



2024 BREED COUNCIL POLL

SCOTTISH FOLD

SCOTTISH FOLD BREED COUNCIL SECRETARY BALLOT

For the Term May 1, 2025 – April 30, 2027

Please vote for only one candidate.

- ☐ Marilee Griswold (Blythewood, SC)
- ☐ Abstain

1. PROPOSED: Would you be in favor of adding requirements to the registration rules for “FOR BREEDING” cats of the Scottish fold breed group (folded and straight) to require that Scottish folds registered FOR BREEDING would require a microchip and a DNA test for the TRPV4/Fold gene? This would be performed by a licensed veterinarian. FOR BREEDING cats with folded ears must have only one copy of this gene and straight ear cats must have no copies of this gene. This requirement would not be necessary for registration of spayed or neutered cats:

RATIONALE: Currently anti-breed legislation is sweeping through Europe and Scottish folds are at the forefront. We need to be proactive. For the Scottish fold breed, when breeders breed 2 cats with the TRPV4 gene together, the resulting osteochondroplasia is devastating. We need to stop these breedings from occurring at all costs. The reasons people may perform such breedings may come from ignorance and lack of education but may also be motivated monetarily. We should not allow registration of such breedings.

YES: _____

NO: _____

ABSTAIN: _____

2. PROPOSED: Would you be in favor of adding the requirement of basic education for all breeders prior to allowing a litter of Scottish folds to be registered? They would be referred to

the Breed Council Secretary for training that would include watching a video and taking a post-test to assure the new breeder understands the genetics of the breed, the health issues facing the breed and how best to improve the health and welfare of the breed:

RATIONALE: Even well-seasoned Scottish fold breeders have not ‘kept up’ with the science on this gene and know very little in the way of how to create healthier progeny. By implementing required training, we can assure that all breeders have some basic knowledge of the genetics and potential health risks in the Scottish fold breed.

By implementing these registration requirements, we are showing that our organization takes very seriously the health issues facing this breed.

YES: _____

NO: _____

ABSTAIN: _____

Ballots must be completed online, or received in CO, by Thursday, December 12, 2024.