longhairs (example: 7XXXL prefix numbers, the addition of "L" would indicate "Longhair").

1. **PROPOSED:** Create LH/SH Divisions of Exotic. Provide coat descriptions for both the Exotic Shorthair and the Exotic Longhair. Delete any AOV reference to Longhair.

Current: GENERAL: the ideal Exotic should present an impression of a heavily boned, well balanced cat with a sweet expression and soft, round lines. The large, round eyes set wide apart in a large round head contribute to the overall look and expression. The thick, plush coat softens the lines of the cat and accentuates the roundness in appearance.

Proposed: GENERAL: the ideal Exotic should present an impression of a heavily boned, well balanced cat with a sweet expression and soft, round lines. The large, round eyes set wide apart in a large round head contribute to the overall look and expression. The thick, plush coat of the Exotic Shorthair and the long thick coat of the Exotic Longhair softens soften the lines of the cat and ~~accentuates~~ accentuate the roundness in appearance.

AND

Current: COAT: dense, plush, soft and full of life. Standing out from the body due to a rich, thick undercoat. Medium in length. Acceptable length depends on proper undercoat. Cats with a ruff or tail-feathers (long hair on the tail) shall be transferred to the AOV class.

Proposed: COAT: Exotic Shorthair: dense, plush, soft and full of life. Standing out from the body due to a rich, thick undercoat. Medium in length. Acceptable length depends on proper undercoat. ~~Cats with a ruff or tail-feathers (long hair on the tail) shall be transferred to the AOV class.~~ Exotic Longhair: Long and thick, standing off from the body. Of fine texture, glossy and full of life. Long all over the body, including the shoulders. The ruff immense and continuing in a deep frill between the front legs. Ear and toe tufts long. Brush very full.-

RATIONALE: In an Exotic breeding program both shorthair and longhair kittens are born. Many Exotic Longhairs are of top show quality and they are phenotypically indistinguishable from Persians. Almost 53% of last years Persian BC voted in favor of accepting the Exotic Longhair for Championship status. The designated speaker for the Persian Breed Council has asked the CFA Board last year: "What we ask is very simple: Please extend the Persian Breed Council the courtesy of acknowledging its votes to prevent the Exotic Longhairs from being registered and/or shown as Persians". 93% of last years Exotic Breed Council members voted in favor of accepting the Exotic Longhair for Championship status but by offering three options the votes got split up. By adding a Longhair division to the Exotic breed, we respect the wishes of the Persian Breed Council. It is the best possible compromise for all parties involved at this moment. If the Board chooses to accept this change, look-alikes will be shown in both the Exotic and the Persian breeds. It will require an inactivation of the WIAB policy.

Eigenhauser: Typically, the chair makes a preliminary determination whether this is out of order or not. Was this ruled out of order by the chair? **Jacobberger:** If the Persian breed is affected by this provision of the Exotic ballot, then the Constitution says the Persian breed has to approve the measure by 60% and yet it did not. We've never asked exactly the same question as here, but perhaps we should ask the board for its determination if they believe it is affected in the context of WIAB. **DelaBar:** There is a provision to ask for an exception to policy. **Angell:** Obviously, it does apply. We are talking about two cats that look exactly the same. Year after year this comes up. When I started breeding Scottish Folds, I understood that I would never be able to show my straight-eared cats. I could go down the line with the breeds that have cats that can never be in a show hall. **Shaffer:** I believe the Persian breed is affected, on the basis that they are asking to show a cat that matches the standard for conformation. **L. Watson:** We set aside the policy when we brought in the other color Tonkinese. There's no question that the Exotic longhair looks like a Persian. We have gone past where we can say it's always got to be the same way it was. We need new ideas. The people who are breeding Exotics and having Exotic longhairs are new people. This should be done on a breed-by-breed basis and I do feel that we should entertain this, that we should vote on it, that we should hear what the breed councils have to say and discuss it. **Eigenhauser:** What is a Breed is a board policy that, anytime 10 board members agree, there can be an exception. There can be a change to that policy. My concern is that the CFA Constitution is not subject to change or amendment by the CFA board. The CFA Constitution says we need a 60% vote of the affected breed. For years, we have agonized over what the term "affected breed" means. There are two extreme points of view we could take, and we have never adopted either one of them. The first point of view you could take is that every breed affects every other breed. If your Siamese made a final and my Maine Coon didn't, you affected me. That's one extreme view that we have never taken. The other extreme view is that no breed is affected, that the word "affected" in our Constitution is surplusage and what we really mean is, the breed who's standard is being changed. That's the other extreme point of view, and we've never taken that one, either. What we've done is to dance around how much does a breed have to look different to not affect another breed? Tonkinese is a good example. When pointed Tonkinese first came before the board the first time they passed it, it was ruled out of order because pointed Tonkinese look just like Siamese. So the question is, how much do two breeds have to look alike before they affect each other? We've always said that if two breeds are identical, they affect each other. We agonized over how much they have to look different before they're not affected and we all have different opinions. Reasonable minds can differ but the extreme view that no breed is ever affected by another breed renders the Constitution null and void. We have never taken that extreme a point of view on this board. Longhaired Exotics look like Persians, they groom like Persians, they act like Persians, they are Persians. If we determine that longhair Exotics don't look like Persians enough to affect them, we've essentially taken the word "affected" out of the Constitution and that's too extreme an interpretation. The question is, do they look so much alike that they affect each other, or are there distinguishing characteristics that we can say, this breed is different. To me, longhair Exotics are Persians. They are not different, and therefore they are affected. **Molino:** I understand your logical arguments, but my question is, having said that, what do you do? There is the argument that the longhair Exotic and the Persian are identical, not only phenotypically but genetically. If the answer is that we don't allow them, then we're back to a limbo situation that is untenable. It seems very awkward to me that if you were to favor your position, George, there is no way to execute it. **Eigenhauser:** When it comes to breed standard issues, the general rule is, it's not up to the board to fix. The breed councils present for entertainment a yes or no vote. That's really all we can do. Having said that, there is a work-around to this. If we truly believe

that longhair Exotics should be shown as Persians, showing is a show rule. We can, by show rules, say that an Exotic who phenotypically fits within a certain classification of Persian show as that classification of Persian. That is not part of a breed standard and not subject to the 60% rule. From a Constitutional standpoint, 10 board votes are required to change a show rule, as was done for years with the pointed Orientals; one breed showing in the show ring as another breed and it wasn't subject to the 60% rule because it was not a breed standard change. **Jacobberger:** The proposal before you requires a standard change. We have two things to consider; is it a standard change and, if so, is another breed affected? **Miller:** We're not getting anywhere. I would like to see progress. We could have a professionally facilitated workshop, perhaps in June, with the Exotic and the Persian breed councils, and really try to work it out. **DelaBar:** In a few months, one of our SNP tests will be able to tell us if we have a medium-coat Persian or a longhaired Persian. **Calhoun:** This decision is monumental. This will change our breeds forever, and I don't think we should be making this decision based on financials. That would be the wrong motivation.

Statement to CFA Board

by Nancy Petersen, CFA Persian Breed Council Secretary

I was previously Persian Breed Council Secretary from 1987 until 1995. Questions regarding the acceptance of LH Exotics for CFA championship status were first put on the Persian Breed Council ballot in 1990. Back then, just as now, Exotic breeders wanted to show their AOV LH Exotics and Persian breeders objected.

I believe the issue at hand; that is, the acceptance of AOV LH Exotics for CFA championship status, is much larger and more complex than just a Persian/Exotic, Siamese/Oriental, or even an AOV issue. CFA seems to have been wrestling since it's inception with the question: What is a breed? This is again the real issue at hand.

CFA needs to establish a policy as to "What is a breed" and then abide by it. I had thought CFA had finally done that. In 1999, all breed councils were polled regarding the establishment of "What is a breed" (WIAB) policy. 63% of all individual breed council members and 80% of the individual Breed Councils voted to accept the WIAB policy that was endorsed by the Board by a 2/3 majority vote at the June 2000 Board meeting.

*The WIAB policy is still in effect today. If the Board was abiding by this policy, it would have ruled last year's and this year's breed council questions regarding the acceptance of AOV LH Exotics for championship status as out of order. The WIAB policy protects the integrity of **all** our breeds in that it establishes boundaries that safeguard the interests of breeds being used as outcrosses. Specifically, it prohibits merging any breed in whole or in part with a Natural or Established breed; and, it prohibits the establishment of classes in any breed which "mimic" a parent breed. Should the Board vote to create a LH Division of Exotic, the Board will have to overturn the WIAB policy.*

*Overturning the WIAB policy is an action that has implications for **all** breeds, particularly natural breeds, not just the Persian. Natural breeds are those most at risk when CFA accepts a new hybrid breed because hybrid breeds are typically given outcrossing privileges to a "parent" natural breed. In 1999, only two of the 15 "natural" breeds accepted by CFA at that time did not vote in favor of the WIAB policy—American Shorthair and Japanese Bobtail—but then both of those breeds started as street cats and CFA still has rules permitting cats with unknown parents*

to be registered as American Shorthairs. All but one of the then existing “established” breeds (Tonkinese) and all but one of the “mutation” breeds (American Wirehair) voted to accept the WIAB policy. Surprisingly, only half of the then existing “hybrid” breeds (Exotic, Oriental, and Bombay) voted against the WIAB policy. If the Board overturns the WIAB policy, this will be an action at odds with the express wishes of most Breed Councils, not just those of the Persian and Siamese.

Although some feline registration associations accept AOV LH Exotics as Persians, no association accepts SH Exotics as Persians. However, unlike CFA, some associations do permit kittens from the same litter to be registered as two or more different breeds. In all the history of CFA – 100 plus years – never has a “mimic” been allowed to be shown. The integrity of our breeds is part of what has defined CFA and made it the premier organization in the world. Even in Europe, they know who the Best Cat in CFA is. Does anyone know who TICA’s Best Cat was? FIFE doesn’t even do a best cat. CFA titles and breed standards are revered throughout the world, even by our competitors.

I realize that CFA is struggling today: registrations, shows, show entries, and income are all decreasing. But, I believe the Board is sadly mistaken if it thinks that giving championship status to AOV LH Exotics and AOV Siamese-colored Orientals will have a significant positive impact on CFA’s bottom line.

Birth statistics are decreasing dramatically in 3 of the 4 largest CFA breeds: Persian, Maine Coon, and Siamese. From 1996 to 2006, the birth statistics decreased by 65% or more for Persians and Siamese and by 40% for Maine Coons whereas they stayed essentially stable for Exotics. Even Orientals have experienced a decrease of 63% in their birth statistics. The Sphynx is the only large breed in 2006, that is, one with over 1000 kittens produced, that had a significant increase in the number of kittens born during the past 10 years. The acceptance of AOV LH Exotics for championship status would do little to improve the problem of declining registration numbers as they are already eligible for registration. We must understand that the economy of our country is playing a larger part in CFA’s declining numbers than many may realize.

From the 2003 to the 2007 show season, the total number of CFA shows decreased from 393 to 371 with a corresponding decrease in the average entry from 178 to 147. During this same time period, the average entry and the number of shows in Japan was stable while in the International division the average entry increased by 20% and the number of shows more than doubled (from 20 to 43). In 2003 there was no International or Japan show included among the top 15 largest entry CFA shows whereas there were 4 in 2006 and 5 in 2007. Clearly, breeders in the International division are embracing CFA enthusiastically and adjusting to CFA rules. Given that Exotics usually dominate International shows in terms of numbers, it would appear that International breeders are not as turned off by CFA’s policy of not allowing mimics to be shown as some would lead us to believe. Despite the claims last year that the vote against the acceptance of AOV LH Exotics would drive breeders away from CFA, we haven’t seen that happen in the show halls, either here or abroad.

The decrease in the last 4 years in the number of shows and the average show entry occurred in Regions 1-7, not abroad. That would seem to indicate that the U.S. economy may be a significant part of the problem, not lack of championship status for AOV “mimics.” A portion of the large decrease in Persian registrations, entries, and breeders can be tied directly to the misguided advice Persian Breeders received in the late 90’s to neuter/spay all PKD positive cats. In the

future, I hope the Board takes a more cautious approach in dealing with health problems that haven't been sufficiently studied. However, it's unlikely that all of the decrease in the Persian breed can be tied to PKD as other large breeds like Maine Coons have also had significant drops in their registrations. But accepting AOV LH Exotics for championship status is unlikely to provide much help with declining show entries. Remember the example of the colorpoint carriers and the large numbers of those registered, but where are they in the show halls? There are few being shown today other than in the Silver/Golden Persian Division. Look at any show catalog and you will see that the vast majority of exhibitors enter only 1 or 2 cats in a show. If AOV LH Exotics were given championship status, maybe the Exotic breeders would now enter 1 SH and 1 LH Exotic instead of 2 SH Exotics, but they are unlikely to routinely enter 2 of each. CFA needs more breeders, not more AOV mimics accepted for championship status. Finding ways to attract, and retain, more breeders to the fancy will do much more to increase revenue than making every cat born showable.

I realize that it is in the interest of CFA to continue to accept new breeds. It is my opinion, however, that CFA needs to encourage breeders of new breeds to focus on breeding those specific characteristics which make their breed so special or in the long run it will disappear as a fad. In accepting manmade breeds, CFA needs to encourage those breeders to work towards large gene pools that will produce healthy homozygous cats that can one day stand alone and meet their standard without further outcross.

*Currently, CFA is the largest and most prestigious registry of pedigreed cats in the world. If the Board goes back to handling breed issues on a breed-by-breed basis that really is likely to be the downfall of CFA. The Persian/Exotic issue and the Siamese/Oriental issue should be treated in the same way. If the Board believes the existing WIAB policy is flawed in some way, then the board needs to (1) charge a committee to propose a revision to the WIAB policy, (2) receive approval of the revised policy by at least 2/3 of all the Breed Councils, and then (3) endorse the revised policy by a 2/3 majority vote of the Board **before** it addresses issues such as the AOV LH Exotic issue that is in front of the Board today. CFA needs a WIAB policy and it needs to follow and apply that policy consistently to **all** breeds.*

*In closing, I ask, on behalf of the Persian Breed Council, that the Board carefully read and give consideration to the statement I just made and the rationales associated with the questions on the Persian Breed Council ballot and then – in accordance with the vote of the Persian Breed Council – vote NO on the acceptance of AOV LH Exotics for championship status. To vote YES, the Board will have to overturn the WIAB policy. Overturning the WIAB policy will potentially have major consequences for many of CFA's breeds, not just Exotics and Persians. Given the intent of the WIAB policy to protect the integrity of **all** of CFA's breeds and that 80% of the Breed Councils voted for acceptance of the WIAB policy when given the opportunity, the WIAB policy should not be overturned lightly.*

Just as it is difficult to change a breed standard, it should be difficult to change CFA's WIAB policy. Ideally, the CFA Constitution should require that we have a WIAB policy and that it can only be changed by a 60% positive vote of at least 2/3 of the Breed Councils.

Eigenhauser: In 1996 approximately 1,981 Exotics were registered with CFA. Last year it was over 3,100. They are one of the most consistently growing breeds in all of CFA. They are not “stable”. **Petersen:** The website indicated there were 2,896 Exotic, 1,822 Colorpoint Exotic births in 1996. I was quoting birth statistics. The numbers are going up and down but remaining

very stable in terms of birth statistics. **Molino:** If we were to allow for the Exotic longhairs to be shown as a division of the Persian, would there be any value in seeing these cats on the show bench, to get used to the idea that there really isn't any difference at all, and then some of these arguments will melt away? If you don't want to breed to a cat with that kind of background, you simply do not have to. We don't need a show rule or a standard or anything else to tell people how to breed their cats. All CFA does is register them and provide a format for showing.

Petersen: Allowing the mimics to be shown goes against the concept of establishing a hybrid breed, which is to establish something that breeds true and looks different and unique from existing breeds. The longhair and shorthair genes are not, in my opinion, the only differences between the breeds. There are all kinds of modifier genes. If we have a division called Longhair Exotics where we would encourage breeders to establish breeding programs where they simply breed longhair Exotics to longhair Exotics, then they are not trying to further promote and refine the shorthair Exotic, which was the original intent.

Statement to CFA Board

by Debbi Stevenson, CFA Siamese Breed Council Secretary

As the Siamese Breed Council Secretary I would like to speak to the Board regarding the proposal to create a championship division for LH Exotics. The situation affects the Siamese breed, as should this occur, it will create precedent for a championship division of pointed Oriental Shorthairs. In fact, it could entirely change the way all breeds approach showing.

CFA has a more than 100-year history of recognizing breeds based on specific characteristics, and creating show classes for the breeds based on these characteristics. While recognizing the creative efforts of breeders to create new breeds such as the ORS (originally intended to be a Siamese in solid colors) and the Exotic SH (shorthaired Persian), CFA has been consistent in respecting the originating breed. It has always allowed offspring that resemble the parent breed to be used to enhance breeding programs, but insisted that these offspring not be shown. CFA has always been an association that gave precedent to breeding, rather than to the show ring, realizing that its core constituency would always be its breeders, and that exhibitors, while important in many ways, would be a more fluid group and less committed over time to the breed and the organization.

If the Board now chooses to move in a new direction, away from the breeder, away from core principal of respect for the parent breed and towards the showing of cat breeds with divisions that look like other breeds, CFA will drastically change. Exotics are only one of many breeds that will be able to ask for championship divisions that will create situations with multiple similar looking cats being shown.

Just in the Siamese family alone there are currently four breeds that produce AOVs that resemble Siamese: Balinese, Colorpoint Shorthairs, Javanese and Oriental. Havana Browns, although not having a similar head type, could produce pointed cats with a foreign body type. Championship divisions could also come into being for sable Bombays, shorthaired Somalis, Birmans without mitts, mitted Ragdolls, straight haired American Wirehairs, Sphynx with curly coats.

In addition to this, once CFA decides to allow divisions in the show ring of cats that have characteristics not specific to their particular breed, you have opened the door to many other classes: Manx with tails, straight ears Scottish Folds and American Curls, straight coated

American Wirehairs, American Bobtails with long tails, Ocicats without spots and Selkirk Rex with straight coats.

In short, accepting to championship status the Exotic LH, will change CFA as we know it. CFA will lose its most valuable asset, the one which divides it from all other associations, its focus on the breeder and the breed, not the exhibitor. While CFA is suffering financially right now, there is no proof that this type of change will improve the bottom line. Allowing the lynx pointed Oriental Sh to be shown in the Colorpoint Sh classes did not add additional breeders, but did create a lot of harsh feelings that divided many CFA breeders for years.

Should this new approach be taken by the Board, core CFA breeders may also decide to leave CFA, and the association may not recognize any net gain from this move. I urge the Board to take a long look at the entire picture before voting to allow a championship division for the LH Exotic. This is not a one breed issue, it will affect almost all breeds in CFA and may engender changes not anticipated that will harm CFA in the long run. Instead of changing the core of CFA, we should look at ways to attract and hold true breeders, those who will focus on producing that one exceptional specimen of a breed that excels in the show ring, instead of many more examples that simply can be shown.

Statement to CFA Board

by Peter Vanwonderghem, CFA Exotic Breed Council Secretary

It is my pleasure to provide additional comments to the results of the 2007 Exotic Breed Council Ballot.

In 2007 we had 89 Breed Council members. 84% of the members cast their vote on this years ballot.

1. The creation of LH/SH Divisions of the Exotic.

80% of the voting members of the Exotic Breed Council support the creation of a LH and a SH division of the Exotic Breed.

*At the start of 2008 we need to ask ourselves: "Aren't we fighting the wrong battles?" "Aren't we holding on to old values that we should have left behind at the turn of the century?" Some of the key problems are known to all of us in CFA: the **downward trend of our registrations and the financial implications** that affect our association and that continue to be a threat for the future.*

The CFA Board and the responsible committees have been doing a great job at finding additional business. Yet, we continue to ignore existing potentials that can:

- create additional income for CFA*
- increase the number of registrations*
- keep CFA bred cats into our own organization*
- increase the number of cats that could be shown at our shows and thus improve the financial position of our member clubs*
- increase the number of exhibitors*
- increase interest for the cat fancy in general and CFA as a world leader in this field*

More than 6,200 Exotic Longhairs have been registered by CFA till today. A review amongst our breed council members indicate that this is only a small portion of all the Exotic Longhairs bred. Given the fact that most breeding programs work with heterozygous cats, the ratio at birth between shorthairs and longhairs is 1:1. With more than 51,000 Exotic shorthairs registered until today we can only estimate what the potential is.

At the December 2007 show in Hong Kong, professionally organized by the Hong Kong Cat Lovers' Society, 140 Exotics were entered. I spoke to many owners and most of them confirmed that their cats are not homozygous for the shorthair gene and that they continue to have longhairs in their breeding programs. At the same show there were 51 Household pets entered, many of which were Exotic Longhairs, some of them of show quality.

When we started asking around for pictures of top show Exotic Longhairs for the breed council website, it became obvious that none of the CFA breeders are keeping them in full coat show condition. Many of their best longhairs are being sold to other associations where they can be shown as Persians. I am not asking you to copy the policy of these other associations but it hurts the breed and CFA as a registry to see all these beautiful animals permanently lost to competing registries. Many of these cats go on to be top contenders in these other organizations. Based on the CFA standard, they would do well in our shows as well.

Our policy about not allowing to show Exotic Longhairs places CFA in an isolated position. We are the only organization in the world to do so and for many breeders, not just in the International Division it is plenty of reason for not registering their cattery, litters and kittens with CFA. Or they "double register" their cats: their Exotic Shorthairs with CFA and another association and their Exotic Longhairs only with the other organization. In many cases, new, younger breeders will not opt for CFA for the same reason and are lost forever. Such an isolated position does not only hurt our income position but it damages our image and thus our position of the World's Leading Cat Registry. It is time we show the world that we handle our leader position with pride and care.

*At the same time we need to **protect the accuracy of our registry**. CFA is considered a reference in the Cat Fancy. Breeders worldwide use "CFA registered" as a quality label for their cats. Not only because of the beauty and health of our animals but also because of our professionalism as an organization and because of the accuracy of our pedigrees.*

We all know that with many good and responsible breeders come a few that work in a less ethical way. This minority may have cheated on the birth papers of promising Exotic Longhairs in the past. These breeders are often not convinced that one of the highest values of CFA is the accuracy of our registry. The Exotic Breed Council understands and respects the concern of many Persian breeders. By creating a longhair division within the Exotic breed, we will eliminate the temptation to falsely register Exotic Longhairs as Persians indicating incorrect parents on the registration documents. This is in the best interest of CFA and of the Persian breeders.

Every potential new owner of a kitten has the right to know exactly who the ancestors are of this kitten and from which breed it comes from. CFA provides top quality information. The Exotic Breed Council will be more than glad to cooperate on the publication of an informational leaflet that explains in detail why cats that look the same (ELH, Persian/CPC) are registered under different breeds. Such a leaflet could also contain additional information on how to read a CFA

pedigree (and CFA prefixes) and what the consequences are of breeding with a Persian, a CPC or an Exotic (LH or SH).

There are more and more indications that Persians and Exotics are genetically very close. Maybe there will be hard scientific evidence in the future that indicates that a merger between Persians and Exotics is in order.

Again the Exotic Breed Council understands and respects the worries of many Persian breeders.

At the February 2007 Board meeting, the Persian breed council asked that the Board would honor their wishes and that Exotic Longhairs would not be allowed to be registered as Persians and to be shown alongside the Persians. The Board voted with a small majority to respect this request. I hope that with all the information as explained above you will accept the only possible compromise: to allow the Exotic Longhair to be shown in a longhair division of the Exotic breed.

2. Description change for "Head" in the Exotic breed standard.

This change was made to the Persian standard last year and since the Exotic standard continues to mirror the Persian standard it was included in this years' ballot.

93% of the voting members of the Exotic Breed Council agrees with this change.

3. Cut off date for outcrossing to Persians.

92% of the voting Exotic Breed Council members is against such a cut off date.

Some people (including Exotic breeders) think we only outcross to Persians because of the coat factor. They feel we will lose the dense, plush coat if we cannot continue to outcross to Persians.

There are many more reasons to continue to outcross: We want to continue improving the overall quality and health of our animals. For some breeding programs that focus on specific colors there is not a lot of choice and Persians are needed; Health issues (e.g. PKD) reduced the breeding stock and so do new legislative issues where a limit in numbers may be imposed on breeders.

For these reasons we are not in favor of such a cut off date.

*Respectfully submitted,
Peter Vanwonderghem
Exotic Breed Council Secretary*

Vanwonderghem: The Exotic continues to be CFA's third largest breed. There is a serious potential to increase the number of Exotics registered by accepting the Exotic longhair for championship status. 80% of the Exotic breed council believes and supports this compromise, and less than 60% of the Persian breed council is turning it down. Let's fight the right battle and focus on increasing the number of registered cats and generate additional income for CFA and its member clubs. **Eigenhauser:** I support the righteousness of your cause, but I feel it needs to be done in the right way. I have to vote how I feel the Constitution dictates. If you do this as a show rule, show rules don't say anything about polling the affected breeds. If you do this as a

registration rule, registration rules don't say anything about polling affected breeds. But if you do this as a show standard, it says you must have 60% approval of any affected breed. Convince me Persians aren't affected by this. **Vanwongerghem:** Our main goal is to show the Exotic longhairs. Whether we show them as Persians or as a longhair division of the Exotic breed is not important. **Eigenhauser:** Do you interpret this as a show standard change, or are you asking us to change the show rules? **Vanwongerghem:** I am asking you to consider a show rule change and not just a standard change. **Jacobberger:** It is possible that a show rule presentation may be made. With respect to the proposition that is before you in this instance, I believe a change to the standard is involved. A proposition that it is a show rule or registration change at some point may be a different question, but we are looking at this question today. **Wilson:** What does the Exotic Breed Council do to council their members about breeding homozygous shorthair cats? If you want to breed longhairs, get a Persian. **Vanwongerghem:** We feel that our breed council members should be allowed to continue to outcross to Persians. It has nothing to do with homozygous. There are so many characteristics of our Exotics that we can continue to improve. It has to do with the health and the quality of the animal. As long as we continue using longhair cats in our breeding programs in order to improve the quality and health of our cats, we will continue to have longhair kittens as our offspring. We do not encourage our breeders to only breed homozygous Exotics. We encourage our breeders to breed an Exotic that is as close to the standard as possible, and today we still need the Persians. **Wilson:** I still have trouble with this. To me, this is pillaging. We have a natural breed that we have determined to be a natural breed that has registered thousands of cats in CFA and has kindly allowed themselves to be used as an outcross to establish another breed that looks different.

DelaBar: We have a couple questions before the board. First, is the board in agreement that this is a question affecting our standards? **Eigenhauser:** I move we call this a show standard change. **DelaBar** called the motion. **Motion Carried.** Eigenhauser voting no.

DelaBar: The second question, does the board feel this is a situation where the "affected" concept comes into play? **Miller:** I move that the Persian is affected. **DelaBar** called the motion. **Motion Carried.**

Jacobberger: That being the case, I advise the chair that question #1 of the Exotic breed council ballot is out of order.

Eigenhauser: To make it clear what we did today, nobody voted on the morality of the issue. Nobody voted on whether they ought to be shown or whether they ought to work something out together, or whether they ought to come to a solution. We all agree they ought to come to a solution. All we voted on was that we feel bound by our Constitution and we have to apply the Constitution in making our decision, so we were never able reach the substantive merits of this ballot item. The issue is still out there, even if we were unable to reach it procedurally. The issue will still be there tomorrow and it will be addressed somehow. **DelaBar:** Perhaps we can have a bit of education at the Annual meeting about what DNA can actually tell us, so we can operate on an objective basis and not on an emotional basis. **L. Watson:** If we get the DNA, does this mean the Persian people are going to allow the Exotic to be shown? We are blowing smoke if we say it's going to make any difference. **Eigenhauser:** We are being a little naïve if we think DNA testing is going to make the difference. The Persians are saying no because they have concerns about all the unknown genes that may be in the Exotic gene pool. How do you test for unknowns? **Wilson:** DNA has nothing to do with competition on the show bench. We need to sit at the table with the breed council secretaries and talk about a way to make

this work. **Miller:** We're never going to get a test for polygenes and the more complex genes such as head structure. We need to support What is a Breed for the protection of all of our breeds. If the day comes when the Persian breed decides that the Exotic breed should be incorporated, that would be the only way I see that happening, but the Persian breed has to make that decision. **Brown:** The 128 DNA tests that will be run simultaneously is a thorough examination of the gene pool of any cat in any breed. Certainly, there are going to be differences that show up. Obviously, breeds that are hybrids are going to show a different gene profile than a cat that has been considered pure for a number of generations. Because of World War II, I don't think there are many "pure" cats. Things have happened prior to our registry that have diluted the purity of many of our breeds and DNA will probably show this. **Eigenhauser:** We recognize that over the years there may have been, in all of our breeds, at some point way back in the mists of time, street cats or barn cats somewhere on this Earth; whether it was Isle of Man or in the mountains of Turkey. It takes roughly 10,000 genes to make a cat. Until our batch processing can test 10,000 genes at a time, it's always going to be a political issue, it's always going to be an emotional issue, it's going to be a traditional issue. You can't argue science to somebody who sees something as religion. **Johnson:** We're being naïve if we think DNA is going to answer the question. I don't think we're going to be able to establish breed identity soon enough to make a difference, because we're not going to have the pool of samples to do the tests to make definitive statements. It's about showing these cats in the show hall on the judging table. We need to talk about a solution for that. We often let our emotions guide us, rather than looking at what is our real, true goal. We need to work towards some resolution of that, rather than continue to complicate the matter by talking about things that might get us closer eventually, but aren't going to make a difference in the next year or two.

YES: 60

NO: 15

BOARD ACTION: Out of Order.

2. **PROPOSED:** Add the following sentence to the end of the description of the HEAD:

When viewed in profile, the prominence of the eyes is apparent and the forehead, nose, and chin appear to be in vertical alignment.

RATIONALE: This addition mirrors the change made to the Persian standard this past year.

YES: 70

NO: 5

BOARD ACTION: DelaBar called the motion. Motion Carried.

Note that results for the following question will be for informational purposes only given the fact that outcross rules are part of the registration rules and not part of a breed standard.

3. **PROPOSED:** The Exotic breed will be allowed to continue to outcross to the Persian breed. No cut off date will be determined.

RATIONALE: By continuing to outcross to Persians, we can continue to improve the health and the beauty of our Exotics. Closing the Exotic gene pool for Persians will limit our possibilities to breed for a healthy cat that complies with the Exotic standard, a standard that is written to mirror the Persian standard.

YES: 69

NO: 5

BOARD ACTION: Information only – no action taken.

JAPANESE BOBTAIL

Breed Council Secretary: Karen Bishop

Total Members: 32

Ballots Received: 14

60% of Voting: 9

1. **PROPOSED:** This is the color description area of the breed standard. The Japanese Bobtail Colors in the color description section of the Breed Standard do not match the Japanese Bobtail Color Class Numbers.

JAPANESE BOBTAIL COLORS

Proposed: Add the heading “Solid Colors”

Current: No heading listed

Solid Colors

WHITE: pure glistening white.

BLACK: dense, coal black, sound from roots to tip of fur. Shiny and free from any tinge of rust on tips.

RED: deep, rich, clear, brilliant red, the deeper and more glowing in tone the better.

Proposed: Add colors Blue: blue, lighter shade preferred. Sound from roots to tip of fur. And Cream: one level shade of buff cream, without markings. Sound to the roots.

Proposed: Move the two colors Blue and Cream into the Solid Colors section of the Japanese Bobtail Colors.

Current: Blue and Cream are listed under Other Solid Colors in the Japanese Bobtail Colors Section.

Blue: blue, lighter shade preferred. Sound from roots to tip of fur.

Cream: one level shade of buff cream, without markings. Sound to the roots.

BLACK AND WHITE.

RED AND WHITE/RED TABBY AND WHITE (red areas may have tabby striping or spotting).

Proposed: Move the Other Tabby and White Colors to immediately follow the Red & White/Red Tabby and White Colors in the Japanese Bobtail Colors section.

Current: Currently follows Other Japanese Bobtail Colors in the Japanese Bobtail Color Section.

Other Tabby and White Class: Brown Tabby & White, Blue Tabby & White, Cream Tabby & White, Silver Tabby & White, Dilute Silver Tabby & White, Cameo Tabby & White, Dilute Cameo Tabby & White

MI-KE (tricolor): black, red, and white (red areas may have tabby striping or spotting).

Proposed: Change Other Tri-colors to Other Mi-Ke Colors and have it follow the Mi-Ke section in the Japanese Bobtail Colors.

Current: Listed in Other Mi-Ke colors following the Other Japanese Bobtail Colors in the Japanese Bobtail Colors.

Other Mi-ke (other tri-colors): Dilute Mi-Ke (Blue and White); Patterned Mi-Ke (areas of brown tabby and areas of red on white (red areas may be solid or tabby). Dilute Patterned Mi-Ke (areas of blue tabby and areas of cream on white (cream areas may be solid or tabby). Silver Patterned Mi-Ke (areas of silver tabby and areas of red on white (red areas may be solid or tabby); Smoke Mi-Ke (black, red and white. Non-white areas have a white undercoat deeply tipped with black or red (red areas may be solid or tabby). Cat in repose appears mi-ke. When the coat is parted, the white undercoat is clearly apparent.

TORTOISESHELL: black, red, and cream.

Proposed: This sentence is now listed at the end of the color class number listing under the OJBC colors.

Current:

~~OTHER JAPANESE BOBTAIL COLORS (OJBC): Include the following categories and any other color or pattern or combination thereof except coloring showing the evidence of hybridization resulting in the colors chocolate, lavender, point-restricted (i.e., Siamese-marking) or un-patterned agouti (i.e., Abyssinian coloring), or these combinations with white. "Patterned" and patched tabby categories include any variety of tabby striping or spotting in a mackerel, spotted or classic pattern with or without areas of solid (unmarked) color, with preference given to bold, dramatic markings and rich, vivid coloring. "Patterned" describes any combination of mackerel, spotted and/or classic tabby patterns. The term "patterned" maybe used with predominantly white cats if a specific tabby pattern cannot be determined or in cats which may have a combination of traditional tabby patterns. Cats with no more white than a locket and/or button do not qualify for these color classes. Such cats shall be judged in the color class of their basic color with no penalty for such locket and/or button.~~

Include the following categories: "Patterned" and patched tabby categories include any variety of tabby striping or spotting in a mackerel, spotted or classic pattern with or without areas of solid (unmarked) color, with preference given to bold, dramatic markings and rich, vivid coloring. The term "patterned" maybe used with predominantly white cats if a specific tabby pattern cannot be determined or in cats which may have a combination of traditional tabby patterns. Cats with no more white than a locket and/or button do not qualify for these color classes. Such cats shall be judged in the color class of their basic color with no penalty for such locket and/or button.

TABBY COLORS: Brown Tabby, Blue Tabby, Red Tabby, Cream Tabby, Silver Tabby, Dilute Silver, Cameo, Dilute Cameo.

PATCHED TABBY COLORS: Brown Patched Tabby, Blue Patched Tabby, Silver Patched Tabby, Dilute Silver Patched Tabby.

OTHER PARTI-COLORS: Blue-Cream. Other Bi-Colors: Blue and White or Cream and White. Particolor & White colors Tortoiseshell & White, Blue Cream & White.

OTHER SMOKE COLORS: Black, Blue, Red, Cream, Tortoiseshell, Blue-Cream and any of these colors and white.

Any other colors or pattern or combination thereof except coloring showing the evidence of hybridization resulting in the colors chocolate, lavender, point-restricted (i.e., Siamese marking) or un-patterned agouti (i.e., Abyssinian coloring), or those colors with white.

RATIONALE: This happens to be the “old” color description in that it doesn’t follow the new color classes established last year. These are primarily housekeeping issues. The Japanese Bobtail Colors in the color description section of the Breed Standard need to be aligned with the Japanese Bobtail Color Class Numbers. Once the colors have been moved into the correct color class descriptions area of the breed standard, then they will correctly match the color class number section of the breed standard.

YES: 10

NO: 3

BOARD ACTION: DelaBar called the motion. **Motion Carried.** Johnson and Eigenhauser voting no.

2. **PROPOSED:** Remove the following phrase: Japanese Bobtail allowable outcross breeds: none, which is located at the end of the Japanese Bobtail color class numbers section. Add “AOV: None Allowed.”

Current: Japanese Bobtail allowable outcross breeds: none.

Proposed: Add this phrase: AOV: NONE ALLOWED.

RATIONALE: This is an attempt to standardize the breed language across all breeds wherever possible.

YES: 9

NO: 5

BOARD ACTION: DelaBar called the motion. **Motion Carried.**

LaPERM

Breed Committee Chair: Erika A. Fetz

Total Members: 8

Ballots Received: 5

60% of Voting: 3

1. PROPOSED: change the point allocation as follows:

Current:

HEAD (40)	
Size and Shape	10
Muzzle and chin.....	10
Profile.....	4
Ears	8
Eyes	8
BODY (25)	
Torso	13
Neck	2
Legs & Feet.....	4
Tail	6
COLOR AND PATTERN	5
COAT (30)	
Texture and Length.....	15
Curl or Waviness.....	15

Proposed:

HEAD (34)	
Size and Shape	10
Muzzle and Chin	10
Profile	4
Ears	6
Eyes	4
BODY (25)	
Torso	10
Neck	5
Legs & Feet.....	5
Tail	5
COLOR AND PATTERN	1
COAT (40)	
Texture and Length.....	20
Curl or Waviness	20

RATIONALE: The LaPerm's coat is the defining characteristic of this breed. Over the last eight (8) years the shift has always been to move the majority of points to the coat, which puts the breed in alignment with the other rex breeds. The head, which is also an important factor of the breed, is still second in point allocation. Color and pattern was lowered to one

(1) point since it is of no consequence to the breed.

YES: 5

NO: 0

BOARD ACTION: DelaBar called the motion. **Motion Carried.**

2. **PROPOSED:** Change the **GENERAL DESCRIPTION** to read as follows:

Current:

GENERAL: the LaPerm is a naturally occurring mutation producing both long and shorthaired cats. It is medium sized, curly coated with semi-foreign type. All colors are acceptable. All parts of the body are in harmony with the size of the cat. There is evidence of surprising weight for size. The cat is alert and seems to be walking tall on his feet. Males may have a curlier coat but not always. Females are generally smaller than males.

Proposed:

GENERAL: the LaPerm is a naturally occurring mutation producing both long and shorthaired cats. It is medium sized, curly coated with ~~semi-foreign~~ moderate type. All coat color and eye colors are acceptable. All parts of the body are in harmony with the size of the cat. There is evidence of surprising weight for size. The cat is alert and seems to be walking tall on his feet. ~~Males may have a curlier coat but not always.~~ Females are generally smaller than males. This breed matures in 2-3 years, with the females maturing sooner than the males. Allowances are to be made for age and sex.

RATIONALE: Removed the term semi-foreign as it is not description that is used in breed standards anymore. Removed the statement "males may have a curlier coat but not always" because it is vague and doesn't hold any truths anymore. The LaPerm is not a fast maturing breed, so allowances for kittens and young adults need to be made.

YES: 5

NO: 0

Kusy: "Females mature sooner than males" is an odd statement. **Fetz:** We have noticed over time that this is true. Females are going to come into coat sooner and they are going to meet the standard sooner than males.

BOARD ACTION: DelaBar called the motion. **Motion Carried.**

3. **PROPOSED:** Add the word flexible to the **HEAD** portion of the standard as follows:

Current:

HEAD: the skull is a modified wedge, slightly rounded with gentle contours. Whisker pads should appear full and rounded, with long whiskers.

Proposed:

HEAD: the skull is a modified wedge, slightly rounded with gentle contours. Whisker pads should appear full and rounded, with long flexible whiskers.

RATIONALE: added the word flexible to distinguish the LaPerm whiskers from other rex breeds who may have coarse, wirey, or brittle whiskers.

YES: 4

NO: 0

BOARD ACTION: DelaBar called the motion. **Motion Carried.**

4. **PROPOSED:** Remove the word slightly from the EYE portion of the standard.

Current:

EYES: medium large and expressive, almond in shape at rest and rounder when alert. Set moderately far apart and slightly slanted toward base of ear. Eye color has no relation to coat color.

Proposed:

EYES: medium large and expressive, almond in shape at rest and rounder when alert. Set moderately far apart and ~~slightly~~ slanted toward base of ear. Eye color has no relation to coat color.

RATIONALE: the term almond in itself implies that the eyes are slanted toward the base of the ear. By removing the word slightly, it removes any inference that we want a more extreme (Oriental style) eye aperture.

YES: 3

NO: 1

Wilson: The rationale says, removing the word “slightly”. With slightly out, you are making it more Oriental. **Fetz:** That’s not what we want at all. **Eigenhauser:** I’m not convinced that the rationale agrees with what they are doing.

BOARD ACTION: DelaBar called the motion. **Motion Failed.**

5. **PROPOSED:** Change the **BODY** description to read as follows:

Current:

BODY: medium in size, semi-foreign, medium boning with hips slightly higher than shoulders.

Proposed:

BODY: ~~medium~~ moderate in size, ~~semi-foreign~~ with medium fine to medium boning. Hips are slightly higher than shoulders. Allowances are made for larger sizes in males, as long as they remain balanced and in proportion.

RATIONALE: Keeping with the general description in removing the term semi-foreign. More descriptive to the boning of the cat, keeping the description uniform as found elsewhere in the standard, as well as making allowances for males of the breed. As long as Domesticated are used as outcrosses, our males will be significantly larger than the females of the breed.

YES: 3

NO: 1

BOARD ACTION: DelaBar called the motion. **Motion Carried.**

6. **PROPOSED:** Add a description for the **TORSO** to read as follows:

Current:

None

Proposed:

TORSO: moderately long and muscular, yet graceful. Hips slightly wider than shoulders,

and are well developed and muscular.

RATIONALE: Housekeeping by providing a description of the torso where the previous description was removed. It is currently allotted the majority of the points in the body section of the point score.

YES: 3

NO: 1

Wilson: In the body description you have *hips slightly higher than shoulders* and in the torso description you have *hips slightly wider than shoulders*. **Miller:** I don't think that should even be in the standard.

BOARD ACTION: DelaBar called the motion. **Motion Failed.**

7. **PROPOSED:** Add the following sentence to the **NECK** description, "Allowances are made for thicker necks and shoulders in males as long as it remains in proportion to the body."

Current:

NECK: carried erect, medium long in length in proportion to body

Proposed:

NECK: carried erect, medium long in length in proportion to body. Allowances are made for thicker necks and shoulders in males as long as it remains in proportion to the body.

RATIONALE: Keeping in line with the changes to the general description and body sections of the standard, allowing for maturity, sex, and larger size in the males of the breed.

YES: 4

NO: 0

Miller: It already says very clearly in the body, the males can be larger as long as they remain balanced and in proportion. I would just hat to see us getting into just the neck.

Eigenhauser: Coming from the opposite side of the judging table as Joan, if you want to hammer it out to get the point across, that's fine with me.

BOARD ACTION: DelaBar called the motion. **Motion Failed.** White, Johnson, Eigenhauser, Janosik, L. Watson, Wilson, Kallmeyer voting yes.

8. **PROPOSED:** Add the following sentence to the **Legs and Feet** description, "Hindquarters are strong and muscular."

Current:

LEGS and FEET: medium long to match body length. Forelegs may be slightly shorter than hind legs. As with body, medium fine boning with rounded feet.

Proposed:

LEGS and FEET: medium long to match body length. Forelegs may be slightly shorter than hind legs. Hindquarters are strong and muscular. As with body, medium fine boning with rounded feet.

RATIONALE: A new version of the change that was proposed last year and failed; a positive description of the hindquarters of the breed, rather than just penalizing for lack of having strong and muscular hindquarters.

YES: 5

NO: 0

BOARD ACTION: DelaBar called the motion. **Motion Failed.** L. Watson, Anger, Wilson voting yes.

9. **PROPOSED:** Change the **COAT-LONGHAIR** description to read as follows:

Current:

COAT-LONGHAIR: Texture and length: medium-long to long, both males and females may have ruff on neck at maturity. The coat should be free of matting, so it should not be too thick and heavy. The tail is plumed with some curling. The coat is springy, light and airy. The feel may vary among individual cats and/or color. **Curl or waviness:** curly or wavy, curl is preferred. The coat should be loose and bouncy and should stand away from the body, a coat you can run your fingers through to the skin. The coat is light and airy enough to part with a breath. The coat will have an almost unkempt appearance (the “Gypsy Shag” look). Tightest curls are in the ruff and the base of the ears; longest curls are in the ruff, base of the ears, and at the base of the tail. The coat may vary in length and fullness according to the season and maturity of the cat. At times this coat will part naturally down the middle of the back.

Proposed:

COAT-LONGHAIR: Texture and length: ~~medium-long to long~~, Semi-longhair, both males and females may have ruff on neck at maturity. The coat should be free of matting, so it should not be too thick and heavy. The tail is plumed with some curling. The coat is springy, light and airy. Slightly soft to the touch, the feel may vary among individual cats and/or color. **Curl or waviness:** curly or wavy, curl is preferred. The coat should be loose and bouncy and should stand away from the body, a coat you can run your fingers through to the skin. The coat is light and airy enough to part with a breath. The coat will have an almost unkempt appearance (the “Gypsy Shag” look). Tightest curls are in the ruff and the base of the ears; longest curls are in the ruff, base of the ears, and at the base of the tail. The coat may vary in length and fullness according to the season and maturity of the cat. At times this coat will part naturally down the middle of the back. Allowances should be made for sparser coats in kittens and non-mature specimens.

RATIONALE: The longhaired LaPerm does not have a true longhaired length. The hair, even when stretched out, is a semi-longhair length. The only true breed of longhair cat is a Persian, and since we do not have a coat length matching that, we do not want to be judged to have that same coat length. Adding the slightly soft will allow for some texture in the curl, but that it is still supposed to be a soft coat, not coarse or wirey. Keeping with the changes to the general description of the standard, the LaPerm is not a fast maturing breed, so kittens and non-mature specimens may not necessarily be full coated and should not be penalized on an otherwise good example of the breed.

YES: 4

NO: 1

Wilson: What is a non-mature specimen? **Fetz:** Young adults. That’s why we wanted to add “maturity 2-3 years”. When you see the non-mature cats and young kittens, the coats are not fully in. **Anger:** Some standards have allowances, but there are too many separate instances of allowances here. **Baugh:** This gives a definite distinction between the two coat lengths, which we need. **Miller:** One of the reasons a breed goes through the provisional is to get the standard

refined. I don't like allowances to be made, either. I don't like the word "specimen". They are cats. **Angell:** I realize these cats are never going to have long, flowing coats that drip to the floor, but semi- makes me think of something like a Somali.

BOARD ACTION: DelaBar called the motion. **Motion Failed.** Eigenhauser, L. Watson and Baugh voting yes.

10. **PROPOSED:** Change the **COAT-SHORTHAIR** description to read as follows:

Current:

COAT-SHORTHAIR: Texture and length: short to approximately medium-long. The tail is not plumed but hair may be wavy. The coat is springy, light and airy. The texture may be harder than longhair and will vary among individual cats and/or colors. The coat will stand away from the body with waves over most of the cat. **Curl or waviness:** curly or wavy. Is not required to have a ruff, ringlets or earmuffs.

The tail will be like a bottlebrush. At times this coat will part naturally down the middle of the back.

Proposed:

COAT-SHORTHAIR: Texture and length: short to approximately medium-~~long~~ short. The tail is not plumed but hair may be wavy, and is the determining factor for the shorthaired coat length. The coat is springy, light and airy. The coat is more textured ~~may be harder~~ than the longhair coat, but will still be slightly soft to the touch. The feel will vary among individual cats and/or colors. ~~The coat will stand away from the body with waves over most of the cat.~~ Curl or waviness: curly or wavy. The coat will stand away from the body with waves over most of the cat. Is not required to have a ruff, ringlets or earmuffs. The tail will be like a bottlebrush. At times this coat will part naturally down the middle of the back. Allowances should be made for sparser coats in kittens and non-mature specimens.

RATIONALE: Again, clarifying the length of the shorthaired coat, which is distinctively shorter than the longhair coat. It should be apparent right away, except for the younger examples of the breed who do not have a full semi-longhaired coat length in yet. Even on the younger specimens, the tail will be the determining factor right off. Adding the slightly soft will again allow for texture in the curl, while still showing the coat is a soft one. The sentence "The coat will stand away from the body with waves over most of the cat" does not belong in the texture and length section, but the curl or waviness section of the coat description. Keeping with the changes to the general description of the standard, the LaPerm is not a fast maturing breed, so kittens and non-mature specimens may not necessarily be full coated and should not be penalized on an otherwise good example of the breed.

YES: 4

NO: 1

BOARD ACTION: DelaBar called the motion. **Motion Failed.**

11. **PROPOSED:** Change the **PENALIZE** section to read as follows:

Current:

PENALIZE: lack of ear furnishings on the longhair LaPerm, crossed eyes or non-visible tail faults

Proposed:

~~PENALIZE: lack of ear furnishings on the longhair LaPerm, crossed eyes or non-visible tail faults. Bare patches, sparse coat in mature specimens.~~

RATIONALE: The breed is at the point where we should not perpetuate faults of any kind in a show/breeding specimen. As a breed of cat that has a distinguishing factor for coat, the penalize section should address the coat.

YES: 4

NO: 1

BOARD ACTION: DelaBar called the motion. **Motion Carried.** Eigenhauser, Calhoun, J. Watson and Kusy voting no.

12. **PROPOSED:** Change the **DISQUALIFY** section to read as follows:

Current:

DISQUALIFY: cobby body, short legs, incorrect number of toes, visible tail faults, straight hair.

Proposed:

DISQUALIFY: cobby body, short legs, crossed eyes, incorrect number of toes, visible and non-visible tail faults, straight hair.

RATIONALE: Housekeeping, moving items that were previously penalized into disqualifying faults, as they have no place in breeding/show specimens.

YES: 4

NO: 1

BOARD ACTION: DelaBar called the motion. **Motion Carried.**

13. **PROPOSED:** Change the **EYE COLOR** section to read:

Current:

EYE COLOR: eye color can be copper, gold, yellow, green or blue. There is no correlation required between coat color and eye color.

Proposed:

EYE COLOR: eye color can be copper, gold, yellow, green, or blue, aqua (in specimens with the mink pattern), or odd. There is no correlation between coat color and eye color.

RATIONALE: Housekeeping, aqua and odd eyes are genetically possible eye colors and it needs to be accounted for in the standard. There will continue to be no correlation between eye color and coat color.

YES: 5

NO: 0

Angell: I have a problem when we talk about eye color *aqua (in specimens with the mink pattern), or odd*. And then, you go on to say there is no correlation between coat color and eye color.

BOARD ACTION: DelaBar called the motion. **Motion Carried.** Miller voting no.

14. **PROPOSED:** Add the following color descriptions to the **COLORS** section of the standard:

CINNAMON TORTOISESHELL SHADED: Nose leather and paw pads: tan to pinkish

beige.

FAWN-CREAM SHADED: Nose leather and paw pads: pink.

CINNAMON TORTOISESHELL SMOKE: Nose leather and paw pads: light reddish brown, may be mottled with pink.

FAWN-CREAM SMOKE: Nose leather and paw pads: lavender pink, may be mottled with pink.

RED SILVER TABBY (Cameo Tabby): ground color off-white. Markings red. **Nose leather and paw pads:** rose.

CINNAMON SILVER, FAWN SILVER TABBY: tabby pattern with colors and leathers same as for corresponding shaded colors.

LAVENDER-CREAM POINT: body glacial white with no shading. Points lavender with patches of cream. **Nose leather and paw pads:** lavender and pink. Move to be in relation to other parti-color points.

CINNAMON POINT: body pale warm ivory. Points light reddish brown. **Nose leather and paw pads:** pink and/or tan to pinkish beige

FAWN POINT: body pale ivory. Points light lavender with pale cocoa overtones. **Nose leather and paw pads:** pink or a light shade of dusty rose pink.

LAVENDER-CREAM POINT: body glacial white with no shading. Points lavender with patches of cream. **Nose leather and paw pads:** lavender and pink.

CINNAMON-TORTIE POINT: body pale warm ivory. Points light reddish brown with patches of red. **Nose leather and paw pads:** pink and/or tan with mottled flesh and/or coral pink.

FAWN-CREAM POINT: body pale ivory. Points light lavender with pale cocoa overtones with patches of cream. **Nose leather and paw pads:** pink or a light shade of dusty pink with mottled flesh and/or coral pink.

CINNAMON LYNX POINT: Nose leather and paw pads: pink and/or tan to pinkish beige.

FAWN LYNX POINT: Nose leather and paw pads: pink or a light shade of dusty rose pink.

SEAL TORTIE LYNX POINT: Nose leather and paw pads: seal brown, or seal brown mottled with flesh or coral pink.

BLUE-CREAM LYNX POINT: Nose leather and paw pads: blue, or blue mottled with flesh or coral pink.

CHOCOLATE TORTIE LYNX POINT: Nose leather and paw pads: cinnamon, or cinnamon mottled with flesh or coral pink.

LAVENDER-CREAM LYNX POINT: Nose leather and paw pads: lavender, or lavender mottled with flesh or coral pink.

CINNAMON TORTIE LYNX POINT: Nose leather and paw pads: pink and/or tan to pinkish beige.

FAWN-CREAM LYNX POINT: Nose leather and paw pads: pink or a light shade of

AOV because as a matter of policy, registration numbers are not a part of the show standard.
DelaBar called the motion. **Motion Carried.**

16. **PROPOSED:** Under the LaPerm rules of registration change the description to allow a LaPerm to be imported and registered from any other association with an official registration slip showing that the cat being imported is a LaPerm and both the sire and dam are registered as LaPerms in that association. A pedigree will not be necessary to grant the imported cat full registration status.

RATIONALE: The LaPerm breed is still very much a minority breed within CFA. The breed has become very popular in other countries, including Great Britain, Australia, New Zealand, South Africa, Germany, Holland, Russia, and others. With the current rules for registration in place, it has become very difficult for breeders worldwide to work with each other. Some registries, for example GCCF, do not allow any unknown ancestors in their pedigrees, whereas in CFA, all we are allowed for outcrosses are cats of unknown ancestry. In GCCF and other countries, the breeders are allowed access to breeds that are not even recognized by CFA. In order to maintain curl and conformation, the breeders in CFA as well as worldwide must have access to other lines of LaPerms, not just domestics or unknowns. The members of GCCF also have a similar situation in that they cannot import any new blood into their registry if the cat has an unknown in the pedigree. CFA wants to move away from using the unregistered domestic population, and by allowing the LaPerm to import new LaPerm lines, versus domestic outcrosses, it will not only help the gene pool tremendously with new blood lines, but it will help maintain the consistency in conformation and coat within the lines. It will also foster a easier working relationship with breeders in other countries, allowing kittens to be able to go back into the registry of which that breeder is a member. This will also encourage the breeders worldwide to register their LaPerms and show them at CFA shows. All we are asking is the cat being imported is registered as a LaPerm and both the sire and dam of the imported cat are registered LaPerms, essentially creating a one generation pedigree.

YES: 4

NO: 1

BOARD ACTION: **DelaBar** called the motion. **Motion Failed.** Eigenhauser voting yes.

ORIENTAL

Breed Council Secretary: Julie Keyer

Total Members: 116

Ballots Received: 73

60% of Voting: 44

The following items have been submitted by the Balinese and Javanese Breed Councils. They are included on our ballot for informational purposes. Please note that similar ballot items were rejected by the board last year for various reasons, including the fact that kittens from one litter could be registered as multiple breeds under these types of proposals. The rewrite of this proposal does not address the fact that two cats from the same litter can be registered as separate breeds, regardless of if it is done during the time of the initial registration or later.

INTRODUCTION: The following three are a rewrite of the 2006 proposals submitted by the Oriental Breed Council. These cats are already allowable outcrosses for both the Balinese and Javanese, although in the case of the Balinese there is a cutoff DOB of 12/31/2010.

In the event that the proposals for a merger of the Balinese and Javanese breeds receive the needed 60% affirmative vote of both breed councils, plus the approval of the CFA Board, item one will be withdrawn. Items two and three will still negate the need to return prior to 2010 to extend the outcross to pointed Oriental LH/LHC. These breedings will still be registered as Oriental, the cats registered as Oriental before a "corrected" registration can be requested. It is expected that the owner will be responsible for whatever fee is currently in effect for a "corrected" registration.

1. **PROPOSED:** That the following cats may be re-registered as Balinese with appropriate identifier (128#): any Javanese of the following colors only: Blue Point, Chocolate Point, Lilac Point and Seal Point. Cats of appropriate coat length to be eligible for championship competition. Cutoff DOB - 12/31/2020

YES: 47

NO: 26

Withdrawn.

2. **PROPOSED:** That the following cats may be re-registered as Balinese with appropriate identifier (128#): any 4### series Oriental of the following colors only: Blue Point, Chocolate Point, Lilac Point and Seal Point. Cats of appropriate coat length to be eligible for championship competition. Cutoff DOB - 12/31/2020

YES: 45

NO: 23

Withdrawn.

3. **PROPOSED:** That the following cats may be re-registered as Javanese with appropriate identifier (40###): any 4### series Oriental of the following colors: Cream Point, Red Point, Blue-Cream Point, Chocolate-Tortie Point, Lilac-Cream Point, Seal-Tortie Point, Blue Lynx Point, Blue-Cream Lynx Point, Chocolate Lynx Point, Chocolate-Tortie Lynx Point, Cream Lynx Point, Lilac Lynx Point, Lilac-Cream Lynx Point, Red Lynx Point, Seal Lynx Point, Seal-Tortie Lynx Point, Cinnamon Lynx Point, Cinnamon Point, Cinnamon-Tortie Lynx Point, Cinnamon-Tortie Point, Fawn Lynx Point, Fawn Point, Fawn-Cream Lynx Point,

Fawn-Cream Point, Blue Point, Chocolate Point, Lilac Point and Seal Point. (including Smoke and Silver) Cats of appropriate coat length and color to be eligible for championship competition. Cutoff - DOB 12/31/2020

YES: 45

NO: 27

Withdrawn.

Proposal from the Colorpoint Breed Council:

4. **PROPOSED:** Permit registration via 3 generation certified pedigree. Cats to be registered using the 52## identifier. Transferred animals of appropriate colors would be eligible for championship competition.

RATIONALE: The purpose of the above proposal is to encourage and facilitate transfers from foreign registries.

At this time a minimum of 5 generations (62 possible ancestors) must be submitted for full registration status as either a 22## or 5### series Colorpoint SH. Cats may be “recorded” for “breeding purposes only” with one less generation. By reducing the number of generations for transfer to 3 (2 for recording purposes) the number of animals that must be checked is reduced significantly. Not only will this help to speed the processing, but will also (hopefully) qualify more animals for transfer. Five generations (4 for recording purposes) would still be required for registration as a 22## series Colorpoint SH.

YES: 51

NO: 19

Withdrawn.

PERSIAN – GENERAL

Breed Council Secretary: Nancy Petersen

Total Members: 206

Ballots Received: 143

60% of Voting: 86

1. **PROPOSED:** Add the following section to the Persian standard:

TRANSFER TO AOV: colors not accepted for championship status.

RATIONALE: This is a housekeeping change. Section provides direction to judges as to how to handle cats in colors not accepted for championship status; that is, colors not described in the Persian standard. This new section would be inserted in the standard prior to the DISQUALIFY section.

YES: 126

NO: 15

BOARD ACTION: DelaBar called the motion. **Motion Carried.**

2. **PROPOSED:** Revise the DISQUALIFY section of the Persian standard by adding a last sentence as follows (addition is underlined):

DISQUALIFY: locket or button. Kinked or abnormal tail. Incorrect number of toes. Any apparent weakness in the hind quarters. Any apparent deformity of the spine. Deformity of the skull resulting in an asymmetrical face and/or head. Crossed eyes. For pointed cats, also disqualify for white toes, eye color other than blue. For silver and golden cats, also disqualify for eye color other than green or blue-green.*

*The above listed disqualifications apply to all Persian cats. Additional disqualifications are listed under “Colors.”

RATIONALE: The addition of a sentence in the Persian standard noting that silvers and goldens are required to have green or blue-green eye color, reinforces that any other eye color is a disqualification. This is not a new disqualification, just a second notation of this disqualifying feature—the first one being in the color descriptions for Shaded and Golden colors and now adding a second in the DISQUALIFY section of the breed standard similar to that included for the Himalayans.

YES: 110

NO: 28

Eigenhauser: Is the asterisk and the explanation also part of the breed standard? **Kusy:** Yes. **Eigenhauser:** If you go back two sentences, those apply to all Persian cats, but the ones that refer to Silver and Golden cats apply to Silver and Golden cats. The way they put that asterisk is awkward. It should be after “crossed eyes”. **Wilson:** It’s actually already there. **Kusy:** We’re not changing that. **Eigenhauser:** We’re not correcting an error when that should have been corrected. **Wilson:** I will suggest to the Persian breed council that they make that housekeeping correction on their next ballot.

BOARD ACTION: DelaBar called the motion. **Motion Carried.** Eigenhauser abstained.

Note that results for question #3 below will be for informational purposes only given that outcross rules are part of registration rules and not part of a breed standard.

3. **PROPOSED:** The Exotic breed will not be allowed to continue to outcross to the Persian breed after May 1, 2013.

RATIONALE: It would seem reasonable to expect that a “breed” should be able to reproduce itself without indefinite outcrossing to another breed; otherwise, how can it be called a breed? The CFA Board moved to accept Exotic Shorthairs for championship status in September 1966. It has now been over 40 years since the acceptance of Exotics—isn’t it time the Exotic became a stand-alone breed and disallowed outcrossing to other breeds? This resolution would give Exotic breeders five (5) more years in which to continue to outcross to Persians as much as they want to further increase the size of their gene pool.

In the past, Exotic breeders have insisted that continuing to outcross to Persians is necessary to maintain the proper density and texture of the Exotic coat. If the Exotic, a beautiful and thriving shorthair breed, expects to keep its identity as a breed then it would seem desirable for it to breed true, not only for its physical qualities but also for its coat. Nowadays, Exotic breeders claim that the quality of their AOV Exotic longhairs is comparable to that of the Persian. Exotic longhairs have been used quite successfully in current Exotic breeding programs, and would contribute even more in the future if the Persian outcross allowance were to be removed in five years. As an example, the first Exotic male to attain D.M. status is an Exotic longhair and there are many other longhair Exotics which have and will continue to contribute with great success to the Exotic breed.

YES: 81

NO: 59

BOARD ACTION: Information only – no action taken.

Note that the results for question #4 below will be for informational purposes only. Many Exotic breeders would like to show their longhair (LH) Exotics for championship status. Thus, the Exotic Breed Council has a question on their ballot to create a Longhair Division of the Exotic. Since LH Exotics can be said to “mimic” (see CFA’s Definition of a Breed published on CFA’s Exhibitor’s Corner website under Breed Standards and Structure) or look like Persians, the acceptance of LH Exotics possibly could have an impact on the Persian Breed. Whenever a breed council has a question on their ballot that could impact another breed, the Board asks the affected Breed (in this case Persian) to have a related question on their breed council ballot.

4. **PROPOSED:** Exotic breeders would like to show their longhair (LH) variants for championship status in a LH Division of the Exotic Breed. As a Persian breeder, would you be in favor of the creation of a LH Exotic Division?

RATIONALE: Below I have listed some PROS and CONS for the creation of a LH Exotic Division.

YES: 64

NO: 78

PROS: If Exotics were no longer allowed to outcross to Persians, this option: (1) might encourage the development of Exotics as a true breed as titled LH Exotics might be more likely to be used in Exotic breeding programs and (2) would allow both SH Exotics and their LH variants to be shown while maintaining the integrity of the Persian breed. Furthermore, this action might eliminate any further misregistration of LH Exotics as Persians.

CONS: Permitting cats of different breeds that look alike to be shown in two different breeds creates public relations problems for CFA. Furthermore, encouraging the proliferation of LH Exotics may make it more difficult for Persian breeders to sell their pets.

More importantly, however, is: What will it do to CFA's policy as to what constitutes a breed? In order for the Board to create a LH Exotic Division, the Board will have to vote to overturn CFA's "Definition of a Breed." Such action has the potential to impact adversely any breed (not just the Persian) which has been used as an outcross by another breed (e.g., Siamese, Abyssinian).

CFA's Definition of a Breed is published on CFA's Exhibitor's Corner website under Breed Standards and Structure. CFA's Definition of a Breed states that "No breed of any classification may be merged in whole or part with a Natural or Established breed." Furthermore CFA's Definition of a Breed indicates that for breeds which have an outcrossing plan that plan must provide "a guarantee to breeds that might be used as an outcross in such a program that any look-alike cats produced by such outcrossing will not at any time seek to be returned either to the registry or show classes of the breed and/or breeds being used for outcrossing nor will petitions to show such offspring in any other breed classes be entertained." In addition, CFA's Definition of a Breed states that "The establishment of classes in any breed which: (a) in the case of a hybrid or currently outcrossing breed, mimic, the parent breed(s); or, (b) in the case of a new breed, mimic, an existing breed, will not be permitted."

Instead of trying to get acceptance of their LH variants for championship status, it would seem advisable for Exotic breeders to concentrate on making their breed one which can reproduce itself without the need to indefinitely outcross to another breed with the resultant, continued production of cats that mimic the parent breed. The Definition of a Breed is too central to the mission of CFA to have it overturned so the LH variants of a small breed can be shown. Why should we ask the Board to overturn CFA's Definition of a Breed for the Exotics when by doing so we are putting all other natural or established breeds used for outcrossing at risk? For example, will the Board next be asked to permit the Oriental Shorthairs, the Colorpoint Shorthairs, the Balinese, and the Javanese to each create a Division of Siamese look-alikes within their respective breeds?

Question #5 below was submitted to the Board by Regional Director (R5) Regina Shaffer during the June 2007 Board meeting. Regina Shaffer proposed that the Breed Classification of Persian be changed from Natural to Established. Breeds and standards issues are normally handled at the February Board meetings. Thus, the Board moved to postpone discussion of the motion until the February 2008 Board meeting. The Board further moved that the question be put, for informational purposes only, on the Persian Ballot with a rationale for or against by the Persian Breed Council Secretary.

BOARD ACTION: Information only – no action taken.

5. **PROPOSED:** Change the Breed Classification of the Persian breed from Natural to Established.

RATIONALE: Below is the CON position and the following PRO position is that submitted by Regina Shaffer to the CFA Board in June 2007.

YES: 39

NO: 98

CON: The breed classification nomenclature serves an important historical purpose for CFA in providing definitions of how breeds have developed over time, whether in terms of years, decades, or even centuries. At the time of recognition for registration CFA assigns a breed into one of four (4) classifications – Established, Hybrid, Mutation, or Natural. The Persian was assigned the classification “Natural.” Why should that classification be revised now? The classification was reasonable when it was assigned and the breed is not seeking to be reaccepted for registration.

The Persian has one of the oldest histories as a breed with CFA, and has been used over time to help create a number of other Established, Hybrid, and Mutation breeds (e.g., Established – British SH, Hybrid – Exotic, Mutation – Selkirk Rex)—many of which have become quite popular and two of which are currently allowed to outcross to the Persian.

Go read most any book on the origins of the domestic cat and you will learn that the Persian is considered to be one of the oldest identifiable domestic cat breeds. They have been appearing in cat shows since the 1800s. However, they were first seen in Europe some 300 years earlier than this. It would be a farce to change the classification of the Persian breed today from Natural to Established.

Article III of CFA’s Rules for Registration (on Exhibitor’s Corner of CFA website) defines a Natural Breed as one for which “Both parent cats and all ancestors must be of the breed as the cat to be registered.” How far back must we trace ancestors to be a Natural Breed? The Singapura is classified as a Natural Breed and their CFA Breed Profile states that “The streets of Singapore are the origin of this breed.” The American Shorthair is classified as a Natural Breed but even today CFA has rules permitting cats with unknown parents to be registered as American Shorthairs. CFA requires a 5-generation pedigree for a cat to be registered with CFA as a Persian and an 8-generation pedigree for a cat to be registered with CFA as a Siamese (another Natural Breed). Obviously, Persians can document their parentage better than some other Natural Breeds.

It’s a well known fact that some breeds have a black sheep in the family tree from breeding practices during WWII in England. For example, Russian Blues (another Natural Breed) were outcrossed during WWII due to the lack of availability of cats from their own breed for use in breeding. Today’s Persians are little different. For example, the Persian was outcrossed only a few times to Siamese to create the Himalayan. In the U.S., Persians were first outcrossed to Siamese in the 1930’s. The resulting progeny were bred together to produce longhair cats with the pointed pattern. Those cats were then bred back to Persians and to each other. Today’s Himalayans now reflect 60 years of strictly Himalayan or Himalayan/Persian breeding in their pedigrees. Despite the arguments over the purity of bi-color Persians, the fact remains that the earliest records of the organized cat fancy do list bi-colors and calicos. In the U.S., they are in CFA’s first stud books, and blue & white and orange & white Persians are in show catalogs from the early 1900’s.

If Persians were to be accepted as a new breed today by CFA, the Persian breed might well again be classified as a Natural Breed.

PRO:

NATURAL VS. ESTABLISHED DESIGNATION

Submitted by Regina Shaffer

Action Item:

Change the Breed Classification of Persian from Natural to Established

Breed Definitions:

Natural Breed: Both parent cats and all ancestors must be of the breed as the cat to be registered.

Established Breeds: The result of the mating of two or more specified breeds that may be continued by breeding between specimens of the particular established breed. Both parent cats must be specimens of the established breed, and the pedigree may show only specimens of the established breed and/or breeds used to produce the established breed.

Hybrids: The result of the mating of two or more breeds specified or unspecified in the rules, whether mediately or immediately. The pedigree may show only the breeds listed used to develop the particular hybrid and/or specimens of the hybrid.

Rationale: After reading all the materials presented to this board for the February 2007 meeting, it's become clear that the Persian breed is not a Natural breed. To continue to show this breed as Natural is a disservice to the Persian Breeders and to the CFA.

History: Reading the article written by Dick Gebhardt: "Why Himalayans Are Persians" printed in Cat Fancy Magazine, April 1985, and others, it is clear how the calico and bi-color Persians began... by breeding Persian to "domestic shorthairs and longhairs" of the color/pattern necessary to add "and White." Calicos were given Championship status in 1955. Bi-Colors (including the male counterparts to the Calicos) were given Championship status in 1970. Completing the current breed, Himalayans (a recognized hybrid breed Siamese & Persian) was merged with the Persians in 1984.

To assist us in understanding the above, please review our historical data on the Persian breed. Included are graphs taken from data presented in the November 1985 and the April/May 2007 Almanac: CFA Registration Number Tables. These charts present registration data for Persians year totals 1984 & 2006 as well as registration data for periods 1958-1984 and 1958-2006. The data shows that the Persian breed, once the Himalayans were added in 1984, changed dramatically with then 52% "Pure" Persians registered in the calendar 1984, thus making the total number of "Pure" Persians registered from 1958-1984 to 69%.

In reviewing our most recent stats, we see that for the calendar year 2006, only 22% of the Persians registered could be considered "Pure," while the combined total of "Pure Persians" registered since 1958 has dropped to only 44%.

Keeping these statistics in mind it is clear that the Persian breed needs to be moved from the Natural to Established Classification.

BOARD ACTION: Information only – no action taken.

PERSIAN – SILVER & GOLDEN DIVISION

Total Members: 31
Ballots Received: 27
60% of Voting: 17

1. **PROPOSED:** Add the following two silver color descriptions to the list of accepted Silver and Golden Division Colors and list the two colors under separate breed color class numbers:

BLUE CHINCHILLA SILVER: undercoat pure white. Coat on back, flanks, head, and tail sufficiently tipped with blue to give a sparkling appearance. Legs may be slightly shaded with tipping. Chin, ear tufts, stomach, and chest, pure white. Rims of eyes, lips, and nose outlined with blue. **Nose leather:** rose. **Paw pads:** blue or rose. **Eye color:** green or blue-green. **Disqualify** for incorrect eye color, incorrect eye color being copper, yellow, gold, amber, or any color other than green or blue-green.

BLUE SHADED SILVER: undercoat white with a mantle of blue tipping shading down from the sides, face, and tail from dark on the ridge to white on the chin, chest, stomach, and under the tail. Legs to be the same tone as the face. The general effect to be much darker than a chinchilla. Rims of eyes, lips, and nose outlined with blue. **Nose leather:** rose. **Paw pads:** blue or rose. **Eye color:** green or blue-green. **Disqualify** for incorrect eye color, incorrect eye color being copper, yellow, gold, amber, or any color other than green or blue-green.

RATIONALE: Blue silvers are a naturally occurring color within the breed and worthy of obtaining championship status within CFA. Acceptance of these colors for championship status should increase the number of cats competing within the Shaded and Golden Division.

Many silver and golden breeders are using other colors in their breeding programs. As a result, the dilute gene is showing up with increasing frequency. Unless we accept the dilute colors into the silver and golden division, there will be more and more of these lovely and deserving blue silvers produced that cannot be shown and recognized with titles.

If the blue silvers were accepted, then breeders would not be tempted to incorrectly register their blues. This would give silver and golden breeders more reliable pedigrees, enabling those who don't want blues to try to avoid the dilute gene.

Some silver and golden breeders believe the blue silvers should not be accepted, believing that judges will confuse them with black silvers. However, with a good color standard, the judges should easily be able to detect a blue silver from a black silver as the color of the tipping, mascara, nose leather, and paw pads for a blue silver are different than those for a black silver.

YES: 15

NO: 12

BOARD ACTION: No action.

2. **PROPOSED:** Add the following two golden color descriptions to the list of accepted Silver and Golden Division Colors and list the two colors under separate breed color class numbers:

BLUE CHINCHILLA GOLDEN: undercoat ivory to pale honey. Coat on back, flanks, head, and tail sufficiently tipped with blue to enhance a golden appearance. Legs and end of tail may be shaded with tipping. Chin, ear tufts, stomach, chest and underside of tail, consistent ivory to pale honey color. The general effect is lighter than a blue shaded golden

due to less tipping. Rims of eyes, lips, and nose outlined with blue. **Nose leather:** rose. **Paw pads:** blue or rose. **Eye color:** green or blue-green. **Disqualify** for incorrect eye color, incorrect eye color being copper, yellow, gold, amber, or any color other than green or blue-green.

BLUE SHADED GOLDEN: undercoat ivory to pale honey with a mantle of blue tipping shading down from the sides, face, head and tail. Legs to be the same tone as the face. Chin, ear tufts, chest, stomach, and underside of tail, consistent ivory to pale honey color. The general effect is darker than a blue chinchilla golden due to more tipping. Rims of eyes, lips, and nose outlined with blue. **Nose leather:** rose. **Paw pads:** blue or rose. **Eye color:** green or blue-green. **Disqualify** for incorrect eye color, incorrect eye color being copper, yellow, gold, amber, or any color other than green or blue-green.

RATIONALE: Blue goldens are a naturally occurring color within the breed and worthy of obtaining championship status within CFA. Acceptance of these colors for championship status should increase the number of cats competing within the Shaded and Golden Division.

Many silver and golden breeders are using other colors in their breeding programs. As a result, the dilute gene is showing up with increasing frequency. Unless we accept the dilute colors into the silver and golden division, there will be more and more of these lovely and deserving blue goldens produced that cannot be shown and recognized with titles.

YES: 15

NO: 12

BOARD ACTION: No action.

RAGAMUFFIN

Breed Committee Chair: Laura Gregory

Total Members: 10

Ballots Received: 5

60% of Voting: 3

1. **PROPOSED:** Change eye color description as follows:

Current:

EYES: large, walnut shaped and expressive, moderately wide set, the eyes contribute to the characteristic sweet look. A slight oriental slant to the eye is acceptable. The more intense the eye color, the better. Lighter eye color in dilutes is allowed. Eye color requirements: minks-green, blue-green, turquoise, blue, odd-eyed; solids-all colors, including odd-eyed.

Proposed:

EYES: large, walnut shaped and expressive, moderately wide set, the eyes contribute to the characteristic sweet look. A slight oriental slant to the eye is acceptable. The more intense the eye color, the better. Lighter eye color in dilutes is allowed. ~~Eye color requirements: minks green, blue green, turquoise, blue, odd-eyed; solids all colors, including odd-eyed.~~ All eye colors are allowed, including odd-eyed. Exception: Mink colors must be aqua and Sepia colors must be yellow to gold.

RATIONALE: The present wording is confusing. Reference is made to “solid” colors only – when it was intended to mean all coat colors that were not pointed. Thus the wording should be changed to clarify the intention. This way there is no confusion anymore on cats such as tabbies or bicolors. Overall there is no specification of an eye color to a coat color, except in regards to mink & sepia cats, since they are defined by a specific eye color, thus the exception of their standard eye color is then given.

YES: 5

NO: 0

Miller: I’m wondering about the reference to the Sepia colors. Every color is allowable but how is someone going to define Sepia? **Breed Committee Chair Laura Gregory:** If they receive two mink genes, then they are going to be a seal Sepia or a blue Sepia. **Miller:** We have no definition of Sepia in the standard. **Gregory:** We don’t get full color descriptions until we get championship. You’ll see the color in your judge’s book.

BOARD ACTION: DelaBar called the motion. **Motion Carried.**

RAGDOLL

Breed Council Secretary: Isabelle Bellavance

Total Members: 41

Ballots Received: 29

60% of Voting: 18

1. **PROPOSED:** That Ragdoll, mitted and colorpoint patterns, which are currently shown as AOV, be moved to Championship status. It is wished that they be allotted their own color class numbers, separate from the ‘& white’ color classes currently recognized – one color class for all colors of mitted pattern, and another class for all colors of the colorpoint pattern.

RATIONALE: Ragdolls have been registered in three patterns, ‘colorpoints’, ‘mitted’, and ‘with white’, since they were originally accepted for registration by CFA, back in 1992-93. Since then, 3,053 mitted and 1,578 colorpoints (Almanac 05/07) have been individually registered with CFA. 359 of these were registered during 2006 alone, and this is only a small percentage (less than 10%) of the potential numbers if we rely on figures from other associations were all three patterns are recognized equally.

These patterns are part of the identity of our breed and are essential to many breeding programs to control our levels of white, perfect color traits that define a pointed breed but are difficult to select for when they are covered or influenced by the white spotting factor. The sheer number of cats of these colors are important to our breed for their genetic diversity as well as our progress in CFA.

These patterns are the result of the levels of white that are present in our breed and the combination of which result in the various yet predictable expressions of the dominant S or piebald gene.

YES: 29

NO: 0

Written by Jeri Zottoli & Linda Gorsuch

Presented by Linda Gorsuch

The members of the Birman BC would like to thank the CFA Board for allowing us to provide input on the proposed advancement to championship status of pointed and mitted Ragdolls. The Birman BC had 2 items on our ballot addressing whether we, as Birman breeders and exhibitors, feel we would be adversely affected by this advancement. The BC members voted overwhelmingly against this – 71 against mitted, 3 for; 66 against pointed, 8 for.

You can see by the results that the mitted Ragdoll caused us the greatest concern. We ask that the Board consider this concern, both for what it means to our breed, and in the greater context of the trend in some associations towards diluting what makes the breeds unique and special. We believe the Board should seriously consider the long-term impact of this trend on the cat fancy as a whole. For when we as breeders, judges, and officials of the world’s registries fail to respect and uphold those unique qualities, those special “looks” that tell us at first glance that a cat is of a certain breed, we defeat our own argument that we have a right to preserve and perpetuate the breeds. We destroy the very essence of our hobby and play right into the hands of those who would deny us the right to breed. We confuse the public and ruin their understanding of the breeds – when they are the body from which we must draw our pet buyers, our future breeders and exhibitors, and in the ballot booth, our advocates.

The Ragdoll and Birman standards are already similar. The nuances in structure and type are subtle. Of course, breeders and judges can immediately spot the differences. And in a perfect world, we would exhibit perfect specimens, making similarities less obvious and differences more apparent. But to the average person, a Birman is a longhaired colorpoint with white feet. A Ragdoll is a longhaired colorpoint with an inverted "V" on its face and white on the body. That is what people see in their cat books, and what they look for at a show. That is what they dream of owning, and perhaps, just perhaps, exhibiting and breeding. I've exhibited in associations where I've seen this understanding destroyed for families who visit. When they see two breeds that look alike, because of the presence of mitted Ragdolls, what is lost is more than just their expectations for the day. It destroys their entire perception of the value of the cat fancy and the animals we breed.

In CFA on the other hand, Birman and Ragdoll exhibitors can be effective ambassadors and point out the obvious color/pattern differences. With the advancement to championship status of particularly the mitted Ragdoll, there would be few obvious differences to explain to the public, and we all would suffer for it.

Compound this with the fact that in the real world, we don't see perfect examples of cats at shows. We see nice, average, even mediocre examples of each breed, muddying the differences between the Birman and the Ragdoll. Over time, what gets rewarded is what gets shown, and in some associations you see Birmans with disqualifying hind leg markings and smooth profiles and Ragdolls with bumps on their noses, low leg markings, and no chin spots doing passably well. How long would it be before the two breeds are virtually indistinguishable here? And when that happens, the serious breeders who have supported the fancy all along will leave as their hobby deteriorates into a farce.

The Birman breeders understand that the Ragdoll breeders need the mitteds and solids for their breeding programs. But we see these proposals as reflective of other trends in the fancy: the growing belief in entitlement, and the expectation of instant gratification, with little thought to impact. More and more, exhibitors believe that EVERY cat deserves to be shown, and every shown cat deserves to grand, and every granded cat deserves a national win. The fact is that just because you breed something doesn't mean it deserves to be shown. Especially when the short-term gain of titles and pretty rosettes costs all of us so much more in the long run.

For all these reasons, we urge the Board not to advance the mitted and pointed Ragdoll. But should the Board choose to advance the mitted Ragdoll, the Birman BC respectfully requests that the mitted Ragdoll definition be further refined to require the white blaze on the head, white chin extending to the belly stripe and white hocks on the entire leg. The Birman BC requests that there be much more distinct pattern description so our differences are readily apparent – at least on paper.

Thank you for your time.

Linda Gorsuch: I'm Linda Gorsuch. I'm here representing Jeri Zottoli, the Birman breed council secretary. **Miller:** When you talk about this compromised idea of acceptance, what are you talking about? **Gorsuch:** The standard for CFA should be at least as tough as it is in the associations where you are seeing mitted Ragdolls shown. **Johnson:** I have real confidence that our CFA judges try to judge to the standard. I think they can tell differences between standards and they judge to that. I have Russian Blues and I don't think anyone has gotten upset in a show hall when they say, is that a Korat? Is that a Chartreux? Is that a British Shorthair? I try to

explain the difference. I don't think spectators come with a high expectation of finding the perfect Birman or the perfect Ragdoll. The average spectator isn't that educated, and that's our job. **L. Watson:** We shouldn't base what we accept or don't accept on the people who walk through the door. **Eigenhauser:** If we let our breed policies be dictated by what spectators can do, we would be down to 5 breeds of cats. It would be Persians, Siamese, Abyss, Calico and Tuxedo. Our job is to educate the public as to the distinctiveness and uniqueness of our breeds. It's an uphill fight. When I look at a show standard, I'm looking at how the ideal specimen of this breed will compete with the ideal specimen of that breed on the show bench. When it comes to working with the public, we have to work on educating them. **Anger:** In CFA, we do have somewhat of a continuum to the casual observer. It is the judges' job to point out the subtle differences, to educate the public. **Molino:** The Birman breed council has gone on record saying that they are opposed, which leaves us in a volatile position. When we say we follow the wishes of the breed councils and they have conflicting wishes, that's the nature of the decision-making process of the board members. **Johnson:** We as a board need to vote on whether we feel they are affected. **Jacobberger:** A vote is not relevant to this proposal because no standard change is involved. The policy issue of whether or not you do this is up to you. **DelaBar:** That means we can vote with a clear conscience that we're not doing anything against the constitution of CFA.

Breed Council Secretary Isabelle Bellavance: *This year the Ragdoll is celebrating our 15th year of acceptance in CFA. Over those years, our breed has shown a consistent increase in registrations, despite breeders registering only the cats they are going to be showing. The increase in popularity in our breed is a result of new breeders starting up. The essence of our breed is not the bi-color cat; it is a pointed and white cat that comes in three patterns – Colorpoint, mitted and bi-color. It's that way all across the world. We can compare a number of breeds that are distinctive, yet to the common person they can look very similar. The important thing is whether or not you can demonstrate the difference. We have never allowed any outcrosses. I hope that you will be in favor of this proposal. We have been showing them to you, we have been honest to participate more actively in CFA with all our different patterns and colors, and this is why we say we hope you will vote in favor of us.*

Anger: Why didn't you ask for separate color classes for the different colors?

Bellavance: The goal right now is to ensure that we have the highest level of competition in the classes. This is something we could address if the numbers validate it. This is a way for us to start with a certain level of quality. **Miller:** The Ragdoll competition and quality has increased dramatically. There was a time when it was iffy for me, but today differences have made it completely distinct from the Birman.

BOARD ACTION: DelaBar called the motion. **Motion Carried.** J. Watson voting no.

- PROPOSED:** If 'Question 1' is accepted by the CFA Ragdoll Breed Council as well as the CFA Board at the February meeting, that the current AOV color class numbers (0498 – 0499) be removed.

RATIONALE: These color classes were created to provide a show category for our non-championship patterns to be exhibited with the hopes of getting them accepted. These classes would no longer be relevant should our ultimate goal be achieved.

YES: 29

NO: 0

BOARD ACTION: DelaBar called the motion. **Motion Carried.**

3. **PROPOSED:** That the rules of registration for Ragdolls be edited and that new cross registration applications be required to provide a 5 generation certified pedigree from a recognized association, showing no outcrosses and only cats of currently accepted colors and patterns.

RATIONALE: To preserve the integrity and credibility of our CFA pedigrees. The majority of the CFA breeds require a 5 generation pedigree for cross-registration.

YES: 11

NO: 18

BOARD ACTION: No action taken.

4. **PROPOSED:** Failing the acceptance of Question 3 by the Breed Council and/or the CFA board, that the rules of registration for Ragdolls be edited and that new cross registration applications be required to provide a 4 generation certified pedigree from a recognized association, showing no outcrosses and only cats of currently accepted colors and patterns.

RATIONALE: The goal being the same as the previous proposal but seeking an intermediate option.

YES: 14

NO: 14

BOARD ACTION: No action taken.

5. The LaPerm Breed Committee has applied for advancement of their breed from Provisional to Championship status.

Do you feel, as a breeder and exhibitor of Ragdolls that you are affected or opposed to the advancement of the La Perms?

YES: 7

NO: 22

BOARD ACTION: No action taken.

6. The RagaMuffin Breed Committee has made their application for advancement from Miscellaneous to Provisional status.

Do you feel, as a breeder and exhibitor of Ragdolls that you are affected or opposed to the advancement of the Ragamuffins?

YES: 23

NO: 6

BOARD ACTION: Informational Only.

SCOTTISH FOLD

Breed Council Secretary: Mary Frances Marron

Total Members: 48

Ballots Received: 32

60% of Voting: 20

1. **PROPOSED:** To add the definition of AOV to the Scottish Fold standard, as follows. Definition to be inserted after “COAT (LONGHAIR)” and before “PENALIZE.”

AOV: straight ear.

RATIONALE: the purpose of this addition is to clarify our breed’s AOV definition. Note that there are no Scottish Fold AOV colors; all colors not accepted for show are also not registerable.

YES: 26

NO: 5

BOARD ACTION: DelaBar called the motion. **Motion Carried.**

2. **PROPOSED:** to change the Scottish Fold color description for “tortoiseshell,” as follows. Deletions are indicated by ~~strikeout~~; additions are underlined.

TORTOISESHELL: black with ~~unbrindled patches of red and cream. Patches clearly defined and well broken on both body and extremities~~ patches of red or softly intermingled areas of red on both body and extremities. Presence of several shades of red acceptable. Blaze of red ~~or cream~~ on face is desirable. Eye color: brilliant ~~copper~~ gold.

RATIONALE: the Scottish Fold Breed Council believes that “brindled” and “intermingled” mean the same thing. Therefore, use of the word “unbrindled” in the Tortoiseshell description is incorrect because black and red are intermingled. Because Tortoiseshell is a combination of dominant colors, use of the dilute color “cream” is also incorrect. The current Tortoiseshell description is the only color in the Scottish Fold standard that calls for “brilliant copper” eye color: even gold-eyed white, calico, and red tabby colors call for “brilliant gold” eye color. Therefore, eye color is being changed for consistency across the standard. The above description is also consistent with Tortoiseshell descriptions for many other breeds, including Cornish Rex, Exotic, and Maine Coon Cat.

YES: 30

NO: 2

BOARD ACTION: DelaBar called the motion. **Motion Carried.**

SIAMESE

Breed Council Secretary: Debbi Stevenson

Total Members: 48

Ballots Received: 32

60% of Voting: 20

This item was placed on our ballot regarding the merger of the Javanese and Balinese breeds at the request of the Balinese and Javanese Breed Council Secretaries regarding the proposed merger of the two breeds. Their rationale for this merger is as follows:

RATIONALE: This year the Balinese and Javanese Breed Councils are requesting the support of the Siamese Breed Council. Our ballots will include a proposal to have the Balinese and Javanese breeds merged into one breed to be known as Balinese. In this proposal, two divisions would be allowed for championship competition to be known as the Balinese division and the Javanese division.

At this time this proposal is felt to be in the best interest of both breeds. The board previously approved outcross of the Balinese with certain Javanese, so this merger would not affect the purity of the Balinese. This merger would bring cats with the same coat length and standard (with the exception of color) into one breed, eliminating most color AOVs. This merger would not allow coat length AOVs to be shown, those imitating the Siamese and Colorpoint Shorthair Breeds. The merged Balinese breed would be unlike any other CFA recognized breed, maintaining that only long hair pointed cats of foreign body type would be recognized for championship. This change would also bring our pointed longhair cats into line with other World Wide registries, CFA being the only registry that distinguishes between the Balinese and Javanese breeds. Thank you for your support!

This proposal will help strengthen both Breed Councils, and allow the breeders to focus on longhaired cats. A concern of both BCSs is that the Balinese and Javanese be combined in a group that is committed to the longhair variety of the Siamese hybrid. The LH gene can easily be lost or diminished. Since the LH Oriental was merged with the SH Oriental, registrations of longhairs have decreased each year, until only 22 LH Orientals were registered last year. By combining the two longhaired Siamese hybrid breeds, the breeders interested in this type of cat would be able to expand their gene pool while keeping the focus on the most identifiable feature of their breed, its long hair.

I support the proposed merger of the Balinese/Javanese:

YES: 63

NO: 30

Information only.

SIBERIAN

Breed Council Secretary: Pamela A. Martin

Total Members: 9

Ballots Received: 6

60% of Voting: 4

COLORPOINT COLORS

SIBERIAN (POINT) PATTERN: Body: clear color is preferred with subtle shading allowed. Allowance should be made for darker color in older cats but there must be a definite contrast between body color and point color. The points, consisting of ears, legs, feet, tail, and mask show the basic color of the cat. The ideal mask extends from above the eyes down through the chin and stretches beyond the eyes from side to side.

1. **PROPOSED:** Clarification of the eye color in colorpoint colors.

SEAL POINT: body even pale fawn to cream, warm in tone, shading gradually into lighter color on the stomach and chest. Points deep seal brown. Nose leather and paw pads: seal brown. Eye color: ~~deep-vivid~~ blue.

BLUE POINT: body bluish white, cold in tone. Points blue. Nose leather and paw pads: slate blue. Eye color: ~~deep-vivid~~ blue.

FLAME (Red) POINT: body creamy white. Points deep orange flame to deep red. Nose leather and paw pads: flesh to coral pink. Eye color: ~~deep-vivid~~ blue.

CREAM POINT: body creamy white. Points buff cream. Nose leather and paw pads: flesh to coral pink. Eye color: ~~deep-vivid~~ blue.

TORTIE POINT: body creamy white or pale fawn. Points seal with unbrindled patches of red and/or cream. Nose leather and paw pads: seal brown and/or coral pink. Eye color: ~~deep-vivid~~ blue.

BLUE-CREAM POINT: body bluish white or creamy white. Points blue with patches of cream. Nose leather and paw pads: slate blue and/or pink. Eye color: ~~deep-vivid~~ blue.

RATIONALE: The proposed change removes the concept of deep vivid blue eyes and allows any shade of blue to be accepted.

YES: 6

NO: 0

BOARD ACTION: DelaBar called the motion. **Motion Carried.** Kusy voting no.

2. **PROPOSED:** Clarification of the LYNX pattern.

SIBERIAN LYNX (POINT) PATTERN: Mask must be clearly lined with dark stripes, vertical and forming the classic “M” on the forehead; horizontal on the cheeks. The mask contains light rings around the eyes and dark spots on light whisker pads, clearly outlined in dark color edges. Inner ear light with ticking on outer ear. Markings dense, clearly defined and broad. Legs evenly barred with bracelets. Tail barred with lighter underside. ~~No striping or mottling on body.~~ Body shading may take form of ghost striping.

RATIONALE: The color standard for all pointed colors states clear color preferred with subtle shadings allowed. In keeping with the Lynx Point pattern in the Birman, Colorpoint

Shorthair Javanese and the Ragdoll breeds, the difficulty factor should be considered in the Lynx Point Pattern, we wish to have our standard match theirs. There is only 5 total points for color in the Siberian, 3 for pattern and 2 for color. Our current standard states **NO STRIPING OR MOTTLING ON BODY**. Since all the Siberian Colorpoint color point colors, except the Lynx Point, state Body: clear color is preferred with subtle shadings allowed, the Lynx Point Pattern should not be singled out by inferring a heavier penalty for color/pattern than the other pointed colors. The proposed new wording: body color may take form of ghost striping.

YES: 5

NO: 0

BOARD ACTION: DelaBar called the motion. **Motion Carried.** Angell and Calhoun voting no.

3. **PROPOSED:** Clarification of the eye color in colorpoint colors.

SEAL LYNX POINT: points beige-brown ticked with darker brown tabby markings. Body color pale cream to fawn, warm in tone. Nose leather: seal brown or brick red. Paw pads: seal brown. Eye color: ~~deep vivid~~ blue.

BLUE LYNX POINT: points light, silvery blue, ticked with darker blue tabby markings. Body color bluish white, cold in tone. Nose leather: blue or old rose. Paw pads: blue. Eye color: ~~deep vivid~~ blue.

FLAME (RED) LYNX POINT: points deep orange flame ticked with deep red tabby markings. Body color creamy white. Nose leather and paw pads: flesh to coral pink. Eye color: ~~deep vivid~~ blue.

CREAM LYNX POINT: points pale cream ticked with dark cream tabby markings. Body color creamy white, significantly lighter in tone than the points. Nose leather and paw pads: flesh to coral pink. Eye color: ~~deep vivid~~ blue.

TORTIE LYNX POINT: points beige-brown with dark brown tabby markings and patches of red. Body color creamy white or pale fawn. Nose leather and paw pads: seal brown, brick red and/or coral pink. Eye color: ~~deep vivid~~ blue.

BLUE-CREAM LYNX POINT: points blue with darker blue tabby markings and patches of cream. Body color bluish white, cold in tone. Nose leather and paw pads: blue, old rose and/or pink. Eye color: ~~deep vivid~~ blue.

RATIONALE: The proposed change removes the concept of deep vivid blue eyes and allows any shade of blue to be accepted.

YES: 6

NO: 0

BOARD ACTION: DelaBar called the motion. **Motion Carried.** Kusy voting no.

OPEN REGISTRATION BALLOT

Current:

PEDIGREE REQUIREMENTS (last date showing is current):

Date: 1/1/03	3 generation CP	Date:	
Date: prior	No CP needed – OK	Date:	

1/1/03	w/just cert from Russian breed club, TICA, ACFA, etc.		
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FOREIGN-CAT REQUIREMENTS (if different from above):

Date: 7/13/04	CP's from Russia (especially WCF) OK with unknown or unregistered cats in background per Pam Martin.
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4. **PROPOSED:** An additional method for importing Siberians from Russia.

Open registration limited to 15 years. The cat or kitten must have travel documentation from Russia and the cat or kitten must be a moderately long to longhaired Russian Domestic Cat. Open registration would close April 30, 2023. Registration would then revert to 3 generation certified pedigrees from other registering organizations.

NOTE: The current process would still be in effect in addition to this method.

RATIONALE: Currently in CFA, one needs at least a two generation pedigree and transportation papers from the point of origin to register a Siberian kitten or cat. This breed is still relatively new to CFA and since it is a native forest breed of Russia, additional cats need to be brought in to increase the gene pool to avoid inbreeding problems and maintain health and good size in this breed. If we have open registration, then a Siberian breeder could go to Russia and pick out cats or kittens and bring them back to the US and be able to register them even if they do not have a pedigree. Transportation papers showing that Russia was the point of origin of the cat or kitten would be required for registration and the kitten or cat would have to meet the requirements of being a moderately long to longhaired Domestic cat.

YES: 3

NO: 3

BOARD ACTION: No action taken.

SPHYNX

Breed Council Secretary: Tom Lewis

Total Members: 35

Ballots Received: 24

60% of Voting: 15

1. **PROPOSED:** Modify the EARS paragraph as follows -

Current Description:

EARS: *large to very large. Broad at the base, open and upright. When viewed from the front, the outer base of the ear should begin at the level of the eye, neither low set nor on top of the head. The interior of the ears is naturally without furnishing.*

Proposed Description:

EARS: *large to very large. Broad at the base, open, and upright and rounded at the tips. When viewed from the front, the outer base of the ~~ear~~ ears should begin at the are level with the centerline of the eye eyes, neither low set nor on top of the head. The interior of the ears is naturally without furnishing.*

RATIONALE: This proposal adds verbiage consistent with proper alignment of eyes with ears. Existing verbiage does not identify a defined plane of alignment. The new wording creates a plane of reference for proper ear placement, being the center of the eyes. This was outlined in the Judges Workshop presentation at the 2004 Annual. Since the standard is a depiction of the perfect cat, the wording of “should...” has been stricken. Singular use of “Eye” and “Ear” has been replaced with plural, to depict planes of the whole view, not just partial views.

YES: 13

NO: 11

BOARD ACTION: No action taken.

2. **PROPOSED:** Modify the EYES paragraph as follows -

Current Description:

EYES: *large, lemon-shaped, with wide-open center while coming to a definite point on each side. Placement should be at a slight upward angle, aligning with the outer base of the ear. Eyes to be wide set apart with the distance between the eyes being a minimum of one eye width. Eye color immaterial.*

Proposed Description:

EYES: *large, lemon-shaped aperture, with wide-open center while coming to a definite point on each side. Placement ~~should be~~ is at a slight upward angle, with centerline of the eyes aligning with the outer base of the ear ears. Eyes to be wide set apart with the distance between the eyes being approximately the width of the ~~a minimum of one eye width.~~ Eye color immaterial.*

RATIONALE: This proposal addresses housekeeping to be consistent with that with is proposed for EARS in item #1. “Aperture” is added to make use of consistent terminology among other standards. Since the standard is a depiction of the perfect cat, the wording “should be” and “minimum...” has been stricken as they create a range of acceptance, not a

clear requirement. To address the fact that the growth and development of young specimens can cause periodic temporary displacement of eye size, overall head and cheekbone structure up to adulthood; the use of “approximately...” is inserted to allow judgment based on overall balance relative to all head attributes.

YES: 13

NO: 11

BOARD ACTION: No action taken.

3. **PROPOSED:** Modify the HEAD paragraph as follows -

Current Description:

HEAD: the head is a modified wedge, slightly longer than it is wide, with prominent cheekbones, a distinctive whisker break and whisker pads giving a squared appearance to the muzzle. The skull is slightly rounded with a flat plane in front of the ears. The nose is straight and there is a slight to moderate palpable stop at the bridge of the nose.

Proposed Description:

HEAD: the head is a modified wedge, slightly longer than it is wide, with prominent cheekbones, a distinctive whisker break and whisker pads giving a squared appearance to the muzzle. The skull is slightly rounded with a flat plane in front of the ears. ~~The nose is straight and there is a slight to moderate palpable stop at the bridge of the nose.~~ In profile, the flat plane intersects with a downward gentle curve at the brow line, proceeding to a slight to moderate palpable stop. The nose is straight from the stop to the nose leather.

RATIONALE: There is currently no verbiage within the standard to define attributes in the profile view of the head. The proposed provides for written understanding to that which was portrayed in the Judges Workshop presentation at the 2004 Annual.

YES: 11

NO: 13

BOARD ACTION: No action taken.

4. **PROPOSED:** Modify the COAT/SKIN paragraph as follows -

Current Description:

COAT/SKIN: the appearance of this cat is one of hairlessness. Short, fine hair may be present on the feet, outer edges of the ears, the tail, and the scrotum. The bridge of the nose should be normally coated. The remainder of the body can range from completely hairless to a covering of soft peach-like fuzz whose length does not interfere with the appearance of hairlessness. This coat/skin texture creates a feeling of resistance when stroking the cat. Wrinkled skin is desirable, particularly around the muzzle, between the ears, and around the shoulders. There are usually no whiskers but if whiskers are present they are short and sparse.

Proposed Description:

COAT/SKIN: the appearance of this cat is one of hairlessness. Short, fine hair may be present on the feet, outer edges of the ears, the tail, and the scrotum. The bridge of the nose ~~should be~~ is normally coated. The remainder of the body can range from completely hairless to a covering of soft peach-like fuzz whose length does not interfere with the appearance of hairlessness. This coat/skin texture creates a feeling of resistance when stroking the cat.

Wrinkled skin is desirable, particularly around the muzzle, between the ears, and around the shoulders. There are usually no whiskers but if whiskers are present they are short and sparse.

RATIONALE: Since the standard is a depiction of the perfect cat, the word “should” has been stricken. Other hairless breeds may soon be presented for advancement. Among all hairless breeds, the Sphynx has a unique attribute of a normally coated nose. This will allow for future differentiation between the hairless breeds.

YES: 13

NO: 11

BOARD ACTION: No action taken.

TONKINESE

Breed Council Secretary: Linda Martino

Total Members: 65

Ballots Received: 38

60% of Voting: 23

History of Proposed Tonkinese Breed Council Standard Changes.

History of Items 1 & 2. In 1993, the point and solid patterns were added to the standard. They were not added for championship but added for informational purposes only and were not well integrated. In 2003 following elevation to championship, they were integrated and much of the standard was cleaned up. Items 1 & 2 are two more cleanup issues. Item 1 was originally put in the solid section as the breeders were more concerned it was not obvious that Champagnes and Platinums had more contrast than Naturals and Blues. But this contrast difference was true for all patterns not just solids. We wish to move it to the global section where it is more appropriate. Item 2 is a definition that got more complicated as we added the new patterns and it actually doesn't mention solids. The term needs not be so convoluted when a simple term is clear and clean.

History of Item 3. In the Tonkinese standard, tail fault was originally Penalize. The breed council decided it would be better to make it Disqualify. Almost immediately an undesired consequence was that some judges very aggressively checked the tails. One cat, as documented by a vet, had permanent damage by aggressive handling by a judge. In 2000 the breed council requested that it stay as disqualify but made Visible Tail Fault. The change passed the Tonkinese breed council but not the CFA board. One comment by an allbreed judge was that a judge could not check visibly for all tail faults. The issue has continued to be discussed by the breed council as some judges continue to aggressively handle tails. It's not an individual judge but multiple ones. The discussion this year extended into what is a tail fault. The conclusion of the breed council was that the term was not well defined. It was difficult to define it and the only real concern we have in our breed is for tail kinks. Therefore we voted to change it to visible tail kink to replace tail fault. Tail kink is well defined, what we are concerned with, and could be checked visibly with no harm to any cat. It is also consistent with similar breeds.

1. Contrast

PROPOSED: Under the TONKINESE COLORS General description - Solid colors: section of the standard, DELETE “There will be more contrast between points and body color for the champagne solid and platinum solid than for the natural solid and blue solid.” and ADD a non-coat pattern specific version (word solid removed) to the end of the GENERAL POINT COLOR: section.

Current Description: TONKINESE COLORS General description - Solid colors: body color in the solid colors may be a slightly lighter shade of the point color, with very little contrast with points. There will be more contrast between points and body color for the champagne solid and platinum solid than for the natural solid and blue solid. Eye color: green to yellow/green.

GENERAL: POINT COLOR: mask, ears, feet, and tail all densely marked, but merging gently into body color. Except in kittens, mask and ears should be connected by tracings. Nose leather color should correspond to the intensity of the point color.

Proposed Description: TONKINESE COLORS General description - Solid colors: body color in the solid colors may be a slightly lighter shade of the point color, with very little contrast with points. ~~There will be more contrast between points and body color for the champagne solid and platinum solid than for the natural solid and blue solid.~~ Eye color: green to yellow/green.

Proposed: GENERAL: POINT COLOR: mask, ears, feet, and tail all densely marked, but merging gently into body color. Except in kittens, mask and ears should be connected by tracings. Nose leather color should correspond to the intensity of the point color. There will be more contrast between points and body color for the champagne and platinum than for the natural and blue.

RATIONALE: The amount of contrast between points and body color varies based on the base colors of blue, champagne, natural, and platinum. Originally there was more concern that the differences based on color would not be understood by the judges for solids and was placed there. This varying amount of contrast though applies to all coat patterns not just the solids so it should be in the general section and not the solid only section. Items 1 and 2 are final items of cleaning up the standard related to the acceptance of the new patterns a few years ago.

YES: 32

NO: 6

BOARD ACTION: DelaBar called the motion. **Motion Carried.**

2. Consistent terminology across breeds

PROPOSED: In the POINT SCORE under COLOR replace “Body color (including point color in mink and pointed colors)” with the more generic term “Coat color”.

Current Description:

POINT SCORE

HEAD (25)

Profile.....	8
Muzzle and chin.....	6
Ears	6
Eye shape and set.....	5

BODY (30)

Torso	15
Legs and feet.....	5
Tail	5
Muscle tone.....	5

COAT.....10

COLOR (35)

Body color (including point color in mink and pointed colors).....	25
Eye color	10

Proposed Description:

POINT SCORE

TURKISH ANGORA

Breed Council Secretary: TBA

Total Members: 34

Ballots Received: 18

60% of Voting: 11

1. **PROPOSED:** ADD a new paragraph following the heading TURKISH ANGORA COLORS and before the first color description, to read as follows:

“GENERAL: All colors should be considered of equal value. Color faults such as leg barring on shaded cats, or tabby markings on smoke cats may often be present in younger cats but will gradually fade because of the way colors develop and are expressed in this breed.”

AND REMOVE the following text, which appears in between the Red and Classic Tabby descriptions:

“Note: tabby markings are frequently present on younger smokes and should not be penalized in those under 1 year of age.”

CURRENT:

TURKISH ANGORA COLORS

WHITE: pure white, no other coloring. Nose leather and paw pads: pink.

BLACK: dense coal black, sound from roots to tip of fur. Free from any tinge of rust on tips or smoke undercoat. Nose leather: black. Paw pads: black or brown.

BLUE: blue, lighter shade preferred. One level tone from nose to tip of tail. Sound to the roots. A sound darker shade is more acceptable than an unsound lighter shade. Nose leather and paw pads: blue.

CREAM: one level shade of buff cream without markings. Sound to the roots. Lighter shades preferred. Nose leather and paw pads: pink.

RED: deep, rich, clear, brilliant red; without shading, markings, or ticking. Lips and chin the same color as coat. Nose leather and paw pads: brick red.

Note: tabby markings are frequently present on younger smokes and should not be penalized in those under 1 year of age.

CLASSIC TABBY PATTERN: markings dense, clearly defined. . . .etc.

PROPOSED:

TURKISH ANGORA COLORS

GENERAL: All colors should be considered of equal value. Color faults such as leg barring on shaded cats, or tabby markings on smoke cats may often be present in younger cats but will gradually fade because of the way colors develop and are expressed in this breed.

WHITE: pure white, no other coloring. Nose leather and paw pads: pink.

BLACK: dense coal black, sound from roots to tip of fur. Free from any tinge of rust on tips or smoke undercoat. Nose leather: black. Paw pads: black or brown.

BLUE: blue, lighter shade preferred. One level tone from nose to tip of tail. Sound to the roots. A sound darker shade is more acceptable than an unsound lighter shade. Nose leather and paw pads: blue.

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RATIONALE: The majority of Turkish Angora breeders now work with colors as well as the traditional whites, and many are focusing on newer colors, such as smoke and shaded. The way these colors are expressed in our breed is different from how they appear in the Persian because of the single-layer coat. In the last few years, we have noticed an increasing amount of time spent clarifying color issues in the judging ring, leading some breeders to believe that less time is being spent evaluating type, which has much greater weight in our standard (color is only 5 points). We added a note to address color faults in our smokes two years ago. Last year, more than 60% of the Breed Council voted to replace this note with a broader introductory note clarifying how we believe color should be assessed in this breed. However, because of faulty wording, the Board did not accept it. We have removed the questionable phrase and hope it will be acceptable in its current version.

YES: 13

NO: 5

BOARD ACTION: DelaBar called the motion. **Motion Carried.**

2. TO BE CONSIDERED ONLY IF PROPOSAL #1 PASSES

PROPOSED: Add the following sentence to the end of the “GENERAL” paragraph that precedes the color descriptions:

“While lockets and buttons should not be penalized, sound color is preferred.”

CURRENT: none

PROPOSED:

GENERAL: All colors should be considered of equal value. Color faults such as leg barring on shaded cats, or tabby markings on smoke cats may often be present in younger cats but will gradually fade because of the way colors develop and are expressed in this breed. While lockets and buttons should not be penalized, sound color is preferred.

RATIONALE: It is believed that all Turkish Angora breeders find buttons and lockets on nonwhite solids, tabbies, and smokes undesirable. However, there are several different views as to just how undesirable these marking should be, as well as concern that they would be penalized too severely if they are added to the “PENALIZE” section. This approach advises judges that these markings do matter and should be taken into consideration, but not severely penalized or used as grounds for disqualification. It is being presented separately so that those who desire a more aggressive approach to this issue can express their views without it holding back the rest of the paragraph.

YES: 13

NO: 5

BOARD ACTION: DelaBar called the motion. Motion Carried.

3. **PROPOSED:** In the DISQUALIFY section, REMOVE the phrase “abnormal tail” and REPLACE IT with “otherwise deformed tail.”

CURRENT:

DISQUALIFY: Cobby body type. Kinked or abnormal tail. Crossed eyes.

PROPOSED:

DISQUALIFY: Cobby body type. Kinked or ~~abnormal~~ otherwise deformed tail. Crossed eyes.

RATIONALE: An extremely alert breed, the Turkish Angora often tenses up in unfamiliar situations. This tension can manifest itself as a stiffness in the tail, or a “nervous kink.” In recent years, several cats with this issue have been x-rayed and found to have no physical abnormality; they have outgrown the problem and gone on to achieve success in the show ring.

A nervous kink is certainly not normal, so a cat with this issue is technically subject to disqualification under the current wording, which is used in a large number of standards. We did not want to change to another widely used disqualifier, “Visible tail faults,” as that would be a dilution of our standard; we still want cats with palpable but not visible faults to be subject to disqualification.

The proposed change, which is taken directly from the Ocicat standard, directs the judges’ attention more clearly toward visible and/or readily palpable tail faults, and thus allows the more nebulous and possibly temporary issue of a nervous kink to be given the benefit of the doubt. It suits our purposes without adding anything that is without precedent.

YES: 13

NO: 5

Kusy: “Otherwise deformed” is confusing.

BOARD ACTION: DelaBar called the motion. Motion Failed.

4. **PROPOSED:** ADD the following paragraph to the list of Turkish Angora Colors immediately after the paragraph OTAC (Other Turkish Angora Colors):

“AOV (Any Other Variety): any established tabby color in the ticked tabby pattern or ticked tabby pattern and white.”

CURRENT: none

PROPOSED: AOV (Any Other Variety): any established tabby color in the ticked tabby pattern or ticked tabby pattern and white.

RATIONALE: This is a housekeeping proposal to define and clarify the Turkish Angora AOV class. Currently the only AOV colors and/or patterns acceptable for registration and/or showing are the ticked tabby pattern in currently established tabby colors or ticked tabby pattern and white in currently established tabby colors.

YES: 15

NO: 3

BOARD ACTION: DelaBar called the motion. **Motion Carried.**

5. **PROPOSED:** ADD the following parenthetical description into the Turkish Angora standard under the heading Turkish Angora Color Class Numbers below AOV.

“(Any established tabby color in the ticked tabby pattern or ticked tabby pattern and white.)”

CURRENT:

AOV 1898 1899

PROPOSED:

AOV 1898 1899

(Any established tabby color in the ticked tabby pattern or ticked tabby pattern and white.)

RATIONALE: This addition is a complement to the housekeeping proposal above to define and clarify the Turkish Angora AOV class.

YES: 13 NO: 4

Wilson: If they are defining their AOVs, it doesn't need to be in the color classes. I don't have a problem with it being in there. **DelaBar:** This is not part of the standard. It's there for reference only and to be part of the show rules, so it doesn't apply. **Eigenhauser:** They are asking to put it in the standard. **DelaBar:** We have already put it in the standard. This is redundant.

BOARD ACTION: DelaBar called the motion. **Motion Failed.**

INFORMATION ONLY QUESTION

6. FOR INFORMATION ONLY:

Would you be in favor of creating color descriptions for Tortoiseshell and White and accepting said color and its varieties in the Parti-Color & Bi-Color class: Tortoiseshell and White, Blue-Cream and White, Smoke Tortoiseshell and White, Smoke Blue-Cream and White, Shaded Tortoiseshell and White, and Shaded Blue-Cream and White? Please vote yes or no.

RATIONALE: The Turkish Angora standard does not currently have a description for Tortoiseshell and White and its varieties. Thus, any cats registered with these colors would have an OTAC prefix and compete in the OTAC class. By adding color descriptions for the Tortoiseshell and White and its varieties, all bi-colored cats could compete in the Parti-Color & Bi-Color class. Should the majority of the BC vote in favor, these descriptions will be written and proposed in next year's ballot.

YES: 13 NO: 4

BOARD ACTION: No action taken.

TURKISH VAN

Breed Council Secretary: Linda Gorsuch

Total Members: 19

Ballots Received: 18

60% of Voting: 11

1. **PROPOSED:** delete the current “import policy” in its entirety and replace it with the updated “transfer and registration policy for Turkish Vans.”

PROPOSED:

TRANSFER AND REGISTRATION POLICY FOR TURKISH VANS

The Turkish Van is a natural breed with no allowable outcrosses.

I. CATS OF ESTABLISHED PARENTAGE REGISTERED IN ANOTHER CAT REGISTRY

For non-CFA registered cats of established parentage the following must be provided:

A. A certified five-generation pedigree IS REQUIRED from the registry of transfer, BUT MUST BE REVIEWED AND APPROVED BY THE BREED COUNCIL SECRETARY BEFORE CFA CENTRAL OFFICE ACCEPTANCE.

B. A copy of applicable registration and/or transfer of ownership slips from the registry involved.

C. Exceptions: In pedigrees where cats of unknown parentage appear, the Breed Council Secretary may approve registration upon verification that the import ancestor is already in the CFA database, or that of a registry with similar Turkish Van registration policies. If not, the Breed Council Secretary may require that the ancestor first be recorded through the procedures outlined below for cats of unknown parentage from the region of import.

D. If concerns over hybridization exist, the Breed Council Secretary may also request that the applicant provide results of genetics testing for non-allowable or undesirable hybrid traits. In this case, the cat must be microchipped by a licensed veterinarian, who will submit the DNA sample, with microchip number verified and noted on the paperwork, directly to a licensed feline genetics laboratory.

II. CATS OF UNKNOWN PARENTAGE FROM THE REGION OF IMPORT

Cats of unknown parentage can be imported from the following countries: Turkey, Russia (Voronezh and Saratov Regions and all points west/southwest) Syria, Iran, Iraq, Saudi Arabia, Kuwait, Georgia, Armenia, Azerbaijan, Turkmenistan, Uzbekistan, and Kazakhstan. Imported cats must express the van pattern, in any of the currently accepted colors for the breed. Shorthaired cats are not eligible for registration.

Any breeder considering importing should contact the Breed Council Secretary first for requirements, guidance and up-to-date information.

The following is required for CFA registration of an import of unknown parentage:

A. A detailed description of the cat, including age (approximation), color, known history, location of cat’s origin, and any other information the importer would like considered.

B. *A copy of the import/export papers (any paperwork that shows the cat has been imported from the above-defined region of import. These can include customs slips, air bills, health certificates from in country vets, etc.)*

C. *A minimum of three high resolution hard copy photographs showing a close up of the head markings, and of the full body markings on each side of the cat, with the signature of the person registering the cat that attests that this is the cat to be registered. While it is not expected that imported cats epitomize the breed standard, particularly with respect to their pattern, the following should not be accepted for registry: (1) an excess of color such that the cat is a bi-color (>50% color); (2) a solid (any color); or (3) a shorthaired cat.*

D. *If available, a copy of registration papers from another non-North American World Cat Congress member registry that has accepted the imported cat as a legitimate Turkish Van.*

E. *If deemed necessary by the Breed Council Secretary, evaluation of the cat by three CFA judges or three designated foreign association judges to rule out disqualifying features.*

F. *If deemed necessary by the Breed Council Secretary, genetics testing results for non-allowable hybrid traits such as chocolate and colorpoint. In this case, the cat must be microchipped by a licensed veterinarian, who will submit the DNA sample, with microchip number verified and noted on the paperwork, directly to a licensed feline genetics laboratory.*

III. APPLICATION PROCESS

A. *The applicant must submit copies of all required documentation to both the Breed Council Secretary and CFA Central Office, with the understanding that Central Office will not process the registration until Breed Council Secretary review is complete. Incomplete applications will not be reviewed.*

B. *For transfers from other registries, the applicant should take care to retain the original certified pedigree for submission to CFA Central Office. A copy is sufficient for the Breed Council Secretary.*

C. *The applicant should include an accurate English translation of all foreign language documentation. Should the Breed Council Secretary and/or CFA require additional translation services, these will be paid for by the applicant.*

D. *The Breed Council Secretary will promptly review all materials for compliance with the Transfer and Registration Policy, and notify the applicant and CFA Central Office as to the application's status, and whether the judge evaluation and/or DNA testing will be required. This review, to include obtaining any translation services, should be completed in no more than 30 days.*

E. *Once the Breed Council Secretary has received and validated the entire packet, he/she will notify the CFA Central Office when the approval process is complete so that the registration may be processed.*

RATIONALE: Consistent with the CFA Breeds and Standards Committee's desire to see registration and import policies better spelled out, this proposed policy change more clearly lays out guidance and approval policies for Turkish Vans being transferred from other registries or imported from the region of import. It does not change current Breed Council approved policy on which cats may be accepted for CFA registration. As the existing Import Policy was written in 1991, the proposed new policy incorporates more recent updates and changes to registration

requirements made through previous Breed Council votes and approved by the CFA Board so that the written policy is consistent with current registration guidelines. It ensures proper pedigree research in light of the sometimes vague and variable practices of other registries by establishing more oversight of import and transfer processes. Given the variation in practices and the increasing complexity of international codes, especially in small independent registries, a Breed Council Secretary review process will ensure that pedigrees submitted from other associations meet CFA Turkish Van registration requirements. For imports, it will ensure that import cats are phenotypically Turkish Vans. The current policy does not sufficiently spell out that imported cats that diverge greatly from the general standard for the breed (e.g. shorthairs, bicolors) are ineligible for registration; the proposed policy addresses this. These more comprehensive guidelines and oversight requirements will help maintain the integrity of CFA pedigrees. They will assist breeders who desire to import cats by helping them to better understand the requirements when choosing cats.

YES: 11

NO: 7

The Turkish Van Breed Council would like to thank the CFA Board for the opportunity to present what we believe is a forward-thinking proposal that will enhance the future well-being of our beloved breed. It concludes two years of effort by our two most recent breed council secretaries, with extensive input from Central Office and the Breeds and Standards Committee Co-chairs. I am very pleased it passed with the required percentage for Board consideration, and even more so that it got the support of all but two of the people who actively and proudly register and show in CFA. I would like to thank Annette Wilson, Allene Tartaglia, and Debbie Kusy for their many hours of input and advice, without which we could not have brought this project to fruition.

This Transfer and Registration Policy for Turkish Vans successfully tackles two particular dilemmas for natural breeds: the proliferation of small independent registries with unarticulated import policies, and the growing practice of self-certification of pedigrees where breeders or importers certify their pedigrees rather than using an association registrar. Combined, these two things create potential for confusion and mistakes at best, and deliberate abuse at worst, in adding import cats to registry databases. When established registries, some with reciprocity with CFA, also have reciprocal registration with these small independent associations, it is cause for concern.

In our breed, shorthaired cats, cats of other breeds, and cats who do not have the gene for bicolor/van at all have been recorded as foundation or import Turkish Vans in some registry databases. While there were isolated instances in the past, there has been an explosion of incidents as the number of independent registries has grown. As breeders we had naively assumed that most people who desired to bring in a new cat would limit selection to cats that looked somewhat like the Turkish Van we know and love in CFA. We assumed that the cat would be a bona fide import from the region. And so our import policy assumed much more than it stated. Our assumptions were proven false by common practice. So now we have articulated clear, understandable guidelines as to what constitutes a bona fide Turkish Van import. Two people are headed to Turkey in the spring, and they have voluntarily used this policy to plan their trip and reserve cats in advance. They can be confident that they have made good choices.

This policy also addresses problems related to transfers from other registries. Some Van breeders have chosen British Shorthairs, Maine Coons, Persian, or Birman to expand their lines. Unlike CFA, GCCF and some Australian associations allow this. Not all of the cats have

been clearly documented. While the gene pool may have grown, other undesirable traits may have been introduced, including, it appears, cardiomyopathy. We cannot undo what has been done, and we do not seek to apply anything retroactively, but we will now have clear guidelines on how future outcrosses should be handled. We can also make use of 21st Century technology to guarantee to the greatest extent currently possible that any cats thought to be coming from such backgrounds are genetically healthy and do not carry non-allowed traits.

This policy does not change current Breed Council approved policy on which cats may be accepted for CFA registration. It is not retroactive. It does incorporate recent updates and changes to registration requirements made through previous Breed Council votes and approved by the CFA Board. It ensures proper pedigree research will be done in light of the sometimes vague and variable practices of other registries. It ensures that import cats are phenotypical Turkish Vans. It will help maintain the integrity of CFA pedigrees. And finally it will assist breeders who desire to import cats by helping them to better understand the requirements when choosing cats.

We hope the Board will follow up on our successful Breed Council vote and approve this policy. The Egyptian Mau policy you recently passed served as a base for this one, and we hope that upon adoption, our policy might help other breed councils. We respectfully request your support.

*Linda A. Gorsuch
Turkish Van Breed Council Secretary*

DelaBar: In the past, when there has been only one person to list whether or not a cat is worthy of being registered in CFA, the board did not favorably consider it. **Wilson:** This is related to the pedigree database, not a matter of looking at a picture of a cat. **Angell:** We could get a SNP test. **Brown:** The zone between the Turkish Angora and the Turkish Van could probably be separated genetically. The Turkish Angora has a section of its genetic profile that is missing from all other cats, and that may be an identifier. **Johnson:** I am concerned about using DNA and SNP tests. We may not be ready yet. Until we are, I have a problem putting this into our rules. We need to be further along with DNA. **Tartaglia:** My only issue is a practical one of having one person approve these. **Gorsuch:** The breed council secretary must respond within 30 days. The policy in the past has been to send everything to the breed council secretary. If you have an unresponsive breed council secretary, vote in a new one. **Wilson:** The Egyptian Mau also has a designated representative of the breed council, or the breed council secretary. **Miller:** I like the fact that there is more than just their breed council secretary in it. Is it working? **Tartaglia:** We have had very few imports come in. If you were to put these restrictions on a larger breed, it would be a real problem because it is time consuming.

BOARD ACTION: DelaBar called the motion. **Motion Carried.**

(16) ANIMAL WELFARE/PUREBRED RESCUE/BREEDER ASSIST.

Animal Welfare Liaison Kay Janosik gave the following report:

Committee Chair: *Linda Berg*
Liaison to Board: *Kay Janosik*
Committee Members for BAPBR: *Pam DelaBar, Dru Milligan, Betty Haden, Paul Patton, Sue Gleason, Sonya Coulson, Donna Balestrieri, Mark Rowe, Elizabeth Rymph, John Bierrie, Lorraine Shelton, Charlene Campbell, Warren Joubert, DVM, Tom M. Bankstahl, DVM, Mary Siestsma, George Eigenhauser*

Brief Summation of Immediate Past Committee Activities:

I am only doing one committee report this time as these three committees are so intertwined that it seems appropriate to generate one report. Our rescues and assists are a steady stream. As you will notice from our treasurer's report we have only funded two rescues. One was a large rescue which we asked for help from that particular region and the other was for vet care on a sick animal when that we pulled. The expenses are minimal at this point because basically all vet care; transports and general care until adoption have been provided by volunteers. We feel this is how rescue/assist should be accomplished and want to thank all of those involved who have helped this to happen. We know realistically that we will have to go out to CFA at large when we have large intakes/assists but the over all theme of Breeder helping Breeder is working.

The Food Pantry is a little slower right now, we are doing breeder assist donations but not able to ship to shelters/rescues. The main reason is the lack of food being donated by a sponsor. Their business is up with the Breeder Program which is good for them but because of the increase the donations are down to the Food Pantry. Our last donations were Urinary 30 and small cans of dog food, about eight pallets. We felt the dog food would be good to continue our partnership with the local shelters in Illinois and with breeder assist food donations most individuals have dogs as well. John, Terry, Chris and the crew at W.I.C.C. (the warehouse) are doing a great job of getting the requests of the Regional Coordinator packaged and shipped.

Current Happenings of Committee:

We are working on brochures, fundraising, volunteer gathering and building the structure and framework of these committees. Dru has completed the Guidelines for Rescue and they are attached for your review. Please let me know your thoughts.

We now have a new website which is part of the CFA website and Karen Lawrence is the webmaster. We have had a few issues in the creation and restart which hopefully are all behind us now. Our official domain name is still cfabreedersassist-rescue.org. We have a direct email address now from the CFA website so any mail sent to Breeders Assistance/Rescue via CFA no longer goes thru someone at CFA with a forward to me it is now direct.

Animal Welfare has been creating a data base of complaints. In the past I have kept all the complaints from CFA in hardcopy. With the two moves that I have made in the last few years it became apparent that we needed another way to review old complaints in the future. So with George and Pam's input I have created a data base and I am in the process of inputting the

information from dead files and eliminating the paper once the cases are closed. This will make it easy to transfer to a future animal welfare chairperson.

Future Projections for Committee:

Dru is still working on a list of rescues for the website.

We are still creating our group of volunteers and working on getting a Rescue Coordinator in each Region.

Action Items:

- *Kay will pass out a supplement to this report:*

I am losing hard workers on this committee because they don't believe that CFA is supporting them! People still don't know that we are the Rescue for CFA. How can we get the word out? I need you as board members to talk to your Regions at your next Regional Meeting about the new group; how we need individuals to work with us; have them talk to their Regional Coordinators. If we don't get the word out there somehow that we ARE CFA's Breed Rescue this program will die from lack of people and support.

Next we need to change the CFA web page... it still says Breeder's Assistance/Food Pantry. We look like we don't have a rescue – no wonder people question CFA's support of us. We are a work in progress, constantly writing and creating for this program, which will be gone if people don't understand we are there. Please change the website to read "CFA Breeders' Assistance/Breed Rescue".

These are the two things that I think can be done but if you have any other suggestions or ideas please use them and share them. This program needs your support!

Janosik: I have a couple of suggestions. One would be an envelope stuffer that could go out with club mailings perhaps announcing the restructure, so the club secretaries could make sure it gets to people that don't have computer access. I will draft something and give it to Allene so that we can go forward. We need volunteers so please go to your regions and put the word out.

In my report I talked about re-arranging the program to have three chairs under the umbrella of CFA Animal Welfare with me as the Administrator, Dru Milligan as Chair of Breed Rescue, John Bierrie as the Chair of the Food Pantry and the person I'd like to appoint as Chair of Breeders Assistance is Sue Gleason who has done an excellent Job of getting the Midwest group organized. She is leaving the Midwest now and I would like to keep her active in this program as she is such an asset. It also moves me away so people can feel free to ask for Breeders Assistance and not feel like Animal Welfare is involved.

I would like to change the structure of this committee with your permission. I would like the Umbrella to be Animal Welfare with the Food Pantry, Breeders Assistance and Breed Rescue under it as shown below:

Janosik: We are trying to lose the perception that if a breeder calls for help, it's going to go to Animal Welfare. One step to accomplish this would be to divide the Committee into three groups – Animal Welfare, Breed Rescue, food pantry/Breeders Assistance. **DelaBar:** The chair can choose the people that she wants, and organize it the way she feels is the best. The board does not have to approve it but we can have a vote. **DelaBar** called the motion. **Motion Carried.**

This program is vital to CFA. CFA is vital to the development of this program. It needs your support!

Janosik: This program can be more successful with our help. We've got to get the word out that this is necessary. **Miller:** At the National Council on Pet Population Study and Policy, I talked about our breed rescue. I can't tell you how impressed they are with CFA's direction. The National Council is a wonderful bridge for CFA into the shelter world so that they know we care.

*Animal Welfare
Linda Berg*

CFA Breeders Assistance/Breed Rescue Liaison Kay Janosik gave the following report:

Committee Chair:	Linda Berg
Liaison to Board:	Kay Janosik
List of Committee Members:	Pam DelaBar, Dru Milligan, Betty Haden, Paul Patton, Sue Gleason, Sonya Coulson, Donna Balestrieri, Tammy Roark, Elizabeth Rymph, John Bierrie, Lorraine Shelton, Charlene Campbell, Warren Joubert, DVM, Tom M. Bankstahl, DVM

When I brought my idea to you for the creation of Breeders Assistance I felt that I should not be chair of both. However, the board insisted I chair at the time I took it forward in June of 06. I think now that we have built the basic frame work and added Breed Rescue and the Food Pantry we can expand it out and appoint a person to be the chair of Breeders Assistance. There is still the perception out there that if you ask for help you will be taken to task by Animal Welfare and be in trouble. I feel this is hindering us with the general populace and I want to see this succeed on all levels and feel this is the next step.

I have someone in mind for the position that is already working successfully in Breeders Assistance as a Regional Coordinator. If the board agrees I will ask her to take over the position of chair for Breeders Assistance. I would like your affirmation for me to move forward with this next step.

What will be presented at the Next Meeting:

Accomplishments to date.

Respectfully Submitted,
Linda M. Berg

Breed Rescue Program (BRP) Guidelines

I. MISSION STATEMENT: *The Breed Rescue Program supports the rescue efforts of CFA. With the help of CFA member clubs and breed councils, we endeavor to ensure the safety of our recognized breeds, particularly those at risk of euthanasia in our community shelters, and to aid the rescue community at large for benefit of all cats.*

II. REASONS FOR PROVIDING RESCUE: *We provide rescue in the following cases: (1) for cats/kittens in kill shelters or Animal Control facilities, or (2) owner surrender when the only other option is releasing to a kill shelter.*

CFA Breed Rescue will work with Breeder's Assistance in placing cats when a breeder needs immediate relief for whatever reason.

III. LIMITATIONS TO PROVIDING RESCUE: *For breeds not recognized by CFA and for non pedigreed cats, rescue efforts are limited to aiding in the search for safe haven. Funds will not be expended unless (1) those funds are raised specifically for the purpose of rescuing those particular cats and with the full knowledge of the donors or (2) the cats are part of a larger rescue of cats that are recognized by CFA.*

IV. ORGANIZATIONAL STRUCTURE:

A. NATIONAL COORDINATOR: *The National Coordinator will work with the Regional Coordinators to create a rescue network including, but not limited to, CFA Breed Councils, breed specific rescues, other rescue organizations, veterinarians, fosters, and transporters and will maintain a list of contact information for these groups. They will apprise the BA/BRP President of rescue efforts across the country and provide pertinent information for reporting purposes.*

B. REGIONAL COORDINATORS:

1. *Each Region will appoint a Regional Coordinator who will be the primary rescue contact for the Region. All rescue efforts in the region will be coordinated through the Regional Coordinator.*

2. **Responsibilities:** *The Regional Coordinator will maintain a list of rescue groups within the region, particularly CFA breed specific rescues. They will maintain a list of fosters within their region. They will maintain a list of veterinarians willing to work with rescues and/or a list of low cost spay/neuter clinics within their region. They will assure that the Rescue website is up do date with all information concerning their region. They will keep accurate records of each rescue within their region, including funds expended (no matter what the source).*

C. STATE CONTACT: *State Coordinators will be the primary rescue contact for the Regional Coordinator and the secondary contact for the National*

Coordinator. All rescues within a state will be coordinated through the State Coordinator. They will furnish the Regional Coordinator with the following information for their state: rescues groups, fosters, veterinarians will to work with rescue, low cost spay/neuter clinics. They will maintain accurate records of each rescue within their state, including funds expended (no matter what the source). They will join appropriate rescue lists for their state, particularly any pedigreed list that contains rescue information and review for cats that need rescue.

V. PROCEDURAL GUIDELINES:

Locating the cat: (1) *Finding cats in shelters: Coordinators should join appropriate lists in their region, state and/or community and review these lists for pedigreed cats needing rescue. They should introduce themselves to the rescue community letting them know that we specialize in pedigreed cats. We will also find cats through referrals from Breeder's Assistance and other rescue groups.*

Identification of the cat: *Once a cat is located in a shelter or through other means, determine if the cat is a CFA recognized breed. Try to obtain a photograph of the cat or visit the shelter personally. Your best source for identification is a breed specific rescue group. If a cat is a pedigreed cat but not a CFA recognized breed, contact the breed rescue for that particular breed or if none is available, a breeder in your area.*

Determine Risk: *Once the cat is identified as a specific breed, call the shelter and determine if the cat is at risk. Find out if the shelter is "No Kill" or if the cat is scheduled for euthanasia and when. If the cat is at "high risk", i.e., scheduled for euthanasia imminently, and it has not been determined if it is a pedigreed cat, don't wait for a photo for identification; immediately find a foster or rescue group to take the cat.*

Breeder Identification: *In all instances, try to identify the breeder. When this is possible, contact the breeder and ask them to take responsibility for the cat. Most of the time, we are not able to do this when a cat is in a shelter, but always TRY!*

Owner Surrender: *When called by an owner that wants to relinquish their pet, always offer solutions so that the pet can stay in the home. Accept the cat into rescue only if that is not possible.*

VI. BAP Referrals

There will be times that Breeder's Assistance will call on Rescue, primarily if there are too many cats for the owner/breeder to place in a reasonable amount of time or if they are unable to care for the cats for any reason.

1. *Home visit: A home visit to the cattery MUST be performed and an accurate number of cats involved ascertained. Prior to the visit, the breeder will sign a waiver allowing the visit and photographing of cats to be placed and a release of veterinary records. A list of cats going into rescue will be generated with the*

following information: age, sex, color, medical info including vaccination records.

2. *Breed specific rescue groups should be consulted first and if they do not have space, contact pedigreed rescue organizations followed by local rescue groups.*
3. *Full disclosure: any group asked to place cats from these situations should be told that they come from a cattery and apprised of any medical or behavioral issues. They do not need to know the name of the breeder or the cattery.*
4. *Generate supply list and a preliminary budget, for example: Does the rescue have carriers or will they need to be furnished? Do we need to vaccinate? Can the breeder afford to help? Each situation will have its own needs.*

Treasurers Report

We had a first good year financially. So many people donated services and time that it left something in the account (Wells Fargo & Pay Pal year-end with \$1250.16 total in the accounts).

We are still waiting for a few miscellaneous funds. From all the rescues, we received only one "boarding/vet exp" invoice which was paid in Dec. Most of our costs this year were in "set-up" items and misc. rescue supplies for Region 7.

*Respectfully submitted,
Leslie Falteisek, Treasurer*

(17) **PUBLICATIONS.**

Publications Liaison Kitty Angell presented the following report:

Committee Chair: Carol Krzanowski
Liaison to Board: Kitty Angell
List of Committee Members: Shelly Borawski, Kelly Jones

Brief Summation of Immediate Past Committee Activities:

The conversion process from the printed Almanac to the Online Almanac has gone smoothly thus far. We continue to receive occasional questions from former magazine subscribers, and those inquiries are being handled as they arise.

Enhancement and expansion of the Online Almanac, which began last summer, continues to be a work in progress. We have added a number of new features and sections, including an Archives page and pictured grands/DMs.

Production of the 2008 Yearbook has been and continues to be a top priority, and is moving along smoothly. We have streamlined our production process in a number of areas to conserve time and resources. Production is ahead of schedule as compared to last year, and we appear to be on target to meet our goal to complete this book in time for earlier mailing. The anticipated mailing date will be provided at the board meeting.

Current Happenings of Committee:

Almanac Conversion

As of 1/9/08, 395 Almanac subscribers have converted to the Online Almanac, seven have requested a credit and six have requested a cash refund leaving 457 yet to convert. The equivalent cash values are as follows:

- \$7340.02 395 *Subscriptions converted*
- 175.81 7 *Credit issued*
- \$104.23 6 *Refund*
- \$7142.64 457 *Subscriptions not yet converted*

While we have had 110 conversions since the last report in October, only 79 of those were new Online Almanac subscribers, bringing the total number of subscriptions up to 1283 from the 1204 reported in October. These numbers continue to change daily as more conversions are initiated and redemption certificates used.

Within the week a reminder notice will be printed and mailed to the Almanac subscribers who have yet to convert their subscriptions. In addition to the mailed notices, we will send emails to those individuals who have an email address on file.

Online Almanac

During the past several months, most sections of the Online Almanac were reorganized to accommodate the expanded content, and the first full-fledged issue was launched in December. Changes will continue to occur for some time as additional departments are added and others are reorganized for easy access. We have encountered a few technical difficulties along the way due to the manner in which the original site was constructed. The majority of those issues have now been addressed and resolved, but we are still working to overcome a few problems.

The most current downloadable files (weekly, monthly or season-end, as applicable) are now all conveniently found on the Current Downloads page. The most current articles are in the Features section, where users can also find Mewsline items and Winn Feline Foundation information. All older reports, files and articles are now available on the Archives page, which has been greatly expanded to include a number of articles, season-end e-points, grand/DM lists by month, registration statistics, scoreboards and show statistics. The archives page offers grand/DM lists and scoreboards for the entire show season to date, and various other data files available there go back several years. Beginning with the February Online Almanac, users will be able to access monthly e-points archive files, starting with the December 2007 e-points.

In December, we began featuring pictured grands/DMs in the Online Almanac. Picturing the cats in full color makes such a difference and truly shows them at their best. We have added the option for breeders/exhibitors to pay for their grand/DM photos online through the CFA Online Catalog. This option may also be used to pay for grand photos in the Yearbook.

Roeann Fulkerson and the Business Development Committee have been working on obtaining commercial advertising for the Online Almanac. At this time Royal Canin and Dr. Elsey's have both committed and we hope to have their advertising online very soon. Royal Canin is constructing a landing page specific for CFA breeders/exhibitors that we will link to instead of to their corporate home page. We are excited about this landing page, as it will be used to announce the latest news and offers from Royal Canin specific to our CFA community. Two other commercial advertisers are pending, with others showing interest.

As reported in October, an Online Almanac User's Guide was developed and published in the October/November 2007 Almanac for the purpose of assisting new subscribers, particularly those converting from the printed magazine. We have held off making this guide available online due to the vast number of changes still occurring with the Online Almanac. Once expansion has been completed for the most part, we plan to revise the guide and make it available online as a resource.

Tartaglia: We are archiving the grands, the e-points, articles, scoreboards, registration stats, show statistics. **White:** That's what people want to see. **Calhoun:** We have to make a significant effort to bring up the on-line publication, and either make it a bigger venture or take the staff down. I would like to see the Publications Committee come to the Budget Committee with a proposal around that for next year's budget. **DelaBar:** Anytime you make a change, it's going to take more than a few months before things start to even out. It would be premature to start thinking about cuts until we have a full cycle. **Johnson:** I do think it would be important for us to see a plan from the Committee on how they are going to improve revenue and/or prove successes. It would be appropriate for them to put together something to give the Budget Committee an idea what their plan is and some of the ideas they have. **Calhoun:** Realistically,

we're talking about \$100,000 revenue in that one category. We need a plan and we need it quickly.

Yearbook

The 2008 Yearbook is 536 pages compared to 560 pages in the 2007 Yearbook. This is not a dramatic change considering that five pages last year were used for the Comprehensive Index, a feature that is not published every year. In addition, two feature articles that were scheduled for the 2008 Yearbook never materialized and we had to proceed without them.

Ads total 178 compared to 197 ads in the 2006 Yearbook. The decrease of 19 ads can be attributed at least partially to the advertising rate increase implemented for this Yearbook. The rate increase may also have had an impact on the selection of ad size, as the 2008 edition contains fewer full page and multi-page ads than previous Yearbooks did.

We have a total of 163 pre-publication orders for the 2008 Yearbook placed through 12/31/07, the cut-off date for the pre-publication discount. This is a marked decrease from last year, when we had a total of 308 orders for the 2007 Yearbook as of 12/31/06. The price of the book was increased in 2007 from \$30.00 to \$35.00 for pre-publication orders and from \$36.00 to \$40.00 for regular orders. Due to the postal rate increase implemented in 2007, we were forced to raise the shipping and handling fees as well to cover costs.

These increases may have had a negative impact on overall sales of the 2008 Yearbook; however, we consider the Internet to be the major reason for the decline in advertising and book sales. The Internet is appealing to those advertisers who wish to reach a broader audience and want the option to change their text and photos on a regular basis. The Internet is a less expensive advertising option for several reasons: the cost of web site hosting is minimal when compared to the cost of print advertising; and low resolution images, i.e., photographers' proofs, can published on the web, eliminating the need for advertisers to order high resolution images from the photographers. In addition, people who are looking for a breeder can use Internet search engines for instant results. All of this makes it difficult for the Yearbook, or any print publication for that matter, to compete successfully with such a vast resource as the Internet. We would appreciate any suggestions the Board may have on ways to meet this challenge.

Angell: Carol is working very hard to get an earlier release date on this Yearbook. Next year, we are going to try very hard to have it out much earlier. **Tartaglia:** Our goal is to have very few books left over from the prior year when we start selling the new year.

Future Projections for Committee:

Work will continue on enhancements and expansion of the Online Almanac. The publications staff will continue to streamline production of both the Online Almanac and the Yearbook in order to better serve our customers. We will continue to work closely with Roeann Fulkerson and the Business Management Committee to provide commercial advertising opportunities in the Online Almanac.

Based on our belief that earlier mailing of Yearbook advertising packages would increase advertising participation, we will work with Allene Tartaglia and Kathy Calhoun to set 2009

Yearbook prices early so that the Yearbook advertising packages can be in the hands of potential advertisers before the end of the current show season.

Action Items:

None.

What Will Be Presented at Next Meeting:

We will provide updates on the status of the Almanac conversion and the Online Almanac expansion, including further details regarding commercial advertisers. A final report on the 2008 Yearbook and preliminary report on the 2009 Yearbook will also be presented.

*Respectfully Submitted,
Carol Krzanowski, Chair*

(18) CLERKING PROGRAM.

Clerking Program Chair Regina Shaffer gave the following report:

Committee Chair: Regina Shaffer
List of Committee Members: Rob Loot, Masayuki Okada

Brief Summation of Immediate Past Committee Activities:

Clerks Status: Since my October 2007 Report we have added ten (10) clerks to the Clerking Program. We currently have 339 clerks of various levels: Master Clerks (MC) and Master Clerk Instructors (MCI) stay level for a total of 118 & 24 respectively; Certified Ring Clerks increased by ten (10) to a total of 197.

Current Happenings of Committee:

Clerking Schools: The Clerking Program continues has had six (6) clerking schools from September 2007 to January 2008. Three (3) of these schools were held in the States and the remaining three (3) overseas, all of which were held in the International Division. These schools were taught by one (1) MC working towards their MCI, three (3) MCI, and two (2) Judges. We also had one (1) assistant instructor starting their way onto MCI. Unfortunately, we currently only have two school approved in the near future and two schools in the planning process. One of approved schools will be in Tokyo and the other in New York. Both of the school currently being planned will be in the ID – Asia.

Shaffer: I hope that we can get more clerking schools in all the regions.

Future Projections for Committee:

Updating, as necessary, all clerking manuals and preparing the 2008 Clerking Test.

Time Frame:

Late March, Early April 2008

Action Items:

None

Respectfully Submitted,
Regina Shaffer, Chair

(19) MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE.

Management Committee Chair James Watson presented the following report:

Committee Chair: *James Watson*
Committee Members: *Peg Johnson, Annette Wilson, Gloria Hoover, and Anne McCulloch*

Brief Summation of Immediate Past Committee Activities:

I spent the week of Jan. 6th through Jan. 12th at Central Office working up a Policy and Procedure Manual. The draft manual was completed and I started on job descriptions for C.O. employees.

Current Happenings of Committee:

The committee is currently working with Allene and Central Office to complete the Policy and Procedure Manual. The draft of the P&P Manual is completed and being reviewed by Allene and a copy will be sent to Fred for review.

C.O. job descriptions are being completed and reviewed by Allene. A list of employees will be produced and linked to the various job descriptions that apply to them. There is so much cross job activity that applying a specific job description to each employee is not possible. In other words, each employee does more than one job and that varies depending on the workload during the week.

J. Watson: We have demo job descriptions for clerks, secretary/bookkeeping, customer service, accounting, computer services, etc. There is so much interaction and overlap between the employees. They all work as customer service reps, so we will be refining that. We made special job descriptions that are specific to CFA. It's a living document.

Future Projections for Committee:

Make adjustments as needed to complete both projects.

Action Items:

None

What Will be Presented at the Next Meeting:

The plan is to have the completed CFA Policy and Procedure Manual presented at the June board meeting along with job descriptions.

Addendums to the Board Members Guidebook as they develop.

*Respectfully Submitted,
James Watson, Chair*

(20) **ANNUAL MEETING – 2008.**

Great Lakes Regional Director Loretta Baugh presented an update on the 2008 Annual.

It has been a very busy and extremely frustrating three months as the members of the steering committee for the 2008 Annual in Louisville, KY have struggled with events, commitments and contracts that have restrained and dampened our enthusiasm for the event.

The steering committee, comprised of Annual Meeting Chair, JoAnn Cummings, myself as Regional Director, and members Jerry Hamza, Ron Pastor and Rich Mastin, arranged to meet with Richard Norcini, of the Louisville Marriot in early November. Four of us were able to attend this meeting; Rich Mastin had work commitments and was unable to join us.

Our meeting with Mr. Norcini was a total waste of our time, energy and money.

For each and every issue we raised, Mr. Norcini's comment was that he wasn't authorized to make a decision on it and would have to get back to us. The bottom line to this made our visit a truly wasted effort. Our meeting was held in the lobby of the hotel, around a glass table with no hospitality - rather we were greeted with hostility.

We found that the hotel was heavily booked at the time of the Annual, and we would need to have things on two floors, vendors on a different level from the meetings, and limited ballroom space. Mr. Norcini indicated was going to have to work hard, do some juggling and moving to accommodate us. We were given the impression that we truly weren't wanted, that we would be given the left-over space and would be in an overpriced, crowded hotel.

We left the hotel extremely disheartened and chose to go to the Galt House (JoAnn's preference for the Annual) for lunch before heading home. We were extremely well received, had a \$9.95 Prime Rib buffet and took a mini-tour of the hotel. JoAnn and Jerry returned to see what type of offer the Galt House might make for the meeting.

To our delight, their offer was wonderful; no room minimums, shuttle service to the airport (which the Marriott doesn't provide), four restaurants that can seat all of our delegates and guests, a banquet meal (salad, entrée, dessert and beverage) at approximately or just slightly above what the Marriott charges for just the entrée. Each entrée would be priced individually. The Marriott charges one price (the most expensive) regardless of the entrée ordered.

We put a tentative hold on the dates and proceeded to speak with Pam, and then Allene, about the possibility of breaking the contract with the Marriott, based on the fact that their food costs would prohibit us from meeting the requirements set forth in the contract. Allene said she would see what could be done, and brought in Pat Zollman from Helms-Briscoe to help.

It was determined it would be costly to break the contract. The region realized it wasn't our contract – Helms Briscoe negotiated it and Allene signed it for CFA, so we resigned ourselves to the Marriott. We presented Allene with a list of things we needed to make this work for us. Allene assured us that our concerns would be addressed. Allene and Pat worked to iron out the problems, which centered mostly on food costs and space.

The first weekend in January Allene assured me that all of our needs would be addressed and things would be resolved to our satisfaction. We were ready to move forward, only to have our bubble burst once again when Allene indicated the hotel was being extremely difficult with food negotiations and were holding to a banquet price that was \$20.00 higher than that paid in Austin. That type of cost was unacceptable and we began looking for an alternative place to hold the event. Jerry Hamza contacted the Kentucky Convention Center, directly across the street from the Marriott, with a glass covered walkway from the hotel to the Center. He put a reserve on 21,000 square feet in the Cascade ballroom, for a fraction of the original stated costs. The menu prices were in line with those of the better hotels in Louisville and would enable the region to host an event with four choices of entrée, two choices of dessert, and include a cocktail hour with hot hors d'oevers and entertainment, for the cost of \$60.00 per ticket.

Last Monday Allene flew to Louisville to meet with the Marriott. Pat Zollman from Helms Briscoe was also in attendance. I explained that the Region had a total lack of faith in the Marriott and major concerns in having them cater the banquet. Concerns about quality of food and portion size, along with space to hold the event were at the top of our list. Allene assured me her only intent in making this trip was to meet face to face with the hotel and address the attrition penalties. We had previously been informed that the room attrition penalties had been addressed... that Helms-Briscoe would help sell the unused rooms and that perhaps holding a Board meeting there would offset the costs.

Allene's meeting has resulted in, what we hope, is a final settlement, with all events being held at the Marriott. Mr. Norcini is no longer with the Marriott. Allene assures us the hotel wants us and is now doing what they should have done initially – booking our event in the space we need, and booking other events around us, not vice-versa. They are providing us with the space we need to seat the banquet, have put the vendors in the second floor foyer, which is where the meetings will be held, are trying to free up more space for the meeting on Friday, and have reduced the room requirements. We have also been able to arrange for airport shuttle service, and a choice of a buffet or specials in the hotel restaurants for Friday lunch. There is varied dining two blocks away on Fourth Street, and Allene indicates a new Wolfgang Puck Grille is scheduled to open across the street.

Marriott's food prices still remain a bit high, and they want to charge us a flat rate per head, rather than the price for the entrees ordered. We will concede the point but are still hoping we can get some concession in that area.

The bottom line is that after three months of continual battling, it seems we are ready to move forward.

The Kentucky Horse Park Tour is totally sold out.

JoAnn initiated some innovative and effective fund raising ideas: she ordered and sold 100 Golden Horseshoe pins for \$100 each last summer. She's offered "3 Winner's Circle Tables", prime seating at the banquet, that is now pledged at approximately \$8,000. John & Gloria Clarke have donated \$3000 for a table in honor of Nikki Horner and the Bombay Cat, which originated in Kentucky. Roger Brown generously donated two handmade pearl necklaces (one white, one black) in lovely cases. Almost all of those tickets have been sold. All of this on top of four years of fund raising within the region. All committee chairs are hard at work and we hope to make this a top flight event.

Tartaglia: Hotel “points” are used on CFA’s behalf, not for anyone individually. The meeting procurement company receives a commission on the hotel rooms for doing the leg work, such as contract negotiation and seeing that the hotel meets our requirements. That commission comes out of the hotel’s marketing budget. We are not paying more for our rooms because the meeting procurement company is getting a commission. **Wilson:** This is very similar to what any corporation does.

(21) **FELINE AGILITY.**

Agility Committee Liaison Kay Janosik presented the following report:

Committee Chair: *Carol Osborne*
Board Liaison: *Kay Janosik*
Committee Members: *Bonnie Smith, Coordinator for Certified Ringmasters, Training and Scoring*
Scorers: *Region 1- Doreann Nasin*
Region 2-Jay Collins
Region 4-Bonnie Smith
Region 5-Barbara and Russ Reimer
Region 6-Andrea Dorn
Region 7-Steve Baylus
Jay Collins, Agility Equipment Coordinator
Kim Everett-Hirsch, Publicity, Public Relations and Awards Coordinator
Linda Shaffer, Junior Handler Program
Wanda Martin, Webmaster, Photography and Video Coordinator

Brief summation of Immediate Past Committee Activities

- *Planned the International Agility event for April, 2008 in conjunction with Cincinnati Cat Club and Everything Pets, an animal extravaganza. Kim Everett-Hirsch is working with Roeann to secure sponsorships.*

Janosik: They are going to debut their advanced course and show how easily you can go from regular to advanced. This competition is important to CFA. It gives us another facet of the public that we can bring in. People can enter their household pets in agility, so it is an important project.

- *Have instructed Certified Ringmasters and scorekeepers to give unregistered cats a number...such as region # plus a sequential number...cat from Ohio would be 4-1, etc. These will be kept and organized by the scorekeeper before submission to Central Office.*
- *Have put on 16 shows so far in this show season with 93 cats participating.*

Current Happenings of Committee

- *Continue to offer training for novice cats and handlers.*
- *Increased by 1 the Jr. Handlers; making a total of 2.*
- *Have had more participate, but not all "made it".*

We are advertising and promoting the Agility Competition at every opportunity. We are growing, but it is slow and sometimes painful. It has been asked that we summarize the cost to a club to have an Agility competition. That is rather like asking, "What does it cost to put on a cat show?" We can give rough estimates, but every club and every location will be different.

1. *Equipment rental. Each vendor sets his own price and, in our experience, the cost can be from \$250 to \$400.*
2. *Ringmaster travel and lodging. Again, this can vary. It is our hope that every club will have a local CRM (Certified Ringmaster) and these costs will be eliminated. A CRM was just trained for the Maumee show and local CRM were used in Malaysia.*
3. *CRM pay. \$35 per day. Many CRM are donating this back to the club.*
4. *Prizes. These can come from sponsors, from club or not at all. Most clubs have rosettes for the top 5. Some offer cash and some ask vendors to donate.*
5. *Steward. This cost is determined by the club. I have worked many shows without a steward, but do not recommend it.*

Future Projections for Committee

- *To continue to grow in numbers.*
- *To train more CRM and Jr. Handlers.*
- *To concentrate on an International Agility Event in Cincinnati in April. We will introduce an advanced course that will be easily put up by the CRM during the course of a show. The sponsorship and recognition from this show should carry over to other areas.*
- *To ask the board for a donation of \$200 for each club having Agility.*
- *To finally perfect the scoring and numbering of cats so that it can be taken over by Central Office.*

Action Items

1. *We ask that each club offering Feline Agility Competition, apply to Central Office and receive \$200 to be used for equipment rental or for advertising.*

Shaffer: Where is the money going to come from? **DelaBar:** We have no budget for it at this point in time. **Wilson:** Does any portion of the agility entry fee come to CFA and Central Office? **DelaBar** called the motion. **Motion Failed.** Janosik abstained.

2. *We ask that the list of CRM be put on the website. We have encountered many problems with people who do not subscribe to the Almanac on line, but who would like to find the list of Ringmasters. A national publication contacted the Chairperson and asked how to find a CRM in her area. It was the opinion of the journalist that it was unwieldy for anyone to find this list and no one would look. She wanted to send people to the CRM to locate a show since many are not so noted on the show listings.*

Time Frame: The beginning of the new season.

Eigenhauser: Since the list of judges is also in the on-line Almanac, how do these folks find judges? How do these clubs find clerks? **J. Watson:** I would suggest that somebody in their

club subscribe to the on-line Almanac. If you want the information, subscribe. **DelaBar** called the motion. **Motion Failed.** Janosik abstained.

What will be presented at the next meeting?

- *A glowing report on the April Extravaganza in Cincinnati!*
- *A report on training events ...training of cats and CRM and Jr. Handlers.*
- *Plans for more events.*

*Respectfully submitted,
Carol Osborne, Chair*

(22) **CFA MENTOR PROGRAM.**

Mentor Program Liaison Liz Watson presented the following report:

Committee Chair: *Mary J. Sietsema*
Liaison to Board: *Liz Watson*
List of Committee Members: *Willa Hawke, Marva Marrow, Karen Helmold, Jodell Raymond, Art Graafmans*
Advisor to Committee: *Pat Jacobberger*

Past Committee Activities:

The CFA Mentor Program continues to grow and thrive! We have had over 75 protégé applications since the October Board Meeting and we are working hard to pair each and every one. Many of our mentors are working with 2 or 3 protégés. We are working on ways to encourage more breeders/exhibitors to become mentors. We have been expanding in the International Division as well.

The Mentor Core Committee held their annual planning meeting at the home of Karen Helmold the weekend of Sept 29th/30th, 2007. Art Graafmans was unable to attend but was available by conference phone. Discussions included plans for a new Mentor logo, new materials for the Ambassador Program, creating DVDs and new materials, the 2008 Annual and International, and future meetings.

Mary Sietsema and Teresa Keiger attended the Madison Square Gardens Show, October 2007, to represent the CFA Mentor, Ambassador and New Bee Programs. Both ladies helped staff the CFA Information Booth and also walked among the excited crowds of spectators – answering questions, guiding them through the benching area to find specific breeds and assisting Joan Miller in the Education Booth. There were also several Ambassadors assisting with spectators.

Current Happenings of Committee:

New Mentor Training Course: Teresa Keiger continues to make great progress with the New Bee Program. See report below

Future Projections for Committee:

The Core Committee will be moving our annual meeting to the end of February 2008 and will have a full report available for the CFA Board Meeting in June 2008.

*Respectfully Submitted,
Mary J. Sietsema, Chair
CFA Mentor Program*

CFA New Bee Program

Program Chair: Teresa Keiger

The CFA New Bee Program has been expanding slowly and deliberately. We have had a lot of input and positive feedback from both new and experienced exhibitors.

Its progress to date includes:

- *New Bee classes taught by Jacqui Bennett, Maureen Kramanak, and Teresa Keiger in North Carolina, South Carolina, and Kansas. (the latter pending at the Wichita show).*
- *Growth of the New Bee Yahoo group to 86 members (including Asia and Europe).*
- *An offer from Phebe Low to translate the articles into Chinese for our Asian exhibitors.*
- *An expansion of articles on the website (ongoing)*
- *Links to the website from most regional sites, and many clubs' and individuals' sites.*
- *Clubs offering to run ads about the program in many show catalogs.*
- *Distribution of information about the program at the MSG show (in conjunction with the Mentor Program booth).*

Upcoming goals are to include:

- *Continuing to inform new exhibitors about the New Bee Program by:*
 - *Endeavoring to get more clubs to run ads about the program in their show catalogs (as that is one of the best places to find new exhibitors) with the assistance of Central Office. Ads are currently available for download on the website.*
 - *Continued placement of New Bee site links on cat-fancy related sites to advertise the program to new exhibitors.*
- *Finding and educating additional instructors to teach more classes across the country.*
- *Developing additional education tools such as mini-seminars at a show, or benching new exhibitors together with a New Bee instructor at a show for an ongoing dialog/class during the show.*
- *A New Bee class at the International Show in Atlanta (and possibly an Instructors' class as well).*

I am pleased with the level of enthusiasm from our new exhibitors, the support that the experienced exhibitors in the program/list are giving them, and with the support that some of the clubs and exhibitors have given the program.

Ambassador Program Liaison Liz Watson presented the following report:

Committee Chair: Willa Hawke
Liaison to Board: Liz Watson
Team Leader: Jodell Raymond

Overview

The CFA Ambassador Program is continuing its pattern of successful initiatives for 2008.

Regional Coordinators

We have added Carol Allen and Donna Isenberg to our team of RC's. Carol Allen and Donna Isenberg for Region Five. We are still in need of a RC for the northern part of Region Seven. If you have anyone in mind who you think would be a good candidate, please let us know.

Region 1 Geri Fellerman Dfyre@aol.com (NJ area)

Region 2 Lee Genet leegenet@earthlink.net (Bay Area)

Region 2 Mark Rowe mkrowe@peak.org (Upper NW)

Region 3. Amy Haden Castamore amyhaden@yahoo.com

Region 4. Mariane Toth mmmbuster@aol.com (Cleveland, OH)

Region 5. Carol Allen agavecoon@cox.net (Mesa, AZ)

Region 5 Donna Isenberg catsafrats3@aol.com (Southern CA)

Region 6. Alene Shafnisky sinend_ta@yahoo.com (Chicago, Il)

****Region 7 Position Open DC, Virginia, MD and Alabama, Tenn., N. Carolina, S. Carolina, and Georgia***

Region 7. Andrea Cobb Acobb@piolaxusa.com (Alabama, Tenn., the Carolinas, Georgia)

Region 7 Karen Helmold Khelmold@adelphia.net (Delray Beach, Florida)

Region 8. bamtaro@mtj.biglobe.ne.jp (Japan--Mr. Hirosho Shinmoto)

International Division Europe: Alenka Unk, alenka.unkl@amis.net (Slovenia)

International Division Asia: Ms. Phebe Low, phebelow@yahoo.com.hk (Hong Kong)

Position Descriptions

The Ambassador Position Description is finalized and attached.

Domestic Show Activity

With the last month of the past season and entering the new season, Ambassador efforts have been consistent. Of particular note was Karen Region 7 with two shows in Florida which experienced good attendance and interest from spectators. Of particular note was our bi-lingual Ambassador Kelli Cargas who translated activities into Spanish for spectators. In addition, at the Orlando show, Ambassadors worked as moderators for judges while they gave detailed explanations of what a judge looks for, how to properly handle a cat, a bit of a breed discussion how ribbons get hung and what they mean. Reporting from Region 5, Mary Sietsema, Carol Allen, Lee Genet and Donna Isenberg reported on the combined Region 2 and 5 Show in November which had several Ambassadors in attendance from both regions. As Mary explains,

"We had several spectators ask me questions! I had a few exhibitors come looking for me - knowing I was an ambassador or at least as one exhibitor put it "the person to go to with questions". We are slowly getting the word out to the exhibitors as to who they can come to for questions and most importantly - who they can send spectators to!"

International Division Activity-Phebe Low reports:

2008 Major Objective on Ambassador Program in ID Asia:

- *Ambassador Program to be included in all ID Asia Cat Show -- Launching AP in Mainland China cat show as well as Thailand, Philippines....*
- *AP Handbook translation into Chinese was done by volunteers in Hong Kong, proofread to be completed in second quarter. By having Chinese version, it will help more Chinese fanciers understand AP and facilitate promoting CFA in China.*

MyCATs Malaysia International Show 2007, Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia

Nov 23-25, 2007

This was CFA Ambassador Program's second show in Malaysia since first launching in July, 2007.

She participated in the first 2 days taking care the Ambassador Booth which was set up at the show hall entrance. Gate was around 22,000 for 3 days. Most of the spectators were young families with at least 2-3 small children and were curious about the cat fancy. For the majority of the visitors, it was their first time to visit. Overall, it was a rewarding event for the Ambassador Program which provided a great opportunity to introduce CFA to public in Malaysia. The credit must also go to the Hong Kong Exhibitors who attended this show, nearly all of them were wearing AP button. Phebe said, "One of the Ambassadors came to me with a smile and told me that Spectators really do "ASK ME" questions when we are wearing our Ambassador Buttons The most FAQ spectators asked of Ambassadors were 'How do I join the club?', 'How do I enter my cat for show?', 'How do I get this breed?' Phebe adds, "I was overwhelmed and knowing that our cat fancy has plenty room to expand in Malaysia as well as in Asia."

February '08 Mentor Core Committee Meeting

Jodell and Willa will be attending the Core Committee Meeting in Los Angeles, CA on February 22-24, 2008.

We look forward to the continued success of this program as we strive to spotlight--through this worthwhile effort--all of the positive things that CFA has to offer.

*Respectfully submitted,
Willa K. Hawke, Chair &
Jodell Raymond, Team Leader
CFA Ambassador Program*

CFA AMBASSADOR VOLUNTEER POSITION DESCRIPTION

REPORTS TO

CFA Ambassador Regional Coordinators

PROJECT DESIGNATION

The CFA Ambassador Program falls under the CFA Mentoring Program as approved by the CFA Board of Directors in February 2004.

The general meaning of "ambassador" is "an informal representative who spreads goodwill." In CFA, all judges are automatically considered ambassadors. The CFA Judging Program rules state:

"Each person connected in any capacity with this Program should conduct himself/herself at all times in a professional and dignified manner, in and out of the judging ring, remembering that he/she is serving in the capacity of an ambassador for CFA, and seek to be a credit to this organization."

From this concept, the Ambassador program was conceived.

MISSION

The mission of Ambassadors is to put visitors at ease, offering them a friendly, easily identifiable source capable of answering questions, explaining the bewildering workings of the show and the world of pedigreed cats. These individuals will represent CFA to the public, explaining the philosophy of our fancy in its many aspects, the curious, unique qualities of the breeds and the ethics that are the mainstay for responsible breeders and exhibitors.

OVERVIEW

Ambassadors in the CFA Ambassador Program are individuals who **volunteer** to serve as role models to the public-at-large, educating them about cats and cat showing. A CFA Ambassador has the opportunity to impact the lives of spectators in a positive and meaningful way.

PROGRAM APPLICATION

As part of the process, interested candidates must fill out a program application informing CFA and the Ambassador Team Leader of his/her willingness and desire to serve as a CFA Ambassador. <http://www.cfa.org/mentor/ambassadors-application.html>. If a prospective Ambassador does not have email access, a handwritten note to the CFA will suffice.

Although, there are no real requirements or restrictions, other than a desire and willingness to participate, it is essential that an Ambassador is in good standing with the CFA. Upon acceptance, the Ambassador will receive a special badge, a cage topper, and a CFA Ambassador Handbook which clearly outlines CFA's philosophy and furnishes answers and "official" talking points for the most commonly heard spectator questions.

VOLUNTEER POSITION RESPONSIBILITIES

Ambassadors serve as a *volunteer exhibitor* liaison within their respective regions and as a guest Ambassador within other regions. The main focus of the Ambassador position is to make spectators feel welcome at CFA sponsored shows by answering spectator questions and help them understand cats, cat care; CFA recognized breeds and the mechanics of cat shows. While serving as an Ambassador at a show, it is recommended that the Ambassador wears his/her CFA Ambassador Button and display the cage topper to help spectators easily identify them in a show hall.

It is recommended that an Ambassador make him/her self known to the appropriate Regional Coordinator through email communication prior to attending a show.

It is also helpful if an Ambassador signs up on the CFA Ambassador Email list to keep informed of the latest Ambassador news. <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/AmbassadorsofCFA/>

Additional responsibilities can also include: conducting tours and staffing Ambassador Program Booths at select shows.

(23) CFA COMMUNITY OUTREACH/EDUCATION.

CFA Community Outreach/Education Chair Joan Miller gave the following report:

Committee Chair: *Joan Miller*
List of Committee Members: *Pam DelaBar, Roeann Fulkerson, Kay Janosik, Peg Johnson, Liz Watson, Donna Isenberg, Karen Lawrence, Allene Tartaglia, Fred Jacobberger*

Brief Summation of Immediate Past Committee Activities:

The Outreach and Education Committee has had several conference calls to formulate direction and begin projects. At our last meeting, January 8, 2008 we finalized goals and a mission statement.

Miller: The Outreach and Education Program is very broad and comprehensive. We tried to take it step by step.

Goals – CFA Outreach and Education Program

- *CFA as a primary information resource on cats*
- *Provide educational programs and events*
- *Promote respect for all cats through the “CFA AllCATS” membership project*
- *Increase involvement in CFA*

CFA AllCATS Membership Project - Mission Statement

“To promote respect for all cats – random bred, pedigreed and feral – through participation, education, communication and advocacy”

CFA as a resource will involve providing experts for the media and writers on cat issues; participation in conferences and summits on cat issues; creating an interactive website, Webinars on cat related topics, acting as the best authority on good books and products.

Educational programs and events have started at shows, in shelters, pet fairs, at corporate trade shows and with the “Paws In The Park” event with dog fanciers in California last year. Guidelines have been developed for clubs to use (education ring procedures, assistant job descriptions, etc.) Production of a DVD as the first in a series will begin thanks to support from Dr. Elsey’s Precious Cat Litter.

“CFA AllCATS” project will include cat owners beyond those with pedigreed cats (the other 95%) with the overall objective of increasing respect for all cats and establishing a grass roots group of allies in support of CFA activities including pedigreed cat breeding. The plan is to provide benefits to the members and revenue for CFA. We have talked about our target “customers” and how to reach them; what services or advantages would be offered; what is revenue producing and what is considered prestigious enhancement; what existing CFA programs could be incorporated; staffing needs, partnering with sponsor(s); marketing plan, design of promotional materials, new products, separate website, logo, advertising and the many

other facets of this plan. We have identified several fanciers who could be an advisory panel/focus group to provide input and critique ideas.

Increased involvement in CFA includes finding ways to bring in new people for showing and breeding, agility and other activities as well as promoting and increasing the social and educational environment for newcomers to feel welcome and find interest in the cat fancy.

We realize we need to start small and build as funding becomes possible. There is now a separate tagged account in the Central Office to accept donations for “CFA Outreach and Education” and we are a listed “charity” on www.goodsearch.com.

Current Happenings of Committee:

CFA as a resource:

The Cat Writers Association conference and awards were held November 16-18, 2007. George Eigenhauser, Sharon Coleman and I attended, and I presented, on behalf of CFA, the “President’s Award” for the selected winner of all the awards. Several writers have since called asking for referrals to interview for their books and I have provided cat fancier contacts. This is an important group of dedicated writers and CWA is a good link to the expertise we have within CFA.

“Re-branding Felix” Conference October 15-16, 2007 in Denver. Roeann Fulkerson attended this groundbreaking gathering of invited participants from animal welfare and veterinary organizations supported by Bayer and others. Representatives looked at existing programs and new ways to elevate the value of cats in society, educate people about the importance of veterinary care, provide increased accessibility to spay/neuter services and address shelter environments for cats. CFA will be part of a core group of 5 organizations to carry some of these objectives further.

The CATalyst Summit, February 5-6, 2008 in Palm Springs, CA. The summit is hosted by the American Association of Feline Practitioners and Pfizer. I will attend this invitation-only meeting of veterinarians, epidemiologists and others who have been involved in issues regarding cats to address the status of cats in pet owner households, veterinary needs and how organizations and veterinarians can help shape the future for cats. Travel expenses are paid by Pfizer Corporation.

Education:

San Diego Cat Fanciers show January 26-27, 2008 - Building on the model of “breed showcase” type educational talks using cats we will provide a two day program with a variety of talks and speakers for the general public. We will use this show and educational setting to get footage for the first planned DVD as well as portions of a one hour special on cats for Animal Planet.

Future Projections for Committee:

Continue to work toward a marketing plan for the outreach and education goals.

Our next conference call is scheduled for February 19, 2008. The focus will be on further development of the CFA AllCATS membership program.

Action Items:

None

What Will be Presented at the Next Meeting:

Updates

*Respectfully Submitted,
Joan Miller, Chair*

(24) TECHNOLOGY/WEB SITE COMMITTEE.

Technology Committee Chair Dick Kallmeyer gave the following report:

Committee Chair: *Dick Kallmeyer*
Members: *Karen Lawrence, Connie Selitto, Allene Tartaglia,
Peg Johnson*

Brief Summation of Immediate Past Committee Activities:

*The CFA web site had 26,586,684 page loads in 2007, up 4.4% over 2006 Online sales for 2007 were up 22.89% over 2006. **For Kids ... About Cats** pages had 84,726 first time visitors during 2007, up 8.38% over 2006.*

Recent discussions with Julie Christopher at Simon & Schuster confirm their interest in a joint effort to make the "Cutest Cat & Kid Digital Photo Contest" an annual event. Entries for the 2008 contest will be accepted between August 1st and September 15th, with winner announcements again made at the CFA-Iams Cat Championship show.

Some comments:

"I don't have a cat. I'm allergic to the little dears. However--I want you folks to know how much I enjoy your web site. The photographs are fantastic and the descriptions of the various breeds are a wonderful source of entertainment! (I like dogs too, but the 'AKC' web site is not nearly as interesting as yours.)

- Jeffrey L. Lind

FOR KIDS...ABOUT CATS: "Man, you guys did a great job with your web site! It provides a ton of great tools and resources for your viewers.

I will have our writers create a new theme based on your recommendation specifically for learning about cats. This will probably take 6-8 weeks to complete, but it will be done. Great idea!

- Jennifer Berry, Worksheetlibrary.com

Current Happenings of Committee:

FANC-E-MEWS

*The January/February edition of **Fanc-e-Mews**, CFA's free online magazine, includes articles:*

- ***Is Your Floral Arrangement Safe?***
- ***Dealing With Nighttime Troublemakers***
- ***The Cat Writers' Association Special Award Winners***
- ***The ASPCA® Launches Web Site for Animal Welfare Professionals***
- ***Petmate Dishes up Feline Fashion With New Designer Bowls for Cats***
- ***CATalyst Summit to Champion the Cat***

- *Petmate's New Heated Bedding Gets a Warm Reception From Pets and Pet Parents*
- *Product Review*
- *Poet's Corner*
- *Pedigreed Cat Breeders and Pet Buyers are Allies*
- *Genetics and Your Cat*
- *Pet Insurance: Is Your Pet Covered?*
- *The Cat Fanciers' Association Announces Genetic Testing Cooperative*
- *IMULAN and T-CYTE Form Partnership for New FeLV/FIV Treatment*
- *Breed Spotlight: Birman*

The March April FANC-E-MEWS will feature articles:

- *Easter Lilies and Your Cat's Safety*
- *ABKA Releases Results of Pet Boarding Facility Survey*
- *Nocturnal Activity*
- *Genetics and Your Cat*
- *Product Review: PetMate Food and Water Bowls*

FOR KIDS ... ABOUT CATS

FOR KIDS had 90,526 page loads in the June through August time frame. 18,667 were unique visitors, 94% of these first time visitors.

NEW ON THE SITE:

- *New web site designed for CFA Breeders Assistance & Rescue*
- *New web site designed for catGENES.org*
- *New issues of Fanc-e-Mews - Nov/Dec and Jan/Feb*
- *Show banner ads now available on show schedule*
- *Submission of GC/GP/DM photo orders through online catalog*

Action Items:

None

*Respectfully Submitted,
Dick Kallmeyer, Chair*

(25) **NATIONAL SHOW SCHEDULING.**

Committee Chair: Gina Lehman
Liaison to Board: Debbie Kusy
List of Committee Members: All Regional Directors and their schedulers

Brief Summation of Immediate Past Committee Activities:

The committee has been working through show issues as they come up via the YahooGroups email list. We are submitting a summary of guidelines to go on the CFA WebSite for your approval.

Current Happenings of Committee:

Coordinating regional show schedules with regional directors and schedulers.

Future Projections for Committee:

Continue to share information and work together to resolve show date/location issues as they arise.

Action Items:

Request that the board approve the attached guidelines for National Scheduling as requested at the last board meeting.

Kusy moved for approval of guidelines for National Scheduling (see below). **Motion Carried.**

Johnson moved to put the National Show Scheduling guidelines on the CFA website in a convenient location and provide a link to it in show licensing materials. **Motion Carried.** Eigenhauser voting no. Janosik abstained.

Time Frame:

N/A

What Will be Presented at the Next Meeting:

Nothing planned at this time.

*Respectfully Submitted,
Gina Lehman, Chair*

Following an executive discussion, **Shaffer** moved to allow Touch of Class one-time permission to hold a show the first weekend in April in a new location, and to require the affected clubs to meet and report back to the CFA Ombudsman. The board will readdress the issue in June 2008 and review a financial accounting of the gate for both shows which will be provided by the clubs. **Motion Carried.**

National Show Scheduling Committee Guidelines

At the June, 2005 CFA board meeting, President Pam DelaBar established a “National Show Scheduling Committee”. The committee was tasked with resolving show scheduling conflicts before the shows were licensed.

At the October 2005 board meeting, the following was approved by the board:

All new requests for show dates and changes to existing traditional shows in location or date should be routed through the regional director and national show scheduling chair. From the date of receipt of the request, there will be no more than 10 calendar days for research and discussion regarding this new show/date. After this time, the club requesting the show will be advised of the outcome. If a show is approved, the regional director or his designee will notify Central Office and the club. If a show is not approved, the national scheduling committee chairman (with the regional director) will work with the club to find a more suitable date.

Pertinent Show Rules:

From Show Rule 12.03 - Traditional Weekends – *Clubs that hold a show for two (2) consecutive years on the same weekend are considered Traditional Weekend and do not need to seek permission from their Regional Director (RD) or National Scheduling Chairman (NSC) to license their show each year thereafter.*

Clubs that do not hold a show for two (2) consecutive years will lose the distinction of having a traditional weekend.

For clubs that hold a show on a biennial basis i.e. every other year, their traditional date will be the MONTH, WEEKEND and either ODD or EVEN to indicate the year of the show. These clubs will lose the distinction of having a traditional date after a show is not held for two (2) consecutive show dates.

At the October 2005 board meeting, the board voted to amend SR 12.03 (c) as follows:

“Any show held on a different weekend or at a different location from the previous year must have written permission of the Regional Director for the region in which the show is planning to be held.”

Unfortunately, this Show rule change was inadvertently left out of both the 2006-2007 and 2007-2008 published Show Rules. It will be included in the 2008-2009 Show Rules and beyond.

The following was later added to the Guidelines and approved by the Board:

Clubs that hold traditional dates and do not plan to hold a show for one year should let their Regional Director (RD) know as soon as possible. The date will be considered “VACANT” for the one year only and will become available to the region or other club (s) for a one-time only show date.

With the permission of the RD and NSC, another club may hold a one-time only show on the VACANT date. The club that is approved to hold a show on the VACANT date will submit with

the show license, a letter signed by their President and Secretary that acknowledges the show as a one-time only show for this date. Copies of the letter will be sent to CFA Central Office with the show license.

Neither the RD nor the NSC will provide approval to the Central Office for the license without receiving a copy of the letter that acknowledges the one-time only show date.

One of the purposes of the National Show Scheduling Committee is to avoid show conflicts between regions. If a club is looking for a show date, they should first contact either their RD, Show Scheduling person, or both. They will be advised what, if any dates are available on the regional schedule. Consideration should always be given to shows in nearby regions whenever a new show is looking for a date.

The RD then sends an email to the National Scheduling Committee YahooGroups list. This list is made of up the seven domestic Regional Directors, any regional show schedule coordinators as appointed by the Regional Directors and the Chair of the National Scheduling Committee. The RD for the club that is requesting a date presents the name of the club, the date they want to hold a show and the proposed location of the show. Once the date has been brought forth, 7-10 days are allowed for discussion, the date may be approved or objected to in far less time, but this allows for input from everyone.

Particular consideration is given to comments made by RD's from regions that immediately border on the region of the proposed new show, as they may be the most affected.

If there are no concerns, the new date/show is approved and Central Office is advised by the appropriate RD that the show is approved. If concerns are presented, they are discussed to resolution. The resolution may be that the show is considered to have an impact on a show in a neighboring region and the club is told to select another show date.

(26) **SHOW RULES.**

Show Rules Chair Loretta Baugh presented the following clarification of Show Rule 8.03 with a standing motion and the right to vote no:

Committee Chair: *Loretta Baugh*
List of Committee Members: *Peg Johnson; John Hiemstra*

Six (6) Winners Ribbons won under at least four (4) different judges are required for Championship or Premiership confirmation. For cats residing and competing in Hawaii, Mexico, Central America, South America, the Maritime Provinces of Canada (New Brunswick, Newfoundland, Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island) and United Kingdom (England, Scotland, Wales and Northern Ireland) four (4) Winners Ribbons won under at least three (3) different judges are required for Championship or Premiership confirmation. For cats residing and competing in Russia, Ukraine and Asia (except Japan) four (4) Winners Ribbons won under at least two (2) different judges are required for Championship or Premiership confirmation. Cats who receive their first 4 winners ribbons on day 1 of a 2-day or back-to-back show are ineligible to transfer to champion/premier for the second day of judging.

Baugh: The last sentence appears to only apply in Asia but it doesn't say that. The Maritimes are very concerned about this, especially in Nova Scotia. I ask for a clarification on this rule, whether or not the last sentence is just for Asia or for everyone? My feeling is that it happens so rarely, when a cat is that outstanding. **Eigenhauser:** We put this rule in because there were concerns that in some areas it might be possible to champion one day and grand the next. Do we want to let people be able to do it? You can do it now with the experimental format. **DelaBar:** Why not reward merit? **Baugh:** My motion is to remove the last sentence. **DelaBar** called the motion. **Motion Carried.**

(27) **FUTURE BOARD MEETING SITE SELECTION:**

June 2008: Eigenhauser: With the compressed time of the annual, and adding more and more agenda items, at some point we should think about having a telephonic pre-meeting to deal with some of the agenda items in advance, to open up more time for the meeting with the breed council secretaries, the meeting with the International Division and other important functions.

October 2008: DelaBar initiated a review of the October 2007 teleconference call. **Calhoun:** Board meetings can generally cost \$20,000. **DelaBar** used a free ticket to travel to Central Office and then on to the MSG show. **Eigenhauser:** Plus printing and mailing the board packages (approximately \$500). **White** donated the teleconference charges. There is no cost for the net media portion. **Wilson:** The committee investigated the cost. Web conferencing would generally be in the area of \$3,000-\$4,000 with international dialing. **DelaBar:** Essentially, for \$2,000 we had a board meeting instead of \$20,000. We can't do a teleconference for the February board meeting because we have to see the cats. It's very important. **Calhoun** made a motion to have a teleconference in October, 2008. **DelaBar** called the motion. **Motion Carried.**

February 2009: In June 2005, the Board voted to hold February board meetings in Houston. The Board reaffirmed the decision for February 2009.

Eigenhauser moved to adjourn. **DelaBar** called the motion. **Motion Carried.**

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 4:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Rachel Anger, CFA Secretary

(28) **DISCIPLINARY HEARINGS AND SUSPENSIONS.**

Administrative Suspension: The following case was reviewed by the Protest Committee and a recommendation was presented to the Board for Administrative Suspension, which may be lifted at such time as the conditions are met.

07-023

CFA v. Jarvis, Kathy C.

Violation of CFA Constitution, Article XV, Section 4 (a & g)

Administrative suspension of all CFA services until Respondent completes a CFA cattery environment inspection with an independent veterinarian to be scheduled in a manner approved by the AW Committee. If Respondent conducts such an inspection and pays the applicable late fees the matter can be reopened for further proceedings.

Motion Carried (vote sealed).