

(56) **INTERNATIONAL DIVISION MEETING.**

**Saturday, June 29, 2019**

**1. Welcome**

**Harding:** I would like to thank you all for getting up and coming to the meeting this morning. You are a really important part of our family in CFA and we really want to hear what you have to say. This is your chance to talk to the board about issues that you're concerned about, positive things that you hope that you can do in the following year. We're here to hear what you have to say, and we would like for you all to get a chance to address the board this morning.

**2. Overview of ID-Other**

**Harding:** Ken is here. He works with our other-than-Asia countries in the International Division. Do we have someone else besides Ellyn over there to talk about that? At any rate, welcome to the meeting. We're here to hear what you have to say. **Currle:** I don't have anything to say. **Harding:** It will be better than last year, then.

**3. Overview of ID-ROW**

**Currle:** I'm Kenny Currle. I'm the Region 7 director and I was appointed at last year's board meeting to be Committee Chair for the Rest of the World. That sounds like a big task and it certainly is. The AWA – which is Asia West – includes Africa, from India all the way west through all of Africa. We're also in charge of the Central and South America areas, as well. We'll talk a little bit more about that, but we do have one isolated country in the Middle East for various reasons, but CFA is committed to have a presence. Ellyn Honey is in charge specifically of Israel. She has a few words to say about Israel at this point.

**Honey:** Israel has had its challenges, as the board knows. The lady that has the club over there is pretty strong willed, shall we say, but they really want to stay committed to CFA. This year – by the way thank you to the Board for the decision we made about the late fees. They are going to be on probation for a year. If they pay their surcharges on time, then we will waive the late fees. We appreciate it. When I wrote to Eden, she is thrilled. She says thank you very much. They are only doing three shows this year. They have now a TICA club which they did not have last year, so we've got some challenges there. I thought we could talk about a possible in-conjunction show over there at a later date. Right now she plans a show in November, one in January and one in March. I'm happy to say there won't be any guest judges. She wants all CFA people. She is going to be putting out a notice regarding that, so we'll compromise and see if we can't get two CFA judges. I know that I'm going over and Darrell Newkirk is going over. We've agreed to a \$750 air fare so she is thrilled. She says, "oh, I can bring two CFA judges over and I can afford it," so she is very happy about that. She had issues with guest judges last year. We have an exhibitor over there that is working towards the requirements of the Judging Program, Alon Bigler. I'm very excited to see that. He's slowly working. He works full time but it would be fabulous to have a judge in a small country that is a CFA judge. I think that he is very helpful with some of the guidelines. From the time I first went there until now, I think we're seeing better. With each show we see a little more entry. When we have two CFA judges, we see a

bigger entry. They only have 45 to 50 exhibitors there. I think the last time I was there we had about 55 or 60 cats, and that's a lot. That's what's happening in Israel.

**Currle:** Getting back to the Rest of the World, we'll start with South America. We have one active club in South America and Brazil. We've had recent inquiries from two other countries, one specifically in Argentina and one in Uruguay, so we're going to explore those possibilities as information becomes available. As far as the Middle East is concerned, since the time I was appointed to this position, we have taken in seven new clubs in the Middle East, which encompasses four new countries. We have inquiries from Jordan and a couple other Middle Eastern countries that perhaps we can think about but not go in because of the political climate, but we are certainly interested in providing that information to any country that would like to start a CFA club. One of the clubs that we just took in at our Thursday board meeting has agreed to translate into Arabic the clerking manual. Now, this has never been done. I really feel that if we can get clerks to understand our evaluation system, it's going to make it a lot easier for people over there to actually learn our show procedures. We're going to try to revitalize what we had done a couple of years ago, to have our Show Rules translated into Arabic. Somehow that never seemed to make it to Central Office. In any event, I am very, very thankful for the people that work on my Committee. We're not a huge Committee. Sandra AlSumait, who started the K-Kats Club eight years ago, has been instrumental. It was her idea. She put it together. It's really working. Allan Raymond, who has assisted with India. Adilah Rouse also assists with India and she does a lot of clerking over there. Crystal Al-Shatti who you saw on the dance floor last night. She's the happiest person I've ever met in my life. She is going to end up being the first master clerk in the Middle East, with more and more assignments that she has. Basically, we're a growing entity over there. We have 11 clubs that are active. We've got a show coming up in November and I'm trying to arrange a clerking school for that particular venue, as well. I do want to thank the CFA Board for the support that we've received in growing the Middle East area. I'm sure you're aware of the fact that the face of CFA is our judges. Without their professionalism, the following of the rules, the teaching from the rank, our area continues to grow. I want to make personal congratulations to the commitment our judges make when they go to these emerging areas. I get nothing but praise from these people on many different levels, so I want to thank you, all the CFA judges who have officiated there before and will do so in the future. I'll end by saying, five years ago there were two clubs in the Middle East. At this time we have eleven and registrations have grown by 67% since that time. We're very, very pleased with the progress. Thank you very much.

#### **4. Overview of ID-China**

**Hannon:** I would like everyone to introduce themselves, starting with Suki. I know who you all are, but all of the Board doesn't know who you are, so if you can introduce yourselves.

**Suki Lee:** This is Suki. Persian and Exotics, coming from Hong Kong. Currently I am a CFA Allbreed judge. **Matthew Wong:** It's Matthew, Suki's husband. **Allen Shi:** Allen Shi from Shanghai. Oriental Diamond Cat Fanciers Secretary. **Gavin Cao:** Gavin Cao. I'm a shorthair judge right now for CFA. Also I have Great West China Cat Fanciers Club. I'm the club Secretary. **Charlene Jin:** Charlene, Allen Shi's wife. **Stella Lau:** I am Stella. I come from China Shanghai and am a breeder. **Katherine Liu:** Hi everybody. I am Katherine. I come from Chengdu and breed American Shorthair and Devon Rex. Thank you. **Kong:** Hi I am Kong. I am from Chengu. Thank you. **[inaudible]** I am Stella's husband. **Wang:** This is Wang from Beijing

China and Persian breeder and exhibitor. **5D:** I am 5D, Exotic breeder. [joining the meeting later]  
**Rain:** My name is Rain. I'm from China. I'm a master clerk 12 years. We have a club in China.  
**[unidentified speaker]** Hello everybody. I'm from Shanghai and have a new club. Thank you everyone and judges. **Phebe Lo:** Good morning everyone. I'm Phebe. I'm from Hong Kong, Hong Kong Black Cat Club. **Fiona:** I'm Fiona, also from Hong Kong Black Cat Club.  
**[unidentified speaker]** I'm from Liaoning Province.

**[Secretary's Note:** A lengthy discussion was then had regarding CFA's legal status in China. All efforts are being made to conduct business legally, with the final goal to be full restoration of CFA shows using the CFA logo.]

## 5. *Open for Comments*

**Harding:** Unless someone has a lot more to say, I think we've had a very productive meeting here. We thank you all for your loyalty. We can never thank you enough for that. Unless there is something else that you really need to say right now, I would like to thank you. I know everybody has other things they need to do, so thank you very much. **Eigenhauser:** Before we go, I would like to ask a question. Do you think it would be helpful to have some sort of written agenda for future meetings? I don't mean to in any way limit discussion, but just kind of provide a floor of, "these are issues we know we want to talk about, these are problems we want to talk about, these are concerns that we have learned over the last year that we want to talk about." For our next meeting, we have a little bit of an agenda. It's not intended to limit discussion but to provide a floor to make sure we don't miss anything, make sure we allocate enough time to get to everything. Do you think it would be helpful to have an agenda for future meetings, rather than leave them free form? <yes> Then my suggestion would be, over the next year as events come up, think about them, right them down and maybe a week before the meeting coordinate with the ID Chairs so we can provide a list in advance and we can know at the very least we want to talk about these topics. That makes it easier for us to avoid missing any. If we do run out of time before we can get to all the topics, at least we know your questions and concerns so we can continue the conversation after the meeting. I'm not trying to force structure on you, but if we had some sort of agenda ahead of time, if you think that would be beneficial, feel free to do it. **Wong:** OK. **Shi:** OK. **Harding:** We'll talk about that.

(57) **BREED COUNCIL SECRETARIES' MEETING.**

**Saturday, June 29, 2019**

**Hannon:** I'm calling the meeting to order and would like to welcome everybody. I'm going to turn it over to Carla Bizzell, who is the Chair of the Breeds and Standards Committee.

**Bizzell:** Hello everybody. Welcome. First, I need to know if you each have all of the handouts. We have an agenda. We have a letter that they handed out titled *CFA Annual Meeting 2019*. We also have another handout for the CFA website content update. While we're getting this handled, I would like to again welcome all of you. I know Rachel will say this if I don't. She is recording this and will have minutes, so it's important that she knows who is talking. When you have a point, please use a microphone. We're going to start out by having everyone quickly introduce yourself with just your name and what breed you are here to represent, whether you are a Breed Council Secretary or someone representing for a Breed Council Secretary.

<b>Mary Kolencik</b>	Siamese
<b>Kathryn Brady</b>	Colorpoint Shorthair
<b>Desiree Bobby</b>	Lykoi
<b>Orca Starbuck</b>	Chartreux
<b>Claire Dubit</b>	Tonkinese
<b>Lynn Cooke</b>	Exotic
<b>Carol Johnson</b>	American Shorthair
<b>LeAnn Rupy</b>	Havana Brown
<b>Cary Plummer</b>	Persian
<b>Dennis Gano</b>	LaPerm
<b>Teresa Seling</b>	Bengal
<b>Jan Rogers</b>	American Wirehair
<b>Cyndy Byrd</b>	British Shorthair
<b>Marilee Griswold</b>	Scottish Fold
<b>Lorna Friemoth</b>	American Bobtail
<b>Karen Thomas</b>	Burmese
<b>Ikuyo Takase</b>	Singapura
<b>Dotti Olsen</b>	Oriental
<b>Isabelle Bellavance</b>	Ragdoll
<b>Linda Peterson</b>	Devon Rex
<b>Cheryl Coleman</b>	Korat
<b>Alene Shafnisky</b>	Turkish Angora
<b>Joy Dey</b>	Manx
<b>Jeri Zottoli</b>	Bombay, also representing Birman
<b>Bethany Colilla</b>	Maine Coon
<b>Annette Wilson</b>	Russian Blue
<b>Martha Auspitz</b>	Abyssinian
<b>Judy Bemis</b>	European Burmese
<b>Sherrie Phelps</b>	Siberian
<b>Nancy Dodds</b>	Cornish Rex
<b>Kitty Barie</b>	Norwegian Forest Cat
<b>Melanie Morgan</b>	Egyptian Mau

**Howard Webster**  
**Sonja Moscoffian**

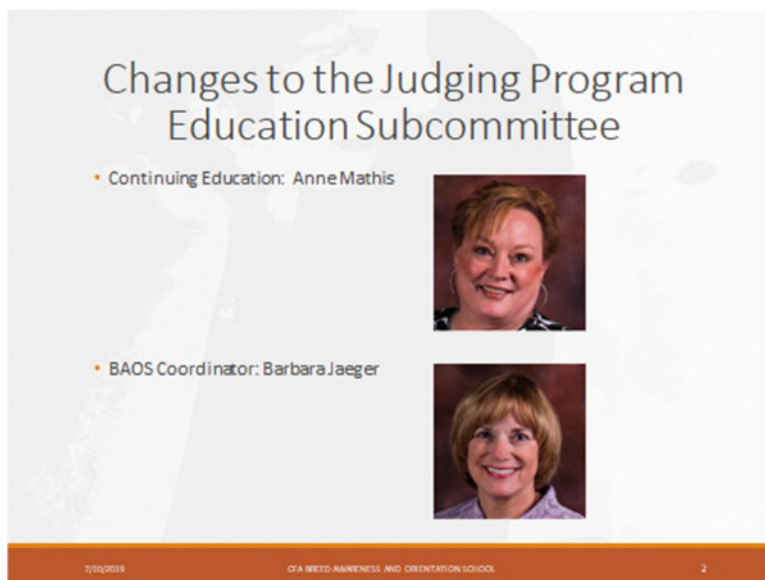
Balinese/Javanese  
Ocicat

**1. Updating Breed Presentations/Printed Materials – Pat Jacobberger**

**Bizzell:** We have an agenda which has been handed out. First on the agenda is Pat Jacobberger.



**Jacobberger:** Good morning. I'm here as the subcommittee chair for the CFA Judging Program Education Committee. I wanted a little of your time this morning to introduce you to some people. As I'm stepping down out of that role, we are replacing my work with a number of folks.



**Jacobberger:** Our Continuing Education Coordinator is going to be Anne Mathis. You will be hearing from her, from time to time, with regards to her role as the Continuing Education

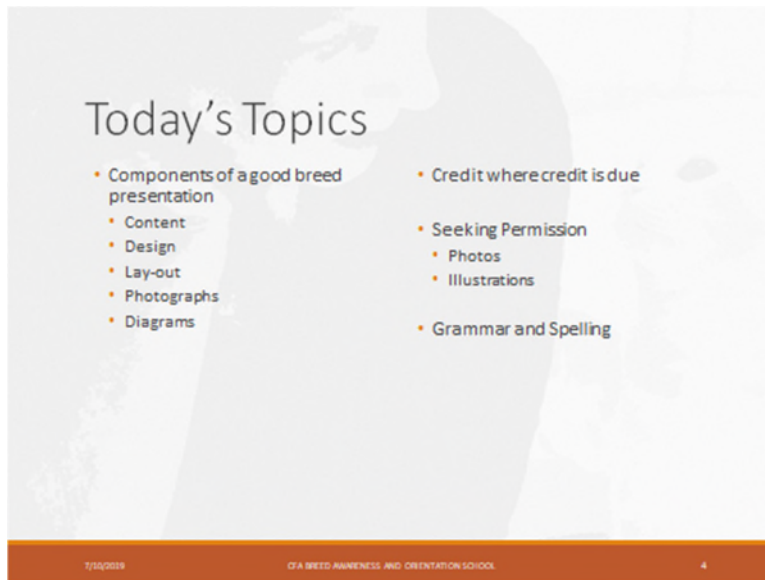
liaison for our Program. There's also Barbara Jaeger, who is our coordinator for the Breed Awareness and Orientation Schools. You will be hearing from Barbara, as well, from time to time with regards to materials that she may need or issues she may have with the materials that relate to the school itself.

Changes to the Judging Program  
Education Subcommittee

- Education Sub-committee Librarian: Tracy Petty
- Maintain the educational material associated with
  - CFA JP Continuing Education materials
  - BAOS materials
  - LH and SH booklets
  - Colors and Patterns booklet
  - Breed Presentations

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**Jacobberger:** The lady sitting to my left is Tracy Petty. She is our Education Subcommittee Librarian. One of the roles that I filled was to maintain all your breed presentations and to help facilitate that they be up to date and current. Tracy will be taking over that work. She will be your contact person for things like copies of your presentations if you don't have them and she will be in contact with you, as well. **Petty:** Does everyone have the letter now? This was mailed out to Breed Council Secretaries earlier in the year, so if you are a brand new Breed Council Secretary, you got a very similar version a few months ago. It just talks about the materials that you are responsible for keeping up for your breed; that is, the breed presentation. This is the breed presentation that is on the CFA website under your breed page. Is everybody familiar with the links on the right side of the page, where you find your breed presentation? That's the material you will keep up to date. If you have an update to it, you want to send that to me in a PowerPoint format and I will get it on the website. It will also be incorporated into the BAOS. It is not the full presentation that is presented at the BAOS. We'll condense it. You don't need to do that, but just make sure you are keeping your presentation up to date with your standard. When there's changes to your standard, you don't have to re-do the whole thing, just let us know what needs to be changed. That can be done at any time. There are deadlines listed in the litter for when we'll need updates to be presented at the October BAOS, but you can do updates at any time. Is there anything else we need to go over? These materials are also incorporated in a couple of other things for the BAOS. There's a longhair and a shorthair booklet. Again, we pull that information out of the presentation that you have. We will make the longhair and shorthair booklet up. **Jacobberger:** In that letter is kind of a thumbnail sketch of what we expect in these presentations, and actually what the thumbnail sketch is, is a detailed list of things.



**Jacobberger:** The components of a good breed presentation include paying attention to the content and the design of the material. A lot of our breed presentations have some very delightful and creative background designs in the PowerPoint presentations. I think that on a presentation-by-presentation basis people enjoy that. When we get your material, we actually put it into a teaching format so that it all looks like the same PowerPoint presentation and we run them together so that we're not opening and closing PowerPoint presentations all day for two days. It's kind of an efficiency thing. So, pay attention to that. Pay attention to the lay-out. That's kind of cited in the letter. An introduction to your breed, a pie chart that explains the distribution of your breed standard points. What we've done for our presentations for the school is, we standardized those into a pie chart format, but get creative with how you want to do it. There are some really nifty exploded kinds of pie charts in some of these presentations. If you have a chance, if you want to look at some that are really kind of interesting, look at the Chartreux presentation and the Siamese/Balinese/Javanese/Colorpoint Shorthair presentation. That presentation covers all of those breeds in one presentation. What we found in the school in the last several years is that when we do comparisons between breeds, people learn quicker and they retain the information longer. If you can find a way to cohort with a similar breed and do a combined presentation, that's really helpful, as well. These presentations go up on not only your breed page, but they also go up on the Judges' Continuing Education page because this is how our judges fulfill their continuing education requirement – by reviewing your breed presentations. We like lots of photographs. One of the things that we hear from students all the time is, “we want more pictures,” so we encourage you every year to update with your last year's breed winner or this year's breed winner and provide a lot of photographs – not only of really, really great cats, but also of those issues that you have that you want judges to be aware of that are on the negative side of things. Examples of poor ear sets or poor eye sets – those kinds of things are very helpful to somebody who is learning the material in order to prepare for the Judging Program. Diagrams are great. One of the great presentations with diagrams is the Devon Rex presentation. Take a look at that. They have some outstanding drawings in that, that really showcase the breed.

**Petty:** One thing to remember when you're putting together the presentation, whether it's photographs or drawings, do give credit to the photographer or the artist that did it. If you can use the picture without cropping out the photographer's logo, do that. If you do have to crop it out just to make the picture fit nicely in the presentation, just a little line underneath with who took the photo so there is credit for that. Pay attention to grammar and spelling. If anybody knows me, I am kind of a stickler for that. If you're doing it on a computer, most of the time it's going to give you a squiggly line telling me there's something wrong, but I will review it. Are there any questions? Do take note that the deadline for the October BAOS is coming up. It will be before the end of the Summer, so if you have any changes to your breed standard, now is the time to get that updated. Thank you.

**Bizzell:** Thank you Pat and Tracy.

## 2. *Website Updates for Breed Materials – Mary Kolencik*

**Bizzell:** The next item on our agenda is website updates for breed materials, and that would be Mary K. Would Mary K like to come up to the teacher's chair?

**Kolencik:** I am now switching us to the dog fancy. AKC's breed UI is instructive. AKC "markets" their breeds with a trait-oriented focus on matching owners to the dog breed that fits their needs. Seriously, I'm working with Kathy Durdick updating and renovating the CFA website, specifically the content. That's my role as content manager, because she's going to be in charge of the navigation, but it's impossible for her to renovate the multitude of information that is on that site, so I will be helping her with that. That's a lot of info that's badly needed to update, and I'm reaching out to people to work on different things; for example, the Agility section is in major need of some work, so I reached out to Nikki Feniak to work on that. One area that I see as a high priority, and it's very important to me because I think it's where we really need to improve, is the breed section. That is where I need your help, the Breed Council Secretaries. You all have a handout with a few screenshots of the AKC website. AKC markets their breeds to pet buyers. They do it incredibly well. It's a gorgeous site. If you haven't visited, go visit it. I'm very jealous of their website. I want to show you just a few of the pieces of it, because this is where I want to end. I really wish I could have shown you this on the screen. It would have been a lot more interesting if I could have shown this interactively, but we're just going to have to make due.



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# Dachshund

OVERVIEW PUPPIES BREED STANDARD

Temperament: **Friendly, Curious, Spunky**

AKC Breed Popularity: Ranks 12 of 193  
 Height: 8-9 inches (standard), 5-6 inches (miniature)  
 Weight: 16-32 pounds (standard), 11 pounds & under (miniature)  
 Life Expectancy: 12-16 years  
 Group: Hound Group

...ly long, low silhouette, ever-alert expression, and bold, vivacious personality of the Dachshund have made him a superstar of the canine kingdom. Dachshunds come in two sizes and in three coat types of various colors and patterns.

ABOUT AKC PUPPYFINDER FEATURES CARE HISTORY DID YOU KNOW? BREED STANDARD OTHER BREEDS TO EXPLORE

2 sentence description

## Care

NUTRITION GROOMING EXERCISE TRAINING HEALTH

Dachshunds are moderate shedders, relatively clean, and have little or no body odor. The breed's grooming needs vary with the three coat types. Smooth-coated Dachshunds are somewhat "wash and wear," needing little beyond a wipe with a towel or hound glove to look dapper. Longhaired Dachshunds may require more frequent brushing, depending on the thickness of the coat. The Wirehaired coat can be plucked or hand-stripped several times a year to look its best, but beyond that is easy to maintain between groomings with occasional trimming of the beard and eyebrows and brushing or combing once or twice a week. All Dachshunds should have their nails trimmed every month.

Grooming Frequency: Occasional Bath/Brush, Specialty/Professional, Frequent  
 Shedding: Infrequent, Frequent  
 Weekly Brushing Occasional

## Care

NUTRITION GROOMING EXERCISE TRAINING HEALTH

Generally a healthy breed, the Dachshund can be expected to live 12 to 15 years with proper care, so long as he's kept on a good diet and has enough exercise to maintain good muscle tone. To prevent disc damage to the Dachshund's long back, be vigilant about keeping him from becoming overweight, and always monitor his activities to avoid back injury. Like most dogs with drop ears, Dachshunds can get ear infections if their ears aren't kept clean.

**Recommended Health Test from the National Breed Club:**  
 No recommended health tests

**Kolencik:** The page on each breed starts out with info that the casual person is interested in. It doesn't start out with, "This breed was found 200 years ago in whatever country," etc., etc. It starts out with, "What is the temperament of this breed?" In three words – each breed – what's the temperament. Then the physical characteristics, how big it is, what the coat is like. It has

several different pictures that you can go through and it emphasizes what people looking for pets want to see. If you go to their site, what really amazes me is that everywhere they are pushing you to find puppies. We don't do that because if we tried to push people to buy kittens, we don't have a really good marketplace yet. We're working on that. They really push people to their puppy marketplace. You see that everywhere, "go here to find puppies."

# Dog Breeds

This is the official list of all American Kennel Club dog breeds.

**FIND BY BREED NAME**

**FILTER BREEDS** [CLEAR ALL](#)

**GROUP** +

**ACTIVITY LEVEL** +

**BARKING LEVEL** +

**CHARACTERISTICS** -

Smallest Dog Breeds  Medium Dog Breeds

Largest Dog Breeds  Smartest Breeds Of Dogs

Hypoallergenic Dogs  Best Family Dogs

Best Guard Dogs  Best Dog Breeds For Kids

Best Dogs For Apartments Dwellers  Hairless Dog Breeds

**COAT TYPE** +

**SHEDDING** +

**SIZE** -

XSmall  Small

Medium  Large

XLarge

**TRAINABILITY** -

May Be Stubborn  Agreeable

Eager To Please  Independent

Easy Training

[SUBMIT](#) [CLEAR ALL](#)



Italian Greyhound




## What's a dog breed?

People have been breeding dogs since prehistoric times. The earliest dog breeders used wolves to create domestic dogs. From the beginning, humans purposefully bred dogs to perform various tasks. Hunting, guarding, and herding are thought to be among the earliest job... [MORE](#)

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**Kolencik:** The next page I want to show you is on the ways that they search for the breeds. There's several different ways that you can find breeds that you are looking for. You can select from a list of physical characteristics, so I picked hypoallergenic dogs, small or extra small and easy to please. It shows you each of the breeds with these characteristics. There's quite a few different things – activity level, barking level and a few other things.

# Compare Breeds

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Can't decide which breed of dog is right for you? Compare dog breeds below to see how different breed characteristics and attributes stack up against each other.

Select up to 5 breeds to see a side-by-side comparison

Dachshund	Pembroke Welsh Corgi	Papillon
<b>Personality</b>		
Sunny, curious, friendly	Smart, alert, affectionate	Happy, alert, friendly
<b>AKC Popularity Ranking</b>		
12th most popular breed	12th most popular breed	54th most popular breed
<b>Group</b>		
HOUND GROUP	HERDING GROUP	TOY GROUP
<b>Size</b>		
Small Height: 8-9 inches (standard), 5-6 inches (miniature) Weight: 16-32 pounds (standard), 11 pounds & under (miniature)	Small Height: 10-12 inches Weight: up to 30 pounds (male), up to 28 pounds (female)	XSmall Height: 8-11 inches Weight: 5-10 pounds
<b>Life Expectancy</b>		
12-16 years	12-13 years	14-16 years
<b>Characteristics</b>		
Good with Children? Better with Supervision Good with other dogs? With Supervision	Good with Children? Better with Supervision Good with other dogs? With Supervision	Good with Children? Yes Good with other dogs? With Supervision
<b>Trainability</b>		
Apresible	Apresible	Eager to Please
<b>Coat Length</b>		
Short	Medium	Medium
<b>Grooming</b>		
Weekly Brushing	Weekly Brushing	Weekly Brushing
<b>Shedding</b>		
Occasional	Regularly	Seasonal
<b>Activity Level</b>		
Regular Exercise	Energetic	Regular Exercise
<b>Barking</b>		
Likes to be Vocal	Medium	Likes to be Vocal
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Cats are NOT little dogs, so we will gather our own set of information. But the goal will be the same, to "market" the breeds.

**Preliminary Cat Comparison Information to Collect (what we eventually display may change):**

Name  
How many divisions  
Status (CH, PROV, MISC)

Physical Characteristics:  
size (e.g. small, medium, large, x-large)  
avg. weight (female)  
avg. weight (male)  
coat length  
coat type  
shedding level  
color & markings (will need a separate sheet for some breeds)  
grooming level (none, moderate occasional, daily)

**Temperament (in 2 or 3 words)**  
**any negative personality traits?**  
**vocal?**  
**Activity level**  
**life expectancy**  
**Good with kids?**  
**Good with dogs?**  
**Good with other cats?**  
CFA popularity rank

health issues?  
any required health tests?

short preface (2-3 sentences)  
medium preface (2 paragraphs)  
standard - general appearance  
paragraph  
"Did you know" types of trivia  
related breeds  
similar breeds

Other resources:

	breed clubs breed articles Any specific Ambassador Cat Pages
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**Kolencik:** Then the last page, this is my favorite section – the breed comparison. You can pick up to 5 breeds and it compares. You know how you’re shopping for a new TV or a new computer or whatever, you can pick several different models and it will show you all the different comparisons with the dogs, but the problem that we have is that, if we had this great feature, we don’t have the information to go with this. That’s where you come in. This is all great. This is fantastic. If we wanted to do this today we couldn’t, because we just don’t have this data. That’s where I want your help.

**Kolencik:** I’m creating a list, and you can see this on the right-hand side. I started the list. I’ve already added a few things to it, but this is the kind of information I want to gather. I want to give this information to Kathy to develop this, to pull different ways to view the breeds. I’m not saying that we’re going to have exactly this, that we’re going to have exactly what AKC has. I don’t know what it’s going to look like, but I want to start getting the data for the breeds. In a short time – a few days, maybe a couple weeks – I’m going to send everybody a link to a spreadsheet on Google Docs where there will be a list of these characteristic, and I would like your help filling that information. I need to know what’s the temperament like on your breed? Some of this stuff I can fill in. I know the coat length of every breed, but I don’t know temperament. I know the temperament of a few of them, but I don’t know all of them. So, I really need your help. You’ll be getting that soon and I hope you will all fill it in. One thing that I know from past experience, especially working with Linda Peterson with the breed booths for the International is that getting information from Breed Council Secretaries is sometimes a little difficult. It’s like half of you are on the ball. You answer right away, and the other half, we have to nag you for just whether or not you’re going to set up a breed booth. “Yes or no, are you setting up a breed booth?” It’s just like pulling teeth, so there will be a deadline. I’m going to remind people and if you don’t respond by the deadline, I’m just going to make stuff up. Linda will help me make stuff up. I’m just going to put stuff about the Dachshund and put it in there. What I’ll do is, I might even call you on the phone to get the information, or I’ll call somebody else in your breed council. I’ll call another breeder, so if you don’t want me getting information from another breeder, then you need to get it to me. Or, I might depend on the next Breeds and Standards Chair, whoever that might be, and maybe the Chair of the Judging Program. I’m going to say, “Melanie, help me fill some of this in, because you’re the experts on some of these things.” We’ll get this done. What I really want, though, is I want your input. If you want to have a voice on what’s presented on the website, you’ve got to respond; otherwise, I’m going to get the information from somewhere else. **[unidentified speaker]** Deadline? **Kolencik:** I don’t know yet. I don’t have a date from Kathy yet on when she’s planning on rolling out the new site. It will be soon. We’ll start collecting the information soon. Does anyone have any questions? By the way, if you want to add to this list, tell me. **[unidentified speaker]** Is there a cost to us for this? **Kolencik:** What do you mean? A cost to CFA or a cost to you? **[unidentified speaker]** Us. The breed councils. **Kolencik:** No. **[unidentified speaker]** We’ve been on that site for about a month and they do charge the breeders for listing puppies. **Kolencik:** Oh, that. **[unidentified speaker]** One of the nice things they have on that site I don’t think you mentioned, was like, “Is your cattery licensed? Are you a cattery of distinction? Are you a show person? Do you have Grand Champions?” AKC has that on theirs. **Kolencik:** We greatly need to work on improving

the breed marketplace or whatever we call it where people can come and find kittens. That is not anything that I'm involved with, so I can't speak to what that might cost or when that will be done or what it's going to look like or anything. **Ganoe:** Just a question on where and how you want us to identify the non-showable examples of our breeds. For example, with the LaPerm I get straight hairs every now and then. They're non-showable, but we're looking for pet homes. **Kolencik:** I'll add that. I'll add a line to the spreadsheet that says, "Are there AOVs or non-showable Persians," or something you can identify that with. I breed a breed with AOVs, so I identify with that. **Shafnisky:** [inaudible, off microphone] can we make sure any kind of language that might include licensing or anything like that by our legal group first, just because we don't want to create any licensing of catteries. **Kolencik:** As I said, I'm not involved with that feature. **Shafnisky:** We should mark that as a concern, just to make sure we're not setting ourselves up, because cattery licensing is not like dog licensing. **Kolencik:** Anybody else have any questions? **Bizzell:** Thank you Mary.

### 3. *IT Update – Color Genetics Screening Project – Tim Schreck/Steve Merritt*

**Bizzell:** The third item on our agenda, come on up Tim and Steve. This is an IT update to talk about the color genetics screening project. I know this is something that we have been needing for a long time, that will help to eliminate a lot of our registration color issues. I will turn the mike over to Tim, who will probably turn it over to Steve. **Schreck:** This is a project that the board has designated as something that is very important to us. This helps us to validate our registration and make it more accurate. Steve is the one who has been heading up this project and I will turn this over to him now. **Merritt:** I've been working on the genetics for end users, as well as our breeders. I can happily say that 99% of the programming has been done, but I need to come to the breed councils for some additional information. I'm looking for something that was done with Devons, where they gave me all possible outcomes of color and coat patterns. Some of the breeds are going to be crazy. All I need from you guys is the colors. I will populate all the genetic code. I've become real good at it over the last three months. That's my big ask – what colors do you guys see possible out of the breeding programs? I've used as a basis for our programmers the BCS codes, so if I can get points of contact I can work with, I can show you what we have in the BCS code for each breed. I can show you what's been done for the Devon Rex, and if we can maybe copy a lot of the work that's already been done for the Devon Rex, that's huge but I need your help. You guys are the experts. Even though I've been doing Orientals for 10-12 years, I'm still not an expert. I still ask questions. Again, anybody that we can bring in for each of the breeds to help solidify and make this tool that more refined so we don't have any people going down as we lead them to a final color and pattern. If it's going to be there, let's make sure that we put it in our list, put in the genetic codes, so when we lead them down the path and they come to red, green and purple, and their cat is purple, they can pick purple. **Shafnisky:** Can you give us your email address? **Merritt:** Actually, I have business cards I will pass out to everybody, so you guys can contact me by email or call. I'm available at any time. This is a very high priority for me because we are really close to launching this. The sooner we can do that, that's going to be a huge plus for CFA. We can actually say, "we're following our breeds genetically." I think that's a huge plus. **Hannon:** [inaudible, off mike] **Merritt:** We've done each breed individually, because each breed is unique. What we do is, you pick the male and the female that you bred. From that point, it picks out based on the genetic code that we have recorded all of the possibilities. It will be a drop-down menu and it will say, "Is your cat red or cream?" Red is a unique color. If you say no, we are wiping out all the red and

are looking at other possibilities. It might be blue, or it might be ebony or black. Then it will ask you about pattern of the coat. It will actually lead you down to a final result. It will also have pictures and descriptions as help screens. **[unidentified speaker]** Why did you pick the Devons? **Merritt:** Actually, because most of the work is already done and it had the most colors. It had sepia, it had mink, so it was more diverse. By the time I was done with the work that had already been done with the Devon, I ended up with 1,800 different possibilities for the Devon. Out of the BCS codes, we had over 7,000 line items. I want to take and build that so we have a much bigger catalog. **[Olsen]** If I go and register a kitten, once this code is input – to give you an example, I have a cat right now that the mother was determined after she was registered, after she had granded, that she had silver but it doesn't show that on the registration. So, my kitten actually is a red-silver spotted and white. When I go to register kittens from her, because her grandparents are not correct, is that going to be a stopping point? **Merritt:** It is not. We've already discussed that. We belabored that question quite heavily. No, we're not going to go back and change it. We'll annotate it and move forward. Our only concern is moving forward correct. **Ganoe:** I have a question about timing of registering for outcrosses. Our breed still allows domestic outcross. We often will register the domestic at the time that we want to register the litter. Is there a delay that has to occur for getting the domestic registered? For example, I've got a red and white domestic that I'm using with a LaPerm female. He's not registered yet. She hasn't given birth yet, so I don't have kittens yet. Do I have to do a two-step process with an outcross like that, or is it available to do it all together? **Merritt:** Help! **Tartaglia:** At this time, yes. It's a whole different process. It's almost like registering a cat via pedigree. It might be offered maybe sometime in the future, but not currently. **Ganoe:** But once I get the male registered, then he will be in the system and I can register future litters with him. **Tartaglia:** Correct, yes. **Merritt:** A lot more questions than I expected. **Bellavance:** How do you want us to send you the information? Do you want us to list this color and this color produces these colors? **Merritt:** What I can do is, once you contact me saying yes I will help, I will send you a spreadsheet of what the current BCS code is so we don't have duplication, and also send a copy of the spreadsheet for the Devon so you can look at what was done. I don't want you to look at any of the genetic coding or the FIFe codes. I'll take care of that. **Bellavance:** Excellent. Is this what's currently being used? I've been getting a lot of emails from people whose registration applications have been rejected and they are asked to check with me for the color of the cat or combinations and stuff like that. Is that what's currently being used? **Merritt:** No. This is what's going to be implemented, so you don't get bombarded with those sorts of things. **Peterson:** I'm still trying to recover the brain cells that I lost in reviewing all that, so bear with me. I have a quick question. There are some designer names. For example, we use "cameo" versus "red silver" and I honestly don't remember in that list of 1,800 colors how we did that. **Merritt:** I think it's cameo. **Peterson:** Alright, so that will come up. **Merritt:** I'm sure it will. We can address that. Right now, I'm going through and scrubbing through the 7,000 line items to make sure I didn't make a mistake. Trust me I have, being new to this. It's like, "what was I thinking?" But, you're absolutely right. The cameo and the red silver, yeah. If I find something where it shows up, I may contact you and say, "from the breed council standpoint, what is our standard?" I want to stay with the standards across the board. Thank you for all your help. **Johnson:** I think I have an issue with the shaded silvers. We have actually two genetic pathways that we have created, so the question will be how will you address that if there's two different genes that you can use? **Merritt:** That's where we are going to need your help. If there's something specific that is an oddity, I'll need your help to say, "if this, then that, to get that. Or if not that, then this and this equals this." Then I can work with the



programmers to get that programming done. **Johnson:** I have another question that was kind of alluded to already. I sometimes get either blue ticked tabbies or blue-silver ticked tabbies. I'm probably as good as anybody with genetics. I can't tell the difference phenotypically, so in some cases they could be either. Are you going to leave the registry open for those types of mistakes? Red-silver is one of the other ones that can be very difficult because their undercoat may not be white, it could be ivory. How do you tell that from a true red that has a white undercoat?

**Tartaglia:** We're working on that. **Merritt:** We have worked through the reds. **Tartaglia:** We had that same issue with the solid red/red tabby. We think we have a solution for that. I think that's on the agenda coming up. We may be using that same sort of logic for some of these other anomalies where you've got the phenotype and the genotype. It's a problem. It's confusing, and our main concern is that our pedigrees reflect the anomaly. For instance, these red/red tabbies will be registered as non-agouti tabbies. That makes people happy with their pedigrees. They understand, and it also addresses the phenotype issue. So, we're hoping to apply the same logic in these other areas. We know there's a few others that we'll need your help with. **Rogers:** Are we ever going to try to standardize the color names? **Merritt:** I wish we could or would, but not this round. **Tartaglia:** Part of the standardization of the color names is between the breeds. It's really up to you to come to that conclusion. Ebony for Oriental. It's a black Persian. That's part of the standardization process. I'm not sure if that's what you're referring to, but that's part of it. **Merritt:** Trust me, if it was all standardized it would make my life a whole lot easier. **Kolencik:** I just wrote a note down to myself to remember to create a page on the website that has that translation. I'll put that on the spreadsheet for us to all do. We call black "ebony" or seal point or whatever. We can add that and it will be there for people to see. **Merritt:** I think that's actually on the website. It's one of the documents we are using. **Kolencik:** I'll find it. **Thomas:** We currently have Tonkinese and Bombay as allowable outcross. Sable in Burmese is natural solid in Tonkinese. I'm going to have to throw those into the possible parentage. **Merritt:** That's fine. I'm looking for that because I want to cover everything. I don't want somebody to register their cat and not have that choice being there. I want all outcomes. The more descriptive we can be in that data we can draw from, that's going to make Central Office's job a whole lot easier, and your job in the long run. **Shafnisky:** I had a couple of questions, I'm sorry. When you say BCS code, you mean the registration prefix, right? **Merritt:** Yes. **Shafnisky:** So the whites will continue to need an eye color. **Merritt:** Yes. We don't have any problem with the whites, trust me. If there's something, please put it in there and let me know. **Shafnisky:** The disqualified, unregistrable colors will not even be options in this scenario? **Merritt:** No. **Shafnisky:** I just had a question following what she said about having the red-silver kitten out of the mother who was actually silver but wasn't registered as such. You're saying that she would be able to breed back to her non-silver male and register silver kittens? **Merritt:** Yes. We're not going to make people go back and make corrections, but my fear is that what you've just said is, people can just pick whatever color they think it is and it's not going to get kicked back. In a situation different from hers [Johnson], maybe somebody just makes a mistake and they don't know any better. It seems to me that there should be some kick-back. If I have two non-silver parents and I register a silver kitten – **Merritt:** If that happens and it comes back that two non-silver parents get a silver kitten, there is an "other" classification that will spawn off an email or a flag at Central Office to make whatever corrections are needed to make that happen. It's not an automatic, "I can just pick whatever I want." **Shafnisky:** I just want to make sure you can't just randomly pick a category. **Merritt:** The system is such that it's all driven off of genetic coding tables. If that combination will not give you a silver or a white, it will not allow you to even see that selection. It's all

dropdown menus. There's no free form. **[unidentified speaker]** Will we ever have the option of selecting that these are DNA verified, so when you have those strange situations with red/red producing silver, you can say, "this was verified by DNA, this is a silver," and upload the DNA test. **Merritt:** Exactly. You won't see those tags, but it will be tagged at Central Office that you've had the testing done and this is verified. **Johnson:** I just wanted to clarify that silver is not a genetic tag yet. **Merritt:** No, it is not. You're absolutely right. **Johnson:** It will solve our problems if we have that. **Merritt:** Again, to her point, we're driving everything that we're doing thus far off the work that was done from the Devon, because a lot of those genetic tags that you may Google are not completely vetted. As more genetic tags are vetted and approved, we can add those with no problem to help CFA and the breeders define their breed, such as ticking and spotting and such. **Ganoe:** This may be a question that goes beyond the colors that you're looking for, but in the future we may have situations within our breeds that require the addition or change of outcross and different inputs. The one that comes to mind is the Havana, that needed to have an outcross because of your blockage in genetics. How changeable is the code that you're building for this? Will we need to reprogram stuff or is it data driven? **Merritt:** Can you be a little more specific on what type of data you're talking about? **Ganoe:** Right now, LaPerm. Our outcross to domestic is allowed until 2020. I need to petition the board if I want to extend that, but if it lapses it would need to go away. How would that happen in the programming? How would that allowed outcross be disallowed when we're selecting parents? **Merritt:** James has an answer. **Simbro:** That's something that is already in the code. As far as the outcross, we control that based on BCS codes and the breeds themselves. That's something that already exists. When those expire, if they're not new we just remove them. **Ganoe:** That's what I was wondering. If didn't know if you are driving it off of data that we already had or needed some more information. **Simbro:** The goal we discussed is, this genetic data is going to be tied to BCS codes so we don't have to go back and look up prior cats and fill in that data. It's going to be automatic. The genetic coding is put in there and linked to the BCS codes. Every cat previously is going to be linked to that genetic code. **Ganoe:** To me, that says that as Breed Council Secretary I need to be very cognizant of what those BCS codes mean, then. **Simbro:** Yes. **Peterson:** Something just came to my mind. As I remember, when I was going through this I wrote back and said, "you can't have a male calico." **Merritt:** No, you can't. **Peterson:** But, there was still a code assigned to it. So, everybody should know that when you're reviewing or whatever, if you have a breed that has a color that's not – **Merritt:** Let us know. If what I send you isn't right, let us know so we can make the correction. **Peterson:** But we still wanted that in there because if it happens the cat is sterile. [inaudible] ask the Breed Council Secretaries to do this, that even if it's something that is genetic possible but rare. I had a Devon that was. **Merritt:** If it's possible, I want to know about it. **Moscoffian:** One of the things that this past two years genetically, do you know who Dr. Chris Kaelin is? **Merritt:** No. **Moscoffian:** He works with Stanford University. He has developed a genetic test for Bengals. He originally did it for Bengals, and I sent in some genetic tests on my Ocicats. Because there's no genetic test on our spotted breeds for non-spotted – which is in our case classics, their case marbles – but he has a test for it. He also supposedly has a test for mackerel, so when you do start accepting other genetic tests, other than like from UC-Davis, will you be taking genetic tests from certified geneticists like Dr. Chris Kaelin? **Merritt:** That would be more of a Central Office type of question, because that's going to have to be vetted out as, what do we add when we have it, as far as those genetic markers. **Plummer:** I have question, when you talk about a silver out of a red. So, you take two parents that do not have silver on them and produce a kitten that does have



silver on it. She goes to register the kitten. It flags it from Central Office saying, “no, this kitten can’t be a silver because the parents are not silver.” So, you contact her, you email her, she comes back to you and says, “yes, it is, the mother is blah, blah, blah, so she can produce silvers.” Realistically, you’re just taking someone’s word for it. Should there not be some identifiable proof that that female or the male is carrying the gene to produce the color, instead of just taking people’s word for it? **Merritt:** That has nothing to do with me. That would be something that you would have to take up with Central Office if they want you to do some genetic testing or not. All we’re doing is the coding. It says, “these are the choices, based on what you have registered.” **Hannon:** His process will say, take it up with Central Office. They will not allow you at that point to register the kitten. You will have to go to Central Office and discuss the anomaly. **Merritt:** It may kick off a genetic test or just a conversation to look at your pedigrees. **Plummer:** Is it possible if she says, “OK, the mother is carrying this color, etc.” She has already become a grand champion. Is it possible to go back and re-register that female? **Merritt:** No. **Plummer:** She is a year old and she is going to produce 20 more kittens, so there’s 20 kittens out there that are all silver but there’s no silver parents. So, it would not be a correct pedigree. Yes or no? **Merritt:** That would be up to you, to re-register. **Brady:** So, what you’re saying is that there are going to be cats that are going to be registered with the wrong colors and we are not making people go back and fix that? **Merritt:** It’s going to be a nightmare. **Webster:** In our breed, we came from silvers. Silver can be carried low grade, so we can produce silvers. It says that in the standard, I think. We can produce silvers or smokes out of non-silver parents, because silver can be carried low grade almost undetected. **Johnson:** There are some colors – blue is one of them – that it’s very difficult even in a tabby to tell blue-silver from a true blue. Many blue even national winners have actually been blue-silver. So, we tend to register according to phenotype, not necessarily according to genotype. On the other hand, I too would have a problem if somebody had two brown tabbies and they had a silver tabby out of that. There really isn’t a lot of question between a brown and a silver. So, I would have problems with doing that, but I think that’s going to be a challenge that CFA is going to have to come across and do it. I’ve had discussions with Heather Lorimer about how they do this in other associations regarding that. She is aware of this blue-silver problem because she has run into it with her kittens. **Eigenhauser:** If I might just make a comment here. Understand, you’re talking to the IT guy. You’re not talking to Allene about policy or the board about policy or the breed council about how you want these things done. He is well qualified to answer IT questions, but in terms of what kind of policy we want to have regarding these cats, that’s a broader question. I’m not saying it’s a bad question to ask, I’m just saying he may not be the person to answer some of these questions. **Merritt:** Thank you, George. How much time do we have left? **Bizzell:** I think this is really important and really exciting. **Merritt:** I’m excited about it. **Hannon:** It’s expensive. **Merritt:** Yes, it is. **Moscoffian:** In the early 90’s, didn’t the Breed Councils make that decision anyway? When it was kicked back from Central Office in the early 90’s? I can remember contacting whoever the Breed Council Secretary was and saying, “we’ve got somebody trying to register a silver kitten out of two non-silvers.” Then, all that disappeared in the late 90’s and 2000. Wasn’t the Breed Council responsible for making that decision in the early 90’s? **Shafnisky:** Might we suggest a policy where we say, let’s create a flag that goes back to Central Office, but in the situation that Cary describes, what if I do have those 20-25 silver kittens? Maybe in that case the board adopts a policy for requiring DNA parentage verification? Once you have X number of non-allowable colors, that kind of thing. **Anger:** I’m fairly certain when we talked about this in the discussion phase, if your offspring that you are

trying to register is not in the pull-down menu, there would be a field for “other” that would kick it to Central Office, who will research it. So, it’s not just automatically registered. We’re still going to check it out. You guys know what you’re doing. You know that from two brown tabbies you cannot get a silver cat, regardless of what color the grandparents are. If it is a brown tabby to a brown tabby, you cannot get silver. You just can’t. We know this, but the average person who is just a hobby breeder might not know that. It might look silver because it’s got a kitten coat, fever coat, whatever reason, so Central Office is going to check that out. They are going to be depending on you guys, by continuing to send you questions if they have them. **Shafnisky:** I was just thinking of situations where we may actually – years ago there was a national winning cat that was a brown tabby and white. It turns out he was actually silver and threw tons and tons of silver kittens. So, why not say, “After X number of times this happens, we’re going to let you put that DNA profile on and you can submit, this is the DNA parent even though he’s not registered silver but he can throw it.” That kind of thing. **Merritt:** That was the intention. The correction would be made at Central Office after that other flag was done. They will make the correction in the DNA coding for that particular cat, so going forward the drop-down would indicate yeah, this silver gene is there, this is OK. **Simbro:** I just wanted to clarify one thing that maybe might have a perception. This genetic coding in these drop-down choices, none of these cats are automatically registered with the color that the person selects. Whether it’s an eCat or a snail mail registration, those are all reviewed by Central Office staff. So, that’s where policy can come into effect. The staff has actually recently in the last 6 months undergone a lot of genetic training to try to understand this. The Registration Department, they don’t breed cats. They have pet cats, so this is all new to them. They are picking up a lot of this. This is to help reduce the number of times they have to go to you and say, “are you sure this color is correct?” So, this is to minimize the mistakes that can be made. It’s to help the owners and the breeders, but this is not an automated process. I just wanted to make sure that was understood. **Merritt:** Thanks for the clarification, James. **Starbuck:** So, as I understand it, you’re going to have dropdown menus that will give you all the possible colors from the parents’ colors, correct? **Merritt:** Yes, correct. **Starbuck:** The parents’ registered colors. Will the cats be marked as – will you always get all the possible recessive colors from those parents, or will cats be marked at some time as not carrying recessives and you will not get all of those colors? **Merritt:** Whatever the breed coding is that we mark for your breed, whatever recessive is, based on that genetic coding, it will show up. **Starbuck:** So, if you have two brown tabby parents who would – all pairs of brown tabby parents get all the possible recessives? **Merritt:** Yes, exactly. **Starbuck:** You can never tag as homozygous? **Merritt:** No. Is that it? Did everybody get my business card? The more information, the better. If I have any questions, I’ll get back to you. Thank you everybody.

**Bizzell:** Thank you Tim and Steve. I know that’s all very exciting, and something we have been looking forward to for over 10 years. I will tell you, when we went to make our new computer system, Jerry Hamza came to me. He said, “I want you to write this genetic screening.” I just looked at him. I said, “Do you comprehend just how big this project is?” He didn’t and that’s why we’ve been without it for this many years. What we’ve just heard about is the future – hopefully fairly near future implementation of this.

#### **4. *Audit of registrations for accuracy/color issues***

**Bizzell:** Now we need to talk about right now. We’ve had complaints over the past few years about errors in registrations, particularly concerning patterns and colors in cats. We have

Rachel Anger, who would like to say a few words about what we're doing right now to correct those. **Anger:** Thank you. Some of it has been covered, so if I repeat here please forgive. I would like to wrap up the current and future with a thanks to Lorraine Shelton, who was instrumental in this project. [applause] She came up with some sort of magical spreadsheet that identified the genetic combinations possible in the Devons, which we talked about. This is going to be the template for all the other breeds. I got about three pages into and then I'm like, "OK, I'm good here." In the past, when registering a kitten or cat, the color or pattern of your kitten or cat was accepted as long as there was a BCS code. However, if you have registered a cat since last Fall, a second review has been performed to make sure the offspring color is genetically possible from the parents provided on the litter slip. This brought the error rate down from an unacceptable level, which I'm not even going to name, to less than 2%. With continued review, the errors continue to decrease. Every day the Central Office sends a print-out to our consultant, which contains only the information required for the review. We use the Basic Feline Genetics document found on the CFA website. I will include that link in the minutes.

<http://www.cfa.org/Breeders/CatColorsGenetics/BasicFelineGenetics.aspx>

**Anger:** We have had those guidelines posted for a number of years. They have rules such as #12 which we discussed, which states that *a non-silver tabby must have at least one parent that is either a shaded or a tabby. A silver tabby must have at least one silver tabby, shaded or smoke parent.* When the daily print-out shows a silver tabby being registered out of two brown tabbies, Registration staff will reject the request and determine where the error exists.

**Anger:** At the beginning of the year, Registration staff received genetic training from Heather Lorimer, which we just talked about. They have been receiving subsequent education using our pelt drawings that we use in our judging education materials. A sample of that will be in the minutes also.

## Dominant versus dilute



**Anger:** If you can imagine a staff member who may have never even attended a cat show suddenly having to become an expert on genetics, you can understand the challenges. If you add to that all the other tasks they perform when they are registering a cat or a kitten – including the financials, opening the email, assigning it to the right person and the right address – you can see the amount of work that is required. Our consultant only looks at the sire’s color, the dam’s color and the offspring color. That’s the easy job. The CFA database is our core business, so it’s very crucial that this be as accurate as humanly possible. That’s why we’re excited that we are going to add Mr. Computer to the mix and hopefully that will improve all of our lives and make our registry cleaner, better, and our product better for our customers.

**Seling:** It has been mentioned to me by a couple judges that we have some inconsistency when we’re registering the names of our brown cats. Some say Brown R/S Tabby and others will say Brown-Black Rosetted Tabby. Is there a way to go back and change all of those previously done, to one consistent name? Or, do we just kind of go forward with consistency. **Anger:** I’ve seen that example. They call colors and patterns different things sometimes, so when it’s being reviewed by the consultant, if it’s something that sounds like Brown R/S Tabby out of two Brown R/S Tabbies, we are currently referring to the breed standard for the correct terminology. Staff is actually getting much better about referring to the standard and using only the colors and patterns that are listed there. **Seling:** This might have been more of an issue when we first initially came in, then. Am I hearing this correctly, that eventually we are going to have drop-down menus for the colors that are available for us, so people won’t have to know how to word it themselves? They will just have an option for the way it’s correctly worded? **Anger:** Exactly. **Shafnisky:** Just because we have an issue in our breed, I know their job is herculean and I know they don’t breed and they don’t understand all this stuff, but can we reinforce for particularly breeds that do not allow colors in our registration rules – we very clearly exclude a whole group of colors that did get registration numbers in the last 12 months. We fixed it, but it shouldn’t happen. You know what I mean? If you have a DQ color – like if I try to register a Russian Blue

and I try to say it's black, don't put it in other colors and give it a registration number. Does that make sense? I'll tell you what happened. Somebody submitted a seal point Turkish Angora. It was given a registration number and called Other Turkish Angora Colors. We were able to go back and rescind that, but that shouldn't happen. I'm not dumping on them. They have a hard job, but I just wonder if we can get like a little flip sheet so that when they get a breed they just flip and go, "that color can't be allowed." **Anger:** I agree with that. We had a green-eyed white Persian that somebody wanted to register. That to me just didn't compute, but there's nothing in the Persian standard that says, "do not register a green-eyed white," so that's where they put it – as Other Color. If your standard specifically wants to exclude something, that should be clear in your breed book. **Shafnisky:** I hate to say it. It's in two places in our Rules of Registration and three places in our standard. It was frustrating. **Anger:** Your breed is tricky! **Shafnisky:** I'm not sure how "no pointed pattern" is tricky. **Anger:** That's an example of when someone is aware of it or catches it, they should take it to their Breed Council Secretary and that person resolve it, as was done in the example you cited.

**Bizzell:** OK, we are done with that subject. We would really like to thank our consultant for doing this hard work. **Anger:** You're welcome. **Bizzell:** I did a few thousand registration reviews early on. It is very tedious, but it's worthwhile if you can correct those before they actually go to the customer or correct it soon after it has been done.

5. *Timeline for 2019 Ballot Items*

**BREEDS AND STANDARDS 2019 TIMELINE/DEADLINES**  
**General Guidelines – Subject to Change**

<b>August 1:</b>	Breed Council membership deadline
<b>August 1</b> (even years only):	Deadline to Declare for Breed Council Secretary/Breed Committee Chair
<b>August 1:</b>	New Breed/Color Application and Advancement deadline
<b>August 15:</b>	Breed Council Secretaries must be notified of any breed color or advancement requests that might affect their breed
<b>August 15:</b>	Proposed breed standard/registration ballot items to Breeds & Standards Committee for review
<b>September 18:</b>	Breed Council proposed standard/registration changes must be received by Central Office
<b>October 31:</b>	Breed ballots will be sent out by Central Office or on-line and available for voting on-line
<b>December 19:</b>	Breed ballots due back to Central Office

\*\* If a question dealing with the merging of two breeds for registration and/or show purposes or the disallowance of one breed as an outcross for another breed or the disallowance of the right to show one breed in the classes of another is to appear on one breed's ballot, the first secretary must submit the proposed change to the secretary of the affected breed(s) by certified mail postmarked or by email date-stamped by August 15 (copy the B&S Committee).

**All deadlines reflect date that application, advancement material, or ballots must be RECEIVED.**

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**Bizzell:** The next item on the agenda is the timeline for 2019 ballot items. I will stress that some of these dates may be modified by whoever the new Breeds and Standards Chair is on Sunday, but this is a general guideline of what we've done in the past. There are a couple of dates that are constitutional and cannot be changed. August 1<sup>st</sup> is a hard date for Breed Council memberships. It's also a hard date for new breed applications. If on August 2<sup>nd</sup> somebody sends in a Breed Council application, constitutionally it cannot be accepted, so make sure your Breed Council is aware of that. August 15<sup>th</sup>, if you have any item that's going to be on your ballot that affects another breed – this could be requesting an outcross, this could be requesting to deny an outcross, this could have to do with a show rule that might affect another breed, merging a breed or anything of that nature – you must positively notify that Breed Council Secretary of the affected breed by August 15<sup>th</sup>, either by certified mail or by email, but I would certainly ask for

confirmation that that email was received by that Breed Council Secretary. Those are two dates that are seriously important. The other dates after that have to do with the ballot cycle. I will tell you again, those dates could be modified slightly. This is generally what we've done in the past, but whoever might be the new chair will have an opportunity to modify that if they so choose. Any questions?

## 6. *Other items as time allows*

**Bizzell:** The last item I had was just open, but I wanted to mention someone gave me the Maine Coon award booklet. I may ask Bethany to say a word or two about that. I don't know if everyone got a chance to see that. It's a beautiful publication. I understand it made money for the Breed Council by selling advertising. Bethany, would you like to say a few words? This is something that is possible. I understand not all breed councils are the same size or have the resources that the Maine Coon does, but it's really a fabulous publication. Bethany? **B. Colilla:** We use our award booklet at the annual every year as our main fundraiser. I was able to sell ad space in the book. \$50 for a full-page ad, \$25 for half, \$15 for a business card. We sold enough ads to cover the entire cost of printing and we made money on it. We then sell the books for \$20 apiece, so we actually made another \$560 today alone. We have actually made \$1,000 on our book already, and we have about 60 more books to sell – maybe less than that. It's probably easier for the bigger breeds where you have more classes, such as the Orientals, Maine Coons, Persians, Exotics. A little bit harder for breeds with single colors possibly, but it is a nice thing we can do. We include the International Division, as well. We have the top cats in China, the top cats in International-Other. We even sold ads to Japan, China, Indonesia, so it was a great way for us to have a chance to make money. We just put it together and printed them. We are selling them. **Bizzell:** OK, thanks Bethany. By the way, that particular copy belongs to Kathy Calhoun. I understand if she does not get it back, that we have to pay \$20 to get her a new one so please make sure she gets that back.

**Bizzell:** Any other questions or items you would like to bring up for discussion? Any other topics? **Bellavance:** I would like to ask perhaps some of the other Breed Council Secretaries how they go about raising funds for their breeds. This is a wonderful tribute that was given in the booklet for Maine Coons. Ragdolls have currently two Ragdoll breed clubs. Both clubs are really decreasing in size because people aren't using the websites to advertise their catteries anymore. They have other means, such as FaceBook. Basically what's happening is, just the fees for registering these clubs is prohibitive right now for the clubs to continue because we don't have the membership. I was wondering if perhaps the board can help with this, if there could be decreased fees to register breed clubs, as opposed to show-producing clubs. If anybody has any ideas about how you guys are dealing with decreased memberships in your breed clubs. **Bizzell:** I'm not seeing any takers for your question. Anyone on the board? **Shafnisky:** Hang on. I'll tell you, we have the same problem. We have one breed club, but there are so few of us, even internationally in CFA, there's no way that our treasury is ever going to be able to handle putting on a show by ourselves. Today, our thoughts are sponsoring awards and all those things. The costs are dragging us down, for sure. It's worth thinking about, at least. **Thomas:** I'm new back as Breed Council Secretary, so I haven't started fundraising this year but the last time I was, I had a couple of different items. The current one that we're still using is a bag large enough to hold an 8-1/2 x 11 folder and a Royal Canin kitten kit and toys, etc., with a picture on the front. I paid for them out of my pocket and then I took back enough of them to pay me back that I can

use with my kittens. Anybody can buy a Burmese bag. I started with a little cooler that said “Burmese is a cooler cat,” and now I have this big bag and a picture of a Burmese on the front. It says, “Love in a mink coat.” Items that you could brand with your breed and buy from a low-cost advertising place I use for imprint and then resell to your members and your public would be an option. **Kolencik:** Last year, we received money for the breed booths. This year I asked for each breed council to receive \$50. Was that approved? **Calhoun:** You made a new request? **Kolencik:** I made it before the budget went in. **Calhoun:** Yes, that was approved. **Kolencik:** OK, so we’re each going to get \$50 that we can spend on getting our booth to the show. This year, I know that Linda joins me in this, we would really appreciate your cooperation getting the forms that we need to give to Kathy, to be able to give you the money. Last year we had to track people down. It’s like pulling teeth to get people to tell us you’re bringing a breed booth to the show. Please just answer our emails and say, “yes I’m bringing a booth, yes here’s my form.” All we need is your name and address. That will be coming up. Please really help us with that. **Moscoffian:** I sell space on the breed booth. That’s how I raise money for our breed council. If everybody saw our last booth with rock and roll, all those pictures that we did, everybody paid \$10. I put that together. They got to take something home from the International Show. By the time we left, we didn’t have to really disassemble a breed booth because everything left. That’s how we do it every year. We sell space. We put up our Best Cat, Best Kitten, Best Premier, Best in Agility, but after that if you want your cat’s picture up there, you’re paying for it and that’s how we raise money for our Breed Council. **Griswold:** This is going back to how to raise money. Our breed is dwindling in the United States, but where it’s not dwindling is China and Russia, so whenever I get the list of all the winners, if it’s got an email address I email them and say, “if you are eligible to be on the breed council, come on board.” I also send out emails to all of those people about the awards we would like to give, if they would like to sponsor awards. I’m finding for our breed that the people in the United States are not too interested in sponsoring folks they don’t know, like in China and Indonesia, but those people are. If you can get the word out to them and try to reach out to your fellow breeders in China, if you can reach out to them they will probably be a good place to find some money. **Thomas:** Also, the National Alliance of Burmese Breeders breed club, we put on a show last year at Foot of the Rockies and we’re putting on a show next year in South Carolina. We provide sweat equity and co-sponsor a show. We don’t have the money. We can’t put a lot of money into it, but we come help set up, help tear down, bring in more entries, that sort of thing. So, co-sponsor with a club that’s already sponsoring. **Rogers:** This is a question, as a judge we know that there are 44 breeds that we currently judge. However, on our website we now have 45. When they listed the most popular breeds, the 12<sup>th</sup> best breed listed is Household Pets. Is this a new change? **Bizzell:** This is something that I’m not in charge of, so does someone want to answer that? **Hannon:** James, do you want to answer that since you created the list? Why were Household Pets listed in the most popular breeds, when Household Pet is not a breed? **Rogers:** It’s currently on our website. **Simbro:** I don’t know the answer to that. We supply the list. I usually supply the raw data and then it’s usually formatted for the website. **Hannon:** The most popular breeds based on registration. **Rogers:** And it’s #12 on our current website, out of 45. **Hannon:** I would be interested in knowing where the Household Pets fell in registrations, since we register them. It’s interesting that we register far more Household Pets than the majority of our breeds. That’s information that is interesting. **Eigenhauser:** I think this is largely a question of semantics. No, they are not technically a breed. Yes, they are something they are registering. If we want to list where our registrations come from, they belong on the list. It may just be a matter of stroking the



language a little bit so it's not offensive to people who don't consider that a breed. **Rogers:** It's not offensive, it's just going out to the public that way.

**Shafnisky:** If I can comment on something that I think has been open for a few years now. I'm going to return to this and I'm sorry to do that. As far as allowing the Breed Council Secretaries to audit files, because every year we talk about it and they say it's going to happen and then it never seems to happen. I will tell you something, that seal point Turkish Angora, the only reason we found it was because the owner posted a picture of it on FaceBook and said, "I just got my registration for this cat." I was not contacted to see if that was OK. So, can we move forward on allowing the Breed Council Secretaries to actually audit these files? **Bizzell:** That's a separate topic. Can we exhaust this first subject before we go into the next one? **Mastin:** I can comment on that one. **Bizzell:** OK, so we're going to look into calling Household Pets a breed. That's a Central Office/Board question. After today I won't be on the board, so there you go. **Mastin:** Allene, here's the situation we have. If we're going to approve the Breed Council Secretaries to review these files, those individuals need to sign a confidentiality agreement. We just established a new data privacy policy on Thursday and we need to be very protective of all that information. That's all it is, is putting together that first then a confidentiality agreement that the board can agree with. Then we can move forward from there. **Brady:** Why would that file have to have personal information? Why can it just not be color of parents and what was registered? Why does it have to include that information that is confidential? **Mastin:** I'm not sure if it is required. What we're concerned about is, what exists today if personal information as little as an email is considered personal information. **Hannon:** What she gets [Anger] doesn't have personal information in it. The consultant, I'm sorry. **Anger:** No owner names or information. **Shafnisky:** I will tell you what I did. I was sent awhile ago the OTAC – our other colors file, but when it came to me I believe I got the whole thing. They would have had to take three steps to go into the spreadsheet and create a new spreadsheet that only had maybe a name, a color, a parent color or whatever, so I think there would be several steps. It would be a lot of work to strip out the information, so I think that's appropriate. **Hannon:** I don't know that it's a lot of work because we're doing it on a daily basis. The information you're [Central Office] sending out for review lists the sire, the dam and the offspring. For example, they were getting a solid blue bred to a solid blue and we were registering a blue and white kitten. They were British Shorthairs. **Shafnisky:** Mark, what I was referencing was when we ask to audit some of the larger things, like when we found out there was a pointed registered we said, "hey, why don't we look at all of what you have in there." My breed is small enough to do that, so they just created a spreadsheet of that color class. You know what I mean? That would have been really hard. They would have had to strip data out of that. **Tartaglia:** It's being worked on.

**Bizzell:** That's all I had. I want to thank everyone for coming. We'll let Mark close it out. **Hannon:** This is the last board meeting for this particular board, so I want to thank Carla, who has been the Chair of this committee for a few years. [applause] The process that we go through with the committee chairs is, I make an appointment at the Sunday board meeting and the board ratifies – or not – my appointment. My appointment on Sunday is going to be Annette Wilson for the Chair of the Breeds and Standards Committee and Carla has agreed to continue working with her as a member. [applause] Since this is the last board meeting for Carla and for Peter, I want to thank them both for their service to CFA on the board. [applause] With that, we are adjourned. Thank you.