#### 2013 CFA ANNUAL MEETING Friday, June 28, 2013

## (33) <u>CALL MEETING TO ORDER</u>. President Jerold Hamza called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

**Hamza:** Good morning everybody. <good morning. **Hamza:** Good morning, fellow shareholders. I would like to take a minute to remind you to check your electronic devices and make sure that they're silent before we get going, so that we can have the proper communication with the outside world, because they're always dying to know what we do here, but that they don't interrupt what we do here. I would just like to remind people of a couple things before we get started. We all are passionate about our hobby, but I always like to remind people that everybody here has the same rights to their opinions and their emotions, and that your rights end where the next person's rights begin, and you have to be kind and polite to the next person. Some of the things we're going to discuss today may bring in some emotionality. Just remember, kindness is the order of the day.

#### (34) WELCOME FROM HOST REGION.

**Hamza:** I would like to turn over the microphone to our gracious host of this year's Annual, and that is Region 2's Regional Director, Ginger Meeker.

Meeker: Thank you, Jerry. Good morning. <good morning> I would like to welcome you to the 107<sup>th</sup> celebration for the CFA Annual. I am Ginger Meeker, the Regional Director of Region 2, and I would really like to welcome you to the Pacific Northwest part of our region. We have had lovely weather for you – after the first day I got here, and I hope you're enjoying some of the sights and sounds, and particularly the microbreweries that are dotted around the area for your convenience. It seems like only yesterday that we hosted the Annual banquet and national awards in Reno. How many of you were at that meeting. Monte Phillips: I made two grand. Meeker: He made two grand. Congratulations, Monte. Hamza: Did you spend it all yet, Monte? **Meeker:** From what I see by the hands, we have a very strong repeat core of supporters for CFA. We have a core group very dedicated to our mission and our function. At this time, we need to focus on continuing to grow our organization, and find new and exciting ways to increase member clubs, show production, new breeders and exhibitors and spectators to our events. While we are a diverse group, our strength is based on our ongoing and undying love for our cats. I know we'll succeed in solving any problems presented to us, and overcoming any obstacles encountered in this process. I got word this week that Betty Denny, age 94, has officially left CFA. I wanted the group to be able to recognize her. She is a retired CFA allbreed judge. A couple months ago, she made a very difficult decision to go back to Fort Wayne, Indiana, to be with her family. They have purchased her a condo near her family so she can live out her years surrounded by children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren. In looking at Betty, I don't know that all of us can achieve what she did, but I think we need to recognize her nearly 65 years in the cat fancy. [applause] I promised I would let her know if there were any boo's. This event was shaped and planned in joint collaboration between the Regional Annual Committee, chaired by Pam Moser. Pam, where are you? [applause] Pam has done an awesome job. The others involved were Central Office Project Manager Jodell Raymond. [applause] And Pat Zollman, our Helms Briscoe representative. Pat is also back at the back table. [applause] I would like to thank each and every one of you who have worked in any capacity to make this event possible. I hope you all enjoy your stay in Region 2. I know some of you have come early to explore our region, and others will be staying after the meeting and banquet to sightsee. The people of Region 2 welcome you and thank you again for coming to our amazing part of the United States. Pam? Pam would like to say a few words of welcome, also. I also want to take a moment to mention the crew that did the delegate check-in. Was that awesome or what? [applause] Twelve of you who are unknown to me came and thanked me for the seamless and easy delegate check-in. After standing in long lines, that's one reason to run for the board. Your Annual Chair, Pam Moser.

**Moser:** We have a special welcome planned for the delegates this morning that is both relevant and appropriate for the Northwest Region hosting the annual this year. Native Americans are a large cultural influence in the Pacific Northwest. And, although geographically set apart from the mainland, Hawaiians consider themselves part of the Native American community. And, Native Americans on the mainland consider Hawaiians as their "brothers and sisters across the sea." Here to welcome you with Aloha to the Pacific Northwest and the 2013 Annual is Honey Justman, from Hawaii performing the traditional dance – the hula.

(35) PRESIDENT'S WELCOME AND MESSAGE. President Jerold Hamza gave the following State of the Organization address.

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# <President's Address Vancouver, WA>

#### <Jerry Hamza>

#### Good Morning,

That was pretty good, hu? [applause] I don't know how I'm supposed to follow that, but I'll go on. I would like to welcome all of you to the 2013 Annual in Vancouver, Washington. Just like every year, our annual share holders' meetings and award weekends encompass a tremendous amount of work. I would like to thank Region 2 for their hospitality and I would especially like to thank Regional Director, Ginger Meeker, Annual Chair, Pam Moser and the entire Annual Committee for their hard work. [applause]

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#### Thank You!





#### The Cat Fanciers' Association Corporate Annual Report June, 2013



During this last year, CFA continued to thrive and grow. Our organization is facilitated by hard work from both the Central Office staff, the CFA Board and its committees, and we have made great strides. In this year, I am proud to announce that CFA had and approved a budget in place before the fiscal year started. [applause] This is the first time that having a budget in place before the fiscal year started in the recorded history of our organization. This is a very significant step in assuring that CFA remains a fiscally responsible entity.

You may have noticed that over the years I have always addressed this body as shareholders. In setting up the process in the constitution of CFA, the founders of this organization created ownership which was to be shared equally by our clubs. Each club is to have one share in the ownership and coming to these annual meetings representing the club's one share.

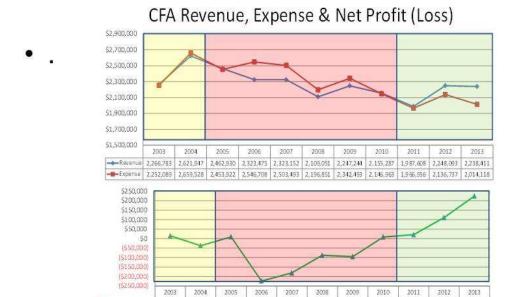
As representatives of those shares, the clubs and by extension their delegates, have a real and important obligation to CFA. As shareholders, it is incumbent upon you to be prepared, educated and knowledgeable about the business issues that face our organization. To understand that the very existence of this organization relies upon your willingness to learn and understand the issues we face at our meetings so that you can make informed decisions that will guide CFA's future in an intelligent and wise direction. We must be sure that we are prepared for success and we cannot base our decisions on emotion or we are inclined to make bad decisions.

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Part of being prepared is indeed getting the right information. That should be a paramount duty of this board and this organization. As President, I have tried to ensure that we follow this practice. We have made available quarterly reports to the clubs. You will also notice something new this year. You have an Annual Report. This report should be standard fare at every annual. This Annual Report – the one you have this year – is not quite what an annual report should be. You have to start somewhere and you need a baseline which is what this Annual Report provides.

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This Corporate Annual Report gives an overview of CFA's performance over the last year and includes financial information over the past decade. A proper Annual Report should be far more detailed about the past year. However, without a baseline, I felt that just starting with an indepth annual report would be a disservice. It is my hope that all of you take this report back and read it so that when we meet this time next year and you get the in-depth Annual Report, it will have the appropriate meaning. These is a practice that should be carried forward every year – a statistically accurate budget in place before the fiscal year begins and an annual report at every shareholder's meeting. These two things should be supported perfectly by the quarterly treasury reports and clubs so that members can interpret all the information and use it as a guide to make informed decisions about the future of the organization.



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I am also happy to report that this year marks a slow and continued growth in CFA registrations. After years of hard decline, slow growth is welcome. In most business models slow, sustainable growth is the key to a sustainable future. We must be mindful of where our growth is derived from. Although, we can never be sure of every reason; certainly we do know that there are some re-occurring factors.



We know that the club sponsorship program has exposed the CFA product over a greater market base. As we expand this program we see growth in those areas. We also know that our aggressive approach to CFA's growth in the International Division has had an impact. Our

willingness to stand tough against aggressive competitors and to open our doors particularly in Asia has paid great dividends. We must continue to be mindful to have a competitive advantage over other registries. It is almost certain that we will see consolidation in our industry. That goal must remain in our mind's eye. We must position CFA to be the remaining registry.



This year we were able to go back and recreate the website. It is one that truly fits the stature of our organization. We have become more and more media savvy with social media using Facebook, Twitter, Pinterest and our blogs. The CFA News Bulletin helps our organization find reliable accurate information that fanciers need. The CFA Monthly Newsletter is sharp. I look forward to receiving it. I hope you folks look forward to receiving it, as well.



#### Profits!!



It is also my pleasure to announce that CFA has realized approximated a \$225,000.00 profit for this past fiscal year. [applause] I know many of you think this is a lot of money. For an individual it is. For a business the size of CFA, it is not. Based on our gross annual income and our business type, this profit is about where CFA should be in the black at the end of the fiscal year. If you look at CFA's P&L Statement – that is business speak for a *profit and loss statement* – a profit and loss statement is a snapshot in time that gives you an idea of where your business is at. If we look at CFA at year-end, it would be my opinion that it is running about right. When you apply accepted ratios to our past year, this is how you want it to look. It is truly amazing when you take into consideration that in this economic climate, we have far less corporate support than ever, the real comforting truth is we are self-sufficient and it feels good. [applause]

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I am also pleased to announce that, as of this moment, CFA is debt free. I have in my hands the CFA mortgage that was held by the city of Alliance, Ohio. Kim Everett, where are you? Would you come up here, Kim? I picked Kim because she is a fairly well-established member of Region 2, and I would like her to help me with something. This is a shredder. In the good old days when a mortgage was paid off, we used to have a mortgage burning, but when I mentioned to the hotel about lighter fluid and a metal trash can, they were less than enthused about the idea, so to replace that in honor of being debt free and not burning the mortgage, but shredding the mortgage, Kim, I would like to ask you to do the honor of shredding the CFA mortgage. **Everett-Hirsch:** We didn't even have shredders when I started. Is that on? **Hamza:** Yeah, you just stick it in the hole. **Everett-Hirsch:** Dirty old man. OK, here we go. It's supposed to go. Oh, wait a minute, it's full. **Hamza:** It's full. They gave us a full shredder. Now, you see why I like fire? [shredder works – applause] Fire is so much more reliable than electricity. But anyway, we don't owe anybody anything. That's a great feeling.

This means we own the building and its contents, free and clear. We have some contractual obligations but they are usual to our business and not significant. So here we sit debt free with \$1.4 million dollars in the bank. Sounds like a lot. Again, it would be great for you individually as a person, but for a business like CFA, it is just OK. Our recent past has shown us this amount can be fleeting. We are presented with an opportunity to secure our future. The challenge lies in how to safeguard the money. How do we use it to create passive and needed income for CFA while at the same time ensure that it cannot ever be squandered? That indeed is a challenge for this board in the upcoming year.



Another challenge is the largest challenge we as an organization have faced. It is our computer system. When we began this process of modernization three long years ago, we were optimistic and didn't have a clue what we were up against. That HP 3000. I hate that SOB. The deeper we got into it, the deeper we got into it. Someone along the way described the system as a bunch of exceptions interrupted by the occasional rule. By sheer persistence and stubbornness, we are in the endgame with the new system. I will let Dick Kallmeyer and James Simbro give you a proper and exciting update during their presentation. The system will be that last major event I will complete as president of CFA.

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The one thing CFA is really good for is exciting gossip and rumors. As much as I hate to, I am going to end some perfectly good gossip. I will finish out my term as President of CFA. [applause] Also, I will not run again. This job for me, at least the way I have done it, has taken a considerable amount of time and energy. I plan on finishing my last year with energy and enthusiasm. For this last year, I want to do a bunch of town hall meetings, and get out and about again. I also want to take the time to address issues one-on-one, and talk with you in a way that you know I have nothing politically to gain and what I say is for CFA's best interests.

The future of this organization still faces many challenges. As I said earlier, you are the shareholders and in each one of you lays a great responsibility. You must be very vigilant, for the future of this organization is in your hands. At this point, maybe too much. These next elections are going to be very important. You must scrutinize your candidates very carefully. Somewhere in the recent past, before my term, I am not sure when, the board evolved into running the day-to-day operations of this organization. Similar organizations have a CEO. The board gives that person a mission statement, then empowers that person to run the organization. Then the board meets and reviews as to whether that individual is fulfilling the organization's mission statement. If yes, leave them alone. If no, why? A decision tree is used. If they determine that person isn't meeting the mission statement, they determine if it's their fault and maybe look for another CEO. If it's not their fault, they figure out why that person hasn't succeeded and maybe try to give them the tools to succeed, but that isn't the way it happens here in CFA.

To be honest, I have been acting as CEO of CFA and the next President will have to do the same. That is a tall order. You will need to make sure that that person has those qualities. You will also need to make sure the board moves toward divesting itself from the day-to-day operations of CFA. It took years for this to happen; it will take years to un-happen. You will need to be patient. I am hoping to be able to start the process before I go.

Another thing I should caution you about, this board is too big. A 20 member board is very expensive. Just alone, to get the board to this meeting was \$33,000. It will expand. We are expanding in Asia rapidly. The other issue is, it's just a matter of time before it gets bogged down in a way that causes major damage. CFA needs to be able to keep moving and keep making decisions. Ideally, the board for this type of organization should be less than half its current size.

I am also warning you to be very watchful of anyone who wants to reduce and get away from the monthly board meetings. The agendas fill every month and it keeps this organization moving. Make sure the board has and approves a responsible budget before each fiscal year begins. Make sure the minutes stay verbatim and transparency is a part of the process.

You are the shareholders, and it's your responsibility to remain informed and vigilant. You are the owners of CFA. Her fate lies in your hands. In a world that grows more complex by the minute, you must also become more complex to protect this organization we love.

That's what I have to say from here. Now, we can get on to the business of CFA. I'll lighten things up a little bit. See the Monopoly box here? There's a cat in that box. [applause] It's kind of a funny story that goes with the box. Many of you are familiar with the voting. When it first started, as you know, there were a bunch of choices. I wrote to the president of Hasbro, because obviously I wanted the cat, and I said, "I'm the President of the Cat Fanciers' Association. Is there anything I can do to push things in the way of the cat?" He wrote me back, "WHO?" I said, well, we are going to have to show them, and we did. There's a cat in that box. [applause] Just so you know, we're going to raffle that box off. Rich Mastin is going to be over there selling tickets. They gave us this box, so I think it would be an honor for somebody to own this box, and it's a good way for us to raise some money.

## (36) <u>DECLARE THE DETERMINATION OF A QUORUM (ROLL CALL IF</u> DESIRED).

Hamza declared a quorum, with 397 delegates checked in.

**Hamza:** We're going to talk about a quorum here. I know you are anxiously awaiting a quorum. Any minute, Eve Russell could break in here and give us the exciting news you all are waiting for – who got elected. But anyway, get your pens out. We've got 621 member clubs. 433 have sent delegates. 397 of those have checked in. We have a quorum. I thought you would be interested in that.

**Hamza:** I have a PSA already. Meeting change – Birman breed council, Saturday 9 a.m., Discovery Ballroom A.

Club	Delegate
Abyssinian Breeders Int'l	Dowding, Lee
Abyssinian Midwest Breeders	Newkirk, Darrell
Abyssinian Society of the South	Thomas, Karen
Agua Caliente Cat Club	Munro, Charlene
Alamo City Cat Club	Gumm, Kathy
All Chiefs No Indians Cat Club	Stenlund, Karen
All States Burmese Society	Graafmans, Kristi
Almost Heaven Cat Club	Blees, Mike
Alouette Cat Club	Dodds, Nancy T.
American Bobtail Breeders Club	Friemoth, Lorna
American Gothic Cat Club	Bryan, Robin A.
American Manx Club	Dinesen, James
American Wirehair Int'l	Brown, Nancy L.
Americans In Paradise	DeYoung, Cherylee
Americans West	Johnson, Carol W, DVM
Ameridream Cat Club	Zenda, Robert
Ancient Capital Cat Society	Wen Wei, Shi
Anthony Wayne Cat Fanciers	Schreck, Barbara
Atlanta Allbreed Cat Club	Rees, Gail
Atlanta Phoenix Cat Society	Andrews, Donna
Atlantic Himalayan Club	Dalangin, Sue
Basic Black Cat Club	Calhoun, Kathy
Beverly Hills Cat Club	Stewart, Connie
Birmingham Feline Fanciers	Andrews, Donna
Black Diamond Cat Club	Staples, Sophia
Black Tie & Tails Cat Club	Roy, Sharon
Bombay Enthusiasts of America	Raymond, Allan
Bonita Cat Fanciers	Eigenhauser, Jr., George
Brazos Valley Cat Club	Willingham, Christine W.
Breeders Alliance & Sphynx Trust	White, David

Club	Delegate
Buccaneers Cat Fanciers	Faust, Sandra
Buffalo Cat Fanciers	Baugh, Loretta
Burmese South Cat Club	Lane, Karen
Butler Cat Fanciers	Barie, Kitty
Cable Car Cats	Campbell, Mark
Cajun Cowboy Cat Club	Dinesen, Cathy
California Silver Fanciers	DeYoung, Cherylee
Call of The Wild	Conde, Marilyn E.
Camino Real Cat Fanciers	Truesdell, Susan H. DVM
Canusa Cat Club	Baugh, Loretta
Capital Cat Fanciers	Peet, David J.
Carolina Sophisticats	Griswold, Marilee
Cascade Cat Fanciers	Epstein, Marguerite
Cat Club of The Palm Beaches	Lane, Karen
Cat Fanciers of Finland	Huhtaniemi, Pauli
Cat Fanciers of Osaka	Nye, Vicki
Cat Fanciers of Washington	Petty, Tracy
Cat Friends of Germany	Dueker, Frank
Cat Nation Fanciers	Powell, Sharon
Cat-A-Lina Cats Cat Club	Jaeger, Barbara
Cat'n On The Fox	Phillips, Monte
Cat's Incredible Inc.	Webb, Russell
Cat's Meow (the)	Thompson, Donna Jean
Cats Exclusive, Inc.	Zinck, Robert
Cats Ink	Coleman, Cheryl
Cats Limited	Rogers, Jan
Cats of Wisconsin Cat Club	Weihrauch, Bobbie
Cats Royale	Johnson, Deanne
Cats' Land Club	Knueppel, Ulrike
Cats' World Club	Lichtenberg, Patricia
Cenla Cat Fanciers	Godwin, Karen L.
Central Carolina Cat Fanciers	Keiger, Teresa
Central Pennsylvania Cat Fanciers	Peace, Lynda
Chamberlin On The Bay Cat Fanciers	Herman, Leslie
Champagne Cat Club	Powell, Sharon
Chartreux International	Phillips, Monte
Chatte Noir Club	Currle, Kenny
China International Cat Club	Brown, Nancy L.
China Phoenix Cat Club	Cheng, Amanda
China Southern Cat Club	Lin, Kevin
Cincinnati Cat Club	Curfiss, Diane
Classy Cats Society	Griffin, Yvonne
Cleveland Persian Society	Flanik, James

Club	Delegate
Club Felins Fleur De Lys	Rivard, Pierre
Coastal Cat Club	Willingham, Christine W.
Coastal Empire Cat Club	Carr, Leslie Ann
Coastal Paws Cat Club	Peet, David J.
Cochise Cat Fanciers	Zenda, Pat
Colonial Annapolis Cat Fanciers	Willen, J. Sandra
Colonial Cat Club	Newcomb, Bradley
Colorado Cat Fanciers	Peck, Cheryl
Columbia River Cat Club	Muck, Carroll
Conestoga Cat Club, Inc.	Rowe, Karen
Continental Balinese Club	Smith, Terrie
Cornish Rex Breed Club	Kuta, Lisa Marie
Cotton States Cat Club	Herr, Jennifer
Country Faire Cat Fanciers	Warrens, Carol
Cowboy Country Cat Fanciers	Cathy Dinesen
Crab And Mallet Cat Club	Peet, Shirley
Crafty Cat (the)	Keiger, Teresa
Creative Cats Club	Brown, DVM, Roger
Crossroads Cat Club	Curtis, Deborah L.
Crow Canyon Cat Club	Hess, Shirley
Crown City Cat Club	Richter, Penni
Cuyahoga Valley Cat Club	Wilson, Annette L.
Damn Yankees Cat Club	Roy, Sharon
Dayton Cat Fanciers	Van Scoyk, Wilma
Delaware River Cats Club	Robbins, Sue
Desert Cats	Smith, Larry
Devon Rex Breed Club	Irie, Barbara M.
Diamond State Cat Club	Harris, Melissa
Dimes And Dollars Cat Club	Mastin, Richard
Dixieland Silver & Golden Fanciers	Valencia, Eric
Domesti-Katz Cat Club	Epstein, Marguerite
Educated Guess Cat Fanciers (the)	Raymond, Jodell
Egyptian Mau Breeders & Fanciers	Humpage, Mark H.
Emerald Cat Club	Heidt, Wendy
Emerald Coast Cat Fanciers, Inc.	Bizzell, Carla
Empire Cat Club	Schneider Hester, Helene
Enchanted Cat Fanciers	Kallmeyer, Richard
European Burmese Cat Club	Trevathan, Wayne
European Shorthair Club	Sicart, Mireille
Ever Green Cat Club	Roark, Tammy
Exotic Breeders	Baugh, Seth
Exotic Cat Club Japan	Koizumi, Kayoko
Eyes of Texas Cat Club	Willis, Karen

Club	Delegate
Fallen Timbers Shorthair Fanciers	Friemoth, Shelby
Fancy That Cat Club	Kampsula, Carolyn
Feline Forum of Greater New York	White, David
Finicky Felines Society	Lorditch, Cheryl
Flamingo Cat Fanciers	Fowler, Timothy
Foot of The Rockies Cat Club	Allen, Dennis J.
Foothills Felines	Blees, Trish
For The Love of Cats Cat Fanciers'	Ganoe, Judy
Fort Vancouver Cat Fanciers	Watson, Robin
Fort Wayne Cat Fanciers	McGlynn, Rosina
Fort Worth Cat Club	Keys, Peter
Franciscan Silver & Golden Fanciers	Clark, Dianna
Freestate Feline Fanciers	Dubit, Robert
Friends & Family	Rogers, Sharon
Front Range Cat Fanciers	Wagner, Mike
Frontier Feline Fanciers	Wood, Beverly A.
Fukuoka Cat Fanciers	Flanigan, Linda
Fyfe And Drum Himalayan Club	Fellerman, Geraldine
Gala Allbreed Cat Club	Keys, Peter
Ganba Kobe Cat Club	Kojima, Masanari
Garden State Cat Club of New Jersey	Fellerman, Geraldine
Gasparilla Feline Friends	Sinbine, Barbara
Gateway Arch Persian Society	Lorditch, Cheryl
Gems	Coughlan, Laurie
Genesee Cat Fanciers Club	Mastin, Richard
Golden Gate Cat Club	Clark, Dianna
Golden Triangle Cat Fanciers	Russell, Bruce
Golden West Cat Club	Martin, Mary Ann
Grand Canyon Cat Club	Smith, Linda
Grandview Cat Fanciers	Quigley, Neil
Great Lakes Abyssinian Devotees	Auspitz, Martha
Great Lakes Great Maines	Chaney, Joel
Great River Cat Fanciers	Hawke, Willa K.
Greater Baltimore Cat Club	Dubit, Claire
Greater Baton Rouge Cat Club	Bassett, Pamela J.
Greater Lancaster Feline Fanciers	Coughlan, Laurie
Greater NW Cat Fanciers	Moser, Brian
Greater St Louis Cat Club	Ramey, Jane
Gulf Coast Cat Club	Griffin, Yvonne
Gulf Shore Consortium	Oehler, Patti
Gulf Shore Siamese Fanciers	Hoover, Gloria F.
Hair of The Cat	Bryan, Robin A.
Half Moon Cat Club	Schneider Hester, Helene

Club	Delegate
Hallmark Cat Club	Mastin, Lisa
Happy Trails Cat Club	Colilla, John
Havana Brown Fanciers	Rupy, Leann
Hawai'i Hulacat Club	Abrams, Charlee Dc
Hawkeye State Cat Club	Tesdall, Mary Jane
Hidden Peak Cat Club	Coleman, Perry D.
High Plains Cat Club	Caell, T. Ann
High Sierra Cat Club	Freels, Carol
Hill Country Cat Fanciers	Nitta, Erica
Hotlanta Cat Club	Stevens, Jan
Houston Cat Club	Galloway, Becky
Hudson Valley Cat Club	Webb, Russell
Hugger Mugger Feline Society	Altschul, Carissa
Huntsville Cat Club	Fry, Elaine
Idaho Cat Fanciers	Bergeron, Becki
Illini Cat Club	Auth, Mary
Indy Cat Club, Inc.	Nichols, Jack
Inland Empire Cat Club	Stewart, Donna
International Havana Brown Society	Friemoth, John A.
International Scottish Fold Ass'n	Marron, Mary Frances
International Somali Cat Club	Hollister, Janet
Japan Liberty Cat Club	Koizumi, Kayoko
Japan Tonkinese Cat Club	Honey, Ellyn
Japanese Bobtail Fanciers	Garton, Gina
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Platinum Coast Cat Fanciers	Arnold, Patricia
Pocono Cat Fanciers	Nunn, Jane
Poinsettia City Cat Club	Johnson, Carol W, DVM
Portland Cat Club	Kojima, Takako
Puget Sound Cat Club	Kaliszewski, Kristine
Quad City Cat Club	Petersen, Nancy
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Ragdoll Breed Club	Benzer, Julie
Ragdolls of America Group	James Flanik
Rainbow Plumes	Smith, Terrie
Ramapo Cat Fanciers, Inc.	Zottoli, Jeri
Rebel Rousers Cat Club	Herr, Jennifer
Responsible Cat Fanciers of The NW	Marron, Mary Frances
Rex Rattle & Roll Allbreed Cat Club	Gott, Nancy
Rip City Cats	Clark, Marianne
Roadrunners Cat Fanciers	Henderson, Dianne
Rome Cat Forum	Carr, Leslie Ann
Rose City Cat Fanciers	Welch, Kim
Roses For Felines	McClain, Lori
Royal Canadian	Lawrence, Karen
Russian Blue Fanciers	Williamson, Floyd
Russian Blue West	Fuller, Donna J.
Sacramento Valley Cat Fanciers	Humpage, Linda R.
Sacred Cat of Burma Fanciers	Parmenter, Carolyn
Saintly City Cat Club	Simpson, Justin
San Diego Cat Fanciers	Martino, Carmen
San Francisco Revelers	Fuller, Donna J.
Sandhills Cat Club	Nichols, Jack
Sanguine Silver Society	Rivard, Pierre
Santa Clara Valley Cat Fanciers	Newkirk, Darrell
Santa Fe Trail Shorthair	Fisher, Linda A.
Santa Monica Cat Club	Graafmans, Art
Scottish Fold Allbreed Alliance	Jacobberger, Patricia
Seacoast Cat Club	Rees, Gail
Seattle Cat Club	Smith, Kendall
Selkirk Rex Breed Club	Bass, Donna
Shorthairs Unlimited	Bridges, Betty
Show And Tell Cat Club	Rogers, Jan
Siamese Alliance of America	Brady, Kathryn
Siamese Fanciers	Carlson, Linda

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Siberian Cat Club	Pedersen, Cammie
Sign of The Cat Fanciers	Bishop, Karen J.
Siouxland Cat Fanciers	Von Aswege, Doug
Slinky Cats Cat Club	Carlson, Linda
Sophisto Cat Club	DelaBar, Pam
Southeastern Michigan Cat Fanciers	Hiemstra, Megan
Southeastern Persian Society	Morgan, Melanie
Southern Dixie Cat Club	Morgan, Melanie
Southern Traditions Cat Club	Dalton, Tracey
Southwest Japanese Bobtail Fanciers	Reding, Jennifer
Southwest Scottish Fold Fanciers	Griswold, Marilee
Spacifically Orientals	Leaty, Ann
Sphynx Without Borders	Clark, Bethany
Stars & Stripes Tabby & Tortie	Bayarena, Tracy
Steel City Kitties	Gonano, Hope M.
Steinbeck Country Cat Club	Quigley, Neil
Sternwheel Cat Fanciers	Clark, Bethany
Stones River Cat Fanciers	Raymond, Jodell
Sun Pacific Cat Club	Maeda, Edward Minoru
Sun Pearl Cat Fanciers'	Quigley, Neil
Sunflower Cat Club	Takano, Yaeko
Sunkat Feline Fanciers	Noecker, Meghan
Sunshine Cat Fanciers	Watson, Liz
Superstition Cat Fanciers	Benzer, Julie A.
Sushi Cats Cat Fanciers	Graafmans, Art
Tabby Fanciers of America	Rothermel, Diana
Takarazuka Cat Fanciers	Dinesen, Cathy
Tarheel Triangle Cat Fanciers	Pelletier, Justin L.
Tennessee Valley Cat Fanciers, Inc.	Barber, Laura
That's My Point Cat Fanciers	Brady, Kathryn
Thumbs Up Cat Fanciers	Anger, Rachel
Tokyo Feline Fanciers	Limjoco, Noly
Tonkinese Breed Association	Bourgeois, Harold
Tonks West	Campbell, Mark
Topeka Cat Fanciers	Oliver, Connie
Tornado Alley Feline Fanciers	Hetherington, Donna G.
Torrey Pines Cat Club	Miller, Joan
Touch of Class Cat Fanciers	Conde, Marilyn
Treasure Coast Cat Club	Sinbine, Barbara
Tropical Cats	Webster, John
Turkish Angora Fanciers, Int'l	Friemoth, Lorna
Twin City Cat Fanciers	Henry, Michael
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United Silver And Golden Fanciers	Van Scoyk, Wilma
Up In Smoke Society	Lichtenberg, Patricia
Utah Cat Fanciers	Cutchen, Erin
Utah Purebred Cat Fanciers	Kleider, Jade
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Valley of The Moon Cat Fanciers	Freels, Carol
Valley View Cat Fanciers	Gradowski, Charles T.
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Vintage Shorthairs	Roberts, Connie
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Warwick Valley Feline Fanciers	Krzanowski, Carol
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West Coast Cats	Bertrand, Kay
West Hills Cat Fanciers	Munro, Charlene
West Shore Shorthair Club	Eigenhauser, Jr., George
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Westchester Cat Club	Willis, Karen
Western Pennsylvania Cat Fanciers	Russell, Bruce
Western Reserve Cat Club	Wilson, Annette L.
Wichita Cat Fancy, Inc.	Oliver, Lyle
Wild Blue Yonder Cat Fanciers	Moscoffian, Sonja
Wild Rose Cat Club	Fried, Linda C.
Wildcatters Cat Club	Bourgeois, Diane
Willamette Valley Cat Club	Eckert, Susan
William Penn Cat Club	Depietro, Kathy
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#### (37) CORRECTION AND APPROVAL OF 2012 MINUTES.

**Hamza**: I would like to approve the minutes of the 2012 Annual. Where is George? **Eigenhauser:** So moved.

**Hamza** called the motion. **Motion Carried. Hamza**: The motion carries. **Anger:** Thank you.

#### (38) APPOINT PARLIAMENTARIAN FOR THE 2013 ANNUAL MEETING.

**Hamza:** At this point, I would like to appoint as our Parliamentarian for this annual meeting, CFA Attorney Ed Raymond . I am going to turn over the mike to our delightful Secretary, Rachel Anger, to read the rules of our parliamentary procedures that we will use today. Madame Secretary?

#### (39) SPECIAL RULES OF PARLIAMENTARY PROCEDURE.

**Hamza** had **Secretary Anger** advise the delegation of the special rules of parliamentary procedure which they would be asked to adopt for the meeting:

(1) The agenda for this meeting will be the agenda as proposed by the chairperson and distributed to all of the delegates. (2) Motions (a) to table or (b) to move the previous question or (c) to postpone indefinitely shall not be permitted. (3) Motions to substitute will be treated as are other amendments. (4) The seconding of motions shall not be required. (5) The sponsor of a debatable motion will be permitted a closing statement after a closing debate. (6) Recommendations from member clubs may be discussed even though no motion is pending. (7) An affirmative vote of no less than 100 votes is required to compel a roll-call vote. (8) When not inconsistent with the foregoing general rules, the Constitution of the CFA, Inc., its charter, bylaws and applicable rules of law, and Robert's Rules of Order, newly revised, shall govern the proceedings of this meeting. Thank you.

## (40) <u>ANNUAL MEETING 2014</u>. Gulf Shore Regional Director Carissa Altschul presented an invitation to attend.

**Hamza:** Up next, we have a report for the 2014 Annual, and I think we are just waiting for them to get here. It's a long way to the mike. Here they come with masks on. I'm always nervous when strangers approach me in masks. As long as they don't have guns, I'm good. Here we go with the committee for the 2014 Annual. [applause] One of you has got to talk.

Altschul: One year from now, we will be enjoying the sultry summer heat of New Orleans. Hamza: The Big Easy. Altschul: I know that many of you are very excited about visiting New Orleans – also known as the Big Easy – and we hope that in the coming year, visiting the website, you will learn how to speak Easy in the Big Easy. We have a lot of very fun events we are already working on, you might have guessed. Friday night hospitality is going to be a masked parade ball. Start thinking about your costumes. We are going to have contests and prizes, among other things, of course. So, we hope that you will be putting on your plans, visiting our very great state, visiting our very great region and the very fun voodoo New Orleans.

**Jan Rogers:** Who do voodoo? We do voodoo. I would like to introduce you to our site chairman. Many of you probably don't know her because she doesn't run around all over the country. It is Patti Oehler, who refuses to take off her mask, but Patti is living in New Orleans, she is from New Orleans, she went to school in New Orleans and she certainly has a lot of really great ideas. We already have a great team, we've got an incredible hotel – brand new, renovated – it's just out of sight. There's a Starbucks in the lobby. We would like Shelly now to show you just a taste of New Orleans.

[A presentation was given, showing a preview of the wonderful event to come next year]

**Rogers:** We invite you to New Orleans. We have over 1,000 rooms available for you. We have an incredible rate. If you look in your booklet, you will see that at noon on Sunday we go live with our own website. It's in the booklet, we're good to go. Thank you Teresa Keiger for that. One of the things that New Orleans is famous for is *a little lagniappe*. Do you know what that is? It's "something a little extra". Thank you!

[Mardi Gras beads were thrown, to the tune of Fats Domino's Walking to New Orleans]

**Hamza:** Keep your tops on, please. If any of you are going to be walking to New Orleans from here, you should start now.

(41) <u>DR. ELSEY'S PRECIOUS CAT</u>. Gina Zaro, Marketing Director of Precious Cat Litter.

**Hamza:** Up next, truly, if CFA has a best friend, it has been proven by the following company and its representative. Dr. Elsey has stood by CFA like no other. [applause] I would like you to give Gina Zaro a warm welcome. [applause]

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Dr. Elsey's Precious Cat Litter

#### Gina Zaro Marketing Director



**Zaro:** Good Morning. <good morning> Thank you for the opportunity to speak this morning. I am Gina Zaro, Marketing Director for Precious Cat Litter.

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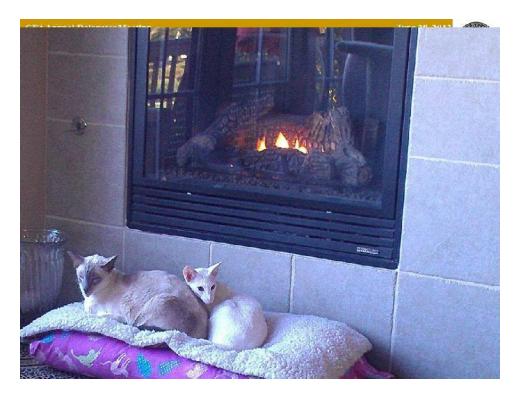


## Agenda

Precious Cat Yearly Summary



**Zaro:** This morning I would like to present to you a quick yearly summary and speak to you about how Precious Cat litters continues to match owners with the right litter solution.



**Zaro:** Leonardo da Vinci said, "The smallest feline is a masterpiece". The miracle of the cat could not be said with any more truth or simplicity. Cats are unique, reflecting their early status as desert-dwelling animals and strict carnivores. Precious Cat continues to celebrate the unique nature of cats by matching owners with the right litter solution.

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### Half a Million Dollars



**Zaro:** As Jerry indicated, Dr. Elsey's Precious Cat litters and CFA have been partners for many years and this year, to date, Precious Cat has contributed close to a half a million dollars in sponsorships and product to CFA. [applause] This year at the National Show we are posed to give away as we did last year around \$20,000.00 worth of litter product and enhance CFA's

message by getting the word out through combined PR efforts with ourselves and our other corporate sponsor in addition to CFA – the Multiple Myeloma Research Foundation.

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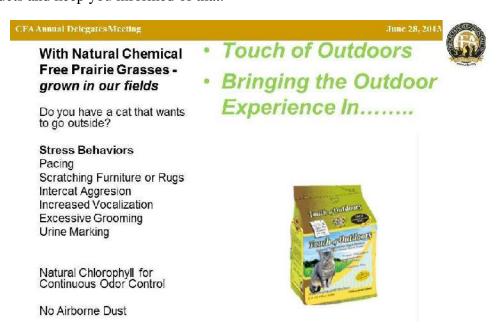
**Zaro:** Precious Cat feels our partnerships make us stronger and enables us to enhance all cats' lives.



Zaro: We have had a busy year at Precious Cat



**Zaro:** This past summer, after a couple of years of working on a new building, we did move into a new facility, which you see on the screen. We have direct access to a rail line. It helps us to move product better from our mines in Wyoming, and also to increase our market share. We continue to have incredibly strong growth in a relatively flat litter market and we truly thank the CFA community for their part in making this happen. [applause] Dr. Elsey is working on some new products, both inside and outside the litter category. We will continue to roll out new products and keep you informed of that.



**Zaro:** Today I would like to give you a sneak peek at a new litter that we are launching — in fact, you are the first to know about this outside of our company. It's called Touch of Outdoors Litter. It is like bringing the outdoors experience in. If you know a cat that wants to go outside, and we certainly don't advocate that but there are cats that go outside, our behavioral experts tell us it's really important to enhance the enrichment of our cats, this litter will do this. It reduces stress behaviors like pacing, scratching furniture or rugs, inter-cat aggression, increased vocalization, excessive grooming or urine marking. Touch of Outdoor Litters has the right texture cats like and it is infused with natural chemical-free prairie grasses actually grown in Dr. Elsey's fields. So, it provides cats with a slice of enrichment and has no airborne dust and has natural chlorophyll for continuous odor control. PetSmart and PetCo are very excited to bring this litter to market, and so are we. You will see it in the stores this fall. We also hope, if everything rolls out right, that this will be the product that will be available this year for the World Show.

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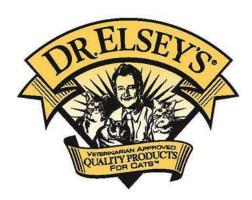
## Insulator Brands for Pet Specialty – Prevent litter box Aversion



**Zaro:** We still work hard with our Cat Attract products to help ensure that cats use the box. The Cat Attract is a very important product for us. It is our branded litter. It is still important, because cats don't use the litter box and it is the number one behavioral reason cats are surrendered to shelters, abused and euthanized. We continue to work hand and hand with shelters to assure that cats stay in their homes.



# Thank You



**Zaro:** Thank you again for allowing me to spend a few moments with you this morning. We embrace the opportunity, as always, to continue to partner with CFA and, as Leonardo da Vinci said, we still continue to see every feline as a masterpiece.

**Hamza:** They have been great. We spent a great deal of time with Gina yesterday. They are going to be the Lead Sponsor for our World Show this year. [applause] We're really excited about that. It's coming together rather nicely.

#### (42) <u>IT UPDATE</u>. IT Chair Dick Kallmeyer:

**Hamza:** Next, we're going to have an IT update. James is going to go over where we are at with the IT and the new computer system. For those of you who don't know James Simbro, he is our IT guy at Central Office. He has been there for a little while, and he has been a real pleasant addition to the CFA family. He's really taken ahold of our processes. He shows a clear understanding of what we do. He's got a real good feel for the CFA processes. I'm going to actually turn over the mike to Dick and James now.

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## IT Update

#### James Simbro

Systems Administrator CFA Central Office

**Kallmeyer:** Good morning. It turns out this project has probably been one of the hardest I have worked on and probably a little bit better than passing a kidney stone, but not much. There comes a time in a project where thing really start getting hard and you realize there's got to be a lot of work done. So, the solution is easy – you delegate. We had spent probably about 4 months looking for somebody that was good to come into Central Office to take over the IT. I had gone to the local university, Mount Union, and found a professor there, Dr. Kirschner, and he had spent I think 4 years on a 2-year conversion project converting their HP to the Windows platform. I had a great idea. I said, "hey, would you be willing to consult to us?" So, as he was running, screaming down the hall, I said, "A name! A name!" He said, "Simbro". So, we contacted James. In fact, it was very unusual. Every professor in the Computer Department rated him very highly. So, we contacted him, we liked him. James came to work with CFA and has done an incredible amount of things to start turning things around. He only had one problem – he didn't have a cat. It turns out that he took his daughter, I think it was her birthday, right, to the World Show. Hamza: You're leaving a piece out. Kallmeyer: What? Hamza: Dick is leaving out an important piece. When I interviewed James, I said, "Do you have a cat?" He said no. I said, "Well, you will." He said, "But I think my wife is allergic." I said, "No problem, we have a cat that will get around that." Anyway, we'll let James tell the rest of the story. Kallmeyer: What happened, a Devon Rex adopted his daughter. [applause] James Simbro.



## Agenda

- Introduction
- · Central Office Operations
- New System Update

**Simbro:** Good morning everyone. Thank you for the accolades. I hope to live up to the expectations. I'm going to kind of give you 3 little overviews – myself, the day-to-day operations related to IT in Central Office, and where the new system stands. There has been a lot of work, as everybody had alluded to. I kind of refer to it as Pandora's Box, myself.

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**Simbro:** I love finding cat pictures on the internet. It's probably one of the best things the internet is for. I try to rotate several photos through my office door. Everybody wants to come down, to see what I put up next. This is one of my favorites.



#### World Show





As Dick and Jerry said, the World Show was my first introduction to the world of CFA cat shows. It was very overwhelming. I had no idea that CFA even existed until they relocated to Alliance. I had read the stories in the paper. Everyone was very curious about it, so getting to go to the World Show was a really great experience. I got to meet a lot of the people that I had talked to on the phone, I heard names, and that is where my daughter and I picked up our cat. There is Nosey. He is our little Devon Rex. We picked him up. My wife is allergic and she has tolerated him very well. [applause] He has adopted us all pretty well. He kind of rotates through his favorites. He will sleep with my daughter, snuggle up with me. He's all around just a great cat.

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## **Operations**

- Data Backup
  - Documented
  - Monthly Archive



**Simbro:** As far as daily operations, when I came in, I really wanted to see how things were operating, because there have been several changes of staff through there as far as handling the IT, and I really wanted to establish some day-to-day ground rules to insure that the data was going to be secure. CFA is a data-driven business, and we need to retain this information. We cannot let it be a CATastrophe. **Hamza:** We don't do cheap cat jokes. [laughter] **Simbro:** So, we do daily back-up's. Currently, the HP does get a daily back-up. The back-up does get taken offsite. This is also monthly archived so that data is stored in a safe location, and I do have a daily schedule for that.



**Simbro:** Early in the Spring and even back to the Fall, we had some issues locally with power issues, with storms in the Winter. We really had to take a look at our power back-up. A lot of our computers were on power back-up's, but not all of them. I found out some of the equipment wasn't working properly. I also found a large amount of equipment that had been moved from the New Jersey office that wasn't being utilized. By kind of rehabbing that equipment and replacing the batteries in it, we saved several thousand dollars over purchasing new equipment. I implemented that on all of our servers. We have approximately 6 of them right now at Central Office. That number probably will decline at some point here, but right now it's 6, to insure smooth operations. It's not enough to keep us going for an extended time, but it's enough to safeguard our data, to provide us a safe shutdown in case it is down for an extended amount of time.

## Operations

- Websites
  - CFA.ORG
  - SECURE.CFA.ORG
    - · SSL Certificate (Security)
    - Two 5yr. Certificates \$60
    - Savings of \$2000+
- Domains
  - 40+ Including Breed Council Domains
- Email
  - Monitoring Bounced Messages

**Simbro:** My other duties in the day-to-day operations, there's a lot with the websites and domains – not necessarily with the website content. We have other people that handle that. Kathy Durdick has done a fantastic job on the new CFA website. [applause] Coming into this, I did find that we had a large amount of domains. The domains are your actual web addresses. The list just goes on and on. I made an Excel spreadsheet. It was almost overwhelming. Going through and checking those out, making sure that domains were not going to lapse, so that we had control of them, making sure we have access to them, was a big part of my job. Also, email. When I came into it, I found out email bounces. People were getting a lot of messages that their emails weren't going through. People were saying they did email us and nobody responded. I found out there were some procedures that weren't in place to monitor that. We now do have that in place. We do keep a lot of stuff from slipping through the cracks and making sure that your communications get through to the right people.



## **New System**

- October 15<sup>th</sup> Started with CFA
- November 1<sup>st</sup> New System
- Weekly User Acceptance Testing (UAT)



**Simbro:** The new system consumes probably 90% of my time during the day. I started with CFA October 15<sup>th</sup>, got a quick lay of the land talking to people, trying to kind of understand the business. There are so many different facets of cat registration, litter registrations, catteries, scoring. It was very overwhelming at first. I'm still learning. I claim no expertise on any one of the areas, but I've gotten a good handle of things. Starting November 1<sup>st</sup> was really my first foray into the new system with the programmers that have been working on this for the last 2 years and understanding where they were, what CFA needed. They thought they knew what we needed, but they really didn't get a good sense of what Central Office needed, to process cat registrations, the litters, and do the show scoring. So, they really needed somebody to work with on a day-to-day basis to move them forward on this project. November 1<sup>st</sup> was the beginning of that. We do weekly UATs, which are User Acceptance Testing, which I did pretty much personally. I've had people within the office help me out with that, because I didn't understand what was supposed to happen at first. These reports were sent off to the programmers. They were pretty quick on making changes. It was usually a week, 2 weeks. Some of the larger changes we had to make have taken months to do.



## **New System**

- Requirements Process
  - 20+ Years of Development of the HP3000
  - · Sparse documentation
  - The BIG problem....importing existing DATA



- Relationships
  - Owners
  - Cats
  - · Litters
  - Catteries
  - Judges

**Simbro:** The new requirements of the system. What I was able to do was drill down for the details of what we really needed to do. The HP 3000 has served CFA very well. It's been – not really limped along, it has been developed. There is still development on it, but it's a hard platform to build upon. People keep coming up with solutions for it, because there are some large organizations to refuse to give it up, because they have a huge amount of data invested in it, and makes our system look puny. So, the 20+ years of the HP, all the development on that, to try to whip that into a new system in a year, 2 years, was really a very daunting task. Now that we see what we are faced with, we understand why it's taking so long. As far as documentation of some of the modules that were in the HP of how they worked, you really had to literally look at the programming to figure out how the processes worked, how the data was stored, and that has been the core problem of trying to migrate from the new system – getting the old data into the new system. We can't really just start over fresh. We need the history of the registrations. That's a very important part of our organization, and we needed to be able to pull that data into the new system. So, data migration has been a big part of this project, and one we finally think we have cracked. We've had to make some compromises, but the data is now being pulled over to the new system.



## **New System**

- Cat Registrations
  - Multiple owners all stored as 1 entry
  - · City, State, Zip, Country store together
- Catteries
  - Breeder Names (with or without an initial)
- Name/Address Database



**Simbro:** We have put new processes in place so that we can help clean up the data. The biggest problem with the data was that, the way we stored a cat registration, how we stored a litter, catteries, judges' names and peoples' names and addresses were almost separate systems. There was no inter-communication between the different programs. When you registered a cat on the HP, you had 4 lines – you had owners, you had address 1, address 2, address 3. You had no country, no zip, no state. You didn't have those fields broken down. So, when you try to pull that into a new system to where you want to manage people on an individual basis, so that you can pull out the data that we need for marketing, for future growth. It makes it very usable and so that we can expand on the platform. It was a big job.

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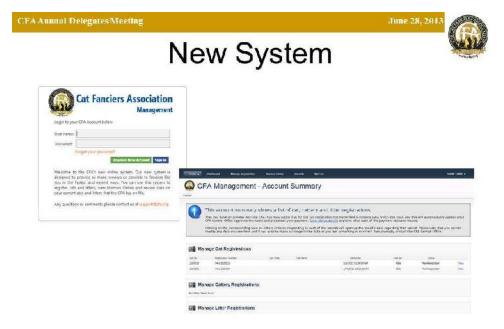
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# New System

- Today
  - May 27<sup>th</sup> New System Data Update
  - May 28<sup>th</sup> Began Parallel Testing Registration
  - Mostly Minor Issues Resolved 48 hours
  - · Over 1400 successful transactions
  - Data Cleanup
  - Client Side Development
  - · Review and Testing of Shows/Scoring

**Simbro:** Currently, today on the new system, on May 27<sup>th</sup>, the programmers did a complete data download off the HP. Every bit of data was pulled down, run through what they call scripts, which are sub-routine programs that do a lot of the data cleanup as much as possible before we can actually use it on a new system. That was on a Monday, a holiday. We were closed. They pulled the data down, so May 28<sup>th</sup>, a Tuesday, we went live on the new system what we call parallel testing. Everything as far as litters and the day-to-day operations were still being processed through the HP just like normal. Then, in the afternoon when they got caught up, they would then re-enter that data into the new system to see how it behaved. We identified small issues, but most of those have been resolved in 24 to 48 hours. It has allowed us to move along a lot faster than I thought we would. I figured we would do parallel testing for a couple weeks, stop it, do some major fixes if needed and then resume that testing. We have not had to stop the testing since, which was a pleasant surprise for myself. Registration has been a little bit frustrated with me, at times. They have their folder off to the side of their desk where they put a problem, that I can then tell them when we have the fix and then they try to re-do that work and see if it processes through OK. As of last week, we managed to process over 1,400 what are called transactions. Those include cattery renewals, litters, cat registrations, and a lot of their day-to-day task now is going to be part of this data cleanup. This is consolidating multiple records for the same people, because we stored people differently in the system. We had first initials, middle initials in some. For cat registrations, you would have maybe a whole bunch of first initials and last names, so matching up those people with their correct addresses for every record is going to be an ongoing project. We've made the system so they can do that on a day-to-day basis. We're not really going to have to sit down and go through it record by record by record to clean it up. It's just part of the day-to-day process. Hopefully, as that happens, things begin to run smoother. We're still working on the client side, which is what the client or the fanciers, when they are registering litters or cats online, that interface is having to undergo a redesign a little bit right now, so I don't have too much to show you. I've got a little slide that shows you the front page, what that will look like. We have moved on to what I call the show and scoring module. We've divided it up in two sections; we've got registration, which could run on itself. It didn't require show and scoring to work fully, but of course we've got to have cat registrations to do show and scoring. We're beginning testing on that. Hopefully, that will go a lot smoother than registrations. Registration was actually quite complicated when you start to really look into it. When you talk about owners and co-owners, and breeders and co-breeders, it gets very messy data-wise, and that's been a big challenge but we worked through that.



**Simbro:** Here is a screen shot of the front page. The upper left hand corner, that is the log-in window. You will be getting a new log-in access to that. You're going to have to verify that you are who you are, but it will give you a lot more control over your individual cat registrations and litters that have been registered to you. You will have a lot more control of your own data, and it will help us keep information in Central Office updated and more current than we do right now.





**Simbro:** Thank you for the time. [applause] I am always available at Central Office. You can call to get my email. I meant to put my email up on the screen, but I didn't. Feel free to email me, call me if you have any questions about anything. I'm always happy to talk to anybody about the new system or about anything IT related in CFA.

Hamza: Thank you, James. As you can see, we have come a long way. At the board meeting yesterday, one of the things we did press James on is when he thinks I can shoot Bertha. He promised me that, unless something major happens, I can take her out on Halloween. That brings me to something else, when we talk about you as shareholders and vigilance. Once of the things we haven't done in the past and we're paying for now, and one of the things we have to be vigilant as owners of this company is, we've been remiss in reinvesting in our business. We own a building and we paid the price with the building in New Jersey. We didn't keep the plant up very good. When we went to sell it, we had to give a lot of money back to the new buyer because the building was in such poor shape. You have to make sure that we are reinvesting in the things we own. More importantly, what we do is, we're an information company. We deal in registrations. That's what we do – we handle information. We have to make sure that we reinvest in the technology that drives what we do. We hadn't done that in a very long time. Instead, we patched this system together for almost 3 decades. We became very irrelevant, and we're paying the price now. It has gotten to be very hard to get current. The main reason was a reluctance and an ignorance to want to pay for it, and a lack of understanding of what would happen if we didn't pay for it. So, you have to keep in your mind, you have to watch and you have to ask, "why aren't you updating the computer system?" It's important and has to be done regularly, or we will get in trouble. It's far less expensive to do it as you go along than to have to catch up. We may not be able to cover this amount of ground again, so it's something you need to be very vigilant of and ask your board members, "Are you on top of these things?"

#### (43) <u>JUDGING PROGRAM</u>. Judging Program Chair Loretta Baugh:

**Hamza:** Up next, I would like to bring up Loretta Baugh and the Judging Program. **Baugh:** Good morning. I would like to introduce the members of the CFA Judging Program Committee. Committee members please stand as your name is called and remain standing until the entire committee is introduced.

- **Norman Auspitz** Representative on the CFA Protest Committee; Mentor Program Administrator; Domestic Training and File Administrator.
- **Pat Jacobberger** Education Chair, who oversees all of Breed Awareness & Orientation Schools and is the moving force behind Continuing Education.
- **Rick Hoskinson** Domestic Training and File Administrator.
- **Donna Isenberg** our exhibitor member on the Committee. She handles New Applicants (inquiries, queries, follow ups, counseling); Application/Advisor Coordinator; teaches Judging Application Process at Breed Awareness & Orientation School.
- **Jan Stevens** Domestic Training and File Administrator; Secretary (keeps all files/records and compiles the data for the Board report).
- Wayne Trevathan Japan and International Division Trainee and File Administrator; oversees guest judges (CFA judges in approved foreign associations, licensed judges from approved foreign associations in CFA).
- **Peter Vanwonterghem** European Liaison; Application Advisor and file administrator Europe.
- I am **Loretta Baugh**, Chair of the Committee: I am in charge of the Board of Directors Meeting Reports; General Communication and Oversight; I also handle Letters of Complaint.

The amount of time put forth by these individuals, as well as their dedication, is incalculable. Thank you each for all the work you put forth for all of our judges. [applause] Ellyn Honey is no longer a member of the committee, but we want to thank her for almost 3 years of service to the JPC. [applause]

The Judging Program Committee is tasked with taking individuals from a pre-applicant status, through to the highest level of Approved Allbreed. We are also responsible for oversight of all guest judges for CFA and CFA Judge assignments as guests at non-CFA shows. Our Association continues to grow and expand globally. We understand the fact that people coming to CFA shows continue to support CFA because not only of WHO we are, but most importantly WHAT we are. We take very seriously the responsibility of paving the way for judges from other associations to come to CFA, while doing our level best to maintain the level of knowledge, competency and professionalism expected of anyone officiating at a CFA show.

I cannot stress enough the importance of an individual who is contemplating application to the judging in contacting Donna Isenberg. Donna is very dedicated and fully prepared to work with anyone considering application to make them aware of all of the things that need to be done

and to ensure their application is as complete as possible. She is there to help, and by doing so makes everyone else's job easier.

I would like to welcome the applicants accepted yesterday:

- **John Adelhoch**, Warwick, NY accepted as LH Trainee. 1st Specialty
- Amanda Cheng, Shen Zhen, China accepted as LH Trainee, 1st Specialty
- Karen Godwin, Baton Rouge, Louisiana accepted as LH trainee, 2nd Specialty
- Koji Kanise, Osaka, Japan accepted as LH trainee, 2nd Specialty
- **Guy Andre Pantigny**, Haudricourt, France, former judge for LOOF, coming to CFA as Approval Pending Allbreed judge.

The hard work of the Judging Program Committee, working with the CFA Board of Directors at our monthly meetings, has enabled our judges to progress. We are proud of their achievements. I would like to give you a recap of those advancing in the past twelve months and the status they have achieved. I will ask you to hold your applause until we're done.

- Laura Barber Accepted as LH Trainee October 2012, Resignation accepted June 2013
- Pamela Bassett Advanced to Approval Pending Allbreed April 2013
- Jacqui Bennett Advanced to Approval Pending LH, 2nd Specialty January 2013
- Chloe Chung Accepted as LH trainee, 2nd Specialty, July 2012; Advanced to Apprentice LH– October 2012; Advanced to Approval Pend LH, May 2013
- Cathy Dinesen Advanced to Approved Allbreed May 2013
- **Jim Dinesen** Advanced to Approved SH, 2nd Spec; Approval Pending Allbreed October 2012
- Karen Godwin Advanced to Approval Pending SH, 1st Specialty October 2012, Approved SH yesterday
- **Hope Gonano** Advanced to Approved Allbreed February 2013
- Etsuko Hamayasu Accepted as SH Trainee 2nd Specialty March 2013
- John Hiemstra Advanced to Approval Pending LH 1st Specialty March 2013
- Chika Hiraki Advanced to Approval Pending SH, 1st Specialty November 2012, Approved SH May 2013
- **Stephen Joosetma** Accepted Approved Double Specialty Transferee (from ACFA) February 2013
- Irina Kharchenko Accepted as Approval Pending Allbreed Transfer from Independent February 2013
- Tomoko Kitao Advanced to Approval Pending SH, 1st Specialty March 2013
- Suki Lee Accepted as LH Trainee, 1st Specialty October 2012

- Yanina Lukashova Vonwonterghem Accepted as Approval Pending Allbreed, transfer from RUI – June 2012
- Anne Mathis Advanced to Approval Pending Allbreed January 2013
- Yuko Nozuki Advanced to Approval Pending LH, 1st Specialty May 2013
- Neil Quigley Advanced to Approval Pending SH, 1st Specialty July 2012; Approved SH yesterday
- Allen Raymond Advanced to Approved Allbreed December 2012
- Lorraine Rivard Advanced to Approved Allbreed February 2013
- **Teresa Sweeney** Advanced to Approval Pending LH June 2013
- Irina Tokmakova Accepted as Approval Pending Allbreed Transfer from Independent, February 2013
- Toshiko Tsuchiya Accepted as SH Trainee February 2013
- Russell Webb Advanced to Approval Pending Allbreed June 2012, Approved Allbreed February 2013
- Mihoko Yabamuto Advanced to Approval Pending LH, 1st Specialty November 2012;
   Approved LH yesterday.

This is a very long list of accomplishments in just 12 short months. I would like to have those people who were advanced please stand and receive your applause. [applause] I would like to extend a very special thanks to the clubs who invite our specialty judges to their shows. These clubs face extra cost and make certain our single and double specialty judges progress through the program. The specialty judges standing could not have advanced without your support.

Special thanks to the CFA Board for taking the time to review advancements each month and enable advancement through the judging program move at a lively pace, but most of all, thanks to the hard work of the file administrators (Jan, Norm, Peter, Rick and Wayne) for the extra effort they have shown in being advocates for the judges they supervise.

Last evening, we were privileged to participate in an excellent workshop highlighting the Abyssinian, Maine Coon Cat and Somali.

Education is a vital and well-run part of the Judging Program. We have had multiple Breed Awareness and Orientation Workshops in the past twelve months - July in New Jersey (Garden State), September in Germany, November in Columbus, Ohio at the World Show, January in Tokyo, end of February-March 1 in Moscow and a Breed Workshop in March in Tokyo. This next show season will find BAOS in New Jersey again, at Garden State; in August in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia at the International Division Awards show; in November at the World Show and in January, 2014 in California.

Special thanks to Pat Jacobberger for her organizational skills and passion for her job, as well as the clubs and groups sponsoring these events and the judges who take the time and make the effort to present them.

Each year at the awards banquet, judges who have received various milestones of service are recognized. These accomplishments are measured in 5 year increments. Tomorrow evening we will recognize the following individuals. Please hold your applause until the list is complete:

30 years:

5 years: 20 Years:

Anne Mathis Kayoko Koizumi

Cathy Dinesen,

James Dinesen 25 Years: Michie Shinmoto Victoria Nye

Lorraine Rivard Makato Murofushi

Jean Grimm

**10 years:** Teruko Arai B. Iris Zinck

35 years:
15 years: Gene Darrah
Gloria Hoover Robert Goltzer

Edward Maeda Gary Powell

Congratulations. [applause]

In February we accepted a retirement request from Roger Lawrence, who cannot judge because of medical issues. We wish Roger the best and sincerely hope his health improves so he can rejoin us.

This past April, we regretfully accepted the retirement of long-standing Allbreed judge Joan Miller. Joan was elevated to Emeritus Status and will still be found active in many educational capacities. The JPC wishes Joan and Peter the very best as they celebrate their recent marriage. [applause]

It is with great sadness that we report the death of Rita Swenson, former CFA Allbreed Judge, CFA Board member and Regional Vice President on December 8, 2012. Rita had just celebrated her 100th birthday on November 12, 2012. Rita came into CFA obviously for her love of cats, especially Persians, having acquired her first show cat in 1939, at which time she established her cattery, Casa Loma Cattery and began to work with many colors in the Persian breed. She also worked with Siamese, American Shorthairs, Manx and an occasional Aby. In 1952 Rita was elected to the CFA Board where she served a total of 27 years as a Regional Director, a CFA director and Executive Vice President, an office she held from 1966 until her voluntary retirement in 1980. Rita became a judge in 1955, and in 1966 was appointed as the CFA Judging Program Chairman by then-President, Louise Sample. Under Rita's strong leadership, as a tutor, disciplinarian and supervisor for 14 years, the Judging Program grew, laying the groundwork of what it has become today. Rita did so much more for CFA in the way of scoring and establishing programs that helped to elevate CFA into being the #1 leader in the cat fancy that we all enjoy today.

The Judging Program Committee extends its thanks to all who make it possible for our judges to progress to completion – the advisors and mentors, the training judges, clubs who allow trainees to work at their shows, exhibitors whose cats get that extra handling and thereby the training that only hands on can provide, and all who support and assist in every manner.

At this point, I would like all members of the CFA Judging Panel to stand and remain standing. Don't sit down until we're done! Delegates – I am proud to present the members of the CFA Judging Panel. [applause]

I told you not to sit down...if you did, stand up again. Those who have been members of the judging panel for less than 5 years, please sit. Less than 10 years, please sit. Less than 15 years, your turn to sit. Less than 20 years, your turn. Less than 30 years, please sit. [Will Hawke remains standing, to applause] Less than 35 years, your turn to sit. Willa, you are still up! The ranks are getting thinner! How about less than 40 years. Now less than 45 years. OK, I know you've been standing a LONG time - Less than 50 years. [Willa sits down, to applause] From the newest to the longest serving, each CFA Judge wears the title proudly.

We are very proud to be CFA Judges. We take our responsibility as ambassadors for CFA and the pedigreed cat very seriously. We try our utmost to represent YOU in a manner that befits the esteem in which this Association is held and we promise to maintain that esteem by our actions. We promise to treasure your cats and the opportunity to handle the best cats in the world is one of our great joys. Being a CFA judge is an honor and title we carry with pride. Thank you.

Hamza: I have a few announcements. Don't forget, we're going to raffle – go ahead, Patty. Jacobberger: Oh no, you go, while I figure out how to do this. Hamza: She doesn't know how to work the mike yet. We're going to raffle off the Monopoly game. Also, in the corner, we have *Cat Talk* back issues for sale for \$5, Yearbooks for \$40, combo – you can get last year's Yearbook and the signed Garfield poster for \$60. There is a Red and White party in honor of GC/NW Mainelovers Phoenix of Abizaq in Room 342. The Ambassador party will be after this meeting in Suite 731, and I bet you thought I was going to let you go for the break but I'm not, because the Credentials Committee is ready. But, Patty has got something to say first. You want to come up here and use my mike? Jacobberger: So, Loretta, when were you going to sit down? You know, Loretta was the youngest individual ever accepted into the CFA Judging Program, at the ripe old age of 18. So, speaking of BAOS, or Breed Awareness and Orientation School, we have one scheduled in conjunction with Garden State coming up in July. We still have openings. We have 7 people registered, and there is room for you, too. So, the registrations close the 30<sup>th</sup> – Sunday – at midnight, and I'm hoping that we will see more than 7 people there. So, come on! It's a lot of fun. Hamza: It is fun, so I hope you sign up.

#### (44) CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE AND ELECTION RESULTS.

**Credentials Committee Chair Eve Russell** gave a report of club delegates that were not seated and ballots that were disqualified.

Hamza: You know, these folks do such a good job every year. They protect our ballots and the integrity of our organization on elections. Let's give Eve and her crew a big hand. [applause] Come on, guys. We're waiting. Russell: It will take me a minute to get this 10 page report in order. Anger: It's small pages. Russell: I'm not letting him look. Hamza: I took my glasses off. I can't see anything. Russell: Some of you may be aware that this past week, Southwest Airlines had a computer glitch which shut everything down from 11 p.m. to 2 in the morning. That means no check-in baggage, no 800 service. We ran into a few computer glitches, so I would like to welcome you to Southwest Airlines. Hamza: Oh, I don't like that. Russell: Because of our computer glitch, we're going to be making the balloting results available at midnight tonight [laughter], and as you have always wanted the absentee sheets posted, we're going to post them near the main desk on the lavatory door of both the men's and the women's room. They will only be from 12 to 12:20. At 12:20, any candidates who would like to know the number of votes they received may submit in triplicate a document testifying to the fact that they will tell no one, because CFA is known for keeping their secrets. [NOTE: all tongue in cheek] With that, we will get back to business.

# Credentials Committee Meeting Vancouver, Washington

#### Thursday, June 27, 2013

The meeting was called to order by the Chairperson, Eve Russell, at 10:00 a.m. Hilary Helmrich was appointed Secretary. The Central Office representative, Kristi Wollam, was introduced to the group. Donna Hetherington was introduced to the group. Jim Dinesen joined us Friday morning. Duties of Inspectors were reviewed. All members signed the Oath of Inspectors of Elections.

Russell: Thank you for thanking my crew. These people came in a day early. Not too early – we start at 9:30. This morning we started at 7, so almost – I'm not sure what time zone I'm in. It's quarter to something. They have given a lot of service and a lot of time to CFA, and I want to thank them again. [applause] Starting with Thursday, which was June 27<sup>th</sup>, our meeting was call to order by myself, as chair, at 10:00 a.m. The Secretary was appointed, and that's Hilary Helmrich. Kristi Wollam, Central Office representative, was introduced and she is the one who brings any irregularities to us, as she has pulled them aside as things happen in Central Office. I'll get into that a little later. We asked Donna Hetherington to be an alternate this year, and part of it was age related. We're approved by the board. We're not a committee until the board approves us at their meeting on Thursday. I'm the chair, but I have no committee until that point. I asked Donna Hetherington to serve as an alternate, because at our ages some of us may be called away. I'm already a member of the Slip of the Lip Club. And, if we needed to replace someone, it would necessitate the board meeting again to give approval, so we have pre-approval for Donna Hetherington and that's where that comes from. Jim Dinesen joined us on Friday

morning, and one of the reasons he wasn't there on Thursday was that by the time I asked him to come back on the committee, he had already committed to travel plans for Thursday. In that respect, I would like to talk just briefly about membership on our committee. Many of the people that have served with us have gone on to the Judging Program. At this point, I don't feel it's fair to invite someone from the Judging Program who is already tied up in multiple meetings, but we have to go to the lavatory by 2's, because in the past we've been confronted and questioned, and we try to say we can't talk and why we can't talk about what we're doing, so I need at least 2 men on the team. So Jim very willingly said he would come back with us. That's one of the reasons you don't see any of the newer judges on, because they really are committed to other meetings. OK, let's go on. We had self-introductions and a short discussion. Then we talk about our duties that we are involved in the entire meeting, and then everyone signs an oath of inspection, so that's the legal opinion that goes on it.

#### Issues occurring during 2012/2013 show season

#### CFA Clubs as of June 3, 2013 deadline: 637 Clubs

CFA Clubs – As of June 3, 2013 deadline, there were 637 CFA Clubs registered with CFA. 16 clubs were dropped after the deadline for non-payment of dues or lack of membership lists leaving a total of 628 total clubs.

#### Clubs dropped after June 3, 2013 deadline: 16 Clubs

#### Region 2

No Pussy Footin' Around, Dues not paid Red 'N Ruddy Happening, Dues not paid Northwest T.L.C., Dues not paid, Membership list not received

#### Region 3

Silver Rebels, Dues not paid

#### Region 5

Surf Sand 'N Sea AB Cat Club, Dues not paid, Membership list not received

#### Region 6

Jolly Roger Feline Fanciers, Dues not paid, Membership list not received New Horizons British Shorthair Club, Dues not paid, Membership list not received Windy City Cat Club, Dues not paid, Membership list not received

#### Region 7

City Beautiful Cat Club, Dues not paid, Membership list not received Daytona Beach Cat Fanciers, Inc., Dues not paid, Membership list not received

#### Region 8

Cat Communication Process, Membership list not received

#### Region 9

Italy Cat Fancier, Membership list not received Amazing French Cat, Dues not paid, Membership list not received Cat Friends of Hungary, Dues not paid, Membership list not received Persona-Cat, Dues not paid, Membership list not received

#### International Division

Chengdu Cat Club, Dues not paid, Membership list not received

Total Clubs: 621 Clubs

**Russell:** So, the total clubs now, as of this meeting, would be 621.

#### **Delegate forms**:

Delegate forms mailed March 5, 2013
Delegate form reminder mailed April 9m, 2013
Received Delegates on CFA Website Updated daily

Deadline Postmarked May 1, 2013

Delegate forms received by deadline 432

#### Delegate form postmarked after deadline of May 1, 2013:

A total of 2 delegate envelopes (and forms) were received with postmarks too late to be qualify delegates to be seated at the Annual Meeting. One club delegate form was accepted for the Annual meeting due to the circumstances surrounding the envelope.

Asia Pacific Cat Club – International Division
 Postmarked May 3, 2013
 Motion was made not to accept this late postmarked delegate form. Carried.

Cats N Cats – Region 9

Postmarked May 4, 2013

Motion was made not to accept this late postmarked delegate form. Carried.

#### Delegate forms incomplete:

None

**Russell:** Here is the news I thought we would never hear. Delegate forms incomplete – ZERO. [applause] I didn't believe it either.

#### Delegate for more than two Clubs:

Monte Phillips – Cat'n on the Fox, Midwest Enthusiasts of Wonderful Sphynx, Chartreux International. No action was taken by the Committee. Registration will take care of having him proxy two clubs.

**Russell:** We want you to know what happens with this. A lot of times, someone says, "oh, I'm going to send Charlie's name in," and when there are 3 delegate forms, we catch them at the pass. When they are at delegate registration, once they have registered for 2 clubs, *finito*. So, that's how we handle it. Unable to attend and no proxy, we had nobody in that division this time.

#### *Unable to attend; no proxy:*

None

#### **Ballots for CFA Directors at Large:**

Ballots mailed
Ballot reminder mailed
Received Ballots on CFA Website
Deadline
Ballot forms received by deadline

March 19, 2013 May 2, 2013 Updated daily Received by June 3, 2013 447

**Russell:** Ballots received by the deadline – 447. Later, you will find that we disallowed some and our total ballots cast were 442.

#### Ballots Received by Central Office Not in the Ballot Envelope:

- Lilac Point Fanciers, Region 7
   Motion to accept this ballot as it was received in a timely manner. Carried.
- United Colorpoint Shorthair Fanciers, Region 7
  Motion to accept this ballot as it was received in a timely manner. Carried.
- Asia Pacific Cat Club, International Division
   Motion to accept this ballot as it was received in a timely manner. Carried.
- Tonks West, Region 5

  Motion to accept this ballot as it was received in a timely manner. Carried.
- Chicago Shorthair Cat Club, Region 6
   Motion to accept this ballot as it was received in a timely manner. Carried.
- North Shore Cat Club, Region 6
   Motion to accept this ballot as it was received in a timely manner. Carried.

**Russell:** What happens at this point, we have Kristi Wollam, and she is great at making the staff get stuff right to her. She postmarked everything. She made sure that no envelope was opened in error. Ballots that were not in the green envelopes were marked clearly, the names of the club and the interior, as well as that there was a ballot. So, that went smoothly. We have to thank Kristi for that. [applause] She immediately acted as a warden and her staff listened, so that made our job a lot easier, and a much better picture for the entire election. A motion was made that we accept the envelopes, as they were received by the deadline.

#### Ballot received past June 3 deadline:

Six (6) ballot envelopes were received late at the Central Office. These were reviewed by the Committee and were excluded from the count. Envelopes were not opened and were not included with the others that were counted.

• Egyptian Mau Breeders & Fanciers – Region 7

Received at Central Office June 4

Motion was made not to accept this envelope due to late receipt at CO. Carried.

• Freestate Feline Fanciers – Region 7

Received at Central Office June 6

Motion was made not to accept this envelope due to late receipt at CO. Carried.

Prime Gemini Cat Club – Region 8

Received at Central Office June 6

Motion was made not to accept this envelope due to late receipt at CO. Carried.

• *MC Japan Cat Club – Region 8* 

Received at Central Office June 6

Motion was made not to accept this envelope due to late receipt at CO. Carried.

• Katnip Kat Klub – Region 2

Received at Central Office June 10

Motion was made not to accept this envelope due to late receipt at CO. Carried.

Jiang Nan Cat Fanciers Club – International Division

Received at Central Office June 10

Motion was made not to accept this envelope due to late receipt at CO. Carried.

• China Phoenix Cat Club – International Division

Received at Central Office June 10

Motion was made not to accept this envelope due to late receipt at CO. Carried.

• China South Cat Club – International Division

Received at Central Office June 10

Motion was made not to accept this envelope due to late receipt at CO. Carried.

• Chocolate Heart – International Division

Received at Central Office June 11

Motion was made not to accept this envelope due to late receipt at CO. Carried.

**Russell:** All of these were disallowed because of the deadline. That was our Thursday.

#### Friday, June 28, 2013

The Committee reconvened at 7:30 AM on Friday, June 28, 2013.

There was a discussion of the clubs that were dropped from CFA due to no dues or no membership lists. A suggestion was made to have a list on the website of clubs who have not submitted dues and/or membership lists so that any club member can review the list.

A discussion was held about the configuration of the meeting room and the location of the areas that each committee member is assigned to manually count votes if needed.

The ballots were positioned on the tables (unopened), and the group was organized into small teams to open the ballots and count the number of votes on each ballot (total =7). Outliers were reviewed by the entire group and were accepted or rejected on an individual basis. The name of the club is not reviewed with the ballot.

Ballots were then counted in groups of 25 and were cross-checked for accuracy.

Overall results are compiled by two of the members of the committee and the results are reported at the end of the tally. The Committee does not share any information about the tallies the ballots with anyone outside the Committee room. In the case of a tie in the results, those ballots are recounted from scratch by the committee.

After the results of the election are reported to the delegates, the ballots are destroyed upon approval of the delegation.

Ballots for Director at Large were opened by the committee and checked for signatures and correct number of ballots cast. The total number of ballots counted for directors at large was 442.

**Russell:** There was discussion of the clubs that were dropped from CFA due to no dues or no membership list. A suggestion has been made to have the list on the website of the clubs that have not submitted dues and membership lists, as well as the clubs who have. The president is notified, the secretary is notified, the "not"s will be on the list, so let's get them in. A discussion was held about the configuration of the meeting room – that means this room. I'm going to skip those 3 pages. The ballots were positioned on tables unopened, and this is how we do it. We open them and look to see, first of all, if people have voted for 7. More or less [votes] voids it. We are looking for the name of the club, and fortunately we have envelopes with the club name on it, so we are able to line those two up, hopefully, and then we're looking for signatures of both the secretary and president. Any of those spots that are missing, we disallow that ballot. We put them in batches of 25. We have double check lists over and down. Each batch contained 175 votes, so this is what we were doing for the last 3 hours.

There were a total of 6 ballots that were discarded and not counted for the following reasons:

#### Ballots not counted:

Constitution City Longhairs (Region 4)
Sacramento Valley Cat Fanciers (Region 8)
Maine Coon Cat Club (Region 1)
For the Love of Cats Cat Club (Region 2)

Did not vote for 7 people Did not vote for 7 people No signature of club secretary No name of club, no signature of secretary

American Gothic (Region 6)	No club name
Malibu Cat Club (Region 5)	No club name

**Russell:** This is the lowest number of spoiled ballots we have seen in many years, so we can do it. [applause] Now, if you will turn in your catalog to page 14. Ready, set go.

#### Election Results were as follows:

#### CFA DIRECTORS AT LARGE: (442 votes tallied)

#### Election Results for CFA Director-at-Large for the term June 2013-June 205 were as follows:

Rochester MI	139
Washington IL	99
Elkhorn NE	260*
Fairfax VA	184
Marysville CA	360*
Milwaukie OR	185*
Scottsdale AZ	341*
Manahawkin NJ	241*
Alliance OH	176
Penfield NY	256*
Omaha NE	80
Stephenville TX	145
Alta Loma CA	101
Port Charlotte FL	73
South Haven, MI	296*
Harrisburg PA	158
	Washington IL Elkhorn NE Fairfax VA Marysville CA Milwaukie OR Scottsdale AZ Manahawkin NJ Alliance OH Penfield NY Omaha NE Stephenville TX Alta Loma CA Port Charlotte FL South Haven, MI

The Committee moved to the Annual meeting room to announce the results of the election to the delegates.

Respectfully Submitted, Hilary Helmrich Secretary

**Russell:** If we have to have a – I don't want to call it a roll call. If we have to have a count of votes and you have to stand, please be aware that we need your delegate badge to be in a spot that can be seen easily. Thank you very much. **Hamza:** I would also, just again, like to thank Eve and her crew. It's a yeoman's task they do. One of the things I want to mention while we are here, I would like to thank the people who ran and didn't win. It takes a lot of courage to put yourself out there and try to bring your ideas and yourself on a volunteer basis to make our organization a better place. So, for Loretta and Ken and Jack and Jan and Sharon and Doug and Jeri, thank you for running. [applause] Also, there's two people that have been with me since I started, and we've moved a lot of dirt together. They have worked hard. This board, the new people that are coming on – Dennis and Rich – be ready, because we don't mess around, we

work. The two people leaving can tell you that. The two people leaving, would you stand up? [applause] Thank you. Thank you very much for your help. They have done an incredible amount of work, so when you see them out there, thank them very much. I need a motion to destroy the ballots? **Eigenhauser:** So moved.

Hamza called the motion. Motion Carried.

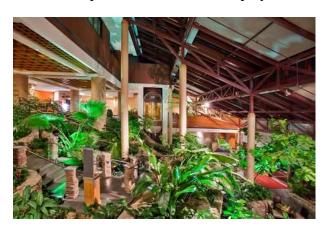
[BREAK]

**Hamza:** Hospitality is 7 to 11, and the band is 8 to 11, so I guess you have an hour to get lubricated before the band gets on. The wedding reception for Joan and Peter is 7 to 10 in room 439. Pat Zollman has lunch and dinner tickets for pick-up. I hope you have bought your back issues of *Cat Talk* and the beautiful Garfield Yearbook and posters.

# (45) <u>2018 ANNUAL MEETING SITE SELECTION</u>. Southern Regional Director Tracy Petty:

**Hamza:** Up now is Region 7, talking about their upcoming annual. That's Tracy. **Petty:** We're talking about the 2018 Annual. It seems like a long way off, and it is a long way off. Just think about how old you're going to be in 2018. **Anger:** Stop. **Hamza:** How old are you going to be? **Petty:** Well, we know you have high expectations for a Southern Regional Annual, and we are up to the challenge. Were any of you at Reston a couple years ago? [applause] We know we have a tough act to follow. Before we get to an Annual, before you can enjoy an Annual, you have to get there, so we picked a location that is super convenient to get to. Now, in 2013, you can get there non-stop from 16 destinations in Asia, there are over 100 non-stop flights from Europe, nearly 200 non-stop flights in North America, and 80% of the U.S. population can get to this location in less than a 2 hour flight. So, that makes this one of the most accessible cities in North America.

[An promotional video was played, showing the wonderful attributes of **Atlanta**]







**Petty:** So, we have found a fantastic location in Atlanta. It is in the north part of Atlanta, right across the street from the Perimeter Mall with lots of shopping and wonderful restaurants. The Crowne Plaza Ravinia, we will take most of this hotel and all of its meeting space. We won't have to share it with anyone. This is a picture of the hotel. When you get in this hotel, you would hardly know you are inside a building. It's like a garden. There is a garden outside, as well. For you Starbucks addicts, there is a full-service Starbucks in the lobby which stays open all day. If that's not enough – there's more. You walk through the garden and there's a stand-alone Starbucks with a drive-thru right outside the hotel. One more shot of the lobby. This is from across the lobby facing the convention area. So, it is just a beautiful setting, and we look forward to seeing you in 2018 in Atlanta. [applause]

**Hamza:** I have a public service announcement. The Bombay Breed Council will have a meeting at 8:15 at the Starbucks in the lobby at the 2018 Annual in Atlanta. [laughter] That's a joke, everybody.

#### (46) <u>WINN FOUNDATION</u>. Winn Foundation President Dr. Vicki Thayer:

**Hamza:** Up next, CFA has had a longstanding and ideologically successful relationship with the Winn Foundation, and I would like to present Dr. Vicki Thayer to talk about the Winn Foundation, so a big hand for Dr. Thayer.



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**Thayer:** Good morning. We are almost running out of the morning, but when I wrote this speech, I had that down there. It is a pleasure to welcome you to the Pacific Northwest and Vancouver Washington, which was my first home after graduating from Washington State University as a veterinarian. I am proud to say that I was the first female veterinarian to practice in Vancouver and Clark County Washington. I lived here for 7 years and began my journey as a cat specialist here and it is very special to be back here addressing you as the representative of the Winn Feline Foundation on Winn's behalf.





Start of another year's journey!

Winn Board at work in the Thayer Board Room in Quincy, MA

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It has been a year since I stood before you in Quincy Massachusetts. This slide shows the Winn board hard at work planning in the Thayer Board Room at the Marriott last year. I DO like that term—Thayer Board Room. This year, we were in the Hemlock Room, and I wasn't really sure if they were trying to tell me something. [laughter] The planning included moving our administrative office to Wyckoff NJ under the oversight of Maureen Walsh, our CEO, and later, a bookkeeping/accounting agreement with DZM Accounting to handle our day-to-day financial needs. Over the past 6 months, we have had new board members join us to be part of the team: Eric Bruner, Vickie Fisher, and Drs. Glenn Olah and Brian Holub; while other members have left, Dr. Melissa Kennedy and Bill Coombes. We have strengthened our fundraising/ development, financial, and grant review support. Officers were elected at the board meeting Wednesday night: Vicki Thayer, President; Glenn Olah as President-Elect, Janet Wolf as Secretary, and Vickie Fisher as Treasurer, each for 2 years. Betty White continues as the Immediate Past President to lend wisdom and historical guidance to the officers.



As CFA was wisely working on the mascot or spokescat of Garfield for your association, Winn had been working around the same time with the wonderful artist, Jamie Perry, to give us "Winnie", OUR spokescat. You can see "Winnie" here and how she has developed her own column, "Winnie Sez" in our electronic newsletter. You can probably imagine, Winnie probably wants to have an agent, just like Grumpy Cat does. Our lovely Betty White seems to have a unique gift to share thoughts with Winnie on what our spokescat wants to say to others.





Dr. Susan Little, Dr. Vicki Thayer, Joan Miller

## Three Winn Presidents

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Last summer, the annual American Veterinary Medical Association meeting was in San Diego. Winn was well represented at the meeting. It was also a unique experience to capture three of the Winn Presidents together at Joan Miller's home in San Diego. It would have been great if our Betty White had been there, too. I am happy that I could be present with two other great advocates for the cat as Dr. Susan Little and Joan Miller.



#### A Winn Grant Review Meeting - A Serious Business



Winn's Grant Review Committee meets twice a year to consider applications for funding.

Reviews take place in February and October.

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As the slide states, our grant reviews are serious business and important to our mission. We have 8 reviewers, two of whom are consultants from universities. I wish to thank them on behalf of the Winn board: Drs. Joe Hauptman and Shila Nordone, our consultants; and reviewers: Drs. Margie Scherk, Brian Holub, Glenn Olah, Melissa Kennedy, Susan Little, and myself. These are a dedicated group of people – to Winn, to feline medical research and to cats in general, and they deserve recognition for their efforts. Through efforts such as this Winn has funded over \$4.5 million for research in our 40+ years of history. [applause]

#### Winn Feline Foundation

## 2012 Miller Trust Grant Awards

- Autologous Adipose-Derived Mesenchymal Stem-Cell Therapy for Cats with Chronic, Non-Responsive Gingivostomatitis \$19,340.00, University of California, Davis
- Longitudinal evaluation of effects of mesenchymal stem cells in feline chronic allergic asthma: Phase II \$10,000.00 University of Missouri - Columbia
- Novel analgesic for cats with inflammatory pain \$27,123.00 University of California, Davis
- Gene Identification for Mediastinal Lymphoma in Oriental and Siamese Type Cats \$19,482.00 University of California, Davis
- Utilization of an in vitro luciferase assay to determine efficacy of novel 5nitroimidazole derivatives and proton pump inhibitors against ronidazole-resistant and susceptible feline Tritrichomonas foetus isolates \$23,800.00, University of California, Davis

TOTAL: \$99,745

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In approximately one month, we will be receiving the grant proposals for the 2013 San Francisco Trust/Miller Trust grant review to be held in October. Listed on the slide are the 5 projects funded last October for Miller Trust for the total amount of \$99,745. We received word from the Miller Trust about this year's funding and it should be above \$100,000 for us to be able to fund.



# Winn's Lighter Side... February 2013 in Houston



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We do have a lighter side, even when faced with challenges. This last February's grant review and board meeting held in Houston was a bit of a challenge for all of us. Approximately half of our group of board members, reviewers, and our CEO, Maureen Walsh, was unable to fly to Houston due to a major snowstorm in the Northeast or due to other timing conflicts so a lot of our review and business meeting was held in person and through a speakerphone. We also had a 30% increase in the number of grant proposals to evaluate, from 44 in 2012 to 59 this year. You see a part of the group ready to head to the airport and home after all is said and done.

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## 2013 Winn Feline Health Awards

- Host immune response of feline kidney cells to pathogenic and non-pathogenic feline coronavirus strains: Developing biomarkers for FIP; \$25,000
- In vivo efficacy study of virus protease inhibitors against feline coronaviruses in a mouse model; \$19,920
- Phenotypic characterization of feline cardiomyopathy in Norwegian Forest cats using echocardiography, plasma biomarkers and histopathology; \$23,577
- Longitudinal evaluation of effects of mesenchymal stem cells in feline chronic allergic asthma: Phase II; \$24,983
- Detection of dermatophytosis in cats by PCR (W13-012); \$10,670
- Investigating feline morbillivirus molecular epidemiology in cats in the North Eastern United States and potential associations with chronic kidney disease; \$24,734
- Novel methods for assessing the tear film and ocular surface in cats; \$21,665
- Pain Management in Cats: Studying the Interaction of Buprenorphine and Hydromorphone with Fentaryl; \$2878
- A Reproducible Protocol to Isolate a Characterized Population of Adult Feline Progenitor Cells – Continuation; \$23,325
- TOTAL: \$176,752



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As you can see in this slide, we dealt with the challenges of time, space, and communication and were able to fund 9 grants for the total of **\$176,752**. We believe we funded a good balance of projects covering FIP research, stem cell therapy, pain management, ringworm, kidney disease, cardiomyopathy, and eye disease in cats.

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### It's a Great Morning!



Winn Feline Foundation has funded over \$4.5 million in grants in its 44 year history.

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#### Joan Miller and Dr. Paul Pion

A great collaborative team that found how taurine deficiency causes heart disease in cats.





I put the phrase, "It's a Great Morning", to speak about the importance of our mission; how Winn has a process in place to fund research grants, yet we need to be flexible and listen to our different cat-loving audiences to deliver on that mission. Last year, some of the Norwegian Forest Cat fanciers approached Janet Wolf and myself about how they had been actively raising money over time to fund research on Norwegian Forest Cat hypertrophic cardiomyopathy and yet they saw little progress in that area. Winn had not had any researchers submit a proposal in this area over this period of time. We encouraged the fanciers to contact researchers to submit a proposal and Winn reached out, too. Dr. Luis Fuentes from the Royal Veterinary College of London did submit a proposal that following review in February was approved. On learning of the project's funding, I saw emails titled, "It's a Great Morning" crop up in my email box from an excited group of dedicated fanciers. So, I applaud you guys, I really do.

Joan Miller told me last summer of how Dr. Paul Pion, pictured here with Joan, submitted a grant proposal years ago, after the usual deadline for consideration when she was Winn President. In fact, I think I heard last night that the proposal was probably not the best written, budget was a little bit of a mess, but Joan advised the Winn group at that time to look a Dr. Pion's proposal and consider funding it. The rest is history – the discovery of taurine deficiency as a cause of dilated cardiomyopathy in cats, taurine supplementation in cat foods, and many cats' lives saved and made better. We want many more Great Mornings due to Winn.

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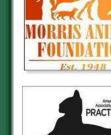
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#### Partnering to Make a Difference: Cat Health Network

#### 2013 ACCOMPLISHMENTS

- Results: Researchers Create High-Density Genetic Map of Cat Genome
- Results: Researchers Identify Genetic Mutation Linked to Hypokalemia in Burmese Cats
- Results: Candidate Genes Associated with Feline Infectious Peritonitis Susceptibility Identified in Birman Cats
- Results: Genetic Factors Identified for Coat Texture of Cats
- Results: Genetic Regions Responsible for Rare AB Blood Type Identified in Cats
- Results: Genetic Region for HCM Identified in Siberian Cats
- Results: Genetic Regions Associated with Feline Orofacial Pain Identified in Burmese Cats
- Results: Genetic Regions Linked to Progressive Retinal Atrophy Identified in Bengal and Persian Cats
- Results: Genetic Regions Associated with Heart Disease Identified in Sphynx Cats

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Just recently, Winn received a list of the final progress reports from the DNA SNP chip projects funded through collaboration as the Cat Health Network. I will read from the 2013 Accomplishments on that list.

- Results: Researchers Create High-Density Genetic Map of Cat Genome
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#### **RESULTS!!**



Other results are highlighted in articles such as the spring Purina Pro Newsletter on research evaluating Nitrosylcobalamin as a "Trojan Horse" against some feline cancers. I was at the American College of Veterinary Internal Medicine meeting in Seattle two weeks ago. I listened to recognized Winn-funded research abstracts on stem cell therapy and asthma, stem cell therapy and inflammatory bowel disease, a 5 year study on risk and long-term health in feline hypertrophic cardiomyopathy – which will be featured on the AVMA website, and the study from Dr. Whittaker's group on FIP just featured out of Cornell's News, which I know many of you have been notified of and are excited about. This is the publication.



2012 Winn/AVMF Scholarship Winner



Winn Feline Foundation and the American Veterinary Medical Foundation (AVMF) join together annually to present two awards designed to promote and encourage feline health studies by both established veterinary research scientists and by those entering practice.

In 2012, the scholarship was presented to a student who will be a newly minted DVM from Oregon State University this June, Alison McKay with Yoda. (pictured above)



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Here is a photo of our \$2,500 scholarship recipient from 2012, Alison McKay from Oregon State University and her cat, Yoda. This year we had 112 applicants to pick from; a 43% increase from last year. The financial need by these students is huge. We selected Wednesday evening the 2013 recipient, who is Yuki Nakayama, from Tufts University.









Winn Excellence in Feline Research Award Presentation

Each year, the Winn Feline Foundation Excellence in Feline Research Award recognizes researchers who work to improve and enhance the lives of every cat, every day.

Winn Feline Foundation joins the American Veterinary Medical Foundation to recognize those researchers who share this goal

2009: Dr. Mike Lappin 2011: Dr. Jody Gookin 2013: Dr. William Murphy 2010: Dr. Leslie Lyon 2012: Dr. Niels Pedersen





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You can see here all the recent Winn/AVMF Excellence in Feline Research Award recipients with their crystal cat figure, our other Winnie. Dr. Niels Pedersen received the award in 2012, and two veterinary classmates and friends, Drs. Bruce Lindsay and Marvin Frace, accepted the award for him. The 2013 recipient is Dr. William Murphy of Texas A&M. His award presentation will be made at Michigan State University in August at the Young Scholars Symposium. Dr. Little will make the presentation.



#### Educating the Public: Winn Feline Foundation at Events





Above: Winn Feiline Foundation exhibit at Pet Expos and Meet the Breeds 2012 Fulfilling the educational portion of the Foundation's mission, Winn and its speakers attend many events around the world each year, delivering, messages about the importance of feline health research, preventive veterinary care and breakthroughs in research to audiences that include veterinarians, their staff members, breeders, cat fariciers and the general cat loving public.



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On other fronts, we had our Winn booth at different Expos and shows in 2012. This is our booth with Betsy Gaither in Dallas last year and the Winn booth at Meet the Breeds last fall.





Maureen is ready to show Winn to the public in New York City!

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Our CEO, Maureen Walsh, was our main booth person at Meet the Breeds in New York City.

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Recent topics have included: FIP, Feline Herpesvirus, Genetics of Feline HCM, Genetic Testing for PKD, Coronavirus.

Recently Winn has begun podcasting the Feline Symposium and transcripts can be found at Symposium Transcripts



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We held our 35th Symposium last night featuring Dr. Jessica Quimby speaking on stem cell therapy and treatments for chronic kidney disease, and Dr. Karen Moriello covering how to deal with common skin diseases like ringworm and yeast infections. The two presentations, along with the past two years' Symposiums, are and will be available as audio and transcripts online. We appreciate the Veterinary Information Network for sponsoring the Symposium and making the transcripts available. Please contact the Winn office or myself if you wish to have information on accessing either the audio or the transcripts. We do have an online podcast syndication site with Libsyn.com/winnfelinefoundation and a free hosting of podcasts with www.fluctua8.com.





Educating Veterinarians at the American Animal Hospital Association Meeting in Phoenix, March 2013

Our illustrious speakers, Dr. Al Legendre and Dr. Niels Pedersen.

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Winn and its educational arm to the veterinary world. You can see our two speakers, Drs. Al

Another educational outreach we achieved this year was to have a 4 hour CE tract at the American Animal Hospital Assn. meeting in Phoenix in March. Kudos to Steve Dale, who is always active in many, many things. He facilitated our efforts here and it brings more exposure of



Legendre and Niels Pedersen, relaxing for the moment.



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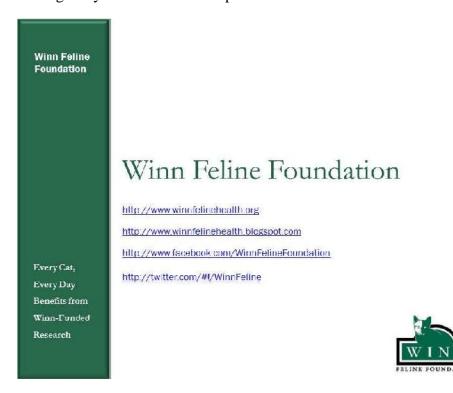


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The slide gives you our address and phone number and how to reach us at Winn.



And this is our web and social media presence on the Internet. Like CFA, we are making plans for a website re-design to reach out to more audiences, and to make it an enjoyable and

educational place to visit. I know you are completing yours. We hope we can reach that completion stage in the future, too.

Thank you for your time and attention today!

Vicki Thayer DVM Winn Feline Foundation President

## (47) <u>LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE</u>. Legislation Committee Chair George Eigenhauser:

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## **LEGISLATIVE UPDATE**



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**Hamza:** Next up is Legislative. It's George Eigenhauser, who is afraid that since we fed you before he came on, that you will fall asleep during his presentation. So, let's see if we can prove George wrong and stay awake during his presentation. Here's George. **Eigenhauser:** Good afternoon, everyone. I'm George Eigenhauser. I'm Chairman of the CFA Legislative Committee, and also CFA's Legislative Coordinator.



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**Eigenhauser:** The Legislative Group consists of myself, Joan Miller and Sharon Coleman. We are the ones working in the trenches with you to fight legislation that might detrimentally impact your ability to raise, breed, show and love your cats. Last year when we were here, we were talking about a national proposal – a Federal proposal for government regulation of all cat breeders across the United States. That's still going on, so before I pick up, I'm going to give a brief recap of where we were before. Forty years ago, Congress passed what was known as the Animal Welfare Act (the "AWA") for the purpose of regulating the welfare of animals. It primarily concerned animals used in research or animals sold at wholesale. Animals sold directly by the breeder to the public – direct retail sales – were not covered because it was assumed that if the person bought the cat or dog directly from you, they had recourse back to you, they could check out the circumstances where the animal was raised, they knew what they were getting into; as opposed to something wholesale in the stream of commerce. The agency in charge of enforcing the Animal Welfare Act is the United States Department of Agriculture (the "USDA") under their APHIS unit – Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service. For most of those 40 years, they pretty much left us alone. Ten years ago, several animal rights groups decided they wanted a more restrictive definition of what was a retail sale, to bring more breeders under USDA inspection. The Doris Day Animal League and others petitioned the USDA to change their regulations. They said no. They forced the USDA to put it out for public comment. We pushed back, and eventually the USDA said no. They took the USDA to court, and the court agreed with the USDA and said no. Then, 3 years ago, the Office of the Inspector General did a rather scathing report of how well the USDA was handling their mandate. They noted they were doing a poor job of inspecting the large breeders that the Act was intended to cover. They said that they didn't do a good job inspecting them; they didn't document it well when they found defects; they didn't return to do re-inspections when they found defects; when they did do reinspections, they didn't document that well; they rarely prosecuted, and when they did have some sort of enforcement, it was rarely done well; and even when it was done well, they usually had

too light a penalty. And, oh by the way, there's some dogs being sold on the internet we want you to look into. Guess which one they went after? So, a year ago, they created a proposal that would essentially gut the retail sales exemption by redefining it to have a bunch of trip wires. Essentially what the rule is, or what they are proposing, is that you're exempt as long as what you sell was born and raised on the premises. OK, that sounds pretty easy. I mean, get rid of "for sale"s at cat shows, no big deal. But, stop and think about it. Have you ever gotten a kitten back from somebody? That wasn't born and raised on the premises. Have you ever co-owned a cat with somebody who isn't in the same household with you? If that cat ever gets sold, for at least one of you the cat wasn't born and raised on the premises. Have you ever gotten a breeding cat from another person, kept it for a couple years and then placed it in a forever home? That wasn't born and raised on the premises. When you looked down at the details, it would actually cover a lot of CFA breeders. The USDA originally estimated that it would cover about 1,500 breeders of all species, and they made the determination they had to cover all species, because it's called the "Animal Welfare Act", not the "dog welfare act", so they couldn't parse out just the dogs. So, it includes dogs and cats and rabbits and all kinds of things. Well, 1,500 was probably a low estimate, because we went through our own records and found roughly 1,400 CFA breeders alone would have been affected, and that isn't counting litters you might have that weren't in CFA records because you never registered them, or they are registered with another association, or people who register only in other associations. So, their estimate was way low for cats alone, and the dog fancy is probably 10 times as big as the cat fancy, so they grossly underestimated it. Last year in May they began a comment period on the regulation, and we submitted a formal comment on behalf of CFA in opposition. Unlike normal legislative activity, the strategy with a government agency is a little different. When you're going in front of a city council or a state legislature, there's two different routes you can go; you can go the intellectual facts and figures, stats and institutional-type letter, or you can do the really simple, "I'm a voter, I live in your district and I don't like this" route. With a government agency, they don't care if you vote, they don't care what you think. What they want to know is, how does this affect me? So, our comment letters had to be written with more of a mind toward substance, rather than numbers. Even so, CFA submitted a comment, every member of the CFA board submitted their own comments, many of you submitted your own comments. A total from both sides by the time this closed out, 15,000 comments were received. The USDA then took the matter under advisement in August of last year, and they're still thinking about it. What do we do now? Well, as soon as the comment period ended last August, we put together a "Next Step Guide" for the fancy, and what we're recommending to people then and what we're still recommending to people is, get in touch with your congressional representatives – your house member and your two senators. Even though this is an executive branch agency, their perks, their money, their budget – the thing bureaucrats care about – is controlled by Congress, so what we're asking you all to do is to go to the CFA website, check the Next Step Guide, contact your representative, contact your senators and tell them, "we need this to stop." We have gotten word through some of the affiliated organizations that work with us that there may be a little chink in the armor. The Office of Management and Budget, which is the bureaucrat that oversees other bureaucrats, have decided that this may have a regulatory impact. Yeah, it certainly will! If you're having a shortfall because you don't have enough inspectors to handle the big breeders now – the big commercial operations now – the big wholesalers now – what are you going to do when you add 10,000 or 15,000 hobby breeders to your inspection list? It's just not going to work. So, last week CFA wrote an organizational letter

to the Office of Management and Budget hoping that they can put some pressure on the USDA in order to get them to either tone this down or drop it completely. Other organizations are doing the same thing, but what I still need you all to do is, go to the CFA website, go to the Legislative Alerts page, look at the Next Step Guide and get a hold of your congressman, get a hold of your senators and try to get them to put a little bit of a break on this. Now, this actually turned out coincidentally to be a pretty good time, because the House Agriculture Bill has been mucked around a bit, and the Ag Bill is what includes USDA funding. So, this is a good time, it's current in everybody's mind, it's a hot issue, it's something I would like you all to get involved with.



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**Eigenhauser:** This is the CFA web page.



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**Eigenhauser:** In the upper left corner, you see the pull-down tab that says Legislative.



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**Eigenhauser:** And that's the Legislative Alerts. Just go to the Legislative Alerts page and look for the Next Step Guide. It's in the very first paragraph at the top of the page. It's also listed later under What's New. Some of you may be thinking, if I put it up in August, how new can that be? If you haven't seen it yet, it's new to you, so please, go there, do it, get a hold of your congressman, get a hold of your senators, let them know we want this stopped. Over the last

several months, there have been several false alarms. People have suggested that the USDA had made a decision. Sometimes, that was simply a mistake in identity. They saw some other USDA rule and they didn't realize it wasn't the same one. Sometimes, they read some press release about it that came out earlier that simply used the wrong tense. If you hear that there is a decision on this, please contact us first before spreading it around on the lists. We'll check into it and make sure this actually happened before we get down to the nitty gritty on it. But, once again, I want you all to go to the CFA website, go to the Legislative Alerts page, get a hold of your congressman, get a hold of your senators. This is getting close to the 11<sup>th</sup> hour. I can't guarantee when they will come down with the final rule. It could come down today, it could come down tomorrow, it could come down next month, but the more pressure we can put on them through Congress, the better the chance. If you want to, while you're there, take a look at the letter that CFA wrote to the Office of Management and Budget. That might give you some ideas about what to do.

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#### HSUS Animal Care Expo - May 2013

Special Session -

#### Tipping Point 2013 – Radically Rethinking our Response to Cats

Jon Cicirelli, Deputy Director of San Jose Animal Care & Services; Dr. Kate Hurley, Director, UC Davis Koret Shelter Medicine Program; Dr. Julie Levy, Director, Maddie's Shelter Medicine Program, University of Florida, College of Veterinary Medicine

#### A Whole New Ball Game: Putting the Cat Revolution into Practice

Dr. Kate Hurley, Director, UC Davis Koret Shelter Medicine Program, Dr. Julie Levy, Director. Maddie's Shelter Medicine Program, University of Florida, College of Veterinary Medicine

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**Eigenhauser:** Rather than leaving the talk ending on that rather depressing note, I thought I would give you some news about something that I see as a trend that may be moving through the legislative arena. A little sunshine in our day. Back in May, I was at the HSUS Animal Care Expo, and there is a radically new approach that's being proposed to dealing with cats. The chief movers and shakers on this are Dr. Kate Hurley and Dr. Julie Levy, both very well-know and very well-respected veterinarians who are active, not only in veterinary medicine, but also in the legislative arena.



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"Community cats have a far greater impact on most shelters than do pet cats.... Programs targeted at pet cats (e.g. low cost spay/neuter programs, legislation requiring that pets be sterilized, or humane education promoting responsible pet ownership) are unlikely to substantially affect the community cat population."

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**Eigenhauser:** Their new program is based on a couple of assumptions. One of the assumptions is that it's really the community cats that are causing the problems out in the community, it's really not owned cats. They are spayed and neutered at a very high rate. Pedigreed cats are even a tinier sliver than the total owned cats. We're pretty responsible, so that's not the source of the problem. If that's not the source of the problem, what is the solution?

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"If euthanasia of healthy cats is not considered an acceptable option and the number of cats presented to a shelter exceeds the number of adoptive homes, this leaves two basic possibilities: 1) adding alternative live outcomes for cats admitted to the shelter (generally in the form of sterilization and release to a non-housed environment, e.g., trap-neuter-return), or 2) deferring or declining intake in the first place.

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**Eigenhauser:** The answer is, if you are killing too many cats at your shelter, stop. It's as simple as that. Most states do not have a requirement that animal control go out and round up cats. Most states do not require that animal control accept owner relinquish. If you have more cats coming in than going out and you're killing because of that, either stop letting them in so fast or start letting them go out faster. One of the things they propose, for example, is deferred intake. When your shelter is full, and if you would have to kill an animal to take in another animal, tell the person standing at your front door with the animal, "Not right now. We don't have time. Give us your number and we'll call you back when we have a space." A lot of the time, they will find a home for it by the time you get back to them, and even if they don't, at least you didn't have to kill a cat. You waited until it was ready. Get rid of the drop boxes at night, where people just dump their animals on animal control. Don't do that anymore. And stop rounding up free-roaming cats if there's no purpose to it. If all you're doing is rounding them up to kill them, what are you doing? They have actually looked at different aspects of why people think we should be rounding up community cats, and they found most of them don't apply. "We round up cats and take them to the shelters because, that way people can find them." Well, no. Studies show that most lost cats find their own way home. They are less likely to have a live outcome if they go to the shelter than if you just leave them alone. "Well, there are all kinds of diseases. Street-roaming cats are unhealthy." Well, no. Studies of trap/neuter/return (TNR) programs have shown that only about 1% of the animals they take in are so sick that they need to be put down. Yeah, they've got fleas and they've got ear mites, and there's this and that blowing in the wind, but nothing worth killing them over. So no, free-roaming cats are actually pretty healthy and many of them are quite, shall we say, obese because they have found a way to cope and survive in our society. "Well, what about the birdies and what about zoonotic diseases? Aren't these cats dangerous?" There's differing opinions on how much affect cats have on birds and how dangerous some of these zoonotic diseases are, but the bottom line is, you can't kill your way out of that problem. In order to actually get rid of all the feral cats, you would have to have a massive campaign many times the size of most animal control budgets, that you continue year after year after year relentlessly, because if you don't kill all of them, they'll be back. So, killing some of them accomplishes nothing. Your goal has to be either kill all of them or kill none of them, and we don't have the stomach to kill all of them. So, that's the new approach and, surprisingly, it's actually taking root because, first of all, HSUS has already picked up on it. That's a major player.



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# Maddie's Institute<sup>SM</sup> Webcast: Making the Case for a Paradigm Shift in Community Cat Management

Part One: Thursday, June 27, at 9 PM Eastern Time. Dr. Kate Hurley, Director of the UC Davis Koret Shelter Medicine Program.

Part Two: Thursday, July 11, at 9 PM Eastern Time. Kate Hurley, DVM, MPVM, Director of the UC Davis Koret Shelter Medicine Program. Julie Levy, DVM, PhD, DACVIM, Director of Maddie's® Shelter Medicine Program at the University of Florida. Rich Avanzino, President of Maddie's Fund® and former Director of the San Francisco SPCA. Jon Cicirelli, Deputy Director of San Jose Animal Care & Services and Board Member of the California Animal Control Directors Association.

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**Eigenhauser:** The Maddie's Fund has picked up on it. The Maddie's Fund is doing a 2-part webcast on the new paradigm. The first one was yesterday. We missed it, but I'm hoping they are going to do a recording of it and have it on their website. The other one is on July 11. I hope you listen to it. This isn't something we can necessarily use directly, but as this kind of idea goes, as the idea begins to take root, the problem isn't owned cats – the problem is free-roaming cats, and maybe they're not that much of a problem. Maybe all we need is a little management, maybe rehome them from time to time if they're too close to a bird sanctuary or something, or if a neighbor complains, deal with it as a neighborhood dispute. But, don't try to kill our way out of the problem. Once we decouple cats from this paradigm, then not only is it better for cats, but it's better for breeders because we're no longer seen as the problem, so we're no longer going to be penalized in the solution. So, that was my positive note of the day.



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# Legislative questions? E-mail us at: legislation@cfa.org

**Eigenhauser:** That ends my report. The one thing I do want to do is invite you all to the Legislative Roundtable tomorrow. That's 1 to 2:00 in the Spruce Room. I know I didn't have time to go over some of the state issues here, some of the local issues here. If you have state and local issues, come join us tomorrow 1 to 2, Spruce Room. Thanks. [applause]

**Hamza:** I would just like to note that this year's budget, George requested more money for Legislative, and were able to give George 100% of his budgetary request. [applause] Just so you know that CFA remains firm doing what we can in legislation.

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**Hamza:** Also, we have sold out of the Monopoly game tickets. That's good, thank you. We have made \$787. Our Treasurer is happy. If you have purchased and have not given us your tickets, see Rich Mastin in the corner of the room, because if you don't see him soon, he says he is going to write his name on your tickets.

#### (48) RED ROOF INNS. National Account Executive Jennifer Effendi and Judy Foley:

**Hamza:** We're going to hear from our friends at Red Roof and Royal Canin, and then we're going to go to lunch. So, without further ado, I would like to bring up Jennifer Effendi and Judy Foley from Red Roof. They have been good partners to us. Rich, you have the Monopoly game in the corner? Why don't we draw the Monopoly game now, because I also have – no, no? I also have 6 packages to give away from Red Roof, so I would like to give those away before the Red Roof people come up, and then I'll put the tickets back in for the Monopoly game, so get your tickets out. We'll just pull them when we pull the Monopoly game. Just know that not only can you win the Monopoly game, but you can win these wonderful packages from our friends from Red Roof. Come on up, guys. Give them a big, warm welcome.

**Effendi:** Judy's not here, but Wendy is going to help me. **Hamza:** Judy's not here? We don't know why she doesn't like us as much as Wendy does, but Wendy is here in place of Judy. **Effendi:** We have cats. Everyone knows us. Thank you again for having me back this year. I want to see a show of hands, everyone who has experienced the new renovations. [applause] Everything has been underway. Lots of goodies. We are changing the brand, so everyone has experienced the new renovation. Again, I spoke to many of you this morning. We've got the CFA discount code cards for Red Roof. The number doesn't expire. It's a 15% nationwide discount, with 5% going back from Red Roof to the organization. [applause] Every room night you stay with us, it goes back to benefit you-all. Everyone knows Red Roof, so this makes my job easier. You still get your communications, your free local calls, long distance, fax service, internet, coffee bar. Here's the tape. This will be fun. This is what our renovations have been about for the last 2 years. 350 hotels nationwide. We are soon to open all across Canada.

[a video presentation was shown in the background, while stuffed cats are thrown, to the delight and amusement of the delegates]

**Effendi:** So, all in all, I just want to say thank you, and thank you to all of those that reach out to me throughout the year with your feedback, and everything that you do to support your organization, while helping ours, as well. [applause]

**Hamza:** They've got 3 of these [stuffed cats] left. Did you ever see the movie, The Jerk? You know the horrors of cat juggling? We'll see on some website that the CFA Annual meeting, there was cat throwing. Carla, I'm going to let you throw these out. Anyone want free cats to be thrown by the Treasurer of CFA? She throws like a girl. Who can throw it further, the Treasurer or the Secretary? **Anger:** Look at all my new friends! **Hamza:** And they say we don't know how to have fun. It's really a good partnership we have with Red Roof, and they have done a great job remodeling. We do get a percentage back, and we would like to thank our friends at Red Roof. [applause]

### (49) ROYAL CANIN. Sharon Lund, Marketing Manager:

**Hamza:** Next I would like to introduce Sharon Lund with Royal Canin, who also represents another long-term partnership for CFA. Sharon. [applause] Did we catch you off guard?

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**Lund:** We were going to put me after lunch, and let you guys break and have lunch, but I guess you didn't get that memo, hu Mr. Hamza? **Hamza:** Well, I've got you on after Red Roof, but go ahead. **Lund:** That's OK. I'm loving this teleprompter. My gosh, you guys have great technology. I'm Sharon Lund. I'm with Royal Canin. As always, it's good to be here with you guys. I always love to visit with my old friends and make new friends, so good to see you. Congratulations to everybody that worked on this event. The city is beautiful, the hotel accommodations are great. I know it takes a lot of work to do this, so congratulations to CFA and the clubs and everybody behind the scenes. Thank you for having me.



- Birth & Growth Launch
- Ragdoll Formula
- Persian Kitten

So, I'm going to take a few minutes and bring you up to speed on what Royal Canin has been up to. We are heading here shortly for some new launches, some new products. We're going to implement our Birth and Growth launch, our Ragdoll formula, as well as Persian Kitten. [applause]



## Birth & Growth



This one is kind of hard to see. It didn't copy well, so on this page I'm just going to read you a couple short paragraphs, because it's good information. The most complete nutritional program for queens and kittens. From the onset of heat and throughout lactation, the queen requires a unique nutritional profile to not meet only her own needs, but also those of her developing and growing kittens. Birth and Growth, Royal Canin's complete reproduction program is purposely adapted to meet these demanding needs. Developed by our nutritionists and proven by our breeder network, Queen is a precise solution targeting the specific needs of reproductive queens. Because nutrition plays a critical role in the health and development of the very young and adolescent kitten, Royal Canin also offers a custom nutritional answer for every stage in a kitten's life. The nutritional performance for professionals. So, today I can say to you that Royal Canin is the only company that is addressing the needs in your catteries for those very young infants that haven't yet had time to develop an immune system, so I'm going to share some of these products and some changes, actually, in our current birth and grow formulas.

There's going to be a new look. It's going to have a retail look and feel as far as the packaging. With the products, we have focused on immunity because, again, especially through the 4 months, these guys are very sensitive, they have sensitive tummies, they are going through a lot of changes, immunity gap, so we just want to – these formulas are really enhanced with immunity builders and anti-oxidants. It's still the birth and growth program, heat through the end of growth, which is 12 months of age, and we're adding feeding guidelines for both the dry and the wet if you're mixing that. So, if you're using dry kibble along with baby cat or kitten instinctive, we now tell you how to mix that to keep the formulas balanced.

We had a lot of our breeders tell us that the Queen formula just really wasn't palatable and their queens didn't like it, so we have been researching that for quite a while now, and we did a study. This all took place in France. 41 cats, which equated to 12 breeders, and we did a lot of testing. We did a few tweaks to the formula. So, the numbers are in. The general consensus

was that the feces quality had improved with this new formula. As far as satisfaction rate through gestation, it was 98% of our breeders, lactation 95% and weaning 98%. So, the Queen is going to be improved palatability for you guys.

The Mother and Baby Cat – that's the new name, instead of Baby Cat. The bags will now say "Mother and Baby Cat". A lot of you have told me that your queens don't like the Queen and they would rather have the Baby Cat, and then the queen is on the Queen. Sometimes they want to eat the Queen, so now the Baby Cat is recommended – that didn't come out right. So, let me get back my train of thought here. So, now you can eat that Queen, again gestation through lactation. If you prefer, you can feed her the Baby Cat. Sometimes that's easier to transition that baby onto what the mom is eating, instead of the Queen formula.

So, we also know that Baby Cat – the reason we're recommending that Baby Cat, that formula was formulated because, again, through 4 months of age the growth is very intense. There's higher needs for that kitten than after 4 months. The kitten formula has not changed a whole lot. We're using LIP proteins in that formula, which is a highly-digested protein, about 95%+, actually.

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## Persian Kitten



- Persian kittens 4-12 months of age
- Digestive Persian kittens 4-12 months of age
- Digestiv Persian kittens 4-12 months of age
- Digestive Health
  - LIP proteins
  - Fiber (psyllium) + prebiotics
- · Natural Defensive Support
  - Prebiotics
  - CELT
- Healthy Skin & Hair Support
  - EPA and DHA
- Unique kibble shape

So, Persian Kitten. I'm going to go through the benefits of Persian Kitten. This is going to be included in all of the Birth and Growth products, but this slide really kind of defined it. So, the Persian Kitten is going to be recommended for birth to 12 months of age. We recommend the Baby Cat and then the Persian and then the adult formula at 12 months. It's going to address the digestive health. We know that those Persian babies are very sensitive. We're trying to build a natural defensive support. We're doing that with prebiotics. We know that prebiotics stimulate beneficial bacteria, as well as the immune system, and it inhibits disease-causing bacteria. We're using CELT. CELT is a vitamin cocktail that Royal Canin has patented, and actually what that is, is Vitamin C, gluten and taurine, so that is a great source of antioxidants. The skin and hair, we know that we need to give support to that with the Persian Kitten, and with that we're using the

omega 3, EPA, DHA, and then that unique kibble size. That unique kibble size, actually it's not going to be the almond, it's more of a little square. I don't know that you can actually see that on the bag, but we do have all this information at the booth, so we welcome you to come and talk to us.



Now we're ready for Ragdoll. The Ragdoll formula, there's a few bullets here with the issues that we're seeing in the Ragdolls. We know that they are increased risk for certain types of genetic heart conditions, so again it's the nutrients, which is the taurine, the omega 3's, which that may contribute to cardiac health. We know that they are one of the largest cat breeds, so we need to address the bone and joint health. Again, the formula is enriched with omega 3 fatty acids, glucosamine chondroitin, and then they have that special jaw. They have a very broad jaw, so the kibble – you can see that kibble on that slide – to me it's a very fat triangle, but what that does is, and I do have a short video at the booth where the Ragdoll is actually on a glass table and they're filming from underneath, so you can watch them grasp that food and chew it. The kibble size and the kibble shape encourages chewing, it's going to help maintain dental hygiene, the mechanical effect acts as a toothbrush, if you will, and the calcium chelators help limit tartar formation. And, I would like to share with you that that Ragdoll on that bag for the first time ever in USA history is a USA cat born and bred in this country, and not only is it a USA cat, it is a CFA cat. [applause] It took me 23 years with Royal Canin to see that, so when I tell you be patient, trust me. Just be patient.



So, with that, to Jerry's expression, "no further ado", I will be at the Persian breed council in the morning at 9:45. I'll give a more in depth presentation of the Persian Kitten and benefits to the kitten with that formula. I would encourage anybody that wants to come, to please come and we would love to see you. I have samples, as well as literature at the booth, so you can sample some of these new products.

I want to thank you for your time. I want to thank the Cat Fanciers' Association, as well as all the club members, for remaining strong partners with Royal Canin throughout the years. And last but certainly not least, because it's what makes us tick, I would like to thank all of you for your loyal support of our brands.

**Hamza:** Thank you Sharon. You guys hungry? OK, we'll see you back at 1:30. Have a good lunch.

[LUNCH BREAK]

### (50) TREASURER'S REPORT. Treasurer Carla Bizzell:

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## Treasurer's Report

Carla Bizzell June 28, 2013

**Hamza:** Without further ado, our Treasurer and the Treasurer's report. **Bizzell:** Hello everyone. I believe I know most people in this room, but for those who don't know me, I am Carla Bizzell. I'm your Treasurer, and it is a pleasure to be here today, bringing such good news. This would not be a happy place to be if I had to tell you bad news, so I enjoy giving good news.

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## Agenda

- Fiscal Year 2013 Financial Results
- Fiscal Year 2014 Budget
- · Statistical Information
- Thoughts for the Future

**Bizzell:** The agenda is, first I am going to talk about the results for the year, which Jerry already let the cat out of the bag. **Hamza:** That's my job – freeing cats. **Bizzell:** I know, I know. And then we are going to briefly look at next year's budget, and then we are going to look at statistical information – just some trending reports, and also there is a report on, I have had questions on how much does it really cost CFA to administer shows. I have that slide in there, where we have done a time and materials study, and it tells us how much on average it costs to administer the shows, from CFA's standpoint. Then, I have some thoughts for the future.



# 2013 Financial Results

		Total 2013		2013 Budget	Better/(Worse)
INCOME					
ORDINARY INCOME	\$	1,420,861	\$	1,310,373	\$ 110,488
OTHER INCOME (NET)					
Almanac		66,101		34,688	31,413
Yearbook		(1,502)		3,766	(5,268)
Events		(27,600)		1070	(27,600)
Merchandise		4,924		13,749	(8,825)
Marketing		(8,504)		25,535	(34,039)
TOTAL OTHER INCOME		33,419		77,738	(44,319)
GROSS INCOME	\$	1,454,280	\$	1,388,111	\$ 66,169
EXPENSES					
Central Office		882,390		926,410	44,020
Computer		56,840		33,200	(23,640)
CFA Programs		133,910		162,610	28,700
Corporate Expense		105,285		78,475	(26,810)
Legislative Expense		71,201		72,900	1,699
Outreach Expense		4,478		5,000	522
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$	1,254,104	\$	1,278,595	\$ 24,491
OTHER INCOME/EXPENSE		24,117		26,103	(1,986)
NET INCOME (LOSS)	S	224.293	S	135.619	\$ 88.674

**Bizzell:** These are a lot of little, bitty numbers. They are kind of big numbers, but they are little numbers on the page. This shows that we had a net profit of over \$224,000. [applause] Almost \$89,000 better than budget. Now, you have a complete copy of this, the underlying detail and the balance sheet in that booklet of information that was titled Committee Reports. So, you've got all this detail, and please take it home and study it. There's going to be a test later. Anyway, CFA's financial death has been greatly exaggerated. As you can see, we also have almost \$1.4 million in the bank right now, so we are nowhere near death's door.



## **Financial Summary Points**

- Total Registration Revenue up 3.5%
- Total Ordinary Income up 1.9%
- Cat Talk/Online Almanac Profitable
- · Yearbook at Small Loss
- Central Office Expense Down 11.4%
- Computer Expense Up
- CFA Programs Down/Corporate Expense Up
- · Loss on World Show

Bizzell: Financial Summary Points. Total registration revenue is up, and I've got a chart that is kind of interesting to look at. I'll explain it when we get to it. It's up 3.5%. Now, there's no way to know if that is going to be sustainable or if it's going to continue to improve, but at least it's encouraging to see that it's going up, and not continuing in a downward trend. Ordinary income is up 1.9%, which is great. Cat Talk and Online Almanac are profitable. We have the Yearbook at a small loss, but we consider that to be a very important publication of this organization, and we continue to produce it because it's a record of our history. Central Office expense was down 11.4%, and I've got to tell you, Donna Jean was big part of that. She helps keep her thumb on the expenses. Also, the Finance Committee, which Rich Mastin – who is in the corner now putting his name on your tickets – has been a big help in negotiating contracts and just squeeze every bit of cost out that's possible. Computer expense is up. A lot of that is consultants we have had in, in order to help with the new system or before we had gotten James, our new computer guy. CFA programs are down, corporate expenses up. We do have some challenges, we do have some work to do. We need to work on getting these expenses back down. The World Show, unless you live under a rock, you know we had a loss on that. There were a number of things. We know what went wrong, we're making a big effort this coming year to not have those losses again, although we did build some loss into the budget so that we can do the show right.



# 2014 Budget

INCOME		
ORDINARY INCOME	s	1,396,244
OTHER INCOME (NET)		
ALMANAC	\$	1,730
YEARBOOK	\$	(9,100)
EVENTS	\$	(22,000)
MERCHANDISE	\$	4,450
MARKETING	\$	6,674
TOTAL OTHER INCOME	\$	(18,246)
GROSS INCOME	s	1,377,998
Expenses		
CENTRAL OFFICE	s	913,876
COMPUTER	\$	45,400
CFA PROGRAMS	\$	205,550
CORPORATE EXPENSE	S	122.600
LEGISLATIVE EXPENSE	S	76,420
OUTREACH EXPENSE	\$	22,050
TOTAL EXPENSES	s	1,385,896
OTHER INCOME/EXPENSE		
Interest/Rents	s	30,500
NET INCOME (LOSS)	s	22,603

**Bizzell:** Another small page of tiny numbers. This is our 2014 budget – just very bare bones. It shows us with a net income of \$22,603. OK now, you're probably out there saying, "Well, we had \$224,000 profit this year. Why is it just going to be \$22,603 next year? What are you guys doing up there?"

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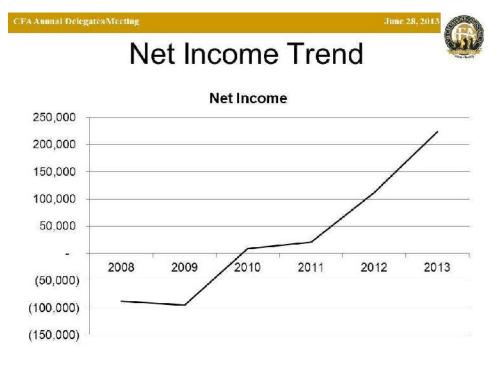
## 2014 Budget Summary

- Realistic and Conservative Budget
- Registration Revenue Assumptions
- New Programs Funded
- Existing Programs
   Supported
- No Pie-in-the-Sky Revenue Assumptions



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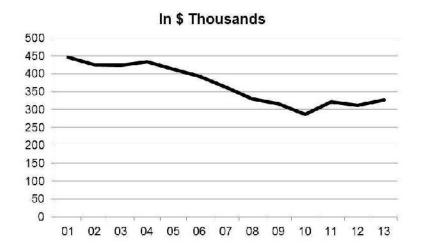
Bizzell: As you know, money does not grow on trees. Those of you who have done budgets know that the best approach is to have a very conservative budget – one that's realistic, one that's attainable, one that includes every cost that you think is reasonably going to happen, and only the revenue that you believe is going to be achieved. No what I call "pie in the sky revenue assumption." No "I think that we are going to sell a sponsorship, a branding opportunity to someone that we haven't identified and we don't have a contract with." If we don't know it's going to come in, it's not in the budget. We assume that registration revenue would stay relatively flat. Again, it appears to be on an upward trend, but I don't want to be aggressive enough to say for sure it is. So, we put it in there flat. We are investing in the future. We have \$50,000 of CFA money in club support. It's the first time in my knowledge that CFA has ever put that much money towards club support. We have money in the budget for the BAOS, the judging school, to be pushed out to areas where it may not be profitable, so we have put money in the budget to cover those schools. As we push our borders out around the world, we need to insure that we have judges coming up and prepared in those different areas of the world. We've got money in the budget to produce a multi-lingual clerking school, a video or online version. We're putting more money into animal welfare. We continue to support the entry clerking program, where the clubs can have use of an entry clerk program at no cost. We've got a little money in there for the Ambassador Program, for the Ambassador Cats Program. We're going to continue on with PAWS, which is our Garfield arrangement. We get to continue that for another year. We put some more money in there for Cat Shows US!, for the maintenance of that, and of course I mentioned earlier the World Show. We built in some cost there, just so we know that's covered and it won't be a surprise.



**Bizzell:** Now we're going into some net income trend. Jerry has already showed you this and you have this in your annual report, probably right in front of you, but I just think it's a really pretty chart and I wanted you to see it again.



# Cat Registration Trend



**Bizzell:** Here's the cat registration trend chart. You will see that it started out sort of flat, starting in 2001, so it's flat and maybe a little up. Then in around 2004 it started in a downward slope. Every year we thought it was going to turn around and it didn't. It continued to go down. So, we got to about 2010 and you see that little uptick there. That little uptick was the increase in cost of registration to you guys, so that was not a real increase in registrations, that was an increase in the pricing. So, we got the full benefit of that, and then you see the trend start turning down again. It was like, that was a temporary fix for that. But then, this last year, look at that little small rise. OK, so that's encouraging. We don't know for sure if it's sustainable, but we are investing in programs in CFA to hopefully continue this trend in an upward way.

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## CFA's Cost of Show Administration

#### Calculation Components

- Average Cost Per Show at \$558
- Costs Included: Show Licensing

Show Box

Processing/Scoring

Certificates/Postage

Insurance

Year-end Processing

Costs Not Included

Year-End Awards (Trophies/Rosettes)

Other Items

#### Average Profit/(Loss) Per Show

Number of Entries	CFA's Profit/(Loss) on Show Administration
125	(\$171)
150	(\$133)
175	(\$96)
200	(\$58)
225	(\$21)
232	(\$10)
264	\$38
284	\$68

**Bizzell:** Here is a chart. We've had several people ask, "What does it cost CFA to administer a show?" We did a time and materials study in Central Office, all the way from the licensing of a show and how long that takes, the materials it takes, the show box, materials in it, how long to pack, how costly it is to ship, and then when the show package comes in, you tear it apart, you've got people doing data entry, you have people scoring cats, you have all this stuff going on, you've got grand certificates going out. So, this cost also includes year-end processing, where we come up with our regional award winners and our national award winners. The costs not included in this chart are the year-end awards. The average cost per show without the yearend awards and without any facilities cost or utilities costs or any allocation for overhead, is \$558 a show. That is a very conservative figure. If we added just the year-end awards that CFA must give – we have rules saying we must give rosette, we must give trophy for certain awards – it would be another about \$50 per show to cover that. Now, I will tell you, I didn't include that because CFA chooses the awards to be really nice. We are not required that they be nice. They could be a little plastic bowling trophy and it would meet the rules, but we choose that they be nice, so I said, OK, I'm going to leave that out because it's choice to have that cost as big as it is. As you see from the chart, in all but just our very largest shows last year, CFA ended up at a loss in that activity, and again that doesn't even include all the costs. So, when we finally get up over 250-260 cats, and up through about 300 cats, you are finally making a little bit of money on CFA's part, but most of our shows aren't that big. Most of our shows are much smaller, so we are losing money in CFA. It's something we do as a service, but as you go to vote on some of these propositions coming up, then I wanted you to have this information.



**Bizzell:** This is my little piggy bank. Outside forces continue to work against us, with the economy and the legislative issues that George talked about, and it's working against our sponsors, too. So, our sponsors are less and less able to help us out, as well. Even though we are in a greatly improved financial condition at the moment, we must continue to seek new sources of revenue and continue to be very, very careful in controlling costs. We have to insure that CFA continues in the future on very firm financial footing, and it is our responsibility. It's not just the

board's responsibility. It's each and every one of our responsibility to work together to meet this goal.

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# Thank You to Hard Working Committee Members!!!!

- Karen Boyce
- · Karen Godwin
- · Chuck Gradowski
- Bob Johnson
- Rich Mastin
- · Ed Raymond
- Central Office Personnel: Diane Cioci, Carol Bertone, Julie Grasse and Linda Scharver

**Bizzell:** Thank you very much. I just wanted to take this opportunity to thank the hardworking members of my committees – Finance, Budget and the Audit Committees, as well as Central Office personnel, who work tirelessly to keep our financials straight, and keep us on the straight and narrow. I wanted you to see their names, and if you happen to see the, please give them their thanks for me. Thank you very much.

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## 2013 Treasurer's Report



**Hamza:** I asked Carla to put some of those numbers together. One of the resolutions that bothered me, that we will be talking about later, had to do with the extra dollar we charged. I

want you folks to know that we always agonize over money for you. We are all in the same boat. We always think about how we can save and keep costs down. We haven't raised any prices in 3 years, and that's been very hard. One of the things you have to understand and you have to appreciate is that when you elect people, you have to trust them. You have to let them do the best job they can for you. You can't come here and say, "Well, we're going to second guess you and try to make your job harder." The Finance Committee has done an incredible job. We have all worked very hard to keep costs down. CFA's costs are some of the lowest costs there are. Our registrations I would put against any kind of fancy out there anywhere. We have done our best, and I just wanted to show that when we do shows, they are a loss leader. We lose money every time somebody puts on a show, but we do our best to hold the cost down, because we know it's tough out there, we know the clubs are struggling and we understand that. One of the things we've done to try to help the clubs is, we've put out these club sponsorships. In most cases, the sponsorships exceed the extra dollar. The nice thing about those sponsorships is that in most cases they brought in more money. The return has been greater than that extra dollar that is having to be paid out. It also has other benefits. It allows us to couple that money with sponsor money. This year, we are hoping to have over 100 clubs benefit from those sponsorships. Things lie upon other things, like a domino effect. We can see that those club sponsorships have helped CFA's registrations increase, so it's important that you let us do our job to help grow the fancy. I know it's sometimes easy to get frustrated and to simplify problems, but we're actually looking at the whole picture and it's more complex sometimes than you know. It's OK for you to come to us and ask us why, and we're more than happy to sit here and run the numbers for you and tell you why. Like I said earlier, we need you as the ownership to understand. Anyway, we'll move on. We'll talk more about that issue when we get there.

#### (51) **FELINE AGILITY.** Chair Jill Archibald gave a Power Point presentation.

**Hamza:** Up next, we've got Jill Archibald with Feline Agility. Let's give Jill a hand. She always does a good job. Archibald: I'm Jill Archibald. I'm the Feline Agility Chair, and I have a speech for you. Hopefully, the whole thing will be exciting, but if you do sleep during my speech, that's OK, because I have a PowerPoint that will wake you up. In the past, cats have struggled with the stereotype of lazy animals that acknowledge us humans only when they are hungry, thirsty, in need of a light back massage or a nap in a warm lap. The CFA Feline Agility competition is here to disprove that myth. In 2011, we began scoring the cats in competition for Feline Agility titles. We had 11 competitions and demonstrations. In 2012, we had 15 competitions and demonstrations. This year, the Agility has exploded to 34 competitions and demonstrations. [applause] I have to say, that's a heck of a lot of cats, to prove that we can work together, play hard and have some fun. So, this is hard for me to believe, but I went over my statistics, and wow. Approximately 2,500 times this season alone, cats and their handlers stepped into a Feline Agility enclosure to either learn, practice, demonstrate or compete in CFA Feline Agility.[applause] At shows like the World Show, National Capital, Garden State, over 2,000 people had the opportunity to see Feline Agility for the first time. At pet expos and other demonstrations in Pennsylvania, North Carolina, New Jersey and Long Island, New York, well over – I got these statistics from the people selling tickets, and it's right – well over 28,000 people had the opportunity to see CFA Feline Agility. We are the only association that does it the way we do it, to include everybody who wants to be there and have fun. 35 different breeds of cats competed this year from our association – 35 different breeds. Wow. Successfully. I don't mean, got in there and said, "I'm not doing this", they got in there and they actually managed to complete the course. No naps in the tunnels. 295 times, competitive scores were earned. 6 cats earned the title of Agility Grand Master, with 4,000 points earned. [applause] 15 cats earned the title of Agility Master, at 2,000 points. And 97 cats earned the titles of either Agility Winner at 500 points, or Agility Competitor with a qualifying timed run. So, that's an awesome statistic. It actually blows my mind. But, I have to say, above all, we would not have done all of this without the help of Dr. Elsey's Precious Pet. I am sorry Gina Zaro wasn't here, but I really have to give them a round of applause. [applause] The money they gave us, I funneled to the clubs as much as I could. The money and support they gave us enabled us to help all of the clubs that held CFA Feline Agility competitions, and it was a Godsend. It really was. We did a lot. If your club wants to do Feline Agility, all you need to do is contact me. I'll walk you through it. I have some of these I put out on the tables. If somebody has it and they don't want it, pass it over to your neighbor. It just tells you some really important parts about the program and where you can get information on the web. My email address is there. Don't crash my computer please, but it's there. Contact me, I'll help you out. If you don't know how to get your own equipment rented, if you don't know how to get your own ringmaster, I'll help you out. It's near and dear to my heart.

Tomorrow, speaking of near and dear to my heart, I have from 8:00 in the morning until 11 an open door demonstration. That means, my door is open. You come anytime you want. You can actually not just see agility, but come and be a part of it. I brought 2 demonstration cats who love agility and love anybody who will move that toy for them so they can chase it. I have to tell you, I've been depriving them lately. They haven't been able to chase many toys, so they really want to play. Any of you who need a kitten fix or a cat fix because you have been away from them so long, perfect opportunity. In between meetings tomorrow, pop in. I'll be in Discovery C,

I'll have my kitties there. You can come in and learn how to do it. If you already know how to do it, you can come in and play or just come in and pet the cats. They don't care. They are free loaner cats. So, with no further ado, I am going to ask the powers that be – here we go. Enjoy.

[A presentation was given showing Agility Cats, to Katy Perry's *Firework*, Little Mix's *Wings*, Kool and the Gang's *Celebration*]

**Hamza:** I think that might be it. If you noticed, in one of the pictures, there was a picture of me with a little Persian going through the Agility. At the time, I had the record – 27 minutes. I'm heartbroken. I've learned that another Persian broke it – just under 26 minutes. Anyway, just so you all know, the World Show will happen again this year November 23/24, and it is my pleasure to announce that there will be Agility there.

# (52) <u>YOUTH FELINE EDUCATION PROGRAM</u>. Karen Lane and Sharon Lund gave an awards presentation to the participants.

**Hamza:** Next, I want to bring up Karen Lane and Sharon Lund to do a little special presentation that should be a lot of fun for all of us. I want you all to be very supportive.

Lane: Hi everyone. I'm Karen Lane. I am the Co-Chairman of the Youth Feline Education Program. We are here today to celebrate and to give recognition in our awards to our most outstanding youth. With me on the podium this afternoon, Marguerite Epstein, who is our national scorer, and Sharon, who is our wonderful sponsor. [applause] Lund: On behalf of Royal Canin, again, we are very proud to sponsor this program because, as we all know, this generation is absolutely the generation that's going to make us all succeed, including the fancy, Royal Canin, everything, so we really have to be proud of our youth and salute them, to carry that flag and pass on the baton. So, kudos, congratulations to all the winners here and I am very honored to be here to give them their awards. Thank you. Lane: I know that some of you still refer to us as the Junior Showmanship Program. We have come a long way. This is a different program. In some cases, you will see our young people in the show halls and they may look like Junior Showmanship people, but this program is a lot more than the show hall. This program is filled with education, community service, and the children are learning – I shouldn't call them children, they are young people – they are learning the responsibilities of all sides of feline ownership. I want to introduce Marguerite Epstein, who is our national scorer, and she will explain what these children that you will meet in a little bit have done this past year. Epstein: Good afternoon. The Royal Canin/CFA Youth Feline Education Program – geez, that's a mouthful, isn't it? – is a program for youth from 7 years old to 18 years of age. So, it's a lot different from Junior Showmanship and we have a larger embrace in bringing our kids into loving cats and keeping them. It's designed to allow kids to enjoy cat ownership and the cat fancy, and excel at their own pace through activities that are in age categories, and also to enhance their appreciation for not just the cats, but maybe cat-inspired professions. Our participants learn not only the exhibitionrelated stuff, like good sportsmanship, breed standards, grooming, presentation, interaction with the public, which are all important things, but they also learn about cat history, cat health and welfare, and responsible cat ownership. Our program has 3 major areas of concentration: (1) community service; (2) education; and (3) cat show preparation, presentation and participation. So, working in these areas of concentration, our participants engage not only in areas in the show hall with exhibiting cats, but work on projects at home and in the community. We don't want to only appeal to the children and grandchildren of exhibitors who have already seen a show hall before, we want to appeal to all children, and not all of them can get to a show or a show all on a regular basis, so that's why we have activities that can be done outside the show hall. Though we want them to be included as breeder-exhibitors sometime in their future, we really want a love of cats and education. So, how we reach out to them is, we allow them to have projects like arts and crafts, making cat decorations or beds, volunteering at no-kill shelters, working at a veterinary clinic, they can read about cats, posters, reports with an education hook on it, and we just allow them to find the projects that interest them. This will keep them on a lifelong path of learning about cats and enjoying their cats. Of course, they still can do the breed presentations and show a pedigreed cat or even a Household Pet in competition, or work with a cat show committee. We have four divisions of kids in Youth Feline Education. We group them so they can work within

an age group and ability group. We have Cubs, who are age 7 through 9 years of age; Lions 10 through 12; Cats that are the 13 to 15 year olds, and Seniors. By the time you reach 16, you really don't want to have a cutesy name, so we just call them Seniors. As our participants engage in the activities, they work really closely with their regional representatives, and this is where they present the work they have done outside the show hall. Their regional reps look at their work, emails, pictures, etc., and the regional reps will validate their work and assign the points. That's because we know that if you work hard, you deserve rewards. These points are accumulated during the show season, and they determine our top winners. At the end of each show season, the top 3 of our young people in each age category will be recognized at the regional level, so you have probably already seen awards given out at your regional banquets, with rosettes and certificates. At the national level, we used to give savings bonds, but we had a little problem with government regulations, but we do give them money to go towards their future education. Our end of season awards are sponsored by Royal Canin. We want to thank Royal Canin so much for not only their financial support, but their patience as we work out the kinks in this program, which is only 2 years old. So, please, let's give Sharon and Royal Canin a hand. [applause] Lane: We have a PowerPoint presentation that will show you what these young people have done. When you get close to 70, anybody under 30 is a child.

NATIONAL WINNERS		REGIONAL WINNERS				
Division One – Cubs	1. Hailey Goldsbary	Region 2	1. Hailey Goldsbary			
	2. Payton Gomez	Division One				
	3. Ethan Wright					
Division Two – Lions	1. Nautika Buterakos	Region 2	1. MacKenna Goldbary			
	2. MacKenna Goldsbary	Division Two	2. Jaden Taylor			
	3. Jaden Taylor		3. BriAnne Ireland			
Division Three – Cats	1. Richelle Hanes	Region 2	1. Kyle Torgerson			
	2. Hope Gibson	Division Three				
	3. Kyle Torgerson					
Division Four – Seniors	1. Ryan Watson	Region 2	1. Ryan Watson			
	2. Sean Blair	Division Four	2. Sean Blair			
		Region 4	1. Rebecca Gibson			
		Division Two				
		Region 4	1. Hope Gibson			
		Division Three				
		Region 5	1. Payton Gomez			
		Division One	2. Ethan Wright			
		Region 5	1. Connor Wright			
		Division Two				
		Region 6	1. Lilly Swanson			
		Division Two	2. Joseph Brickey			
		Region 6	1. Richelle Hanes			
		Division Three				
		Region 7	1. Elizabeth Burchfield			
		Division One				
		Region 7	1. Nautika Buterakos			
		Division Two				
OVERALL WINNER – NAUTIKA BUTERAKOS						

[A presentation was given showing the Youth Feline participants and their cats, to Katy Perry's *Firework*]

**Lane:** I would like to see Maureen Clark and Ginger Meeker up here. Both of these gals have worked so hard with these young people. We are thrilled that most of the winners that you read their names absolutely come from Region 2. Come on guys, come up. [applause] This is the future of CFA!

[participants receive a standing ovation]

**Lane:** I also understand, on a more personal note, that Maureen Clark is taking everyone to the waterpark this afternoon. **Clark:** And that was a surprise. We're taking all of the kids to Great Wolf Lodge. **Hamza:** Are you guys sure you wouldn't rather stay here for resolutions and amendments?

**Hamza:** Do we have the raffle tickets over there ready? It would be kind of fun to pull them before we start pulling teeth. [the Red Roof packages are drawn and awarded] Now for the Monopoly game. I hope whoever wins it will open it up so we can see the cat token. You don't have to, but it would be really cool. I've only seen the picture. Some guys have got a good day going all around. [Dennis Ganoe wins]

#### REPORTS PRESENTED VIA DELEGATE BOOK

(reports that do not appear elsewhere in these minutes)

#### (52) <u>LEGISLATIVE REPORT</u>.

## The Sy Howard Legislative Fund - What is it and what can it do for you?

Most CFA exhibitors have heard of the Sy Howard Legislative Fund that aims to protect cat fanciers from legislation that is detrimental to our cats and our hobby. Originally named the CFA Legislative Fund, it was established by the CFA Board of Directors in June 1991 to provide funding for legislative issues and activities. The CFA Legislative Fund was renamed the Sy Howard Legislative Fund seven years later: "... to honor the memory of the wonderful man who served as CFA's legal counsel for many years. His dedication to CFA and the concern and caring he extended to all of the CFA's members should be remembered as the ideal for all cat fanciers to emulate as we go forward."

The goals of the Sy Howard Legislative Fund have not changed since its inception. Donations to the Fund are used exclusively for addressing issues related to legislation, animal rights, animal welfare or other concerns that may affect CFA or cat fanciers on the federal, state or local level. As legislative activity has expanded across the country, this fund has become increasingly important. In the early 90's, cities, counties and states across the country were beginning to be confronted with groups that desired to curb the breeding of pedigree cats and dogs. Today it seems that we are in the midst of an onslaught of legislation by the animal rights movement that endangers not only the preservation of our valued breeds, but cat ownership in general.

The Legislative Fund augments the work of the CFA Legislative Group helping fanciers to address local legislative issues such as breeding restrictions, as well as to promote awareness of community programs that will positively affect all cats and be better alternatives than potentially harmful legislation. Matching funds are available to local cat clubs, fanciers and other groups for programs and projects that meet the goals of the Fund and are approved by the CFA Legislative Committee.

Sy Howard Legislative Fund accomplishments have laid the groundwork for future endeavors and helped achieve victories through a variety of approved projects. Monies from the Legislative Fund have been used to facilitate the production of demographic and epidemiological studies that have been invaluable in providing insight as well as data useful in finding alternatives to legislation. Our involvement in animal population issues has led to the opportunity for members of the Legislative Committee to make presentations to veterinarians, animal control and community groups concerning cat related issues leading to better understanding of our activities and positions. Presentations at events significantly increase the visibility of CFA and the positive aspects of pedigreed cats. CFA has also been able to select and sponsor speakers at state animal related symposiums and be part of strategy meetings with the American Kennel Club, PIJAC (Pet Industry Joint Advisory Council) and others to discuss legislative matters. Some examples over the past 22 years (1991 to present) include:

- Donation to the National Pet Alliance to match funds raised for a newsletter to inform breeders of the San Mateo ordinance threat.
- Matching funds used to print and bind the San Mateo Community Task Force report and supporting documents; sent to our allies and media people, magazine editors, to provide a balanced perspective on this legislation and its impact.
- Funded an information packet sent out to Ohio legislators concerning a cattery licensing bill. It was instrumental in the defeat of the bill.
- National Pet Alliance survey of Santa Clara County to obtain basic community data specific to cats. This has since been acknowledged as one of the important early studies of pet owner attitudes and information on the numbers of feral/unowned cats being fed by households.
- Later a similar study by Karen Johnson and NPA was funded for San Diego County.
- Matching funds were used for the Salt Lake County study to gather data concerning the human factors contributing to dog and cat problems leading to shelter relinquishment and resulting in the surplus of animals that must be killed by Animal Services.
- CFA was one of the founding members of the National Council on Pet Population Study and Policy, which has initiated important epidemiology studies concerning cat/dog relinquishment to shelters and research into other animal population dynamics. Our dues and costs of meetings were funded by the Sy Howard Fund.
- Matching funds for a coalition of cat and dog fanciers in the Atlanta, Georgia area to hire a professional lobbyist to handle a state level proposal.
- Club contributions were matched to partially fund the three month "Save Our Strays USA
  Tour". Bob Christiansen, author and speaker, worked with local humane societies to do
  displays, town hall forums, media interviews and informal talks to city managers and the
  general public about community animal problems promoting concepts favorable to our
  interests. The mobile unit also displayed the CFA logo.
- The Fund provided for the video tape, "Grass Roots in Action" to learn about the legislative hearing process and other ways in which CFA clubs can oppose legislation.
- The Florida "Turning the Tide" Legislative Workshop was funded by club donations matched by the Sy Howard Fund to discuss the proposed facilities legislation and general grass roots education in the state.
- Cosponsored the symposium "A Critical Evaluation of Free-roaming/Unowned/Feral Cats in the United States". Cosponsored the annual symposium held by the California Council of Companion Animal Advocates.
- Sponsored speakers at various events including "Pediatric Spay/Neuter" by Lila Miller, DVM; "Looking at the Big Picture: How Feral Cats Impact Your Community", by Margaret Slater, DVM, PhD.; "Socializing Feral Cats" by Bryan Kortis and Anitra Frazier.

- Raised matching funds from cat and dog clubs to publish a full page ad in "Roll Call", read by U.S. congress and their staff, to defeat the federal PAWS bill that would license dog and cat breeders.
- Using matching funds from California CFA clubs coproduced with PETPAC two TV spots to defeat anti-breeder legislation in California.
- Cosponsored the first No Kill Conference Washington D.C. CFA was included in national coverage of the conference on the website and in all materials.
- For 15 consecutive years matching donations from local fanciers and clubs have allowed us to cosponsor the Animal Health Institute (AHI) "Pet Night on Capitol Hill." This provides an opportunity to network with members of congress, their staff and the media. The following morning AHI hosts an invitation only meeting among AHI member companies and Pet Night sponsors to discuss common strategy on legislative matters. This often involves sharing information to help each other (this is how we get our federal/state bill tracking information).
- Sy Howard funds are used on a non-matching basis for CFA to provide support and/or to maintain membership presence in related groups such as the Cat Writer's Association (CWA); the Society of Animal Welfare Administrators (SAWA); the National Animal Interest Alliance (NAIA) the Responsible Pet Owners Association (RPOA) and others.
- Non-matching funds are also used to pay for CFA's presence at animal welfare and animal rights meetings and seminars, veterinary conferences, pet industry meetings and other events to maintain and project awareness of CFA's interests and views on legislation. Recent events include the No Kill Conference, NAIA, Cat Writers Association, PIJAC Top2Top conference and the HSUS Animal Care Expo.

A complete description of the Sy Howard Legislative Fund, along with how to apply for support, may be found at: www.cfa.org/Portals/0/documents/legislative/SyHowardFund2012.pdf. Clubs or individuals who wish to submit a project for consideration must submit a written request to the CFA Legislative Committee, to the attention of the Chairperson (George Eigenhauser) who can assist you in preparing a proposal.

#### What else can you do?

All of the Sy Howard Fund activities have been instrumental in making CFA's efforts to protect our cats and our hobby more effective, but there is much to be done – for example.

- We need speakers to make presentations to the animal welfare community, legislators and others along with the funds to sponsor them or cover expenses.
- Legislative workshops to train local fanciers to act efficiently when legislation is proposed in their community or on the state level and this is also crucial in defeating detrimental legislation.
- National legislative trends require communication strategy. Help build the pool of funds available for federal legislative matters and other general needs.

Donations to the Legislative Fund should be made out to the "CFA/Sy Howard Legislative Fund" and mailed to the CFA Central Office. Donations may also be made online from the CFA web site. Use the "legislative" pull down tab and click on "legislative fund donations" or go directly to the link below. Any contribution can make a world of difference in assuring that breeding and exhibiting of pedigreed cats, and pet ownership, will still be possible in the future.

CFA Legislative Group: George Eigenhauser, Joan Miller & Sharon Coleman e-mail: legislation@cfa.org Sy Howard Legislative Fund donations: http://catalog.cfa.org/donations.shtml#legislative

Fund description:

www.cfa.org/Portals/0/documents/legislative/SyHowardFund2012.pdf

## (53) MENTOR/NEWBEE REPORT.

Committee Chairs: Carol Krzanowski, Teresa Keiger

**Mentor Coordinators:** Diane Castor, Region 1

Diana Nelson, Region 2 (northern) Mary Sietsema, Region 2 (southern)

Kathy Black, Region 3 Mary Ann Toth, Region 4 Sharon Rogers, Region 5 Pam DeGolyer, Region 6 Vickie Bingman, Region 7 Michie Shinmoto, Region 8

Gabrielle Lueppens, Region 9 (western)

Vasily Butorin, Region 9 (eastern)

Russell Law, Asia

NewBee Core Team: Kathy Black, Sande Willen

The CFA Mentor/NewBee Committee is going strong, and both programs have been very active in recent months. Because many new breeders are also new exhibitors, and some new exhibitors hopefully go on to be new breeders, the Mentor and NewBee Programs have always worked hand-in-hand. Last June President Hamza made this cooperative effort official by combining the two programs into one committee.

After being revitalized several years ago, the Mentor Program took on new life through an efficient network of regional/divisional mentor coordinators and their teams. Mentor requests from all regions and the International Division are on the rise, and we are consistently helping new breeders get a good start in their breeding programs. We handle general inquiries to which we respond with information about the Mentor Program, links to online resources and a link to the protégé application on the CFA web site. Inquiries and applications are routed as received to the regional/divisional coordinator, who makes contact with the protégé and pairs them with an appropriate mentor.

The protégé is also referred to the NewBee Program and its web site, which is a great resource for new exhibitors. The NewBee Program's team of veteran exhibitors answer questions and give support to new exhibitors both online via our Yahoo Group and in the show hall. We have grown steadily over the past five years and in fact, some of our first NewBees are now some of our veteran exhibitors.

Last fall we worked together with the CFA National Marketing Committee to establish an 800 number for general inquiries from the public about breeding and exhibiting in CFA. We established a separate Google Group and a workable system for handling these calls, and we are happy to say we have successfully fielded a number of inquiries in the past several months. We also developed a brochure with the message "CFA – We're Waiting For You!" to inform the general public about the many ways they could participate in the cat fancy. It was distributed at the World Show last November with plans for wider distribution in the future.

One of the biggest challenges we currently face is letting brand-new breeders and exhibitors know about the Mentor and NewBee Programs. While there are links to both programs on the CFA and regional/divisional web sites, many people out there are still unaware of us. You can help get the word out in the following ways:

- Breeders if you place a kitten or cat with a new breeder, please refer them to the Mentor Program, particularly if you live at some distance from each other and won't always be available to help them yourself.
- Exhibitors if you encounter a new exhibitor at a show, please refer them to both the NewBee and Mentor Programs. Even if they currently plan to exhibit only, they may "catch the bug" and develop an interest in breeding at some point.
- Entry Clerks if you receive an entry from someone who appears to be new, please refer that person to both the NewBee and Mentor Programs. A positive experience at their first show will make newcomers feel welcome and encourage them to become part of our CFA family.
- Clubs please add a link to both the Mentor and NewBee Programs on your club web site and on your show flyers and/or show confirmations. Don't forget to put the NewBee ad in your show catalog so that your new exhibitors learn about us. There should be an ad with the electronic show information you receive, or you can always download one from the NewBee web site at <a href="http://www.cfanewbee.org/">http://www.cfanewbee.org/</a>
- Ambassadors if you meet someone at a show, who expresses an interest in exhibiting and/or breeding pedigreed cats or exhibiting household pets, please refer them to the NewBee and Mentor Programs.

Finally, if you enjoy helping newcomers, then consider making your activities official by signing on as a CFA Mentor or member of the CFA NewBee Team. Both programs need the support of experienced and knowledgeable breeders and exhibitors to help newcomers learn and succeed. If you are up to the challenge, then please send an email to <a href="mentoring@cfa.org">mentoring@cfa.org</a> and/or <a href="mentoring@cfa.org">info@cfanewbee.org</a> to join us. Together, we can make a difference!

Respectfully submitted, Carol Krzanowski and Teresa Keiger Co-Chairs, CFA Mentor/NewBee Committee

## (54) COMMUNITY OUTREACH AND EDUCATION.

Committee Chair: Joan Miller Liaison to Board: Tracy Petty

List of Committee Members: Dee Dee Cantley, Roeann Fulkerson, Donna Isenberg,

Karen Lane, Karen Lawrence, Jodell Raymond, Mary

Sietsema, Kim Everett-Hirsch, Tracy Petty

## **Brief Summation of Immediate Past Committee Activities:**

# The overall vision of the CFA Outreach and Education Program:

• Establish CFA as a primary information resource on cats

- Provide feline education programs for the general public, shelters and veterinarians
- CatsCenterstage.org: A website promoting respect for all cats. The goals for the website include a CFA pet owner membership program providing revenue for CFA through advertising and sponsorship.
- Increase involvement in CFA activities (attract new exhibitors and breeders; increase show visitors)

## **Education** –

This past fiscal year, members of the committee have been active in education. Talks at shows include topics geared to the public, such as "What are the Judges Looking For", the "Origin of The Domestic Cat and History of Breeds", Feline Colors and Patterns, Showing Your Household Pet, the "What's In It For Me Method to Train Your Cat", the "Basic Nature of All Cats", "Choosing a Pet Cat", Responsible Pet Cat Ownership" and "How to Introduce Your New Cat to the Resident Cat". We include grooming demos for "Longhair cats (Maine Coon and Persian)", Shorthair cats (Abyssinian, American Shorthair, domestic shorthair, etc.), the "Slinky Cats" (Siamese, Orientals, etc.) and the "Hairless Cats" (Sphynx).

We thank all the owners who allow us to present their special cats to the public. Most are older former show cats who seem to love showing off.

- CFA/Royal Canin World Cat Show Education Program, November 17-18, 2012. Columbus, Ohio. Jodell did a terrific job as Education Ring Coordinator. She lined up wonderful cats for our talks. The Program included several talks by myself, Kim Everett-Hirsh and Tracy Petty as well as grooming presentations from various experts. We had excellent assistants, including Linda Crandall of Pet Partners, Inc., who worked in the ring both days all day.
- San Diego Cat Fanciers show, January 26 27<sup>th</sup> Del Mar, California. Lorraine Nelson was an excellent Education Ring Coordinator. We had marvelous cats, a wide variety of topics for a huge audience both days and 10 speakers.
- Royal Canin Trade Show and Meeting, January 29, 2013 I presented three breeds to the RC sales managers from all over the U.S. who met in Dallas. Royal Canin has

designed special food with size and texture suitable for Persians, Maine Coons and Siamese/Orientals based on the manner in which these breeds eat. In order to give the employees a better understanding of each of the different breeds we had lovely examples to present.

- America's Family Pet Expo Orange County, April 19-21, 2013, Costa Mesa,
   California. Thanks to the efforts of Dee Dee Cantley, CFA had a good presence at this
   huge Pet Expo. Volunteers attended with their cats and interacted with the public
   reporting tremendous interest in pedigreed breeds over the 3 days. This non-profit
   organization emphasizes education and entertainment. Over 38,000 people attended this
   year's event. More than 550 animals were adopted from the Pet Expo partner
   organizations.
- Hawaii Pet Expo, Honolulu, May 11-12, 2013. Ken Cribbs handled setting up a CFA booth with pamphlets and talked with visitors at this popular pet expo with his national award winning Siamese, Mr. Peabody, who also talked and charmed the public.

## **Outreach:**

- Cat Writers Association Conference November 2-4, 2012, Los Angeles. I attended the seminars and networking events, including the awards banquet. Mike Shelton was there for part of the Conference and attended the banquet. CFA's gold level sponsorship entitled us to special recognition at every talk, pamphlet display and a large sign at the Banquet.
- **CFA's CatTalk** magazine won a special "In the Spotlight" award, which goes to the entry that "best advances the protection, preservation and promotion of pedigreed cats and/or the cat fancy". I won an Award for "Best Newsletter Article any other topic" (out of 6 contenders) for my **Cat Talk** series of 4 articles on "High Quality, High Volume, Low Cost Spay/Neuter Services".
- At the business meeting I was elected to the CWA Board for a two year term.
- This year's Cat Writers Association (CWA) Conference, October 31 to November 2, 2013, will be in Irving, Texas near the Dallas/Ft Worth airport. Please join the CWA if you are a writer. You need a CWA sponsor and membership information is available on the CWA website. Enter the competition and learn about the interesting topics planned for the conference on the website at: http://www.catwriters.org/annual.html

## **Current Happenings of Committee:**

• Alliance for Contraception in Cats and Dogs (ACC&D) 5<sup>th</sup> Scientific Symposium, Portland, Oregon, June 20 – 22<sup>nd</sup>. I will be a speaker and panelist to discuss the possibility of reversible contraception for cats as well as non-surgical sterilization for cats. I thank the over 700 fanciers who responded to a survey to assess your attitudes and

gather comments on these topics. The information was extremely interesting and the data with comments warrants a comprehensive article in the near future.

## **Future Projections for Committee:**

We hope to be able to provide educational programs for Pet Expos in various parts of the country. This is dependent on obtaining corporate sponsorship. Training of additional speakers in local areas will be necessary along with help to coordinate and obtain cats. If you are interested in participating please let me know.

The <a href="www.CatCenterStage.org">www.CatCenterStage.org</a> website was launched in June 2010. It is currently stagnant for lack of an editor or webmaster to continuously add new material. However, there is still good breed personality information as well as excellent articles and videos on this website. The original concept was to present a forum and content geared to the cat owning public. Currently the CFA website has been directed to the general public with a blog and articles of interest to non-cat fancy cat lovers.

## **Action Items**:

None

# What Will be Presented at the Next Meeting:

Updates/

Respectfully Submitted, Joan Miller, Chair

[from end of Thursday board meeting] **Hamza:** Anything else? **Joan Miller:** I have a report if you want. Hamza: Yes, but you are going to have to speak up. Miller: Outreach and Education. I wanted to say that we have 2 new members on our Committee – one is Kim Everett-Hirsch and the other is Tracy Petty. Tracy is the liaison to the board. My report was not made to the board, but is in the delegates' bag, so you can read it there. I also want to say, I mentioned in the current activities that I was invited to speak on contraceptive and non-surgical sterilization at a conference just last weekend. The conference went very well and was very well received, but particularly I wanted to say I created a survey and put it on the eNewsletter. I put it out and said to send the emails to the breed council secretaries. I got over 700 responses within a week. It was incredible. They came from 34 countries around the world, including 10 from Kuwait. It covered every, single breed that we had, plus many breeds that we don't have. Some of them I've never heard of, some of them were from TICA, some were from some of the European groups. We had every continent in the world. We had New Zealand, Australia, Africa, South America and lots from Canada. I was just amazed – that eNewsletter went all over the world. So, there were 49 questions, it took people about 10-15 minutes to answer them, and this will lead to an extensive article because there's so much information. [inaudible] We are really excited that people want non-surgical sterilization and contraceptive for cats. Hamza: Oh great. We're looking forward to that. That sounds interesting. It's great you had such a heavy response.

# (55) <u>CAT TALK</u>.

Executive Editor: Jodell Raymond

Editor: Teresa Keiger

Cat Talk has grown substantially in the two and a half years that it has been in publication. The first segment of any project is building a foundation: determining your strengths, and rectifying any weak areas.

Our original editor, Mary Kolencik, did a fine job of building that foundation and the magazine was in a good position for expansion upon her resignation. We have dramatically increased our writing staff, and with that expansion, the scope of our magazine's features. We also want to increase our interaction with our readers and deliver content that they find relevant.

Examples of this increased reader-based material include:

- Greater activity and information via our Facebook page
- The establishment of "Transitions" to let the rest of the cat fancy know about major milestones in fellow fanciers' lives passings, retirements, marriages (transitions@cattalk.org)
- Establishing direct email contacts for our readers for submissions. (submissions@cattalk.org)
- Ongoing features on individual shows special awards (submit to submissions@cattalk.org)

Perhaps the largest impact on Cat Talk this year was in our personnel. In addition to expanding our staff writers and adding in copy editors, when editor Teresa Keiger accepted the position of graphic artist with CFA, that effectively allowed her to spend a greater portion of her time laying out and managing Cat Talk. This dramatically increased the speed of production and we anticipate readers getting their magazines at the beginning of the month of publication.

What is on Cat Talk's agenda for the upcoming year? More interaction with our readers and more reader-submitted material. This material would include:

- Photos of grands and DMs for the Grandstand feature
- Reader-submitted ads (from \( \frac{1}{4} \) page to full page advertise your cattery or business)
- Special Show Awards submissions
- "CatNip" Short (250 words or fewer) pieces on feline facts, stories, poems/prose, historical factoids from the cat fancy.

Finally – we want more readers! Know someone new in the cat fancy? Recommend that they subscribe (or perhaps gift a year subscription to them). Complete information on subscriptions is at <a href="http://catalog.cfa.org/cattalk-almanac.shtml">http://catalog.cfa.org/cattalk-almanac.shtml</a>

Respectfully submitted Teresa Keiger Cat Talk editor

## (56) BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT.

**Committee Chair: Kitty Angell** 

Liaison to Board: Jerry Hamza, CFA President

List of Committee Members: Roeann Fulkerson, CFA Director of Market & B2B

sales; Bob Johnston, Liaison to CFA Clubs

# **Brief Summation of Immediate Past Committee Activities:**

This was stated in the February report but the importance is worth repeating again. The branding company bankruptcy that has been effecting CFA revenue for the past eighteen months is now completely resolved. The outcome for CFA is very beneficial. CFA will receive 100 % of the pre-bankruptcy monies owed, the cumbersome contractual restrictions were negotiated and removed, thus CFA walks away paid in full and with an open opportunity to work directly with manufacturers without costly representation from any outside branding companies.

The Business Development Committee is working to establish relationships with several new manufacturing companies who will produce a solid product line of quality items branded for CFA with the CFA logo and organizational information. The CFA branded products will hopefully again in the near future be seen in major retail outlets.

## **Current Happenings of Committee:**

All 2012 sponsorship programs, corporate sponsors and affiliate programs have been transitioned to Contract Agreements directly with CFA. This is important to CFA because the revenue is no longer shared revenue with an outside company representing CFA. All royalty or affiliate revenues will now come 100% directly to CFA as revenue.

The hugely successful CFA branded cat litter was launched with new packaging and is currently available at all Dollar General stores in both 10# and 20# boxes. These sku items will soon be available at other big box retail locations. Sales are significant enough to bring CFA royalty revenue upwards of \$80,000 per year with just the current retail placements so we look to a good growth in revenue from this source during the following quarters.

Dr. Elsey Precious Cat generously sponsored the CFA Feline Agility program again in 2013. Jill Archibald as chair to this program has done a spectacular job promoting CFA and Precious Cat products across the country at cat shows, pet expos, shelters and demonstrations! Dr. Bruce Elsey is pleased with the success of our CFA Agility and the awareness opportunities the program provides.

The launch of the new CFA website brought more enthusiastic business interests to seek exposure by numerous new companies not previously doing business with CFA. To date CFA is working the details with four new companies with diverse products to purchase digital display advertisements on the CFA website.

Licensing Shows and Global Pet Expo in 2013 have proven to be highly successful for CFA business relationships. Global Pet held in Orlando, FL in February brought together CFA and two brand new corporations to do business together. Numerous companies expressed an interest is what CFA does and who our market reaches. The Top2Top conference hosted by PIJAC in April put CFA with well over a hundred CEO, Presidents and Marketing individuals across the board in the Pet Industry. This conference gave direct contact and conversation with key individuals who are the decision makers for their companies.

CFA eNewsLetter advertising continues to grow with interest for businesses both small and large. As the eNewsLetter produced by CFA Vice President Mark Hannon grows information and subscriptions, interest in participating advertising grows as well. The eNewsLetter does generate a revenue for CFA.

Cat Talk commercial advertising has maintained the consistent commercial advertisers and as the subscription increase and circulation grows, there will be an increase in new companies wanting their company highlighted in Cat Talk.

Under negotiations are two new hotel chains on board as Affiliate programs that will generate a 5% revenue directly to CFA and a 15% discount to our cat fanciers when rooms are booked at these hotels.

Dr. Roger Brown will report at greater length regarding the CFA Pet Passport program launched at the World show and how it is now in full swing. The Mayors Alliance of NYC Animals issued a terrific letter of endorsement to the program. This letter resulted in over 60 shelters attending the first training session with over 40+ signing up for participation. This program generates revenue to CFA through the Domestic Cat Recording fees promotion. The program offers a strong package of information and services to owners of newly adopted cats/kittens from shelters.

Highlighted in the February report, this information carries enough importance to mention again here. Funding for the Club Marketing program has grown exponentially and both Bob Johnston and Ann Caell remain very busy overseeing allocation of sponsorship funds and assisting the clubs with the best marketing opportunities. This is a hugely popular program with our corporate sponsors and the clubs. Gina Zaro with Precious Cat shared recently their sales spike notably in areas where they have sponsored a clubs show. The best part: The spike is maintained after the show, thus their product sales continue to grow with the CFA program's assistance.

~ 2013 CFA Corporate Club Sponsorships ~ 6/6/2013

2013 Corporate Club Sponsorships Awarded:

Jan 2013-Sep 2013 \$ 54,610

72 awards to 63 clubs

Awards Projected: Oct 2013-Dec 2013 \$ 23,100

35 awards to 27 clubs

Projected 2013 Club Sponsorships:

\$ 77,710

~ 107 awards to 90 clubs

**SOLU** http://www.solupet.com deserves a brief mention as a new company with CFA. SOLU Urinary Health is an innovative, patent pending solution to naturally increase cat drinking. Formulated with a blend of ingredients, a low calorie protein based solution makes water more attractive to cats.

affiliate and advertiser with digital ad on our website. http://www.litter-lifter.com

## **Future Projections for Committee:**

Dr. Elsey Precious Cat new product launches another packaging with the CFA logo and now also a message from CFA on the bag(s). Look for it this fall when you see the new product on the shelves of PetSmart, PetCo and local independent pet retailers.

As an added value to CFA breeders and to the CFA Pet Passport program a focus in underway in developing a list of participating Veterinarian hospitals that will provide 1<sup>st</sup> visit check ups free of charge in conjunction with CFA Pet Healthcare Insurance and the CFA Pet Passport Programs. We expect this part of the program to be available and launched in the Fall of 2013.

CFA DNA testing program will be reported in Dr. Roger Brown's scientific report. Dr. Brown, Gina Zaro from Precious Cats and Roeann visited at Texas A&M University (the 3<sup>rd</sup> largest University in the United States) with a key group of doctors, scientists and manufacturers to expand and improve the CFA DNA testing program.

Youth Feline Education Program was again sponsored in 2013 by Royal Canin. Royal Canin's generous support of our CFA Youth program is vital to bringing in new, younger cat fanciers who have a diverse area to select from for their interests. We look for this program to have significant growth in the New Year.

## **Action Items:**

None

## What Will be Presented at the Next Meeting:

It is with great hope the next meeting we will be able to report the finalization of new agreements to again have CFA branded products on many retails shelves. Our February report listed a goal to bring on at least three new corporate sponsors. We are pleased to report this goal has been achieved plus one additional. We look forward to continuing to build a strong revenue for CFA.

Respectfully Submitted, Kitty Angell, Chair Roeann Fulkerson, Director of Marketing and B2B sales. Bob Johnston, Corporate and Club Liaison

# (57) <u>SCIENTIFIC ADVISORY COMMITTEE</u>.

# Wild Cat - Domestic Cat Hybrids – Legislative and Ethical Issues

By Joan Miller, CFA Legislation Information Liaison; Chair, CFA Outreach and Education January 24, 2013

#### INTRODUCTION:

This portion of the CFA Hybrid Cat Report discusses the laws regarding wild cat to domestic cat breeds. I also cover ethical issues involved in hybrid breed development, including temperament and behavioral factors, as well as the impact on the shelter/rescue/sanctuary community and existing CFA breeds. My information comes from research into the laws of every state, recent interviews with current breeders of hybrids and responses from shelters, rescue groups and wild cat sanctuaries.

For general background and history of the Bengal and Savannah breeds a good source is "HDW Enterprises and Foothill Felines". <sup>1</sup>

The report assembles as much information as practical on the subjects of legislation in the United States and ethics related to breeding wild cat-domestic cat hybrids, developing new hybrid breeds, the perspective of the rescue community and other issues. This gathering of materials is intended to be accurate and as unbiased as possible. I have not made conclusions but instead tried to provide sufficient background information useful for further discussion.

# 1. Definition of "Domestic" Cat - Scientific, Government and Registry:

Critical to any law-making regarding hybrid cats should be a definition of "domestic" cat. Yet there is no agreement on this basic element.

#### CFA's definition of a domestic feline -

Article I of the CFA show rules clearly defines "CAT" as a "domestic feline". DOMESTIC feline is defined as "a subspecies, known as Felis Catus, within the Felis genus". The showrules also specifically stipulate in the Household Pet Class definition that "Wildcats or wild cat-domestic cat hybrid crosses are not eligible for entry." All Championship and Premiership (altered) cats in CFA cat shows worldwide must be registered and/or of a breed recognized by CFA. Showrules also state that only "domestic felines" are allowed in a CFA show hall.

CFA has had a formal policy in place since 1998 regarding breeding domestic cats to non-domestic cats.

The Breeding of Domestic and Non-Domestic Cats

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> http://www.hdw-inc.com/ourcats.htm

The Cat Fanciers' Association's (CFA) board of directors unanimously approved a policy statement at their February 7-8, 1998 meeting in Houston, Texas. In passing the policy statement the board reconfirmed that the association is a registry of Felis catus species of domestic cats. The CFA policy statement on the breeding of domestic and non-domestic cats reads as follows:

"The Cat Fanciers' Association, Inc., does not encourage or promote the breeding of non-domestic (wild) cats of any species to any domesticated cats. Furthermore, The Cat Fanciers' Association, Inc. will not consider for registration the offspring of such a breeding."

Though CFA's policies are clear, there is ongoing debate regarding the definitions of "domestic feline" and "wild cat hybrid" with differing views among registries, breeders and government entities.

## Definitions of "domestic" feline and "wild cat hybrids" are not consistent:

# • TICA definition:

"The International Cat Association ("TICA") officially recognizes different breeds resulting from domestic wild crosses as domestic cats including the Bengal, the Chausie and the Savannah cat breeds."

TICA considers their accepted hybrid breeds to be "domestic cats" no matter how many generations and even if several wildcat species are in the ancestry. <sup>2</sup> TICA considers fourth generation (F4) hybrids to be "SBT" (studbook tradition) cats. These cats are eligible for competition in the show ring.

• ACFA accepts Bengals but no other wild cat hybrids.

The first three generations are foundation cats but "are not Bengal cats themselves."

"The Bengal cat, at the fifth generation level (five generations from the Asian leopard cat and domestic cat hybrid), can be found in the show halls of the American Cat Fanciers' Association". <sup>3</sup>

- **FIFe**, the France-based Fédération International Féline recognizes the Bengal breed but no longer will recognize further hybrid breeds. The situation in Europe is also complicated by European companion animal legislation and restrictions that override registry policies.
- GCCF, the Governing Council of the Cat Fancy in the UK recognizes the Bengal breed

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> http://www.ticaleg.org/position\_statement\_about\_domesti.htm

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> http://www.acfacat.com/bengal\_synopsis.htm

but decided further breeds derived from wild cats would not be considered for registration.

The US Department of Agriculture (USDA) Animal Welfare Act "hybrid" definition –

"Hybrid cross means an animal resulting from the crossbreeding between two different species or types of animals. Crosses between wild animal species, such as lions and tigers, are considered to be wild animals. Crosses between wild animal species and domestic animals, such as dogs and wolves or buffalo and domestic cattle, are considered to be domestic animals." <sup>4</sup> Though cats are not mentioned by USDA, it is assumed by many that crosses, like dogs and wolves, would be considered to be "domestic" animals.

CITES (Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species) does not specifically define what constitutes a "domestic animal".

CITES does consider the F5 Savannah (domestic cat to Serval cross) as "comparable to domestic cats in terms of size and behavior." CITES also states - "An F5 cat is 5 generations removed from the wild species ancestor and has both parents of the same hybrid breed. (In the F1 to F3 generations females must be crossed to domestic males because the hybrid males are sterile). F1 and F2 hybrid Savannahs are substantially larger than the later generations."

# **Scientific Community -**

Technically, Felis silvestris catus, the "domestic cat", is classified by most scientists as one of six sub species of felidae:

Jungle Cat (Felis chaus)

Sand Cat (Felis margarita)

Black-footed Cat (Felis nigripes)

Wildcat (Felis silvestris) and sub-species (i.e. Felis s.lybyca, the African Wildcat)

Chinese Mountain Cat (Felis lunensis); Sometimes called the Chinese Desert Cat

Domestic Cat (Felis catus)

2. State Laws Regarding Keeping of Wild Cats and/or Wild Cat-Domestic hybrids:<sup>5</sup>

Most States in the U.S. have no laws regulating wildcat-domestic cat hybrids. Several States, however, do not consider wildcat-domestic hybrids to be "domestic" cats and therefore they are either entirely banned or are regulated.

There are States that define "domestic cats" strictly as Felis catus (or use the former term Felis domesticus) and ownership of hybrid crosses is banned or else requires a

<sup>4</sup> http://www.nal.usda.gov/awic/pubs/IACUC/usdareg.htm http://www.hybridlaw.com

special permit. Examples are Hawaii, which prohibits any hybrid breed from entering the state, and Nebraska in which possession of domestic cats "hybridized with wild cats" is not permitted. Alaska bans all hybrids "unless grandfathered prior to Jan. 23, 2002, AND it is spayed/neutered, licensed with local officials, rabies vaccinated, registered with an approved registry, and microchipped." Maryland requires a permit for any hybrid of a wild mammal. Iowa defines a "dangerous wild animal" as any member of the family felidae (specifically mentioning Servals) and includes animals which are offspring or of a subsequent generation. A person shall not own or possess a "dangerous wild animal" or transport a hybrid into the state. Rhode Island requires a permit to possess any wild animal domestic animal cross regardless of generation removed from the wild ancestor, but the permit criteria is difficult for the average person to meet. Connecticut allows no hybrids except "Bengals registered with an international cat registry and who were registered with the Commissioner of Agriculture on or before October 1, 1996." Florida regulates hybrids as wildlife requiring permits for possession or sale.

Concerns in some of these states are questions of the efficacy of the rabies vaccine when hybrids are vaccinated.

- **DC** does not allow possession, sales, transport, etc. of felines crossed with ocelots or margays.
- A few States ban all wildcat to domestic hybrid crosses except recognized breeds registered with a cat registry or cats with a pedigree showing a certain number of generations away from the wildcat ancestry.

Georgia requires a permit to own any wildcat hybrid but, as of 2011, the State allows possession of Bengals if they are registered with a cat registry, are not less than 4 generations removed from the Asian Leopard Cat and are microchipped. Indiana requires a permit to own an F1 hybrid but does not permit ownership of an F2 or greater.

Minnesota bans possession of all Felidae (wildcats) except hybrids recognized and registered as a "domestic breed with a national or international multi-breed registry".

Massachusetts exempts hybrid cats from their ban on wild cat hybrids if the cat is registered with a national registry and is "without any wild felid parentage for a minimum of 3 generations". New Hampshire allows only F4 and beyond feline hybrids to be kept as pets. Utah prohibits hybrids except "any domestic breed recognized by TICA".

Vermont requires a permit to import any wild animal into the state, but considers wildcat-domestic cat hybrids to be "domestic" cats if F4 generation or greater.

- **Maryland** prohibits feline hybrid crosses that weigh over 30 pounds.
- **Texas** includes Servals among its "dangerous wild animals", and hybrids thereof, listing. This means that Savanahs (Serval/domestic cat cross) would require owners to have agency registration, liability insurance, caging requirements and fees. Numerous counties in Texas have an outright ban on all wild animal hybrids.
- Ohio, in 2011-2012 was the most recent attempt by a State to ban hybrid cats with Serval

ancestry, but Servals were removed by amendment just before the bill passed.

- **Illinois** does not allow breeder licensees to sell Serval or Bobcat hybrids but does not mention other hybrids.
- New York State's Environmental Conservation law defines "wild animals". The law considers wildcat hybrids that are 5 generations from the wild ancestor to be not wild animals, as long as registered by TICA or ACFA. Wild animals are owned by the State. and are not be owned by individuals. (NY 11-0103; 11-0105)

<>Wild animal includes, and is limited to, any or all of the following orders and families(2) Felidae and all hybrids thereof, with the exception of the species Felis catus
(domesticated and feral cats, which shall mean domesticated cats that were formerly
owned and that have been abandoned and that are no longer socialized, as well as
offspring of such cats) and hybrids of Felis catus that are registered by the American Cat
Fanciers Association or the International Cat Association provided that such cats be
without any wild felid parentage for a minimum of five generations...<sup>6</sup>

New York City prohibits ownership of any "wild animals" - wild cats are defined as: 2) All cats other than domesticated cats (Felis catus), including, but not limited to, lion, tiger, leopard, ocelot, jaguar, puma, panther, mountain lion, cheetah, wild cat, cougar, bobcat, lynx, serval, caracal, jaguarundi, margay and any hybrid offspring of a wild cat and domesticated cat.

• In addition to state laws covering wild cat hybrids there are numerous county and city laws, and homeowners association rules that restrict ownership of hybrids. These ordinances/rules have not been researched for this report. There is no question that keeping up with future proposed state and local laws affecting wild cat hybrids would be an ongoing difficult task.

## 3. Ethical Issues – Controversy Surrounds the Breeding of hybrids:

#### **Summary** -

CFA's mission is "to preserve and promote the pedigreed breeds of cats and to enhance the well-being of ALL cats". The goals of CFA breeders are to provide beautiful domestic cats who meet breed standards and also have predictable pleasing temperaments. It is ethical to breed cats who have behavior characteristics compatible with the homes and lifestyles of the general public. Promoting new breeds of hybrid cats and those close to their wild cat ancestors does present conflicts with these goals.

The Bengal breed is unique because these cats are now many generations away from the Asian Leopard Cats. Most are suitable as household pets, however according to rescue groups there are many Bengals relinquished by owners for behavior problems. At least several feline registries

 $<sup>^6\</sup> http://law.onecle.com/new-york/environmental-conservation/ENV011-0103\_11-0103.html$ 

(ACFA, FIFe and GCCF) have accepted Bengals but no other hybrids. There are TICA breeders who suggest reintroducing the wildcat genes, but others in TICA are firmly against any further matings other than Bengal to Bengal or to felis catus.

It is certain that all wildcat hybrids F1 - F3 and sometimes F4 and F5 generations will produce infertile cats who cannot contribute to the breed or be reliably suitable pets for the average household. Any new hybrid breeds, or any reintroduction of wildcat matings in existing breeds, would result in early generation offspring that have a high likelihood of needing special homes and a lifetime of confinement in the care of experts. Kittens placed in homes and later relinquished means the sanctuaries, shelters and rescue groups would become even more overwhelmed than they are.

Should any hybrid breed be considered a "domestic cat" accepted by CFA this would establish a philosophy that wild cat to domestic cat hybrids are ethical. A new policy would inevitably encourage the existing experimental wild cat to domestic cat breed development.

CFA's acceptance of new breeds for registration has involved consideration of health, temperament, broad interest and unique appearance. CFA has shown special concern for many years to assure a new breed's appearance does not overlap existing breeds. The ethics of accepting existing hybrids, or newly developed breeds, and promoting these breeds as good pets is debatable considering animal welfare and other factors discussed in this report.

General opinions of rescue groups regarding wild cat-domestic hybrids are varied. While several responses in this report are negative, others said when pet owners are carefully selected, and when the cats do not have serious behavior problems, there is sufficient demand for these cats and they can be successfully re-homed. Bengals have become so popular that many sanctuaries report they are overwhelmed with cats not suited for home living.

As with all breeds, providing guidance and finding ways to assure responsible breeding and high breeder ethics is critical to any registry's reputation. There is a commercial element involved in the breeding and selling of wild cat hybrids. They are very expensive drawing breeders who are beyond "hobbyists" – some are extremely large catteries. Others are novices interested in making money. Breeders sometimes place kittens with families not prepared for the high activity level and other characteristics of these breeds. These issues warrant more emphasis on promoting ethical breeding practices, self-regulation through voluntary cattery inspections and programs to teach breeders how to manage husbandry and responsible breeding practices specifically related to wild cat-domestic hybrids.

#### Feline welfare issues -

Numerous Cat fanciers and others oppose the breeding of wildcat/domestic cat hybrids for a variety of reasons, including those related to **feline welfare.** 

• Early generation hybrids (F1 – F3) have behavior problems affecting placement as pets. Because of the dramatic appearance of the F1 - F3 wildcat hybrids pet owners are attracted to kittens close to wild cat ancestors. Savannahs and other breeds in

development are of special concern. Pet buyers may not have the ability to handle a large and highly active almost "wild" temperament when their kitten becomes an adult. Some of these cats do not take to a litterbox or they will not squat in the box or else will spray (including altered males and females). Others are extremely shy. A person who is familiar with taming a wild cat and who can provide special outdoor confinement may be able to cope with this behavior but regular pet owners often cannot.

• There is conflicting information regarding the behavior of F4, F5 and later generations. After several generations of matings to domestic cats behavior problems are lessened. By the F4 or F5 generation Bengals, Savannahs and Chausies are reported to be suitable as pets and as show cats. Breeders claim problems seen in the early generations are mainly because of extremely high activity level rather than aggression or fear or non-use of a litter box. Bengals have been developed for over 30 years without reintroducing the Asian Leopard Cat. Therefore the temperament is suitable for placement in homes as pets. Many breeders are adamantly against going back to the Asian Leopard Cat. Those who promote the hybrid breeds state that the F5 generation cats are as free of behavior problems as those of any other "domestic" breed. This has been refuted, however, by many rescue groups (see comments in this report).

My recent observations of Bengals and Chausies (Felis chaus cross) at a TICA show in Arcadia, California on October 20, 2012 have confirmed that their temperament in the showhall seems comparable to domestic cat breeds and is acceptable. I have not seen Savannahs beyond the F3 generation. I interviewed several breeders of Bengals and Chausies. One exhibitor said that there were breeders who planned to reintroduce the Asian Leopard Cat (ALC), Felis bengalensis, into the Bengal breed. Others said there was no need for this as the wild cat appearance and rosette pattern was already well established in the breed. In fact I did see an F12 Bengal at the show who had far more dramatic rosette spots than any ALC photos I have seen. The coat texture of the established Bengals is also nicer than the ALC. Jean Mill and the Millwood line introduced the rufous coloring and "glitter" pelt-like coat through an Egyptian Mau cat from India known as "Millwood Toby" in CFA and Delhi in TICA.

• A high number of domestic/wildcat hybrids are turned over to rescue groups and sanctuaries. Several organizations report they are currently overwhelmed with relinquishments of Bengals by pet owners. The Wild Cat Sanctuary in Minnesota, for example, reports they can no longer accept Bengals due to an overwhelming number of requests. And requests also are starting to come from owners of Savannahs and Chausies as more are sold as pets. (See notes from rescue groups.)

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>7</sup> Global Egyptian Mau Society (GEMS) <a href="http://www.egyptianmau.org/the%20egyptian%20mau/Bronze.html">http://www.egyptianmau.org/the%20egyptian%20mau/Bronze.html</a>

• Early generation males in all hybrid breeds are sterile so they are not needed for breeding programs yet they are not suited as household pets unless the owner has experience with wild cats and can provide a safe suitable environment. Several breeders I interviewed told me they have kept the F-1 to F-3 cats they have bred. They admit the cats must spend their lives in cages or outdoor pens. Females kept for breeding also have behavior issues such as fear, spraying and aggression. Breeders need experience and special facilities to handle mating, husbandry matters and must take special care in the placement of kittens.

Carole Baskin, Founder of, Big Cat Rescue, <sup>8</sup> located north of Tampa Florida expresses views shared by others in the animal welfare and sanctuary field:

"So many breeders claim that they only breed 4th and 5th generations, but don't seem to get the fact that you can't get a 4th generation without a lot of suffering in the first three. By the time a person breeds enough cats to get to the fourth generation they have created approximately 50 cats who will end up being slaughtered for coats or killed because of their behavior problems. I stand amazed at the number of people who just don't get this and how they manage to pretend that they are not the cause of the suffering if they purchase a fourth generation cat."

"We get hundreds of letters each year from people who bought a cute little Bengal Cat kitten and who can't wait to get rid of them when they reach adulthood. We do not take in Bengal Cats and don't know anyone reliable who does. The Bengal Cat Rescue Network <a href="http://www.bengalrescuenetwork.org">http://www.bengalrescuenetwork.org</a> is the only place we have found online who offers to take in unwanted Bengal Cats and we cannot speak for their integrity or policies, but have listed a link to them here to help you try to find a home for the cat you have discovered is now spraying everything in sight and who is attacking your pets, children and spouse."

(See other rescue group and sanctuary comments in this report.)

#### Other Ethical Issues related to animal welfare:

• Acceptance of any wild cat hybrid breeds means approving the concept of purposeful

**crossing of wild cat species to domestic cats. This would further encourage the development of more hybrid breeds.** Currently Bengals, Savannahs, Chausies and Toygers (Bengals to domestic cats) are breeds registered and shown in TICA and other Associations. There are already numerous hybrid breeds currently in the process of

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>8</sup> <a href="http://bigcatrescue.org">http://bigcatrescue.org</a> Big Cat Rescue, is the largest accredited sanctuary in the world dedicated entirely to abused and abandoned big cats. They have over 100 lions, tigers, bobcats, cougars and other species and they have taken in many wild cat/domestic cat hybrids.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>9</sup> http://bigcatrescue.org/hybrid-facts/

development. There are also efforts to reintroduce the Safari breed (Geoffroy's wild cat domestic cat hybrid).

# Examples are: 10

The Bristols (Margay and American Shorthair),

Caracat (Caracal lynx and Abyssinian);

Jambi Cat, which is a hybrid using the Fishing Cat bred to a Bengal;

Habari Cat using Bengals and Savannahs;

Punjabi (Indian Desert Cat and Bengal cross);

Ussuri cat, which is a cross between the Russian Amur Leopard Cats and the domestic Siberian.

The Cheetoh is a cross between a Bengal and Ocicat.

There is much more information on the ethics of breeding existing and new hybrid cats at www.infobarrel.com <sup>11</sup>

# 4. The impact of domestic-wild cat breeding on wild cat preservation:

Sarah Hartwell addresses this debatable topic: 12

# Excerpts:

"In recent years, cat breeders in North America, have experimentally crossed domestic cats with a number of different wild species to produce wild looking domestic breeds. Some of the more complex hybrids involve several different wild parents as well as a variety of domestic breeds. The wild species used were originally restricted to Leopard cats (F bengalensis) in the Bengal, Bobcats (F rufus) in the Desert Lynx and, to a much lesser extent, Geoffroy's Cat (F geoffroyi) in the Safari. Anthony Hutcherson's article in "TICA Trend" (journal produced by The International Cat Association) noted that a far wider variety of wild species are now being used: F chaus, F geoffroyi and F serval. Since that article, the list expanded to include the Fishing cat F viverrina. Interestingly, part of the rationale behind these hybrids was conservation of wildcat species. There is also a specialist cat fancy, REFR (Rare and Exotic Feline Registry) for hybrid breeds. Hutcherson said it was hoped that these hybrids would relieve pressure on the world's wild cats, adding; "Perhaps people will be more concerned over the plight of some of the wild cats if their loving companion is one with a wild heritage."

"This issue was referred to Dr. Jill Mellen, Conservation Research Coordinator of the Metro Washington Park Zoo in Portland, Oregon. She was apparently unaware of the substantial

<sup>10</sup> http://www.infobarrel.com/More Hybrid Cats - Domestic Cats Crossed With Wild Cats

<sup>11</sup> http://www.infobarrel.com/Should Hybrid Cats Continue to be Bred

<sup>12</sup> http://www.messybeast.com/small-hybrids/impact-of-hybrids.htm

increase in the number of wildcat species now involved in hybridization or of the popularity of hybrid breeds. She was appalled by the trend. Part of her job is to facilitate the conservation of wildcat species through education and through captive propagation of endangered wild species. **Dr. Mellon considered the pet trade (include use for hybridization) to be yet another factor contributing the decline of wildcat populations.**"

"The wildcats used for hybridization are captive bred and not collected from the wild; however they might have been more useful as part of a captive breeding program for their own species and not for producing wild-looking pet cats. Hybrid breeders assured her that they use only captive-bred cats which were bred for the pet trade. Those cats might otherwise have been neutered, declawed and kept in unsuitable conditions by persons with no experience of wildcats and potentially abandoned destroyed if they became unmanageable. The advantage of a wild looking domestic cat is that it can be owned without a permit and kept in a household environment. If wild looking domestic cats are available, safe and suitable for an ordinary household environment, the demand for wildcat pets might decrease."

The Leopard Cat Foundation claims that Asian Leopard Cats are still being used in Bengal breeding programs: <sup>13</sup>

Marie Bloodgood, LCF founder in Kentucky comments -

"LCF rescue helps find homes for unwanted Leopard Cats around the world. It is estimated that hundreds of Leopard Cats die each year in captivity. Some are still being illegally taken from the wild. LCF works with authorities to offer assistance in keeping confiscated Leopard Cats from being euthanized. Many Leopard Cats are purchased each year legally and illegally to be used in Bengal cat (Leopard Cat x domestic cat) hybrid breeding programs with high expectations, only too often to become unwanted when the owners soon realize that only about 1 out of 8 Leopard Cats will breed domestic cats and are difficult to care for. Many of these beautiful Leopard Cats are soon neglected, improperly cared for, or have even been turned loose to starve in the wild. LCF's management rescue helps find a life-long sanctuary for those they get in time. "

## • The impact on wild cats that are listed as endangered or threatened -

Some of the wild cats species that would be used to establish new breeds, to re-establish breeds (i.e. the Safari breed – Geoffroy's cats to domestics) or for reintroduction into existing hybrid breeds are endangered or at risk. <sup>14</sup>

The Geoffroy's cat is now listed in CITES Appendix 2 as threatened. The Asian Leopard Cat P.b.bengalensis is listed in CITES Appendix 1, The Margay is listed in CITES Appendix 1 as an endangered species.

<sup>13</sup> http://www.leopardcat.8k.com

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>14</sup> http://dialspace.dial.pipex.com/agarman/bco/species.htm

The Asiatic wildcat (Felis. S. Ornata Group), commonly known as the Indian Desert cat, is considered to be at risk.

The Serval is listed in CITES Appendix 2 as threatened.

Felis Chaus, the Jungle Cat, is trade restricted and listed in CITES Appendix 2.

The Fishing Cat is listed in CITES Appendix 2. The sub-species P.v.rizophoreus, which is restricted to Java. is under critical threat.

# 5. CFA's policy has for many years been to avoid accepting a new breed that would "mimic" an existing breed.

The Ocicat breed is an example. Ocicats have a wonderful spotted pattern and large muscular body that gives a "wildcat" look but is genetically completely Felis catus. If CFA were to recognize a spotted hybrid breed this could lessen the public's interest in the Ocicats. Future hybrids could lessen interest in several other CFA breeds that have a wildcat appearance. Unless standards emphasize coat texture, spotted pattern, body and head type very different from the Ocicat or other breeds accepting hybrids in CFA would present conflicts.

# 6. Breeding and Selling Ethics –

The International Bengal Cat Society, <sup>15</sup> founded in 1988, is the oldest and largest Bengal non-profit volunteer organization. TIBCS works hard to promote ethical breeding and selling of Bengals. They have an excellent website full of good information, including a breeder directory. Breeders sign a code of ethics. Ten 10 breeders in the US have been designated as a "TIBCS Breeder of Distinction" by being veterinarian inspected or qualifying with a TICA Cattery of Excellence or similar from CFA or other registry.

There is a strong market for Bengals and other hybrids. This has led to high prices and also commercialization. Bengal kittens from breeders range from \$900 to \$1800 and are higher in the East 16 (\$1500 to \$3000 for a pet). Breeder and association websites provide lots of good care information. However, a quick Internet search also brings up many local classified ads indicating an abundance of less than ethical sellers. On one day in December there were approximately 8 EBay ads in San Diego for Bengal kittens and many for Bengal-PixieBob crosses. Kittens were offered at 8 weeks and 14 weeks; prices were from \$100 to \$900. "Oodle Marketplace" classifieds on the same day showed 7 Bengal ads for kittens and adults with prices from \$100 to \$800.

Savannahs, including F1 cats, are sold all over the world with a huge network of breeders listed on one website – Savannah Cat.com and Exotic Cat Network. <sup>17</sup>

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<sup>15</sup> http://www.bengalcat.com

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>17</sup> http://www.savannahcat.com

Prices for pet Savannahs from breeders are extremely high. One website shows males sell for \$1,200 to \$22,000. Since most are sterile until the F5 generation – this is a steep price for a pet.

Males:	Females:
<b>F1</b> \$12,000-\$22,000	<b>F1</b> \$12,000-\$35,000
<b>F2</b> \$9,000-\$16,000	<b>F2</b> \$9,000-\$16,000
<b>F3</b> \$3,500-\$6,000	<b>F3</b> \$3,500-\$6,000
<b>F4</b> \$1,200-\$3,000	<b>F4</b> \$1,200-\$4,500
<b>F5</b> \$1,200-\$9,000	<b>F5</b> \$1,200-\$3,800
SBT \$1,200-\$9,000	<b>SBT</b> \$1.200-\$3.800

# 7. Ethical issues Related to Hybrid Cats in Shelters, Rescue and Sanctuaries:

An important aspect of ethical pedigreed cat breeding involves providing pets who are predictably social and gentle with children and other animals. If cats are not suitable pets they are often relinquished to shelters, rescue groups or sanctuaries. Therefore, in an effort to receive information about hybrids, I contacted several individuals involved with shelters and cat rescue. I asked for perspective and experiences with Bengals, Savannahs, Chausies and Toygers or other hybrids.

## **Summary:**

The main reason stated for Bengal relinquishment to shelters or rescue groups is inappropriate urination/territorial urination that does not respond to any modification/treatment. Inflammatory bowel disease is also an issue. Bengals and other hybrids are often relinquished merely because they are too active for owners' expectations. I did not hear of aggression as a specific problem. Many Bengals come to shelters/rescues for the same human related reasons as other cats, such as "moving". Cats that are accepted into sanctuaries are those who cannot be placed in homes.

## **Responses:**

The general opinions of rescue groups about hybrid cats are widely varied. However, many sanctuaries report they are overwhelmed with Bengals.

From Amanda Leef, formerly with the Boston Animal Rescue League (ARL).

"I worked at the ARL in Boston for 4 years, and now work with 2 other small Boston area shelters. I saw 2-3 bengals at the ARL. Two were owner surrenders I think because they were moving. Both got adopted quickly. I have never seen any of the other hybrids. We didn't do any different behavior testing with them and the cat behavior testing is not formal, just an "is this cat safe to have in the shelter, is it friendly enough to show and not hurt someone, friendly enough that someone would want it in their home". Purebreds do get cut a little extra slack as

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 $<sup>^{18} \ \</sup>underline{http://www.a1savannahs.com/savannahs.htm}$ 

often people are a little more willing to put up with iffy behavior from a purebred than a run of the mill black DSH. "

From Judi Vogt, DVM, shelter veterinarian for the Humane Society of Charlotte, NC.

## gryffindobe@hotmail.com

This is a "limited admission shelter that intakes appx 2800 animals per year. I have been there for 7 yrs and have only seen a handful of these cats, all of them were Bengals. I have never had any information as to generations with these cats, and all were adopted quickly. Of the ones I remember, one was relinquished for inappropriate urination, and the others were brought because of owner situations (moving etc). We do not use any different temperament assessment with the Bengals. I actually adopted the one Bengal with the inappropriate urination, and she is doing well.

From Rachael Kreisler, VMD, University of Pennsylvania School of Veterinary Medicine.

## Excerpts:

"I've been involved with the rescue/shelter community in Philadelphia for the past four to five years, and in that time have seen five hybrids. I also own three F2 Savannahs (one of them was rescued), and am currently fostering a Bengal."

"The shelter environment is one of the most stressful environments a cat will ever face, and cats that are fine in a home that they are comfortable in will behave very differently in the shelter. I do believe that the hybrids which we have had have appeared to be more stressed in the shelter than other pure bred cats."

"I have owned F2 Savannahs for 8 years, and have helped to place (or adopted) a good proportion of the hybrids I have come in contact with due to my familiarity and comfort with them. One of the Savannahs and one of the Bengals were easily adopted to the public (they were beautiful and had good temperaments). I adopted one of the Savannahs, and directed the remaining Savannah (this one was trapped rather than owner surrendered) in a specialized Serval/Savannah rescue. These two Savannahs were beautiful, but were unable to be handled. I don't know what happened to the one that went to rescue, but the one that I adopted slowly became touchable over the course of two years, and is now a wonderful member of our family, although one with some significant limitations which would make him unsuitable for adoption to the general public. The remaining Bengal is currently being fostered by me (for the past two weeks), and I am very concerned that he will not become adoptable to a general public home due to extreme fear."

"One Savannah was trapped (presumably escaped), one Savannah was surrendered due to health of the animal (**inflammatory bowel disease** which was untreated) and **one Savannah was surrendered due to owner related issues (I think a high energy cat was too much for him).** One Bengal was surrendered for unknown reasons (this was several years ago and I don't think I knew at the time), and the other Bengal was surrendered due to health of the owner."

"Savannah Rescue is an online resource at <a href="www.svrescue.com">www.svrescue.com</a> for owners who need to relinquish their animals and people who want to adopt a Savannah. Obviously it's nearly all Savannahs (although sometimes there are a few other hybrids), but they do a relatively high volume of at least 50 cats a year by my estimate based on the activity on the list serv. I believe that they help many more people by trying to work through issues with owners before trying to place the animal, and also trying to coordinate a return of the animal to the original breeder when possible. They do note that there are thousands of people who are interested in adopting a Savannah, so I think that ultimately it is probably relatively easy to place a hybrid, even if it requires a special home."

Savannah Rescue: http://www.svrescue.com/adoption.html

Savannah Rescue is a volunteer service headed up by two Savannah breeders, Kristine Alessio and Brigitte Cowell, with an additional core group of volunteers. Comment from their website -

"Rescue cats may come from a variety of places, the main one being breeders who have sold kittens into homes not really prepared or able to care for a Savannah. The irresponsible breeder does not take any responsibility for the Savannah when the new owners need help, or decide to return the cat and that is where Savannah Rescue comes in. A good breeder will always take back a cat he/she has bred, no matter the age or circumstance. The responsibility of the breeder to the cats it produces in their cattery survives for the lifetime of those cats. Luckily for us, most Savannah breeders fall into the "good" category!"

From Julie Levy, DVM, PhD, DACVIM Director, Maddies Shelter Medicine Program, University of Florida School of Veterinary Medicine.

"My own anecdotal impression is that we see a few **Bengals in our shelters and sanctuaries** (often hoarding situations). That's just based on their appearance, and not on records. As a group they are aloof and can stay in our rescue programs longer and may be returned from adoption more than other cats. However, that is not based on any data and may not be accurate. It may also be because we have some Bengal breeders in Florida. At least one of those breeders failed and cats were distributed to shelters and rescues."

From Tammy Thies, Director of the Wildcat Sanctuary in Sandstone, Minnesota.

## www.windcatsanctuary.org

**Excerpts** from a two page emailed letter:

"We're happy that The Cat Fanciers' Association has, in the past, taken the stance of prohibiting wildcat-domestic cat hybrids in your shows. Hybrids are a growing problem that rescue organizations throughout the country are being forced to deal with.

Everything you see on our website at <a href="http://www.wildcatsanctuary.org/education/species/hybrid-domestic/what-is-a-hybrid-domestic/">http://www.wildcatsanctuary.org/education/species/hybrid-domestic/what-is-a-hybrid-domestic/</a> still holds true today. In fact, the problem has gotten much worse. Due to the overwhelming number of failed domestic Bengal pet calls we receive, we've had to change our policy. We can no longer accept domestic Bengal cats at our sanctuary and will only consider F1 Bengals on a case by case basis. We developed our No More Wild Pets program in an attempt to stem the flow of these hybrid castoffs.

We've housed 12 F1 Bengals, 5 F2-F3 Bengals, and 28 F4 or higher domestic Bengal cats. We've referred 83 more Bengal cats to other sanctuaries or rescue groups. We've declined, or had to turn away approximately 250 calls. So, the answer is yes, we are still overwhelmed with these cats that are being irresponsibly bred.

We receive fewer calls on F1-F3 Bengals, probably because there are fewer kept as pets. The majority are being housed as breeders. The most common call we receive for surrender is for the domestic Bengal cats F4, F5, F6, etc. Our highest month, we received 42 calls for surrender from owners and shelters. Since we clearly stated we can no longer accept Bengal cats, our surrender calls have decreased to an average of 12 Bengals calls per month. For breeders to claim that the F4 generation and higher have no behavioral problems is obviously not the case. It's quite the opposite.

As for the types of hybrid calls for rescue that we receive, we see an increase in the calls for Savannah rescues, especially at the F4 level. The Savannah breed has been getting more and more publicity, which may be driving this increase. Specifically, we received 3 calls for rescue of F1-F3 Savannahs, 2 calls for rescue of F4 Savannahs, 3 calls for rescue of Chausies, 1 call for rescue of a Safari, but no calls regarding Toygers."

"When owners surrender their hybrid cat, 99% of the time it is due to territorial marking. Every single Bengal cat we have taken in from shelters or rescue groups has been relinquished for territorial urination. In about 50% of the cases, the owners did seek outside help to alleviate the urination problem. They ruled out medical issues like UTI's and tried behavioral modification drugs - all to no avail. About 50% of the cases we have been called on also involved health issues with the cats that have led to inflammatory bowel disease. We have counseled owners on better diets for their hybrid cats, too.

I hope that the CFA will stand strong in their policy prohibiting entry of hybrids in your shows. In fact, I hope that you will issue a policy statement strongly discouraging any wildcat-domestic breeding. It's critical that the CFA do everything possible to prevent the tragic breeding of these cats. As you can see by our statistics alone, and we are only one rescue organization dealing with this issue, the long term outcome for these cats is grim."

From Kay McElroy, founder of Cedarhill Animal Sanctuary in Caledonia Mississippi

http://www.cedarhillanimalsanctuary.org

"The main problem we have with bengals is urinating everywhere. We have also lost two females to cancer. We are not taking any more bengals at this point."

[Cedarhill Animal Sanctuary is a USDA licensed facility that houses 300 animals (22 wild cats including tigers, lions, bobcats, cougars), 200 domestic cats, wolves, birds, Horses, pigs and a few dogs. Kay is a pioneer in the sanctuary movement, which provides a lifetime home for animals unsuitable as pets for a variety of reasons.]

From Laura M. Nirenberg, Esq., Legislative Attorney, Cat Initiative

Best Friends Animal Society www.bestfriends.org

## **Excerpts:**

"Please find below a brief overview of the numerous issues considered by Judah Batista, Dr. Frank McMillan, and other Best Friends' staff members prior to formulating our position."

"The well-being of wild cat populations and the destructive trends that may result from cross-breeding activities are a serious concern. There are also legitimate concerns about how a shift in CFA's current policy may indirectly result in additional cats being born, and ultimately, how this increase in breeding activities may negatively impact shelters nationwide."

"It's also important to note that we know very little about these cats as a whole (there are 20-30 "recognized" hybrid "breeds," probably many more not [yet] recognized or "registerable"). The questions that are most in need of answers are: What diseases are these hybrids predisposed to? Are they susceptible to the same infectious diseases as domestic cats? Which vaccines are necessary, and which vaccines are safe in each of the hybrids? Are there any significant idiosyncrasies with regard to reactions to anesthetic agents or antibiotics? Do hybrids have any psychological/behavioral issues that put themselves or any humans they have contact with, at risk for injury or any other type of suffering?"

California Bengal Rescue website says they are no longer accepting any Bengals.

http://www.cabrn.bengalrescuenetwork.org

Stars and Stripes Bengal Cat Rescue notes "Due to funding & space restrictions, SSBCR is only able to intake Bengals & Hybrids at this time."

http://www.spotsandstripesbengalcatrescue.org

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# (58) <u>2013 AMENDMENTS AND RESOLUTIONS.</u>

## **Determination of a Quorum:**

Number of CFA member clubs represented: Number of votes for a simple majority: Number of votes for a two-thirds majority:

# The Cat Fanciers' Association, Inc. 2013 AMENDMENTS AND RESOLUTIONS

## **Proposed Constitutional Amendments**

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**Hamza:** The 2013 Amendments and Resolutions. We start first with our constitutional amendments. Constitutional amendments must be passed by at least 2/3 of the votes entitled to be cast by the delegates present at the meeting. An abstention counts as a no vote. Constitutional amendments are effective immediately unless stated otherwise in the amendment. They must be voted on as pre-noticed. They cannot be amended or brought from the floor, and can't be changed by the board. [discussion goes to proposal #1]

[unidentified speaker] 2/3s of what? **Hamza:** It's 2/3 of the amount of votes present in the room. It's 2/3 of the votes in the room at the time of the vote. <no> **Kolencik:** Yes, that's how we've been doing it. **Hamza:** Yes, it is. **Kolencik:** I'm agreeing with Jerry, so it must be right. **Hamza:** If me and Mary agree, do you really want to argue? We've gone through this almost 2 years in a row, and we've thoroughly checked this out, and I'll defer to our parliamentarian. Ed, do you want to  $-\mathbf{E}$ . Raymond: The language in the constitution says 2/3s of those present in the room. If you look at Robert's, that means actually physically in the room – not 2/3s of the people who registered to be delegates, it's 2/3s in the room. An abstention counts as a no vote, as well. [unidentified speaker] What article is that? Where does it say that? E. Raymond: If you look at Article XVI of the Constitution, the very last one. **Hamza:** Present at the meeting in person, and we also follow Robert's Rules, which is the second endorsement of that concept. [unidentified off-mike speakers] Look, we follow Robert's Rules, and it also states in the Constitution. This is the way we've done it for the last 3 years, and this is the way we are going to – we've actually researched it. This is our parliamentarian. Bruce, go ahead. Bruce Russell: [Golden Triangle Cat Fanciers; Western Pennsylvania Cat Fanciers] I wrote a resolution on this a couple of years ago when we had an issue about this, and if you read what it says in Article XVI, This Constitution may be amended by an annual or special meeting of members by 2/3 of the votes entitled to be cast by the delegates present at the meeting. So, we go through registration, we have so many delegates that are registered, and whatever that number is, that is the number that determines what the 2/3s and the 50% is, not the people that are in the room. That's what the hassle was about a couple years ago, and I wrote that resolution and it's part of our records. Kolencik: May I raise a point of order? Hamza: Mary. Kolencik: I actually agree with you, Jerry. I just want to say something. The ruling that Ed has made, the parliamentarian, is that "present at the meeting" is present in this room. If somebody doesn't like that, they can make an appeal, they can appeal that decision, they can appeal the decision of the chair, and then we can vote on whether to

accept it. Otherwise, his ruling stands. Is that correct, Ed? **E. Raymond:** That's correct. **Hamza:** Here's the problem with not taking the vote in the room. What if half the people in the room are missing? Then, all of a sudden, you can have a lot of issues. You might miss a quorum, and then you have the inability to overcome the majority. Mary's point is well taken, so does anybody want to challenge the parliamentarian's ruling? We want to get out of here, folks, so let's just go with the rules that we have established over the past 3 years. Mary, please go ahead.

## - 1 - Lilac Point Fanciers

**RESOLVED:** Amend the CFA Constitution, ARTICLE IV – ANNUAL AND SPECIAL MEETINGS, Section 3 – Eligibility as follows to require an electronic method to register delegates for the annual:

At each Annual or Special Meeting of this Association, each member club that has been in good standing for not less than fifty (50) days immediately prior to such meeting is entitled to cast one vote. For the purpose of determining whether a member is in good standing as required herein, the date of receipt of each member's dues and list of members and officers by the Central Office of the Association shall govern. Further, to be in good standing, the member must not be under disciplinary suspension. The secretary of each member shall communicate the names of the officers and delegate of such member to the Central Office of this Association no later than May first of each year. Notwithstanding the provisions of the first Paragraph of this Section, members, the delegates from which are not so notified to the Central Office of this Association, are disqualified from voting at the meeting for which no timely notification was made. The Central Office shall establish an electronic method for the club secretary to submit notification of the club's delegate. For the purpose of determining compliance with this provision, the date on the postmark of the letter of notification or the date marking Central Office's receipt of an electronic notification, if any such letter notification exists, shall govern. The Central Office shall preserve the container of such notification until after the date of the next Annual Meeting.

**RATIONALE**: At the 2011 annual, the delegates passed nearly unanimously a non-binding resolution that Central Office establish an electronic means for delegate registration. This did not happen. At the 2012 annual, there was a constitutional amendment presented that would have required Central Office to establish electronic delegate registration. The amendment fell just a few votes short of 2/3rds but did have well over a simple majority support. Even though an overwhelming number of clubs support electronic delegate registration, nobody seems willing to implement it. This amendment would require it.

Electronic delegate registration can be done through a web form as simply as online entry to a show. In 2012, our breed councils voted online. We were able to figure out how to vote online for over 1,000 people, so we should be able to figure out how to register a few hundred delegates for the annual online as well.

Last year, the amendment failed because some believed it precluded hand-carrying delegate forms to CO. There is no question about this version, no current method of registration would change. It only adds the language that Central Office will establish an electronic method to

register a delegate. That method could be as simple as to allow the form to be faxed and that would satisfy the amendment. Those who still want to mail delegate registration can do so.

It is time to make the process of registering a delegate as simple as it can be. CFA is not being served well by our current antiquated method that requires as many as three signatures and to be put through the mail as many as four times, especially if we intend to grow as a global association.

**Hamza:** The first proposed constitutional amendment is being brought forward by the Lilac Point Fanciers. Mary, go ahead. **Kolencik:** [Lilac Point Fanciers] For the past 2 annuals, I brought proposals – so this is the third time. I've brought proposals to get Central Office to start – [discussion returns to preface]

**Kolencik:** [Lilac Point Fanciers] For the past 2 annuals, so this is the third time I am bringing this up, I have brought proposals to get Central Office to start allowing us to register to be a delegate online. The first time we approved it almost unanimously. I don't remember anybody voted against it. Nothing happened. Last year, I presented a constitutional amendment, and it failed by a few votes, but it had everybody's support. I remember George standing up and saying to me, "get this done next year", and everybody agreed. Again, nothing happened. OK, so, it's clear that nothing is going to be done until we require it to be done. So, here I am again with a proposal that adds a very simple statement to the Constitution: The Central Office shall establish an electronic method for the club secretary to submit notification of the club's delegate. This is so simple, that accepting registration by fax would satisfy the amendment. It is well within our means to have an online form where the club secretary can register the delegates for the Annual. This year, our breed councils voted – for the first time, our breed councils voted online. It was so much easier, so quick. It was like that. We've proven this kind of thing can be done, so there's no reason for us not to be doing this. It's time to make the process of registering a delegate for this Annual as simple as it can be. For some months, we have to mail that form around to 3 different people. We have to wait for it to go in the mail from one to the next to the next, to get 3 signatures and then mail it to CFA. Think about this in terms of Europe and Asia, what they have to go through with the mail. There is no reason why we should have to mail this form so much, when doing this online is possible, would be quicker and easier. Sue Robbins: [Delaware River Cats Club] I agree with Mary. I think that having the online registration would be significantly easier and more beneficial to the clubs. However, right now, in order to register the delegates, the forms have to have 3 signatures, not just the secretary of the club, to designate who the delegate is going to be. You also have to have the signature of the president of the club, as well as the signature of the delegate. I don't think there's any reason why the online form, as it is, could not be set up to accept e-signatures from the secretary, the president and the delegate so as to fulfill the requirements, just as a security form, because there's no reason why the secretary could not, for whatever reason, co-op his or her club and put in the delegate that they want without the knowledge or approval of the president of the club, or the rest of the club members. Hamza: Let me just say this about this issue. Why it hasn't been done in the past is because we've been working so hard with IT issues. I think, I'm pretty sure that we're at the point where we're going to be able to do this. Mary's right. It's a greener approach to things and it just makes sense. I'm pretty sure we're there now. So Mary, to address what you're saying, it's just been hard up until this point. We've got only so many people and you do what you can in the order

you can. I don't think this is a huge issue. I think this is something that was going to be done anyway. So, what I'm going to do is, I'm going to take questions from the people and then I'm going to call the vote. **Dennis Ganoe** [LaPerm Society of America]: I think we should not get wrapped up into the how this is going to be done and how it will protect the membership of our individual clubs, so that a secretary does not and cannot hijack. This proposal is simply a requirement that we do it. How that gets done is another issue, and we have to make sure that the people we have in charge of doing it do it correctly. I support this amendment because it's just going forward in the IT world, where we should be going. **Marguerite Epstein** [Cascade Cat Fanciers]: I do support it, but we don't need to get wrapped up into the IT thing. We had an issue. I'm the president and we had a secretary. The secretary sent it to me, I was out of town, it got destroyed, then I printed a new one, signed it and then called Central Office and asked if I could fax it and they said no. Come on. We don't have to wait for IT, we don't have to wait for a form, just any electronic communication would do it. **Hamza:** I think we're in perfect agreement here. I don't see an issue here. Mary, you want to just wrap this up?

**Kolencik:** Yeah. I just wanted to say that I like that you say this is going to be done anyway. After 3 years, I still want this required because, as Marguerite said, you guys could have told us 3 years ago that we could be turning these in by fax. There's no IT thing standing in the way, so please, I would just feel better if it was required. **Hamza:** That's fine. Somebody make the motion. **E. Raymond:** We don't need it.

## **Motion Carried.**

**Kolencik:** Point of order. I thought that our special rules were that these things don't have to be seconded. **Hamza:** Yeah, I know.

- 2 - American Gothic Cat Club; Idaho Cat Fanciers; Illini Cat Club; North Pacific Siamese Fanciers; Paper Tigers; Responsible Cat Fanciers of the NW; Spacifically Orientals; Utah Purebred Cat Fanciers; West Coast Cats

**RESOLVED:** Amend the CFA Constitution, ARTICLE IV – Section 4, first paragraph, as follows:

Each member in good standing as set forth in Paragraph 1 of Section 3 shall elect one delegate from the members of ANY member club to represent such member at each meeting of members. A delegate to any meeting may appoint a proxy from the members of any member club. Delegates or proxies may not be members of any club or Officers or Board Members of any association or organization affiliated with or members of an organization organized for purposes or objects similar to those of this Association.

**RATIONALE:** With participation in the cat fancy shrinking every year, this section of the CFA Constitution is outdated. More and more exhibitors are crossing over and showing in other associations or organizations. Cooperation between the cat fancy organizations is more important than ever, given our fight against government regulations on limits and groups like PETA.

CFA and TICA have already shared show hall space by having a CFA show one day and a TICA show the next day. Other CFA and TICA clubs are cooperating by sharing cages and labor in setting up shows. We need to encourage more people (potential exhibitors) to join CFA clubs and allow CFA people to join TICA without restrictions on involvement in both groups.

No exhibitor should be penalized for being a member of both a CFA club and TICA. Currently we penalize CFA people by not allowing delegates to be a member of TICA and also carry a vote for a CFA club. However, for example, our Constitution does not prevent a PETA member from being a CFA delegate!

CFA will never change TICA and TICA will never change CFA. However, we can learn from each other to improve the cat fancy, band together against animal rights activists, and keep our cat fancy strong enough to withstand the low times and grow in the future. Please vote to amend this section of the CFA Constitution and allow our exhibitors to participate in both groups without penalty.

Hamza: #2, American Gothic, Idaho Cat Fanciers. Kay Bertrand [West Coast Cats]: This would amend the CFA Constitution, Article IV, Section 4, first paragraph, with the exception of officers or board members of another association or organization, this amendment would allow CFA delegates or proxies to also be members of another association or organization. Using TICA as our example of an association, at this moment, if you have a current individual membership in TICA, you are not allowed to be a CFA delegate or proxy. Changing this portion of our Constitution would allow you to be a member in good standing in multiple organizations and participate as a delegate or proxy at our CFA Annuals. Pam DelaBar [Sophisto Cat Club]: I want this delegation to be globally minded, and it's not just CFA and TICA. In Europe, the major association is FIFe. To register your cats and participate, it's mandatory you be a member of a club. So, any of our growth in Europe can be hindered by not having this rule come into place.

We've got to be able to open up to new people who want to participate in the cat fancy, be it CFA or any association. We benefit from this, and it helps our growth. Eigenhauser [Bonita Cat Fanciers; West Shore Shorthair Club]: Is this on? I, too, support this amendment. It's always struck me as rather backwards that we're more afraid of our friends than we are of our enemies. As our Constitution currently exists, if you belong to another association and you're a good breeder and you're a reputable breeder, and you love your cats and you take care of your cats, but if you happen to belong to another association, you are poison to us at the Annual. But, if you belong to an animal rights group that is sworn to destroy CFA with your dying breath, OK, be a delegate. That's fine. We've got to stop being afraid of everybody else. It's time that we thought of ourselves as having more in common with the other associations than we do against them. Let's pass this. **Kim Everett-Hirsch** [Oregon Cats, Inc.]: I definitely support – on behalf of Oregon Cats, Kim Everett-Hirsch. I can put that in any order I want. What's wrong with that? I'm not paying a fine. Now, let's get on with this. OK, many years ago when I came, we didn't have CFA in the Pacific Northwest. We had ACFA and it was a big stronghold, and we had a couple ACA clubs. My husband at that time, Bob Everett, and myself – he converted over to CFA as a judge, and I had not judged anything yet, but I traveled in 7 associations around the United States and Canada. That's all there were. I found CFA and I said, "wow, that's the one for me." Dick Gebhardt, are you kidding? That's god, and Louise Sample and Rita Swenson. So, that's how we got into it. So, we've always kind of considered the other ones as not part of CFA. The people in this area show a lot of TICA and CFA. They can get around it. All they do is quit their association for the weekend to be a delegate, and they're here. So, they are here. They love cats, so I think it's time to vote on this, get them in and they're coming to our shows, they're taking part with the cats, and let's get done with this archaic old rule. **Hamza:** I'm going to call the question.

#### **Motion Carried.**

## - 3 - CFA Executive Board

**RESOLVED:** Amend the CFA Constitution, ARTICLE VIII - REGIONS as follows:

The United States, Canada, Bermuda, <u>Mexico</u>, Japan and Europe are divided into nine (9) geographical regions as follows:

# **NORTH ATLANTIC**

Bermuda, Canada (East of the 77<sup>th</sup> meridian), Connecticut, Delaware, Maine, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, New Jersey, New York (East of the 77<sup>th</sup> meridian), Pennsylvania (East of the 77<sup>th</sup> meridian), Rhode Island, and Vermont.

## **NORTHWEST**

Alaska, California (North of the 36<sup>th</sup> parallel), Canada (West of the Western border of Manitoba), Idaho, Montana, Nevada (North of the 37<sup>th</sup> parallel), Oregon, Utah and Washington.

## **GULF SHORE**

Arkansas, Colorado, Kansas (South of the 38<sup>th</sup> parallel), Louisiana, Mississippi, New Mexico, Oklahoma, Tennessee (West of the Tennessee River), Texas, and Wyoming, and the Mexican states of Aguascalientes, Campeche, Chiapas, Chihuahua, Coahuila, Colima, Durango, Federal District, Guanajuato, Guerrero, Hidalgo, Jalisco, México, Michoacán, Morelos, Nayarit, Nuevo Leon, Oaxaca, Puebla, Querétaro, Quintana Roo, San Luis Potosí, Tabasco, Tamaulipas, Tlaxcala, Veracruz, Yucatán, and Zacatecas.

## **GREAT LAKES**

Canada (East of the 90<sup>th</sup> meridian and West of the 77<sup>th</sup> meridian), Kentucky (North of the 38<sup>th</sup> parallel), Michigan, New York (West of the 77<sup>th</sup> meridian), Ohio, Pennsylvania (West of the 77<sup>th</sup> meridian), and West Virginia.

## **SOUTHWEST**

Arizona, California (South of the 36<sup>th</sup> parallel), Hawaii, Nevada (South of the 37<sup>th</sup> parallel), and the Mexican states of Baja California Norte, Baja California Sur, Sinaloa, and Sonora.

No changes to remainder of Article VIII.

**RATIONALE:** Mexico is currently part of the International Division. There are currently no shows in Mexico and Mexican residents do not attend International Division shows; they attend shows in the United States. Points earned at United States shows do not count for International Division awards which discourages ongoing participation by Mexican residents. This amendment

will allow Mexican residents to "keep" points earned at United States shows and compete for Regional and National awards.

Hamza: #3. It comes from our board. Carissa, go ahead. Altschul [Hugger Mugger Feline Society; Land of Oz Cat Club]: I actually brought this to the board at the request of several exhibitors or potential exhibitors who live in Mexico. Some of you may not be aware of it, but Mexico is considered part of the International Division, so for them to get points to compete for divisional wins, they have to go to Asia or Hong Kong, instead of a 2-3 hour plane ride into Texas. They can grand their cats, but that's it. They can't compete. Any points that they get when they come into the United States don't count. They were rather frustrated by this, and I said, "Well, Canada is included in part of the northern regions. There is no reason not to include Mexico." Please don't make me read all these Mexican states. I tried, I can't. But, essentially, what we did is, we looked at the borders between Regions 3 and 5, and we kind of figured out a natural break point. Most of them will come into Region 3, as you can see, with a few of them going into Region 5. It's a natural delineation. I think it's a pretty straight-forward amendment. Please support it. **Eigenhauser** [Bonita Cat Fanciers; West Shore Shorthair Club]: Pretty much the same thing Carissa said. This is just an accident of geography. They say the most important thing in real estate is, "location, location, location". This is our neighbor to the south. Just as our neighbor to the north, Canada, they are part of one continent. We're all together here on a continent together. We share so much. We share a long, common border. We share economic interests. We share a lot of trade together. We're bordered by the same oceans, and we're pretty much stuck with each other. They're our neighbors. They're our friends. We've already done this with Canada. The world didn't come to an end. Yes, there will be some certain rules that we'll have to make. Just as with Canada, we had to tweak a few rules here and there about point counts, because of areas that aren't accessible to shows, but as Carissa said, given a choice, if you lived in Mexico City, are you going to drive to Texas or to Arizona, or are you going to drive to Beijing? Come on. **Hamza:** Let me tell you, that drive sucks. Anyway, is there anybody here who opposes this? It's housekeeping. I'm going to call the question.

**Motion Carried.** 

 4 - Sophisto Cat Club; European Shorthair Club; Cat Fanciers of Finland; Dutch Purrpuss Club

**RESOLVED:** Amend the CFA Constitution, ARTICLE XII – SHOW LICENSES and ARTICLE XV – DISCIPLINE, Section 2 – Conduct of Members Subject to Board Discipline, subparagraph b) as follows:

#### ARTICLE XII – SHOW LICENSES

The Executive Board shall have power in its full discretion to grant or to withhold from each member of the Association a license to hold a cat show. No member club shall hold, sponsor, or manage a cat show not licensed by this Association; nor shall such a club hold, sponsor, or manage a cat show licensed by any other organization, except as approved by the CFA Executive Board. At the request of any Regional Director, a show license or licenses may be issued for a show or shows to be sponsored by his Region. No club shall be denied a show license because its show does not include Household Pets as a competitive category.

## ARTICLE XV - DISCIPLINE

# <u>Section 2 – Conduct of Members Subject to Board Discipline</u>

- a) ...
- b) The holding of a cat show not licensed by this association or the holding of a cat show in conjunction with one licensed by any other similar organization <u>except as approved by</u> the CFA Executive Board.

**RATIONALE:** The Executive Board interpretation of the current article of the CFA Constitution does not allow for multi-association events, such as the Royal Canin Grand Prix, an extravaganza consisting of five (5) cat associations and over 1,700 entries. There also are other such events that may have another association as the lead organizer instead of a commercial sponsor. This amendment grants the CFA Board the authority to approve CFA participation in these events, and also approve licenses for CFA shows held in smaller venues in conjunction with one or more cat associations. This is also in keeping with the organization and spirit of cooperation of the World Cat Congress, of which CFA is a charter member.

Hamza: Next up is #4, and that's Sophisto Cat Club; European Shorthair Club; Cat Fanciers of Finland; Dutch Purrpuss Club. DelaBar [Sophisto Cat Club]: On behalf of Sophisto Cat Club, European Shorthair Club, Cat Fanciers of Finland and Dutch Purrpuss Club this is to add the phrase, except as approved by the CFA Executive Board to the sentence No member club shall hold, sponsor, or manage a cat show not licensed by this Association; nor shall such a club hold, sponsor, or manage a cat show licensed by any other organization, except as approved by the CFA Executive Board. And also add the same phrase under discipline, The holding of a cat show not licensed by this association or the holding of a cat show in conjunction with one licensed by any other similar organization except as approved by the CFA Executive Board. We have had, for years, multi-association cat shows that CFA has participated in. This is not a one-on-one, CFA/TICA holding a show in North America, these are 1,700 cat entry, 5 association

shows held in an incredibly large facility in Moscow. The year that our best cat in CFA went best cat in the grand prix was such an honor. We have several of these shows going on in Europe. The current interpretation of this rule by the parliamentarian and CFA Attorney does not allow these, so please vote for either this – I prefer economy of verbiage, myself – but please approve either 4 or 5, to let us continue to hold these phenomenal cat shows, to bring the cat fancy to the world. Eigenhauser [Bonita Cat Fanciers; West Shore Shorthair Club]: I'm not going to argue, because I'm in favor of it, too. I agree with everything that Pam said. I just have a question for our attorney. Is there some significant difference in how these two would be applied, because I would be willing to vote for either one of them. E. Raymond: There is. Amendment #4 would allow a club, with board approval, to hold, sponsor or manage a cat show licensed by another association. The 5<sup>th</sup> amendment doesn't allow that. It simply allows a CFA club to hold a show in conjunction with a show managed by another association. So, it really becomes a question of who is managing the show. **DelaBar**: Actually, I'm not a lawyer, Ed, but I don't agree with that interpretation. This rule has never been about a CFA club licensing a show with another association and putting that on. However, approved by the CFA board gives the board, those short words give the board the ability to set anything, without the extra words. But, as I said, we need either one so we can keep going on with these wonderful events. Kenny Currle [Chatte Noir Cat Club]: And #8 in your hearts. I have done probably 4 or 5 of these Catsburg shows. 50,000 people over a 2-day period coming to a magnificent setting. If you have ever been to the auto show in Detroit, it is the same type of venue. It shows our cats to perfection. We grow by such shows. We must support something that will allow these to continue in whichever manner that the board chooses to do, in any manner, so that we can at least have the approval. They have been turning their heads on this situation for years. Certainly, they appreciated the International Division and now Region 9, but I think it's important that we're all on the same page as far as restrictions and what we can actually do throughout the entire world. Thank you. Hamza: Basically, they both say the same thing. The real difference is that 5 would not allow a future CFA board to license a show by another organization, not that it ever would but it's sort of a safer thing. Again, they say the same thing. My instincts have always been to err on the side of caution. You know, Pam, would you mind us voting on 5 for that reason? DelaBar: Let's do 4 first, and if 4 doesn't pass, then we go on to 5. Hamza: OK, that's fine. So, I'm going to call the question for 4. [unable to determine the voting results] You know what? Let's do it again. [still unable to determine the voting results]

Barbara Schreck [Anthony Wayne Cat Fanciers; Jazz Cats]: Jerry? I think there's some confusion. I'm confused. I'm a blonde. Hamza: I see that. Schreck: I would appreciate a little more direction. What if we pass both of these? Hamza: You can't. We only need one. Let me explain the difference. Actually, let me have Ed explain the difference. It will be easier, because he's researched the difference, so I'm going to have Ed explain. Go ahead. E. Raymond: This is just reading the language the way it has been proposed. Amendment #4 proposes to allow a club, with board approval, to hold, sponsor or manage a cat show licensed by another association. That's fundamentally what proposal #4 does. Proposal #5 provides that no member club, and it takes the same language from the punishment side of things. It says that, No member club shall hold, sponsor, or manage a cat show in conjunction with one licensed by any other similar organization without the prior approval of the Executive Board, which may impose such conditions as the Board may deem appropriate. So, with #5, the board not only has the power to

grant, it has the power to impose conditions, as well. It simply allows the board to allow shows to be in conjunction. It doesn't allow the board to say a CFA club can manage a show that's licensed by another association. So, you're still going to have shows managed by separate groups in #5. Mary Kolencik [Lilac Point Fanciers]: I think that caveat that the ability to put conditions on this is really, really important. With the first one, we are saying that a club can, with board permission – not that the board would ever do such a thing, but with board permission, they could, like say, Lilac Point Fanciers could hold a TICA show. With the second one, the board is going to be able to put conditions if I wanted to license a show in conjunction with a TICA show. They are going to be able to say to me, "You have to do the advertising a certain way, you have to do this." I think those conditions are very important. If we want to go down this path, we have to allow the board to impose conditions on this. **Hamza:** That's why I say that 5 is really erring on the side of caution, and I prefer that. Norm Auspitz [Kentucky Colonels Cat Club]: We just elected 1/3 of our board today, essentially, and that means we trust them, I hope. I prefer the board having a little bit of condition and give us a little bit more control. That's a fine point, but I think we need that point. If it turns out that we need force at some later point and it's going to make any difference at all, then we should go with it. Jack Nichols [Sandhills Cat Club]: I think the confusion here – I'm for #5, not for #4, because we do get board control here, but as I look out across this group, I don't see a lot of exhibitors that have ever participated in a show of this type; therefore, understanding exactly where Pam is going is hard for some of the exhibitors. Maybe, I don't know Pam, if you can explain it in more detail to get your point across, but again I'm for #5. #4 should be defeated. I think the board has to have control. This way, CFA will always have their foot in the door. DelaBar: Actually, when you read #5, it infers or implies (I get those two mixed up on the usage), inferring or implying a one-on-one situation. That's not particularly what we are experiencing in Europe. We are experiencing, like with the grand prix. The event is sponsored by Royal Canin. #5 does not really address those situations where your sponsor is actually a company, with 5 organizations participating in this 1,700 cat shows. There are separate shows going on all under one roof. That's why I wanted the board to have the ability by putting just a simple statement, except as approved by the board, to give the latitude to do one-on-one's or the multi-association shows. You all in the United States – or we all, I haven't been gone that long – we haven't had those type of shows in North America, but they do exist and they are very successful. So, I don't know what kind of questions you may have, but just think of a show hall 5 times the size of our largest International show with 1,700 cats and the dog and pony show you can imagine going on with 50,000 people going through as gate. That's what we're looking at. Currle: Chatte Noir Cat Club, who was the principal sponsor of CFA shows through the Catsburg shows every March. In particular, this past March we held a breed awareness school where we had aspiring judging candidates. 33 of them attended. It was a very, very successful seminar. We had 3 very excellent judges that were training them, and this is something we're going to talk about later, but as far as a show of this magnitude, you can't describe it until you have experienced it. It's a magnificent event. You have never seen so many cats in your life. There is some cross-showing that takes place between organizations, as long as they are recognized as a logical breed and certainly has a registration for CFA, or they come as a simple novice cat, but it's such a fantastic way, with so many people coming through those doors, to introduce CFA to Russia. It has been very, very successful. I think #4 still gives the board plenty of latitude to make up their own rules as far as protecting the integrity of CFA, judges and our procedures, but I have never experienced a problem with any of the other

organizations, and you guys have to go over there and go to that big party we have every Saturday night. It's great. **Connie Oliver** [Topeka Cat Fanciers]: I have a question to the parliamentarian and to Pam also. Is it possible to defer #4 and vote on #5? **DelaBar:** Jerry, to move things along, I will withdraw #4 to get this done. We have got to have this approval and ability to do this. **Hamza:** OK. Thank you, Pam.

Withdrawn.

### - 5 - CFA Executive Board

**RESOLVED:** Amend the CFA Constitution, ARTICLE XII – SHOW LICENSES and ARTICLE XV – DISCIPLINE, Section 2 – Conduct of Members Subject to Board Discipline as follows:

## **ARTICLE XII – SHOW LICENSES**

The Executive Board shall have power in its full discretion to grant or to withhold from each member of the Association a license to hold a cat show. No member club shall hold, sponsor, or manage a cat show not licensed by this Association; nor shall such a club hold, sponsor, or manage a cat show licensed by any other organization. No member club shall hold, sponsor, or manage a cat show in conjunction with one licensed by any other similar organization without the prior approval of the Executive Board, which may impose such conditions as the Board may deem appropriate. At the request of any Regional Director, a show license or licenses may be issued for a show or shows to be sponsored by his Region. No club shall be denied a show license because its show does not include Household Pets as a competitive category.

## ARTICLE XV - DISCIPLINE

# <u>Section 2 – Conduct of Members Subject to Board Discipline</u>

The Board may reprimand, suspend, expel and/or fine any member club upon a finding of guilty for:

- a) the enactment of any amendment to the Constitution or By-Laws of a member club in conflict with the Charter or Constitution of the Cat Fanciers' Association, Inc.
- b) The holding of a cat show not licensed by this association or the holding of a cat show in conjunction with one licensed by any other similar organization without the prior approval of the Executive Board, or in violation of any conditions placed on such prior approval.
  - c) The violation of any Show Rule.
- d) Distribution of club funds in a manner inconsistent with the objects of the Association.
- e) Any act or conduct seriously and patently detrimental to the best interest and welfare of the cat or The Cat Fanciers' Association.

**RATIONALE:** There are times when the holding of a CFA cat show in the same location and on the same weekend as a show sponsored by another association is advantageous to CFA. These proposed changes remove the outright ban on holding such shows and give the Executive Board discretion to approve these shows when, where, and under the conditions it deems will be beneficial to CFA.

**Hamza:** Just to clarify things, the shows that we've been having in conjunction the past years have been violating the CFA Constitution, so we really need to pass this. Pat Jacobberger [No Dogs Allowed]: Having unknowingly judged – when I got there, I had no idea what kind of show hall I was walking into, but it was huger than huge. It's not as though all the cats are commingled. It was very discreet areas where one association had their judging rings set up, and along another wall another association had their rings set up. There were like 5 associations, including CFA. CFA had the whole wall along one side, and cats and their exhibitors who were exhibiting in one show or another were benched in that general area, so if you can imagine just a huge, giant facility, 5 associations all putting on a cat show with 5 different sets of cats, all at the same time. It was a hoot. It was really interesting, what was really fun about it was to look out at all the people that were there, not only as gate, but other exhibitors from other associations coming over to look at CFA and see what we were about, and understand what was different about our judging process. It was an experience that I'll never forget. It was really very, very exciting. I speak in favor of this amendment, from the standpoint of getting to know the rest of the world, cat fancies across the rest of the world, as well as being able to show our stuff. Hamza: I'm going to Pam and Seth, and then I am going to call the question. DelaBar: Actually, that's what I was going to do, Jerry. I was going to ask you to call the question, and state that I have a book on the grand prix if anybody wants to look at it to see what we are talking about. I brought it with me. Hamza: Seth, I am going to wind up with you. Seth Baugh [Exotic Breeders]: I just wanted to raise a quick point. There is nothing in 4 that says the board cannot put restrictions on anything. **Hamza:** I am going to call the question on 5.

## **Motion Carried.**

# **Proposed Show Rule Resolutions**

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**Hamza:** Up next, Proposed Show Rule Resolutions. We now move on to Show Rule Resolutions. Pre-noticed Show Rule Resolutions which pass by a 2/3 vote are sent to the board for ratification. Pre-noticed Show Rule Resolutions which pass with more than 50% of the vote but less than 2/3 are sent to the board with a favorable recommendation. Show Rule Resolutions which are amended before being voted on must pass by more than 50% and are advisory only. Does everybody get that?

## - 6 - Lilac Point Fanciers

**RESOLVED:** Amend Show Rules 1.24, 4.03, 16.10 l., 17.02 and 18.19 as follows to clarify the language and the requirements to issue a Temporary Registration Number for a cat with two CFA-registered parents:

1.24 A TEMPORARY REGISTRATION NUMBER is provided to listed cats who wish to compete at a CFA show and earn awards in any competitive category, e.g., points earned and qualifying rings will be credited to the cat. The temporary registration number is obtained for the exhibitor from the CFA Central Office via the Entry Clerk. Temporary Registration numbers will be issued by the entry clerk upon receipt of the appropriate TRN fee (which is in addition to the club's entry fee), application form, and a fourgeneration pedigree (or whatever is required for registration of that breed if fewer than four generations are required) issued by a cat registering body recognized by CFA, with all cats on the pedigree being acceptable for that breed per current registration requirements. This would include longhair exotics shown as Persians (see rule 2.04). and the appropriate fee, which is in addition to the club's entry fee for registration by pedigree; or a CFA issued pedigree showing the CFA registration number for both the sire and dam of the cat/kitten, and the appropriate fee, which is in addition to the club's entry fee. If both parents of the entry are registered with CFA, the CFA registration numbers of the parents are acceptable in place of a pedigree. This The fee, application form, and pedigree (or CFA registration numbers if applicable) must be provided to the entry clerk no later than the beginning of judging for the show. The fee, application form, and pedigree and these will be provided to Central Office in the show package. Upon review, the registration number will either remain valid for 30 days from the first day of the show, or be voided if CFA registration requirements are not met for the breed being registered. Central Office will notify any exhibitor whose temporary registration number is voided with the bases basis for such decision. Note: wins will also be voided if a cat competes in a competitive category not otherwise eligible based on its permanent registration, e.g., offspring of a "not-for-breeding" cat competing in Championship. Temporary registration numbers will be listed in the catalog as if they were permanent. Cats may compete and continue to earn points for 30 days from the first day of the first show where they have obtained a temporary registration number. That number should be used on all subsequent entries after the first show for the 30-day period or until the cat

- obtains a permanent registration number. At the end of this 30-day period, the cat may not be shown without a permanent registration number.
- 4.03 It is the responsibility of the owner to enter a cat or kitten correctly under its exact registered name, registered ownership, region/area of residence, and when required, registration number. (See Paragraph 2.03.) Exhibitors that request a temporary registration number will also include a pedigree (or CFA registration number of parents if allowed by rule 1.24) as specified in paragraph 1.24 of these rules.
- 16.10 **l.** For those cats competing with temporary registration numbers, the application form, associated pedigree (or CFA registration number of parents if allowed by rule 1.24), and appropriate fees submitted for said cats.
- 17.02 The entry clerk shall be responsible for reviewing each entry form received to verify that all necessary information is included. The entry clerk is prohibited from accepting Championship (unless the entry is for a Novice), Premiership (unless the entry is for a Novice), Provisional (kittens or adults) and AOV entries (kittens or adults) whose entry form does not contain a registration number. In the case of cats requesting a temporary registration number, the entry clerk will contact Central Office and obtain the number for inclusion in the show catalog and complete, if not already completed by the owner, an application for temporary registration number that will be attached to the pedigree. The cat's pedigree (or CFA registration number of parents if allowed by rule 1.24), application form, and associated registration fee must be provided no later than the start of judging for the show or the cat will be entered as a novice.
- 18.19 Upon completion of the show, the master clerk shall assemble, arrange, group and verify the completeness of all show records he is responsible for turning over to the show secretary pursuant to paragraphs 16.10 through 16.12, 18.14,18.17 and 18.18. The master clerk shall separate multi-part forms and arrange the copies of the master catalogs and forms according to the prescribed distributions into the sets to be sent to the Central Office, to be retained by the show secretary as the club's record, and the master clerk's own set. The assembled and checked sets shall be enclosed in envelopes or otherwise bound and labeled to identify the destination of each set, i.e., "Central Office Copy" and "Club Copy," when turned over to the show secretary. Records sent to Central Office will include the pedigrees (or CFA registration number of parents if allowed by rule 1.24) submitted for all cats competing with temporary registration numbers, the application forms, and the associated fees, stapled together for each associated cat. The master clerk's responsibilities for the show terminate when the assembled sets of show records are turned over to the show secretary.

**RATIONALE:** The introduction of the TRN has been very successful in getting novices to become registered with CFA, as it was intended to do. When the board created the TRN procedure, they allowed cats that have both CFA registered parents to also use TRNs. This allowance could get a club another entry or two. Imagine that it is the day of closing of a show and an exhibitor wants to enter a cat that is not yet registered but both parents are CFA registered. Such a cat is eligible for a TRN and the club could get that entry. But if the exhibitor

doesn't have a copy of the CFA pedigrees of the parents by the start of the show, the current rule requires that this entry cannot have a TRN for lack of a copy of a pedigree that CFA already has. Since most shows close just a few days before the show, there isn't enough time to order a pedigree from CFA, and the club is likely to lose the entry. So why have the allowance for a cat with both CFA registered parents to use a TRN if it is going to be too difficult for anybody to take advantage of that allowance?

CFA does not issue pedigrees, it issues green slips. We have to pay for a pedigree, and many people with CFA cats may not have copies of all of their pedigrees. Central Office doesn't need to see the pedigrees of the CFA registered parents for a cat with a TRN. All they should need is the registration number of those parents. CO is not going to do any pedigree verification on those parents, so there is no reason to require a pedigree for a cat whose parents are already CFA registered.

For this allowance to be useful to those whose cats have CFA registered parents and to allow clubs to get those entries, those exhibitors should only need to present the registration number of CFA registered parents. That is all that is needed.

This resolution also includes some housekeeping to 1.24 to make it clearer exactly what is required for a TRN.

Hamza: OK, #6. Mary? Mary Kolencik [Lilac Point Fanciers]: Every time that I have talked to somebody about this resolution, I get these blank stares: "What do you mean you can show a cat that's not registered?" So, to make sure that everybody is on the same page, let me explain this. Last Summer, when the board – this was like last June or July – when the board implemented the rules for the temporary registration numbers that would allow a cat that is not registered to compete at a show with a temporary number, and to compete with that for 30 days and get to keep the points. They wouldn't get titles until they actually followed through with the registration. So, when they passed this ability, they decided to change the rules to allow CFA cats to take advantage of this, too. In the past, your CFA cat couldn't be a novice if it had 2 parents that were CFA registered. So, last Summer they changed that, so that a cat that has 2 CFA parents but is not yet registered can now enter a show and get this TRN. So, they already passed that. This is not about adding that or creating that, this is already done. So, the requirement to be able to do that is that you have to pay a fee, fill out a form and submit a pedigree. We don't get pedigrees when we register our cats. We have to buy those separately, right? If the cat has 2 CFA-registered parents already, Central Office doesn't need the pedigree. In the case where the cats are coming from another association and that cat has to be imported, they are supposed to provide a pedigree, and this is the way to make sure they provide this pedigree. But, there's no reason for that requirement to be stuck on the CFA cats. If it's got 2 CFA-registered parents, we should just be able to give the registration number to the parents. Central Office should not need the pedigree. So, that's all this is. It fixes up a little bit of clarity in the language in the rule and allows us, that for cats that have 2 CFA-registered parents, to fill out the form with the registration numbers of the parents and not have to submit a pedigree. That's it. Hamza: Anybody else? Lisa Marie Kuta [Cornish Rex Breed Club; Lucky Penny Cat Club]: As an entry clerk, I think this is a good direction for this rule, because it has been a very confusing rule, especially with the addition of the CFA registration numbers would help me get more entries in,

because we have some people who go, "I have this cat I want to show, I don't have the number back from Central Office yet. I tried to get them to expedite it and pay the extra \$25." Here, we still get the money in a different way. They can just pay it with the show and get the temporary registration number. I think that would be helpful, from my personal entry clerk point of view. I am maybe not seeing some of the other ramifications, but that part of it, from the entry clerk point of view, would really help clarify a lot of the rules and help me explain to exhibitors how to get their cats in the show if they don't have a registration number yet, but are eligible to be shown. **Donna Fuller** [San Francisco Revelers]: I just have one question. Would passing this allow people that you haven't allowed to have the blue slip or yellow slip, to enter the cat even though you didn't sell it for show? **Hamza:** No. This is just basically housekeeping. What it does is cover something that was overlooked. Fuller: OK. So, it doesn't mean that something that you sold that you didn't want to be in a show could be put in a show, over your objections. Hamza: Basically, what it does, when a cat has CFA parents, we don't need a pedigree to prove that it comes from CFA lines. We know it does, because the parents are CFA cats. See, with the TRN number, when we register cats from other associations, we ask for pedigrees to prove. So, Mary is just taking out an unnecessary step that we probably should have caught when we did this. So, it's just basically housekeeping. Kuta: The old way, it could have been put in a show, as well, right? **Hamza:** Anyway, can I call this? Would you like that? <yes> More than anything else? <yes>

Motion Carried by 2/3.

# -7 - That's My Point Cat Fanciers

**RESOLVED:** Amend Show Rules, Article XII, Rule 12.04, 11<sup>th</sup> paragraph that deals with show licenses as follows:

12.04 ...

Once a show license is approved by the Central Office, no change in club sponsorship will be allowed except the addition of a club or clubs as co-sponsor(s) if requested no later than 30 days prior to the opening day of the show.

**RATIONALE:** There have been situations where a club licenses a show then invites another club or clubs to work with them to co-host the show. If the show is already licensed, the subsequent club(s) won't be listed in the show schedule unless added to the license. Currently this requires Central Office to first get board permission, which has always been granted to our knowledge. Adding clubs to the show license doesn't cost anything; in fact, being able to do it without first getting the board's permission will simplify the task for Central Office. This show rule change is beneficial to clubs trying to work together to produce shows so that all clubs working on the show can be listed in the show schedule.

Hamza: #7, That's My Point Cat Fanciers. Mary Kolencik [Lilac Point Fanciers]: It's me again. Hamza: Wow. You are getting tricky. Kolencik: It was a little tricky there but, you know, somebody else was supposed to present this and didn't want to, so I said I would do it. Show Rule 12.04 states that Once a show is licensed, so the license is already in, it's already paid. This proposal is to allow not a change in sponsorship but only the addition of clubs to the license, if it's requested 30 days before the start of the show. The reason for this is, once the show is licensed, that's the information that goes into the CFA schedule. So, if after the show is licensed – you could have licensed this show a year ahead of time – if after it's licensed, another club, you want to work with another club and you want to put them on the license so that they can also have their name in the show schedule, the only way to do that is to get the board to waive the requirement. That requires Central Office putting it in their report and bringing it to the board. So, this would change it so that Central Office could just add clubs – only add, not remove, not change, just add – and you have to do it within 30 days prior to the show because we don't want Central Office to be making last-minute changes to the show schedule. So, that's all this does is, it helps make it easier for clubs to work together, and it also makes it easier on Central Office. **Hamza:** Anybody got any issues with this?

Motion Carried by 2/3.

 8 – Cats Ink, Mid-Ohio Cat Fanciers, Sternwheel Cat Fanciers, Oriental Shorthairs of America

**RESOLVED:** Amend Show Rule, Article XIII, Rule 13.05 d. as follows:

d. The CFA licensed certified clerk performing the function of master clerk shall be compensated at the rate of eight (8) cents for each catalog entry in each judging ring. A CFA master clerk shall be compensated at ten (10) cents for each catalog entry in each judging ring. It is strongly recommended that for a six ring, one day show a club engage either two licensed master clerks or one licensed master clerk and one certified clerk who is working towards their master clerk license, assisting the licensed master clerk in charge. The minimum compensation for each person working as a master clerk shall be sixty (60) dollars per weekend or forty (40) dollars for a one day show. (A Best of the Bests ring is not considered as an additional ring requiring compensation.) Payment schedule shall be based on the status of the clerk on the date a contract is signed. If no contract exists, payment schedule shall be based on the status of the clerk on the first day of the show. CFA licensed certified clerks performing the chief ring clerk function shall be compensated according to entries as follows (NOTE: these are minimal compensations; more can be given per negotiated rate with clerk):

Under 130 entries	\$45.00 per show or per day of a back-to-back show
131-275 entries	\$60.00 per show or per day of a back-to-back show
276-450 entries	\$75.00 per show
225 back to back shows	\$50.00 per day
Under 150 entries	\$30.00 per weekend
151-250 entries	\$45.00 per weekend
251-350 entries	\$60.00 per weekend
351-450 entries	\$75.00 per weekend
1 day shows with 1, 2, 3, 4 rings	<del>\$35.00</del>
225 back to back	
shows	<del>\$40.00 per day</del>
1 day, 6 ring shows	<del>\$45.00</del>

("Show" is defined in Show Rule 1.09. In the case of a 6x6, each day is considered to be a separate "Show").

#### CONTRACTS ARE RECOMMENDED

**RATIONALE:** This Show Rule, as it is currently written, does not fully take into consideration the newer Show formats that many of our clubs are utilizing. This will help clarify between the

'one-day' show, and one show that is the entire weekend. This also further clarifies how much clubs should pay a clerk, based on the entered count, and the type of show.

Many clubs believe that what is printed in the Show Rules is the required amount to pay a clerk. The amount stated is the *minimum* amount you are to pay the clerk. Clubs are more than welcome to pay a clerk more money, especially if there are extenuating circumstances that you feel they should be paid more, or the club would simply like to show their appreciation to the clerks.

While many of our CFA clerks do so because they enjoy it, they also clerk to assist in offsetting the cost of their entries. With the newer formats, and increasing price of entries, Clerks do not feel the same benefit in clerking for a weekend. Not only are they missing their cats being judged, the clerking fee comes nowhere close to counterbalance the price of the entry fee for one cat and a double cage. By increasing the amounts, this gives individuals who would like to clerk a little more benefit from the entire clerking experience.

Hamza: #8. Cats Ink, Mid-Ohio Cat Fanciers, Sternwheel Cat Fanciers, Oriental Shorthairs of America. Cheryl Coleman [Cats Ink]: Everybody read this, right? I don't have to read it word for word? OK. In a nutshell, if most of you don't know, I am the CFA Clerking Chair and I get a lot of emails about, "I can't find clerks", "I'm not going to clerk one day shows because I don't see my cats", "I don't make enough money to compensate myself for one entry anymore". Plus, it preferences a lot of weekend shows, so if somebody clerks for a weekend, they are getting \$45, it's a one-day show and they have just spent all day not seeing their cats or anything else. So, this is two-fold; one, it addresses the master clerk. A lot of master clerks are doing their positions at \$60 for the weekend and clerks are getting \$70 for the weekend, or the stewards are getting paid more than the clerks or the master clerks. So, there was a lot of talk, I got a lot of emails about this, so I got some ideas, talked to some clubs, talked to some other clerks, and this is what I came up with for the amounts of money. I know everybody is hurting in clubs money-wise, but I'm getting emails from clubs saying, "I can't find a clerk." That's really tough, because you need clerks. So, I did a survey with the clerks, as well. They said the #1 reason they don't want to clerk is, they are not getting paid enough and they don't see their cats, and they don't like one-day shows. So, this is my rationale for doing this. Monte Phillips [Chartreux International; Cat'n on the Fox]: Cat club #666. I just had one question. I'm a little confused with the 225 back-to-back show, because last time I checked, the range of 131-275 included 225. So, the way I read this, you either pay them \$60 or you are still in violation of the show rule, because even though it says "225 back-to-back - \$50" that 131-275 says \$60 per day of a back-to-back show. So, I just want to make sure everybody understands that. The last point I wanted to make, being the statistician guru for most of CFA, I have been tracking the average number of cats per show for the last 4 years, and before that Jay Lehman did the same thing for I don't know how many years, and more than the last decade, I hate to say this, but every time I write that article the next year, it's always a lower number than the previous year. I have never seen that number bump up even once. So, my second question is, can you afford it? Loretta Baugh [Buffalo Cat Fanciers; Canusa Cat Club]: I'm a member of a club that puts on a show that barely makes it, and it's a show that doesn't have a lot of entries. Under 130 entries, \$45 per show increases the cost to the club of a 6-ring show \$90. For our club, that would make a difference between profit and failure. I think we're penalizing the smaller shows the most, and I think this is bad in that regard. I don't have a problem with the rest of it, but that one portion

really bothers me, for the very, very small shows. Thank you. Connie Oliver [Topeka Cat Fanciers]: I'm just concerned about the cost of it to the clubs, also, because I belong to some small clubs. However, in the past – and I haven't been to an Annual for a couple years, 2 years since my husband died – but, I'm wondering about this question in general, like Monte pointed out that it's incorrectly written. I've seen those in the past just get thrown out because they are incorrectly written. You can't vote on something like this when you don't have specifics, and this is contradictory. Hamza: There is a defect in that. We can amend it from the floor. Do you want to amend that? Then it becomes advisory only if it passes. Coleman: Well Jerry, I mean, I was doing this for the clerks. I just want to tell all the clerks out there I did try. I apologize for the mis-wording. I'll withdraw it. Hamza: Maybe that's not what everybody wants. <no> Is that what everybody wants? <no> You know, usually when you try to raise prices – Mary Kolencik [Lilac Point Fanciers]: Jerry, excuse me. Cheryl, if you don't want to present it from the floor, I'll fix it and I'll present it from the floor. Would that satisfy? Coleman: I had asked for a lot of rewording. I did ask. It's hard to talk right now. **Kolencik:** We're on a roll. Everything's passing. Coleman: I'll let Mary do this. She's on a roll. So, I understand about the 225 and the back-toback. That was addressed to me. It was supposed to have been fixed. It didn't, OK. I have no control over that. Mary, if you want to rewrite it, but I mean, I belong to several clubs and yes, it hurts. If this is too much for clubs, it's too much. But, I just want to let you know, it's very difficult to get clerks to want to clerk these days. I've been volunteering some of my money back just to help clubs out, and you always have that option, but some people, they want to show their cats and they want a little extra money just to help compensate for at least one entry, and they want to get paid more than the steward. Hamza: I can see where that might be a little insulting, if you find out the steward is making more than the clerk. Janet Wolf [Morris and Essex Cat Club]: I would just like to point out, this is setting minimum standards. There's nothing that prevents a club who has a problem recruiting clerks or stewards or whatever to pay above. It sets a minimum, which can be hard for your small shows; whereas, the clubs that are having a problem can always pay more. I know the clubs in the shows I manage, we always pay over for that reason. Oliver: I'm pretty sure, once you withdraw something it can't continue to be discussed. However, it can be rewritten and brought up from the floor later on. I assume that's what we're talking about now. Hamza: You're correct. So, I know that Mary will have no problem bringing this up. Oliver: But after the rest of the resolutions. Hamza: So, we're going to move on.

## Withdrawn.

# - 9- Sophisto Cat Club

**RESOLVED:** Amend Show Rules, Article XXV – Invitations to & Acceptances by Judges, Rule 25.02 a. to read as follows:

a. Invitations from clubs affiliated with non-CFA cat associations are subject to the approval of the CFA Judging Program/Board and may be considered only by Approved Allbreed, Approved Specialty, or Approval Pending Allbreed or Specialty judges. Household Pet, 4-H, pet fairs and seminars may be accepted by any licensed CFA judge, who should notify the Judging Program Chairman prior to accepting the invitation.

After appropriate permission is received from the Judging Program/CFA Board for a judge to accept a non-CFA foreign guest assignment, he/she must send a CFA Judging Contract in triplicate to the club. When signed and dated by the judge, this constitutes an offer to officiate. This offer will remain in effect for a period of 35 days from the date set opposite the judge's signature. Unless the club accepts this offer and communicates its acceptance to the judge within 35 days of said date by returning two copies of this agreement executed by the club to the judge, the offer expires and the judge is not obligated further. Judges must send a signed copy of all approved guest judging contracts to the CFA Central Office.

If a CFA judge who is under contract to officiate at 2, 3 or more consecutive, non-CFA sanctioned shows as a guest judge, has cause to cancel these foreign assignments in response to a change of circumstances domestically (excluding illness or incapacitation) then the judge is allowed to accept a CFA show on any of these same weekends.

**RATIONALE:** CFA judging contracts have no legal bearing on clubs from other associations, nor do CFA clubs accept foreign association judging contracts for CFA shows. In reality, when CFA judges receive permission from the CFA Judging Program Committee to guest judge for another association, the CFA judges, **as independent contractors**, are contracted by the other association and agree to abide by that association's rules and standards for shows, including payment (or not), airfares and other associated costs. If the foreign association has no contract, the CFA judge MAY chose to use portions of the CFA contract to assist in the arrangements with the foreign association.

Hamza: #9, which is Sophisto Cat Club. Pam DelaBar [Sophisto Cat Club]: What this does is amend Article XXV, Show Rule 25.02 by taking out the middle paragraph, which requires CFA judges to send, once approved to guest judge for another association, requires that CFA judge to send a CFA contract to that other association for signing. We, as independent contractors, once given the permission to guest judge for other associations, sign their contracts. Our CFA contracts have no legal bearing on other associations. So, I am asking the delegation to approve removing that requirement from the Show Rule. Hamza: Anybody have any problem with this? I'll call the question. Barbara Schreck [Anthony Wayne Cat Fanciers; Jazz Cats]: I have a comment. Is there any liability problems with this, or is that a non-issue? E. Raymond: It's a non-issue. DelaBar: We are not covered by CFA insurance when we guest judge for other associations.

# Motion Carried by 2/3.

**DelaBar:** Thank you. We wondered what Donna Jean would do when all those contracts come in, anyway.

# - 10 - Sophisto Cat Club

**RESOLVED:** Amend Show Rules, Article XXV – Invitations to & Acceptances by Judges, Rule 25.05 to read as follows:

25.05 If the judge is willing to accept the invitation, he must send an offer in the form of a signed CFA judging contract in triplicate, or one copy transmitted electronically, containing a provision that this contract is subject to the judge being an authorized CFA judge on the day of the show. This offer must be dated on the date it is mailed eontaining a provision that this contract is subject to the judge being an authorized CFA judge on the day of the show.

**RATIONALE:** In practice, judges have the ability to electronically transmit contracts to clubs and receive signed contracts back from clubs. This is especially useful and time-saving when dealing with overseas clubs and/or judges. This also cuts down on paperwork, saves time and money. The redundant portion of the last sentence is removed.

**Hamza:** You're up again with #10. **Pam DelaBar** [Sophisto Cat Club]: <reads>. That is redundant. This allows a practice that is currently going on, to transmit our contracts electronically to the clubs. It really speeds up the process and just trying to be green. **Hamza:** Any problems? I'll call the question.

Motion Carried by 2/3.

# - 11 - Sophisto Cat Club

**RESOLVED:** If Amendment #10 carries, amend Show Rules, Article XXV – Invitations to & Acceptances by Judges, Rule 25.07 to read as follows:

25.07 A judge who has mailed or electronically transmitted an offer in the form of a signed contract to a club is bound to hold his offer to judge that show open for a period of 15 days from the date of receipt. Unless a signed acceptance in the form of one copy of the contract executed by the club is received by the judge within 15 days, the offer of the judge will be considered to have expired.

**RATIONALE:** Reflect the option to electronically transmit judging contracts.

**Hamza:** #11. **Pam DelaBar** [Sophisto Cat Club]: <reads>. Housekeeping. **Hamza:** Any issues? I'll call the question.

Motion Carried by 2/3.

# - 12 - Sanguine Silver Society

**RESOLVED:** Amend Show Rule, Article XXXVII, NATIONAL/DIVISION/REGIONAL AWARDS PROGRAM, AWARDS, National Awards (Championship), as follows:

#### **National Awards**

Best 25<sup>th</sup> Best Cat Cats in Championship earning 5,000 points\*: Trophy, Rosette. These cats will be ranked Best through xxx. Notwithstanding the above threshold, CFA will award a minimum of Top 25 Cats in Championship.

**RATIONALE:** This encourages exhibitors to continue showing their cat/kitten and obtain national recognition for their cat/kitten beyond the current Top 25. If, for example, 30 cats in Championship earn 5,000 points, CFA will award Top 30 in Championship, but at no point will CFA award fewer than Top 25 awards.

Today we have too many quality cats to limit national recognition to 25 if more than that number can achieve the number of points listed in these Resolutions. These numbers are based on the most recent show seasons.

Hamza: OK, 12. Sanguine Silver Society. Sharon Roy [Damn Yankees Cat Club]: Presenting for Sanguine Silver. <reads> The rationale is that it will allow cats that are getting close but know they may not make the top 25 to continue showing. **Norm Auspitz** [Kentucky Colonels Cat Club]: It would be interesting to know, if we did 5,000 this year, how many more national awards we would have awarded. Monte Phillips [Chartreux International; Cat'n on the Fox]: I wrote the article, and unfortunately I didn't bring it with me. Laurie Coughlan [Global Egyptian Mau Society; Greater Lancaster Feline Fanciers]: I pulled the championship numbers for 2012 and 2013. If we used this threshold in 2012, we would have had 37 national winners in championship, and in 2013 we would have had 34 national winners in championship. We object to this – not to the concept of threshold, because that's not a bad concept – but the level of this threshold would cheapen the national win and would cost us a fortune in additional awards. Hamza: Monte, I didn't mean to cut you off. Phillips: I was going to mention the statistics. Unfortunately, I didn't have the exact numbers with me, but if you go back a few more years, those numbers are good into the 40's and the 50's. Unfortunately, with our current trends, we're probably 5 years away from that being the number that is going to actually be for top 25. My view is, 25 should be 25. Having a cat that finished 26<sup>th</sup>, unfortunately by 37 points, I'm aware of that threshold problem but I live with it. I think everybody else should live with it, too. Hamza: As an organization in its 108<sup>th</sup> year, there's a lot to be said for tradition and the way we do things. Barbara Schreck [Anthony Wayne Cat Fanciers: Jazz Cats]: As a proud breeder/owner and disappointed shower of both the kitten and cat who were 26<sup>th</sup> this year, I would be happy to support this if it were retroactive. However, since I doubt that that will be the case, I have a problem with any kind of number of points being associated with the NW designation. If we wanted to set a number of points for a different label of some sort, that might be appropriate, which would encourage people perhaps to try and reach that, just as we do now for 200 points for grand champion, but to put the NW award at some point which, as Monte very appropriately said, to be a moving target that's not the same every year – it could be more, it could be less,

depending on how many are shown. So, for that reason, unless you're going to go retroactive, I can't support it. **Hamza:** You know what? I'm going to take these 2 and I'm going to call it, because I know where this is going. It's the same place every year. Jack Nichols [Sandhills Cat Club]: And the proud owner of #28 this year. I am really against setting a point threshold, maybe because I can probably attain 5,000 points by the end of December this year, if I really wanted to work on it. And then, what's my incentive to attend a show for the rest of the show season? I think setting a point level is going to hurt show counts, it's going to kill incentive to get out there and show, unless you are like Tom and I are, and battling for somewhere between 30 and 25. So, a point level, I think we do need to increase. Even though tradition is tradition, we have increased our number of competitive cats by bring in Region 9, so we would logically need to increase the number of cats that we recognize as National Winners or CFA winners, but point level I don't think is the way to look at doing it. Maybe we need to go from 25 to 30, and that's a different subject that needs to be brought up in a different game. But, point levels I am against 100%. Jennifer Herr [Cotton States Cat Club; Rebel Rousers Cat Club]: My point was exactly the same, that if you set a point level of 5,000 to get a national win, once a cat reaches that, what's the incentive to continue? So, therefore, I would see the show counts go down, so I was against it for that reason. **Hamza:** I always enjoy the horse race. I always enjoy watching who is coming up behind me and who I was chasing. I don't know, the competition is always fun. But anyway, I'm going to call the question.

Motion Fails.

# - 13 - Sanguine Silver Society

**RESOLVED:** Amend Show Rule, Article XXXVII, NATIONAL/DIVISION/REGIONAL AWARDS PROGRAM, AWARDS, National Awards (Kittens), as follows:

#### **National Awards**

Best 25<sup>th</sup> Best Kitten Kittens earning 2,000 points\*: Trophy, Rosette. These kittens will be ranked Best through xxx. Notwithstanding the above threshold, CFA will award a minimum of Top 25 Kittens.

**RATIONALE:** This encourages exhibitors to continue showing their cat/kitten and obtain national recognition for their cat/kitten beyond the current Top 25. If, for example, 30 cats in Championship earn 5,000 points, CFA will award Top 30 in Championship, but at no point will CFA award fewer than Top 25 awards.

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Hamza: #13. Sharon Roy [Damn Yankees Cat Club]: 13 and 14 are withdrawn.

Withdrawn.

# - 14 - Sanguine Silver Society

**RESOLVED:** Amend Show Rule, Article XXXVII, NATIONAL/DIVISION/REGIONAL AWARDS PROGRAM, AWARDS, National Awards (Premiership), as follows:

#### **National Awards**

Best 25<sup>th</sup> Best Cat in Premiership (Alter) Cats in Premiership earning 2,500 points\*: Trophy, Rosette. These cats will be ranked Best through xxx. Notwithstanding the above threshold, CFA will award a minimum of Top 25 Cats in Premiership.

**RATIONALE:** This encourages exhibitors to continue showing their cat/kitten and obtain national recognition for their cat/kitten beyond the current Top 25. If, for example, 30 cats in Championship earn 5,000 points, CFA will award Top 30 in Championship, but at no point will CFA award fewer than Top 25 awards.

Today we have too many quality cats to limit national recognition to 25 if more than that number can achieve the number of points listed in these Resolutions. These numbers are based on the most recent show seasons.

Withdrawn.

# **Proposed Non-Show Rule Resolutions**

**Hamza:** Now, Proposed Non-Show Rule Resolutions. Non-Show Rule Resolutions must pass by more than 50% and are advisory only.

- 15 - Sophisto Cat Club

**RESOLVED**: Revise the CFA Judging Contract, JUDGE INFO, to read as follows:

# The judge is contracted to judge a(n):

Check box if non-CFA, International Association, HHP or 4-H type shows.

If box is checked, permission must be secured by the judge from the CFA Board prior to accepting and signing contract. (Such assignments may not be taken if judges from other similar U.S. based associations officiate at same show.)

The judge agrees to officiate as a judge, and the club agrees to employ the judge, subject to the approval of the CFA Executive Board (Board), at the above mentioned show. However, should the judge be elected to the Board and the show date(s) coincides with the date(s) of any scheduled meeting of the Board, this contract shall be void.

The club agrees to pay the judge the judging fees and expenses as provided in the CFA Show Rules in effect for this show. The applicable fee is determined by the status of the judge at the time of the signing of his/her contract. Judging fees for overseas non-CFA associations, when applicable, are governed by their rules. The club agrees to send the show flyer, motel information and arrangements on transportation from the airport to the show hotel/motel and from the show hall to the airport after the show. This agreement, in triplicate, is submitted to the club by the judge in response to an invitation by the club. When signed and dated by the judge, this constitutes an offer to officiate as set out herein, and this offer will live for a period of FIFTEEN (15) DAYS\* from the date set opposite for the judge's signature. Unless the club acceepts accepts this offer, and communicates its acceptance-to the judge within FIFTEEN (15) DAYS\* of said date by returning one copy of this agreement executed by the club to the judge, the offer dies and the judge is not obligated further. \*(THIRTY-FIVE (35) DAYS on all CFA International Division and overseas non CFA guest judging assignments.) The validity of this agreement is subject to the condition that, on the opening day of said show, the judge is a CFA judge licensed to officiate for the type of show mentioned above.

The club must mail the yellow copy of this <u>agreement</u> (or one copy of an electronically <u>transmitted contract</u>) to the Central Office together with the show license application for said show.

IMPORTANT: Club to check box, if appropriate.

The Judge IS NOT authorized to purchase a reduced fare coach class ticket that may be non-refundable.

International Division shows: Judges contracted to judge shows in the International Division are required to receive negotiable payment for airline tickets, prior to ticket being issued, from the licensed contracted club in advance of the show. By signing below, both the judge and the club understand and agree to the provisions regarding air fare outlined in the CFA Show Rules.

Signature of Judge	Date	
Signature of Club Officer	Date	

Distribution when completed: White copy—JUDGE; Yellow copy & Pink copy—CLUB (yellow copy submitted with show license). One copy of an electronically transmitted judging contract is to be sent as above.

Overseas guest judging assignments: Judge must send a copy of signed contract to the Central Office.

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**RATIONALE:** Makes necessary corrections to the CFA Judging Contract to reflect change in not requiring to use for guest assignments with foreign associations, corrects a spelling error, and reflects change in acceptance of electronically transmitted judging contracts. Additionally, the requirement for a judge to "vet" the other invited judges for a show hosted by a foreign association was removed several years ago and was to have been removed from the judging contract.

Hamza: #15, that would be Pam. Pam DelaBar [Sophisto Cat Club]: The people back here have been wondering how dark it does get in Finland in the Winter. Enough to sit down and go through the Show Rules. We are really quite busy in Finland shoveling snow and shoveling snow. The reason that I brought this up is, we have been trying to get the judging contract tidied up. One, since we no longer have to submit a judging contract hopefully, if the board ratifies the resolution that carried today, to take away the international association and to reflect where we would have to get permission to do the show if an ACFA judge or TICA judge was also judging for that foreign association. Now, I can tell you in 1996 that the board withdrew this policy, and if I can just very quickly read you a statement that was made: *Policy regulations are not written* into the Judging Program or Show Rules but are on the books and have been in force. The remaining policy on the books is one that is difficult to monitor by either judges or myself. It says our CFA judges can't judge for any club abroad if non-CFA guest judges from the United States would also be officiating. What sometimes happens, our CFA judges are sometimes invited to judge these shows years in advance and are granted permission by the board. Then, one or more of the contracted CFA judges may cancel, leaving the remaining contracted CFA judges hanging out to dry if the club replaces the canceled CFA judges with other US-based non-CFA judges. The bottom line is, what difference does it make if our CFA judges guest judge and they work alongside other judges licensed by one of the other US associations? We allow our CFA judges to guest judge with FIFe and other independent registries around the world. Our judges are

ambassadors of CFA and when they shine, CFA shines. It should be the goal of CFA, through its Judging Program panel, to create good will throughout the world for cats and not policies. I feel the rule is outdated and should be dropped, and I am so requesting this at this October 1996 board meeting. Everett moved to drop the restrictions to the international judging policy, as outlined above. Motion carried. We need to tidy up the judging contract. The other thing is, I just corrected a spelling error on this, but I just ask approval. Let's get this done to reflect what actually is going on in CFA with our Judging Program. Hamza: Anybody have any comments? OK, I'll call the question.

Motion Carried by greater than 50%.

#### - 16 - Lilac Point Fanciers

**RESOLVED**: For those areas where clubs now pay a \$2 surcharge on entries, the board will set a date to reduce the surcharge to \$1.

**RATIONALE**: Prior to August 2010, all clubs in the 8 regions had a \$1 surcharge, excluding Canada, Hawaii and the International Division; 50 cents went to the club's region and 50 cents to CFA. At their August 2010 meeting, the board increased the surcharge to \$2 for those clubs where it was already \$1 (with 50 cents going to the region and \$1.50 to CFA), and added a \$1 surcharge to clubs in Hawaii, Canada, and the ID. This is show rule 16.10 k. The rationale used by the board as stated in the transcript of their August 19, 2010, conference call was:

"The proposal is to increase the surcharge to \$2 for most shows. The additional \$1.00 per entry will be used to meet CFA budget shortfall, including Board meeting expenses. The clubs in the ID, Canada and Hawaii will still be exempted from the original surcharge but will be subject to the new fee. (So the ID, Canada and HI pay \$1 instead of \$2). Regions will continue to receive \$0.50 per entry for shows in their Region and will not share in the increase."

By levying this tax on entries, the board put the burden for covering CFA's shortfall on the show producing clubs. This "budget shortfall" was to be temporary, and we were all led to believe this surcharge increase was absolutely necessary to stave off impending doom and would be temporary. Now some on the board have changed their reasoning for keeping the surcharge by claiming that the clubs should be paying more of CO's costs, and that there is sponsorship money to help with shows. This "redistribution of wealth" scheme is a flawed approach to solving the needs of the clubs with our decreasing entries and rising costs. The surcharge was never supposed to be a tax that would turn into sponsorship money that only some clubs would get. When CFA can throw \$50,000 into the sponsorship fund and lose \$30,000 on the World show, clearly, the days of the "budget shortfall" are over.

It is hoped that by presenting this non-binding resolution, the clubs at the annual can have a discussion with the board to let them know our opinion of this tax in the hopes that the board will set a date to end it, or come up with some other reasonable alternative that does not oppress the show producing who are not in any financial position to assume CFA's budgetary needs.

Hamza: Next is Lilac Point Fanciers. Mary Kolencik [Lilac Point Fanciers; United Colorpoint Shorthair Fanciers]: Maybe this time I will be Siamese Alliance. Oh, United Colorpoint Shorthair Fanciers. Earlier today, during the Treasurer's Report, our President expressed his displeasure with this proposal, even before it was presented. He said, and I quote, "You can't come here and second guess us," unquote, and ask the question of people we elect. Let that sink in for a minute, what you said. We can't come here and ask questions of the people we elect to the board, and to that I say, oh yes, we can. Hamza: We know you can. Kolencik: That is exactly why we have this meeting. Hamza: I know, I know. Go ahead. Kolencik: OK. So, Jerry, you asked Carla to present the costs for each show for CFA because of this proposal. A few months ago, I asked Carla for that very information and I never got it. It was only after putting this proposal forward that I got to see those numbers. So, it's not inappropriate for us to

ask these things. Sometimes, it's the only way we can get the information. This proposal is a request for the board to set a date – not end it now – it's to set a date for when the extra dollar surcharge that was added to entries in August 2010 that was supposed to cover a budget shortfall. It was passed by the board in August 2010. All we are asking is a date, a reasonable date, for when we can expect this tax to end. When this extra surcharge was passed by the board, we were led to believe that the situation for CFA was so dire, and this was absolutely necessary to stave off disaster, and I believe it was. But the rationale for this extra surcharge was not to cover the cost for CFA to manage shows. I read the transcripts when this was discussed. You know I read those transcripts religiously. Those words were never in there. Other people on the board, because I read the transcripts religiously, I have seen this brought up by other people on the board and it is always shot down. So, I'm bringing it here for us to discuss, because we need you to listen to us. You can say no, but we get to express our opinions. Hamza: You're right, and we do listen, and I will explain. Kolencik: OK. Hamza: To be fair – Kolencik: Wait, wait. Can I please finish? Hamza: You never finish. Kolencik: The model that we have operated on for over 100 years in this association is that the clubs hold shows that attract people to the fancy to purchase registrations, and that funds CFA. It is CFA's cost of doing business to support these shows. When the clubs can no longer afford to have shows, then CFA itself is going to have to put on these shows. We are down to an average entry size for our shows, and as Monte said, it declines every year. We are down to the average entry size of 150 per show. I went to his statistics article, and over the past 10 years we have seen a 48% - not 48%, I'm sorry. A nearly 40% decline in entries over those 10 years. We lose shows every year because these shows can no longer make even a small profit. The show sponsorship program, to which CFA chipped in \$50,000, that's a redistribution of wealth scheme that isn't helping us. There are no published criteria for who gets what amount of money. How many of you know who got what money? There's no published criteria, we have no idea how decisions are made, why one show this Summer is getting \$5,000 while others only get \$500. We don't know how it's picked, who gets what. The money comes with strings. So, you do get \$500, you're supposed to spend that on displays for the sponsor and advertising, and in some areas the affordable advertising doesn't work, because there's just no more gate to get. Some of us have clubs out in the back woods of Pennsyltucky, Pennsylvania, and there's nobody to get. So, we spend \$500 on an ad that doesn't bring us in anything. Why? That doesn't help us, and if all 300 shows per year ask for this money, you don't have enough money to give all of us \$500. Today, we heard all this good news that CFA has over a million dollars in the bank, made a profit of over \$200,000 last year, and all this info about how great things are – but, oh wait, we have to be conservative because we don't know how long it will last. Well, if you lower the surcharge and things get as bad again as they were in 2010, then you can just put it back. Or perhaps you can put the burden on the paper clubs, too. [applause] **Hamza:** Mary? **Kolencik:** I'm not done. **Hamza:** You're never done. Kolencik: No. This surcharge, this burden is only being put on the show-producing clubs, not the paper clubs. Our entries don't show any sign of increasing. If this keeps going this way, CFA is going to have to be putting on their own shows and surcharging yourselves.

**Hamza:** Mary, does Lilac Point Fanciers put on a show? **Kolencik:** No. **Hamza:** Oh, OK. I wanted to ask. Now I'm going to talk. **Kolencik:** Would you like – **Hamza:** I'm going to talk, Mary. So, it's my turn. **Kolencik:** Does Robert's Rules of Order allow the Chair to talk? **Hamza:** Can I talk? You know, you made these questions and I want to answer them. First of all,

I want to defend Carla. You asked her maybe months ago why she didn't have these numbers for you immediately when you asked for them. Carla has other jobs besides Treasurer of CFA. Carla puts a tremendous amount of work into CFA. I can't remember the last time a treasurer put the amount of work that Carla puts into CFA. [applause] And, when we asked for the dollar surcharge, at that time we thought we would be able to give it back. And, whether you get this back or not, I'm not going to be President. So, I'm going to tell it to you straight, because you need to hear things straight, whether the rhetoric is what you want to hear or not. Think about your own personal lives the last 3 years. Think about what prices have gone up in your own personal lives the last 3 years. Think about gasoline. Think about hotel bills. Think about your show hall bills. Think about insurances. Think about everything. Well, those prices have increased in CFA. If CFA gives you that dollar back, we're going to have to raise it somewhere else. This isn't us against you, this is all us. I've been trying to say that to you for 3 years. This is your business. It's not my money. I don't take it out at the end of the day, it's your money. We showed you how shows are a loss leader. CFA is yours. You can do what you want with it. You can decide that there's no money that you have to pay for a show license, but then you have to suffer the ramifications of that decision. You know, we need to have a business mindset, and in a way we need to understand what that is. The fair thing about the surcharge is, it goes to where the loss is – it's at show production, and it doesn't cover the whole loss. What Carla demonstrated, and that doesn't show the whole picture because when we go to insurances, there's even a bigger disparity, but we've held off on raising the prices. Now, I can tell you something else here very simply. It doesn't matter who comes after me, they're going to have to raise prices. It's what happens. How can you expect your business to be any different than what happens in your life? You have to think about it. You know, you talk about declining counts in show halls. We know why and you know why. We've done the analysis. It costs minimally – think of what it costs you to go out and show your cats for the weekend. Can you get out on a weekend for less than \$500, between your entries and your hotel and gasoline? What family, what household can afford to show every weekend at the tune of between \$2,000 and \$3,000 a weekend. We have to change our business plan. You can't just say, "this is why", we know why. We have to accept a new paradigm and work our business out within that paradigm. And to say that – it's not us against them, it's only us. There's only us chickens here. We're going to have to pay the cost of our business. You can look at this any way you want. It doesn't matter. Things are going to cost a certain amount of money and we're going to have to pay for it. I'm going to call the motion on this vote, but I can tell you that I took an oath. I took an oath to protect CFA, and so when I go to uphold my oath, I'm going to do the best I can, and if that means that I have to raise prices, then I will. I already told you I'm not going to run again. We have struggled mightily to keep our prices in check. I want you to vote that you want the surcharge back. We know that, but reality and what you want aren't always going to be the same thing. I've been saying here for 3 years, this is your business. I want you to treat it like your business. So, I'm going to call the question because it's late and we have important business to get to. The next question is important to CFA.

**Lisa Kuta** [Cornish Rex Breed Club; Lucky Penny Cat Club]: And this is important, too. I have a quick comment. **Hamza:** OK, go ahead. **Kuta:** Thank you. You say you have to have a business-minded way of doing it. We are very lucky that our hobby is something that's also very interesting to the public, and one thing that we have not been able to capture as an organization is doing data-driven marketing. I am the sole business analyst for a \$1.3 billion product line at my

work, so I have some idea of what I'm talking about. One thing I've done – we're lucky, we're in a major area where I am in Region 5. We can do things like figure out how much per it costs us, per gate person to get into the gate, how much that costs us, and if it's going to cost over \$1.25 I'm not going to do it because there's no profit in there. We need to have more programs like that in working with our sponsors, because if I were one of our sponsors, I would want to be seeing some of that, too, and I think we could really open up to more sponsorships and lower our costs. Not many people really get to have a subsidized hobby, and I think we could really build on that with some of that, and it's not necessarily with – maybe we can lower these surcharges. I know if the surcharges were less and some other things, we could get those entry fees down. I can't really do a show in my region and have an average price of less than \$42 across all the entries, so I can't make those 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> entries a lot lower, which would be great. I know that does bring in more people, because people will bring a kitten or premier or whatnot that they wouldn't normally, or have their pet people come and show a cat with them that they co-own. So, we need to be able to work on stuff like that. Maybe it costs a little money in the long run, but it's smart money and it's trackable. So, if something doesn't work, we need to know why it didn't work, how much it cost when it didn't work, and I'm seeing that with the sponsorship programs, that some stuff, oh wow, this is kind of black hole money. If I were the sponsor, I would be following up and saying, "how many people picked up a bag of food" or something like that, like with Iams money. We're not seeing any of that, and I think we have enough professionals in this marketing area in this organization to really help that and lower our fees. Laurie Coughlan [Greater Lancaster Feline Fanciers]: With all respect to all the opinions here, I sense that everyone wants the best for CFA. People have different ideas in what is going to be the best way to approach it and what I'm sensing on this surcharge thing is that, great gratitude for the sponsorships, but every club is paying the price of the declining entries and not enough gate to make up the difference. It will be more beneficial to the clubs to remove the surcharge and have less allocated to the sponsorships, because removing the surcharge helps every show-producing club; whereas, the sponsorships for which we are very grateful only help those who receive them. So, I don't think that people saying, "remove the surcharge" are saying CFA doesn't need to provide. **Hamza:** The sponsorships come from – most of them come from our sponsors, and they direct how they want that money spent. So, you know, I can't tell the sponsors how to spend their sponsorship. Jack, and then I'm going to call the motion. **Jack Nichols** [Sandhills Cat Club]: Jerry, hang on to the podium. I actually support Jerry in this. CFA does need this revenue, but I think the surcharge may be not only a touchy area, but an area that we need to look at as a wrong source of revenue. Maybe we need to shift it, like looking at club licensing fees and increasing those. Paper clubs don't contribute on an annual basis through the surcharge, but paper clubs, if they are going to exist, they ought to support CFA on an annual basis. So let them pay some of the club fees and maybe we can afford to drop that. Maybe Jerry needs to appoint a committee of club members or clubs to look at some of these other options and present this to the board, and maybe we can get rid of that \$1 fee, but we definitely do need that revenue. It needs to come from someplace. Hamza: Just so you know, our hands are tied in raising some fees. We discuss things at the board level, and it's more complicate than you think. We would love to just be able to move certain things around, but we have limitations that are built into the Constitution, so you really have to give this board a lot of credit. We struggle all the time with doing the right thing. You know, I'm just going to call the motion.

**Kolencik:** Point of order. According to Robert's Rules, I get the last word on this. **Hamza:** Go ahead, Mary. **Kolencik:** I just want to say that I have nothing against Carla. I know Carla was busy, and she didn't give me the data because she didn't have time, and that's fine. I like Carla, I don't have a problem with Carla, but for you to call this proposal out and throw that information up there without the courtesy of giving it to me when I had asked for it so that I could be prepared for it, that is what is not fair. **Hamza:** I'm calling the question.

**Motion Failed.** 

#### - 17 -CFA Executive Board

**RESOLVED**: Revise the CFA policy regarding "The Breeding of Domestic and Non-Domestic Cats" as follows:

The Cat Fanciers' Association, Inc., does not encourage or promote the breeding of non-domestic (wild) cats of any species to any domesticated cats. Furthermore, The Cat Fanciers' Association, Inc. will not consider for registration the offspring of such a breeding.

**RATIONALE:** Current CFA policy prohibits registration of any cats produced by breeding domestic cats with any wild cat species. Some wild-domestic hybrid breeds, such as the Bengal, have become popular throughout the world. This resolution would **not** require acceptance of any particular breed in CFA nor change show rules prohibiting their entry. Rather, this will allow the Board of Directors to consider under what conditions, if any, these cats could be eligible for registration in CFA.

Hamza: Next, and I want to preface this one, because this has the potential to get out of hand. Hear me out on this, because it shouldn't. It was brought here with the right intentions. It didn't have to come here. The board has every right to discuss this in the interest of this organization. This is an issue, as an organization, that we are going to have to confront. It's not going to go away. We can pretend it doesn't exist, but it's not going to go away. This board deserves a lot of credit, because it's taking on tough issues. In its willingness to take on a tough issue, it recognized something very important; it recognized that you are the ownership and that we didn't want to do anything without bringing it to you first. We knew that this is very important to CFA, and we knew that we needed to know how you felt about this. Now, having said that, I want to keep this very narrow, because what this isn't – what this isn't – Now hear me, this isn't about whether we are going to accept Bengals or whether we are going to accept wild blood. That isn't what this is about. This is simply about whether you want the CFA board to look at this question. The question is simply this; we know that now worldwide somewhere between 70,000 and 90,000 Bengals are registered in other associations. We know that we are the only major association that isn't doing this. We are a registering body of cats. This is a philosophical question. We should be looking into what our stance is. The question here is, should we look into what our stance is? The answer may be no, but as a board we don't feel comfortable going forward to look into the question, because we know that this has been a big issue with us, without getting your OK for us to look at this question. So, when we discuss this, I want to keep it very narrow. The question is, should the CFA board look at this question? The question isn't, should CFA accept these cats? That isn't the question. The question is, should we look at what we should do with these cats? Again, that doesn't mean the answer is yes, it doesn't mean the answer is no. It just means, should we take the initial step to see if there's something there for us. I know it's a hotly debated issue, and this is where we really need to appreciate each other and respect one another. We're probably not all going to agree. I know there's going to be two points of view in this room, and at the end of the day, at some point I am going to have to call the question and we are just going to have to accept the vote and say, "This is what we decided as an organization. It's not the end of the world, and we're going to go on with life." It's simply an answer to the question, do we look at this question? It's only the beginning. Like I said

to you, it's not going to go away. In a lot of ways, it's the 700 pound gorilla in the room, and we do ourselves no service ignoring it. So, again, this is your board respecting your wishes. We knew we had to look at this, and we want to know what you want. So, this comes from the executive board. Please come forward with as little emotionality and with as much intellect as you can, and let's discuss this.

Pat Jacobberger [No Dogs Allowed]: With all due respect, what's presented to us is the policy that was set back several years ago with regards to the acceptance and registration of animals that had a non-domestic cat behind them, and what's crossed off here is, Furthermore, The Cat Fanciers' Association, Inc. will not consider for registration the offspring of such a breeding. So, to me, what we are talking about here is, are we going to register Bengals or not? That said, I have to say, we are a registering body and, frankly, my opinion is that we should be registering everything with 4 feet and a tail – or maybe not a tail. [laughter] Sorry Manx and Bobtail people. We should be looking at registering every single kind of cat that exists on the face of the Earth. That said, there are 70,000 or 80,000 Bengals in the world? Is that what I heard you say? **Hamza:** The best we can tell, over 70,000 Bengals have been registered in other associations. Jacobberger: After the way we have treated these people all these years, what makes us think they are all going to be ready to lick the stamp on their registrations and send them to Alliance, Ohio? Hamza: I don't think they are going to lick the stamp. Jacobberger: No, or press the "enter" key on their computer keyboard. I mean, you know, we haven't been very kind to this group of people. Frankly, I have handled these cats in other associations around the world. They are amazing animals. I was on the board – in fact, I helped craft the wording of this policy when I sat on the board for my brief 2-year experience. At that time, I felt very strongly about it, and today I feel less strongly about it, and I'm not really sure why, but I do believe that we should be registering all cats, whether they are domestic hybrid or not. It's our business. It's our core business. It's what we're about.

**Jack Nichols** [Sandhills Cat Club]: My understanding of where you are going with this, Jerry, is you want to develop, for lack of better words, a business plan looking at the Bengals to see whether or not this could be a profitable, successful move for CFA. We're not saying anything about actually doing it, we're not saving anything about actually bringing them in the show hall, we're just looking at this as a proposal, possibly developing a business plan and then looking at the business plan to see if its profitable or not profitable. Am I correct in that? Hamza: What we're looking at is what has happened, and Patty echoed some of it, is that we've come into things further down the line. We have CFA judges who have guest judged in other associations. We have some peripheral experience. We have exhibitors who show in other associations. We have peripheral experience that tells us that maybe all the stories we've heard in the past aren't entirely true, and that we also know that there's enough people in CFA that we once had this policy with no tolerance, and maybe it's time we reconsider. One of the other things we do know, and I'll just say it, we know that in the future there is going to be a consolidation of the cat fancies. The way the world is shaping up, and you see it in other businesses, things will consolidate. You can see that in some years, there's probably enough business to go around, to support one or two fancies. One of the things that's going to happen is, those fancies that have positioned themselves to be successful are going to be the ones left standing. In that philosophy, CFA has to make sure that they position themselves that way. Patty

has a really excellent point; our core business is the registration of cats – all cats. So, how can we ignore a whole segment of cats that has, by some accounts, over 100,000. Then there's a whole other philosophy. It's a moral philosophy. You talk about morality, you talk about the wild blood, and you talk about whether it's right or wrong. I have always been of the mind that it was wrong. For a long time, I was opposed to this, but you have to be pragmatic at some point. Now, we're looking at 100,000 of these cats in the world. You can't affect the outcome of things if you're not involved. So, we're an influential organization. The only way we can affect the moral outcome is to be involved. If we can say, alright, maybe we should be involved in this, but no more wild blood. It is what it is right now, maybe we accept F5, F6 or F7. I don't know what it is. That's for opening the door and opening your eyes and doing research, and saying whatever has been done is done. It's a spilled milk concept. We can't change the past, but we can affect the future on a positive basis. That's one way of looking at things. This has been a struggle for all of us, including me. I'm not exactly sure where I sit on all of this, either. From a business standpoint, I can see it. We've got to do something about it. It's not going to go away. They are here for good, and I think it's important for us to come up with some sort of ground that we can live on. Nichols: But Jerry, I see no problem obtaining your goal without doing #17. You say you just want to look and see where we're going and what's out there and what's available, and you can do that without #17. We can do a business plan, we can study it, we can see how many registrations are available, and then come back next year and present to this wonderful body, "we studied this and there's 120,000 cats out there, that we can probably register 20,000 of them at this price, and is this body interested in doing it?" We don't have to do this, this year – to study it. Hamza: Jack, to be honest with you, this is what the board wanted, because they didn't even want to go forward with this without getting the blessing of the ownership. Nichols: I think a resolution from this body to give the board permission to study without changing our policy, gives the board the blessings, and it does not compromise CFA's stand. Hamza: We would probably accept that just as well, but we have a lot of people lined up. We want to hear you. Now I've lost track of where everybody is, so I'm just going to go one at a time.

**Carol Johnson** [Americans West]: The way I read this is that there is no registration of the offspring of a wild and a domestic cat. There is nothing that limits the registration of the progeny. So, as it stands today, I see nothing in the way it's written that would limit anything other than limit the registration to F1's. Now, am I wrong on that? So, the question I have is, do we need the resolution to get what you need, or can we get it a different way? **Hamza:** This is the resolution the board put together. Like I said, something could come from the floor.

**Monte Phillips** [Chartreux International; Cat'n on the Fox]: I just wanted to make a point again that I support Patty and I would go even further than that. I would like to register every frigging cat in the world. I don't care where they live – Africa, here or wherever – lions, tigers, you name it.

**Sonja Moscoffian** [Wild Blue Yonder Cat Fanciers]: We are here to discuss the wild hybrid, it's role and possible acceptance into CFA. If CFA accepts the Bengals as a domestic cat and without a definition of what CFA considers a domestic cat, we're opening the door for all wild hybrids. The show rules say, in Household Pet competition, that wild cats or wild catdomestic cat hybrid crosses are not eligible for entry. Also, in the show management responsibilities, No animals other than domestic felines shall be allowed in show halls, with the

exception of certified assistance animals. My opinion and others is that breeding wild cats to domestic cats is wrong and should be discouraged, as the policy of CFA says. Bengal, Bristol, Caracat, Chausie, Harbari, Jambi, Jungle, Jungle Bob, Jungle Curl, Mandalan Jaguar, Pantherette, Safari, and Savannah – these are domestic-wildcat hybrids, with several being additional crosses between Bengal and other wild cats. I do not consider that the majority of these "breeds" will ever exist as a pedigreed cat, and is only a selling ploy for people to make money, like the dog hybrid craze seen in the 70's and 80's. The question is, the fact that Bengal breeders continue to breed to Asian Leopard Cats constitute the Bengal actually being a domestic cat? Approximately 39 ALCs have been used in the Bengal program, as opposed to the 3 or 4 mentioned in Bengal history. Jean Mill stated that she felt the Bengal had surpassed the ALC in terms of looks, and that breeding animals back to the ALC was actually a retrograde step and no longer necessary. With some research, I found that at least 13 Bengal breeders in the state of Ohio (since that's the home base to CFA) with at least 5 listed using or producing F1s, which are first generation of Asian Leopard Cat and Bengal. If the Bengal is to be considered for entry into CFA, we should ask ourselves if, as a breed, it can maintain itself without breeding back to the Asian Leopard Cat. 30 years after its inception, can it show multiple generations away from the Asian Leopard Cat? Since most objections to allowing Bengals into CFA hinge on the moral issue of wild to domestic breedings, should CFA not be the one organization to try and discourage the practice? **Hamza:** OK, Pam. **Moscoffian:** This is a recent statement of – **Hamza:** Sorry, I thought you were finished. **Moscoffian:** This is a recent statement of Lorraine Shelton: If both cat registries in the U.S. are considered (CFA and TICA) Bengals are the second most popular breed and Savannahs are the 8<sup>th</sup>, with 150% of the number of Siamese cats registered. Again, if it has to do with popularity, does this mean that CFA will allow the Savannah in also? Don't let CFA be part of the problem, but part of the solution. If the board decides to allow Bengals, let CFA take the steps to eliminate the breeding of ALCs to domestic cats. Accepting Bengals at a later generation will show we still think it's wrong to breed wild cats to domestic, but allow breeders to continue with their non-wild breedings.

**Pam DelaBar** [Sophisto Cat Club]: As you all know, for many years I was very violently against hybrid cats. I have studied the Bengals – I am going to address the Bengals, Jerry. That's the gorilla in the room. In looking at the history of the Bengal, Jean Mill was not successful at first in breeding the Bengal back in the 1960's. The Bengal was actually developed by Dr. Centerwall at Loma Linda, California. The Asian Leopard Cat has a natural immunity to Feline Leukemia and he was trying to breed the Asian Leopard Cat to domestic cats, to bring that attribute genetically into domestic cats, to remove Feline Leukemia. He stopped his research after successfully breeding Bengal cats – they weren't called Bengals then, but he was successful in a breeding program. He stopped his research when a Leukemia test was developed. Jean Mill took several of these cats and went on to develop the Bengal. I have talked extensively to Leslie Lyons about the genetics of the Bengal. Her team has now developed a test for F1 and F2. If we want to make sure that none of these cats coming in bred back to the ALCs, we can demand, or the board can put that policy or stipulation on, that that test must be run. Most of the associations in the world – actually, 8 of the 9 associations in the World Cat Congress – accept the Bengal, but except for one they accept it at F6 or higher level. I have handled these cats for 13 years as a guest judge. I have had absolutely no problems in the ring judging the Bengal cats. I hope that the board will look at this question, make a decision based on fact and not on emotion.

**Sue Robbins** [Delaware River Cat Club]: And a proud Tonkinese breeder. So, this kind of harps back in a way to 1984 and prior, so I'm not here to throw stones. What Jerry is asking us to do is to allow the board to discuss this. He is not saying what the parameters are going to be. He is opening the door to permit the board to discuss the question which, right now, the board cannot legally do. That is what this resolution addresses. It gives the board permission to discuss the question. What the parameters that the board ultimately decides to put in place, if it so chooses to go ahead and register or potentially register breeds with wild cat parentage, and what kind of generational restrictions need to be on these cats, or not, is entirely different from what this resolution is requesting. All this resolution is requesting is that the board can legally discuss the issue. Thank you.

Carissa Altschul [Hugger Mugger Feline Society; Land of Oz Cat Club]: I'm not going to mince words here. This is not something simple. A yes or no vote here is, yes or no to wild blood. I can tell you, the board will – if it passes the delegation – it is going to pass the board. They want your blessing, and I do appreciate that the board chose to come to the delegation, because actually they can discuss this without coming to the delegation. It is a policy. The board can set aside any policy it feels like at any time, as some of us have found out. I would also like to address the issue about the fact that we are a registering body. This is true, but we don't go around and register dogs and birds and other things that are not what we are concerned with. Many of us find it morally reprehensible to take a domestic cat and put it with a wild cat, with a chance that that domestic cat will be killed, eaten or mauled. I'm sorry, it happens and they try to hide it, because it is ugly. I want you to imagine for a moment your favorite female cat. I don't care what breed she is, your favorite female cat. Would you put her in a room in a cage with an Asian Leopard Cat or any other wild breed on the chance that she might be killed, eaten or mauled by that cat? Would you find that OK? Because if you say yes to wild blood cats, you are saying yes it is OK for domestic females to be killed, eaten or mauled by wild blood for the sake of a beautiful cat. We have many beautiful breeds in CFA. This is not about the beauty or the ability to be handled. CFA made a profit this year without accepting or compromising our morals. We can continue to do so. There is nothing that says we are going to have to merge with other associations in the future. We are competing with those associations. If, in the end, we win then we win. I am asking that this delegation not compromise 108 years of tradition, as our President said earlier. Do not compromise 108 years of tradition for the sake of a pretty cat.

Carolyn Osier [Los Colores Cat Club]: I'm sure that our discussion in our club meeting was mirrored by a lot of other clubs. We really came to two kind of separate things that we would like the board to consider. The first is, we are very much opposed to the use of wild cats to create new breeds for which a lot of money can be charged. So, we are very much afraid that if we open the door, then we're going to have Chausies and all the rest of them coming through. So, we do request that the board maintain this policy of non-acceptance of wild cat crosses. But, we also talked about the fact that all of our breeds at one time or another could have been considered wild cats if you look at them long enough. So, maybe what we need to do is, take a look at that definition; when does a cat that came from a wild cross become a domestic cat that we would accept? So, those are the two things that we would like the board to consider.

**Shirley Hess** [Crow Canyon Cat Club]: This discussion is fascinating, both for the morality of wild crosses at all, and the question of whether CFA should, could, will, can accept

them. However, if we step back, take a deep breath and focus, that's not what's here, that's not what this proposal is about. It just states that once that crossed-out line disappears, it still says *The Cat Fanciers' Association, Inc. does not encourage or promote the breeding of non-domestic wild cats of any species to any domesticated cats.* That's all it says. That's all we're voting on, and we could spend hours on the other questions, and I would love to because I haven't made up my mind, but that's not what this is about. **Hamza:** Let me say this. The people standing are the last people that I'm going to take questions from. We want to go home. Again, the board is not going to ramrod cats through. The board is not going to develop policies. We just want to take a look at what we can do, what might be a direction. Nothing is going to happen without coming here first. Nothing is going to happen quickly. The quickest case scenario, anything that does happen is going to take years. This is not going to be a fast process. This is going to take a lot, and that's why we're here. This is going to take a lot of research and a lot of ideology and a lot of soul searching, and something that has to fit in with CFA. We have a standard that we hold ourselves to, so whatever we come up with and whatever moves forward is going to have to fit in with the CFA way.

Tracy Bayarena [Penn-Jersey Cat Fanciers; Stars & Stripes Tabby & Tortie]: Many of you have been showing your cats a lot longer than I have, and maybe some of you less. I started showing Persians in CFA exclusively in 2001, and since that time I have seen CFA change into an organization that is barely recognizable from the one I originally joined. I decided this year to attend the Annual as a delegate, not because I have a national award, but because I am dissatisfied with the direction CFA has taken over the recent years, and I decided I would like to do something about that. I chose to show only in CFA because of the differences it has with other cat organizations. The differences I believe make CFA superior to all of those other cat organizations, and little by little those differences have been taken away. CFA is slowly becoming like those other cat organizations. While this proposal does not specifically bring to CFA wild hybrids, it does open the door. In my opinion, once a door has been opened, eventually something is going to go through it.

Mary Kolencik [Lilac Point Fanciers]: For many years, I was opposed to the idea of accepting Bengals. I mean, I was rabidly opposed, like some of you are. I thought it was wrong to accept these cats. Then, I met a Bengal breeder. We were testifying before a DC committee about some legislative issue. And, you know, a couple of us got together and had lunch, and then we started going to the no-kill conferences together. She is a Bengal breeder, and I started talking to her about breeding cats. We talked about all the different things, and we had a lot in common. She loves her cats just as much as I do. I got to handle her kittens at one point. They were just the most darling little things. If we ever do accept these, I want a pointed Bengal really bad. So, after talking with her and finding out that she was just the same kind of cat breeder as I was, I kind of started to question my beliefs on this. As many of you know me, I don't change my mind very often. I'm a bleeding heart liberal. I'm sorry, I vote democrat all the time, bleeding heart liberal. I just have a real problem with one person putting their moral judgment on another. I have a real issue with that, and so I started to think this person, the only difference between us is, I think it's immoral to breed these cats and she thinks it's moral. What is CFA doing in the middle of this argument? We are a registering body, as Patty said. Why are we deciding the morals of other people? I no longer have a problem with these cats, because I realize that I was applying the wrong standard to this. We're not in the business of being the world's police on breeding cats.

We're just supposed to register the cats. There's no reason that if we accepted Bengals, that we're going to accept everything that comes down the pike. OK, that's what people say about some of the heinous prejudicial laws that get passed. Like, "oh, if we overturn this, then we're going to start having" – what's the word for multiple wives? **Hamza:** Polygamy. **Kolencik:** Polygamy. We're going to have polygamy. This is just silly. Just because we accept Bengals doesn't mean we're going to accept everything else that comes down the pike. We have to stop thinking about that, OK? This is the prerogative of the board. Them coming to us to ask us about this is miraculous, because according to the CFA Constitution, they board gets to make all the decisions on the acceptance of breeds. We don't have a voice in that. That they're asking us that is amazing, but I've got to say, we've got to get out of the morality business. Otherwise, we're not going to have cat breeders left. There are many people who think everybody in this room is immoral for breeding cats, and we if we go down that road ourselves, it's just wrong. **Hamza:** Beer doesn't lead to heroine. I just wanted to mention that.

**Bob Zenda** [Nishi Nihon Cat Club; Ameridream Cat Club]: I would like to address this from a personal experience standpoint. I've been privileged for the first 26 years I stood behind the judging table in ACFA, I handled and judged many breeds that were not recognized by CFA. I never was scratched, never was bitten and enjoyed the entire experience. In the last 15 years that I have judged for CFA, I have been privileged to be able to guest judge in Australia, in Russia, in Bulgaria, in Europe and in Thailand, and I've also handled many of these breeds, including the one that seems to be the subject of discussion here today. What I can tell you is that they purr, they prance, they cuddle. They're cats. We are about cats, and we ought to be accepting all cats.

Ronna Colilla [Mid-Ohio Cat Fanciers; Long Island Cat Club]: I, like Mary, was very much against the Bengals. Tomorrow night, Cheryl Coleman will be presenting me with a 30 year pin for clerking services to CFA. That is more than half my life I have been devoted to the Clerking Program. When I first started clerking, I used to have to call the Birmans up by themselves and put them in behind the judge. I used to have to call the Russian Blues up by themselves and put them behind the judge. I wasn't allowed to bring Somalis up with the Tonkinese, because ooh, Tonkinese don't like red cats. Maine Coons also had a very bad reputation. Thank God we didn't banish these breeds and these breeders. Thank God for responsible breeders who worked to improve the personality of their breeds and the dispositions. Last September, as a reporter, I went to a TICA show and I met up with an old friend of mine. For those of you who have been in the cat fancy for under 2 decades, you have no idea who this is. Marianne Byrne was a Persian breeder for 37 years in the cat fancy, exclusively CFA. She bred 9 Midas cattery DMs. I texted her this morning and said, "Marianne," because she fell in love with Bengals and deserted us, I said, "if CFA approves Bengals someday, will you come back?" She answered me, "absolutely". That's a lot of entry fees that we've lost. That is a person, a family member, that we lost because she fell in love with a breed of cat. I handled her cat. Not a problem. She asked me, because she has disabilities, if I would help her show. I said, "Well, I've kind of gotten John in a little bit of trouble. I don't think I should be the one to do it, but Bethany doesn't live in my house, so why doesn't Bethany do it?" Bethany stills 10 fingers, 2 arms and not a scratch on her. The cat was fine. Not a single Bengal in that show was upset. I changed my mind, like Mary, because I had a first-hand experience. I'm for this.

**Joan Miller** [Torrey Pines Cat Club]: Once upon a time, I was on the CFA board and I remember the discussion about the policy itself. I don't know if many of you know that there was a time in CFA when we did register everything. We registered all the wild cats for the zoos, because they didn't have the ability to do it. That was a long, long time ago. I want to get back to the actual proposal that's here and not talk about the Bengals or anything else, but there is a little bit of a contradiction, and I feel that something that's a little bit broader that we need to consider. The first part of the existing policy is that we will not promote the breeding of the domestic cats to the wild cats. The second part has to do with the registration. The reason registration was tied into the first part was because, in the old days, we registered as I said everything. We had changed our ideas later on and we said we are only going to register those cats that we feel have certain qualities and have good health, they have to have the ability to be good pets, they have to have all kinds of other things that we've discussed a lot of the reasons why we would register. As far as I know, when CFA registers a breed, they have established to the world that this is a cat that's worthy of being a pet, it's worthy of being promoted by CFA. That's why we have 5 years in miscellaneous, to be sure that we're correct on that, and there's no health problem or anything else that would rule them out. When they get to provisional, then they are on to championship. As far as I know, we have never, ever turned down a breed of cat once it's gotten through miscellaneous into provisional. They have always moved forward, because we have been very careful about what we do register. So, I think the registration and the policy, those two lines promoting the wild cat/domestic crosses and the registering, to me, goes together. I don't like the separation. The other thing I wanted to mention is that the board already did establish a committee to look into the wild cat/domestic cat hybrids and I was a member of that committee, so I wrote a report. It's in your delegate book. I don't know how many people got a chance to read it, because it was 15 pages. It took a number of weeks of research, and I feel that the Bengal cats, in my opinion, in the show ring look just beautiful. They are gorgeous, they handle well. About 15 years ago, I went to a show and that wasn't the case. One of the judges in the show had to go to the emergency hospital, because he was torn apart by a Bengal. But today that's different, because they have had 30 years behind that particular breed. I think the whole issue is our policy against the promotion of the wild cat/domestic cat breeding. I think that that's what we really need to focus on, because there are other breeds – at least 7 that I researched that are in the works right now. If we take in one, let's say we register one, we're going to be opening the door to register all of them. My real problem with registering some of them is that the first generations, the males are all sterile for about 4 generations. I interviewed some people for my report that said the Savannahs are sterile sometimes 5 or 6 generations. So, these cats cannot be used for breeding and most of them are like wild cats in the first generation, so they either are killed as kittens when they are born, or they have to be held by the breeder because they are not suitable as pets. If you read the report, you will see that some of the sanctuaries can no longer accept Bengals because they are just overwhelmed. So, I would say that the board has already taken steps to talk about this. I don't know what more they can do, other than establish a committee and continue talking about it. I would be very concerned, particularly, that we would change our attitude and register just anything. I like the idea that whatever CFA decides to register, it has validity. Thank you.

**Kristine Kaliszewski** [Puget Sound Cat Club]: At the beginning here, we talked about that this is not just about Bengals, and I just want to bring up that if we open the door for any

hybrid cat, we are going to be encouraging breeding for other hybrid cats. There are cats in the U.S. that are here illegally, and this opens up the possibility that people are going to say, "Oh, we've got this great wild cat. Let's put it with a domestic." Yet, these actually are here illegally and people will still try and get them in.

Hamza: Kim, you get the last word. Kim Everett-Hirsch [Oregon Cats, Inc.]: Mary K does a pretty good of that last word and I think your little debate with her was pretty good. Hamza: But – Everett-Hirsh: Now, wait a minute. Just a minute with the last word. Remember Rand Paul? Remember how long that last word was? Well, I'm not going to do that. Anyway, I would just like to say, Pam DelaBar forgot to mention, I remember her statement when she was President: "Over my dead body are Bengals ever going to get into this association." I remember. Another thing, I probably have a bigger target on my back than anybody in the history of CFA, promoting breeds, colors, moving Himalayans into the Persian class. Here comes the Tonkinese. "God, those are alley cats. We're not having those in here." One judge quit. Oh, don't let the door hit you in the ass on the way out. Anyway, they came back. The board said, "Where are those cats?" So, I told the Tonkinese people, "OK, the board wants to see a bunch of cats. Bring 'em on." Joan Bernstein was one of the ones, with a few other Tonk people. They brought everything with 4 legs. They were all over the place. They said, "These aren't breeding true. Look at them. They're all different." You wanted lots, so I said, "Pull your lots and bring your best." Well, by golly, they're all in the national wins now, and the Burmese people fought that breed with every tooth they had. Now, they came back and they want permission – and they were granted – to breed their cats back into them for health issues. Now, the bi-color thing. "Oh god, lockets are going on our solids." I'm not a genetics expert, but you know something? I follow facts, and I read, and I find out. I came from horses and dogs. Dogs register practically everything with 4 legs on it now. We've got Karen Stenlund here today. She's one of our members. She is training to be a dog judge. Her husband is a dog judge. They open their registry because of the Canadian registry and the European. Now, I have no objection to registering everything and keeping a paper trail so we are going to know what those cats are, instead of sneaking around the bushes. Now, as far as Bengals are concerned, no, I don't want any F1, 2, 3, 4, but for the board to have a pathway to look at a way to go about this. This is what I think that we should be doing, instead of getting in a big, fat fight and putting the line in the sand. We're going to beat each other up tonight at the parties and all this stuff? I mean, we can be friends. We also opened the door on two things we did today. You opened the door on an amendment. You now will allow exhibitors, breeders from other associations to be delegates at your meetings. Step 1. Step 2, the next one, our world shows abroad. We are going to be there, CFA, with our cats in the ring, judges with all the others, and by god, those Bengals are going to be in that room. And they're not going to eat your cats up, they're not going to bite you, they're not going to eat their young. Even a domestic cat can eat their young. That happens. They are predators. They come from wild cats. Hey, you want to see some cat action? Take a look at some of those cats that flip out in the ring. I'll show you action, and I've never been bitten. I swear to God there's no cat that's going to put a paw on me. But, I'll be right with you, Jerry. Hold fire. But I think this is a way we can really get going on this, and the other thing is, how do we know these people are going to come to us? We've never rolled out the red carpet. It's supposed to be over our dead body, and bla, bla, bla. Well, I tell you what. If we can just open that door to let them know they are welcome to come, make a pathway, we'll see what we're going to do, but don't snub them and say they're no

good. If there's 90,000 registered out there, well we're talking surcharges and everything. We're talking major money here. OK, that's all I've got to say. That's enough.

**Hamza:** The strength of who we are is because we can look at tough issues and we can vote on them and put them behind us. I'm going to call the question, and remember, the question is simply this; can the CFA board look into this issue and bring to you next year and future years the possibilities?

## Motion Carried by greater than 50%.

**Nichols:** Can we get a roll call? **Hamza:** You want a roll call? Alright, here's the deal. Who asked for a roll call? We need 100 votes in favor of a roll call. **Nichols:** Can I get 100 votes in favor of a roll call vote? **Hamza:** I don't think you got 100 votes. **Nichols:** It's an important issue, everybody. Let's take a roll call vote. **Hamza:** Alright. I've got a roll call vote for you. Who wants to be here until midnight? Nichols: If that's what it takes. Hamza: Alright. In all seriousness, I need a roll call vote. I need 100 votes. Everybody who wants a roll call vote, put your hands up. Nichols: And let's count how many votes you have when you put your hands up. If you've got 2 votes, it requires 2 hands. **Hamza:** I don't think there's 100 votes. Keep them up so Rachel can count. Eve Russell [Jiminy Christmas Cat Club]: President Hamza? Hamza: Eve, you want to count? Russell: No. I am asking you to define a roll call. These people don't know what they're talking about. Hamza: Ed, would you please? I defer to my parliamentarian. E. Raymond: A roll call vote means that each club will be called and asked to express its vote verbally. **Russell:** Individually. **Phillips:** So, you all go to the microphone. **Hamza:** OK, if that's what you want. **Phillips:** That's a roll call. **Hamza:** Rachel informally counted 64, but I have an official roll call request, so we have to do that. **Kolencik:** Point of order. Were there 100 people that supported the roll call vote? **Hamza:** No. **Kolencik:** Then you don't have to have it. **Hamza:** OK, good. You guys can beat Jack up when he gets outside the doors. It passes by more than 50%.

### **Resolutions From the Floor**

**Hamza:** Resolutions from the Floor. All resolutions from the floor, including show rule resolutions which are brought from the floor, must pass by more than 50% and are advisory only.

#### - 18 - Lilac Point Fanciers

**RESOLVED:** Amend Show Rule, Article XIII, Rule 13.05 d. as follows:

d. The CFA licensed certified clerk performing the function of master clerk shall be compensated at the rate of eight (8) cents for each catalog entry in each judging ring. A CFA master clerk shall be compensated at ten (10) cents for each catalog entry in each judging ring. It is strongly recommended that for a six ring, one day show a club engage either two licensed master clerks or one licensed master clerk and one certified clerk who is working towards their master clerk license, assisting the licensed master clerk in charge. The minimum compensation for each person working as a master clerk shall be sixty (60) dollars per weekend or forty (40) dollars for a one day show. (A Best of the Bests ring is not considered as an additional ring requiring compensation.) Payment schedule shall be based on the status of the clerk on the date a contract is signed. If no contract exists, payment schedule shall be based on the status of the clerk on the first day of the show. CFA licensed certified clerks performing the chief ring clerk function shall be compensated according to entries as follows (NOTE: these are minimal compensations; more can be given per negotiated rate with clerk):

Under 130 entries	\$45.00 per show or per day of a back-to-back show
<u>131-275</u> entries	\$60.00 per show or per day of a back-to-back show
276-450 entries	\$75.00 per show
Under 150 entries	\$30.00 per weekend
151-250 entries	\$45.00 per weekend
251-350 entries	\$60.00 per weekend
351-450 entries	\$75.00 per weekend
1 day shows with 1, 2, 3, 4 rings	<del>\$35.00</del>
225 back to back	
shows	<del>\$40.00 per day</del>
1 day, 6 ring shows	<del>\$45.00</del>

("Show" is defined in Show Rule 1.09. In the case of a 6x6, each day is considered to be a separate "Show").

#### CONTRACTS ARE RECOMMENDED

**RATIONALE:** This Show Rule, as it is currently written, does not fully take into consideration the newer Show formats that many of our clubs are utilizing. This will help clarify between the 'one-day' show, and one show that is the entire weekend. This also further clarifies how much clubs should pay a clerk, based on the entered count, and the type of show.

Many clubs believe that what is printed in the Show Rules is the required amount to pay a clerk. The amount stated is the *minimum* amount you are to pay the clerk. Clubs are more than welcome to pay a clerk more money, especially if there are extenuating circumstances that you feel they should be paid more, or the club would simply like to show their appreciation to the clerks.

While many of our CFA clerks do so because they enjoy it, they also clerk to assist in offsetting the cost of their entries. With the newer formats, and increasing price of entries, Clerks do not feel the same benefit in clerking for a weekend. Not only are they missing their cats being judged, the clerking fee comes nowhere close to counterbalance the price of the entry fee for one cat and a double cage. By increasing the amounts, this gives individuals who would like to clerk a little more benefit from the entire clerking experience.

**Hamza:** Now we're going to take resolutions from the floor. Mary, I'm guessing that's you. Mary Kolencik [Lilac Point Fanciers]: I have two and they are easy, but there's lots more. Hamza: Alright. Kolencik: I'm bring back #8 from earlier. Hamza: The clerks? Is that the clerk one? E. Raymond: Yes. Hamza: Go ahead. Kolencik: I think it deserves a vote. It was withdrawn because of a technicality. I think it deserves a vote, so I'm bringing it back and the only difference is that I am striking the line 225 back to back shows – \$50.00 per day. That's the only difference. Hamza: So, now it is correct and can be brought forward. Kolencik: Right. So, all I want to say is, this proposal was written at the request of many CFA clerks. Cheryl didn't just do this up. We've asked for it. As Cheryl said, we are having great difficulty attracting people to the Clerking Program. I know some of you say clubs can pay more if they want, but if someone wants to clerk and sees how tough the work is and sees this pay scale, you know, I wouldn't start clerking if I saw this pay scale. It's not worth my time. If the clubs in CFA want a good Clerking Program, you have to be able to attract clerks to the job. One more thing; a club that has, say, 130 entries, you are now going to pay \$60 more for the clerks. Those clerks who get that extra \$15 are likely to spend that \$15 on your raffle or bringing a second entry or buying a double cage. It's not a foregone conclusion that you're going to lose that money. So, just think about that. All this resolution is, is to say, give a little more respect to the clerks for the very difficult job they do. Hamza: Iris, did you want to say something? No? Does anybody want to say anything, or can I call the question? Jack Nichols [Sandhills Cat Club]: Jack does. Hamza: Of course. Go ahead, Jack. Nichols: I disagree with this. We produce a small show out in the country every year, and \$15 per ring in a 6-ring show is going to put us close to not making it. We're going to be right along there with Loretta. I don't think that setting a minimum to pay our clerks or to pay our master clerks is appropriate for small clubs. It will bankrupt us and we will lose another show. Hamza: And then I'm going to call the question. We did discuss this earlier. Lee Dowding [Abyssinian Breeders International]: Many of you have seen me on the west coast clerking. The one and only reason I clerk is because I can't afford to enter a show. I have to clerk. The only reason I don't clerk is if I've got a brand new kitten I've never shown before. If I am clerking, I agree to clerk for a show and they get less than 130 entries and I only get \$30, that barely pays half of my entry, and that's in southern California where we don't have to pay for

double cages. I'm in favor of raising the fees. I will enter an extra cat if I can afford it. I will spend my money with the club if I can afford it, but the only reason I can show anything right now is because I clerk.

## **Motion Failed.**

**Hamza:** Motion fails ever so slightly. Having said that, pay your clerks more.

#### - 19 - Lilac Point Fanciers

**RESOLVED:** Effective immediately, t The board will interpret "in sequence" in Show Rule 16.06 as "in sequence but not necessarily consecutive" for catalog numbers at 6x6 shows.

**RATIONALE**: Show Rule 16.06 states that catalog numbers must be in sequence. The rule uses the words "in sequence." The rule does not say anything about consecutive, just in sequence. There is one entry clerk program that formats catalogs for 6x6 shows such that each cat has the same number for both shows if it is entered in both. This means there are some gaps in the sequence because of cats that are entered only one of the two days. The numbers are "in sequence" as the show rule states, but not consecutive.

A few months ago, just after the deadline for pre-noticed amendments and resolutions, Central Office sent out a notice that catalog numbers must be in consecutive order. CFA has chosen to interpret "in sequence" to mean "in consecutive order."

This floor proposal is to ask that the board not enforce their definition of "in sequence" for 6x6 shows, and next year I'll be back here with a properly written show rule change, or maybe the show rules committee can write it for the board before then.

The reason we are proposing this is that the benefits of having the same number for your cat for both days of a 6x6 are significant. It's easier on the exhibitor, we only have to remember one number for each cat and are less likely to get confused and miss rings on the 2<sup>nd</sup> day. It's easier on the show committee, they don't have to help people figure out what number they need for two days of absentee and transfer sheets. It's easier on the clerks because they only need to sex their cards once, they don't need to re-do them the 2<sup>nd</sup> day, and they will have fewer 3<sup>rd</sup> and final calls because people will be more likely to remember their numbers. Anybody who has been to a 6x6 where they get to have the same number both days knows how much easier it is all the way around!

Central Office is already handling and has been handling non-consecutive numbers for some time since several entry clerks have already used the entry clerk program that does this. We all benefit from having the same number for our cats for both days of a 6x6. If this interpretation is due to something with the new computer programming, then make the program fit our needs. As a computer scientist, I know that this is not a challenge for a computer to handle, in fact CO is already handling it, and we need to make our shows easier, not look for arbitrary barriers.

Mary Kolencik [Lilac Point Fanciers]: <reads> This came up because a few months ago there was an announcement that went out to CFA that said the catalog numbers have to be consecutive. Show Rule 16.06 states the catalog numbers must be in sequence. It doesn't say anything about consecutive, just in sequence. There is one entry clerk program that formats catalogs for a 6x6 show such that each cat has the same number for both shows if it is entered in both. This means there are some gaps in the sequence because of cats that are only entered in one of the two days, but the cats there on both days have the same number. This is very beneficial to us, because we only have one number to remember if we have the same number for both days of a 6x6 show. The clerks only have to sex their cards once. You do know that you're not paying us

now to sex them twice. We only have to sex the cards once, we are less likely to have 4<sup>th</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup> and final calls because people aren't listening for a different number. It helps the clubs because at check-in it's no so confusing when they need to absentee a cat both days. It's got the same number both days. They only have to do one absentee and transfer sheet. So, the reason why I'm just asking that you don't enforce that definition is because this came up after the deadline for proposals, or I would have written a proposal to correct the language, and I'm going to come back with that next year, so please let us continue to use this entry clerk program and help us out here. Oh wait, wait, wait. I'm sorry. I want to make one more point. Central Office is already handling this. We're already using this entry clerk program. People who have been to 6x6 shows where this entry clerk program is used, you are getting the same number both days and Central Office has been scoring those shows, so I don't understand the point of why this came up and why we can't do it this way. George Eigenhauser [West Shore Shorthair Club; Bonita Cat Fanciers]: Mary, you also missed the deadline for having resolutions that can be effective immediately. Kolencik: OK, that's fine. Eigenhauser: This is an advisory-only resolution. It can't take immediate effect. **Hamza:** So, Mary, do you want to strike *Effective immediately*? Kolencik: OK.

Motion Carried by greater than 50%.

Kolencik: I'm done now. Hamza: OK.

### - 20 - Sophisto Cat Club

**RESOLVED:** Change Show Rule 25.02 to read:

**d.** For shows in Regions 1-9 (except shows held in Russia), individuals may guest judge for CFA a maximum of five (5) times per show season and a maximum of two (2) times per club per show season.

#### And

Change Show Rule 25.13 to read:

For Championship, Kitten, Premiership and Veteran classes, a CFA judge (at least Apprentice) or approved guest judge must be used. For Household Pet classes it is permissible for a club to use a Trainee. Depending on the show location, the number of judges that must be CFA judges at the show are as follows:

Regions 1-9 (except Russia)		International Division and Russia			
No. of Rings	CFA Judges	No. of Rings	CFA Judges		
2-3	2	2-3	2		
4-5	3	4-5	3		
6	4	6	4		
7	5	7	5		
8	6	8-9	6		
9-10	7	10-11	7		
11	8	12	8		
12	9				

As used above, 11 or 12 rings constitutes two 5 or more ring shows at the same location on the same weekend, sponsored by one or more clubs.

**RATIONALE:** Promoting CFA in Region 9 (and the International Division) by holding shows is an expensive activity. Clubs in Regions 8, 9 and the International Division do not benefit from the sponsorships and programs enjoyed by clubs in North America. Clubs in Russia must pay much more for judging expenses than any other in Regions 1-9. Russian clubs must pay for the issuance of official business invitations and pay for judges' visas which add an additional \$200-\$300 to the cost of judges coming from outside Russia on top the airfare costs which range anywhere from \$1,000-1,500 (\$520 from Finland).

Russia is one of the top countries for cat ownership in the world. However, one of our most active clubs has had to cut the number of shows from 9 to 5 this year. This proposal helps a bit to assist our active Russian clubs in promoting CFA in a large area of growth.

**Pam DelaBar** [Sophisto Cat Club]: Rachel does have a copy of this proposed resolution. <reads> Rationale: <reads>. If you remember, I did ask this delegation to please have a global mind when considering these. Kenny Currle [Chatte Noir Club]: Again, #8 in your hearts. I just want to mirror somewhat what she was saying, but basically I am representing that very same club that put on 9 shows in Russia last year, and that is Chatte Noir. They absolutely support the intent of this rule, the impetus of this rule. They want nothing more, nothing more than to grow their own judges. They want CFA cats judged only by their own judges. Presently, they have 9. Now, you imagine 9 judges. They had over 100 rings the first time – not this past show season, but the show season before. How would you feel, at their cost and not being able to bring guest judges that perhaps have already been OK'd by our Judging Program Committee, to at least give them a different sense of evaluation. That's the problem I'm seeing. Basically, they realize and they want their own trained judges as a goal to sustain the required and expected style of CFA shows, but the reason for my question to you is, could we consider slowing the implementation of this rule, perhaps give them a 5 year period in order to really catch up. But, to drop this on them immediately and to restrict guest judges to be available to reduce costs, because Pam is right on the money. There's not a ticket over there for less than \$1,000 and if you go to Russia and you use a [visa] service, it's \$450 just for a visa. Hamza: Kenny, can I ask how much they have in their treasury? Currle: Who? Chatte Noir? Hamza: Yeah. Currle: They don't have any money in their treasury. It comes out of [name stricken] pocket. **Hamza:** So, they don't make any money on their shows. Currle: They don't have to pay for the show hall. They are totally sponsored. [Name omitted] pays for everything that is not made up by the entries. Not all those clubs over there, Jerry, are rich. Just give them time to grow. That's all I'm asking. Give them some time to grown their own home-grown judges. Carissa Altschul [Hugger Mugger Feline Fanciers; Land of Oz Cat Club]: I have two points. Point #1, when Region 9 came to us and said they were ready to join CFA as a region, they said they are ready to adhere to all of our rules, without exceptions. With all due respect to the Russian clubs, that includes them. Point #2, some of you might have noticed that several of our national winners came from Europe this year. There is no lack of quality animals over there. However, they use a much higher proportion of guest judges than we do. It is my firm opinion that CFA awards should be awarded by CFA judges, at least a majority of CFA judges. We are not taking away their ability to have guest judges. We simply want to have the majority of the judges at their show to be CFA judges. I realize that other judges in other organizations can read a standard just as much as ours can, but there is a reason why we have the CFA Judging Program, and if it is to mean something, and if CFA awards are to mean something, they need to be given primarily by CFA judges. Darrell Newkirk [Abyssinian Midwest Breeders; Santa Clara Valley Cat Club]: Carissa, your information is dead wrong. There are a majority of CFA judges judging over there. Christine Ruessheim put the facts together, it was presented to the board, and it's maybe 30% overall are guest judges. I agree with Kenny and I said this at the board table. I was the only one that voted against it. They need time. That's all they're asking for. I did a show in Russia. My airline ticket was \$978 and my visa was \$325. Now, the clubs here in the United States don't have that expense. If we want to grow CFA around the world, we have got to give them a little bit of slack. They do – all the people that exhibit over there, they want CFA judges. All they are asking for is to give them a bit of time. Just give them some time. We'll break them before they even get off the ground. It's very, very expensive. Like Kenny said, a lot of the people over there are paying for these shows out of their pocket because they're not profitable. So please, cut them some slack. Loretta Baugh [Canusa

Cat Club; Buffalo Cat Fanciers]: Every year at the meeting that we hold with the International Division before Europe became a region, the complaint was consistently, they were displeased with the performance and knowledge of guest judges. People come to CFA shows to be judged by CFA judges. The Judging Program Committee takes that very seriously. The intention of Show Rule 25.13 was to raise the number of CFA judges required at shows in all areas. This rule was passed by the CFA board in December, with a strong vote in favor. A vote to reconsider just last month was just as strongly rejected. These votes indicate a dedicated effort to raise shows in all areas to the level they experience in the U.S. and Japan. Shelly, will you put the information up, please?

## **REGION 9 GUEST JUDGE ANALYSIS**

### Shows (Excluding Russia/Ukraine) Affected by SR 25.13

<u>2011</u> – <u>2012</u> :	Feline Fanciers of Benelux	11-February -2012 *	PRIOR	<u>NOW</u>
	Spanish Cat Club	25-February-2012		
	Club Felino Espanol	14-April-2012		
<u>2012</u> – <u>2013</u> :	Cat-H-Art	12-June-2012 *		
	Swedish Cat Paws	#####		
	Swedish Cat Paws	6-April-2013		<u> </u>
			6	4

<sup>\*</sup> These shows would not be affected with current number of Region 9 judges.

#### Shows in Russia and Ukraine Affected by SR 25.13

2011- 2013	<u>PRIOR</u>	<u>NOW</u>
Rolandus Cat Club – 6 shows produced	ALL (6)	ALL (6)
<u>Chatte Noir Club</u> – 12 shows	9	2
<u>Aurora Cat Club</u> – 4 shows	2	1
Onyx Cat Club – I show	1	1
Nika Felina Center – 1 show	1	0
Moscow Cat Fanciers – 1 show	1	1
	<u></u>	1
	20	11

There were 77 shows held in what is now Region 9 (April 2011 thru April 2013). With the increase in the number of CFA Judges now residing in the Region only 15 shows would be affected by Show Rule 25.13. Of those 15, 11 are in Russia/Ukraine.

Data Taken from 'CFA-Europe-ID 8 Years of Show Information; Supplied by Christine Russheim

The information on the screen will explain that the potential impact of this rule is not as devastating as some people seem to indicate. With the acceptance of one guest judge to the CFA panel last June, 2 guest judges in February and still another yesterday residing in Europe, at the board meeting, the impact is even less. Christine Ruessheim graciously provided 8 years of data regarding CFA shows in Europe and the ID. That document was used to prepare the Excel sheets you are going to be seeing.

# **Guest Judge Analysis**

Club	<u>Location</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Format</u>	CFA USA/ Japan/ Asia	CFA Europe/ Russia/ Ukraine	Guest	Guest if 6/2013 added
GERMAN CATWALK	Germany, Bremen	30-Jul-2011	6 AB	0	4	2	2
CLEOPELLA CAT FANCIERS	Estonia, Tallinn	6-Aug-2011	6 AB	3	2	1	1
CAT FANCIERS OF FINLAND	Finland, Helsinki	13-Aug-2011	6 AB	4	1	1	1
GOLFO DEI POETI CAT CLUB	Italy, Reggio	8-Oct-2011	6 AB	3	1	2	2
GOLFO DEI POETI CAT CLUB	Italy, Reggio	9-Oct-2011	6 AB	3	2	1	1
SPANISH CAT CLUB	Spain, Calella	23-Oct-2011	6 AB	4	1	1	1
CAT FRIENDS OF GERMANY	Germany, Halle	29-Oct-2011	8 AB	4	1	1	1
DUTCH PURRPUSS CLUB (THE)	Netherlands, Wijchen	6-Nov-2011	6 AB	4	2	0	0
CAT FANCIERS OF FINLAND	Finland, Helsinki	12-Nov-2011	8 AB	5	2	1	0
CLUB FELINO ESPANOL	Spain, Madrid	10-Dec-2011	8 AB	2	4	2	2
SWEDISH CAT PAWS	Sweden, Solna	14-Jan-2012	10 AB	100%	0	0	0
GERMAN CATWALK	Germany, Schwerin	21-Jan-2012	6 AB	4	1	1	0
CATS 'R US	Austria, Klagenfurt	28-Jan-2012	6 AB	100%	0	0	0
CATS 'R US	Austria, Klagenfurt	29-Jan-2012	6 AB	4	1	1	1
MALTA CAT SOCIETY	Malta, Floriana	5-Feb-2012	2 AB	1	1	0	0
FELINE FANCIERS OF BENELUX	Belgium, Zanduliet	11-Feb-2012	8 AB	1	4	3	"2"
GOLFO DEI POETI CAT CLUB	Italy, La Spezia	18-Feb-2012	6 AB	100%	0	0	0
GOLFO DEI POETI CAT CLUB	Italy, La Spezia	19-Feb-2012	6 AB	4	1	1	0
SPANISH CAT CLUB	Spain, Barcelona	25-Feb-2012	8 AB	0	5	4	3
DUTCH PURRPUSS CLUB (THE)	Netherlands, Wijchen	4-Mar-2012	6 AB	4	1	1	1
CAT FANCIERS OF FINLAND	Finland, Helsinki	10-Mar-2012	6 AB	5	0	1	1
FRANCE CAT FANCIER	France, Andrezieux	24-Mar-2012	8 AB	100%	0	0	0
SWEDISH CAT PAWS	Sweden, Solna	7-Apr-2012	10 AB	9	1	0	0
CLUB FELINO ESPANOL	Spain, Madrid	14-Apr-2012	8 AB	2	3	3	3
CHATTE NOIR CLUB	Switzerland, Langenthal	28-Apr-2012	6 AB	4	0	2	0
CHATTE NOIR CLUB	Switzerland, Langenthal	29-Apr-2012	6 AB	2	2	2	2
CAT-H-ART	France, Aumale	2-Jun-2012	3 AB 3 SP	1	2	3	"2"
CAT FANCIERS OF FINLAND	Finland, Helsinki	14-Jul-2012	6 AB 2 SP	3	4	2	0
GERMAN CATWALK	Germany, Bremen	4-Aug-2012	6 AB 2 SP	4	3	1	0
CAT FRIENDS OF GERMANY	Germany, Filderstadt	9-Sep-2012	6 AB	4	2	0	0
GERMAN CATWALK	Germany, Ilsenburg	22-Sep-2012	6 AB	2	4	0	0
ITALY CAT FANCIER	Italy, Genova	20-Oct-2012	6 AB	5	1	0	0
ITALY CAT FANCIER	Italy, Genova	21-Oct-2012	6 AB	3	2	1	1
CLEOPELLA CAT FANCIERS	Estonia, Tallinn	3-Nov-2012	6 AB	2	3	1	1
CAT FANCIERS OF FINLAND	Finland, Helsinki	10-Nov-2012	6 AB	5	1	0	0
CAT FRIENDS OF GERMANY	Germany, Niedernhausen	24-Nov-2012	8 AB	4	4	0	0
ITALY CAT FANCIER	Italy, Limena	1-Dec-2012	6 AB	5	1	0	0
ITALY CAT FANCIER	Italy, Limena	2-Dec-2012	6 AB	4	2	0	0
FRANCE CAT FANCIERS	France, Bedarrides	8-Dec-2012	6 AB	3	3	0	0

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Club	<u>Location</u>	<u>Date</u>	Format	CFA USA/ Japan/ Asia	CFA Europe/ Russia/ Ukraine	Guest	Guest if 6/2013 added
CLUB FELINO ESPANOL	Spain, Madrid	15-Dec-2012	8 AB	4	4	0	0
SWEDISH CAT PAWS	Sweden, Stockholm	12-Jan-2013	6 AB	3		3	3
SWEDISH CAT PAWS	Sweden, Stockholm	13-Jan-2013	6 AB	4		2	1
CATS 'R US	Austria, Klagenfurt	26-Jan-2013	6 AB	100%		0	0
CATS 'R US	Austria, Klagenfurt	27-Jan-2013	6 AB	100%		0	0
CHATTE NOIR CLUB	Bulgaria, Sofia	2-Feb-2013	8 AB	3	3	2	2
CLUB FELINO ESPANOL	Spain, Madrid	9-Feb-2013	8 AB	1	6	1	0
DUTCH PURRPUSS CLUB (THE)	Netherlands, Wijchen	2-Mar-2013	7 AB 3 SP	3	6	1	1
CAT FANCIERS OF FINLAND	Finland, Helsinki	9-Mar-2013	6 AB	100%	0	0	0
SWEDISH CAT PAWS	Sweden, Stockholm	6-Apr-2013	6 AB	3	0	3	3
SWEDISH CAT PAWS	Sweden, Stockholm	7-Apr-2013	6 AB	4	0	2	1
GERMAN CATWALK	Germany, Dortmund	20-Apr-2013	6 AB 2 SP	4	2	2	2
CATS'N CATS	France, Complegne	27-Apr-2013	7 AB 1 SP	- 3	3	2	1

Rather than use 8 years, I used only the last 2 show seasons – 2011/2012 and 2012/2013. The blue column headed Guest indicates the number of guest judges at each show. If the number is in red, that's an indication the show would not meet the criteria of 25.13. The next column in yellow shows the effect of the acceptance of the additional former guest judges to the CFA panel. You will note that some of the red numbers are now in black and in italics. This indicates those judging slates would now be in compliance with 25.13. Combining the show seasons mentioned, there were a total in 2 show seasons of 6 shows in Europe that would have been affected out of the 52 that were held. That number would now be reduced to 4 by the addition of the new judges. Russia and Ukraine were separated out intentionally to show that that is an area where 25.13 has the greatest impact. Those two show seasons, there were a total of 25 shows held, 20 of which would have been affected. With the additional CFA judges, that number now decreases to 11. Significant? Yes. However, observe that over half of those 11 shows that are now affected are held by the same club. The outcry is one of financial hardship. Keep in mind, there is a revision in Show Rule 25.13 that exemptions to the requirement may be granted by the board. Any club can ask for an exemption, and if they can document financial hardship, there should not be an issue obtaining an exemption. Where there will be an issue is when a club asks for an exemption simply because they want it and do not prove the new rule is causing them financial distress. Shelly, can you go to the last slide, please?

Russia and Ukraine							
Club	Location	<u>Date</u>	<u>Format</u>	CFA USA/ Japan/ Asia	CFA Europe/ Russia/ Ukraine	Guest	Guest if 6/2013 added
CHATTE NOIR CLUB	Russia, St. Petersburg	23-Apr-2011	8 AB	4	1	3	"2"
AURORA CAT CLUB	Russia, St. Petersburg	10-Sep-2011	6 AB	3	1	2	"1"
NIKA FELINE CENTER	Russia, Moscow	24-Sep-2011	8 AB	3	1	4	"2"
CHATTE NOIR CLUB	Russia, Moscow	30-Oct-2011	6 AB	3	0	3	"1"
ROLANDUS CAT CLUB	Ukraine, Kiev	12-Nov-2011	8 AB	3	-1	4	4
ONYX CAT CLUB	Russia, Krasnogorsk Mosco	3-Dec-2011	6 AB	2	0	4	4
AURORA CAT CLUB	Russia, Perm	4-Feb-2012	8 AB	4	0	4	"2"
CHATTE NOIR CLUB	Russia, Krasnogorsk	3-Mar-2012	10 AB	5	0	5	"3"
ROLANDUS CAT CLUB	Ukraine, Kiev	17-Mar-2012	8 AB	3	1	4	4
CHATTE NOIR CLUB	Russia, Reutov Moscow Ob	1-Apr-2012	6 AB	2	1	3	"1"
CHATTE NOIR CLUB	Bulgaria, Varna	25-Aug-2012	8 AB	4		4.	"2"
CHATTE NOIR CLUB	Russia, Moscow	1-Sep-2012	8 AB	2	2	3	"1"
AURORA CAT CLUB	Russia, St. Petersburg	6-Oct-2012	10 AB	5	3	2	2
ROLANDUS CAT CLUB	Ukraine, Lviv	13-Oct-2012	8 AB	2	3	3	3
CHATTE NOIR CLUB	Russia, Moscow	28-Oct-2012	6 AB			0	0
CHATTE NOIR CLUB	Russia, Kemerova	10-Nov-2012	6 AB	3	0	3	"1"
ROLANDUS CAT CLUB	Ukraine, Kiev	10-Nov-2012	8 AB	4	0	4	4
MOSCOW CAT FANCIERS	Russia, Krasnogorsk	1-Dec-2012	8 AB	4		4	3
CHATTE NOIR CLUB	Russia, Moscow	22-Dec-2012	6 AB	3		3	3
ROLANDUS CAT CLUB	Ukraine, Lviv	23-Feb-2013	8 AB	3	2	3	3
CHATTE NOIR CLUB	Russia, Krasnogorsk	2-Mar-2013	8 AB	4		4	4
ROLANDUS CAT CLUB	Ukraine, Kiev	16-Mar-2013	8 AB	3	1	4	4
AURORA CAT CLUB	Russia, St. Petersburg	23-Mar-2013	8 AB	3	2	3	3
CHATTE NOIR CLUB	Russia, Moscow	6-Apr-2013	6 AB	3	2	1	1
CHATTE NOIR CLUB	Russia, St. Petersburg	13-Apr-2013	8 AB	4	2	2	1

As a board member, I would far more prefer to consider an exemption and maintain the increased presence of CFA judges. Japan worked its way through the hardship of contracting judges until the number of judges was sufficient in Japan. That was at a time where there were no guest judges, yet they persevered. The growth in the ID and Regions 8 and 9 came because exhibitors preferred the CFA product – quality shows with quality judges. I hope I have convinced you to support the decision of the Judging Program Committee and the CFA Board, and reject this resolution. Folks come to CFA shows to be judged by CFA judges. Thank you. **Hamza:** Pam, and then I'm going to call it.

**DelaBar:** A point of order. This does not address what I'm bringing forward. I'm not asking for a rollback on guest judges. All I'm asking is for one country. Basically, if you look at your Show Rules and see what I'm talking about, you will see – **Hamza:** You're asking for an exception in Russia. **DelaBar:** I'm asking that Russia be put under the same criteria as the International Division, and we're talking like 1 judge when you get to 12 rings. I also take great exception to the fact that guest judges are thought to be lesser than CFA judges. We have 9 CFA judges in Region 9. Seven of those 9 were guest judges. If they were so bad, how come they are CFA judges now? Finally, my partner is a FIFe allbreeds judge sitting in this room, and I take great exception to what I consider to be a real slam personally. **Hamza:** I don't think it was a

slam. I think there's a distinction between CFA judges and non-CFA judges. I know some of you are sitting here wondering what the hell is going on. So, I'm going to explain to you what the hell is going on. What we have here is, some people who want it both ways. I'm pretty good at calling it straight. Europe came to CFA and was ready to become a region. So, they became a region. Now, they want to have special consideration that reserves for ID status. Pam is asking that Russia, part of Region 9, be given consideration that we reserve for the International Division. So, what she's asking you to do is to give Russia special consideration. I must tell you that we voted on this thing at the board level and it has failed. The Region 9 director doesn't support it. <call it> Hamza: Pardon? <call the motion> I'm going to call the motion.

**DelaBar:** Wait a second. I get the last word on this per Robert's Rules. **Hamza:** I'm going to – **DelaBar:** One, this is different. I am not asking for a rollback or any special consideration for Region 9. **Hamza:** Is Russia – **DelaBar:** I am asking for one very large country – **Hamza:** Is Russia in 9? **DelaBar:** – in Region 9. [unidentified speaker] Part of it. **DelaBar:** All of Russia is in Region 9. **Hamza:** Right. So, you're asking for a portion of Region 9 to be given special consideration? **DelaBar:** That is very correct, per the show rule. I'm not asking for anything else. I'm not asking for a rollback, I'm asking for this delegation to understand that one country in Region 9 – and I do not thing this is considered, and Pauli doesn't know about this resolution I just brought from the floor. He does now. But just one country because of the extra expense that no other state in the United States, Japan doesn't have the problem, no other country in Regions 1 through 9 has the problem that we have in Russia with the visas and the visa process. That's all I'm asking is for consideration by this delegation for a global problem that we have. If your clubs had to hire people from outside the United States for your shows, wouldn't you want that consideration also?

Motion Failed.

#### - 21 - Seacoast Cat Club

**RESOLVED:** Amend Show Rules 3.09 and 28.17d as follows:

**3.09** Cats and kittens that are disqualified are not eligible for any award in the ring where such disqualification applies with the exception of cats removed by the veterinarian under paragraphs 3.03 and 5.03, including declawed cats.

#### And

**d.** A judge will disqualify any entry entered contrary to these rules, including declawed cats or kittens and adult, whole males that do not have two descended testicles, if such entry has not theretofore been disqualified, except declawed Household Pets.

**RATIONALE:** With many household pet exhibitors involved in rescue, the topic of declawing comes up quite frequently. It is important to state that the position of the average household pet exhibitor, is against the procedure on any cat. The household pet class as a whole does not endorse declawing an animal, and most hope to see legislation as exists in Europe, to make the procedure illegal in the US someday, unless for a medical purpose. In the cat fancy, we know enough about how the procedure is done, so it will not be discussed here.

The basis of this proposal is that several exhibitors that show HHP, are involved with rescue. Many of their owned cats have come to them off the streets sadly already declawed (and sadly outdoors and defenseless), or adopted as such from a rescue or shelter. Through no fault of most HHP exhibitors, there are cats that many wish to show in CFA, that are unable. Many feel that if they were able to enter these cats, they could either provide previous owner info, or shelter/rescue adoption documentation showing their pets arrived in their homes having the procedure already completed. This could be an item an HHP exhibitors might be required to carry (as simple as a rabies certificate), to prove the procedure occurred prior to their ownership of the pet. If this is too rigid of a requirement to require of showing a declawed. HHP, then all declawed HHP would have to be allowed, somewhat on the honor policy, that the procedure did not happen after the cat was acquired.

It is also the position of the HHP exhibitors that cats in other classes are not included in this proposal. Declawing is viewed as an inhumane amputation, that often changes a cat and can require a tough healing process, often with permanent nerve damage, and sensitivity in the paws, amongst other things. With this, the HHP class and the nature surrounding the shelter and rescues seen in this class, it makes sense they be the only declawed cats that should be considered in a CFA show hall.

It is not the position of this proposal that any cat in Championship, Kitten, Open or Premiership be declawed. A purebred rescue in the HHP category might be considered the exception.

With this said, it appears that many HHP rescue/shelter cats belonging to HHP exhibitors are being left home, or shown in other organizations.

Many of these cats have great potential, and are cats that are not being shown through no fault of their own. Several HHP owners would be spending on additional entries, supporting many clubs and CFA, and generating much needed income, however to date have not, due to the current position on declawing. The average HHP exhibitor shares the same position on declawing and these same exhibitors share information to educate others, not to have the procedure performed ever on a cat, unless medical. Existing cats in our CFA HHP homes who have been through the procedure, could bring a lot to CFA.

Hamza: Poor, poor Sharon. Sharon Roy [Seacoast Cat Club]: This one is the Household Pet proposal. Hamza: Oh, OK. Roy: Rachel, I did leave a copy for you. Basically what we're asking for is that Household Pets be exempt, and declawed Household Pets be allowed for exhibition or showing. A lot of these cats are adopted well after they have been declawed. These people do a tremendous amount of work taking care of their cats, and they would like to be able to show declawed Household Pets. George Eigenhauser [Bonita Cat Fanciers; West Shore Shorthair Club]: I am a Household Pet exhibitor. That's how I started in CFA and that's the way it will always be. Because of that, I have to oppose this resolution. Declawing is a painful procedure. It is an unnecessary procedure in most cases, and CFA has a strong policy against declawing. Its' the only way we can deter others from declawing. We're not the police. We can't go into people's homes and say, "don't do this". We're not veterinarians. We can't be a point of declawing to explain that there's no such thing, really, as declawing. You're cutting off toes at the first joint. We're not there when the veterinarian tries to sell them declawing the way McDonald's when you buy a Happy Meal says, "do you want fries with that?" You go to get your cat spayed. "Well, would you like to have it declawed at the same time? It would be so much easier." We can't do any of that. All we can do is say, we oppose the procedure, we oppose the practice, and the only way we can demonstrate that is by saying, "and we don't want to see these cats brought to our shows." Yes, it's true that a lot of cats in sheltered are declawed. That's why they're there. One of the primary reasons cats wind up in shelters is behavior problems. Declawed cats can't walk normally. They have lost the ability to walk on their toes like a normal cat. They often wind up with pain in those toes that causes litter box problems and improper elimination. That means they wind up at shelters. Or, losing their primary means of defending themselves without a bite, they become biters. Animal behaviorists will tell you there are serious complications to declawing in the way a cat behaves, and that's why the percentage of cats in shelters seems so much higher than the percentage of cats in homes. Yes, I have sympathy for people who got a declawed cat, and there are some wonderful things in this rationale about, maybe if they brought in proof that they got it already declawed and they didn't do it. That would be wonder if it was in the resolution, but it isn't. It's in the rationale. What this says is, they want a blank check to bring declawed cats into CFA shows. The other thing I object to and I continue to object to is, if you're going to do this to the mutts, do it to the pedigreed cats, too. My mutt cats have as much right to have their toes as any pedigreed cat does, and when you make a distinction like this and say it's OK to have declawed Household Pets, but if it was a pedigreed cat we would fuss. What you're saying is, Household Pets don't matter to you. Well, they matter to me. Judy Ganoe [For The Love of Cats Cat Fanciers]: I am absolutely horrified at declawing cats. However, I belonged to a club years ago that used the Household Pet shows as a place to educate people on what not to do with their cats. They are there, they are loved, they are taken care of. You bring them to a show and they hear, "I'm sorry, that's a defective cat." What they

need to hear is, "what happened to this poor kitty and this is what it's about." If you can't educate the people while they're there, what are you going to do? It's going to continue on and on. Household Pet people need to learn things, and they learn things at the show. So, it's terrible to declaw a cat. I don't know how anybody can ever do that, but wouldn't it be nicer to say, "hey, I'm sorry that you had to adopt a cat that was declawed. This is why our pedigreed cats don't have that happen, and we prefer that it never happens to any animal." But to just throw them out and not use them as an education is silly. Joan Miller [Torrey Pines Cat Club]: I think it's a bit unrealistic to think that at every show, every judge is going to have the time to educate in the ring about declawing. It would be very nice if we could, but I think that when I have gone to shelters to do some training for staff or volunteers, I can't tell you the number of times that people have applauded CFA. They admire us because we take such a hard stand against declawing. I really think it would do great damage to CFA if we were to do this. It's just totally unrealistic to think that we can educate at the shows every time. We can do this in an education ring, but we can't always do it when we're judging. I am very opposed to this for the reasons that George said and other people have said. Declawing is not good. Some cats that are declawed are alright. My father had a cat that came to the door and was already declawed. She was fine, but I know many that don't use their litter box because it hurts their paws. So, we really, really should keep our stance. I think it would damage our reputation out there in the animal welfare world. Karen Thomas [Abyssinian Society of the South]: And Doctor of Veterinary Medicine, who works with rescue animals. I want to first say that I disagree with the statement that most of the declawed cats that end up in rescue are there because of behavior problems because of their declawing. I think a lot more research on that will prove that that's not true, but regardless of that, at our Household Pet show a couple of years ago, we had a cat that was shown that had no eyes. I have recently seen a cat in Household Pet that has a leg amputation. I'm not sure that I see the difference between allowing cats that have had a tail, a leg or an eye removed, and allowing cats to be shown that have had a claw removed not by the person who owns the cat. Loretta Baugh [Canusa Cat Club; Buffalo Cat Fanciers]: I had a rescue cat that was declawed. The cat had no problems walking. I have seen cats that have been declawed with the new procedures that are done with simply using a laser to cut the tendon. I would rather see a declawed cat in the house being a pet than a clawed cat running the streets. However, we have a real problem with our image and I think that we would be just absolutely a meal for the animal rights activists if we were to approve this. Hamza: I'm going to limit it to the people standing now. Diane Curfiss [Queen City Cat Club; Cincinnati Cat Club]: I've been a show manager. I've also sat in on veterinary medicine, and I've seen the procedures that are done. They are somewhat horrendous at some times. Having said that, I have also stood in a stand-alone Household Pet show and I've done judging a lot of years, and every time I handle animals, first of all, I don't check for that. I check to see if their nails are trimmed, and I tell them, "you need to trim the nails." I don't ever say, "you need to declaw them," but what I do say is, "this is not humane when you declaw." If I can't have somebody in a stand-alone Household Pet show and explain to them what's not a good procedure because they can't come into the show hall, what am I saying to them? I'm not saying anything. I can at least educate somebody when they're sitting there I've got a 10 year old kid that doesn't know anything about declawing, and I'm teaching them. I just give them an award – not because it's declawed, but because they brought the cat there, it was in excellent condition and it's somebody's pet. They get an award. **Gina Garton** [Japanese Bobtail Fanciers]: I started as a Household Pet exhibitor. I am a Household Pet exhibitor. Blake the Red, 4<sup>th</sup> best. Midwest

Region. Oh gosh, I can quote Patty Jacobberger, "Let's bring 'em all on! All those cats, but bring 'em on. Register them all, show them all." You know, I've had this debate with myself and my purebreds. I used to have in my contract that they couldn't declaw my cats that I sold as pets. When I finally had people coming to me saying, "Please, the cat is really clawing up things. We've tried this, we've tried that. I want to take the cat camping with me but I'm afraid it's going to claw through the screening on the RV." I said fine, but make sure you go to an orthopedic surgeon. Make sure it's done properly. And I warn them of the problems. I educate them. I have seen good declaws, I have seen bad declaws. We can't always be perfect, but they come to people sometimes this way, and if they love 'em and they want to show 'em, and if it's a way into this fancy like it was for me, if it weren't for my Household Pet, my big old red tabby, my Morris, I wouldn't be here. I'm getting close to not being here for other reasons. I mean, the dog world in obedience is really cool, let me tell you, and it's not as expensive. I think we've got to get over this, at least with the Household Pets. I think we've got to get over this issue. This issue has come up for years. I've been here almost 30 years. Every year. Let the Household Pet people show their Household Pets. Jacqui Bennett [Ocicats International]: I was the stand-alone Household Pet judge that Dr. Karen was talking about with the blind cat. She also came home with me. The fact of the matter is, Household Pets are a doorway, a gateway into our fancy, a fancy that we lament is losing entries, a fancy that we lament is losing support. I don't like declawing an animal. I don't agree with the concept of declawing an animal, but I would never question the capabilities of my vet, or say that there's never a time when declawing is necessary. But, as others have previously said, I can't educate people if they aren't in my ring. I can't tell them the problems that are going to happen if they're not welcome in the show hall. So, instead of banning them and calling it taboo, embrace them and teach them better. Thank you. Mary **Kolencik** [Lilac Point Fanciers]: I'm a little bit concerned about this idea of judges using this as an opportunity to educate exhibitors, because that 10 year old with their favorite cat that's sitting there and is declawed, and the judge suddenly says to them, "You know, you really shouldn't have – poor little Fluffy here shouldn't be declawed." What if that kid starts crying? Come on. Not every judge is going to be able to handle this well and I can just see, I know there are people who are just going to burst into tears, so that's not really a good idea. This isn't a morality thing to me. That's not the issue to me. Our competition is a conformation competition, and asking for exceptions like this for Household Pets leads me to wonder, what do they want? Do they want to have the same conformation competition as the rest of us, or do they just want rosettes? Yes, the Household Pets, that's a doorway into CFA, but we're a conformation competition. They need a doorway into what we do, and asking for exceptions such as this makes our competition meaningless. Hamza: OK, I'm going to call the question. Sharon, are you good? Roy: I'm good. Hamza: I'm good, too. I'm going to call the question.

## Motion Failed.

## - 22 - Sanguine Silver Society

**RESOLVED:** Amend Show Rule 22.01 as follows:

**22.01** In Allbreed rings the Championship finals awards will be Best through 10th Best Cat when cat entries are less than 115 100, for Championship entries of 115 100 or more the final awards will be Best through 15th Best Cat; Best, 2nd Best and 3rd Best Champion, Best, 2nd Best and 3rd Best Longhair Champion, and Best, 2nd Best and 3rd Best Shorthair Champion. Kitten finals awards will be Best through 10th Best Kitten when kitten entries are less than 100, for kitten entries of 100 or more the final awards will be Best through 15th Best Kitten. Premiership finals awards will be Best through 10th Best Cat when cat entries are less than 60, for Premiership entries of 60 or more the final awards will be Best through 15th Best Cat; Best and 2nd Best Premier, Best and 2nd Best Longhair Premier, Best and 2nd Best Shorthair Premier.

Veteran Class finals awards will be Best through 5th Best Cat or Best through 10th Best Cat as determined by show management.

**RATIONALE:** Last year the delegates approved a change to this show rule which lowered the threshold for Top 15 wins in Championship from 150 cats down to 115 cats. We would like to lower it even further to Top 15 wins for shows with 100 or more cats entered in Championship. With the trend towards lower entries at our shows, very few shows are going to reach the threshold of 115 cats before they can offer Top 15 wins in finals. We believe a threshold of 100 cats is more realistic and we ask for your support.

**Hamza:** Anything else from the floor? **Sharon Roy** [Damn Yankees Cat Club; Black Tie & Tails Cat Club]: I've still got those two. All I can say is that in 20+ years of attending, I have never been at the microphone this much ever. OK, I'm doing this on behalf of Sanguine Silver. It's basically to reduce the top – to make it top 15 for any Championship competition that has 100 or more entries. I know it was discussed last year and was settled on for 115, but he has asked to bring it back for 100. I think it's very rare that a show gets 115 in Championship. **Norm Auspitz** [Kentucky Colonels Cat Club]: That just continues to cheapen the wins. How far do we go? Next year when we do this, do you want to go down to 45 and do a top 15 with that? **Hamza:** We did this last year. Can I just call it? OK.

Motion Failed.

## - 23 - Sanguine Silver Society

**RESOLVED:** Amend Show Rule 27.02 by adding a subsection e. as follows:

e. Judges may not campaign cats for breed wins, regional wins, or national wins unless they take a leave of absence for the entire show season. This does not prevent them from showing cats to grand or showing kittens for experience.

**RATIONALE:** This differs from last year's resolution in that it only affects judges, not other members of their household.

Too often judges who campaign cats wind up exhibiting one weekend and judging their competition the next weekend, or worse, on a different day of the same weekend. While we do not question the integrity of most of our judges, there is the appearance of impropriety. Our judges are what sets CFA apart from other cat associations. They should not want to put themselves in the position of having their decisions questioned because they are running a cat that is in competition for a win with cats they judge. All of our judges were at one time breeders and exhibitors and some continue to do so after entering the judging program. We understand the desire of some of these judges to exhibit cats of which they are proud and at times to want the recognition of continuing to have a successful breeding program. They can take a leave of absence from judging if they wish to campaign a cat.

Sharon Roy [Damn Yankees Cat Club; Black Tie & Tails Cat Club]: I guarantee this is my last one, and I have a force field around me for my fellow judges, OK? <reads> Hamza: I know how this is going to go, so I'm going to limit it to the people standing. George Eigenhauser [West Shore Shorthair Club; Bonita Cat Fanciers]: What happens if you take a kitten out for experience and accidentally get a Regional Win? Hamza: We shoot the judges. Monte Phillips [Chartreux International; Cat'n on the Fox]: I'm kind of heading that same direction. I'm going to pick on Dennis Ganoe, who is the LaPerm Breed Council Secretary. If he wants to take out a LaPerm and grand it, in the process of granding it he is probably going to get a breed award, so did he campaign? And it's not going to be a quick run through to get a grand on a LaPerm, so it may take him awhile. Is he campaigning a cat or isn't he campaigning a cat? The first sentence says he can't and the last sentence says he can. **Hamza:** He risks his life. **Dennis Ganoe** [LaPerm Society of America]: What Monte said about LaPerms is exactly true. This year I am getting the breed win for the Korat that I did not try to campaign. She just happened to get enough points. I show two minority breeds. If you pass something like this, any judge who shows a minority breed is basically screwed. Hamza: Damn right. Ganoe: So, please don't vote for this. Norm Auspitz [Kentucky Colonels Cat Club]: First of all, if you are going to shoot, I come from southwest Philly. You better hit me right on the first bullet. Secondly, I don't know what you mean by the word "campaign". That's very vague. Show rules like this that are so vague are open to all kinds of interpretation. So, based on that, I think this ought to be thrown out. Hamza: But we're having so much fun. Jeri Zottoli [National Birman Fanciers; Ramapo Cat Fanciers]: And it doesn't matter how many votes I did or didn't get for Director at Large. Hamza: We're just taking shots everywhere. Zottoli: I started breeding in 1977. I was approximately 7 years old. Hamza: Oh boy. Now it's getting deep. Zottoli: We need some levity, you know? I still breed, I still actively exhibit. Hamza: We're talking cats, right? Zottoli:

Right, cats. Right now I breed and show Birmans and Maine Coons, and I still occasionally have a black cat that falls into my lap. I love to judge. I really, truly do, but where my heart is, is as a breeder. I will always, always breed cats, and I always want to be permitted to exhibit those cats for whatever it is that they get, whether it's an accidental regional win or whatever. But, if this is passed, I will submit my resignation to the Judging Program. Hamza: Are you and John going to come forward and tell us about your breeding experience? Ronna Colilla [Mid-Ohio Cat Fanciers; Long Island Cat Club]: My proof is sitting right there and the other one is in Houston on his way over here, so no, I'm not talking about our breeding experience. And mother of CFA's youngest licensed master clerk and ring clerk. We have spent our whole life in this cat fancy, at least my children have. I am going to say this one more time, because I feel like I say this every year. You cannot legislate ethics. Either trust your judges or don't trust them. There are a lot of judges in this room that, if this passes, they will resign from the Judging Program, so you are not only losing judges, you're losing entries – you know, that thing we have been talking about all night? You're going to lose entries. We're getting a national win this year. We didn't necessarily try to get it, we just thought we would take her out and grand her and see what she would do. Hamza: That's such crap. You tried. R. Colilla: Are you kidding? Two pointed Exotics in Premiership? I don't think so, Jerry. Hamza: We saw you out there. R. Colilla: She didn't win a national win because she was co-bred by a judge. She didn't win a national win because she is co-owned by a judge. She is getting a national win because she is an exquisite example of the Exotic breed, and I am proud of her. **Hamza:** Alright. **R. Colilla:** When my kids were growing up, I joked with them, "Don't make me choose between you and the cats, because you might not like the answer." I'm telling you all now, don't make John choose between fortune cookie finals, or his wife and daughter, because you may not (or maybe you will) like the answer. Hamza: Alright John. You're the last word. J. Colilla [Happy Trails Cat Club; Johnny Appleseed Feline Fanciers]: Mine is very simple. I'm not going to say don't allow the judges showing or whatever. That's beating a dead horse over and over every year, and it seems like it's the same club proposing the same rule. I feel sorry for this person who is proposing this. Maybe he is a bad loser. Anyway, a poor loser tries to eliminate all the competition that is out there so they can get a win. I mean, there's no pride in that. If you want to win, you have to beat the world to win. Anyway, I'm done with that point. Another thing is, I'm the president of a club and the secretary of a club. We put on shows, and as everybody knows, we are scrounging for entries. You are taking entries from my shows. You are taking away my exhibitor base. I'm sorry, I can't support this. Hamza: Though my instincts tell me that I can't define "campaign" correctly, I'm going to let you vote because I know how it's going to go. So, I'm going to call the question.

## **Motion Failed.**

**Jacobberger:** So, once again, in case you're still interested in becoming a CFA judge [laughter], we are having a Breed Awareness and Orientation school at the Garden State Cat Club show in July. It's on page 26 of your delegate handbook, all the registration information. We close our registrations tomorrow – or, no, no, no – Sunday the 30<sup>th</sup>. Get your registrations in. We would love to see you come into the ranks.

– 24 – Paumanok Cat Fanciers, Make Mine Mink, New England Meow Outfit, Garden State Cat Club, Fyfe & Drum Cat Club, Empire Cat Club, Sandhills Cat Club, Indy Cat Club, Midlands Cat Club, Stars 7 Stripes Tabby & Tortie, Inland Empire, Cascade Cat Fanciers, Burmese South Cat Club, Greater St. Louis Cat Club

**RESOLVED:** That the CFA Executive Board be requested to draft a formal, written version of its distance policy with regard to licensing multiple shows on the same weekend and include it in the Show Rules or some other official, readily available publication.

**RATIONALE:** Currently, clubs seeking affordable show locations are expected to honor an arbitrary 500 mile driving distance "guideline" from existing shows set by the Board. It can be argued that this distance constitutes an undue hardship for clubs in certain situations, such as those in coastal regions (who can hardly be expected to put on shows in the middle of the ocean!). Other clubs may only be able to follow this guideline by using locations more than a 90-minute drive from an airport or in sparsely populated areas where they cannot expect to get gate. However, it is not possible to propose revisions to something that is not written down and does not have an appeal procedure.

Obviously, the Board needs to protect and preserve existing shows, but our organization is shrinking rapidly and other associations are stepping in to put on shows in areas where CFA activity has declined. Clubs seeking to promote or maintain a CFA presence in these areas need an easy way to find out exactly what the requirements are. They should not have to rely on the CFA list or Board meeting minutes for guidance and should have the ability to propose changes to requirements set by the Board in the same way that is currently done with the show rules and the Constitution.

Iris Zinck [Keystone Kat Klub; Paumanok Cat Fanciers]: Last one. Hamza: I knew there was one more. Zinck: I want to get out of here just as much as you guys do. I'm not even going to read the whole thing. I'll just tell you because a lot of you have copies. This is a resolution put together by 3 Region 1 clubs, and I am very grateful to the 11 other clubs that thought it made enough sense to co-sponsor it, so just have the politeness to them to listen to it. It's not a request to change anything, and I guarantee you have never heard it before; it's simply a request for clarification. <reads> I'm not even going to read the whole rationale. I'll just read the last few sentences. In case anyone hasn't noticed, our organization is shrinking, and other associations are coming in and putting on shows in areas where there used to be CFA activity. Clubs looking to promote or maintain a CFA presence in these areas need an easy way to find out what the requirements are without having to look through the CFA list or board meeting minutes to try to figure out how far away they need to be in order to be able to put on a show and promote this organization. So, we're just looking for clarification in black and white. Hamza: You know, that's what your regional directors are for. Loretta Baugh [Buffalo Cat Fanciers; Canusa Cat Club]: I can appreciate your request. There is an issue, though. The fact that putting on shows and their impact on other shows does have some distance effect. The major effect, however, is on population density – looking at the number of exhibitors and the number of people that are going to be coming to the shows, and that's very difficult try to put into an actual policy, because what works in Chicago may not work in New Orleans, may not work in Texas or may not work in Michigan. It's very difficult to mold a policy like that. **Monte Phillips** [Chartreux International;

Cat'n on the Fox]: I'm going to follow up with kind of what Loretta was making a point on. If you look at the density of cat ownership and cat shows, it's heavily skewed to the eastern part of the United States. I remember doing a study a long time ago looking at how far apart your shows affect each other, and it really depends a lot on where you are. 500 miles may be too close if you're talking about Nebraska and Missouri, but 500 miles is plenty of distance if you're talking about North Carolina and South Carolina and Virginia. Mike Shelton [New Millenium Cat Club]: I'm basically going to say the same thing. The reason we haven't been able to craft a policy is, there's no one policy you can put in place on X number of miles that's going to work everywhere. It just can't be done. Hamza: I want to say something here. You need to look at your regional directors. In the 3 years we've been doing this, we've had very few disputes because you have human beings with brains that have worked out situations. We've only had a couple situations come to the board in that time, so you need to thank your regional directors. They work very hard for you. You really can't substitute thought with a standard policy. The other thing I want to bring up here, I'm kind of scratching my head. You know, you have all year to craft these ideas and these resolutions. It's not really fair to your club members to have so much coming off the floor. You don't have time to go back to your clubs and talk about them. I'm amazed that so much is coming from the floor. I don't understand how you have – it's always better to take the time and put it together and bring it to your clubs and really notice these things out. Having said that, I am going to call the question.

#### Motion Failed.

- 25 – New Millennium Cat Club, Victor Valley Cat Club, Willamette Valley Cat Club, Manx Ltd., The Cymric Cat Club, Paper Tigers, Puget Sound Cat Club, Sunkats Feline Fanciers, LaPerm Society of America, Korats Unlimited, Fancycat Cat Club, Opposites Attract Cat Club, Utah Cat Fanciers, Desert Cats, Grand Canyon Cat Club, Oregon Cats Inc., Havana Brown Fanciers, Valley Empire Cat Fanciers, Abyssinian Breeders International, Cat-a-Lina Cats Cat Club

**RESOLVED:** Amend Show Rules, Article XII, Show Licenses, Rule 12.04 as follows:

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A change from a two-day show where all judges and entries are present both days to a back-to-back show, or the addition of Household Pet <u>and/or Veterans</u> judging, are not considered <del>a</del>format changes (see 12.07 b.3); however, Central Office and all contracted judges must be notified of the change by the club.

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(The remainder of the rule is unchanged.)

**RATIONALE:** Clubs need entries from any source available, and some are trying to fill this need by offering a Veterans class. There is no reason to require Board action to add this non-championship class to an already-licensed show, but the current rules would require it. This rule change removes that obstacle.

Hamza: Don't go nowhere, because we've got a couple things to take care of. Oh, there's another one? We don't have that one. Mike Shelton [New Millenium Cat Club]: I emailed a copy to Rachel last week and it was passed out to the delegates. This is a very simple essentially housekeeping resolution to amend Rule 12.04 that addition of Veterans to an already-licensed show will not be considered a format change and, therefore, will not require approval by the board. It will still require that the judges and Central Office be notified, as is currently done for the addition of Household Pets. For the two non-championship classes, it makes sense to treat them the same way. Hamza: This actually makes sense. Shelton: You don't have to sound surprised. Hamza: Can I just call it?

## Motion Carried by greater than 50%.

**Hamza:** I think we have found religion here. Eve, go ahead. She's got a slip of the tongue kind of thing going on. **Eve Russell** [Jiminy Christmas Cat Club; Mid-Michigan Cat Fanciers]: I would like to ask all the members of the Slip of the Lip – not slip of the tongue – Club to come forward, please. Patty? **Patty Jacobberger:** I'm over here. It was a shorter distance to walk. You know, Jerry, you are purported to have said something this morning. I didn't hear it, but enough people in this room did hear it that we are inducting you into the Hall of Fame of the Silver Slip of the Lip Club. **Russell:** Before we graciously accept him into our elite group, I think it is necessary for Patty and I to explain to some of our younger attendees, so to speak – yeah, there are a few here – some of the things that have been said in the past. Patty can start. **Jacobberger:** If I could just remember what one of them was. I can tell you what I said. I was giving a motion

from the floor, on behalf of the Burmese cat breeders, and I referred to them as the "Burmese bat creeders". That was my slip of the lip. Norm [Auspitz], on the other hand, had his vibrator turned on. Oh no – his phone was on vibrate, that was what it was. And then there was Barb Gradowski, who said that she and Chuck weren't breeding anymore. But Jerry, yours takes the cake. Hamza: OK, good. Good. Jacobberger: Remember this morning when you wanted to shred the mortgage and we were having a hard time getting the shredder to work? Hamza: I vaguely recall. That was a long time ago now. Jacobberger: Yeah, it was. Hours and hours. Do you want to tell them or should I tell them? Russell: Well, I think we need to go over some other things. I was up on the podium trying to explain that if you took your delegate badge and pinned it down by your knee, we couldn't see it. And if you were wearing spaghetti straps, we wanted to be able to see. I said, "If you are wearing clothes," and they didn't let me finish. Hazel Lindstrand invited us to the bus trip on the river. Jacobberger: Wasn't it Linda Swope who was going to be lying on the couch back there in the hallway, if there was anything that you needed? Russell: What was this about Kim having a male under her? **Jacobberger:** But Jerry, this morning you told Kim, "Just stick it in the hole." [laughter] **Hamza:** I remember that. And just so you know, after almost 30 years with George Carlin, that was no slip. I meant it. Jacobberger: Well, that said, you're the newest inductee. Hamza: And it is an honor and a privilege. I like clubs like that. Groucho Marx said, "I would never belong to a club that would have me as a member," and this is one of those clubs.

**Hamza:** I would like to remind people that the Ambassadors are meeting in 731. I'm going to draw the name for the beautiful earrings. It is J. Bemis. Come up and get your earrings.

**Hamza:** And, I just want to say something. We sort of had fun here today and we also worked through some tough issues. This is what makes a good organization – that we can come together and work through some tough things, and not necessarily agree on everything. But, at the end of the day, say we did what we had to do and be better people for it. And to put our differences behind us now that the work is done. What's left is good times, so I want you to go out and celebrate your year and know that this process strengthens us as an organization. I want to thank you for helping CFA and for helping me. [applause] George, I need a motion to adjourn. **Eigenhauser:** So moved. **Hamza:** OK. Bye-bye.