

**CFA EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING
OCTOBER 15/16, 2024**

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Secretary's Note: The Officers and Board of Directors of the Cat Fanciers' Association, Inc. met on Tuesday, October 15, 2024, via Zoom video conference. **President Richard Mastin** called the video conference meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. Eastern Standard Time for the regularly scheduled Quarterly Video Conference. A roll call by **Secretary Rachel Anger** found the following members to be present:

Mr. Richard Mastin (President)
Mr. Russell Webb (Vice-President)
Ms. Rachel Anger (Secretary)
Ms. Kathy Calhoun (Treasurer)
Mrs. Doreann Nasin (NAR Director)
Vicki A. Jensen, Esq. (NWR Director)
Ms. Carissa Altschul (GSR Director)
Mr. John Colilla (GLR Director)
Mr. Howard Webster (SWR Director)
Ms. Janet Moyer (MWR Director)
Mr. Kenny Currle (SOR Director)
Ms. Aki Tamura (Japan Regional Director)
Ms. Pam DelaBar (Europe Regional Director)
Dr. Marilee Griswold (Director-at-Large)
Mr. Pauli Huhtaniemi (Director-at-Large)
Mrs. Carol Krzanowski (Director-at-Large)
Mrs. Anne Mathis (Director-at-Large)
Mr. Darrell Newkirk (Director-at-Large)

Also Present:

Edward L. Raymond, Jr., Esq., CFA Legal Counsel
Ms. Allene Tartaglia, Executive Director
Mr. James Simbro, IT Systems Analyst

Absent:

None.

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

Anger: Would you like me to call the roll? **Mastin:** Yes, please. **Anger:** Thank you, I will. Good morning, everybody. [**Secretary's Note:** The Board Member Code of Ethics and Confidentiality Agreement was reaffirmed after the break. Secretary Rachel Anger called the roll, as reflected above.] It appears that we are all present, so I will turn it back to you, Mr. President. **Mastin:** Thank you, Rachel.

(1) **MEETING CALLED TO ORDER/APPROVE ORDERS OF THE DAY.**

CFA QUARTERLY MEETING AGENDA October 15/16, 2024 All Times in Eastern Standard Time			
Tuesday, October 15, 2024 • Board of Directors Meeting			
9:00 a.m.	1.	Meeting Called to Order/Approve Orders of the Day	Mastin
Reports of Officers, Boards, and Standing Committees			
9:10 a.m.	2.	Minutes (corrections/additions); Ratification of Online Motions	Anger
9:20 a.m.	3.	Central Office Operations	Tartaglia
9:30 a.m.	4.	CFA International Show and Expo	Tartaglia
9:40 a.m.	5.	Marketing	Tartaglia
9:50 a.m.	6.	IT Report	Simbro
10:00 a.m.	7.	Treasurer's Report	Calhoun
10:10 a.m.	8.	Budget	Calhoun
10:15 a.m.	9.	Club Applications	Krzanowski
10:45 a.m.		BREAK	
11:00 a.m.	10.	International Division	Newkirk
11:40 a.m.	11.	CFA Legislative Committee	Eigenhauser
11:50 a.m.	12.	Protests	Eigenhauser
12:00 p.m.		LUNCH BREAK	
1:00 p.m.	13.	Breed Preservation Committee	Meeker
1:15 p.m.	14.	Judging Program	Nye/Webb
2:30 p.m.	15.	Show Rules	E. Raymond
3:30 p.m.		BREAK	
Reports of Special (Select or Ad Hoc) Committees			
		None	
Reports of Affiliates			
		None	
Unfinished Business and General Orders			
4:15 p.m.	16.	Old Business – Proposal #24	Anger
4:40 p.m.		ADJOURN OPEN SESSION	Mastin
Wednesday, October 16, 2024 • Board of Directors Meeting			
4:25 p.m.	17.	New Business – Cat Fanciers of Hawaii Request	Webster
4:30 p.m.	18.	Unfinished Business	
4:35 p.m.	19.	Other Committees – Animal Welfare	DelaBar
9:00 a.m.	22.	Meeting Called to Order/Approve Orders of the Day	Mastin
9:05 a.m.	23.	Breeds and Standards	Wilson

Mastin: The meeting is called to order. Welcome everyone to the October 15/16, 2024 CFA Board of Directors meeting. The first Order of Business is to approve the Orders of the Day. Does anyone have any changes or additions to the agenda? **Tartaglia:** I would like to add a little bit of time for Central Office for today, closed session. **Mastin:** You want to add time? **Tartaglia:** Yes. I'm not on the agenda right now. I would like to put an item on the closed session agenda. **Mastin:** Oh, closed session. **Tartaglia:** Yes, closed session. **Mastin:** For today

or tomorrow? **Tartaglia:** Today. **Mastin:** So that will be after we do the Wells Fargo. **Tartaglia:** right. **Currle:** I would like to add something in New Business concerning two of my Region's clubs in New Business today. **Mastin:** OK, that will be after Cat Fanciers of Hawaii request. I would like to add ratifying the appointment of Cathy Dunham. Everyone was pre-noticed I believe on Friday or Saturday of last week. That will fall under New Business. We can do that after Kenny's. **DelaBar:** Through you to Rachel – Rachel, on that request of mine on that guest judging, does that need to be added in now? **Anger:** I sent you the information you requested this morning, which made making a motion moot, I believe. **DelaBar:** Well no, because it still needs to come up. Under Judging Program rules it would not be allowed. It's an in-conjunction show. That's why it needed to be a separate motion. **Anger:** That will have to come up then. Beyond what I provided you, I don't know what that means. **Mastin:** Pam, where would you like that? **DelaBar:** Since Vicki already knows about it, it could happen possibly during the Judging Program at 1:15. **Mastin:** At the end? **DelaBar:** Yes. **Mastin:** OK, we will add that to the end of the Judging Program report. Any further updates or additions?

Mastin: May I have a motion to approve the Orders of the Day? **Newkirk:** So moved. **Mastin:** I don't know who that was. **Currle:** Kenny seconds. **Mastin:** Who made the motion? **Newkirk:** Darrell. **Mastin:** Thank you, Darrell. Kenny made the second. Any further discussion? Any objections? Seeing no objections, the motion passes unanimously.

The Orders of the Day, as amended, were accepted without objection and became the Orders of Business.

Reports of Officers, Boards, and Standing Committees

(2) SECRETARY'S REPORT: ADDITIONS/CORRECTIONS TO THE MINUTES; RATIFICATION OF ON-LINE MOTIONS

(a) *Additions/Corrections to the Minutes.*

None.

Mastin: Rachel, please take us through the ratification of the June 27-30, 2024 annual meeting minutes and the August 8 Zoom video conference board meeting minutes. **Anger:** I am also confirming there were no additions or corrections to the minutes.

(b) Ratification of June 27-30, 2024 Annual Meeting Minutes and August 8, 2024 Zoom Video Conference Board Meeting Minutes.

Action Item: *Approve the June 27-30, 2024 annual meeting minutes and August 8, 2024 Zoom video conference board meeting minutes, as published.*

Anger: I would like to move [reads]. **Mastin:** May I have a second, please? **Newkirk:** I'll second. **Mastin:** Thank you, Darrell. Discussion? Objections? Seeing no objections, the motion passes unanimously.

The motion is ratified by unanimous consent.

(c) Ratification of Online Motions.

	Moved/ Seconded	Motion	Vote
MOTIONS THAT REQUIRE RATIFICATION			
1.	Anger Colilla 08.22.2024	For the 2024 CFA International Show and Expo to be held on October 12/13, 2024 at the I-X Center in Cleveland Ohio, grant the CIS Show Committee's request to dedicate the show to the memory of Wain Harding, to include a dedication page in the show catalog and an announcement at the start of the show on Saturday morning.	Motion Carried (subject to ratification).
DelaBar: We also lost Kitty Angell on 10 June who not only had been CFA vice president and CFA Secretary, but also was a judge at several of the International Shows. I have no problem honoring Wain but Kitty should also be honored. Newkirk: I agree with Pam. Kitty should be included. Webb: I also agree with Pam. Kitty should also be included. Currle: I would suggest honoring every judge who has passed away during the past year. Anger: Also Willa Rogers Hawke. DelaBar: Do we have a record of how many International shows each of these judges officiated? Tartaglia: Not to my knowledge.			
2.	Executive Committee 08.24.2024	Grant the Japan Region permission to hold a 6 ring pet fair show in conjunction with a TICA club in Tokyo, Japan (Region 8) on November 4, <u>24</u> , 2024, on the condition that the club be informed that they should comply with the Guidelines (and enclose a copy with our approval).	Motion Carried (subject to ratification).

	Moved/ Seconded	Motion	Vote
No discussion.			
3.	Anger Huhtaniemi 09.16.2024	Grant the Sacramento Valley Cat Fanciers permission to hold a 6 or 8 ring pet fair show in conjunction with a TICA club in Chiba, Japan (Region 8) on May 3-4, 2025, on the condition that the club be informed that they should comply with the Guidelines (and enclose a copy with our approval).	Motion Carried (subject to ratification).
No discussion.			
4.	Executive Committee 10.01.2024	For the Sherwood Manx Club's November 16, 2024 show in Kerava, Finland (Region 9), grant an exception to Show Rule 9.08.e. to allow the club to have 10 cages per ring, instead of a minimum of 12 cages per ring.	Motion Carried (subject to ratification).
No discussion.			

Action Item: Ratify online motions 1-4, as published.

Anger: Next we have four online motions. They all carried unanimously, so I move for ratification of online motions 1 through 4, as published. **Mastin:** May I have a second?

Krzanowski: Carol seconds. **Mastin:** Thank you, Carol. Discussion? Objections? Seeing no objections, the motion passes unanimously.

The motion is ratified by unanimous consent.

Mastin: Rachel, do you have anything else? **Anger:** I do not. Thank you all. I'm going on mute. **Mastin:** Thank you, Rachel.

(3) CENTRAL OFFICE OPERATIONS.

Submitted By: Allene Tartaglia

***Annual Meeting 2028.** Amber and I did site visits to several hotels in the Dallas/Fort Worth and Houston area. We selected three hotels and two hotels submitted proposals for our event in 2028. The room rate at each hotel is \$189 plus tax. The food and beverage minimum is \$45,000 for one and \$60,000 for the other. I believe we will meet either food and beverage minimum in 2028. One hotel is in the Dallas/Fort Worth area and the other in Houston and either would work for our program, although Amber and I prefer the hotel located in Dallas/Ft Worth due to the surrounding area and it takes less time to get from the airport to a hotel.*

If we do not sign a contract soon, we risk losing the space and/or the room rate, and food and beverage minimums increasing.

Mastin: Allene, you have Central Office. **Tartaglia:** Yes, it's very short. It's there for everybody to read. I just wanted to let you know we did the site visits for several hotels. There are two that would fit our purposes nicely. I provided the information as far as the rate, the food and beverage minimum. They are out there. The contracts are there. We can sign them. If we don't sign them relatively soon, then we will be probably looking at renegotiating, or they may give up the space, so it's just not something that can sit out there for a long time. I just wanted to provide you with that information. I'm not asking for a motion at this time, but we really do need to move on this if we want a contract for the 2028 annual meeting. **Calhoun:** Have they provided a firm deadline? **Tartaglia:** They haven't actually put a contract together for us yet because we haven't asked for a specific hotel. Typically when we say we want to move ahead, they will give us about a month to sign a contract. **Griswold:** Is there anything else we need to know before we vote on this? Why aren't we going to make a motion on this today? Is there something else we're waiting on? **Calhoun:** I think we need to discuss this in Strategic Planning. It's important that we do that, and I don't want to go into a great deal of detail right now but I think this is something that we need to discuss on Sunday.

***Website survey.** The survey went live on October 1, the deadline is October 31. I will have preliminary results by the board meeting.*

Altschul: I just have a question not about the show but about the rest of the report. The report said that they would give us preliminary results on the survey. Do you have that, Allene? **Tartaglia:** No. I received the file today from Kathy Durdick. I can't digest it. Every individual's comments are on one line. There's no compilation of everything, so I hope to have it but I just can't put all that together in a report to actually say however many replied and this was the percentage of all that. I thought I could. I'll speak with Kathy Durdick. Maybe she can, but I just wasn't able to pull all that together. **Mastin:** Carissa, do you have additional questions? **Altschul:** That was all.

***CFA International Cat Show & Expo 2024.** A full report will be provided at the December 2024 board meeting. The final financial report will be at the February 2025 board meeting.*

Calhoun: I do have a question about the International Show if we're at that point.

Mastin: Go ahead, Kathy. **Calhoun:** I don't know if you plan to do any discussion at all about the International Show, any preliminary data, anything about gate, anything about the response. Are you planning to do that in closed session? **Tartaglia:** I have a few general things for open session. I don't have a report prepared for closed session but will certainly be happy to answer any questions that we can in closed session. **Calhoun:** I do have another question. One of the things – and I'm as guilty as anybody else – of expense reimbursements kind of lagging. We want this data and close the financials for this show as soon as possible. Can we get the message out that all expense reimbursements need to be submitted no later than October 31st? **Tartaglia:** Everybody submitted their expenses at the show, I believe. There may be a few stragglers. **Calhoun:** I need them all. **Mastin:** Kathy, just so you are aware, I processed all the judges' expenses on Sunday. They all came in. **Tartaglia:** I would say probably 95% were processed on Sunday. **Calhoun:** We've had this before. I'm as guilty as anybody, so just a reminder that we really need to do this. The other question that I had, you said that the final financial report will be at the February 2025 board meeting. Is there anything that we can do to expedite that? That's four months away. I know that's standard, what we usually do, but we have to put together a budget prior to February. The budget process, we're in a very precarious position financially and we really need to make sure that we have as much information as possible. Could these financials be ready by December? **Tartaglia:** I have a report of the funds that we are due from the I-X Center. We won't get those funds until November, which means we wouldn't be able to do that until the November close. However, we can put that amount in there, even though we haven't received it, in order to close. We always have to include it. It's really tough to include that by December, because everything comes in, in November. We're doing the November close. We don't have that ready until the middle of December, so everything would have to be in by the October close in order to provide a report for the December board meeting. Then, we would close the books and have it by mid-November. **Calhoun:** Can we have a preliminary read in December? **Tartaglia:** Sure. **Calhoun:** And can we target to have the financials in QuickBooks and ready so this can be discussed in committee by January 1st? **Tartaglia:** Yes. **Calhoun:** Thank you.

Mastin: Getting back to what Kathy was attempting to get the financials on the International Show, it's important that we have a good understanding sooner than later. Our option for next year oftentimes is hinged on two things: one, the financial performance; and two, the number of complaints or concerns on the actual venue. So, it is important that we can get the information as soon as possible, so then we can come to the board asking to sign the one-year option agreement to have the International Show in Cleveland at the I-X Center in 2025. So Allene, I will work with you as closely as possible in obtaining any of the incomes and expenses that are needed in order to get this preliminary report completed. **Tartaglia:** OK.

Respectfully Submitted,
Allene Tartaglia, Executive Director

Mastin: Are there any further questions for Allene on the Central Office report?

(4) **CFA INTERNATIONAL CAT SHOW AND EXPO.**

Committee Chair: *Ed Raymond*

Liaison to Board: *Rich Mastin*

List of Committee Members: *Mark Hannon, Allene Tartaglia, Linda Murphy, Noralyn Heisig, Desiree Bobby, Rachel Anger, Kathy Calhoun*

Mastin: Let's go ahead and do the International Show verbal update. **Tartaglia:** I just have a few items. Ed may want to add to it. We had more visitors this year than we've had before. We had more vendors, we had more sponsors. Unfortunately, we had fewer entries but we've received very positive comments from the various sponsors that we deal with, the various entertainers, the influences, the trap/neuter/release people – just everybody, how they really loved the show and they said there's just nothing else like it that they have been to. In fact, one of the larger vendors said they go to 50 events a year and this by far was the best one. Desiree asked him how many he has been to so far this year and he said 45. So, that was a very nice compliment. I don't remember who it was offhand, but it was one of the better vendors.

Tartaglia: We are scheduled to be in Cleveland again in 2025, the second full weekend just like this year. We are looking for a new hotel. The hotel was a problem. It was a problem on so many levels I can't even begin to outline them, but we are looking for a different hotel. Unfortunately, there are very few full-service hotels within a reasonable distance at a reasonable rate, so that's going to be the challenge, but we are looking at different options. **Mastin:** As I call on people, let's not talk about what the problems were with the hotel in open session. **Altschul:** Without getting into specifics about the show – I'm not going to talk about the hotel because I didn't hear anything about it – if we go forward with this show, is there going to be a more specific vendor contract? I definitely saw some pictures and some things of some items that were concerning with vendors. Are we going to be redoing our process moving forward and making sure that our vendors are appropriate for our family-centric event, is the best way I can put that. **Raymond:** I wasn't aware that there was an issue with the vendors, although I didn't spend much time in the vendor area. We can look at the contract. **Tartaglia:** We addressed it with some of the vendors there when we became aware of an issue. We did have that corrected, but maybe we can talk a little more about that in closed session.

Mastin: Any additional questions for Allene or Ed on the International Show?

Raymond: Rich, can I make a statement? **Mastin:** Yes, please. **Raymond:** We're less than 48 hours out since the show, so everyone is still digesting. We will do a survey and gather feedback from the attendees of things that went well and things that we can improve on. Each of us has a list of things we want to work on for next year. Really, what I want to say is thank you to the Central Office staff. They pretty much live in the I-X Center from Thursday through the weekend, and they are there late, and the Committee. It's a big effort by a relatively small number of people and I want to publicly say thank you to them. **Mastin:** Allene, do you have any further comments? **Tartaglia:** No, just reiterating what Ed said. **Mastin:** Great. Thank you, Allene.

(5) **MARKETING.**

Committee Chairs: *Melanie Morgan and Mark Hannon*
Liaison to Board: *Rich Mastin*
List of Committee Members: *Desiree Bobby, Allene Tartaglia*

Mastin: Allene, do you have the next one, Marketing? **Tartaglia:** I do. It's all pretty self-explanatory.

CAT TALK

The remaining issues of Cat Talk – August, October and December – are, or will be, available online with link(s) to these issues advertised on the home page of CFA's website. The August issue has close to 2,000 views so far and the October issue was just released. With only 250 paid subscribers viewing Cat Talk previously, we are very pleased with the greatly increased number of people now viewing Cat Talk.



CAT TALK & BUSINESS BLOG

Teresa Keiger continues to populate the Cat Talk business blog in preparation for the debut in January 2025.

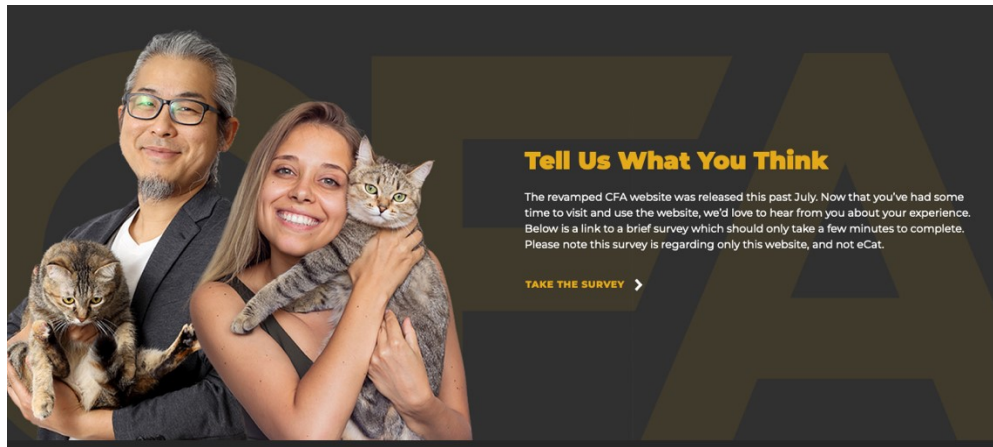
Tartaglia: Cat Talk online seems to be going very well. We have had far more views than we did as a paid publication. Teresa Keiger is working behind the scenes so that we can debut the Cat Talk and Business Blog in January 2025.

Calhoun: I have a question about Cat Talk. Is there any way that we plan to be able to measure – granted, we have more views free, but how do we measure success beyond free views? How do we translate that into registrations? How do we track that, other than the fact that more hits. Is there any way, any feedback or anything? **Tartaglia:** I think that holds true for everything we do in CFA. How do we know that cat shows translate to registrations? How do we – **Calhoun:** It does. It does translate. **Tartaglia:** We don't know that for a fact. We don't have the data to do that. It may on some level, but I'm just saying there's so much of what we do.

How do we know that our marketing efforts actually do what we want? It's hard to do that. It's a very slow process, but specifically Cat Talk. I don't know how we determine that. I know that we certainly have far greater exposure for the information we're providing. I don't know how to say that putting Cat Talk online free is doing any more than when it was paid, other than it's certainly reaching far more people, which I think is important. **Calhoun:** I'm just wondering, is there any way when someone goes on Cat Talk and you get a hit, that we can – I don't know – draw them in to somehow use that as an opportunity. That's all I'm asking, because the only measurement that we really have whether it increases registration is what registration is doing as a whole, and it would be really good to understand what components are really driving us to a better financial position from a registration standpoint and whether or not it is moving the dial. I just think it would be food for thought. There may be ways, there may not be ways, but data is wonderful. That's all I have to say about that. **Mastin:** Allene, why don't you bring that back to the Marketing Committee and ask if there is something they can do within Cat Talk that can help identify income opportunities, including registrations? **Tartaglia:** That will involve Kathy Durdick. It really comes down to, how do we track people on the website? **Mastin:** You don't have to digest it now. Let's just bring it to the Committee, OK? **Tartaglia:** OK.

WEBSITE SURVEY

The website survey was released on October 1. A link to the survey is on the home page of the website and also on the show calendar page. An announcement was posted to the Official Facebook Discussion Group and approximately 5,000 individual emails were sent to active CFA'ers (judges, clerks, breed council members, club secretaries, exhibitors, etc.).



Shows & Events

Related links:

- [Entering a Show](#)
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Tell Us What You Think

The survey closes on October 31.

Tartaglia: We already talked about the website survey. I think that's about it, other than we will be meeting possibly not this week because it's just kind of a down week from the International, but we will be meeting very shortly in the future and start to prioritize different projects for the future. Certainly, one will be to focus on opportunities to create revenue streams. That's all I have.

DelaBar: Just with some of my background with recruiting, we've got to remember we have awareness-producing activities and then we have lead-producing/income producing activity leads. When we are dealing with awareness, we have to be very careful, especially from working online, to make sure that people don't feel like they are being stalked, so when we're gathering information on, "these are the addresses that are accessing our website and accessing these different portions of our website", we really do need to be careful that we're not hitting people up too much, but one thing we can consider is if we can trace where people are from, we might be able to make sure that they get information of upcoming shows, because we do know that shows do have somewhat of a lead-producing activity which leads to kitten sales and registrations. So, it could be going to that area, to the club, to the regional director when we start being able to track this type of information. **Mastin:** Thank you, Pam.

Future Projections for Committee:

Compile and review the results of the website survey and determine appropriate action.

Focus on opportunities to create avenues for income to improve CFA's bottom line.

Mastin: Kathy, do you have any more questions? **Calhoun:** I do, just one more. It said that the Marketing Committee is going to focus on opportunities to create avenues for income. Are any of these ideas going to be presented tomorrow? If not, when will we start to talk about these ideas as a board? **Tartaglia:** We can give a bit of a preview of things that we will be talking about, but we won't have anything fully fleshed out for at least a couple of months.

Board Action Items:

None

*Respectfully Submitted,
Mark Hannon and Melanie Morgan, Co-Chairs*

Newkirk: Just a quick question. This was brought to my attention by some of my friends that were here from Australia. Our logo identifies us, and during the Best of the Best presentation, the only logo that I could find on any of the stuff that's been put on Facebook was the Cats 101 little, tiny logo way up at the top. So, it would seem appropriate to me that we would have at least on the drapes maybe our logo or a backdrop sign with our logo on it. I mean, a lot of this is being published on Facebook all over the world and our logo is not anywhere to be found. Just a suggestion. **Tartaglia:** That's a good point Darrell, thank you. We can rectify that next year.

Mastin: Does anyone have any further questions for Allene? OK Allene, thank you. Do you have anything else? **Tartaglia:** No, I don't.

(6) IT REPORT.

Committee Chair: Tim Schreck
Systems Administrator: James Simbro

Mastin: We're going to move on to James with the IT. **Simbro:** Good morning, everyone. I want to thank Ed for his kind words about Central Office staff and the work we put in at the International. Ed himself was out there working pretty hard, too, as well as Rich putting together judges' stands and other things, so thank you guys for your help.

Current Happenings of Committee:

eCat v2.0: *We have worked through all the major issues and now track two or three new issues a week. Bugs are generally minor and are resolved in 24 to 48 hours.*

Most eCat users reported problems revolve around login issues, linking older cat, and linking cattery names. Most are attributed to old email addresses or password resets going to spam. Users linking older cats (pre-2014) and cats registered by pedigree have experienced some problems verifying data. Older cats who have the old "E" litter numbers need their updated "F" litter number, and cats registered by pedigree sometime have their Sire/Dam registration numbers cut-off on their certificates, which results in data mismatches. Staff respond as quickly as possible to support emails and assist with linking cats to an account.

The new eCat Online Show Entry feature launched October 4th. The entry form emulates the same layout as the previous one and now allows the user to pick from their existing list of cats. This also keeps a record of their entry on their eCat account. For those not wanting an eCat account, we have a version of the online form that doesn't require logging in. Clerks will access all the show entries assigned to them through their own eCat account. This new system should also provide more reliable delivery of exhibitor confirmation emails, and various validation rules were also added to reduce duplicate entries.

WeChat – Online Entry: In September there was a lot of discussion about China's use of WeChat to enter shows. This was a project being developed in China and was not part of CFA's projects or budget. Development on that project stalled and never went live. The new eCat Show Entry process will allow China exhibitors to submit their show entries, as it has been reported that eCat access in China is not a problem.

I do want to clarify some terminology that I see frequently used in the wrong context. There are three distinct systems we work with for entries and shows.

Online Entries (Now a part of eCat): *This is where a person submits their entry to the entry clerk. The clerk accesses the list of submitted entries through eCat for each show. This is not the Entry Clerk program.*

Entry Clerk Program: *This is the software developed by Dynamic Edge, with the guidance of Tim Schreck, Sheryl Zink, Cathy Dunham...and probably others. This program is a standalone package used only by the clerk to record the show entries and produce all the show*

documentation (Catalog, Breed Summary, Judges books...etc.). Exhibitors have zero access to this program. We have recently integrated an interface between this system and our registration database. This system is not tied to Online Entries, but we are looking at building a link between them to assist clerks if it fits in the eCat upgrade budget.

Calhoun: Can we move on to the entry clerk program? James, were you at the end of your presentation, because I did have a couple questions. **Simbro:** I'm entertaining questions. **Calhoun:** OK, let me ask you one. So, in the entry clerk program, at the bottom it talks about, *This system is not tied to Online Entries, but we are looking at building a link between them to assist clerks if it fits in the eCat upgrade budget.* Are you talking about an existing eCat upgrade budget or new money? **Simbro:** Existing. We are currently doing what we call eCat 2.0 which encompasses what our exhibitors and clients see on their eCat accounts in the administrative side here in the office. So, that budget, the last time we looked we were still well under budget. We're getting close to what we budgeted. We would probably, because we know money is tight, I want to get some pricing to get an idea. Am I talking like \$4,000 or I am talking \$14,00-\$15,000? I don't know what that is, because it does involve our other vendor who does the programming for the entry clerk program, but it's kind of a way to shift the online entry data into the entry clerk program – a little bit easier for the clerks, so they can almost click a button what it imports the entry into the entry clerk program, instead of them having to have the – they get an email for their entry or they have an interface where they can see the entries for their shows. Then they have to type in the cat's number and enter that information into the entry clerk program. So, it's still a bit of a manual process. We would have liked to – Cathy Dunham, who is in these discussions because she uses the entry clerk program a lot, too, being a clerk, to be able to not really automate that, but at least really cut down on the clerk's time in having to transfer that data from the one system to the other. So, I want to get some pricing on that before I approach that. It would be kind of up to the board. We can either keep the whole project under but and be happy. We'll look at doing this next year, or do we just want to say, "hey, we budgeted for the money, let's go ahead and do it." That's for another discussion. **Calhoun:** Keep in mind that if you have a midyear adjustment to your budget, that's discussed in December. If you need to get quotes or whatever, that has to be done in the near term if we're having a discussion this year. **Simbro:** That would work perfectly.

eCat: This is our in-house software, newly updated by Sonit, that manages all registrations, show scoring (including licensing) and much more. It has an administrative side (what Central Office uses) and a customer side (an eCat account). As mentioned above, it only recently started to "talk" to the Entry Clerk program and now manages the Online Entries.

Simbro: I'll get to the detail in the report. The big item was, we launched the online show entry process for eCat. It allows people to select their cats right from eCat and enter a show. We had some initial bigger bugs that have since been worked through. I did get an email from Carissa. Carissa, I did see that. I started a reply and I just haven't had a chance to finish it. Any remaining issues right now seem to be kind of one off and probably user specific, not system specific. I'm having problems duplicating some of these problems that are being reported, and it's usually a case of me having to play 20 questions with users to try to really drill down and find out what specifically they're doing that's stopping them from entering a show. We do have a, what I call a public show entry that does not require an eCat account, so you do not have to have an eCat account to enter a show. It works very much like the old form. We've

laid it out the same as the old online entry form. We just kind of help pre-populate some information in there. We have an address verification where if you're in the United States or Canada and you put in your zip code or your postal code, it will automatically look up your city and state. Occasionally, we have a case where that doesn't work. It's because the U.S. Postal Service's data is lacking and we have to go manually and enter in the city to that zip code, but we can do that here. We don't have to wait on the programmers. I think that's all the report on the show entry. I did define some stuff in my report there. We had some discussions last month about online entries and using what was originally discussed of doing with WeChat. I just kind of wanted to lay it out because we've got some new board members, so we can keep everybody on the same terminology of what does what.

Simbro: I think that's all I really wanted to talk about. Any questions? **Altschul:** This is not so much a question as a comment for anyone who is listening or reads the minutes. James has been extremely responsive if you have any questions or problems with the system. I'm sure he knows he gets quite a few emails from me, as I do everything I can to break it as I use it, but it has been really cool and I just want to thank James for finally getting us up to the 21st century. I've used the Cat Track, I've used the online entry which I love. It's so easy to do, even from my phone, so if you haven't played around with the system yet, there's a little bit of a learning curve but for everyone listening, if you haven't tried it yet, it is really cool. If you have any problems, James is super responsive. Any problem that I've had so far, he has been able to address it pretty quickly. I think it's cool and I'm so happy to see us finally getting somewhere. This new eCat thing is working great, so thank you James. **Simbro:** Thank you.

Genetics: *Now that eCat v2.0 is stable, we will return to this project and make it our top priority. We will report on an established timeline at the February board meeting.*

Calhoun: I have a question about genetics. It said you were going to report on an established timeline at the February board meeting. It seems that genetics has been on the table for discussion for quite some time. Is there not a way to get a timeline before four months?

Simbro: As I said in my prior reports, we had to get through the whole eCat upgrade to focus on getting all of this development and stuff launched first. I have always said, it wasn't going to be a lot before the first of the year before we had a timeline on the genetics. It's going to involve complete switching of gears, refocusing on how that system was developed to work, because I was not involved with some of the data end of that, so I really need to kind of get myself up to speed. We're halfway through October, then November and December holidays. I think December, January is the soonest we can focus on that and figure out what we need to do.

Calhoun: Again, keep in mind, I'm sure you're talking about with this timeline means next fiscal year, if we don't have a timeline until February, but the financials and the budget requests need to be in for next fiscal year in January. **Simbro:** OK.

What Will be Presented at the Next Meeting: *Projects progress.*

*Respectfully Submitted,
James Simbro, Co-Chair*

Mastin: Any additional questions for James? OK, thank you, James. **Simbro:** Thank you.

(7) **TREASURER'S REPORT.**

Treasurer Kathy Calhoun gave the following report:

May 1, 2023, through April 30, 2024

Key Financial Indicators

	<i>Actual</i>	<i>Budget</i>	<i>Over Budget</i>	<i>% of Budget</i>
<i>Registrations, Litters (early)</i>	\$45,065	\$38,783	\$6,282	116.20%
<i>Registrations, Litters</i>	\$40,947	\$53,630	(\$12,683)	76.35%
<i>Total Litter Registrations</i>	\$86,012	\$92,413	(\$6,401)	93.07%
<i>Registrations, Cats (early)</i>	\$52,680	\$69,495	(\$16,815)	75.80%
<i>Temporary Registration Number</i>	\$1,030	\$3,370	(\$2,340)	30.56%
<i>Registration, Cats</i>	\$21,390	\$21,936	(\$546)	97.51%
<i>Registrations, Cats-Prepaid</i>	\$59,825	\$73,451	(\$13,626)	81.45%
<i>Registrations, Cats w/Litter</i>	\$1,770	\$1,427	\$3443	124.04%
<i>Total Individual Registrations</i>	\$136,695	\$169,679	(\$32,984)	80.56%
<i>Total Registrations</i>	\$222,707	\$262,092	(\$39,385)	84.97%

Registration Summary: Registration contributed \$222,707 to the bottom line. This represents a 25.8% reduction compared to the prior year, which is 84.9% of the budget. The shortfall highlights the challenges in maintaining registration numbers and underscores the need for strategic initiatives to boost registrations.

Mastin: Kathy, you have the Treasurer's Report? **Calhoun:** Yes. I have provided data around registrations. We know that registrations have been on the decline. That's not new news. Registration contributed almost \$223,000 to the bottom line, which is a 25% reduction, and it's 85% of budget. This just highlights the importance of the discussions that we are going to have tomorrow that need to be had and need to be implemented.

Other Key Indicators: Additional performance indicators are captured in the table below.

	<i>Actual</i>	<i>Budget</i>	<i>Over Budget</i>
<i>Cattery Registration & Renewals</i>	\$54,800	\$69,798	(\$14,998)
<i>Championship Confirmation</i>	\$17,595	\$26,450	(\$8,855)
<i>Registration by Pedigree</i>	\$25,480	\$34,624	(\$9,144)

Total Ordinary Income came in at \$496,872 which is 81% of budget.

Calhoun: I have provided a couple areas that are key to success. You can see that they are below budgeted target.

2024 CFA ANNUAL MEETING IN CORALVILLE

The 2024 CFA Annual Meeting in Coralville performed favorably to budget. Specifically, the costs associated with the event were well-managed and aligned with our financial projections.

It should be noted that the Annual Meeting financials do not include the costs of the CFA Board or staff to attend the Thursday Board or the Annual Meeting. These additional expenses are accounted for separately to ensure a clear and accurate financial picture of the event itself.

Overall, the financial performance of the 2024 CFA Annual Meeting reflects our ongoing commitment to adherence to budget. That being the case, the event still costs the organization \$64,553 and provide cost saving opportunities moving forward.

Annual Coralville Meeting Financials				
	Actual	Budget	Over Budget	% of Budget
Total Income	\$79,597	\$55,700	\$23,897	142.90%
Total Expenses	\$144,150	\$156,900	(\$12,750)	91.87%
Annual Meeting Costs	(\$64,553)	(\$101,200)	\$36,647	63.79%

Calhoun: The recap here of the 2024 CFA Annual Meeting in Coralville, which was probably one of the more economic annuals that we have had. The annual meeting cost was \$65,000 which is still a great deal of money but it's lower than others that I can remember for quite some time, but it still provides cost savings opportunities that we need to consider strongly and discuss tomorrow.

Financial Summary

The critical line item the following summary is Net Operating Income. This reflects a loss of \$131, 739. This loss is largely due to Annual Meeting Costs and the reduction in registration.

May 1 through August 30,2024 Financial Summary				
	Actual	Budget	Over Budget	% of Budget
Gross Profit	\$612,035.73	\$703,136.96	(\$91,101.23)	87.04%
Total Expenses	\$743,774.74	\$842,921.64	(\$99,146.90)	88.24%
Net Operating Income	(\$131,739.01)	(\$139,784.68)	\$8,045.67	94.24%

Calhoun: In the financial summary, the number that we really need to focus on is the net operating income. Our profit was \$612,000. We spent \$744,000 which is a net operating loss of almost \$132,000. This is not sustainable, so we need to really focus on ideas to increase the top line. We can only cost-savings our way to a certain point, but the real path to success is increasing the top line, and that is what we need to really focus on. We need to have a sense of urgency about this. There is provided information about other income and other expenses, but the really true measure of where we are is the net operating income. I'll pause here for questions.

Mastin: Does anyone have any questions for Kathy? No questions Kathy, continue.

CFA Financial Fundamentals:

A ZOOM call was held for the new incoming board members on September 23, 2024. The CFA budget, profit and loss statement and key responsibilities were among the many items reviewed.

Calhoun: We did a CFA Financial Fundamentals for the incoming board members on September 23rd. I think it was very well received. We had a lot of good dialogue. Folks asked a lot of questions. The Zoom call was recorded and it's still available if anyone would like to see the Zoom call or would just be interested in reviewing it.

Regional Financial Reporting

The CFA Bylaws instructs the following: No later than May 25 of each year, each Regional Director shall submit in writing to the Central Office a complete report of all receipts and disbursements of funds, if any, maintained by the Region for regional business. This report should detail the sources of all income and the nature of all expenditures for the fiscal year ending on April 30 of that year. The report shall include the level of detail required by the Central Office to prepare and file appropriate tax returns for the Association and the incorporated Regions with the Internal Revenue Service, as well as annual reports for the incorporated Regions in their states of incorporation.

On September 10, reminder letters were sent to Regional Directors 1-7 who were not in compliance. An additional request will be sent on November 1, 2024.

Calhoun: Regional Financial Reporting. I pasted what the bylaws instruct for May 25th. On September 10th we sent out additional emails to the regional directors 1-7. We've had some response. We've got two regions that are in compliance. A follow-up will be sent on November 1st for those regional directors that have not been able to put this together yet with their treasurers. **DelaBar:** I just wanted to remind Aki as a new regional director, both Regions 8 and 9 do not come under the reporting criteria because we are not part of the U.S. tax structure. Kathy, I always try to get in a basic report just so you can see that yes, we do have a small amount of income that does flow in and out of our treasury. **Calhoun:** Thank you, Pam. That's why I specifically said we sent it to regional directors 1-7. Thank you for highlighting that, though. **DelaBar:** I'm sorry Rich, just one other thing. Just so the other regional directors are aware that because of the unique make-up of Regions 8 and 9, we don't fall under this. **Calhoun:** At least not today.

*Respectfully submitted,
Kathy Calhoun, CFA Treasurer*

Mastin: Any other questions for Kathy? OK Kathy, thank you.

(8) **BUDGET COMMITTEE.**

Committee Chair: Kathy Calhoun
List of Committee Members: Rich Mastin, Matthew Wong, and Allene Tartaglia

Brief Summation of Immediate Past Committee Activities:

Prepare the Budget submission and approval timeline.

Mastin: Do you want to continue with the next one? **Calhoun:** The next one is Budget, I believe. This is virtually the same report that you will see over and over and over again with the deadlines. It was presented in August, it was discussed at the financial review with the new board members. The dates have not changed. Please digest this. It's really important that we get budget requests in, in a timely manner. If you have a mid-year, it's outlined. If you want a mid-year review of your budget for any changes or discussion or reductions, that would be good, but this has not changed. Just make sure that your new budget requests are in by the 1st of January.

Current Happenings of Committee:

The Budget Committee developed the 2025 – 2026 Budget Development timeline which is captured in this report.

Future Projections for Committee:

- *Committee Chairs should work with their Board Liaisons in the development and submission of their respective budget requests.*
- *Committee budget requests should be emailed to the Treasurer by the **Board Liaisons**.*
- *2025 – 2026 CFA Budget to be approved at the April 2024 Board Meeting.*

Calhoun: The thing of it is, is that all of the committees have board liaisons. The budget request should come in through the board liaisons; the reason being, that the board liaison is the person that's going to sit at the table in the budget review and speak to that budget, so it's critical that that liaison be integrated into the discussions with the committees as they present their needs, so they can adequately represent them at the table in April.

Communication to Board Members. Board Liaisons to communicate timeline to their team.

10-15-2024 *Budget Committee timeline communication,*
12-02-2024 *Committee spending reports available (May 1, 2024– Oct 31, 2024). The*
 Treasurer will email reports to the Board Liaison upon request.
12-03-2024 *Budget Committee timeline communication.*

Input Due Dates for Changes to the 2024-2025 Budget

Request for additional funding should be submitted to the Budget Committee no later than 11.01.2024 for review at the December Board meeting. Requests should include supporting rationale.

Input Due Dates for the 2025-2026 Budget

01/02/2025 *Committee Budget Requests from Board Liaison*
01/10/2025 *Orlando Annual 2025 Budget*
01/17/2025 *International Show 2025 Budget*
01/17/2025 *Capital Requests*
01/24/2025 *Corporate Sponsorship Estimates*

Development all meetings @ 7:00 am – 10:00 am central time

11/13/2024 *Budget Committee ZOOM Mid-Year Review*
02/05/2025 *Budget Committee ZOOM*
02/12/2025 *Budget Committee ZOOM*

Approval

03/04/2025 *Preliminary Budget due to Board*
03-11-2025 *Preliminary Budget Review – ZOOM Conference with the CFA Board*
 7:00 pm – 8:00 pm eastern time
03-20-2025 *Deadline for Budget Report to CFA Secretary*
04-01-2025 *April Telephonic Board Meeting – 2025-2026 Budget Approval*

Calhoun: This will be presented again in December.

Board Action Items:

None

What Will be Presented at the Next Meeting:

Review timeline.

Respectfully Submitted,
Kathy Calhoun, Chair

Mastin: Does anyone have questions for Kathy? No questions Kathy, thank you.

(9) **CLUB APPLICATIONS.**

Committee Chair: Carol Krzanowski
List of Committee Members: Pauli Huhtaniemi

Brief Summation of Immediate Past Committee Activities:

New clubs applying for CFA membership were reviewed and presented to the Board for consideration. Assistance and guidance were provided to clubs with questions and issues regarding membership and applications.

Current Happenings of Committee:

Mastin: Carol, Club Applications. **Krzanowski:** We have a couple of orders of business before we get into the applications that we have to consider for this meeting. We have two club name changes.

Club Name Change Request from Koto Neko Club (Attachment A)

Current Name Koto Neko Club (Region 8)
Proposed Name: Koto Grace Cat Fanciers
Conflict with Existing Names: The new name does not conflict with any existing CFA club name.
Reason: There is an NPO operating in Kyoto City using the name “Koto Neko Club” that also deals with cats. In order to avoid confusion, the club members voted to submit a name change request. The Japan Regional Director supports this change.

Action Item: Approve the request by the Koto Neko Club to change their name to Koto Grace Cat Fanciers, effective immediately.

Krzanowski: The first club name change is from Koto Neko Club in Region 8. They wish to change their name to Koto Grace Cat Fanciers. The reason is noted in the report and the Japan Regional Director supports the change. My motion is to [reads]. **Mastin:** Aki, would you like to second this? **Currle:** Kenny seconds. **Mastin:** OK, I’ve got a second from Kenny. Aki, would you like to comment? **Tamura:** They have the same NPO operating company in the same area, so they want to change. I agree for this. **Mastin:** Does anybody have any questions? Any further discussion? Any objections? Seeing no objection, the motion passes unanimously.

The motion Is ratified by unanimous consent.

Mastin: Congratulations to Koto Grace Cat Fanciers’ new name. **Tamura:** Thank you.

Club Name Change Request from Western Pennsylvania Cat Fanciers (Attachment B)

<i>Current Name</i>	<i>Western Pennsylvania Cat Fanciers (Region 4)</i>
<i>Proposed Name:</i>	<i>Meowy Wow Wow Cat Club</i>
<i>Conflict with Existing Names:</i>	<i>The new name does not conflict with any existing CFA club name.</i>
<i>Reason:</i>	<i>The club is being revived by a new group with members from three states. While the members plan to honor the legacy of the existing club, they have voted to move forward with a new identity. The Great Lakes Regional Director supports this change.</i>

Action Item: *Approve the request by the Western Pennsylvania Cat Fanciers to change their name to Meowy Wow Wow Cat Club, effective immediately.*

Mastin: Carol, continue. **Krzanowski:** The second club name change is from Western Pennsylvania Cat Fanciers in the Great Lakes Region. They wish to change their name to Meowy Wow Wow Cat Club. The reason is noted in the report and the Great Lakes Regional Director supports the change. My motion is to [reads]. **Mastin:** John, would you like to second this motion? **Colilla:** Yes, I would like to second this motion. **Mastin:** Do you have any comments before I call on those who have their hands up? **Colilla:** No, I really don't have any comments. I have no problems with the name change whatsoever. **DelaBar:** Is there a reason or something historical behind the new proposed name? I'm thinking of image guys, that's all. **Mastin:** John? **Colilla:** Under Western Pennsylvania, the people who used to belong to that club stopped showing. This club used to belong to Carolyn Bullotta. There's a new group of people taking it up. The club will probably end up being a Norwegian Forest Cat breed club because most of the members are mostly Norwegian Forest Cat breeders. **Mastin:** John, do you know why they selected Meowy Wow Wow? **Colilla:** No idea. I just cracked up when I saw the name. **DelaBar:** As a Norwegian Forest Cat breeder, I find nothing historical in Meowy Wow Wow being anything, go back to Pans Truls, who was the foundation Norwegian Forest Cat male that we see on our pedigrees. I'm having a problem with the name. I remember when Carolyn Bullotta had Western Pennsylvania. To me, the name does not portray the image we want to see. **Krzanowski:** The club originally had a few other name selections, but they conflicted with existing club names. They did not explain why they chose this one, but I would like to remind everybody that in the past we've never actually prevented a club from using a name as long as it did not conflict with anything else. That's my only comment. **Altschul:** I think it's a cute name. Are we really going to debate about whether or not a club wants to name itself? It's not offensive. I don't understand what Pam's concern is, other than it's silly but sometimes in today's day and age we need something silly. I think it's cute. The Regional Director supports it. The only thing I need is, it's not offensive, it doesn't conflict with other clubs, the Regional Director supports it. Let's let the club do what they want to do. They are trying to resurrect the club. **Mastin:** Pam, do you want to further comment? **DelaBar:** Not really. As I said, we were worrying about our image and how to draw people in, so if John feels that Meowy Wow Wow is going to help the image of this organization and build this club up to something working, I'm not going to stand in the way. **Mastin:** Thank you. Any further discussion? Any objections? Seeing no objections, the motion passes unanimously.

The motion Is ratified by unanimous consent.

Mastin: Congratulations to Meoww Wow Wow Cat Club's new name.

Proposed CFA Bylaws Amendment

At the June Board meeting the committee was asked to develop a method for dropped clubs to reapply for membership without having to complete the new club application process. We have had some clubs dropped in June for not meeting the annual requirements, but they wish to reapply for membership immediately upon learning they were dropped. The CFA Bylaws currently do not provide an option for dropped clubs that wish to reapply, other than to submit normal new club application documents and associated fees. Because the CFA Bylaws require that new club applications be pre-noticed and applications are considered only at the February, June and October meetings, there can be quite a delay before a former club's reapplication can be presented to the Board. It would be far more efficient to implement a procedure to streamline reapplication of dropped clubs, but this will require an amendment to the CFA Bylaws.

With the help of Ed Raymond, we have developed an amendment to the CFA Bylaws, Article III – Membership, Section 5 – Dues and List of Members, to add a new paragraph providing a reapplication option for dropped clubs. It is felt that September 1 of the year in which the club was dropped is an appropriate deadline for the streamlined reapplication process. The process would follow guidelines established by the Board but not written into the Bylaws. This would allow the guidelines to be adjusted by the Board as deemed necessary.

Proposed Amendment (new paragraph underscored)

ARTICLE III – MEMBERSHIP

Section 5 – Dues and List of Members

Annual dues in the amount of \$140.00 (US) are due and payable each year on the first day of January for the ensuing calendar year. Dues shall be paid either by check drawn on a US bank, electronically by approved bankcard or by other means as the Board of Directors may approve.

Each member club shall, with the payment of dues, forward to the Central Office of this Association a complete list of club members together with their addresses, and a list of the then current officers of the club, which lists shall be certified by the Secretary of the member club.

A member club that has failed to pay its dues and submit the list of club members and officers by the first day of January of any year will cease to be a member in good standing and will so continue until the delinquent dues are paid and the list of club members and officers is filed with the Central Office. However, a member club that remains delinquent in payment of dues and/or fails to file a list of its members and officers past the first day of June shall be automatically dropped from membership.

A club which has been automatically dropped from membership for failure to pay its dues or file a list of its members and officers in a timely manner has until the first day of September

of that year to apply for reinstatement pursuant to guidelines formulated by the Executive Board. After that date, a club applying for reinstatement must follow the procedure outlined in this Article for new club applicants.

Action Item: Approve the amendment to the CFA Bylaws, Article III – Membership, Section 5 – Dues, for presentation to the delegates at the June 2025 Annual Meeting.

Mastin: OK, Carol. **Krzanowski:** The next item of business is a proposed amendment to the CFA Bylaws. The existing board members in June will recall that we had a discussion about developing a method for dropped clubs to reapply for membership. The newer board members may or may not be aware of that discussion, but we were tasked with coming up with a way for these clubs to reapply more easily than to just submit a new club application, which currently is the only option available. So, working with Ed Raymond, we developed an amendment to the CFA Bylaws. This is proposed. It would be Article III – Membership, Section 5, Dues and List of Members. The change would be to add a new paragraph that provides a reapplication option for dropped clubs. I have noted it in my report. That article appears in its entirety. The new paragraph is at the end, underscored. I will read it for everybody [reads]. My motion is to approve the amendment to the CFA Bylaws, Article III – Membership, Section 5 – Dues, for presentation to the delegates at the June 2025 Annual Meeting. **Mastin:** May I have a second, please? **Currle:** Kenny seconds. **Mastin:** Thank you, Kenny.

Anger: My hand was up to second it as the person that brought this up, but I will defer to Kenny, of course. I think this is a great idea. In the original request, I just asked for something to allow the clubs to have an opportunity to get back in without going through the whole process. I think this does that very well, so thank you very much to Carol and Ed Raymond and everyone else involved in coming up with this option. I am definitely in support, thank you. **Moyer:** Can I ask a question? **Mastin:** Yes, please. **Moyer:** I'm fine with them having a path to be easily reinstated, but there should be some kind of a financial penalty for dropping the ball and not keeping your paperwork up to date. We certainly need the money, so is that included here? **Mastin:** Carol, do you want to answer that directly? **Krzanowski:** Yes, I would like to. If you read down further in the report, there is a proposed reinstatement fee, so that would cover the financial penalty, so to speak, for a club that wishes to reapply. **Mastin:** Carol, thank you for pointing that out. **Calhoun:** This is probably more or less a note to Allene. If approved, that fee would be listed in the CFA fees and payments section of the website? **Tartaglia:** Yes, correct. **Griswold:** Carol, is there any timeframe on this? So, if someone accidentally doesn't send in their stuff, can they use this to be reinstated 6 years later? **Krzanowski:** No. This would strictly apply to clubs that are dropped in June and they must submit their request for reinstatement by September 1st. Any request beyond that date would not be considered a reinstatement, but rather a new club application and we would have to follow the existing guidelines for new club applicants. Most clubs that are dropped discover they are dropped in June. They find out the secretary never sent the membership list or the treasurer never paid the fees, and suddenly they find out they were dropped. Most of the time, we hear from them right away that they would like to be reinstated, so the September 1st deadline we feel is very reasonable because by then most of the time we have received communication from the dropped club that they want to be reinstated. **DelaBar:** The \$100 is in addition to the requirement of having the membership list and the CFA club dues. **Krzanowski:** That is correct. **DelaBar:** The \$100 reinstatement fee is sort of that financial punishment. **Krzanowski:** Yes, it is. This is something that can be readjusted by the

Budget Committee as time goes on. It's not something that's in the Bylaws. It would be a fee decided upon by the board and the Budget Committee combined. It could be adjusted as necessary from the normal budget process. **Mastin:** Ed, do you have any comments on this? **Raymond:** I think it makes sense. We deliberately kept the minutia – the guidelines – out of the Bylaws so that they are changeable at the will of the board and do not have to go to the delegation. **Mastin:** Thank you. Any further discussion? Any objections? Seeing no objection, this motion passes unanimously.

The motion is ratified by unanimous consent.

Mastin: Before we continue, I just want to make a comment. Rachel, thank you for pointing it out. When I call for a second, I'm going to call the first person on my screen that has their hand up.

Proposed Guidelines for Reapplication of Dropped Clubs

- 1. A letter to the Board requesting reinstatement, including a rationale stating what value the club has brought or can bring to CFA and an explanation of why the club was dropped.*
- 2. A copy of the current club membership list indicating all officers. The membership list must consist of a minimum of ten individuals. Any change in officers must be done following the current procedure that is required for such changes.*
- 3. Proof of payment of the club reinstatement fee and the club dues and fees for the current year. Any amount already paid will be applied against the amount due.*
- 4. Dropped clubs requesting reinstatement will be considered at the October Board meeting.*

Action Item: *Approve the Guidelines for Reapplication of Dropped Clubs, contingent upon the proposed amendment being passed by the delegates.*

Mastin: Carol, please continue. **Krzanowski:** The proposed guidelines for reapplication of dropped clubs. As Ed mentioned, this is not going to be in the CFA Bylaws. This is something that will be set by the CFA Board. It could be altered as we find necessary as time goes on. We tried to keep it fairly simple. I'm not going to read all of this, but I am open to questions. My motion is to [reads]. **Mastin:** Rachel, are you seconding this motion? **Anger:** I'm seconding this motion, thank you. **Mastin:** Thank you. We are open for discussion. Any questions? Any objections? Seeing no objection, the motion passes unanimously.

The motion is ratified by unanimous consent.

Proposed Reinstatement Fee

If the proposed amendment passes, the Board will need to determine the amount of the reinstatement fee. With the new club application fee now being \$200.00, it is suggested that \$100.00 would be a reasonable reinstatement fee to cover required administrative work and review of documents. This amount can be adjusted as necessary during the normal budget process.

Action Item: *Approve the proposed fee of \$100.00 for dropped clubs requesting reinstatement, contingent upon the proposed amendment being passed by the delegates.*

Mastin: Carol? **Krzanowski:** My third motion involves the proposed reinstatement fee. This is a recommendation only and of course during next year's budget process we may want to review it, but for now I would like to make a motion to [reads]. As a reminder, this amount is in addition to the annual club fees for the club. **Mastin:** Rachel, are you seconding? **Anger:** I am seconding that motion, thank you. **Mastin:** Thank you. Do we have further discussion or questions on the proposed \$100 fee? Any objections? Seeing no objection, the motion passes unanimously.

The motion is ratified by unanimous consent.

New Club Applicants

Action Item: *Approve the two new club applicants that were pre-noticed for membership (Attachment C). The applicants are:*

1. *A New Hope Cat Club, Region 7; Kenny Currle, Regional Director*
2. *Elite Cat Fanciers' Confederation, International Division – Asia; Bob Zenda, Subcommittee Chair*

Club Statistics Pertaining to New Club Applicants

Dick Kallmeyer has produced maps showing the locations of the new club applicants being presented at this meeting as compared to the locations of existing clubs in these areas. The new club applicants are indicated in green, existing clubs with shows are indicated in black, and existing clubs with no shows are indicated in red. Included with the maps are charts for each proposed new club area showing the total existing CFA clubs, number of shows produced and total registrations.

In addition to the maps and charts noted above, Dick has also provided additional charts indicating the total number of all CFA clubs, registrations and shows for the 2023-2024 show season in each of CFA's geographic areas.

Many thanks to Dick Kallmeyer for once again providing this valuable information.

***A New Hope Cat Club
Southern Region; Miami, Florida, USA
Kenny Currle, Regional Director***

The constitution and by-laws are in order. There are 18 members. Two of the officers and directors are officers in other CFA clubs, and eight other members are members of other CFA clubs. Fifteen of the members are breeders with CFA cattery names and are active exhibitors at CFA shows, one member is a CFA Certified Clerk and three members have show production experience. This is an allbreed club and if accepted, the club plans to initially produce a show with New Vision Cat Club in Plant City, Florida, and then later in the Miami/Fort Lauderdale

area. The club also plans to hold clerking schools and grooming seminars, and will work with local Miami-Dade cat rescue groups. The dues have been set. If the club is disbanded, the funds will be donated to The Cat Network, a charity based in Miami, Florida. This club was pre-noticed and no negative letters have been received. The Southern Regional Director supports this club.

Mastin: Carol, continue. **Krzanowski:** Next we have the two new club applicants for this meeting. The first club is A New Hope Cat Club. This club is located in the City of Miami, a well-known coastal city in south Florida. With a population of over 440,000, Miami is the second largest metropolitan area in the Southeast after Atlanta and the ninth largest in the United States. The city is a major center for finance, commerce, culture, arts and international trade. Nearly all of the members are active breeders and exhibitors, some of whom have clerking and show production experience. If accepted, this club plans to produce their first show with another club in Plant City to gain experience, and then later hold shows on their own in the Miami/Fort Lauderdale area. The club also wants to sponsor educational activities such as clerking schools and grooming seminars. The Southern Regional Director supports this club. I move to accept the club. **Mastin:** Kenny, are you seconding this motion? **Currle:** I am seconding. **Mastin:** Kenny, do you have any comments? **Currle:** This is our new guys from Miami. We haven't had an active club in Miami in years and I fully support this club application. **Anger:** As a new Region 7 constituent and Florida resident, I have to weigh in as well with hearty support for this club. **Mastin:** Any further discussion or questions? Any objections? Seeing no objection, the motion passes unanimously.

The motion is ratified by unanimous consent.

Mastin: Congratulations to A New Hope Cat Club.

***Elite Cat Fanciers' Confederation
International Division – Africa & West Asia (AWA); Varanasi, Uttar Pradesh, India
Jan Rogers, Subcommittee Chair***

This is a former CFA club whose membership lapsed in June 2024 due to not meeting the annual requirements. The constitution and by-laws are in order. There are 18 members. No members are members of other CFA clubs. Five members are active CFA breeders with CFA registered cattery names, and several other members are experienced breeders, some registered with another association. Nearly all the members have been regular exhibitors at another association's shows and/or fun shows, as well as some CFA shows. Some members have show production experience, one has clerking experience and one is a CFA Master Clerk. This is an allbreed club and if accepted, the club plans to produce three to five shows a year in Maharashtra and conduct clerking schools and educational seminars on a variety of topics focused on mentoring more people towards CFA. The dues have been set. If the club is disbanded, the funds will be donated to a shelter or other welfare organization for the betterment of animals. This club was pre-noticed and no negative letters have been received. The International Division Committee supports this club.

Mastin: Carol? **Krzanowski:** The next application is for Elite Cat Fanciers Confederation. Just as a side note, this is a club that would have benefitted from the proposed

amendment to the Bylaws. This club is located in Varanasi, a major city in northern India that lies southeast of New Delhi, India's capital. Varanasi is situated on the Ganges River the southeastern part of the state of Uttar Pradesh. With a population of well over 1 million, Varanasi is an ancient and historical city that is a major center for silk weaving, carpets, crafts and tourism. As a former CFA club whose membership lapsed in June 2024, the members wish to continue their activities of promoting CFA in India. Several members are CFA registered breeders and exhibitors, and some members have clerking and show production experience. Nearly all members have been regular exhibitors either at CFA shows or another association's shows. If accepted, this club plans to produce three to five shows a year in the state of Maharashtra and conduct educational events and clerking schools. I move to support this club.

Mastin: Darrell, are you a second on this motion? **Newkirk:** Yes, I am a second. **Mastin:** Darrell, do you want to make any comments? **Newkirk:** Sure, I will make a couple. Our ID Committee unanimously supported this. The elected rep did not support it, but they are actually not part of the Committee, so the Committee is fully supportive of this. **Mastin:** Anybody else want to comment on this? **Currle:** The elected rep doesn't support this particular club, Darrell? **Newkirk:** That is correct. **Currle:** Not to go back on history, but I think the only way we can really make strides in India is to take in as many clubs as possible, so I just want to make that comment. **Mastin:** Any further discussion or questions? Any objections? Seeing no objection, the motion passes unanimously.

The motion Is ratified by unanimous consent.

Mastin: Congratulations Elite Cat Fanciers Confederation.

Future Projections for Committee:

Process and submit new club applications for consideration by the Board.

Time Frame:

October 2024 to February 2025 CFA Board meeting.

What Will be Presented at the Next Meeting:

All new clubs that have applied for membership and satisfactorily completed their documentation, as well as any club membership issues that may arise.

*Respectfully submitted,
Carol Krzanowski, Chair*

Mastin: Carol? **Krzanowski:** That is all I have. Thank you very much. **Mastin:** Does anybody have any additional questions for Carol? OK Carol, thank you. **Krzanowski:** You're welcome.

(10) INTERNATIONAL DIVISION.

Committee Chair: *Darrell Newkirk*
Committee Vice-Chair: *Matthew Wong*

List of Committee Members:

Subcommittee Co-Chairs China: *Russell Webb/Ellyn Honey*
Subcommittee Chair Asia East: *Robert Zenda/Dr. Marilee Griswold*
Subcommittee Chair Africa, W Asia, Middle East: *Jan Rogers*
Subcommittee Chair Central & South America: *Miguel Mariano Pina Rodrigues/Anne Mathis*

Brief Summation of Immediate Past Committee Activities:

The CFA International Division committee has gone through some changes since I was named the Chair of the International Division. As a point of information, elections for the International Division Representatives were named at the 2024 Annual meeting. Jon Lee was elected as the Representative for China and Allan Raymond was elected to serve the remainder of the International Division. Kathy Calhoun has agreed to stay on as the Protest Committee representative for the International Division.

Mastin: Darrell, do you want to do the International Division? **Newkirk:** Yes. We have been pretty active. We did a little bit of change on subcommittee chairs. I appointed Russell and Ellyn. Ellyn has been doing the show schedule for China. Other than that, we have a bit in closed session. I have submitted four names to be entry clerks within China because now we are approving those at the board level, but everything else in the report is pretty straightforward.

Current Happenings of the Committee:

We have one club application (reinstatement) for the October Board meeting. Elite Cat Fanciers' Confederation, President: Bobby Ashok Wankhede, Secretary: Sharmeen Ansari, Location: Varanasi, Uttar Pradesh, India. The CFA ID committee voted to support this club application. We had one dissenting vote by Allan Raymond.

Report from China Subcommittee Co-Chairs

There are many shows being licensed and we are seeing a few shows in the North specifically in Beijing. Shanghai has shows every weekend.

Our people that request approval are understanding a bit better the paperwork that needs to be sent in order for us to approve shows.

We will continue to encourage the licensing of shows so that China continues to grow in CFA.

*Respectfully submitted,
Russell Webb and Ellyn Honey, Co-Chairs
ID China*

Report from CFA ID Committee Co-Chairs for ID East Asia (outside of China)

We appointed Lai Howe Chuan as the new Country Coordinator for Malaysia, replacing Muhammad Hafidz bin Rahmat who resigned in August after the ID Asia DW Awards Banquet.

Show activity in Asia (except China) for the first five months of the 2024-2025 show season is down 25% from the previous year with a total of 16 shows (vs 24), as shown below.

<i>COUNTRY</i>	<i>2024-25</i>	<i>2023-24</i>
<i>Hong Kong</i>	<i>8</i>	<i>1</i>
<i>Indonesia</i>	<i>4</i>	<i>9</i>
<i>Korea</i>	<i>1</i>	<i>1</i>
<i>Malaysia</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>4</i>
<i>Thailand</i>	<i>1</i>	<i>9</i>
<i>Vietnam</i>	<i>1</i>	<i>0</i>
<i>Singapore</i>	<i>1</i>	<i>0</i>
<i>May-Sep TOTALS</i>	<i>16</i>	<i>24</i>

The good news is that 7 additional shows are already licensed, 22 more dates are reserved for the rest of the show season and there are also 9 reservations for the next season. Of particular note are 7 reservations for Thailand and 7 for Malaysia, as well as one for Taiwan, which did not host a show during the past 2 season.

A novel issue arose with a club in Hong Kong denying visitors entrance to their CFA show. Apparently, the show venue did not allow anyone except actual participants in the show event to enter, but that information was not contained in the show flyer or other media publicity. Since this was not an actual violation of existing Show Rules, it was decided to craft a proposed amendment requiring any show that will not allow spectators/visitors to notate this on the official show flyer and to be posted at all show entrances. This requirement would only be for shows that will NOT allow spectators/visitors, so will not be a necessary addition to flyers for most shows.

*Marilee Griswold & Bob Zenda, Co-Chairs
CFA International Division Asia (except China)*

Report from CFA ID Committee Sub-Chair AWA – Jan Rogers

The registrations continue to decline, and the loss of the club in Israel and Egypt are disheartening. Working on both to rejoin CFA, along with some positive feedback from the group in Pakistan. We have been heartened by the Facebook page, CFA cats of Pakistan and I have been reaching out to them to get their application in before the end of November (next deadline for clubs). They are working on their constitution now. It is almost filled out, and they are

working are still finalizing the paperwork for the club in Morocco based on Carol Krzanowski's suggestions.

Currently we have only 5 remaining clubs in the Area, of which only one is show producing, Kuwait. Our proposal to reduce the point requirements for DW for kittens and premiership was approved as an experiment for the February 2025 show and we will report on the results of the efforts. Kuwait still shows the most registrations annually.

Working on proposal with Ed Raymond to extend the reduced points for the entirety of the AWS region as an enticement to get more people involved.

The difficulty in travel between countries continues to be an issue, and governmental restrictions impact air travel to Kuwait with animals.

Good news, with Board approval, to accept the club in India that was dropped last June. Their paperwork is in order. They have some exciting plans for putting on a CFA only show (not in conjunction with any other association) along with a grooming and nutritional seminar.

	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19	2019-20	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25
Algeria	2	6	4			6			4
Azerbaijan									
Bahrain	9	25	15	13	8	9	8	2	2
Bangladesh	3	7	5	7	1	5	6	8	1
Egypt	76	140	190	105	121	159	107	86	20
India	8	22	60	55	126	200	194	54	19
Iran	1							1	
Iraq	1	1	3	7	45	44	46	17	1
Israel	69	71	93	72	78	58	84	52	6
Jordan	2	6	7	19	19	19	11	5	1
Kazakhstan	12	16	6	11	19	9	5	15	7
Kenya				2	9	3	3		
Kuwait	189	175	77	121	105	99	73	75	25
Kyrgyzstan	1	2	1	1		1			
Lebanon	4	1	1	2		1		2	
Libya				2		1	5	8	2
Maldives								2	1
Morocco	3	8	2	2	6	13	5	4	
Nepal		1							
Oman	2	1	3	2	4	1	3		
Pakistan	8	24	11	14	36	53	14	19	15
Palestine					1	1			
Qatar	33	27	12	14	7	9	1	5	2

Reunion					1	1			
Saudi Arabia	101	102	69	80	63	76	26	22	7
South Africa	5	4	1	4	8	6	2	1	2
Sri Lanka						1	1	1	
Sudan					2		1		
Syria			3						
Tunisia	3			1					
Turkey	28	26	27	24	52	42	30	27	7
United Arab Emirates	18	29	28	40	50	56	43	36	18
Uzbekistan		1	1			1	2	3	
Yemen								1	

Jan Rogers
AWS sub chair

Mastin: Does anybody have any questions or comments from Darrell on his report? Darrell, do you have any specific items you want to point out? **Newkirk:** No. Dick [Kallmeyer] sent me the registrations that have occurred last season for the ID and I listed those. They are under, I think, Jan's report, wherever that is. I wanted to include the registrations for India. I wrote to Lisa Brault to ask her how many CFA shows we have had in India. I know that India is an emerging market for us, but our registrations have gone down there as they have in most of the countries. We had sort of a highlight from 2019-2021 where we got the most registrations in the International Division. I will say that some of the clubs that left CFA in China are now coming back and putting on shows, so we're hoping we will attract some of those people that left CFA and hopefully they will be back in China showing. Jon Lee has been very helpful on a couple of things. One of the things that he really helped on was the club that didn't send in the show package, and that is discussed in the closed session report.

Report from the Elected ID- ROW, Allan Raymond

I would like to make the following input as the ID Other Representative.

There have been some very positive happenings within ID Other than China and unfortunately a very significant change since my election.

Thailand

As you are aware there was a cartel of Thai Clubs who, because of their non-acceptance of a board decision in relation to a protest, decided that their clubs would no longer host CFA Shows.

These clubs were encouraging people to not enter the Banquet Show here in Bangkok and at entry closing time there were only 26 entries. I encouraged the club to seek extension of the closing date which was approved and through some very hard work I was able to use my relationship with exhibitors and other organizations to increase the entries to a respectable 86.

This broke the resolve of this cartel and since that time these clubs have been active in scheduling CFA shows. The back of the cartel has been broken and there seems to be a new sense of togetherness.

Malaysia

As you would be also aware there were no shows scheduled in Malaysia until recently.

I am happy to report to you that this has happened as a direct result of my nominee for CFA Coordinator for Malaysia, Lai Howe Chan, being appointed to the position. I had every confidence that he would have a huge impact and besides scheduling several CFA Shows his club will host a combined ID Banquet, as initiated by Jon Lee and Lai and myself, after several years of separated Banquets. This will be held in Malaysia.

In addition to this Lai is planning to have the biggest CFA Show ever held outside of the USA on the weekend of the banquet.

All very exciting.

Taiwan

A show has been licensed to be held in Taiwan after several years of inactivity. Thanks must be extended to Jon Lee for this initiative.

Indonesia

Several shows are scheduled for Indonesia as has been the case consistently.

Other Countries

Contacts are being made with people in other countries who have been inactive for some time.

*Regards,
Allan*

Future Projections for the Committee:

Work has begun on the 2025 CFA International Awards Banquet. The committee has discussed and approved a joint venture between the International Division and ID-China for a combined awards banquet and show to be held in Malaysia. We will update the Board as these plans are solidified.

Board Action Items:

We have on action item that will be presented in closed session to add additional entry clerks for China.

What will be Presented at the Next Meeting:

Final report on the planned combined CFA International Division awards banquet and show.

Respectfully Submitted
Darrell Newkirk, Chair

Mastin: Anybody have any questions? OK Darrell, thank you.

(11) CFA LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE.

Legislation Committee Chair George Eigenhauser gave the following report:

Committee Chair:	George Eigenhauser
Liaison to Board:	Howard Webster
Liaison for Region 9:	Mireille Gobel
List of Committee Members:	Phil Lindsley, Alene Shafnisky
CFA Legislative Group:	George Eigenhauser, Sharon Coleman, Kelly Crouch

Brief Summation of Immediate Past Committee and Group Activities

In September the U.S. Congress returned to Washington DC from their summer recess. Since this is an election year they will break again soon to campaign in their home districts. Given the time constraints, it is unlikely they'll focus on any major pet-related legislation before the new Congress takes office in January 2025. Many state legislatures have wrapped up for the year, but the CFA Legislative Group is still tracking a few active state bills. Local governments, however, remain a challenge, with new pet-related ordinances being introduced on short notice.

The CFA Legislative Group works with the Pet Advocacy Network (PAN) to track state, federal, and local proposals that may impact cats. Over time, their tracking of local ordinances has improved. CFA reviews proposed laws to determine which ones to track closely. The CFA Legislative Group also reviews online pet law lists, social media, and other sources. CFA collaborates with other animal groups and monitors animal rights organizations' activities to stay informed on new initiatives. We still rely on our "grassroots" network of fanciers to report proposed pet-related legislation in their area. Local proposals can slip through the cracks if fanciers do not remain vigilant. It cannot be stated strongly enough: "You are the eyes and ears of the fancy."

Bans on pet sales and breeding restrictions are hot topics at both state and local levels. Many areas are considering or have already enacted bans on selling pets in stores, except for animals from shelters or rescues. These rules often target dogs but can also affect cats and other species.

In the European Union, they are proposing to set minimum EU-wide rules for breeding cats and dogs. The proposal is intended to harmonize rules throughout the EU and create a level-playing field for all operators. In addition to increasing the bureaucratic requirements imposed on breeders, it is likely the new rules will BAN breeding some popular cats. Some countries in the EU already ban breeding certain cats. Germany, for example, already bans breeding many popular cats, including: Persian, Exotic Shorthair, Sphynx, Manx, Cymric, Japanese Bobtail, Scottish-Fold, Devon Rex, Cornish Rex, Lykoi, Munchkin, and white cats. An update from the Region 9 liaison for legislation is attached to this report.

The CFA Legislative Group communicates with fanciers about legislation through email, the CFA newsletter, its Facebook page, and its blog. The CFA Legislative News Facebook page provides cat fanciers with a source of current news articles on legislative issues. By posting various legislative articles from the news media or other groups focused on pet legislation, usually

involving cats, fanciers can use the Facebook page as a first stop to check for news that may affect them. The Facebook page has 747 likes and 808 followers. According to Facebook, our followers created 1,109 post reaches (estimated by Meta) and engagements for the 30 articles posted between June 8 and September 25, 2024. The articles generating the most interactions included the backyard breeder ban in Edmonds, Washington, the Marion County, Indiana ordinance that would establish an unaltered animal registry, and Singapore's new pet licensing program. CFALegislativeNews: <https://www.facebook.com/CFALegislativeNews>

The CFA Legislative Group Blog, established four years ago, provides direct public access to the ongoing work of the Group. New material is regularly added and updated as needed. The routine blog posts are the monthly **What's Hot** articles first published in the CFA Newsletter. When these are posted on the Blog, email subscribers receive an automatic email of the new post. Titles of the four previous posts are shown and linked in the right-hand column for easy access. A search box can immediately locate posts with a specific term. For example, in 2021, an entirely new definition of "rescue" began to appear in newly drafted legislation and contained exclusionary language for associations with "breeders." Our work had traced the origins to Horry County, South Carolina and documented the use of the new definition across the country. Additionally, the Resources Page (linked at the top of the right-hand column) includes advocacy material, the breeder and microchip topic series of Cat Talk Magazine articles and resources. Also linked in the upper right-hand column are the APHIS Exemptions Flow Charts that enable fanciers to learn whether they may need a USDA "dealer" (breeder) or Exhibitor license based on the 2018 changes in exemptions. The CFA Legislative Group blog may be found at:

<https://cfalegislativegroup.wordpress.com>

Current Happenings of Committee and Group:

Highlights of a few selected issues: (Not by any means complete – just a few examples.)

Federal

HR 1788, Goldie's Act: The bill would expand the enforcement provisions of the Animal Welfare Act and require yearly inspections of animal dealers and exhibitors. It was introduced and referred to the Agriculture Subcommittee on Livestock, Dairy, and Poultry in 2023. Cosponsors have increased to 112.

HR 3859: The "Animal Welfare Enforcement Improvement Act" amends Title 7 by revising the licensing process and suspension requirements. It remains in the House Committee with 34 sponsors.

HR 5041/S 2555: The "Better Collaboration, Accountability, and Regulatory Enforcement for Animals Act of 2023" or the "Better CARE for Animals Act of 2023" amends the Animal Welfare Act to expand and improve the US Department of Justice's enforcement capabilities against animal abusers. The bills remain in committee gathering sponsors. The House bill has 213 sponsors, and the Senate bill has 33.

State

AZ HB 2515/SB 1046: Would have repealed state preemption over pet stores. Died.

AZ SB 1072: Statewide animal abuser registry. Died.

AZ SB 1199: Non-economic damages in veterinary malpractice claims. Died.

CA SCR 146: Senator Rosilicie Ochoa-Bogh (R-23) Yucaipa has been successful with Senate Concurrent Resolution 146 to declare August 8 as Community Cat Day. It was adopted by the Senate as well as the Assembly and sent to engrossing and enrolling. The is the first instance of legislative use of “community cat” in California. Adopted.

CO HB 1458: Would establish the Division of Animal Welfare within the Department of Agriculture. Enacted.

DE SB 129: Updates shelter best practices standards. Associated regulations also adopted. Enacted.

KS: Proposed Rule would update the Kansas Pet Animal Act for definitions, importation of dogs or cats by animal facilities, record keeping, inspections, veterinary care, quarantine requirements, animal acquisition by shelter/rescue networks, euthanasia methods, licensee notifications, license applications and renewals. The comment deadline was September 9, 2024.

NH HB 1102-FN: This bill would amend the animal cruelty statutes to include “Sells an animal that has a birth deformity that causes suffering, such as brachycephaly, or the intentional breeding with the intent to sell, 2 individual animals with the same birth deformity that causes suffering, such as brachycephaly.” Died.

NH HB 1680-FN: This bill would add a definition of retail pet shop and prohibit the sale of dogs and cats by retail pet shops except in certain cases. Died.

VT SB 301: Prohibits the retail sale of dogs and cats. Enacted.

Local

Fort Collins, CO: Ordinance restricting the sale of dogs and cats was adopted. This does not apply to those meeting the definitions of hobby breeder, animal rescue organizations, or animal rescue.

Doral, FL: Ordinance restricting the breeding and sale of dogs and cats and licensing breeders, hobby breeders, kennels, pet dealers, and pet care centers. Adopted.

Dekalb County, GA: Proposed ordinance would require all breeders to get litter permits and adds sales restrictions. Rescues would be required to meet the same requirements as breeders, though county officials may choose not to charge them.

Wichita, KS: Amended its animal ordinance to modify licensing and pet limit requirements, and add microchipping. Adopted.

Frankfort, KY: Retail Pet Shop Ban proposed.

Clark County, NV: Animal Protection Services is requesting changes to the animal ordinance that could include increased fines for illegal breeding and mandatory microchipping.

Fairfield, SC: Proposed ordinance would amend town law to add a requirement that commercial breeding kennels and catteries must obtain annual certificates of inspection (specified fanciers would be exempt), have certification from a reputable organization that the animals being bred are “a pure breed”, register animals to be used as breeding animals, and require registration of show animals.

Town of Lexington, SC: The Town of Lexington adopted changes, including mandatory microchipping, to its animal ordinance consistent with recent changes to Lexington County’s amendments.

Austin, TX: Mandatory microchipping ordinance. Approved by consent.

McAllen, TX: Pet limit restriction with permit required to exceed the limit. Adopted.

Edmonds, WA: Adopted “backyard breeding ban” is actually a total ban for all breeders to two highly restrictive exceptions not applicable to hobby breeders.

Litigation

The CFA Board has allowed CFA to join with the Animal Health Institute (AHI) coalition on amicus curiae (friend of the court) briefs opposing non-economic damages (i.e. “pain and suffering”) for injuries to animals.

In July 2024 CFA joined an application to submit an amicus brief to the California Court of Appeal, 4th District, in the matter of Sierra Mowery v. El Centro Animal Clinic, Inc., et al. The case involved the death of a dog due to alleged veterinary malpractice. The main issue is determining the appropriate damages for the dog’s death. The trial court ruled that only economic damages, such as veterinary care costs, are allowed and denied any noneconomic damages based on emotional loss. The AHI group proposed to file a brief to clarify that “actual value to the owner” should only cover economic damages, like reasonable veterinary expenses, and not be used to claim emotional loss or subjective value of the pet. In August 2024 the Court of Appeal denied, without comment, the coalition’s request to submit a brief. It should be noted that the proposed brief was included in the application, so we can only hope that the judges have enough information to decide the case without further briefing. We will provide an update when the Court of Appeal issues a final decision in the matter.

In August 2024, CFA joined an amicus brief to the New York Supreme Court, County of Kings, in the matter of Trevor Deblase and Nan Deblase v. Mitchell Hill. In this matter the court issued a

notice seeking amicus curiae briefs on whether the mother of a dog owner possesses a causation of action for infliction of emotional distress from witnessing the dog being struck by a vehicle as she walked the dog on a leash. The AHI group filed a brief discussing both the legal precedent involved for bystander recovery for negligent infliction of emotion distress as well as recovery for noneconomic damages for loss or injury to a pet. A bystander within the “zone of danger” may be able to recover emotional harm damages if he or she “suffers serious emotional distress from observing severe physical injury or death of a member of the immediate family. In August 2024 the Court of Appeal denied, without comment, the coalition’s request to submit a brief. It should be noted that the proposed brief was included in the application, so we can only hope that the judges have enough information to decide the case without further briefing. However, New York law generally rejects claims for emotional distress involving loss of pets. We will provide an update when the Court issues a final decision in the matter.

Publications

The CFA e-Newsletter provides space for a “What’s Hot” legislative column used to provide brief information on new and urgent matters of interest to the cat fancy. In general, Cat Talk Almanac articles are written for less time-sensitive matters with a focus on guidance on advocacy. Articles since the October 2023 Board meeting:

- * CFA e-Newsletter, July 2024, **“The European Union Considers EU-wide Animal Legislation – In Other News- New Hampshire HB 1102-FN is Officially Dead”** by Kelly Crouch, CFA Legislative Information Liaison. The Council of the European Union is working on new animal laws that could impact hobby breeders. The law aims to improve the welfare of cats and dogs, protect consumers, and stop illegal trading. Some breeds may be banned from shows, others may no longer be bred. Breeds like Persians, Exotics, Manx, Sphynx and others may be at risk. The proposal’s impact on hobby breeders is a concern as it could make breeding more difficult. Negotiations will decide the final law, and countries can choose stricter rules.*

In addition, New Hampshire HB 1102-FN, which would have banned breeding certain cat breeds in that state, while leaving an opening to ban more breeds, died at the end of their legislative session.

- * CFA e-Newsletter, August 2024 **“Misnamed Backyard Breeder Ban Narrowly Approved in the City of Edmonds, Snohomish County, Washington”** by Kelly Crouch, CFA Legislative Information Liaison. The Edmonds, Washington City Council passed a backyard breeding ban on July 23, 2024, with a 4:3 vote. The law is meant to reduce the number of animals in shelters but acts as a full breeding ban. It only allows two exceptions, which do not cover hobby breeders. One exception is for gifting offspring to family or friends, and the other is if the owner charges a rehoming fee for accidental litters and sterilizes the animals. Breeding for profit is illegal, and violators face fines up to \$1000 per litter. Selling pets is also prohibited, with fines of \$250 per animal per day. The law’s strictness worries breeders, as less restrictive alternatives were dismissed due to limited enforcement resources. Some council members argued that the new rules are too harsh, especially given existing restrictions in the city. The council considered, then rejected, less restrictive ordinances in two nearby cities.*

- * *CFA e-Newsletter, September 2024 “**Dekalb County, Georgia, Commissioners Consider Litter Permits, Sales Restrictions, and Consumer Protection Provisions**” by Kelly Crouch, CFA Legislative Information Liaison. Georgia’s strict pet dealer laws already require a license for anyone selling more than one litter or 30 animals per year. Dekalb County, part of Atlanta, is considering an even stricter ordinance. The proposed law would require all breeders to get a permit for each litter. This permit must be obtained within six months before or one week after the litter’s birth. Each female animal can only have one permit per year, and breeders must have an intact animal permit and microchip their animals. The number of permits per household is limited, but details are unclear. Other rules include mandatory vaccinations, identification, advertising regulations, and record-keeping. While rescue groups can have fees waived, they must still comply with all other requirements. These regulations aim to curb pet overpopulation, but could make breeding much harder for small breeders. The ordinance will be reconsidered on October 8, 2024.*

Meetings and Conferences:

***Pet Week on Capitol Hill** was held in Washington, D.C. highlighted by Pet Night on Wednesday, September 11, 2024. Pet Night on Capitol Hill is an annual event, co-hosted by the Human Animal Bond Research Institute (HABRI), the Pet Food Institute (PFI), and the Pet Advocacy Network (PAN). CFA co-sponsored this event as we have done for 26 years. Pet Night is part of Pet Week on Capitol Hill, a week-long series of virtual programming and in-person visits. Virtual sessions share key data about how pets are important for human health and quality of life and highlight the most pressing issues relating to pet ownership in America. The event celebrates the important role pets play in American lives and brings together lawmakers, staff, and pet care leaders to discuss policies and programs that help both humans and animals. It brings attention to the importance of pets and helps ensure that both people and animals can continue to benefit from each other’s companionship.*

Representing CFA at Pet Night on Capitol Hill 2024 were George Eigenhauser, Doug Welsh, and Sarah Baker. Rachel Alcaraz and Brian Clingerman were responsible for receiving shipments of booth materials from CFA before the event. Attending as CFA’s guest and helping with our table was Georgia Arvanitis, Ph.D., EveryCat Health Foundation’s Volunteer Program Leader (i.e. “Chief Cat-Herder”). Special thanks to Doug Welsh and his Oriental SH kitten Rune. As always, the cats are the stars and Rune stole the show. Thanks to everyone who helped.



(Left to right: Doug Welsh and Rune, Sarah Baker, George Eigenhauser, and Dr. Georgia Arvanitis)

Future Projections for Committee and Legislative Group:

Upcoming conferences related to legislation –committed or pending:

The Pet Industry Leadership Summit 2025, January 13-15, 2025 in Bonita Springs, FL. This event is jointly sponsored by the American Pet Products Association (APPA), the Pet Industry Distributors Association (PIDA), the Pet Advocacy Network, and the World Pet Association (WPA). This is the largest conference for pet industry executives including hundreds of the pet industry's leaders. The conference is open exclusively to members of the trade organizations. Participating are the leaders and owners of the pet industry including suppliers, wholesalers, retailers, and others. CFA has always had a close working relationship with the groups participating in this event and it is an opportunity to build connections with other groups who support pet ownership and pet owners. George Eigenhauser plans to attend this year on behalf of CFA.

Ongoing goals –

- *Networking with the sheltering community, aligned organizations, veterinarians and lawmakers so we better understand the problems and trends that cause homeless animals to be in shelters and develop ways to address the issues that motivate legislation detrimental to our interests.*

- *Continuing to find new methods for presenting perspective on the cat fancy views to those in animal related fields and government.*
- *Working with national and local cat fancy teams to defeat legislation/regulation detrimental to pedigreed cats, feral/unowned cats, CFA's mission and cat ownership.*
- *Enlisting professional help with strategic public relations and communication to build greater public awareness and gain more support for our opposition to mandated sterilization laws across the country.*
- *Increasing efforts to raise funds for the Sy Howard Legislative Fund and to help clubs present projects suitable for funding.*

Action Items:

None at this time.

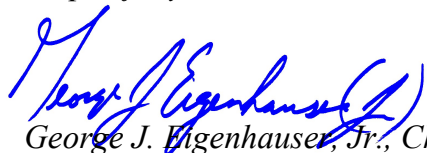
Time Frame:

Ongoing.

What Will be Presented at the Next Meeting:

Updates and pending legislative matters.

Respectfully Submitted,


George J. Eigenhauser, Jr., Chair

Mastin: Is George available? **Tartaglia:** Yes. I'll bring him right in. He is on his way in.
Mastin: Hi George. **Eigenhauser:** Hello everybody. **Mastin:** Welcome to the meeting.
Eigenhauser: Thanks for having me. I hope you've all read the report. It should be pretty self-explanatory. I have no updates, so are there any questions? **Mastin:** No questions, George.
Eigenhauser: OK, I'm done. **Mastin:** Do you want to do the next one?

Altschul: I have a question that's coming from one of my constituents. **Eigenhauser:** Sure. **Altschul:** The constituent said – and forgive me, this is a very direct question – *The Legislative Committee Report indicates they are doing nothing to actually successfully combat legislation that affects their constituents; namely, breeders. They expect the fanciers to do the legwork of reporting to them of pet-related legislation so they can repeat the information on their little blogs and reports. I can't see that they have been successful in combating any of these bills. Reports on federal legislation; for example, HR 1788, only leads to more questions. For example, does HR 1788 apply to us, and how so?* **Eigenhauser:** It was not my intention to go granular on any specific bill, but to answer the general question, the general set-up of CFA Legislation is, I think of ourselves as being Paul Revere, if everybody can get that metaphor. I

can write a letter on behalf of CFA to any legislator or any government entity, but they don't care. What they care about is their constituents, so our model is, we gather as much information as possible from every source possible. By the way, most of the bill information we get does not come from constituents. They are more valuable to us at the local level, where national organizations don't always pick that up. We compile the information, we come up with information with the help of the fanciers in the area, and then we publish them. We then work with the fanciers in the area. If there are no fanciers in the area, it's really hard to have a grass roots movement. I understand that most fanciers didn't get into cats because they wanted to do legislation, but it is imperative that when something bad is happening in your state, that you be willing to step forward and contact your local legislator. There is nothing as powerful to a legislator as somebody saying, "I'm one of your constituents and I vote." So, that's our model. The model is, we work with the national organizations. For example, in New Hampshire the breed bill we had, we worked with a half a dozen different national organizations to try to stop that, but on most matters, we rely on help from the local fanciers. That's why we put so much time and effort into every month publishing an article about what's going on, every few days publishing something about what's happening in the world, keeping up our blog, keeping up our Facebook so that everybody knows what's going on. How the local constituents choose to use that information, I can't order somebody to do something. We have to rely on volunteers. So, I can tell you the British are coming. What I can't do is pick up your rifle for you and fight the battle.

Secretary's Note:

CFALegislativeNews Facebook page is at:
<https://www.facebook.com/CFALegislativeNews>

The CFA Legislative Group blog is at:
<https://cfalegislativegroup.wordpress.com>

Jensen: I had a question. Where are you notifying us about this stuff before it's like done? Because, is it on Facebook or where is this? Because it would be lovely to know about things before it's like a done deal. **Eigenhauser:** There are three main avenues we use for reaching fanciers. Every, single month we do an article in the Newsletter telling people what's going on. Because there are 50 states in the Union and the United States isn't the whole world, we don't cover everybody and every issue, but we try to give highlights of what's hot, and that's what we call the column actually, is *What's Hot*. We also have our blog, which is mentioned on the first page of the report. I can lead a horse to water but I can't make it drink. We put out the information three different ways for the fanciers, and if something particularly hot hits an area, we might actually post on the regional lists or other things to try to pump up participation, but those are our three primary means of communicating with the fancy. We have a Facebook page. I'm surprised you didn't know about it. We have a legislative blog. I'm surprised you didn't know about it. We put out articles every month in the eNewsletter. I'm not sure how much more we can do, other than going up to individual fanciers and writing it in magic marker on their foreheads. **Jensen:** Well, I've seen the blogs on the Newsletter, but it's always a done deal at that point, where we can't really do anything about it because it's already done. **Eigenhauser:** Not at all. If you read them – for example, on the New Hampshire one, we must have done four different articles at various stages of the progress. So no, it's not always a done deal when we

report it, just the opposite. We try to report what's happening now and by the time people get around to helping us, it may be a done deal but that was never our intention and that's not our model. **Jensen:** Is there a way of getting the information out sooner or in a more streamlined way? **Eigenhauser:** Again, there are 50 states, and what's important to a constituent in one state is not important to somebody in another state. The only way to keep up with it is to read the Newsletter, follow us on the blog, follow us on our Facebook page, and if you have any questions, ask. **Mastin:** Vicki, are you all set? **Jensen:** Yes.

Altschul: I have some follow-up questions. **Mastin:** Go ahead. **Altschul:** First, I didn't get the question answered about 1788 and how that affects fanciers. **Eigenhauser:** You did get an answer. I said that I'm not in a position to go granular on any specific bill right now. **Altschul:** OK, so you don't know yet if that actually affects us? **Eigenhauser:** I would not be willing to give you an opinion off the top of my head what the potential effects on the fancy might be. **Altschul:** OK. My first follow-up question is, how exactly are you assisting fanciers who might have seen the blog or whatever? How are you helping them? The people who promote these bills, they put out form letters, they reach out, they send out spam emails. I mean, there's all types of things. Do you help them how to speak to legislators? Do you give them guidance, or do you just say, "find out who your legislator is and write them"? Because a lot of people are feeling very helpless because they don't know how to speak to legislators. Do you give that guidance to them? **Eigenhauser:** Yes, we do, but they have to ask for it. We don't send it to everybody all the time. **Altschul:** Are you working in coalition with other associations, like AKC? **Eigenhauser:** All the time. **Altschul:** So, if you are, then I have a very specific question. With the Texas breeder licensing bill, AKC worked really, really hard and got an exemption for the exhibiting breeders. We as CFA breeders had no idea that that was in the works, so if you are working with AKC on that, how is it that we didn't know until it was already a done deal and we couldn't get cats added to that as an exemption? **Eigenhauser:** I'm going to follow the Joan Miller rule and not say anything bad about any of our allies in public. However, working with other people doesn't necessarily guarantee we know everything that's going on behind the scenes with them. There have been instances in which AKC has lobbied for exemptions for themselves and forgot to include us in the conversation. We do the best we can to work with our friends, and when that friendship seems to fail us from time to time, we try not to make a big deal out of it. We lick our wounds and we move on. **Altschul:** Well, it has cost breeders in Texas thousands and thousands of dollars, and it has definitely lost us some breeders in Texas when we weren't able to get those exemptions, so that is very near and dear to me. Obviously, I'm one of those breeders who is licensed under the law. **Eigenhauser:** When we found out AKC had negotiated that, we reached out to the sponsor and asked for it as well and they turned us down. **Altschul:** Additionally, it seems like you're not being able to reach people through your current streams. Perhaps you should consider different ways of reaching out to fanciers, because it sounds like a lot of people don't know what's going on. So, have you as a committee ever considered, maybe we don't contact everybody state by state, but there's only seven regional directors. If there's a new law coming up, why not reach out to the regional director privately and say, "hey, please reach out to your constituents about this particular law," because no one has time to read through blogs, no one has necessarily time to find things on the CFA website. I think clearly you're not reaching the people you think you're reaching, so maybe consider doing things a little bit differently. You have two regional directors now telling you, we would like to get information directly from your Committee. **Eigenhauser:** Then contact me privately. **Altschul:** Why are you putting the onus on the people to contact you? Why are you not reaching out to the people?

Eigenhauser: Because I have reached out to regional directors in the past and they are about as interested in legislation as the average fancier is. **Altschul:** So, just because you have a bad experience in the past, you're not willing to reach out to the current regional director?

Eigenhauser: No. I said I am willing to reach out to you if you send me an email privately and ask. **Altschul:** So, you're still expecting the regional directors to make the initial contact?

Eigenhauser: I'm expecting you to be a regional director and act like one.

Mastin: OK, we're going to stop this back and forth. That's not being productive. George, Carissa asked a question earlier and you mentioned that you were unable to, or didn't want to, dive into it right now. Are you able to answer her question tomorrow, or can you provide an answer through Howard so he can send it to the board? **Eigenhauser:** What I would do is, I will refer this to the Legislative Committee and to the Legislative Group to come up with a consensus answer. So, it will be a few days and I can send it to the board through Howard. So, specifically we're asking about what the effect of HR 1788 might be on fanciers. **Mastin:** Carissa, is that correct? **Altschul:** Yes. **Mastin:** OK. Thank you, George. Carissa, were you done? **Altschul:** I asked the questions that I wanted to ask. **Mastin:** OK, thank you.

Moyer: I just have a question. Given the importance of legislative action and the world climate that we live in and how it can impact us on such a huge level, it's such an important area and it's also for an organization that's undergoing budget constraints a huge portion of our budget, I just wonder if we could have a conversation about whether the town crier model is really serving us well, and I would like to know, is that the model that AKC uses? Is that the model that other organizations like us use? For example, the horse racing industry has been under attack for decades, and they have such a powerful voice that they will never get them, but they took down greyhound racing. They didn't have a powerful enough voice, so if we don't address how we're best spending the money to fight these things, we can suffer some unrecoverable damages. **Eigenhauser:** I would absolutely welcome your input into additional ways to get the information out. Again, if you have ideas, let me know. Contact me privately and we can try to work out something, but remember, basically there are two ways that we function as CFA Legislation. One is kind of the town crier model, as you mentioned. The other is by working in conjunction with other organizations. Our bill tracking comes from the Pet Advocacy Network. We don't pay for the bill tracking formation, we get that from our relationship with others. We work with AKC on a number of bills, we work with TICA on a number of bills. We try to work with as many groups as possible because we don't have the budget they do. AKC has easily ten times the budget we do, so there are things they can do that we can't. For example, they have a lobbyist in many state capitals. We can't afford to hire a full-time lobbyist in the various state capitals. It just isn't within our budget, so we try to do the best we can with the budget we have, but if you have ideas for improvement, please let us know if there are better ways to get the information out. The problem again is that we have 50 different states, and each state – there's an old saying, "All politics is local." People in New York don't really care what's going on in California for the most part, and vice versa. So, tailoring a general message to reach everybody is extremely difficult. It's really challenging to try to find things that are of interest to everybody. Some of the bills we list in the bill tracking are bills that we just don't have time to do anything on because there's just nobody that's interested. I understand that people didn't get into the fancy to do legislation. They got into the fancy because they wanted to breed cats, they wanted to show cats, they love their kitties, but you can't always just sit on your hands and say,

“let somebody else do it.” How to motivate people to actually get out there and talk to their legislators and help with legislation, I’m more than willing to listen to anybody that’s got ideas.

Jensen: Well, I’m just curious. Just what do you do? Forgive me if that question seems a little bit broad, but I’m new to the board and I’ve been, you know, following things for a few years before I was on the board and I do follow the local California legislation. I also try and follow the legislation in nearby areas and also across the country, to a certain extent, because these animal rights people are very active and if they get a ground hold in one state, then we’re going to see it in all the rest. I’m just not sure exactly what the town crier is actually doing.

Eigenhauser: Again, it’s a two part. For our own people, we try to get the word out to the people locally and if nobody local is willing to help, then we rely on our alliances with other groups. As I said, we work with AKC, we work with TICA, we work with other groups to try to produce combined responses. Sometimes we sign onto letters they do, or they sign onto letters we do, to make joint presentations, so it’s not entirely based on it, but CFA’s role essentially is that we can produce genuine grass roots. There are a lot of animal rights groups out there that have their pre-done letters that you just sign your name to and you send them in to your legislator. I can tell you, most legislators don’t pay attention to those, because those are obviously astroturf. So, we have the advantage that our people are actually real people. They’re not people that just sign their name to a missive, they’re somebody that is actually involved that actually knows and actually cares. If there are no people in the area that actually know and actually care, then we do what we can without them, but there are literally hundreds and hundreds and hundreds of animal-related laws that pass every year and we just don’t have the time and resources to deal with all of them. The way we get the most bang for the buck is trying to leverage our strengths. Our strength is our people. If we can get our people involved, we can have a profound impact. If we don’t get our people involved, we do what we can without them. If you’ve got a third option, I’m willing to hear it. **Jensen:** Well, I mean, so do you just wait for people to call you? I don’t understand.

Eigenhauser: We send out information in the newsletter, we post information on the blog, we post information on the Facebook page. If something really hot is happening like New Hampshire, we try to post it to regional lists, but if we sent out 300, 400, 500 legislative bits of information to your regional list a year, they wouldn’t read it. Nobody would read it. **Jensen:** Where do you get your information, though? I mean, how are you actively gathering the information, is my question. **Eigenhauser:** As it says in the report, we start by working out with the Pet Advocacy Network. They actually have computer software that goes through all the states, gathers new bill information, searches for key words and then we have our own list. As a favor to us, because of our relationship with them, they have a separate list they keep of words that we’re looking for, then they strip these out, go through and come up with a list. That is a starting point for our bill list of what’s going on at the moment. To that, we add whatever we pick up ourselves by being on various animal laws, like the AKC list, the TICA list, some of the other lists that the other side is involved with. I participate, for example, in a lot of information from HSUS because it’s good to know what the enemy is doing. So, that’s our second point, is using the publicly available information on the various lists. But, for city and county, a lot of cities and counties just aren’t that internet friendly yet, and so often what we hear is, somebody will give us a call saying, “Oh, by the way, last week they passed a new anti-breeder bill in my city. What do I do now?” At that point, there’s very little we can do. Right now it seems like we’re not making progress on anything, because right now the legislators are pretty much shut down and the federal government is shut down until after the election, so right now nothing is happening, so we try to focus on things like letting people know some of the basics of legislation, get to know

your city council member before something hits the fan. Go to political events. Go to the meet and greets that your county board of supervisors puts on, so they know your face. Then, when something does happen in your community, you're not a stranger to them.

DelaBar: Back in the day when I was still living in Texas, we were constantly reviewing what was coming up from the City of San Antonio, which is the 7th largest city in the United States. We were always looking for town meetings where we could get up and speak to these particular things. In Europe, we're the ones that have to be proactive. We had to be proactive back in Texas. We have to definitely be proactive in Europe. We make friends with some of the legislators. This is a multi-level thing in Europe because not only are we dealing with separate countries and separate languages, but we are also dealing with what's going on with that country and with what is going on with the overall organization of the European Union. Some of the best info we get are from the contacts of these elected officials. Some, like in Switzerland, it did not work very well, but be that as it may, it's us at the ground level getting this. That's why I have Mireille Gobel gathering all this information. Thankfully, she is multi-lingual and gets into their websites to where they're talking about what they're going to be bringing up and it gives us a head's up of what's happening. Mireille is giving that information and is now part of the Legislative Committee. We have to work with the other organizations to come up with a united front – not only the other cat organizations, but also with the different dog registries throughout Europe. It's a big deal here. I don't have a problem with us being proactive because it is different, but the most effective level is at the grass roots, and that's where you've got to have somebody who is interested enough in your major areas to be able to hunt and search for that information. People who speak well enough in public and can talk to these town meetings and pass out the information. I remember the mayor of San Antonio, when I gave him at a city council meeting CFA's printed materials, he looked at me and he said, "CFA actually wants neuter/spay?" I said yes, and we did the – through the Winn Foundation at that time – gave donations to help fund those feline health studies. This was marvelous to him. In Europe, CFA is the one that has the experience in fighting this since 1988 forward, and we have been helping the different types of actions that we can do, but it's the basic legislation hits us at the local levels, and it's at the local levels where we need to be strong and interested enough to protect our interests. **Mastin:** Thank you, Pam.

Mastin: Kathy is going to be the last question I'll take on this, then I'll go back to George to close it up and I'll have a comment. **Calhoun:** I don't really have a question but sitting back and listening to the comments so far, I think there might be some opportunities. I hear a lot about what people don't know and they don't know how it works. George, I would be more than happy to talk to you offline about this, but maybe something in the way of a quarterly Zoom meeting that is highly published that people can voice their questions and we can talk about the specific areas, just to get people to be more engaged than what they are. I think a lot of it, I'm hearing that people just don't know. So, that's an avenue that might be beneficial. The other we talked about, and I've had this thought for quite some time and I think George is doing some of this, too. All of the people who are involved in this sort of animal husbandry, we're all impacted in some way, shape or form. I think maybe we need to do a better job of collaboration on the work to be done. It actually might even have to happen at a higher level. It might have to happen at the presidential level, where the presidents of these organizations are getting together and talking about in a round table, how are we better together than apart? So, that's my parting comment. **Mastin:** OK Kathy, thank you. **Eigenhauser:** I like Kathy's idea of having to give a

quarterly Zoom meeting or something like that to try to get people engaged, but I do want to point out that every year at the annual on Saturday after the board meetings are done, we have a legislative meeting. How many of you have ever been to one of the legislative meetings at the annual? I'm not sure any of you have, so even at the board level there's a fairly low interest in legislation, and that's very disappointing to me. I would expect every regional director to be at the legislative meeting so they could talk about the needs of their regions, so they can talk to me about what they want from me and what they need – and nothing, crickets. So, I do think there's always room to improve getting the information out, but the problem is, it's hard to talk to people that aren't listening. We talk and we talk and we talk, we put articles in the online magazine, we put articles in the newsletter, we publish reports in board minutes, we do the blog, we do the Facebook page. Most people are happy to show their cats and breed their cats and hope somebody else will do it. This is one of those things where you just can't let somebody else do it. If we want to protect the fancy, we have to all be engaged – and that includes the board members. You have to be enthusiastic supporters of keeping CFA in existence. So, if you've got better ways to do it, I'm more than happy to hear a better way to do it, but I also take offense when we talk and we talk and we talk, and nobody is listening; then people say, "well, we didn't hear you." If people didn't hear it, it's because they're not listening. So, if you want to know more about legislation, when the annual comes around in June, come to the legislative meeting on Saturday. I'll talk to Kathy offline about maybe putting together a quarterly thing, but if we do that I want the regional directors to support it too, by posting about it, by joining the meeting, by encouraging people in your region to be part of the meeting, as well. I can't do it alone. The Legislative Committee can't do it alone. The Legislative Group can't do it alone. The only way we can do it is in cooperation with other people. I just want to add one more point. I think it was Pam that touched on it, but I want to mention it, as well. We have to stop thinking of cat people as being our only allies. I remember years ago there was a legislative issue involving dogs in the back of pick-up trucks in California. The chief groups that came out against it were the farmers and the highway patrol. So, they finally got it passed when they placated the farmers and the highway patrol, but you wouldn't think of farmers and highway patrol being the main movers and shakers behind blocking essentially dog-related legislation. So, you never know. We had a legislative fight a few years ago about an anti-breeder legislation in California. Handicapped groups came forward, because they said, "where are we going to get our service animals if you ban breeding?" Everybody is a potential ally, even if they're not animal related, so don't limit yourselves when you're looking at building local coalitions. Think about the farmers. Think about the pet stores. Think about other groups that are involved with animals that may be allies on one or more issues. Somebody doesn't have to be your friend on every issue, to be somebody who stands with you on one issue. So, be a little bit forgiving of joining forces with people that may not agree on every issue, but they can be your friend on this issue. So, build your coalitions as broadly as you can. **Mastin:** OK George, thank you.

Mastin: My comment is, if you have questions specific to the Legislative Committee, provide those to Howard by November 1st, since it's fresh in our minds. Then Howard, please pass those questions on to George, and George, please address all those questions for the next December board meeting. **Webster:** Will do. **Mastin:** Thank you.

(12) **PROTEST COMMITTEE REPORT.**

Protest Committee Chair George Eigenhauser gave the Protest Committee report containing recommendations for disposition of pending matters (see Agenda Item #22). **Motion Carried [vote sealed].**

Committee Chair: *George J. Eigenhauser, Jr.*
Liaison to Board: *Howard Webster*
Committee Members: *Dick Kallmeyer, Betsy Arnold, Brian Moser*
Michael Shelton and Howard Webster
Animal Welfare: Charlene Campbell
Europe Region liaison: Pauli Huhtaniemi
Japan liaison: TBD
ID liaison: Kathy Calhoun
Judging liaison: Victoria Nye
Legal Counsel: Ed Raymond

Brief Summation/Current Happenings of Committee:

The Protest Committee met via Zoom on September 25, 2024. Participating were George Eigenhauser, Dick Kallmeyer, Betsy Arnold, Brian Moser, Michael Shelton, Howard Webster, and Karen Lawrence. Victoria Nye participated in one matter; Kathy Calhoun in three matters.

What Will be Presented at the Next Meeting:

Ongoing protest investigations and recommendations.

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "George J. Eigenhauser, Jr.", with a stylized flourish at the end.

George J. Eigenhauser, Jr.
Protest Committee Chairman

Mastin: George, you have Protests. **Eigenhauser:** That's just a placeholder for anything in closed session that ultimately comes out into open session, so there's nothing to add. **Mastin:** OK. Does anybody have any questions for George in open session regarding Protests? No questions, George. Thank you. **Eigenhauser:** Goodbye everyone.

Mastin: We are going to take a 16-1/2 minute break. We will come back at 11 a.m. That's Eastern time.

BREAK.

Mastin: OK everyone, it's 11:00. I'll make a comment. I believe it was when Darrell was first president, he asked that all board members attending Zoom meetings have their cameras on so that we can see who we're speaking to and the audience can see. So, if you're not prepared to turn on your cameras for today – hopefully most of you are all dressed at least appropriately – please be prepared to have your cameras on tomorrow so our audience and each other can see who we are speaking to.

Mastin: We are going to move on to the Breed Preservation Committee. **Anger:** I just wanted to confirm that in accordance with our policy that we set in June, when everyone confirmed their attendance at the meeting, they were also affirming that they are abiding by the CFA Board of Directors Code of Ethics, just as a reminder. **Mastin:** OK. Rachel, I want to go back to what you just said. I want to go through all the board members and you just ask them, and the response is, “yes, I confirm.” **Anger:** Sure, I will be happy to do that. I will do it alphabetically because I have the ballot here. It is also the Confidentiality Agreement, which we all signed and vowed to at that June meeting. Let's start with Carissa Altschul. **Altschul:** Yes, I confirm. **Anger:** This is Rachel Anger and I confirm. Kathy Calhoun. **Calhoun:** Yes, and yes I confirm. **Anger:** John Colilla. **Colilla:** Yes and I confirm. **Anger:** Kenny Currle. **Currle:** Yes, I confirm. **Anger:** Pam DelaBar. **DelaBar:** Yes, I confirm. **Anger:** Marilee Griswold. **Griswold:** Yes, I confirm. **Anger:** Pauli Huhtaniemi. **Huhtaniemi:** Yes and I confirm. **Anger:** Vicki Jensen. **Jensen:** Yes, I confirm. **Anger:** Carol Krzanowski. **Krzanowski:** Yes, I confirm. **Anger:** Rich Mastin. **Mastin:** Yes, I confirm. **Anger:** Anne Mathis. **Mathis:** Yes, I confirm. **Anger:** Doreann Nasin. **Nasin:** Yes, I confirm. **Anger:** Darrell Newkirk. **Newkirk:** Yes, I confirm. **Anger:** Aki Tamura. **Tamura:** Yes, I confirm. **Anger:** Russell Webb. **Webb:** Yes, I confirm. **Anger:** Howard Webster. **Webster:** Yes, I confirm. **Anger:** Thank you. Again, just a reminder that this is assumed when we take the attendance at the beginning of the meeting, but I didn't specifically call that out, so thank you for allowing me to do that, just to cover all bases. **Mastin:** OK Rachel, thank you for doing that.

(13) **BREED PRESERVATION COMMITTEE.**

Committee Chair: *Ginger Meeker, Ph.D.*
Liaison to Board: *Howard Webster*
Vice-chair: *Jacqui Bennett*
Secretary: *Judy Bemus*
List of Committee Members: *Martha Auspitz, Robert (Bob) Clark, Ph.D., Cathy Dunham, Connie Hurley, DVM, Robyn Thompson, DVM*

Mastin: Ginger and Jacqui, welcome to the meeting. I'm going to ask you to accept questions and comments. I do not want you to read through your report line by line. You are free to point out some highlighted areas and keep it brief. Howard, any action items, are you a standing motion? **Webster:** Yes, I am. **Mastin:** Thank you, that is helpful. When we get to each motion, I will ask whoever has their hand up first. I will ask if they are a second. OK Ginger. Hi Ginger, hi Jacqui.

Brief Summation of Immediate Past Committee Activities:

Our committee has met twice via Zoom. The team has developed a charter statement, problem statement, proposed countermeasures, and official committee definitions of (A) Preservation Breeding and (B) Preservation Breeders.

Current Happenings of Committee:

Once our charter and functions have been authorized by the Board of Directors, we will develop and present programs in line with our charter statement, problem statement, and proposed countermeasures.

Future Projections for Committee:

At this point, Preservation Breeding and Preservation Breeders is in the idea phase. Our committee desires to put education on policies, procedures, data, and "gold standard" methods within the access of all those involved in CFA.

We hope to be an on-going educational part of the CFA blog, starting in January 2025. We have established communication with Teresa Keiger of our desire to have a standing area on the Blog entitled, Toolbox for the Breeder. In this area we will provide up to date material of interest to breeders that want to adopt practices aligned with preservation breeding.

We hope to add a Toolbox for the CFA Judge, working with the Judges' Association and the Breeds and Standards Committee, to help educate new breed issues that will require new approached during the judging process. These inroads have yet to be made.

One area of interest is in developing education materials for the public on finding preservation breeders, enabling them to ask solid questions to determine what a breeder is offering. Desiree Bobby is a consultant to this committee and we hope to build on the currently existing material available to the public on Preservation Breeding and Preservation Breeders.

Meeker: Is Jacqui there? **Bennett:** I am, Ginger. **Meeker:** OK, why don't you start and just give a very brief presentation of what we submitted. I think if everyone read the packet, it's really very explainable and we have three action items which Howard will take care of, so I would guess we are ready to start asking for questions. **Bennett:** Absolutely. I'm not going to read the PowerPoint.

Preservation Breed Committee Status Report

- Draft Charter
- Problem Statement
- Root Cause Analysis
- Proposed Counter Measures
- Definitions
 - Preservation Breeding
 - Preservation Breeder
 - Call to Action

- Ginger Meeker (Chair)
- Jacqui Bennett (Vice Chair)
- Howard Webster (Board Liaison)
- Judy Bemis (Recording Secretary)
- Joy Yoders
- Cathy Dunham
- Martha Auspitz
- Gwendolyn Lorch, DVM
- Bob Clark
- Connie Hurley, DVM

Bennett: Our Committee has met several times. We have a broad committee and we started by defining a charter for the Committee, which we would ask your approval from, and we defined a problem statement, came down to a root cause of what we felt the primary issue of what that was, and focused our attention on creating counter-measures to the problem statement, which essentially was to create educational material for breeders, exhibitors, CFA officials, judges for instance, show committee people, animal professionals and the public. We felt that that was the best use of our time as a Committee, as there are three different committees working in similar veins. We didn't want to duplicate efforts. So, in order to address those countermeasures properly, we have taken some activities on. The first was a definition of what a preservation breeder was, and at the request of Desiree some bullet points of what a preservation breeder does, what makes up a preservation breeder.

Charter Statement – The Preservation Breed Committee
has been created to analyze the reasons behind the threats to CFA breeds.

We will create definitions. Analyze existing gaps and propose a course of action to address what is needed to accomplish Preservation Breeding through education in 5 areas - general public, exhibitors, breeders, judges and veterinarians

Problem Statement – Local Laws and Regulations are being put in place specific to phenotypical traits which are described within breed standards. These Laws and Regulations are a threat to the continued existence of these breeds and ultimately to the cat fancy itself.

- Why are these laws and regulations being put into place
 - Mis leading information has been propagated swaying public opinion
- Why is mis leading information being propagated
 - Animal Rights Organizations have created and distributed propaganda to address their goals which is the elimination of the animal fancy and CFA has not successfully communicated counter materials to address this
- Why has CFA not successfully communicated counter materials to address this?
 - CFA and the cat fancy have not prioritized the need to define countermeasures to address this issue
- Why has CFA not successfully communicated counter materials to address this?
 - Educational material for breeders, exhibitors, officials and the public has not been created
- Why has Educational material for breeders, exhibitors, officials and the public has not been created
 - **The issue has primarily been focused within the EU and has slowly built up from small impact issues such as “blue eyed white cats” to now directly impacting popular breeds such as the Manx, the Scottish Fold, the Persian and the Exotic. Until now, it was not recognized wholistically as a real threat as opposed to a theoretical threat**

DelaBar: On my compiled reports, I don't have your charter statement. **Bennett:** The charter statement is documented on slide – **DelaBar:** Mine shows nice, neat little round things. **Bennett:** On slide #2, *The Preservation Breed Committee has been created to analyze the reasons behind the threats to CFA breeds. We will create definitions, analyze existing gaps and propose a course of action to address what is needed to accomplish Preservation Breeding through education in 5 areas – general public, exhibitors, breeders, judges and veterinarians.* **DelaBar:** Yes, I can read that now. **Bennett:** That is the charter statement. **DelaBar:** Thank you.

Proposed Countermeasures – Create educational material for breeders, exhibitors, CFA officials, Animal Professionals and the public to counter the AR attacks and education local governments

• Breeders • Understand current level of knowledge of breed councils through anonymous voluntary surveys to analyze the understanding of currently available resources • Review existing breed policies put together for other organizations such as GCF and work with breed councils to develop CFA specific tools • Create talking points for breeders to use with potential pet buyers, new breeders and the public to provide consistent messaging	• Exhibitors • Provide readily available breed specific collateral to show producing clubs and exhibitors to be given to the public attending cats shows concerning the mission and objectives of CFA, and its breed councils • Create talking points for exhibitors to use with the public to provide consistent messaging	• CFA Officials (Judges etc.) • Create training materials and set expectations for consistent messaging and "actions match message" including: • assuring show rules are understood and followed surrounding animals allowed in show halls, • show standards are consistently enforced surrounding disqualifications and penalties • Create talking points for officials to communicate in a kind and fact based manner to exhibitors and spectators	• Public • Create videos and other education materials to share with the public to disseminate the information • Create an easily accessible library of information for clubs to use and share • Work with Legislation committee and board to present information with local governments	• Veterinarian, Animal Professionals and Professional Organizations • Create training materials to assist with true breed recognition • Share educational materials with veterinarian offices and shelters explaining preservation breeding • Partner with Every Cat Foundation, Cat Writers Association and other professional groups to expand awareness
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Bennett: Then if you go to slide 3, it talks about those countermeasures, which again goes into breeders, the knowledge, including the history and all of that. **DelaBar:** I did not have what you just read out. **Bennett:** I'm sorry, it's page 3. **DelaBar:** It came in as a big blank for me on my compiled report. **Bennett:** Would you like me to forward you the PowerPoint, Pam? I can if you would like. **DelaBar:** Bless you, dear. **Bennett:** I will do so after this meeting. I'm using all my bandwidth right now. **Meeker:** Jacqui, could you also forward that to Howard Webster? Apparently, he did not get the complete report that I sent in, either. Pam, thank you for your comments. Those were forwarded to Jacqui as soon as I received them, because she is the PowerPoint guru and the organizational guru of this document. We appreciate everybody's feedback. Please be patient with us. What we did in the time we had, at that point we didn't even know if we had the board approval to continue. On some of the members' parts, there was time management things that they were more willing to work harder and do more once we were board approved. Without the approval, we could have done all this for nothing, so I'm asking that the board pass the action items that we have asked you to consider. Pam, I was not ignoring you. I simply forwarded it to the person that could handle it most efficiently. **DelaBar:** Great. **Meeker:** Thank you. **Anger:** This is a bit of a different subject, so if I'm cutting in front of Darrell and he has something on the topic we're talking about, I will defer to him. **Newkirk:** I want to make a point of order. This is not a chat room, this is a corporate board meeting. If you wish to speak, you need to raise your hand and be recognized by the President. This conversation is getting out of hand and we need to abide by our formal procedure, and that is to be recognized by the President. Please do not disrespect Rich's role as President. **Mastin:** Thank you, Darrell. **Meeker:** Darrell, I'm sorry if I broke the rules. I thought this was an open communication question and answer session. I'm terribly sorry.

What is Preservation Breeding



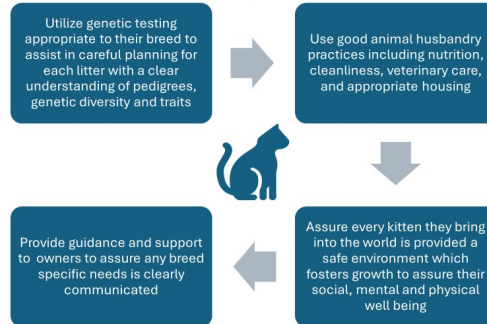
Preservation breeding is:

- a commitment to preserve the unique look, essence and history of a breed consistent with a documented breed standard
- focusing on the overall health and wellbeing of the cat through careful selection of healthy cats that exemplify the characteristics typical of each breed

A Preservation Breeder is:

a responsible and ethical individual who breeds to sustain and safeguard their breed to assure its continued existence and produce litters which meets the written breed standard

They will:



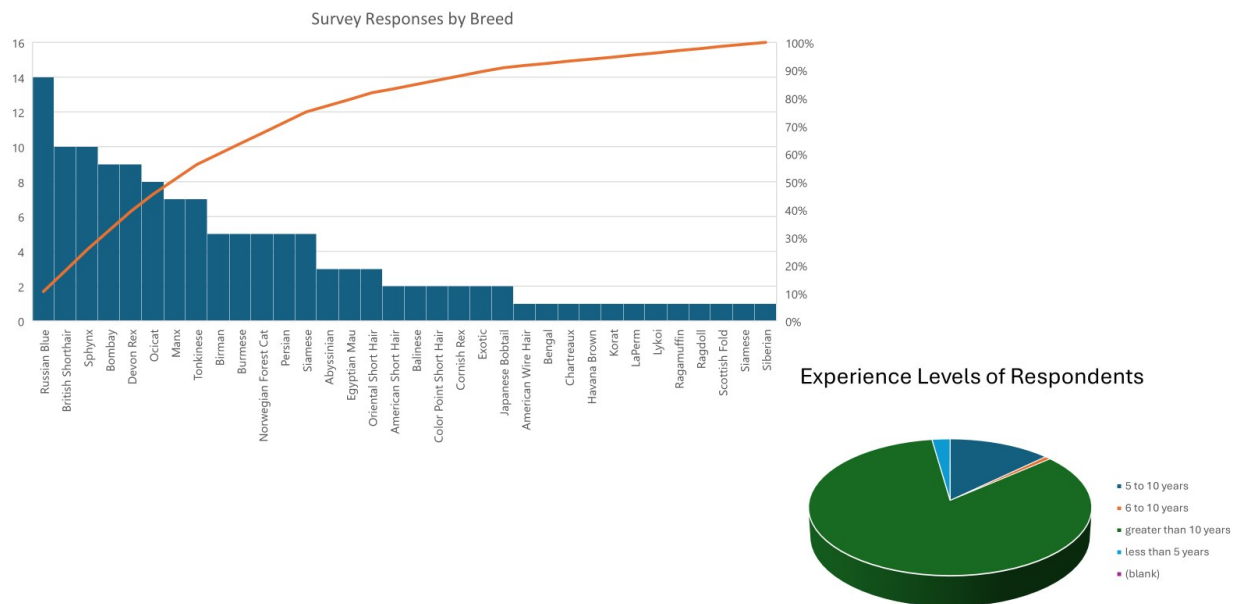
Bennett: We defined a preservation breeder as *a responsible and ethical individual who breeds to sustain and safeguard their breed to assure its continued existence and produce litters which meet the written breed standard. Preservation breeding is a commitment to preserve the unique look, essence and history of a breed consistent with the documented breed standard, focusing on the overall health and wellbeing of the cat through careful selection of healthy cats that exemplify the characteristics typical of each breed.* You will find all of that on slide #4 of the report. We created four bullet points of what a preservation breeder will do. *Utilize available genetic testing that's appropriate for their breed; to assist in careful planning of their litters with a clear understanding of pedigrees, genetic diversity and traits; a preservation breeder will use good animal husbandry practices, including nutrition, cleanliness, veterinary care and appropriate housing; they will assure every kitten they bring into the world is provided with a safe environment which fosters growth, to assure their social, mental and physical well-being and provide guidance and support to owners to assure any breed-specific needs are clearly communicated.*

Tartaglia: I have a question for Ginger and Jacqui regarding the Preservation Breeder definition. Would you consider adding the word “educated”, so it would be *a responsible, ~~and~~ ethical and educated individual who breeds to sustain*, or something about education. Just a thought. **Bennett:** I would have no issue with that. Whatever the board wants, if they want us to add that in, we need you all’s approval to go forward. This was our draft, but I don’t have an issue with adding *educated*. Ginger? **Meeker:** No. I have no problem with that.

Survey Results Summary

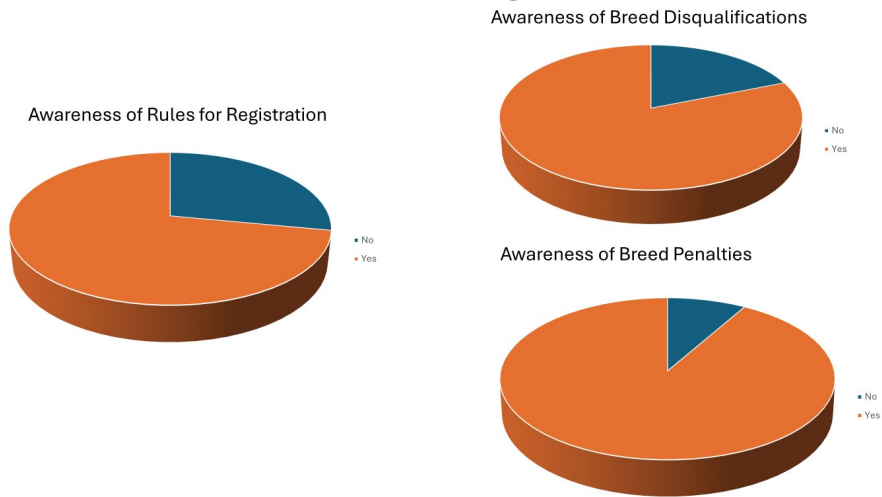
- 132 Responses representing 34 breeds.
- There appears to be a lack of awareness of between 15 to 40% of respondents specifically to their breeds:
 - Rules of registrations
 - Breed Disqualifications
 - Breed Penalties
- 22% of respondents do not know how to submit a ballot item
- There is significant variability in placement support by breed council members and between breeds

Bennett: Once we defined those – and we hope you will approve those definitions – we sent out Once we defined those – and we hope you will approve those definitions – we sent out a very preliminary survey to breed council members. Ginger provided it to the breed council members. We were very, very pleased. Even though it was a preliminary survey, and the purpose of that survey – it was not an end-all, be-all – it was to help identify buckets of areas where we could then know where we needed to create training materials, reference material and tools. That was the sole purpose of this survey. There will be more in-depth surveys later, but this was to give us a preliminary idea and help us create understanding of buckets.



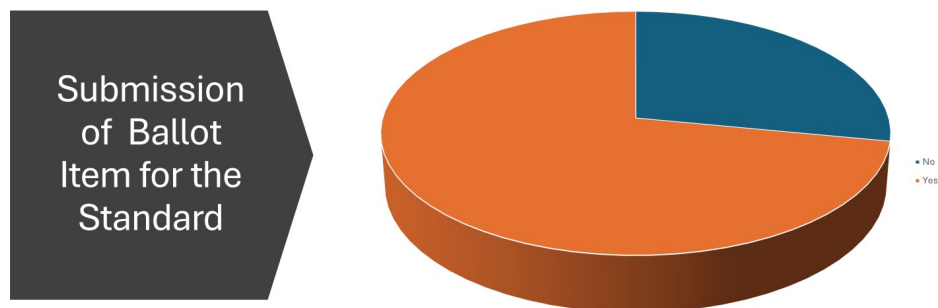
Bennett: We received 132 responses, representing 34 breeds. Statistically, based on the number of breed council members total, as listed on the CFA website, and the number of breeds, this gives us a very strong confidence limit that these results give us an accurate look at where the buckets are.

Standard and Rules for Registration



Bennett: What we found in this is that there's a lack of awareness of rules of registration from our breed council members, what rules of registration are applicable to their breeds, and even a lack of awareness of what are the disqualifications and penalties for those breeds. So, that's a bucket where we can increase awareness with our breeders.

DelaBar: My other statement that I sent in was, we definitely need to really emphasize history of breeds. People are really taken aback when they find out that most of our breeds pre-date countries, of our "natural breeds" and it's one thing that I have been able to come back with in some of my remarks in dealing with anti-breed legislation in some of our countries. Just saying, "why are you willing to erase something that has been a very important part of history?" Then, they sort of take back, so we really need to make sure that our breeders know the histories of their breeds and know the genetics behind them also very much helps.

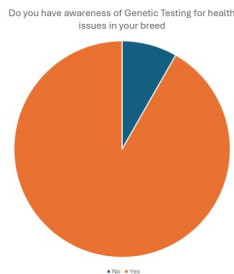


Bennett: We also found that submitting items for ballots, there's a lack of understanding by breed council members on how they can help submit ballot items.

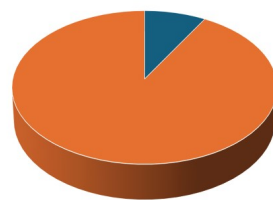
Awareness of Availability of Breed Specific Genetic Testing

Amyloidosis
Breathing difficulties, corneal disorders
Corneal disorders
Craniofacial defect
Diabetes mellitus
Gangliosidosis (GM)
Gingivitis
HCM
Hypokalemia
Incontinence, mega colon
Mammary cancer
Neonatal erythrolysis
PKD
PRA
Spasticity

Awareness of Availability of Breed Specific Medical Conditions and Genetic Testing



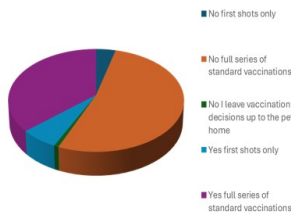
Basic Genetics – Punnett Squares – Dominants vs Recessives



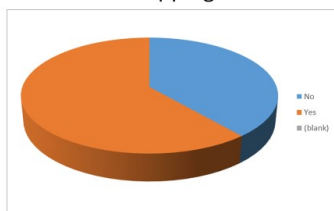
Bennett: We found that there is a good awareness of what is available for genetic testing, but that there are some gaps around even basic genetics – punnett squares, dominants versus recessives – that we can help create materials for.

Kitten placement and support

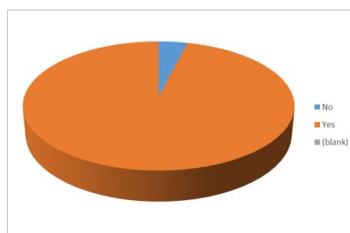
Vaccination Protocols



Microchipping

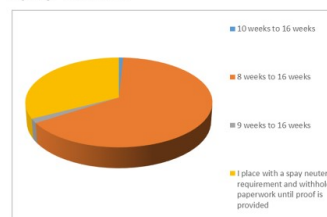


Placement Contracts



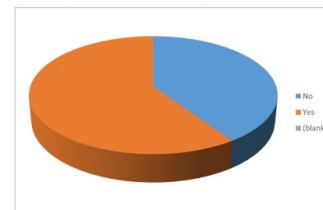
Health Guarantee;
Return provisions;
Recommended vaccination protocols;
Litter and Food Recommendations;

Spay Neuter



42% of respondents place with breeding rights. Of the 58% who do not, these are their control measures

Registering all offspring



Bennett: We had a lot of variability around kitten placement and support. Obviously, there is going to be some variability going region to region, and there's some variability breed to breed, but again this gives us an idea of some of the things that we can possibly provide as awareness for our breeders, and giving them possible templates on placement guarantees, some ideas of protocols – spays, neuters, etc. Of course, we did find that even on breed councils, and I think we found this before and it substantiates Kathy's reports with the findings, we don't have consistency even on registering of all kittens, and we do not have consistency on microchips. So,

this will help us work together to work with Desiree, work with the CFA board, to come up with some tools, some recommendations and some high-level awareness for our breeders. On communication to our judges as the officials, as we look at our definitions, we want to create collateral for CFA officials, whether it is show committees, it is judges on bullet points, when to use the term “preservation breeding,” what that term means, and on education to the public. We’ve been doing some beta testing. We partnered with Melody Boyd. She has done some amazing videos, and boy and I proud to tell you that of the 11 videos that have come from judges, they’ve come from breeders, they come from exhibitors, all across that – ladies and gentlemen, just in the short time we have done these 11 videos, the 11 videos’ average views on Instagram are 26,000-40,000 views. That’s not counting the Facebook views, that’s not counting the Tic Toc views. Over 400,000 views, so we know we’ve got a mechanism to get that communication out to the public and it’s working.

DelaBar: Ginger, I sent you a list of questions about one of your sides dealing with kitten vaccinations on how they were labeled. I’m trying to bring it up on my iPhone where I can actually read this. I found it just a little confusing on kitten placement and support when it was talking about *No first shots only. No full series of standard vaccinations. No I leave vaccination decisions to the pet person.* That was understandable. *Yes for shots only. Yes, full series of standard vaccinations.* I added what I thought could be a little bit better definitions of what we know people are doing with vaccinations. **Bennett:** Those answers, Pam, again it was a first run and the survey was done with yesses and no’s, as opposed to just letting people select. That was my fault. I’m not that intelligent when it comes to online stuff, so I used a survey tool and it wasn’t as clear as it could be. I wanted to make sure just for clarity so that nobody could say that I was manipulating the information, that the exact same questions were on the form as it was. This is the raw data and the statistical analysis of the raw data. As Ginger mentioned, this was a first approach for us to try to identify buckets. It’s not perfect. It was a limited population, and the reason it was a limited population was our assumption that our breed council members are our experts, so if they have areas where there’s gaps, the general population will probably have even further areas. It certainly wasn’t a perfect survey. It was a first draft to understand some buckets. I appreciate your feedback and we will utilize it on surveys going forward. Does that answer your question? **DelaBar:** On that one, yes.

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Bennett: So, what we would like to ask you as a board is, please review our definitions and approve them so that we can help build further on them, and use them in these videos, provide this material to our CFA judges, our CFA show committees, and continue to work with our marketing team to build consistency from a CFA point of view in these 5 pillars so that our Committee can focus on this educational material, supporting Marilee’s committee with genetics, and of course Melanie’s committee on those specific impacted breeds. Ginger, did I miss anything? **Meeker:** No, you did a great job. I would only add that it’s my understanding that we cannot go forward as a Committee until these items are approved by the board, so I would ask you for your support for our group to continue what’s going on. We have met with the other like-minded committees. We all know our lanes and we’re staying in our lanes. I received some comments that folks didn’t like the questions asked. We are simply trying to provide a baseline education understanding at this point. Those questions will evolve and I really think – and I spoke to Jacqui about this – the next time that we do a breeder survey, we will use the general

CFA list for the survey and not go through the breed council secretaries. Some of our breed council secretaries either didn't understand that it was to be forwarded to their members, or did not agree with the survey or the questions that were in the survey, so we are hoping for a much rounder set of statistics so we can further develop specific needs and solve those problems. Howard, can you do the motion part, please? Wait a minute. I need to ask first for comments or if there are any questions. Jacqui, feel free to answer questions. **Bennett:** Absolutely. Are there any questions so far with what we've done?

DelaBar: Have you coordinated anything with Charlene Campbell? **Meeker:** Yes. I work on Charlene's – **DelaBar:** May I continue to talk? **Meeker:** Sure. **DelaBar:** We are revising the CFA Cattery Standard to meet the current climate worldwide. That might change a few things.

Mastin: Rachel, did you want to comment now on your other matter, or did you want to wait? **Anger:** Sure, now is a good time. Ginger made a reference to this Committee not wanting to be predatory. I don't know if that's the term you used but overlapping of other committees. My personal concern is the Breeds and Standards Committee. Has there been close communication with Annette and her committee members with what you're doing versus what their task is? **Meeker:** Yes. Melanie Morgan is Annette's representative on the tri-part meetings, so as far as I understand, Melanie is taking that information back to Annette and we're all working in tandem. **Anger:** Just a wrap-up comment. I assumed we would have heard from them if there was a problem and we have not, so I just wanted to close that gap, thank you. **Mastin:** Marilee, same question to you on the Genetics Committee. **Griswold:** Yes. Actually, Ginger and her team and my team have had a Zoom meeting where we clarified exactly what differences we're focusing on, so we have been able to do that. **Mastin:** Darrell, have you received any comments from Annette's committee? **Newkirk:** No, but I'm usually not included in the general run of the mill conversation. Annette communicates with me just before the board meetings when she shares the report with me.

Board Action Items:

Proposal A: The CFA Board of Directors accepts and approves the charter statement, problem statement, proposed countermeasures for this committee as outlined in the attached Power Point program.

Mastin: Any further comments or discussion? Howard, would you read the motion, please? **Webster:** I make a motion that we accept the presentation we have just had for the Breed Preservation Committee. **Mastin:** Howard, I need you to read the board action item, Proposal A. **Webster:** Oh, OK. I don't see that. **Mastin:** Rachel, do you have it available? **Anger:** I do. **Mastin:** Rachel, would you read it, please? **Anger:** Sure. *Proposal A: The CFA Board of Directors accepts and approves the charter statement, problem statement, proposed countermeasures for this committee as outlined in the attached PowerPoint program.* I will second Howard's motion. **Mastin:** Thank you, Rachel. Any further discussion? Any further questions? Any objections? Seeing no objection, the motion passes unanimously.

The motion is ratified by unanimous consent.

Proposal B: The CFA Board of Directors accepts and approves the official committee definition of Preservation Breeding as outlined in the attached PowerPoint program.

Mastin: Howard, Proposal B. **Webster:** *The CFA Board of Directors accepts and approves the official committee definition of Preservation Breeding as outlined in the attached PowerPoint program.* That was B. **Anger:** I'll second that motion, as well. I could make it a standing motion for everything on this Committee report. **Mastin:** Thank you. We need clarification on the definition. Allene, you had made a comment. Was that on the preservation breeding or preservation breeders? **Tartaglia:** It was on Preservation Breeder. **Mastin:** OK. We'll wait until then to address that. Any further discussion or questions? Any objections? The motion passes unanimously.

The motion is ratified by unanimous consent.

Proposal: The CFA Board of Directors accepts and approves the official committee definition of Preservation Breeders outlined in the attached Power Point program.

Secretary's Note: The definition was amended to read: *A Preservation Breeder is: a responsible, ethical and educated individual who breeds to sustain and safeguard their breed to assure its continued existence and produce litters which meet the written breed standard.*

Mastin: Howard, next motion. **Webster:** Is that the one that *accepts and approves the official committee definition of Preservation Breeders outlined in the attached Power Point program.* **Mastin:** That is correct. Allene, can you bring up the definition? **Tartaglia:** I'm not sure that it's as simple as adding the word "educated" because it's specific to a certain type of education – educated about their breed, their proper husbandry, that type of thing, so not just an educated person. I'm not sure just adding the word "educated" actually works. I'm looking at it. **DelaBar:** What I have written for the notes, and I think in taking it in the context of what we're talking about would be ok, *A Preservation Breeder is: a responsible, ethical and educated individual who breeds to sustain and safeguard their breed to assure its continued existence and produce litters which meet the written breed standard.* Then it goes into all these other things. I don't think that we need to say *responsible, ethical and educated in animal husbandry individual who breeds ...* I think that it's defined within the context. **Mastin:** Pam, for clarification, I just want to know, are you adding the word "educated" between "ethical" and "individual"? **DelaBar:** Yes, *a responsible, ethical and educated individual who breeds ...* **Raymond:** I just want to suggest, if you don't like the word "educated", you might use the word "knowledgeable". **Mastin:** Pam, do you have a preference? **DelaBar:** I like "educated". I think it's just a little stronger term than "knowledgeable". **Meeker:** I'm fine with the change that Pam wants to make and would ask Jacqui the same question. **Mastin:** Jacqui? **Bennett:** I'm fine with it. **Mastin:** OK. Is there any further discussion? Any objections? Seeing no objections, the motion passes unanimously.

The motion is ratified by unanimous consent.

Time Frame:

The Preservation Breeding Committee with forward projects to the Board as they are completed.

What Will be Presented at the Next Meeting:

On-going committee work.

*Respectfully Submitted,
Ginger Meeker, PhD, Chair*

Mastin: Ginger and Jacqui, do you have anything else? **Bennett:** No, sir. Thank you for your time. **Meeker:** No, sir. Thank you for your time and for the board's time. **Mastin:** Hang on a second before you go. Does anybody else have any questions or comments for Ginger or Jacqui? **Calhoun:** Kathy does. I just want to say hats off. Very, very impressive presentation. You can tell the amount of work and thought that went into this, and you are congratulated on this. Well done. **Mastin:** Alright Ginger and Jacqui, thank you very much.

(14) **JUDGING PROGRAM.**

Executive Committee

Co-Chair: Vicki Nye
Board Liaison and Co-Chair: Russell Webb
Advisor/Coordinator: Rachel Anger

List of Committee Members:

Rachel Anger: Associate Program Applications Administrator
Anne Mathis: Associate Program Training Administrator, Education – Judges’ Training/Tests and Continuing Education
Nancy Dodds: File Administrator
Marilee Griswold: File Administrator
Leslie Carr: Application Administrator – Regions 1-9
Jodell Raymond: Application Administrator – International Division
Barbara Jaeger: Education – Breed Awareness & Orientation
Wendy Heidt: Guest Judge Administrator
Teresa Sweeney: Recruitment, Development and Mentoring Administrator
Carla Bizzell: Ombudsperson

Mastin: We are scheduled to go on lunch at noon. Is Vicki available? **Tartaglia:** Yes. I’ll bring her in. **Mastin:** Let’s bring Vicki in. We may be able to get some of this completed. Hi Vicki. Are you available? **Nye:** I am. I just turned my video on. Yes, I see it now. Good day everybody and thank you for the opportunity for the Judging Program Committee to address you. Russell, Rachel and I have been extremely busy since the last board meeting at the annual.

Brief Summation of Immediate Past Committee Activities:

A Zoom version of the June 27, 2024 Judges Workshop was held on August 10th, 2024 with 38 CFA Judges and Associate Judges attending. Anne Mathis along with Ragdoll Breed Council Secretary delivered the Ragdoll Breed Presentation via ZOOM on September 26, 2024, 44 attended. This presentation was recorded and the link has already been sent to the judge .io group email list for any judge not attending to view and receive CEU credits.

Nye: I just wanted to point out – I don’t want to read this all to you – the Judges Workshop at the annual was followed by a Zoom version of the same workshop, so between those two we were able to deliver our Workshop to over 100 of our CFA judges. I am very pleased with the participation of being able to offer this through Zoom.

Current Happenings Of Committee:

Registrations for the October 10-13, 2024 Breed Awareness & Orientation School are now open. The flyer for this event has been widely distributed on Social Media including the CFAJudgeslist@groups.io, the CFA List and various Facebook pages, current registrations are at 12 on 9/30/24.

Nye: On Current Happenings, we had our Breed Awareness school this past weekend at the International Show. We had 12 in attendance. Very exciting to see some of these up and coming, passionate people attending the Workshop and the handling sessions. I would like to thank Nancy Dodds for manning the handling ring on Saturday and Sunday. We had great participation with our attendees.

A comprehensive review of the CFA Judging Program Rules was undertaken by Nancy Dodds, Leslie Carr and Vicki Nye. Past additions, and edits were done by section only, leaving incorrect information in other sections. There were discrepancies with information between the Judging Program Rules and the Show Rules, and within the document itself. Words now defined in the Judging Program Rules, such as Pre-Applicant were not updated in the other sections. Removal of references to specific Judging Program Rule numbers, leaving reference to Section number only. References to By-Laws were incorrect, listing incorrect Articles. Pronouns such as he/she, him/her, himself/herself were changed to they, them or their to comply with diversity and inclusion guidelines removing gender binary pronouns. Terms that were inconsistent in the Judging Program Rules were edited to use only one term such as Board of Directors to Executive Board. Section two (2) was re-ordered to present an easier to understand flow of the judging program requirements. Removal of the word “regular” when referring to the Judging Program. This term was added when there was an Accelerated Program, and since that was removed there is no longer a need to use “Regular” when referring to the Judging Program. References to Breed Handling Experience and Breed Focused Experience were edited to use only Breed Focused Experience. Additionally, all eighteen (18) documents on the CFA Website under Judges Resources—Applying to the Judging Program were updated. All fourteen (14) sections of the Judging Program Rules contain edits and are presented below.

*The Judging Program Committee met on October 1, 2024 to discuss applicants, advancements and other business to bring before the board. With regard to the Judging Program Rule changes, it is the JPC’s request to first present the Proposed Judging Program Rules Sections 1-14 and ask if there are any rule or language changes that anyone would like to vote on separately. The JPC request would be to present the proposed Judging Program Rules to the CFA Board and ask for a **Board Action Item** to approve presented changes to Judging Program Rules Section 1-14 in its entirety.*

If this is not acceptable to the CFA Board, motions can be presented for each section 1 through 14. “Board Action Item” follows each section.

Nye: Now moving on to the big piece of business that we have been involved with. The Judging Program Rules have historically been edited in a piecemeal fashion. Every time we go in and change something, not every instance that affects the Judging Program Rules is oftentimes caught. The past few weeks, Nancy Dodds, Leslie Carr, Russell and I have worked together to do a comprehensive review of the Judging Program Rules to try to make them more consistent within itself. We’re using the same terms over and over again to make them consistent with the Show Rules and change a few things as far as language, change the pronouns – instead of he/she, using they/them/their. Last night, I was also sent another set of edits. These are minor edits. I want to let you know that what you are presented with is basically the meat of the changes. The things that were pointed out to me, the convention for us using numbers within the Judging Program Rules is always to write out the number and then put in parentheses the actual number.

There were several instances where those were missed. Also, some capitalization. When we edit and present this to you side by side, sometimes the underscores and strikeouts extend through a space or another letter which is not correct. When Rachel does the full edit of this and prepares the Judging Program Rules, she fixes these minor issues. I just wanted to bring that to your attention.

Action Item: *Adopt the following Judging Program rule changes to Sections 1-14, effective immediately.*

Nye: The Judging Program Committee would like for you to consider the entire document as one piece to start with, but if anybody has any questions about specific rules or would like to pull them out, I would be happy to address that at this point. **Mastin:** Before we continue, Russell are you a standing motion on all of these? **Webb:** Yes, Rich. **Mastin:** Pam DelaBar, are you a standing second? **DelaBar:** Yes, I will be a standing second. **Mastin:** Thank you. Pam, continue. [Discussion goes to Section 12] Russell, so your motion is, *Adopt the following Judging Program rule changes to Sections 1-14, effective immediately.* **Webb:** Yes. **Mastin:** We're going to pull out 12.1.b. and we're going to put that in Old Business when it comes back, correct? **Webb:** Correct. **Mastin:** Pam, you were the standing second, correct? **Mastin:** Yes. **Anger:** What I just proposed [in Section 12 discussion] was that we accept this as is in its entirety, and Rich's restatement of the motion said to pull this out. The motion to accept Sections 1-14 would include Section 12 as it currently is, and then we would add the new information under Old Business. **Mastin:** OK. Thank you, Rachel, for clarifying that. We are also voting on this, knowing that Vicki and Rachel will do the edits. Any further discussion? Any objection? Seeing no objection, the motion passes unanimously.

The motion is ratified by unanimous consent.

Judging Program Rule Changes

Section 1 – Definitions		CFA Judging Program Committee	
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Section 9 Apprentice Judges Section 10 Advancement Procedures for Apprentice and Approval Pending Judges Section 11 Licensing Section 12 Judging Invitation Clarifications Section 13 Continuing Education Section 14 Conduct of All Trainees and Judges SECTION 1 AGENTING: For application purposes, agenting is defined as having possession of a cat at least the night before the show, completing all grooming and exclusively handling the cat at the show. ALLBREED JUDGE: A judge who has been authorized to judge any type of show or portion thereof, including Allbreed shows. APPLICANT: An individual, eighteen (18) years of age or over, who has filed a CFA Judging Program Application with application fee to the Application Administrator of the Judging Program Committee (hereinafter referred to as the "JPC"). The Applicant may apply under Breeding or Exhibiting options. APPLICATION ADMINISTRATOR: The JPC member who is responsible for providing application information and for receiving completed applications for review prior to presenting to the JPC and the Board of Directors. APPRENTICE JUDGE: A judge who has satisfactorily completed all assigned breed/division color class evaluation work and who has been advanced to the status of Apprentice Judge by a two-thirds (2/3) favorable vote of the Board of Directors. APPROVAL PENDING JUDGE: A judge who has satisfactorily completed all requirements as an Apprentice Judge and who has been advanced to the status of Approval Pending Judge by a two-thirds (2/3) favorable vote of the Board of Directors. APPROVED GUEST JUDGE: A Guest Judge from another association recognized by CFA, who has judged sufficient shows to become approved according to Section 12 rules. APPROVED JUDGE: A judge who has	Section 9 Apprentice Judges Section 10 Advancement Procedures for Apprentice and Approval Pending Judges Section 11 Licensing Section 12 Judging Invitation Clarifications Section 13 Continuing Education Section 14 Conduct of All Trainees and Judges SECTION 1 AGENTING: For application purposes, agenting is defined as having possession of a cat at least the night before the show, completing all grooming and exclusively handling the cat at the show. <u>Exhibiting a kitten or cat at a show on behalf of its owner having been designated on an entry form.</u> ALLBREED JUDGE: A judge who has been authorized to judge any type of show or portion thereof, including Allbreed shows. APPLICANT: An individual <u>A person, eighteen (18) years of age or over older, who has paid the application fee and has filed a CFA Judging Program Application with application fee to the appropriate Application Administrator of the Judging Program Committee (hereinafter referred to as the "JPC").</u> The Applicant may apply under Breeding or Exhibiting options. APPLICATION ADMINISTRATOR: One or more JPC members whose is responsible for providing application information and for receiving completed applications for review prior to presenting to the JPC and the Board of Directors. <u>Responsibility is to provide application information to people interested in applying to the Judging Program, receive and review completed applications, and to present the completed applications to the JPC and to the Executive Board.</u> APPRENTICE JUDGE: A judge who has satisfactorily completed all assigned breed/division color class evaluation work <u>training sessions</u> and who has been advanced to the status of Apprentice Judge by a two-thirds (2/3) favorable vote of the Board of Directors <u>Executive Board.</u> APPROVAL PENDING JUDGE: A judge who has satisfactorily completed all the appropriate judging requirements as an Apprentice Judge and who has been advanced to the status of Approval
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satisfactorily completed all requirements as an Approval Pending Judge and who has been advanced to the status of Approved Judge by a two-thirds (2/3) favorable vote of the Board of Directors. ASSOCIATE JUDGING PROGRAM: The limited program authorized by the Board of Directors to serve underserved and/or isolated designated areas by developing a limited number of individuals to become single specialty judges in those specific designated areas. ASSOCIATE JUDGE: An individual who has been predominately trained by online methods. The Associate Judge is limited to judge in the specific geographical area in which they were accepted as determined by the Board of Directors. ASSOCIATE JUDGE TRAINEE: An Applicant who has been accepted into the Associate Judging Program and who must complete all requirements necessary to be advanced to Associate Judge. BREED AWARENESS AND ORIENTATION SCHOOL (hereinafter referred to as “BAOS”): A School that is open to all interested parties, and that all Applicants must attend. It can be in person, which includes handling opportunities, or online with no handling. It includes instruction on colors/patterns, ring etiquette, show mechanics, marking a judge’s book, as well as psychology of judging and applying to the Judging Program. Included are break-out sessions for all longhair breeds and all shorthair breeds. BREED FOCUSED EXPERIENCE: Requirement for a Pre-Applicant to the regular Judging Program. Four options are available to the Pre-Applicant in completing this requirement which include cattery visits, independent breed handling at a show, judge-supervised breed handling at a show, and online breed specific classes. CUSTODIAL CARE: For application purposes, custodial care is defined as: housing the kitten/cat in the Applicant’s home for a minimum of three (3) months, caring for it, taking the kitten/cat to and from the show hall, grooming the cat at the show, having the cat in the Applicant’s care throughout the show, and taking it to and from the rings. Custodial care kittens/cats MUST reside	Pending Judge by a two-thirds (2/3) favorable vote of the Board of Directors <u>Executive Board</u>. APPROVED GUEST JUDGE: A Guest Judge from another association recognized by CFA, who has judged sufficient shows to become approved according to Section 12 rules. APPROVED JUDGE: A judge who has satisfactorily completed all requirements as an Approval Pending Judge and who has been advanced to the status of Approved Judge by a two-thirds (2/3) favorable vote of the Board of Directors <u>Executive Board</u>. ASSOCIATE JUDGING PROGRAM: The limited program authorized by the Board of Directors <u>Executive Board</u> to serve underserved and/or isolated designated areas by developing a limited number of individuals to become single specialty judges in those specific designated areas. ASSOCIATE JUDGE: An individual <u>A person</u> who has been predominately <u>primarily</u> trained by online methods and who has been advanced to Associate Judge from Associate Judge Trainee by a two-thirds (2/3) favorable vote of the <u>Executive Board</u>. The Associate Judge is limited to judge in the specific geographical area in which they were accepted as determined by the Board of Directors <u>Executive Board</u>. ASSOCIATE JUDGE TRAINEE: An Applicant who has been accepted into the Associate Judging Program and who must complete all requirements necessary to be advanced to Associate Judge. BREED AWARENESS AND ORIENTATION SCHOOL (hereinafter referred to as “BAOS”): A School that is open to all interested parties, and that all <u>Pre-Applicants</u> must attend. <u>It is an in-person school which</u> It can be in person, which includes handling opportunities, or online with no handling. It includes instruction on colors/patterns, ring etiquette, show mechanics, marking a judge’s book, as well as psychology of judging and applying to the Judging Program. Included are break-out sessions for all longhair breeds and all shorthair breeds. <u>The classroom portion is followed by Allbreed Judge supervised ring handling.</u> BREED FOCUSED EXPERIENCE: Requirement for a Pre-Applicant to the regular <u>CFA</u>
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with the Applicant and be exhibited by the Applicant at a minimum of three (3) shows and a change in title.

DOUBLE SPECIALTY JUDGE: A judge who has been authorized to judge both Longhair specialty shows and Shorthair specialty shows or any portion of either or both.

FILE ADMINISTRATOR: The JPC member who works with a Trainee while in training and through advancing the judge to Approved Status.

FUN SHOW: A show that is held in conjunction with a CFA licensed show or a stand-alone not aligned with another cat organization. The fun show must not score the entrants or place any titles on the cats participating, other than for awards at that specific show. No ring type or judge type can be designated. It is the responsibility of the CFA judge accepting a fun show assignment to investigate the fun show format to ensure it aligns with the above criteria, including scoring, ring type or judge type designations.

GUEST JUDGE: An Approved Specialty or Allbreed judge from another association recognized by CFA who may be asked to judge a CFA show according to the rules in Section 12.

JUDGING PROGRAM COMMITTEE (JPC): A committee of Allbreed Judges and one or more exhibitor member(s) who administer the Judging Program Rules.

INACTIVE STATUS: A judge who is prohibited from accepting assignments for any reason, as determined by the Board of Directors. However, all other licensing provisions must be met (see Section 11 on licensing).

LEAVE OF ABSENCE.

a. A period of judging inactivity not exceeding one year may be granted to a judge by the Board of Directors at the request of the judge or the JPC.

b. A medical leave of absence may be granted by the Board of Directors when requested by the judge, the JPC, or at the discretion of the Board of Directors. A judge on medical leave for five (5) years will automatically be retired from the Judging Program.

MENTOR: An Allbreed Judge who provides

Judging Program. ~~Four options~~ Options that are available to the Pre-Applicant ~~in completing this requirement which~~ include cattery visits, independent breed focused experience handling at a show, or judge-supervised breed focused experience handling at a show, ~~and online breed specific classes.~~

CUSTODIAL CARE: For application purposes, ~~eustodial care is defined as:~~ Having custody of, housing the a kitten/cat in the Pre-Applicant's home for a minimum of three (3) months, caring for it and showing it. See Section 2 for detailed requirements. ~~Caring for it, taking the kitten/cat to and from the show hall, grooming the cat at the show, having the eat in the Applicant's care throughout the show, and taking it to and from the rings. Custodial care kittens/cats MUST reside with the Applicant and be exhibited by the Applicant at a minimum of three (3) shows and a change in title.~~

DOUBLE SPECIALTY JUDGE: A judge who has been authorized to judge both Longhair specialty shows and Shorthair specialty shows or any portion of either or both.

FILE ADMINISTRATOR: The JPC member who works with a person in the judging program from Trainee ~~while in training and status up until the judge is advanced through~~ advancing the judge to Approved Allbreed Status.

FUN SHOW: A show that is held in conjunction with a CFA licensed show or a stand-alone show ~~not aligned with another cat organization. The fun show must not score the entrants or place any titles on the cats participating, other than for awards at that specific show. No ring type or judge type can be designated. It is the responsibility of the CFA judge accepting a fun show assignment to investigate the fun show format to ensure it aligns with the above criteria, including scoring, ring type or judge type designations. See Section 12 for detailed requirements.~~

GUEST JUDGE: An Approved Specialty, Approval Pending Allbreed or Approved Allbreed judge from another association recognized by CFA who may ~~be asked to~~ judge a CFA show according to the rules in Section 12.

GUEST JUDGE ADMINISTRATOR: A member of the JPC whose responsibility is to approve Guest Judge requests from CFA Clubs

assistance and support to an individual considering applying to the CFA Judging Program, from the Pre-Application process to Approved status. A Mentor may not act in this capacity for family members or individuals with whom they co-own or co-breed cats. The Mentor may assist a maximum of three individuals at a time. The role of a Mentor will neither supersede nor interfere with the role of any member of the JPC. Mentors will be approved by the designated JPC member(s).

MENTOR COORDINATOR: The member of the JPC who works with Pre-Applicant, Applicant, or any other applicable judge as needed, to select and assign a mentor.

PRE-APPLICANT: An individual who has made contact with the Applications Administrator of the JPC and who has received application information and has been paired with a Mentor.

PROBATIONARY STATUS: The period during which a person who has been accepted by the Board of Directors to Trainee, Apprentice Judge or Reconsideration status may be dropped without notice or explanation by a 2/3 favorable vote of the Board of Directors. A recommendation may or may not be made by the JPC for this action.

RECONSIDERATION STATUS: A formerly licensed CFA Judge who has been accepted into the Judging Program by a two-thirds (2/3) favorable vote of the Board of Directors and is taking the refresher course.

REFRESHER COURSE: A course for prior and current CFA Judges who have been absent from judging (see Section 11 on licensing for specific time frames). This course is designed to enable the judge to refresh and enhance their breed knowledge and skills. Hands-on judging will be performed while working under the guidance of an Approved Allbreed judge. Evaluations will be completed by the supervising judge and will be returned to the JPC. The JPC will review these reports and make their recommendation to the Board of Directors. The status of the judge satisfactorily completing the Refresher Course will be determined by a two-thirds (2/3) favorable vote of the Board of Directors. The number of color classes/solo classes will depend on the evaluations submitted by the supervising judge.

SERVICE AWARDS: The Service Award is

and guest judging requests from CFA Judges to judge for clubs from other associations. In addition, keeps the records of these requests, evaluations, correspondence and their reviewed paperwork.

JUDGING PROGRAM COMMITTEE (JPC): A committee of Allbreed Judges and one or more exhibitor member(s) who administer the Judging Program Rules.

INACTIVE STATUS: A judge who is ~~prohibited from accepting~~ not permitted to accept judging assignments for any reason, as determined by the ~~Board of Directors~~ Executive Board. However, all other licensing provisions must be met (see Section 11 on licensing).

LEAVE OF ABSENCE:

a. A period of judging inactivity not exceeding one year ~~that~~ may be granted to a judge by the ~~Board of Directors~~ Executive Board at the request of the judge or the JPC.

b. A medical leave of absence may be granted by the ~~Board of Directors~~ Executive Board when requested by the judge, the JPC, or at the discretion of the ~~Board of Directors~~ Executive Board. A judge on medical leave for five (5) years will automatically be retired from the Judging Program.

MENTOR: An Allbreed Judge who provides assistance and support to an individual considering applying to the CFA Judging Program, from ~~the~~ Pre-Application ~~process~~ to Approved status. A Mentor may not act in this capacity for family members or individuals with whom they co-own or co-breed cats. The Mentor may assist a maximum of three individuals at a time. The role of a Mentor will neither supersede nor interfere with the role of any member of the JPC. Mentors will be approved by the ~~designated JPC member(s)~~ Mentor Coordinator.

MENTOR COORDINATOR: The member of the JPC who works with Pre-Applicant, Applicant, or any other applicable judge as needed, to select and assign a mentor.

PRE-APPLICANT: An individual who has ~~made contact with~~ contacted the appropriate Applications Administrator of the JPC, ~~and~~ who has received application information, ~~and~~ has been paired with a Mentor, and who is working on

awarded to judges to celebrate their Years of Service to CFA as judges, in 5 year increments. SINGLE SPECIALTY JUDGE: A judge who is authorized to judge either an all Longhair specialty show (or any portion thereof) or an all Shorthair specialty show (or any portion thereof), but not both. TRAINEE: An Applicant who has been accepted into the Judging Program by a two-thirds (2/3) favorable vote of the Board of Directors and is taking color class training prior to consideration for advancement to Apprentice Judge.	<u>completion of the application requirements to enter the Judging Program.</u> PROBATIONARY STATUS: The period during which a person who has been accepted by the Board of Directors to <u>status</u> when a Trainee, Apprentice Judge or <u>a person in</u> Reconsideration status. May be dropped without notice or explanation by a two-thirds (2/3) favorable vote of the Board of Directors <u>Executive Board</u>. A recommendation may or may not be made by the JPC for this action. RECONSIDERATION STATUS: A formerly licensed CFA Judge who has been <u>re-accepted</u> into the Judging Program by a two-thirds (2/3) favorable vote of the Board of Directors <u>Executive Board</u> and is <u>taking working on</u> the refresher course. REFRESHER COURSE: A course for prior and current CFA Judges who have been absent from judging (see Section 11 on licensing for specific time frames). This course is designed to enable the judge to refresh and enhance their breed knowledge and skills. Hands-on judging <u>Color Classes</u> will be performed while working under the guidance <u>supervision</u> of an Approved Allbreed judge. Evaluations will be completed by the supervising judge and will be returned to the JPC. The JPC will review these reports and make their recommendation to the Board of Directors <u>Executive Board</u>. The status of the judge satisfactorily completing the Refresher Course will be determined by a two-thirds (2/3) favorable vote of the Board of Directors <u>Executive Board</u>. The number of color classes/solo classes will depend on the evaluations submitted by the supervising judge. SERVICE AWARDS: The Service Award is awarded to judges to celebrate their Years of Service to CFA as judges, in five (5) year increments. SINGLE SPECIALTY JUDGE: A judge who is authorized to judge either an all Longhair specialty show (or any portion thereof) or an all Shorthair specialty show (or any portion thereof), but not both. TITLE CHANGE: <u>A change in status on a cat when shown.</u> a. <u>Kitten to RW, DW or NW</u> b. <u>Open/Champion, Open/Premier to Grand Champion or Grand Premier</u>
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	c. <u>Grand Champion/Grand Premier to BW, RW, DW or NW</u> TRAINEE: An Applicant who has been accepted into the Judging Program by a two-thirds (2/3) favorable vote of the Board of Directors <u>Executive Board</u> and is taking color class training prior to consideration for advancement to Apprentice Judge.
RATIONALE: Edited for term consistency, Board of Directors to Executive Board, edit of the definition for Agenting to be consistent with the Show Rules, addition of defined term Guest Judging Administrator,	

Action Item: *Approve presented changes to Judging Program Rules Section 1.*

The motion is ratified by unanimous consent.

Section 2 – Application Requirements	CFA Judging Program Committee	
Existing Wording		Proposed Wording
SECTION 2 APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS <i>(Deleted section 2 in its entirety due to restructuring and order changes in rules).</i>		SECTION 2 APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS 2.1 Informal Requirements for First Specialty Application: There are many things over and above knowledge of standards and mechanics which are necessary for the complete judge. Listed below are some, but by no means all, of the intangible prerequisites for a judge who will be a credit to CFA. The Executive Board is keenly aware of the responsibility it bears to its member clubs, the exhibitors at its shows, and those who pay admission to attend such shows, to use great care and selectivity in licensing those to be entrusted with the title of CFA Judge. Many of these intangible requirements, which go into the making of a judge of whom CFA can be proud, are innate; others may be acquired. Some require a wide exposure to and a deep interest in all breeds of cats which cannot be acquired in too short a space of time. It is expected that each person wishing to become a CFA Judge will have sufficient dedication to this ambition to survey their own potential for judging as objectively as they would be expected to judge entries in the show ring and the self-discipline to

	wait until they are absolutely certain that they are ready for the responsibilities of judging, before making application to the Judging Program. Each Applicant accepted to the Judging Program becomes the recipient of much time and effort on the part of many people which will be wasted if the application has been made prematurely. A few of these abilities and traits of character are: 1. Be of good reputation, both in the cat fancy and in the community. 2. Have a complete understanding of the CFA Show Standards, CFA Show Rules, Judges' Code of Ethics, and the CFA Judging Program Rules. 3. Knowledge and skill in the handling of the breeds of cats covered by the specialty for which the application is made. There are subtle differentiations between the breeds as to the approach each will respond to most favorably. 4. The patience and ability to keep, under internal and external stress and disturbance, that calm demeanor which will serve to reassure nervous cats. 5. Self-confidence without arrogance. 6. The ability to control emotions and temper, both with humans and with cats, under any and all circumstances. 7. The ability to reach a firm and reasoned decision and adhere to it without wavering or self-doubt. 8. The ability to set aside personal preferences and prejudices and consider each entry solely on the basis of the current CFA Show Standard. 9. The ability to retain complete control of the judging ring, while at the same time maintaining harmony and rapport with those working in the ring. 10. The ability to retain composure in the face of possible unpleasant atmosphere and comments from onlookers. 11. The faculty for the discreet showmanship which can hold an audience's attention, while at the same time maintaining
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	complete dignity and making the cats, which are the reasons for the show, the focal point of attention, thereby enhancing interest in all cats. At all times, it is the cat which should be given the limelight. 2.2 Formal Requirements for Applying to the CFA Judging Program First Specialty Application 1. Selection of approved mentor 2. Completed signed Application (must be at least eighteen [18] years of age) 3. Recent Color Photo of the Pre-Applicant 4. Table of Contents with all pages numbered 5. Proof of payment to CFA of the current application fee through the CFA Website 6. Proof of Master Clerk license, or Certified Clerk license 7. Copy of CFA Cattery Registration for a period of at least five (5) years 8. First Cattery Litter Registration Certificate 9. Signed Club Membership verification letter 10. Club Activities resume including show production 11. Score Card sections A and B 12. Exhibitor Resume 13. Completed forms for Custodial Care, Agenting and a listing of Exhibiting Experience for First Specialty breeds other than primary breed 14. Breed-Focused Experiences applicable to First Specialty breeds 15. Proof of attendance at a BAOS for first specialty within the two (2) years prior to application date 16. Statement of why you want to be a CFA Judge 17. Proof of active membership in a CFA Breed Council The following items are not included in the Application Package, but sent directly to the Application Administrator
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	18. Error-free marked Judges' Book with Judge's Statement 19. Three (3) CFA Club recommendations 20. Three (3) letters of personal recommendation Second Specialty Application 1. Completed and signed Second Specialty Application 2. Proof of payment to CFA of the current application fee through the CFA website 3. Score Card Section B 4. Exhibitor Resume of Second Specialty kittens/cats 5. Forms for Custodial Care, Agenting and a listing of Exhibiting Experience for Second Specialty breeds 6. Breed-Focused Experiences applicable to Second Specialty breeds 7. Proof of attendance at a BAOS in second specialty within 2 years prior to application date Detail Requirements First Specialty Application 2.3 Be at least eighteen (18) years of age. 2.4 Select a Mentor from the panel of Approved Allbreed Judges (may not be a family member) approved by the Mentor Coordinator. 2.5 Meet all application requirements at the time the application is dated and filed with the Application Administrator. 2.6 Application must be for single specialty only. Following advancement to Approval Pending first specialty, application can be made for the second specialty once all requirements have been met. Judges applying to the CFA Judging Program from other associations may apply for double specialty. Refer to Section 3. 2.7 Have a current Master Clerk License or a current Certified Clerk License and take and pass a test with a score of seventy-five percent (75%) or better on show mechanics and ring management. (Test will be administered after submission of the application.)
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	2.8 Include a letter from at least one CFA member club which verifies a record of at least five (5) years of active participation as a club member. The letter must include a detailed summary of the Pre-Applicant's club activities, including any experience as a show manager or show secretary, if applicable. The letter must be signed by the current club president and secretary. If the Pre-Applicant holds one of these offices, another club officer must sign the letter. Or Include a letter from at least one CFA show-producing club which verifies a record of show production for the past three (3) consecutive years. The letter must be signed by the club's president and secretary. If the Pre-Applicant holds one of these offices, another club member must sign the letter. A detailed summary of the past three (3) consecutive years must include the name of the club and dates of the shows and the duties performed. It must include if the Pre-Applicant was present at the entire shows from beginning to end of either a one (1) day or two (2) day show. 2.9 Provide a copy of the certificate of a CFA cattery name registered for a period of at least five (5) years. 2.10 Have five (5) years of breeding experience within ten (10) years immediately prior to application. Application may not be submitted sooner than five (5) years from the date of birth of the Pre-Applicant's first registered litter of the appropriate specialty. Provide a copy of the first litter registration. 2.11 Complete Section A of the Score Card. Must list a minimum of ten (10) Grand Champions/Grand Premiers shown by the Pre-Applicant. Six (6) of the cats in Section A must have been bred or co-bred by the Pre-Applicant. 2.12 Complete Section B – Exhibiting Requirements of the Score Card, using the point allocation found in the Score Card to calculate the number of points. A minimum of fifteen (15) points is required. The list must include at least one (1) Regional Winner or National Breed/Division Winner beyond Grand Champion/Grand Premier. Grand Champions/Grand Premiers in addition to those in Section A may be added in Section B, but they may not be listed more
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	than once. <u>First Specialty (must equal or exceed fifteen [15] points):</u> <u>Second Specialty (must equal or exceed ten [10] points):</u> National Winner (NW) 8 points National Best of Breed (BW)..... 7 points Regional Winner (RW)..... 5 points Distinguished Merit (DM) 5 points Divisional Winner (DW)..... 5 points Second Best of Breed (National) 4 points Third Best of Breed (National) 2 points Additional Grand Champion/ Grand Premier..... 1 point 2.13 Provide a history of exhibiting experience (Exhibitor Resume), including cats owned by the Pre-Applicant or agenting of cats owned by other people. 2.14 Provide a history of exhibiting experience (other than primary breed). This would include show photos, club name, dates and location of shows attended, confirmation of title change and agenting/custodial forms if applicable. a. Agenting: When the Pre-Applicant agents a cat for an owner, the Pre-Applicant's name must be entered in the catalog as "agent". The Pre-Applicant must house the kitten/cat at least the night before the show, complete all grooming, and exclusively handle the kitten/cat at the show. The Pre-Applicant must keep show catalogs to document the record of agenting. Applications which include shows when the Pre-Applicant is an agent for an owner of kittens/cats must include a completed "Agenting form" for each kitten/cat being agented by the Pre-Applicant. The Agenting form must also be signed by the owner, the Pre-Applicant, and the Mentor. b. Custodial Care-Ownership: A kitten/cat is housed in the Pre-Applicant's home for a minimum of three (3) months, including caring for it, preparing it for a show, transporting it to and from the show, all grooming at the show, including taking it to and from the rings. The kitten/cat must be exclusively in the Pre-Applicant's care throughout the show. The Pre-Applicant must house and exhibit the Custodial care kitten/cat for a minimum of three (3) shows. Any kittens/cats that are shown that do not meet the minimums can be listed on the "Agenting Form" but
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	they will not qualify as Custodial Care kittens/cats. The Pre-Applicant's Mentor must ensure that these requirements are met, by Zoom calls, cattery visits, or other means. Custodial Care kittens/cats must be entered in each show with the Pre-Applicant as agent and must be documented correctly in the show catalog. The Pre-Applicant must keep show catalogs to document the record of exhibiting. Photos are also required in the Pre-Applicant's home and at the show. Applications which include kittens/cats in Custodial Care as described in this section must include a completed "Custodial Care Form" for each kitten/cat. The Custodial Care Form must be signed and dated by the Owner, Pre-Applicant, and Mentor. 2.15 Specific Exhibiting Requirements: by Specialty – First Specialty a. Longhair: There are two (2) body types, (Persian/Exotic and Other). Persian/Exotic must be one (1) of the three (3) longhair breeds. If Persian/Exotic is the primary breed, two (2) additional breeds must be owned or have been agented by the Pre-Applicant. Agenting may be completed alone, in conjunction with Custodial Care, or with a combination of owned kittens/cats, Custodial Care, and Agenting. Each cat must be exhibited to a title change. 1. Agenting requires four (4) different longhair kittens/cats, exhibited in at least three (3) shows each. 2. Custodial Care/Ownership requires having custodial care or ownership of each of the two body types (Persian/Exotic and Other). The Primary breed plus a minimum of two (2) additional breeds. Persian/Exotic must be primary or one of the additional breeds. b. Shorthair: There are three (3) body types (Foreign/Oriental, Semi-Foreign/Moderate, and Substantial). Foreign/Oriental must be one (1) of the four (4) shorthair breeds. If Foreign/Oriental is the primary breed, three (3) additional breeds must be owned or have been agented by the Pre-Applicant. Breeds shown must be from all three Body Types. Agenting may be completed alone, in conjunction with Custodial Care, or with a combination of owned kittens/cats, Custodial Care, and Agenting. Each cat must be exhibited to a title change. 1. Agenting requires six (6) different shorthair kittens/cats, exhibited in at least three (3)
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	shows. Including their primary breed, each of the three (3) body types must be exhibited. 2. Custodial Care/ownership requires exhibiting each of the three (3) shorthair body types; the primary breed plus a minimum of three (3) additional breeds, making a total of four (4) breeds. 2.16 Specific Exhibiting Requirements: by Specialty – Second Specialty a. Longhair – three (3) breeds of both body types 1. Agenting six (6) different longhair cats in each of the two (2) different body types, at a minimum of three (3) shows each, exhibiting each to a title change. 2. Custodial care or ownership of three (3) different breeds, in each of the two (2) different body types, at a minimum of three (3) shows each, exhibiting each to a title change. b. Shorthair 1. Agenting eight (8) different shorthair cats in each of the three (3) different body types, at a minimum of three (3) shows each, exhibiting each to a title change. 2. Custodial care or ownership of four (4) different breeds, in each of the three (3) different body types, at a minimum of three (3) shows each, exhibiting each to a title change. 2.17 Breed Focused Experience: Three (3) choices are available to complete this requirement – Cattery Visits, Independent Breed Focused Experience at a show, or Judge Supervised Breed Focused Experience at a show. a. Longhair Pre-Applicants must have five (5) varied breed focused experiences in the applied-for specialty to include a variety of body types. b. Shorthair Pre-Applicants must have seven (7) varied breed focused experiences in the applied-for specialty to include a variety of body types. 1. Cattery Visits: The owner of the cattery must be a current breed council member OR be an active participant in CFA, having bred at
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	least one (1) CFA Grand Champion and have had at least two (2) litters in the past two (2) years. A variety of breeds of varying body types is recommended. The Pre-Applicant must handle a minimum of seven (7) kittens/cats at the same visit. Comments on the strengths and weaknesses of each cat are required, as well as one (1) or two (2) photos showing the Pre-Applicant handling the kittens/cats. 2. Independent Breed Focused Experience at a Show: When seven (7) or more kittens/cats combined in all categories (Kitten, Championship, Premiership) are present at a show, a Breed Focused Experience can be scheduled by first examining a breed summary in advance of the show to determine if enough entries of a particular breed have been entered in the show. Once determined that this would be a good show to attend, the Pre-Applicant should locate the Independent Focused Experience form on the CFA Website, print the form and bring it to the show. The Pre-Applicant should approach exhibitors and ask if they can handle their cats of the selected breed. Let them know this is an assignment for the judging program application. The kittens/cats will be handled in the benching area. With guidance from the exhibitor the Pre-Applicant should learn how the cats they handle meet (or not meet) the written standard for that breed, what challenges exist for the breed in the standard, and what breed specific handling is necessary to help put this breed at ease in the show ring. The Pre-Applicant should write the cat's information on the Independent Breed Focused Experience form, and ask the exhibitor to sign the form. Comments on the strengths and weaknesses of each cat are required, as well as one (1) or two (2) photos showing the Pre-Applicant handling the kittens/cats. The Pre-Applicant must then observe at least two (2) judges judging each class and document how they rank the cats. If time allows and if enough cats of a second breed are present, additional other breed handling can be done, but may not be possible on the same day.
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	3. Judge Supervised Breed Focused Experience at a Show: Seven (7) or more kittens/cats combined in all categories (Kitten, Championship, Premiership) must be present at a show. A non-officiating judge may be present and willing to guide the Pre-Applicant. A ring may become available later in the day for the cats to be brought to the ring for this handling. The Pre-Applicant should seek out the exhibitors to participate. With guidance from the non-officiating judge the Pre-Applicant should learn how the cats they handle meet (or not meet) the written standard for that breed, what challenges exist for the breed in the standard, and what breed specific handling is necessary to help put this breed at ease in the show ring, thus being able to better evaluate the cat. The Pre-Applicant should write the cat's information on the Judge Supervised Independent Breed Summary form and the exhibitor should be asked to sign the form. Comments on the strengths and weaknesses of each cat are required, as well as one (1) or two (2) photos showing the Pre-Applicant handling the cats. The Pre-Applicant must observe at least two (2) judges judging each class and document how they rank the cats. The observation of the two (2) judges handling and ranking the cats may have to happen earlier in the day, prior to the Judge Supervised Breed Focused Experience. 2.18 BAOS Attendance: The Pre-Applicant must attend a BAOS for the specialty they are applying for, within two (2) years prior to application submission to the Application Administrator. 2.19 Marking the Judges Book: The first specialty Pre-Applicant must mark a judge's book in the ring of a CFA Allbreed Judge. This includes all color class sheets, breed summary sheets, and finals sheets. Absentees and transfers are to be included and marked correctly. 1. Approximately six (6) months prior to submission of the application, the Pre-Applicant will work with their Mentor to select a show and Allbreed Judge to complete this assignment. 2. Once agreed, the Pre-Applicant will reach out to the Judge and the show manager of
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	the club holding the show to obtain permission and approval. The Pre-Applicant should obtain the Permission form on the CFA website, complete the form, and email it to the show manager for approval. The Pre-Applicant will ask the Show Manager to provide judges' class sheets, breed sheets and finals sheets. Once all approvals have been completed, the Pre-Applicant will provide the Permission Form to their Mentor, the Allbreed Judge and appropriate Application Administrator. The Pre-Applicant should also obtain the judge's guide from the website "Marking a Judges' Book Judges' Guide" and forward it to the judge prior to the show. 3. At the show, the Pre-Applicant will obtain the judge's book, meet with the judge and arrange to sit at the judge's table on the opposite side from the ring clerk, making sure there is adequate access to and from the ring and room for the judge to work. 4. The judge or clerk must provide the Pre-Applicant with the absentee and transfer list, and provide information on additional absentees, transfers by color class number only, or disqualifications during the course of judging. 5. As the judge hangs their ribbons in class judging and in the finals, the Pre-Applicant will mark the sheets appropriately. This must be done without any assistance from the judge or clerk, except for absentees, transfers, and any disqualifications. 6. At the completion of judging, the Pre-Applicant will check the paperwork and then provide it to the judge. 7. The judge will compare their paperwork to that of the Pre-Applicant. If errors are found, the judge will mark the incorrect paperwork and will advise the Pre-Applicant that the exercise is not correct and will mark the last page about the error. If the paperwork is correct, the judge will sign the last page and will include the following statement: "I have reviewed the paperwork and found it to be identical to mine and error free". 8. The judge will keep the yellow copy of the
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	color class sheets, the pink copy of the breed and final(s) sheets and return the other copies to the Pre-Applicant. 9. Within five (5) days following the show, the Pre-Applicant will scan and send the paperwork to their Mentor and to the Application Administrator for review by a member of the JPC. 10. The Application Administrator will advise the Pre-Applicant whether their paperwork is correct or not. If error-free, the paperwork will be recorded in the files. If not, the exercise must be repeated until the paperwork is determined to be error-free. 2.20 Pre-Applicants from the USA and Canada must have exhibited in at least two (2) regions outside their own region, Pre-Applicants from Regions 8, 9 and the International Division are not required to exhibit outside their own regions. 2.21 Provide a statement about why the Pre-Applicant wants to be a CFA Judge. 2.22 First and Second Specialty Pre-Applicants must submit Application and all required documents in one single file, PDF format. Application deadlines and all forms for applying to the Judging Program are located on the CFA Website on the judging Program Resources page. 2.23 A Pre-Applicant who is an officer, director or judge in an organization structured for purposes similar to those of CFA, must furnish proof of severance within fifteen (15) days of their acceptance to the CFA Judging Program. While a part of the CFA Judging Program, they may not join or rejoin any such organization following the severance. Employment with an organization structured for purposes similar to those of CFA is strongly discouraged. 2.24 Recommendation Letters First Specialty 1. Three (3) CFA club recommendation letters are required. Pre-Applicants must ask at least three (3) CFA clubs for recommendation letters. Two of the clubs must have produced a show in the previous two (2) years. Club recommendations would normally be discussed at a regularly scheduled meeting, and be recorded in the minutes. The club's president and secretary
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	must sign the recommendation letter. If the Pre-Applicant holds one (1) of these offices, another club officer must sign. Multiple club recommendations from the same officers will not be accepted. These letters are confidential and must be signed, scanned, and emailed directly to the appropriate Judging Program Application Administrator. 2. Three (3) personal recommendation letters are required. Pre-Applicants must ask for at least three (3) personal recommendation letters. The Club Officers who signed club recommendation letter, may not provide personal recommendation letter. These letters are confidential and must be signed, scanned, and emailed directly to the appropriate Judging Program Application Administrator. Pre-Applicants must not solicit personal recommendations from currently licensed CFA Judges or Executive Board Members.
RATIONALE: Section two (2) was re-ordered to present an easier to understand flow of the Judging Program requirements. Edited for term consistency, Board of Directors to Executive Board, references to Breed Handling Experience and Breed Focused Experience were edited to use only Breed Focused Experience. Removal of the prior 2.11 under Breed Focused Experience option 4, which allowed for online review of a breed standard with JPC approval in lieu of Cattery Visit or Breed Handling Experience. This is not a comparable learning experience to the other Breed Focused Experiences as there is no actual handling involved and no discussion with the breeder on strengths and weaknesses of the cat.	

Action Item: *Approve presented changes to Judging Program Rules Section 2.*

The motion is ratified by unanimous consent.

Section 3 – Requirements For Judges Applying To The CFA Judging Program From Other Associations	CFA Judging Program Committee	
Existing Wording		Proposed Wording
SECTION 3 REQUIREMENTS FOR JUDGES APPLYING TO THE CFA JUDGING PROGRAM FROM OTHER ASSOCIATIONS		SECTION 3 REQUIREMENTS FOR JUDGES APPLYING TO THE CFA JUDGING PROGRAM FROM OTHER ASSOCIATIONS

3.1 An Applicant who is or has been a judge in similar associations within any CFA region will be considered for application by the JPC. All such Applicants, whatever their background, must prove their proficiency by completing breed/division color class evaluations when accepted to the CFA Judging Program by vote of the Board of Directors. Although judging experience in a similar organization does not entitle an Applicant to any preferential treatment, the application requirements outlined in Section 2 may be satisfied by similar achievements in a prior association. 3.2 Consecutive steps from Apprentice, Approval Pending to fully Approved, must be met by all Applicants accepted into the Judging Program, regardless of how much experience they had in judging in a similar association. 3.3 Judges from other associations wishing to apply to CFA must submit: a. A formal application signed by their Regional Director. b. A detailed history of cat fancy activities in CFA and/or their association. c. A statement why the Applicant wants to become a CFA Judge. All requirements must be met at the time the application is dated and filed with the Application Administrator. The Application should be filed with the Application Administrator electronically and a copy kept by the Applicant. See Section 4 for an outline of the mechanics of application. 3.4 The Applicant must be at least eighteen (18) years of age. 3.5 The transfer Applicant using the Regular Application Process must meet/have met comparable application requirements to CFA's within their association including, at a minimum: a. Have/had a registered cattery for a minimum of seven (7) consecutive years. b. Have shown/bred cats that attained titles comparable to CFA's of the number and quality required in Section 2. c. Have completed a minimum of five (5) years judging in their association, and have	3.1 An Applicant person who is or has been a judge in <u>a</u> similar associations within any CFA region <u>or area</u> will be considered for application by the JPC. All such Applicants, whatever their background, <u>Each person</u> must prove their proficiency by completing breed/division color <u>classes</u> evaluations when accepted to the CFA Judging Program. By vote of the Board of Directors. Although judging experience in a similar organization does not entitle <u>anyone an Applicant</u> to any preferential treatment, the application requirements outlined in Section 2 may be satisfied by similar achievements in a <u>prior another</u> association. 3.2 Training and advancement requirements Consecutive steps from Trainee, Apprentice, Approval Pending to fully Approved, must be met by all Applicants individuals accepted into the Judging Program, regardless of how much experience they had in judging in a similar association <u>except those meeting the minimum Guest Judging Evaluation requirements.-</u> 3.3 Judges from other associations wishing to apply <u>applying</u> to CFA must submit: a. A formal application signed by their Regional Director <u>or area Chair/Sub-Chair.</u> b. A detailed history of cat fancy activities in CFA and/or their association. c. A statement why the Applicant wants they <u>want</u> to become a CFA Judge. All requirements must be met at the time the application is dated and filed with the Application Administrator <u>in a single PDF file.</u> The Application should be filed with the Application Administrator electronically and a copy kept by the Applicant. See Section 4 for an outline of the mechanics of application. 3.4 The <u>Pre</u>-Applicant must be at least eighteen (18) years of age. 3.5 The transfer <u>Pre</u>-Applicant using the Regular Application Process must meet/have met comparable application requirements to CFA's within their association including, at a minimum: a. Have/had a registered cattery for a minimum of seven (7) consecutive years.
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achieved the level at which they are applying to CFA. d. Completed and passed a CFA clerking test and completed one error-free clerking assignment before applying. e. Have judged a minimum number of shows in their association in the two years prior to application, to ensure their skills are current (number to be determined by the JPC or the Board of Directors). A list of shows judged during this period (including dates and locations) should be supplied with the application. 3.6 Depending on an individual's qualifications, no Applicant will be accepted at a level higher than Approved Double Specialty (for judges without minimum Guest Judging Evaluations) or Approval Pending Allbreed (for judges that meet the Guest Judging requirements in Section 3.8). 3.7 Attendance at a CFA BAOS is required within two (2) years of acceptance. 3.8 Transfer judges that have satisfactorily completed a minimum of eight (8) guest judging assignments in the four (4) years preceding acceptance may, at the discretion of the JPC and the Board of Directors, have post-acceptance clerking and training requirements waived in part or in total. All guest judging evaluations must be on file with the JPC. The Application should include a list of Guest Judging assignments for CFA in this period. 3.9 Clerking Requirements: An Applicant must successfully complete a minimum of two (2) assistant ring clerking and two (2) chief ring clerking assignments before beginning training (either prior to or just after acceptance to the Judging Program). Completed evaluations must be verified by the JPC. If clerking requirements are completed prior to application, they must be listed and documented in the Application. If a guest judge Applicant has a sufficient number of satisfactory guest judging evaluations, the clerking requirement can be waived. 3.10 Training Classes: Upon acceptance, a minimum of three (3) training classes in each specialty must be completed. The first shall be a supervised training class. When successfully completed, the next two (2) assignments shall be solo assignments in each specialty. After	b. Have shown/bred cats that attained titles comparable to CFA's of the number and quality required in Section 2. c. Have completed a minimum of five (5) years judging in their association, and have achieved the level at which they are applying to CFA. d. <u>Have</u> Completed and passed a CFA clerking test and completed one error-free clerking assignment before applying. e. Have judged a minimum number of shows in their association in the two (2) years prior to application, to ensure their skills are current (number to be determined by the JPC or the Board of Directors). A list of shows judged during this period (including dates and locations) <u>should must</u> be supplied with the application. 3.6 Depending on an individual's qualifications, no Pre-Applicants will not be accepted at a level higher than Approved Double Specialty (for judges without minimum Guest Judging Evaluations) or Approval Pending Allbreed (for judges that meet the Guest Judging Evaluation requirements in Section 3.8). 3.7 Attendance at a CFA BAOS is required within two (2) years of acceptance. 3.8 Transfer judges that have satisfactorily completed a minimum of eight (8) guest judging assignments in the four (4) years preceding acceptance may, at the discretion of the JPC and the Board of Directors, have pPost-acceptance clerking and training requirements <u>may be</u> waived in part or in total <u>for those Guest Judges that have satisfactorily completed a minimum of eight (8) guest judging assignments in the four (4) years preceding acceptance</u>. All guest judging evaluations must be on file with the JPC. The Application <u>should must</u> include a list of Guest Judging assignments for CFA in this period. 3.9 Clerking Requirements: <u>A minimum of two (2) assistant ring clerking and two (2) chief clerking assignments must be successfully completed before beginning training. An Applicant must successfully complete a minimum of two (2) assistant ring clerking and two (2) chief ring clerking assignments before beginning training</u> (either prior to or just after acceptance to the Judging Program).
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completion of training, the judge will be presented at the next scheduled Board of Directors meeting and if approved by two-thirds (2/3) majority vote, will be licensed as an Approved Double Specialty Judge. 3.11 Upon being licensed as an Approved Double Specialty Judge, the judge will be required to complete eight (8) successfully evaluated assignments in each licensed specialty. Once completed and approved by two-thirds (2/3) majority vote of the Board of Directors, the judge will be licensed as an Approval Pending Allbreed Judge and will follow the standard advancement process thereafter. 3.12 Approved Guest Judges may apply to the program by submitting an application, a resume detailing their breeding and exhibiting accomplishments, a history of CFA Guest Judging by show and date and a letter of intent to attend a BAOS within 2 years of acceptance. These applicants will be accepted as Approval Pending Allbreed Judges and will follow the standard advancement process thereafter.	Completed evaluations must be verified by the JPC. If clerking requirements are completed prior to application, they must be listed and documented in the Application. If a Guest Judge Applicant has a sufficient number of satisfactory guest judging evaluations, the clerking requirement can be waived. 3.10 Training Classes: Upon acceptance, a <u>A</u> minimum of three (3) <u>color class training sessions</u> classes in each specialty must be completed. I first in each specialty shall be a being supervised training class. When successfully completed, I next two (2) assignments <u>in each specialty shall</u> will be solo <u>sessions</u> assignments in each specialty. After completion of training, I <u>trainee file</u> judge will be presented at the next scheduled Board of Directors <u>Executive Board</u> meeting, and if approved <u>by a two-thirds (2/3) favorable vote</u> by two-thirds (2/3) majority vote, will be <u>licensed as advanced to an</u> Approved Double Specialty status <u>Judge</u>. 3.11 Upon being licensed as an Approved Double Specialty Judge, the judge will be required to complete <u>a minimum of eight (8) successfully evaluated</u> assignments in each licensed specialty. Once completed and approved by two-thirds (2/3) <u>favorable majority</u> vote of the Executive Board <u>Board of Directors</u>, the judge will be <u>advanced to licensed as an Approval Pending Allbreed status,</u> Judge and will <u>then</u> follow the standard advancement process thereafter. 3.12 Approved Guest Judges may apply to the program by submitting an application, a resume detailing their breeding and exhibiting accomplishments, a history of CFA Guest Judging by show and date and a letter of intent to attend a BAOS within two (2) years of acceptance. These applicants-Guest Judges, if approved by two-thirds (2/3) favorable vote of the Executive Board, will be accepted as Approval Pending Allbreed Judges and will <u>then</u> follow the standard advancement process thereafter.
RATIONALE: Edited for term consistency, Board of Directors to Executive Board, Applicant to Pre-Applicant when applicable. 3.2 edited to include exception for Guest Judges with evaluations. Making the language clearer so that Section 3 Rules are not subject to interpretation.	

Action Item: *Approve presented changes to Judging Program Rules Section 3.*

The motion is ratified by unanimous consent.

Section 4 – Associate Judging Program	CFA Judging Program Committee
Existing Wording	Proposed Wording
SECTION 4 ASSOCIATE JUDGING PROGRAM 4.1 Application to the Associate Judging Program will be for specific underserved and/or isolated designated areas. Applications will only be accepted when the Board of Directors designates an open application period for a designated area. The Board of Directors will determine the number of Applicants to be accepted. 4.2 A qualified Applicant eighteen (18) years or older who is approved by the Board of Directors with a two-thirds (2/3) affirmative vote will be accepted only as a single specialty Associate Judge Trainee. 4.3 An Associate Judge Trainee must successfully complete all training as scheduled, including but not limited to online classes, video handling requirements and in-person training if offered by the JPC. 4.4 Upon successful completion of all training, the JPC will present those names of the eligible Associate Judge Trainees to the Board of Directors for advancement to Associate Judge Single Specialty only. A two-thirds (2/3) affirmative vote will be required for advancement. 4.5 An Associate Judge is licensed only as a Single Specialty Associate Judge and only in his/her designated geographic area, as determined where the application was completed and approved. 4.6 Application requirements: a. The Applicant must: 1. Show proof of breeding a minimum of four (4) years by providing a copy of a litter registration certificate that is dated at least four (4) years prior to application. 2. Show proof of exhibiting a minimum of four (4) years with a minimum of two (2) breeds shown in the same specialty where applying. 3. Have shown a minimum of five (5) cats to	SECTION 4 ASSOCIATE JUDGING PROGRAM 4.1 Application to the Associate Judging Program will be for specific underserved and/or isolated designated areas. Applications will only be accepted when the Board of Directors <u>Executive Board</u> designates an open application period for a designated area. The Board of Directors <u>Executive Board</u> will determine the number of Applicants to be accepted. 4.2 A qualified Applicant eighteen (18) years or older who is approved by the Board of Directors <u>Executive Board</u> with a two-thirds (2/3) affirmative <u>favorable</u> vote will be accepted only as a single <u>Specialty</u> Associate Judge Trainee. 4.3 An Associate Judge Trainee must successfully complete all training as scheduled, including but not limited to online classes, video handling requirements and in-person training if offered by the JPC. 4.4 Upon successful completion of all training, the JPC will present those names of the eligible Associate Judge Trainees to the Board of Directors <u>Executive Board</u> for advancement to Associate Judge Single Specialty only. A two-thirds (2/3) affirmative vote will be required for advancement. 4.5 An Associate Judge is licensed only as a Single Specialty Associate Judge and only in his/her <u>their</u> designated geographic area, as determined where the application was completed and approved. 4.6 Application requirements: a. The Applicant must: 1. Show proof of breeding a minimum of four (4) years by providing a copy of a litter registration certificate that is dated at least four (4) years prior to application. 2. Show proof of exhibiting a minimum of four (4) years with a minimum of two (2) breeds shown in the same specialty where

Grand Champion or Grand Premier, three (3) of which must be of the Applicant's breeding. 4. Have attained title of RW, DW, NW, BW on two (2) cats, one (1) which must be of the Applicant's breeding. b. The Applicant must: 1. Be a licensed Ring Clerk, Master Clerk preferred OR 2. Pass a basic clerking test 3. Be a current member in good standing in a CFA Club for at least two (2) years. The Applicant must submit a letter signed by the secretary of the club or another officer in the event the Applicant is the club secretary. 4. Submit a letter signed by a club secretary or president showing show production experience, either for his/her own club or for another CFA club. 5. Provide a summary of the Associate Applicant's service to CFA. 6. Show proof of attendance at any/all feline topic seminars including but not limited to feline breeding, grooming, BAOS. 7. Submit the completed application in PDF format to the Associate Judge Administrator. 4.7 An Associate Judge may clerk only in the opposite specialty in his/her own designated area, but may clerk both specialties or allbreed if performing as a clerk outside their own designated area. 4.8 Associate Judge Trainees and Associate Judges must adhere to the provisions of Section 11 (Licensing), Section 13 (Continuing Education) and Section 14 (Conduct of All judges) as well as to the Show Rules as they pertain to judges.	applying. 3. Have shown a minimum of five (5) cats to Grand Champion or Grand Premier, three (3) of which must be of the Applicant's breeding. 4. Have attained title of RW, DW, NW, BW on two (2) cats, one (1) which must be of the Applicant's breeding. b. The Applicant must: 1. Be a licensed Ring Clerk, Master Clerk preferred OR 2. Pass a basic clerking test 3. Be a current member in good standing in a CFA Club for at least two (2) years. The Applicant must submit a letter signed by the secretary of the club or another officer in the event the Applicant is the club secretary. 4. Submit a letter signed by a club secretary or president showing show production experience, either for his/her <u>their</u> own club or for another CFA club. 5. Provide a summary of the Associate Applicant's service to CFA. 6. Show proof of attendance at any/all feline topic seminars including but not limited to feline breeding, grooming, BAOS. 7. Submit the completed application in PDF format to the Associate Judge Administrator. 4.7 An Associate Judge may clerk only in the opposite specialty in his/her <u>their</u> own designated area, but may clerk both specialties or allbreed if performing as a clerk outside their own designated area. 4.8 Associate Judge Trainees and Associate Judges must adhere to the provisions of the sections <u>of the Judging Program Rules regarding Licensing, Continuing Education, and Conduct of all Judges, Section 11(Licensing), Section 13 (Continuing Education) and Section 14 (Conduct of All judges)</u> as well as to the Show Rules as they pertain to judges.
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RATIONALE: Edited for term consistency, Board of Directors to Executive Board, Applicant to Pre-Applicant. For 2/3 vote, used consistent language of “Executive Board with a two-thirds (2/3) favorable vote”. Pronouns changed to they, them, their.

Action Item: Approve presented changes to Judging Program Rules Section 4.

The motion is ratified by unanimous consent.

Section 5 – Requirements For Associate Judges For Application To The CFA Regular Judging Program	CFA Judging Program Committee
Existing Wording	Proposed Wording
SECTION 5 REQUIREMENTS FOR ASSOCIATE JUDGES FOR APPLICATION TO THE CFA REGULAR JUDGING PROGRAM 5.1 Associate Judges who are licensed as Associate Single Specialty-only judges and wish to transfer to the regular Judging Program must first meet all necessary requirements and apply to the regular Judging Program in their first specialty. 5.2 The following requirements may be waived by the Application Administrator when the Associate Judge has completed ten (10) judging assignments with error free paperwork. a. Marking a Judges Book (2.12) b. Breed Focused Experience (2.11) c. Clerking License Requirement (2.4) 5.3 The name of each Associate Judge Applicant to the regular Judging Program will be submitted to the Board of Directors at the first meeting held at least four (4) months after receipt by the Application Administrator of the completed application. Application deadlines are listed on the CFA website. Please note that applications are reviewed only at the February, June and October Board of Directors meetings. 5.4 The Judging Program Committee may recommend to the Executive Board, advancement of trainee to apprentice judge, with fewer than the 6	SECTION 5 REQUIREMENTS FOR ASSOCIATE JUDGES FOR APPLICATION TO THE CFA REGULAR JUDGING PROGRAM 5.1 Associate Judges who are licensed as Associate Single Specialty-only judges <u>may apply to the CFA Judging Program</u>. They must and wish to transfer to the regular Judging Program must first meet all necessary requirements and apply to the regular Judging Program in their first specialty. 5.2 The following requirements may be waived by the Application Administrator when the Associate Judge has completed ten (10) judging assignments with error free paperwork. a. Marking a Judges’ Book (2.12) b. Breed Focused Experience (2.11) c. Clerking License Requirement (2.4) 5.3 The name of each Associate Judge Applicant to the regular Judging Program will be submitted to the Board of Directors <u>Executive Board</u> at the first meeting held at least four (4) months after receipt by the Application Administrator of the completed application. Application deadlines are listed on the CFA website. Please note that aApplications are reviewed only at the February, June and October Board of Directors <u>Executive Board</u> meetings. 5.4 The Judging Program Committee may recommend to the Executive Board, advancement

required color class training sessions. This accommodation is based on the following schedule of judging assignments and number of cats judged while an Associate Judge.

# of Cats Judged	Total number of Assignments Completed	Assignments completed in the past 12 months prior to application	Supervised Assignments Required 1 st Specialty	Solo Assignments Required 1 st Specialty
0 to 200	<10	<6	3	3
200 to 400	10 to 15	> 6	2	3
>400	>15	>8	1	3

*The training judge assigned for supervised sessions has the discretion to complete the training session handling as a solo session. Total sessions must still meet Supervised session + Solo session requirement.

of trainee to apprentice judge, with fewer than the six (6) required color class training sessions. This accommodation is based on the following schedule of judging assignments and number of cats judged while an Associate Judge.

# of Cats Judged	Total number of Assignments Completed	Assignments completed in the past 12 months prior to application	Supervised Assignments Required 1 st Specialty	Solo Assignments Required 1 st Specialty
0 to 200	<10	<6	3	3
200 to 400	10 to 15	> 6	2	3
>400	>15	>8	1	3

*The training judge assigned for supervised sessions has the discretion to complete the training session handling as a solo session. Total sessions must still meet Supervised session + Solo session requirement.

RATIONALE: Clarifying language in 5.1 from “and wish to transfer” to “They must meet”. Transferring from Associate Judging Program to Judging Program is not defined anywhere. Edited for term consistency, Board of Directors to Executive Board,

Action Item: Approve presented changes to Judging Program Rules Section 5.

The motion is ratified by unanimous consent.

Section 6 – Process For First and Second Specialty Applications	CFA Judging Program Committee
Existing Wording	Proposed Wording
SECTION 6 PROCESS FOR FIRST AND SECOND SPECIALTY APPLICATIONS First Specialty Application: 6.1 Once the Applicant has completed the Application in PDF format with the required information and signatures and has forwarded the complete package by email to the appropriate Application Administrator, the Applicant’s name will be posted on the CFA website. This CFA website pre-notice of first specialty Applicant’s name must be three (3) months prior to the next scheduled Board meeting, where the Application is to be considered. Every effort will be made to list the Applicant’s name in other official CFA forms of	SECTION 6 PROCESS FOR FIRST AND SECOND SPECIALTY APPLICATIONS First Specialty Application: 6.1 Once the <u>Pre-Applicant</u> has completed the Application in PDF format with the required information and signatures and has forwarded the complete package by email to the appropriate Application Administrator, the <u>Pre-Applicant</u>’s name will be posted on the CFA website. This <u>The</u> CFA website pre-notice of first specialty <u>Pre-Applicant</u>’s name must be <u>posted</u> three (3) months prior to the next scheduled <u>Executive</u> Board meeting, where <u>when</u> the Application is to be considered. Every effort will be made to list the

communication for receipt of letters of recommendation or concern. Applications will be reviewed at the February, June and October board meetings. 6.2 The Application Administrator working with the individual making the Application may make comments on the quality of the Application and his/her experience working with the individual. 6.3 If the Applicant is accepted into the Program, the application fee will be used to cover some of the expenses of CFA activities until the Applicant is advanced to Approved Judge status. 6.4 The Applicant may withdraw his/her application within thirty (30) days of the date appearing on the CFA website and the application fee will be returned. The Applicant may reapply after one (1) year. 6.5 If the Application is not approved by the Board, fifty (50%) percent of the application fee will be retained by CFA and the remainder will be returned to the Applicant. The Applicant may reapply after one (1) year and must pay the current application fee. 6.6 An Application which has not been completed within one (1) calendar year of the date appearing on the application will be become inactive. If Applicant wishes to apply for admission to the Judging Program at a later date, such Application will be treated as a new application and must be accompanied by the current application fee. 6.7 Signed positive and negative letters must be documented and must be submitted to the appropriate Application Administrator no less than six (6) weeks prior to an Applicant's review by the Board. 6.8 The Application Administrator will forward any negative letters to the Applicant, who will be given the opportunity to provide a written response. Any negative letter and written response will be presented to the Board of Directors as part of the application file. 6.9 When Applicant has successfully completed the Application process, their file will be forwarded to the Board of Directors. The Application Administrator will inform the Applicant when the Application has been submitted to the Board of Directors. The JPC may make recommendations	Applicant's name in other official CFA forms of communication for receipt of letters of recommendation or concern. Applications will be reviewed at the February, June and October <u>Executive Board</u> board meetings. 6.2 The Application Administrator working with the individual making the Application may make comments on the quality of the Application and his/her <u>their</u> experience working with the individual. <u>The JPC provides this information to the Executive Board.</u> 6.3 If the Applicant is accepted into the Program, the application fee will be used to cover some of the expenses of CFA activities until the Applicant is advanced to Approved Judge status. 6.4 6.3 The Applicant may withdraw his/her <u>their</u> application within thirty (30) days of the date appearing on the CFA website and the application fee will be returned. The Applicant may reapply after one (1) year. 6.5 6.4 If the Application is not approved by the <u>Executive Board</u>, fifty (50%) percent of the application fee will be retained by CFA and the remainder will be returned to the Applicant. The Applicant may reapply after one (1) year and must pay the current application fee. 6.6 6.5 An Application which has not been completed within one (1) calendar year of the date appearing on the application will be become inactive. If <u>Pre-Applicant</u> wishes to apply for admission to the Judging Program at a later date, such Application will be treated as a new application and must be accompanied by the current application fee. 6.7 6.6 Signed positive and negative letters must be documented and must be submitted to the appropriate Application Administrator no less than six (6) weeks prior to an Applicant's review by the <u>Executive Board</u>. 6.8 6.7 The Application Administrator will forward any negative letters to the Applicant, who will be given the opportunity to provide a written response. Any negative letter and written response will be presented to the Board of Directors <u>included</u> as part of the application file. 6.9 6.8 When Applicant has successfully completed the Application process, their file will be
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and comments, either negative or positive, at the request of the Board of Directors. The Board of Directors will review the Application and make a decision as to whether or not the Applicant will be accepted into the Judging Program.

6.10 The Application Administrator working with the individual making the application may make comments on the quality of the application and their experience working with the individual.

Second Specialty Application

6.11 When an Approval Pending First Specialty judge has met the second specialty requirements, they may apply for the second specialty. Applicant must complete and sign a Second Specialty Application and forward the Application package in PDF format, by email, to the appropriate Application Administrator. Second Specialty Applications must be complete and received at least six (6) weeks prior to the board meeting where they will be considered. Application deadlines are posted on the CFA website. Applications will be reviewed at the February, June and October board meetings.

6.12 The Application Administrator working with the individual making the application may make comments on the quality of the application and their experience working with the individual.

6.13 The Application Administrator will inform the Second Specialty Applicant when the Application has been submitted to the Board of Directors. The JPC may make recommendations and comments, either negative or positive, at the request of the Board of Directors. The Board of Directors will review the Application and make a decision as to whether or not the Single Specialty Judge will be accepted into the Second Specialty of the Judging Program.

forwarded to the ~~Board of Directors~~ Executive Board. The Application Administrator will inform the Applicant when the Application has been submitted to the ~~Board of Directors~~ Executive Board. The JPC may make recommendations and comments, either negative or positive, at the request of the ~~Board of Directors~~ Executive Board. The ~~Board of Directors~~ Executive Board will review the Application and make a decision as to whether or not the Applicant will be accepted into the Judging Program. Acceptance is by a two-thirds (2/3) favorable vote of the Executive Board.

~~**6.10** The Application Administrator working with the individual making the application may make comments on the quality of the application and their experience working with the individual.~~

Second Specialty Application

~~**6.11**~~ **6.9** ~~When an~~ Once an Approval Pending First Specialty judge has met the second specialty requirements, ~~they may apply~~ and has applied for the second specialty, the application is ready to be forwarded to the Executive Board. ~~Applicant must complete and sign a Second Specialty Application and forward the Application package in PDF format, by email, to the appropriate Application Administrator. Second Specialty Applications must be complete and received at least six (6) weeks prior to the board meeting where they will be considered. Application deadlines are posted on the CFA website.~~ Applications will be reviewed at the February, June and October ~~board~~ Executive Board meetings.

~~**6.12**~~ **6.10** The Application Administrator working with the individual making the application may make comments on the quality of the application and their experience working with the individual. The JPC provides this information to the Executive Board.

~~**6.13**~~ **6.11** The Application Administrator will inform the Second Specialty Applicant when the Application has been submitted to the ~~Board of Directors~~ Executive Board. The JPC may make recommendations and comments, either negative or positive, at the request of the ~~Board of Directors~~ Executive Board. The ~~Board of Directors~~ Executive Board will review the Application and make a decision as to whether or not the Single Specialty Judge will be accepted into the Second Specialty of

	the Judging Program. <u>Acceptance is by a two-thirds (2/3) favorable vote of the Executive Board.</u>
RATIONALE: Edited for term consistency, Board of Directors to Executive Board, and applicant to pre-applicant. This section is actually the process after Pre-Applicant submits the application, and instructions for “PDF format...email...to application administrator” is covered in section 2. Update to pronouns. Clarifying 6.2 on where these comments will be shared. Usage of consistent language when referring to the vote–“Executive Board with a two-thirds (2/3) favorable vote”. 6.10 duplicate of 6.2.	

Action Item: *Approve presented changes to Judging Program Rules Section 6.*

The motion is ratified by unanimous consent.

Section 7 – Acceptance to the Judging Program	CFA Judging Program Committee	
Existing Wording	Proposed Wording	
SECTION 7 ACCEPTANCE TO THE JUDGING PROGRAM 7.1 The name of each Applicant (first/second specialty) will be submitted to the Board of Directors at the first meeting held no less than four (4) months for first specialty Applicants and at least six (6) weeks for second specialty Applicants after receipt by the JPC of the completed required documentation, including all related material. Please note: applications are only reviewed at the February, June and October meetings, excluding the Associate Judging Program. 7.2 Acceptance/advancement upon completion of requirements is by written ballot vote of the Board of Directors. After consideration by the JPC and the Board of Directors of all required documentation, related material, and all other pertinent information as relates to these Applicants which has been made available to the JPC and the Board of Directors, a two-thirds (2/3) favorable vote of the members present of the Board of Directors is required for acceptance/advancement. 7.3 The Board of Directors may, at its discretion, announce a moratorium on the acceptance of applications for admission to the Judging Program for a specified time period. 7.4 The Board of Directors cannot determine whether any Applicant, no matter how highly	SECTION 7 ACCEPTANCE TO THE JUDGING PROGRAM 7.1 The name of each Applicant (First/Second Specialty) will be submitted to the Board of Directors <u>Executive Board</u> at the first meeting held no less than four (4) months for First Specialty Applicants and at least six (6) weeks for Second Specialty Applicants after receipt <u>of the completed application</u>. By the JPC of the completed required documentation, including all related material. <u>Please note: a</u>Applications are only reviewed at the February, June and October meetings, excluding the Associate Judging Program. 7.2 Acceptance into the CFA Judging Program/advancement upon completion of requirements is by written ballot vote. Of the Board of Directors <u>Acceptance is by a two-thirds (2/3) favorable vote of the Executive Board.</u> After consideration by the JPC and the Board of Directors of all required documentation, related material, and all other pertinent information as relates to these Applicants which has been made available to the JPC and the Board of Directors, a two-thirds (2/3) favorable vote of the members present of the Board of Directors is required for acceptance/advancement. 7.3 The Board of Directors <u>Executive Board</u> may, at its discretion, announce a moratorium on the acceptance of applications for admission to the	

recommended, will be able to translate theoretical or technical knowledge of standards, handling techniques, and mechanics into actual practice in the judging ring. For this reason, acceptance to the Judging Program will be in the status of Trainee and only after he/she has demonstrated his/her abilities in the various stages of the program to the satisfaction of the JPC and the Board of Directors will he/she be advanced to a higher status. In no instance will any step in the program be omitted. All requirements stated are irreducible minimums. 7.5 An Applicant, once accepted, will not be dropped from the program except by action of the Board of Directors by a two-thirds (2/3) unfavorable vote of the members present.	Judging Program for a specified time period. 7.4 The Board of Directors <u>Executive Board</u> cannot determine whether any Applicant, no matter how highly recommended, will be able to translate theoretical or technical knowledge of standards, handling techniques, and mechanics into actual practice in the judging ring. For this reason, acceptance to the Judging Program will be in the status of Trainee and only <u>Only</u> after he/she has they have demonstrated his/her their abilities in the various stages of the Program to the satisfaction of the JPC and the Board of Directors <u>Executive Board</u> will he/she <u>they</u> be advanced to a higher status. In no instance will any step in the program be omitted. All requirements stated are irreducible minimums. 7.5 An Applicant, once accepted, will not be dropped from the Program except by action of the Board of Directors <u>Executive Board</u> by a two-thirds (2/3) unfavorable vote of the members present.
RATIONALE: Edited for term consistency, Board of Directors to Executive Board, Update to pronouns. Usage of consistent language when referring to the vote – Executive Board with a two-thirds (2/3) favorable vote.	

Action Item: *Approve presented changes to Judging Program Rules Section 7.*

The motion is ratified by unanimous consent.

Section 8 – Trainees	CFA Judging Program Committee
Existing Wording	Proposed Wording
SECTION 8 TRAINEES 8.1 Color Classes for Trainees – Breed/ Division Color Class Evaluations a. Applicants who have been accepted to the Judging Program are designated as Trainees and are eligible to do breed/division color class evaluation work under the supervision of an Approved Judge; however, no Trainee shall be assigned to any Approved Judge who personally recommended the Trainee for acceptance to the Judging Program. b. The Trainee and File Administrator will jointly select shows that are appropriate for the Trainee to train. The Trainee does not contact the	SECTION 8 TRAINEES 8.1 Color Classes for Trainees – Breed/ Division Color Class <u>Evaluations Sessions</u> a. Applicants who have been accepted to the Judging Program are designated as Trainees and are eligible to do breed/division color class evaluation work under the supervision of an Approved Judge; however, no Trainee shall be assigned to any Approved Judge who personally recommended the Trainee for acceptance to the Judging Program, <u>nor may they train with their Mentor.</u> b. The Trainee and File Administrator will jointly select shows that are appropriate for the

Training Judge or the Show Manager before approval has been obtained from all parties. Trainee must complete the first part of the Trainee Permission Form and send it to the File Administrator. File Administrator secures approval from the Show Manager for a Trainee to train at the show. The File Administrator then verifies the willingness of having Training Judge(s) train at the show. The completed form is sent to the Show Manager for signature. c. The File Administrator will assign the Trainee to the Training Judge who he/she feels will best benefit that Trainee. Shows where a Trainee is authorized to work with more than one (1) Training Judge at the same show will count as one show/class credit. d. Trainees are permitted at the following format shows: • Saturday or Sunday of a back-to-back show; • Two (2) day Allbreed shows (may train both days); • One (1) day all Longhair or one (1) day all Shorthair shows; • Two (2) day specialty shows one (1) day given to Longhair, and one (1) day given to Shorthair; • One (1) day four (4) to six (6) ring shows, on a limited basis. e. Only one (1) Trainee is allowed per specialty. The number of Trainees allowed is limited to two (2); one (1) Longhair and one (1) Shorthair. f. Trainees may not schedule evaluation training on two (2) consecutive weekends, except in specific situations outlined in this section or when it is considered by the JPC to be advantageous to the Trainee's progress. Exceptions will be infrequent. g. At the discretion of the File Administrator, exceptions may be made to these provisions, when necessary, provided that no breed is handled by more than one (1) Trainee for color class purposes. h. The File Administrator reserves the right to deny permission to any Trainee to work at any show with a permissible format when, in the	Trainee to train. The Trainee must <u>does not discuss training with</u> contact the Training Judge or the Show Manager before approval has been obtained from their File Administrator from all parties. The Trainee must complete the first part of the Trainee Permission Form and send it to the File Administrator. <u>The File Administrator arranges with the selected training Judge to accept a Trainee at the proposed show. The File Administrator then secures approval from the Show Manager, and obtains the signed Permission Form for a Trainee to train at the show.</u> The File Administrator then verifies the willingness of having Training Judge(s) train at the show. The completed form is sent to the Show Manager for signature. <u>The File Administrator will request of the Show Manager, a judges' book including color class sheets, breed and final sheets for the specialty and will request specific scheduling for the training judge.</u> c. The File Administrator will assign the Trainee to the Training Judge who he/she feels <u>they feel</u> will best benefit that Trainee. Shows where a Trainee is authorized to work with more than one (1) Training Judge at the same show will count as one (1) show/class credit. d. Trainees are permitted at the following format shows: • Saturday or Sunday of a back-to-back show <u>(may train both days);</u> • Two (2) day Allbreed shows (may train both days); • One (1) day all Longhair or one (1) day all Shorthair shows; • Two (2) day specialty shows one (1) day given to Longhair, and one (1) day given to Shorthair; • One (1) day four (4) to six (6) ring shows, on a limited basis. e. Only one (1) Trainee is allowed per specialty. The number of Trainees allowed is limited to two (2); one (1) Longhair and one (1) Shorthair. f. Trainees may not <u>request schedule</u> evaluation training on two (2) consecutive weekends, except in specific situations outlined in this section or when it is considered by the <u>File</u>
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opinion of the File Administrator, the circumstances of that show will not serve to adequately further the Trainee's progress.

8.2 Breed/Division Color Class Evaluations

REGULAR PROCESS:

a. First specialty Trainees must perform at a minimum three (3) supervised and three (3) solo breed/division color class evaluations and handle a minimum of two hundred (200) cats.

b. The first training session will be considered primarily learning the mechanical procedures involved in judging. The last supervised session will be to evaluate the Trainee's ability to go on to solos.

c. A total of three (3) shows must be outside their region, country or area (for China), or not less than five hundred (500) miles or four hundred (400) kilometers from their place of residence.

d. Second specialty Trainees must perform at a minimum six (6) breed/division color class evaluations and handle a minimum of two hundred (200) cats.

e. At least two (2) shows that are solo sessions should be outside their region, country or area (for China), or not less than five hundred (500) miles or four hundred (400) kilometers from their place of residence.

f. Trainees in Japan must complete a minimum of two (2) sessions working with judges from Regions 1-7 or 9. These two (2) sessions may be completed in Regions 1-7, 9 or Japan or, with the approval of the JPC, in the Asian countries of the International Division.

g. Trainees in the European Region may complete training sessions with judges from Regions 1-7 or 9. These sessions may be completed in Region 9 or Regions 1-7.

h. Trainees in the International Division-Asia/Latin America must complete at least 2 training sessions with judges from Regions 1-7 or 9. These sessions may be completed in Japan, Asia or Regions 1-7 or 9. If these sessions are completed in Regions 1-7, they may be held a week apart to minimize expenses. It is highly suggested that the last supervised and the first solo sessions be

Administrator JPC to be advantageous to the Trainee's progress. Exceptions will be infrequent.

~~**g.** At the discretion of the File Administrator, exceptions may be made to these provisions, when necessary, provided that no breed is handled by more than one (1) Trainee for color class purposes.~~

h g. The File Administrator reserves the right to deny permission to any Trainee to work at any show with a permissible format when, in the opinion of the File Administrator, the circumstances of that show will not serve to adequately further the Trainee's progress.

8.2 Breed/Division Color Class Sessions Evaluations

REGULAR PROCESS:

a. First Specialty Trainees must perform at a minimum three (3) supervised and three (3) solo breed/division color class sessions evaluations and handle a minimum of two hundred (200) cats. Associate Judges with sufficient judging history follow guidelines outlined in Section 5.

b. The first training session will be considered primarily learning the mechanical procedures involved in judging. The last supervised session will be to evaluate the Trainee's ability to go on to solos color class sessions.

c. A total of three (3) shows must be outside their region, country or area (for China), or not less than five hundred (500) miles or four hundred (400) kilometers from their place of residence.

d. Second Specialty Trainees must perform at a minimum six (6) breed/division color class evaluations sessions and handle a minimum of two hundred (200) cats.

e. At least two (2) shows that are solo sessions should be outside their region, country or area (for China), or not less than five hundred (500) miles or four hundred (400) kilometers from their place of residence.

f. Trainees in Japan must complete a minimum of two (2) sessions working with judges from Regions 1-7 or 9. ~~These two (2) sessions may be completed in Regions 1-7, 9 or Japan or, with the approval of the JPC, in the Asian countries of the International Division.~~

completed with judges from Regions 1-7 or 9.

i. Trainees must attend a CFA Judges' Workshop or BAOS session within one (1) year following their acceptance to the Judging Program.

j. The Trainee may not have entries at a show where he/she is to do color classes, nor may the Trainee Judge a cat owned or agented by a member of the Trainee's household.

k. The Trainee may not have access to a show catalog until after he/she has been dismissed by the Training Judge.

l. The Trainee must present himself/herself to the Training Judge under whose supervision he/she is to work prior to the start of judging for that day and will remain with him/her until the completion of all judging in that ring or until dismissal by the Training Judge.

8.3 Supervised Color Classes For Trainees

a. The Training Judge will determine, along with the guidance of the File Administrator, what breed/division color classes the Trainee will judge. When it has been determined what color classes the Trainee will handle, he/she will duplicate the judge's slips for his/her awards, copying carefully from the official judge's book. The Trainee may request that a judge's book be provided by the club which will attempt to (but is not obligated to) honor the Trainee's request.

b. In order to save time and avoid undue handling of the exhibits, it is suggested that the Trainee remove each cat to be judged from the judging cage and place it on the judging table. The Training Judge will then make his/her examination, in each case, while the Trainee stands back and observes the handling and techniques used by the Training Judge. When the Training Judge is finished with the entry, the Trainee will examine it and return it to its judging cage.

This procedure may be reversed at the discretion of the Training Judge.

c. Prior to the hanging of any ribbons by the Training Judge, the Trainee will mark his/her judging slip for each cat handled, giving comments on each exhibit, and will award 1st, 2nd, 3rd, in the male and female color classes; Best of Color and 2nd Best of Color, Best and 2nd Best of

~~g. Trainees in the European Region may complete training sessions with judges from Regions 1-7 or 9. These sessions may be completed in Region 9 or Regions 1-7.~~

~~h.g. Trainees in the International Division-Asia/Latin America must complete at least two (2) 2-training sessions with judges from Regions 1-7 or 9. These sessions may be completed in Japan, Asia or Regions 1-7 or 9. If these sessions are completed in Regions 1-7, they may be held a week apart to minimize expenses. It is highly suggested that the last supervised and the first solo sessions be completed with judges from Regions 1-7 or 9.~~

~~i. Trainees must attend a CFA Judges' Workshop or BAOS session within one (1) year following their acceptance to the Judging Program.~~

~~j.h. The Trainees may not have entries at a show where they he/she is to do color classes, nor may they judge Trainee Judge a cat owned or agented by a member of their the Trainee's household.~~

~~k.i. The Trainees may not have access to a show catalog until after he/she has they have been dismissed by the Training Judge.~~

~~l.j. The Trainees must present themselves himself/herself to the Training Judge under whose supervision he/she they are is to work prior to the start of judging for that day and will remain with the Training Judge him/her until the completion of all judging in that ring or until dismissal by the Training Judge.~~

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Breed/Division and Best Champion of Breed/Division, if appropriate. These decisions are to be arrived at independently and without consultation at the time of marking. Each entry must be judged by the CFA standard for the breed and color. d. Thereafter, the Training Judge will hang all ribbons according to his/her own decisions. The written awards of the Trainee have no official bearing on the awards given by the Training Judge. e. When a breed/division color class has been completed by both the Training Judge and the Trainee, they should confer privately to compare and discuss awards. f. Trainees must complete the color class slips in duplicate and give one (1) copy at the show to the Training Judge. The remaining copy must be scanned and emailed/faxed or mailed to the File Administrator, along with a catalog marked both with the finals of the Training Judge and the breeds/divisions/color classes that were used for training. 8.4 Prior to scanning or mailing this copy to the File Administrator, the Trainee must make a copy of this record for personal reference in the future. Trainees must be proficient in the marking and utilization of all CFA judging forms. These materials must be scanned and emailed/faxed or mailed within two (2) days after the show to ensure the Trainee has the opportunity to be informed of his/her use of such records prior to the Trainee's next scheduled color class session. 8.5 Solo Color Classes For Trainees a. When the Trainee has judged satisfactorily a sufficient number of color classes to be deemed ready for more advanced work by the File Administrator, he/she will be assigned to judge color classes along with the Training Judge under whose tutelage he/she is working, observing his/her work from a point outside the ring. Solo classes may take place over a two (2) day period. b. The Training Judge and the File Administrator will decide which color classes, breeds or divisions will be judged by the Trainee. The Training Judge will take the stand and judge the entries and mark his/her judging book. The Trainee's classes will be printed with the	examination, in each case, while the Trainee stands back and observes the handling and techniques used by the Training Judge. When the Training Judge is finished with the entry, the Trainee will examine it and return it to its judging cage. <u>This procedure may be reversed at the discretion of the Training Judge.</u> This procedure may be reversed at the discretion of the Training Judge. c. Prior to the hanging of any ribbons by the Training Judge, the Trainee will mark his/her <u>their</u> color class sheets judging slip for each cat handled, giving comments on each exhibit, and will award 1st, 2nd, 3rd, <u>by title</u> in the male and female color classes; Best and 2nd Best of Color class and 2nd Best of Color, Best and 2nd Best of Breed/Division and Best Champion of Breed/Division, if appropriate <u>applicable</u>. These decisions are to be arrived at independently and without consultation at the time of marking. Each entry must be judged by the CFA standards. For the breed and color. d. Thereafter, I Training Judge will hang all ribbons according to his/her <u>their</u> own decisions. The written awards of the Trainee have no official bearing on the awards given by the Training Judge. <u>The Training Judge and the Trainee will then confer privately to discuss the cats and decisions.</u> e. When a breed/division color class has been completed by both the Training Judge and the Trainee, they should confer privately to compare and discuss awards. f.e <u>Immediately following completion of training at the show the Trainees must complete the color class slips in duplicate and give one (1) the duplicate copy of the color class sheets, breed sheets and final sheet at the show to the Training Judge. The remaining copy must be scanned and emailed/faxed or mailed to the File Administrator, along with a catalog marked both with the finals of the Training Judge and the breeds/divisions/color classes that were used for training.</u> 8.4 Trainee Paperwork a. <u>Within two (2) days after the show, the Trainee will scan the original color class sheets, breed sheets, final page and catalog marked with the Training Judge's decisions, as well as Trainee's decisions and email to the File Administrator. Prior</u>
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classification as to Champion or Grand Champion status. The Trainee is then called to the ring by the Training Judge, who will observe the Trainee from the audience as the Trainee judges the entire class. The Trainee will award 1st, 2nd, 3rd, in the male and female color classes; Best of Color and 2nd Best of Color, Best and Second Best of Breed/Division, and Best Champion of Breed/Division, if appropriate.

c. The ribbons/permanents used will be from the supply provided to the judge at his/her table. The Trainee will hang ribbons in accordance with his/her decisions and mark the awards in his/her judge's book. At the completion of the Trainee's judging, he/she will remove his/her ribbons and the Training Judge will return to the ring to hang the official ribbons. The Trainee's awards have no official status. At the discretion of the Training Judge, he/she may request the Trainee to prepare and present a top five (5)/top ten (1) final.

d. A private discussion between the Training Judge and the Trainee will follow.

NOTE: It is expected that there will be some differences in the decisions of the Trainee and the Training Judge. The Trainee will be asked to present justifiable reasons for his/her decisions and may be asked to do additional color class work.

e. The Training Judge in each instance will complete and sign an evaluation form which may be scanned and emailed/faxed or mailed to the appropriate File Administrator. Judges are requested to make pertinent comments on both the tangible and the intangible aspects of a Trainee's qualifications for judging in addition to answering the specific questions on the form and also to make any suggestions which they feel will be helpful to a Trainee for the future and for the File Administrator in making a realistic evaluation of a Trainee's progress. It is important that both the JPC and the Board of Directors have as much information as possible on the performance of a Trainee in the ring before the Executive Board must decide whether to promote, defer or drop a Trainee from the Program.

8.6 When the services of a Trainee are used to judge Household Pets, he/she will be reimbursed as specified in the CFA Show Rules.

8.7 Trainees must not discuss possible invitations to judge or accept any invitations contingent on

~~to scanning or mailing this copy to the File Administrator, the Trainee must make a copy of this record for personal reference in the future. Trainees must be proficient in the marking and utilization of all CFA judging forms. These materials must be scanned and emailed/faxed or mailed within two (2) days after the show to ensure the Trainee has the opportunity to be informed of his/her use of such records prior to the Trainee's next scheduled color class session.~~

b. The Trainee is expected to complete their paperwork without errors. Within two (2) days after the show, the trainee must notify the Training Judge and the File Administrator of any paperwork errors or mechanical errors they may have discovered after having submitted the paperwork to the Training Judge at the show. These identified corrections will not count against the Trainee. The File Administrator and Training Judge will review the paperwork and will advise the Trainee of any additional errors. The following errors will cause the training session to not count for the Trainee, and the Trainee will have to repeat the session.

- Mechanical errors of any kind
- Marking the Breed win on the wrong line on the Breed/Division sheet
- Missing any Breed win on the Breed/Division sheet
- Writing NA/IM, NA/Cond, WC when DISQ is required
- Writing DISQ instead of when NA/Cond, NA/IM is required

8.5 Solo Color Classes For Trainees

a. When the Trainee has completed at least three (3) supervised color classes, the File Administrator will schedule them for solo color classes. Judged satisfactorily a sufficient number of color classes to be deemed ready for more advanced work by the File Administrator, he/she will be assigned to judge color classes along with the Training Judge under whose tutelage he/she is working, observing his/her work from a point outside the ring. Solo classes may take place over a two (2) day period. Associate Judges with sufficient judging history follow guidelines outlined in Section 5.

advancement by the Board of Directors to the status of Apprentice Judge.

8.8 Trainees will have two (2) years to complete the required breed/division color class evaluation training. An extension may be granted by the Board of Directors for medical reasons or extenuating circumstances. Those Trainees not completing color classes in two (2) years may re-apply after a two (2) year period.

8.9 Second Specialty Trainees in the Regular Program may not begin training in the second specialty until they have advanced to Approved status in the first specialty. (This does not preclude an individual advancing to Approved first specialty and Trainee second specialty at the same Board of Directors meeting).

~~b. The Training Judge and the File Administrator will decide which color classes, breeds or divisions will be judged by the Trainee. The Trainee will observe the The Training Judge who will take the stand and judge the entries and mark his/her judging book but will not hang ribbons. The Training Judge will turn the ring over to the Trainee who will judge the cats, mark their book and hang the appropriate ribbons. The Trainee's classes will be printed with the classification as to Champion or Grand Champion status. The Trainee is then called to the ring by the Training Judge, who will observe the Trainee from the audience as the Trainee judges the entire class. The Trainee will award 1st, 2nd, 3rd, in the male and female color classes; Best of Color and 2nd Best of Color, Best and Second Best of Breed/Division, and Best Champion of Breed/Division, if appropriate.~~

~~c. The ribbons/permanents used will be from the supply provided to the judge at his/her table. The Trainee will hang ribbons in accordance with his/her decisions and mark the awards in his/her judge's book. At the completion of the Trainee's judging, he/she the Trainee's ribbons will be removed and the Training Judge will hang the official ribbons. Will remove his/her ribbons and the Training Judge will return to the ring to hang the official ribbons. The Trainee's awards have no official status. At the discretion of the Training Judge, he/she may request the Trainee to prepare and present a top five (5)/top ten (1) final.~~

~~d. A private discussion between the Training Judge and the Trainee will follow. The Training Judge and the Trainee will then confer privately to discuss the cats and decisions. NOTE: It is expected that there will be some differences in the decisions of the Trainee and the Training Judge. The Trainee will be asked to present justifiable reasons for his/her their decisions. And may be asked to do additional color class work.~~

~~d. If time allows, the Trainee will be asked to present a final. The final may be a complete final or a shortened final such as a top 5 rather than Trainee's selected top 10.~~

~~e. Immediately following completion of training at the show the Trainee must give the duplicate copy of the color class sheets, breed sheets and final sheet to the Training Judge.~~

	<u>f.</u> The File Administrator will provide the applicable forms to the Training Judge, which must be completed and returned to the File Administrator as soon as possible following the show. The Training Judge in each instance will complete and sign an evaluation form which may be scanned and emailed/faxed or mailed to the appropriate File Administrator. Judges are requested to make pertinent comments on both the tangible and the intangible aspects of a Trainee's qualifications for judging in addition to answering the specific questions on the form and also to make any suggestions which they feel will be helpful to a Trainee for the future. And for the File Administrator in making a realistic evaluation of a Trainee's progress. It is important that both the JPC and the Board of Directors <u>Executive Board</u> have as much information as possible on the performance of a Trainee in the ring before the Executive Board must decide whether to promote, defer or drop a Trainee from the Program. 8.6 When the services of a Trainee are used to judge Household Pets, he/she <u>they</u> will be reimbursed as specified in the CFA Show Rules. 8.7 Trainees must not discuss possible invitations to judge or accept any invitations contingent on advancement by the Board of Directors <u>Executive Board</u> to the status of Apprentice Judge. 8.8 Trainees will have two (2) years to complete the required breed/division color class evaluation training. An extension may be granted by the Board of Directors <u>Executive Board</u> for medical reasons or extenuating circumstances. Those Trainees not completing color classes in two (2) years <u>will be dropped and</u> may re-apply after a two (2) year period. 8.9 Second Specialty Trainees in the Regular Program may not begin training in the Second Specialty until they have advanced to Approved status in the First Specialty. <u>An Individual can advance to Approved First Specialty and Trainee Second Specialty at the same Executive Board Meeting.</u> (This does not preclude an individual advancing to Approved first specialty and Trainee second specialty at the same Board of Directors meeting).
	RATIONALE: Remove the term Evaluation in 8.1 as they are color Class sessions. Add "they may not train with their mentor". Clarifying the actual process as it occurs for setting up the color class by the File

Administrator. Removing the term Regular Process when possible, as it referred to the Accelerated Program versus the Judging program. Defining “solos” as solo color class sessions. 8.2.i. is incorrect information, Pre-Applicants must attend a BAOS, and nowhere is it required that they attend a Judges’ Workshop. Update to pronouns. 8.3.a. applied years ago when trainees had to write their own color class sheets—this is no longer applicable. 8.3.b. was written incorrectly. 8.2.c. changed judging slips to color class sheets, and added that marking/hanging 1, 2 and 3 is by title. Years ago, trainees did not have OPN, CH and GC typed on their color class sheets, and all cats in the color class were placed only by sex. 8.4.b. defining what type of errors will impact the successful completion of a color class session.

Action Item: *Approve presented changes to Judging Program Rules Section 8.*

The motion is ratified by unanimous consent.

Section 9 – Apprentice Judges	CFA Judging Program Committee	
Existing Wording	Proposed Wording	
SECTION 9 APPRENTICE JUDGES 9.1 The names of Trainees who have met the above requirements to the satisfaction of the Judging Program Committee will be presented to the Board of Directors for possible advancement to the status of Apprentice Judge. 9.2 After consideration by the JPC and the Board of Directors of all required documentation, related material, and any other pertinent information about the Trainee which may have become available, the Board of Directors will cast a written ballot vote. A two thirds (2/3) favorable vote of the members present is required for advancement to Apprentice status. 9.3 In Regions 1-9, clubs may invite any Apprentice Judge from any region or division to judge any breed or color for which the Apprentice Judge is authorized. 9.4 Apprentice Judges will adhere to all rules and regulations as set forth in the CFA Show Rules for judges. 9.5 Apprentice Judges will charge a fee as stipulated in the Show Rules for Apprentice Judges. In the event a judge is in the apprentice status in one category and in a higher status in another category, he/she will charge the Apprentice fee for the portion of the show which he/she judges in the apprentice status in addition to the judging fee for	SECTION 9 APPRENTICE JUDGES 9.1 The names of Trainees who have <u>completed the required color class sessions and recommended by the JPC</u> met the above requirements to the satisfaction of the Judging Program Committee will be presented to the Board of Directors <u>Executive Board</u> for a <u>vote for</u> possible advancement to the status of Apprentice Judge. 9.2 After consideration by the JPC and the Board of Directors of all required documentation, related material, and any other pertinent information about the Trainee which may have become available, the Board of Directors will cast a written ballot vote. A two thirds (2/3) favorable vote of the <u>Executive Board members</u> present is required for advancement to Apprentice status. 9.3 In Regions 1-9, clubs may invite any Apprentice Judge from any region or division to judge any breed or color <u>specialty</u> for which the Apprentice Judge is authorized. <u>Apprentice Judges in Regions 1-9 may not accept an invitation to judge in the International Division. Invitations from CFA clubs in the International Division may be considered by Approved or Approval Pending Judges, including those that are Approved in one (1) specialty and at least Apprentice in the second (2nd) specialty.</u> 9.4 Apprentice Judges will adhere to all rules and	

the higher status. The Apprentice Judge will be reimbursed by the hiring club for transportation, lodging, meals, taxis and tips. 9.6 Apprentice Judges, who have any question about the procedures in this Program or about the interpretation of the Show Rules and Standards, are urged to consult their File Administrator before attempting to judge a show. No consultation is permissible at a show.	regulations as set forth in the CFA Show Rules for judges. 9.5 9.4. Apprentice Judges will charge a fee as stipulated in the Show Rules for Apprentice Judges. In the event a judge is in the Apprentice status in one category <u>specialty</u> and in a higher status in another category <u>specialty</u>, he/she they will charge the Apprentice fee for the <u>specialty</u> portion of the show which he/she judges they judge in the Apprentice status in addition to the <u>higher</u> judging fee for the <u>specialty in the higher</u> status. The Apprentice Judge will be reimbursed by the hiring club for transportation, lodging, meals, taxis and tips. 9.6 Apprentice Judges, who have any question about the procedures in this Program or about the interpretation of the Show Rules and Standards, are urged to consult their File Administrator <u>or mentor</u> before attempting to judge a show. No consultation is permissible at a show.
RATIONALE: Edited for term consistency, Board of Directors to Executive Board, 9.3 made consistent with 12.2. Update to pronouns. 9.6 removed “no consultation is permissible at a show”. There are oftentimes where all the judges gather to complete transfers in shows where there are an abundance of transfers. An Apprentice Judge should be able to ask a more experienced judge in attendance questions about process, rather than guessing.	

Action Item: *Approve presented changes to Judging Program Rules Section 9.*

The motion is ratified by unanimous consent.

Section 10 – Advance- ment Procedures for Apprentice and Approval Pending Judges	CFA Judging Program Committee	
Existing Wording		Proposed Wording
SECTION 10 ADVANCEMENT PROCEDURES FOR APPRENTICE AND APPROVAL PENDING JUDGES 10.1 The following conditions must be met as requirements for advancement before any other factors are considered. In no instance will any step of the program be omitted. a. Apprentice specialty judges must		SECTION 10 ADVANCEMENT PROCEDURES FOR APPRENTICE AND APPROVAL PENDING JUDGES 10.1 The following conditions must be met as requirements for advancement. Before any other factors are considered. In no instance will any step of the program be omitted. a. Apprentice Specialty Judges must

satisfactorily judge a minimum of six (6) complete championship shows and handle a minimum of three hundred (300) cats. b. Approval Pending single specialty judges must satisfactorily judge a minimum of six (6) complete championship shows. c. Judges approved in one (1) specialty and Approval Pending in the second specialty must satisfactorily judge a minimum of eight (8) complete championship shows, in accordance with the provisions in this Section. d. Approval Pending Allbreed Judges must satisfactorily judge a minimum of eight (8) complete championship shows, in accordance with the provisions in this Section. 10.2 Location of shows for each advancement level include: a. Judges (double specialty or higher) residing in Regions 1-7 or country or area (for China): A minimum of two (2) shows must be judged outside the judge's region of residence or not less than five hundred (500) miles or four hundred (400) kilometers from their place of residence for each advancement consideration. b. Judges (double specialty or higher) residing in Region 8 (Japan): A minimum of two (2) shows must be judged at least two hundred forty (240) kilometers away from the judge's residence in Japan for each advancement consideration. c. Judges (all) residing in Region 9 (Europe) and the International Division: A minimum of two (2) shows must be judged at least four hundred (400) kilometers away from the judge's residence in Europe or the judge's residence in the International Division, for each advancement consideration. 10.3 Requirements for any specific advancement must be completed within a forty-eight (48) month period. Apprentice Judges not fulfilling these requirements will be dropped from the Judging Program; Approval Pending Specialty Judges will be dropped to Apprentice Specialty status. This requirement shall not apply to Approval Pending Allbreed Judges. 10.4 For each show judged by an Apprentice or Approval Pending Judge, an evaluation form,	satisfactorily judge a minimum of six (6) complete championship shows and handle a minimum of three hundred (300) cats <u>with favorable club evaluations.</u> b. Approval Pending Single Specialty Judges must satisfactorily judge a minimum of six (6) complete championship shows <u>with favorable club evaluations.</u> c. Judges approved in one (1) specialty and Approval Pending in the second (2nd) specialty must satisfactorily judge a minimum of eight (8) complete championship shows <u>with favorable club evaluations on the Approval Pending specialty judged.</u> In accordance with the provisions in this Section. d. Approval Pending Allbreed Judges must satisfactorily judge a minimum of eight (8) complete championship shows, <u>with favorable club evaluations.</u> In accordance with the provisions in this Section. 10.2 Location of shows for each advancement level include: a. Judges (double specialty or higher) residing in Regions 1-7 or country or area (for China): A minimum of two (2) shows must be judged outside the judge's region of residence or not less than five hundred (500) miles or four hundred (400) kilometers from their place of residence for each advancement consideration. b. Judges (double specialty or higher) residing in Region 8 (Japan): A minimum of two (2) shows must be judged at least two hundred forty (240) kilometers away from the judge's residence in Japan for each advancement consideration. c. Judges (single, double specialty or higher) (all) residing in Region 9 (Europe) and the International Division: A minimum of two (2) shows must be judged at least four hundred (400) kilometers away from the judge's residence in <u>Region 9 Europe</u> or the judge's residence in the International Division, for each advancement consideration. 10.3 Requirements for any specific advancement must be completed within <u>four (4) years</u> a forty-eight (48) month period. Apprentice Judges not fulfilling these requirements will be dropped from the Judging Program; Approval Pending Specialty
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supplied by the File Administrator must be completed and signed by a majority of the show committee and mailed or scanned and emailed to CFA Central Office with the show package or separately within thirty days (30) of the date of the show.

10.5 After consideration of the evaluation forms by the JPC and the Board of Directors, reports on the work of the judge and any other pertinent information which has been made available to the JPC and the Board of Directors, a two thirds (2/3) favorable vote of the members present of the Board of Directors is required for advancement.

10.6 Apprentice and Approval Pending Judges and Trainees judging any show, including Household Pet shows, must notify the appropriate File Administrator of any judging assignments they have accepted, a minimum of thirty (30) days prior to the first day of the show. No credit will be given for the work at any show for which such pre-notice has not been sent to the JPC at the stipulated time, the exception being shows for which the judge is acting as a last minute substitution, in which case the appropriate File Administrator must be notified when the contract is signed.

10.7 All requirements for advancement contained in this Section are strictly irreducible minimums and fulfilling them does not guarantee consideration for advancement. Anyone in the Judging Program whom the majority of the JPC feels would be best advised to complete further shows will have the option of withdrawing his/her name for consideration for advancement by the Board of Directors. The JPC will explain to the candidate the problems with their candidacy, what they can do to rectify the situation and (should the candidate decide to go forward) what the consequences would be if the Board of Directors does not advance them.

Judges will be dropped to Apprentice Specialty status. This requirement shall not apply to Approval Pending Allbreed Judges.

10.4 For each show judged by an Apprentice or Approval Pending Judge, an evaluation form, supplied by the File Administrator must be completed and signed by a majority of the show committee and mailed or scanned and emailed to CFA Central Office with the show package or separately within thirty (30) days of the date of the show.

10.5 A two-thirds (2/3) favorable vote of the Executive Board is required for advancement.

~~After consideration of the evaluation forms by the JPC and the Board of Directors, reports on the work of the judge and any other pertinent information which has been made available to the JPC and the Board of Directors, a two thirds (2/3) favorable vote of the members present of the Board of Directors is required for advancement.~~

10.6 Apprentice and Approval Pending Judges and Trainees judging any show, including Household Pet shows, must submit pre-notice by using the on-line form for notify the appropriate File Administrator of any judging assignments they have accepted, a minimum of thirty (30) days prior to the first day of the show. No credit will be given for the work at any show for which such pre-notice has not been submitted on-line sent to the JPC at the stipulated time; the exception being shows for which the When the judge is acting as a last minute substitution, in which case the judge must submit pre-notice by using the on-line form appropriate File Administrator must be notified when the contract is signed.

10.7 ~~All requirements for advancement contained in this Section are strictly irreducible minimums and fulfilling them does not guarantee consideration for advancement.~~ Anyone in the Judging Program whom the majority of the JPC feels would benefit from completing ~~be best advised to complete~~ further shows will have the option of withdrawing ~~his/her~~ their name for consideration for advancement by the ~~Board of Directors~~ Executive Board. The JPC will explain to the ~~candidate~~ advancing judge the problems with their ~~candidacy~~ advancement, what they can do to rectify the situation and, ~~(should the candidate~~ advancing judge ~~decide to go forward),~~

	what the consequences would be if the Board of Directors <u>Executive Board</u> does not advance them.
RATIONALE: Adding language to clarify the advancing process. Usage of consistent language when referring to the vote–“Executive Board with a two-thirds (2/3) favorable vote”. Minor change of 48 months to 4 years. Inclusion of on-line pre-notice of judging assignment form. Change candidate to advancing judge, Board of Directors to Executive Board.	

Action Item: *Approve presented changes to Judging Program Rules Section 10.*

The motion is ratified by unanimous consent.

Section 11 – Licensing	CFA Judging Program Committee
Existing Wording	Proposed Wording
SECTION 11 LICENSING 11.1 Payment of the annual fee (as determined by the Board of Directors) is a requirement for relicensing or, in the case of a Trainee, remaining on the Judging Panel. This fee is due at the beginning of each calendar year. 11.2 Approved, Approval Pending and Apprentice Judges, including Associate Judges, are licensed annually. Each name will come up before the Board of Directors for review prior to licensing. 11.3 Advancement to the status of Approval Pending or Approved judge constitutes an automatic licensing in that status for the remainder of that licensing period. 11.4 An Approved Judge who has been inactive for more than twelve (12) months may request permission from the JPC to take the Advanced Refresher Course in his/her particular status. The Advanced Refresher course will involve advanced color class and breed/division work under the supervision of an Approved Allbreed Judge designated by the JPC. A written report will be submitted to the JPC by the supervising judge. 11.5 Failure to relicense an Approved or Approval Pending Judge requires notification and a hearing before the Board of Directors, as stipulated in Article XIII of the CFA Bylaws. 11.6 Any judge in the Apprentice or Approval Pending category receiving five (5) or more no	SECTION 11 LICENSING 11.1 Payment of the annual fee (as determined by the Board of Directors <u>Executive Board</u>) is a requirement for relicensing or, in the case of a Trainee, remaining on the Judging Panel. This fee is due at the beginning of each calendar year. 11.2 Approved, Approval Pending and Apprentice Judges, including Associate Judges, are licensed annually. Each name will come up before the Board of Directors <u>Executive Board</u> for review prior to licensing. 11.3 Advancement to the status of Approval Pending or Approved Judge constitutes an automatic licensing in that status for the remainder of that licensing period. 11.4 An Approved <u>Any</u> Judge who has been inactive for more than twelve (12) months may request permission from the JPC to take the Advanced Refresher Course in his/her <u>their</u> particular status. The Advanced Refresher course will involve advanced color class and breed/division work under the supervision of an Approved Allbreed Judge designated by the JPC. A written report will be submitted to the JPC by the Supervising Judge. 11.5 Failure to relicense an Approved or Approval Pending Judge requires notification and a hearing before the Board of Directors <u>Executive Board</u>, as stipulated in Article XIII <u>XIV</u> of the CFA Bylaws.

votes will be advised in writing and the specific reason(s) for concern will be noted. 11.7 Every judge and Trainee, including Associate Judge Trainee and Associate Judge, must satisfy the continuing education requirements specified in Section 13. 11.8 Satisfactory completion of the bi-annual Judges' Test with a score of eighty-five (85%) percent or higher is a requirement for relicensing. 11.9 Any judge receiving a score of less than eighty-five (85%) percent must be retested with an alternate test within ninety (90) days of receiving the original test results, and attain a score of eighty-five(85%) percent or higher. Retests are subject to a re-take fee equal to the licensing fee, which is due with the licensing fee. 11.10 If the retest score is less than eighty-five (85%) percent, the judge will complete a Refresher Course. 11.11 Tests postmarked after the deadline will be subject to a fee equal to the licensing fee, which is due with the licensing fee. A judge who has failed to return his/her test shall not be relicensed. 11.12 Trainees hold no license and remain in the Judging Program in a probationary status by the Board of Directors. 11.13 Trainees and Apprentice Judges may be dropped from the Judging Program at any time without notice or hearing for violation of any of the existing rules and regulations, and for violation of any which may hereafter be adopted. They may also be dropped from the Judging Program when, in the opinion of the Board of Directors, it has become evident that such Trainee or Apprentice Judge does not have sufficient handling ability, knowledge of mechanics, breeds, and standards; or is unable to translate his/her knowledge into actual practice in the show ring; or that he/she does not possess the intangible qualities necessary for the smooth and authoritative control of a show ring in all its aspects; or, in short, has not demonstrated the necessary knowledge, ability, and qualities required to contribute to CFA's prestige and public image. A two-thirds (2/3) vote of the members of the Board of Directors present is required to drop a Trainee or Apprentice Judge from the Judging Program. 11.14 A Trainee who has been dropped from the	11.6 Any judge in the Apprentice or Approval Pending category receiving five (5) or more no votes will be advised in writing and the specific reason(s) for concern will be noted. 11.7 Every Judge and Trainee, including Associate Judge Trainee and Associate Judge, must satisfy the continuing education requirements specified in Section 13. 11.8 Satisfactory completion of the bi-annual Judges' Test with a score of eighty-five (85%) percent <u>(85%)</u> or higher is a requirement for relicensing. 11.9 Any Judge receiving a score of less than eighty-five (85%) percent <u>(85%)</u> must be retested with an alternate test within ninety (90) days of receiving the original test results, and attain a score of eighty-five (85%) percent <u>(85%)</u> or higher. Retests are subject to a re-take fee equal to the licensing fee, which is due with the licensing fee. 11.10 If the retest score is less than eighty-five (85%) percent <u>(85%)</u>, the JPC will address the concern with the judge, and discuss remedial action to be taken by the judge. Judge will complete a Refresher Course. 11.11 Tests postmarked <u>received</u> after the deadline will be subject to a fee equal to the licensing fee, which is due with the licensing fee. A judge who has failed to return his/her <u>their</u> test shall not be relicensed. 11.12 Trainees hold no license and remain in the Judging Program in a probationary status by the Board of Directors <u>Executive Board</u>. 11.13 Trainees and Apprentice Judges <u>are in probationary status, and</u> may be dropped from the Judging Program at any time without notice or hearing for violation of any of the existing rules and regulations, and for violation of any which may hereafter be adopted. They may also be dropped from the Judging Program when, in the opinion of the Board of Directors <u>Executive Board</u>, it has become evident that such Trainee or Apprentice Judge does not have sufficient handling ability, knowledge of mechanics, breeds, and standards; or is unable to translate his/her <u>their</u> knowledge into actual practice in the show <u>judging</u> ring; or that he/she <u>they do</u> does not possess the intangible qualities necessary for the smooth and authoritative
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Judging Program or a judge who has been dropped from the panel of judges through failure to relicense may reapply after the lapse of two (2) years. Judges who reapply will be considered for reinstatement in the next lower status than that held when not relicensed. 11.15 Each Applicant for admission to the Judging Program, and to the Associate Judging Program, each Trainee, each Associate Judge Trainee, each Associate Judge, and each member of the CFA panel of judges must agree to the following statement before being considered for admission or advancement, or permitted to function under this program as a CFA judge: “I understand that only those Applicants with unquestionable moral character and impressive credentials will be considered for acceptance into the CFA Judging Program. I agree to abide by and accept any recommendations and decisions made by the Judging Program Committee, the Board of Directors or CFA regarding this application, as well as any consideration for advancement in the future. All decisions shall be binding and final, in accordance with current and future CFA Show Rules and CFA Judging Program Rules.” 11.16 Each Applicant, Trainee or member of the CFA panel of judges, including the Associate Judging Program, will maintain his/her cats in such a manner that meets or exceeds the minimum standards/ requirements for a CFA Approved Cattery. 11.17 Each Applicant, Trainee or member of the CFA panel of judges, including the Associate Judging Program, agrees to abide by the Judges’ Code of Ethics currently in effect, and will sign the Judges’ Code of Ethics annually at the time of payment of the application fee or the annual license fee. 11.18 The Board of Directors, at the recommendation of the JPC or at the request of any judge, supported by suitable written request, may grant a judge or Trainee a leave of absence for a period not exceeding one (1) year. The judge or Trainee will be authorized to commence participation in the Judging Program in the same	control of a show ring in all its aspects; or, in short, has not demonstrated the necessary knowledge, ability, and qualities required to contribute to CFA’s prestige and public image. A two-thirds (2/3) vote of the members of the Board of Directors <u>Executive Board</u> present—is required to drop a Trainee or Apprentice Judge from the Judging Program. 11.14 A Trainee who has been dropped from the Judging Program or a judge who has been dropped from the panel of judges through failure to relicense may reapply after the lapse of two (2) years. Judges who reapply will be considered for reinstatement in the next lower status than that held when not relicensed. 11.15 Each Applicant for admission to the Judging Program, and to the Associate Judging Program, each Trainee, each Associate Judge Trainee, each Associate Judge, and each member of the CFA panel of judges, must agree to the following statement before being considered for admission or advancement, or permitted to function under this program as a CFA judge: “I understand that only those Applicants with unquestionable moral character and impressive credentials will be considered for acceptance into the CFA Judging Program. I agree to abide by and accept any recommendations and decisions made by the Judging Program Committee, the Board of Directors <u>Executive Board</u> or CFA regarding this application, as well as any consideration for advancement in the future. All decisions shall be binding and final, in accordance with current and future CFA Show Rules and CFA Judging Program Rules.” 11.16 Each Applicant, Trainee or member of the CFA panel of judges, including the Associate Judging Program, will maintain his/her <u>their</u> cats in such a manner that meets or exceeds the minimum standards <u>according to the CFA Breeder Code of Ethics.</u> requirements for a CFA Approved Cattery. 11.17 Each Applicant, Trainee or member of the CFA panel of judges, including the Associate Judging Program, agrees to abide by the Judges’ Code of Ethics currently in effect, and will sign the Judges’ Code of Ethics annually at the time of
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RATIONALE: Edit for consistency of terms: Board of Directors to Executive Board, pronouns to they, them and their, correction of Buy-Laws from XIII to XIV as the By-Law section was incorrect. 11.11 tests are not postmarked, they are emailed or taken on-line, thus the term is changed to received. 11.17 Signed Code of Ethics are not collected annually. After initial collection, signed Code of Ethics are only collected again if there is a change in the Judges Code of Ethics. 11.19 changed to all judges, as this left out Approval Pending, Associate Judges, and Apprentice Judges.	

Action Item: *Approve presented changes to Judging Program Rule Section 11.*

The motion is ratified by unanimous consent.

Section 12 – Judging Invitation Clarifications	CFA Judging Program Committee
Existing Wording	Proposed Wording
SECTION 12 JUDGING INVITATION CLARIFICATIONS 12.1 Judging Invitations to CFA Judges by Non-CFA Associations a. Invitations to CFA judges from clubs affiliated with non-CFA cat associations not domiciled in the U.S. are subject to the approval of the JPC and may be considered only by Approved Allbreed, Approval Pending Allbreed or Approved Specialty Judges. A judge may judge only the specialty/specialties in which he/she is approved. b. Judges invited to guest judge for eligible international cat associations MUST request permission and receive approval from the JPC prior to signing a contract. Such approval is conditional upon there being no licensed CFA show scheduled within a five hundred (500) mile (or equivalent kilometer) radius or within a country in Europe of	SECTION 12 JUDGING INVITATION CLARIFICATIONS 12.1 Judging Invitations to CFA Judges by Non-CFA Associations a. Invitations to CFA Judges from clubs affiliated with non-CFA cat associations not domiciled in the U.S. are subject to the approval of the JPC and may be considered only by Approved Allbreed, Approval Pending Allbreed or Approved Specialty Judges. A Judge may judge only the specialty/specialties in which he/she is <u>they are</u> approved. b. Judges invited to guest judge for eligible international cat associations MUST request permission and receive approval from the JPC <u>Guest Judge Administrator</u> prior to signing a contract. Such approval is conditional upon there being no licensed CFA show scheduled within a

the subject show, at the time the approval is granted. CFA show(s) licensed after approval has been granted will not negate the approval. The request for approval must contain: 1. Judges Name 2. The Invitation from the Affiliated Association 3. Name of the club hosting the show 4. Show location, date and format. c. Requests to judge fun shows, 4H shows or to conduct seminars require approval of the designated JPC member. 1. Fun Shows judging will not be approved for shows licensed by an Association other than CFA, though may be approved if for an unaffiliated feline club. 2. Fun Show judging will not be approved if FFF or ICE judges are also officiating. 3. Fun Show judging will not be approved as an in-conjunction show, sharing a show hall or second day at the same venue where an ICE of FFF show occurred. 4. Associate judges of single specialties may judge all types of cats at a Fun Show. 12.2 Judging Invitations to CFA Judges from International Division CFA Clubs a. Invitations from CFA clubs in the International Division may be considered by Approved or Approval Pending Judges, including those that are Approved in one specialty and at least Apprentice in the second specialty, or judges at any level that reside in the International Division. A Judge may judge only the specialty/specialties in which he/she is approved. b. Associate Judges may judge only in their designated area. They may not accept invitations outside their designated area. 12.3 Invitations to Non-CFA Judges to Judge a CFA Show a. Invitations from CFA clubs for non-CFA Judges are subject to the approval of the JPC and may be considered only by Approved Allbreed, Approval Pending Allbreed or Approved Specialty Judges whose license from an accepted association	five hundred (500) mile (or equivalent kilometer) radius or within a country in Europe of the subject show, at the time the approval is granted. CFA show(s) licensed after approval has been granted will not negate the approval. The request for approval must contain: 1. Judge's Name 2. The Invitation from the Affiliated Association 3. Name of the club hosting the show 4. Show location, date and format. c. Requests to judge fun shows, 4H shows or to conduct seminars require approval of the <u>JPC Guest Judge Administrator</u>. 1. Fun Shows judging will not be approved for shows licensed by an Association other than CFA, though may be approved if for an unaffiliated feline club. 2. Fun Show judging will not be approved if FFF or ICE judges are also officiating. 3. Fun Show judging will not be approved as an in-conjunction show, sharing a show hall or second day at the same venue where an ICE of or FFF show occurred. 4. Associate judges of single specialties may judge all types of cats at a Fun Show. 5. <u>The fun show must not score the entrants or place any titles on the cats participating, other than for awards at that specific show.</u> 6. <u>No ring type or judge type can be designated.</u> 7. <u>A CFA judge accepting a fun show assignment must investigate the fun show format to ensure the above criteria are met, including scoring, ring type or judge type designations.</u> 12.2 Judging Invitations to CFA Judges from International Division CFA Clubs a. Invitations from CFA clubs in the International Division may be considered by Approved or Approval Pending Judges, <u>including as well as</u> those that are Approved in one specialty and at least Apprentice in the second specialty, or judges at any level that reside in the International
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is on file with the Judging Program Committee and who have been actively judging with their parent association for a minimum of five (5) years. Judges at the Approved Guest Judge level may guest judge for CFA a maximum of ten (10) times per show season and a maximum of three (3) times per club, per show season. Judges at the Guest Judge level may be approved to guest judge for CFA a maximum of five (5) CFA shows per show season, and a maximum of three (3) times per club, per show season. A judge may only judge the level at which they are licensed. When the show format includes a specialty ring, guest judges will serve as a specialty judge unless a specialty-only CFA judge would be serving as the required specialty judge. The following information must be provided to the JPC: 1. Judge's Name 2. Judge's Affiliated Association 3. Name of Club hosting the show 4. Show Location, date and format. b. CFA judging contracts will be used on all authorized CFA shows. CFA Show Rules and CFA Breed Standards are to be followed by ALL judges authorized to officiate as Guest Judges at CFA shows. c. A Guest Judge Evaluation Form will be completed by the club for all judges at the Guest Judge Level and mailed to Central Office or the Judging Program Committee within thirty (30) days of the show. No further guest judging requests will be approved for that club until all outstanding evaluations have been submitted by the club. Evaluations are no longer required for Guest Judges at the Approved Guest Judge Level. d. Requirements to move from Guest Judge to Approved Guest Judge. The Guest Judge will: 1. Have reviewed a minimum of 4 (LH) and 6 (SH) breed presentations online and passed the post-tests OR have attended a breed Awareness and Orientation School. 2. Maintain positive evaluations from clubs. 3. Have at least three satisfactory observation reports on file within the preceding three years.	Division. A Judge may judge only the specialty/specialties in which he/she <u>they are</u> is approved. b. Associate Judges may judge only in their designated area. They may not accept invitations outside their designated area. 12.3 Invitations to Non-CFA Judges to Judge a CFA Show a. Invitations from CFA clubs for non-CFA Judges are subject to the approval of the JPC <u>Guest Judge Administrator</u> and may be considered only by Approved Allbreed, Approval Pending Allbreed or Approved Specialty Judges whose license from an accepted association <u>has been verified by the Guest Judge Administrator.</u> Is on file with the Judging Program Committee and who have <u>The Guest Judge must have</u> been actively judging with their parent association for a minimum of five (5) years. Judges at the Approved Guest Judge level may guest judge for CFA a maximum of ten (10) times per show season and a maximum of three (3) times per club, per show season. Judges at the Guest Judge level may be approved to guest judge for CFA a maximum of five (5) CFA shows per show season, and a maximum of three (3) times per club, per show season. A Judge may only judge the level at which they are licensed. When the show format includes a specialty ring, Guest Judges will serve as a specialty judge unless a specialty-only CFA judge would be serving as the required specialty judge. The following information must be provided to the JPC: 1. Judge's Name 2. Judge's Affiliated Association 3. Name of Club hosting the show 4. Show Location, date and format. b. CFA judging contracts will be used on all authorized CFA shows. CFA Show Rules, and CFA Breed Show Standards, <u>and Judges' Code of Ethics</u> are to be followed by ALL judges authorized to officiate as Guest Judges at CFA shows. c. A Guest Judge Evaluation Form will be completed by the club for all judges at the Guest Judge Level and mailed <u>with the show package or emailed</u> to Central Office or the Judging Program Committee <u>JPC</u> within thirty (30) days of the show.
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4. Will be recommended by the JPC for presentation to the Board of Directors for approval to advance to Approved Guest Judge. 12.4 Responsibilities in using Guest Judges: a. Guest Judge 1. Must maintain a current resume of credentials and contact details 2. Must understand CFA Judging Rules, ring mechanics and Show Rules 3. Must agree to take a review/test of CFA Show Rules and Mechanics upon request. 4. Must agree to an improvement plan if paperwork errors are found. b. CFA Clubs must: 1. Request approval from the JPC for use of a Guest Judge at least 60 days in advance of the show. The request must include the names of CFA judges officiating at the show and the show format. 2. Agree to assign an experienced CFA Licensed clerk to the Guest Judge's ring and instruct the clerk and/or master clerk to assist with any paperwork issues. 3. Complete a Guest Judge evaluation form containing all required signatures and forward to Central office within 30 days of the show. c. JPC or Central Office will: 1. Maintain a list of Approved Guest Judges. 2. Notify the Guest Judge of approval prior to a contracted show and provide links to the current Show Rule, Breed Standards, Judges Ethics, and How to Mark a Judges Book instructions. Included will also be the JP Rules and the guest judge evaluation form. 3. Notify the show manager, show secretary and regional director or area representative of approvals to judge. 12.5 Any Guest Judge may be dropped a level or have approval removed for future CFA shows if they are found to violate the CFA Show Rules, or the CFA Judges Code of Ethics. Continued errors in	No further guest judging requests will be approved for that club until all outstanding evaluations have been submitted by the club. Evaluations are no longer required for Guest Judges at the Approved Guest Judge Level. d. Requirements to move <u>advance</u> from Guest Judge to Approved Guest Judge. The Guest Judge will: 1. Have reviewed a minimum of four (4) longhair and six (6) shorthair breed presentations online and passed the post-tests OR have attended a breed Awareness and Orientation School BAOS. 2. Maintain positive evaluations from clubs. 3. Have at least three (3) satisfactory observation reports on file within the preceding three (3) years. 4. Will be recommended by the JPC for presentation to the Board of Directors <u>Executive Board</u> for approval to advance to Approved Guest Judge. 12.4 Responsibilities in using Guest Judges: a. Guest Judge 1. Must maintain a current resume of credentials and contact details. 2. Must understand CFA Judging <u>Program</u> Rules, ring mechanics and Show Rules. 3. Must agree to take a review/test of CFA Show Rules and M<u>m</u>echanics upon request. 4. Must agree to an improvement plan if paperwork errors are found. b. CFA Clubs must: 1. Request approval from the JPC <u>Guest Judge Administrator</u> for use of a Guest Judge at least sixty (60) days in advance of the show. The request must include the names of CFA Judges officiating at the show and the show format. 2. Agree to assign an experienced CFA Licensed Clerk to the Guest Judge's ring and instruct the clerk and/or master clerk to assist with any paperwork issues. 3. Complete a Guest Judge evaluation form containing all required signatures and
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mechanics will require attending a clerking school prior to any further assignments. 12.6 Guest Judges may apply to become CFA Judges by following the requirements in Section 3. Approved Guest Judges may apply using the process defined in 3.12.	forward to Central office within thirty (30) days of the show. c. <u>The Guest Judge Administrator</u> JPG or Central Office will: 1. Maintain a list of Approved Historical Guest Judges. 2. Notify the Guest Judge of approval prior to a contracted show and provide links to the current Show Rule, Breed Standards, Judges Ethics, and How to Mark a Judges' Book instructions. Included will also be the <u>JPG Judging Program Rules</u> and the guest judge evaluation form. 3. Notify the show manager, show secretary and regional director or area representative of approvals to judge. 12.5 Any Guest Judge may be dropped a level or have approval removed for future CFA shows if they are found to violate the CFA Show Rules, or the CFA Judges Code of Ethics. Continued errors in mechanics will require attending a <u>CFA</u> clerking school prior to any further assignments. 12.6 Guest Judges <u>or Approved Guest Judges</u> may apply to become CFA Judges by following the requirements in Section 3. Approved Guest Judges may apply using the process defined in 3.12.
RATIONALE: Usage of the term Guest Judge Administrator included update to pronouns used. Moved detailed process of Fun Shows from definitions to 12.1 c 5-7.	

Action Item: *Approve presented changes to Judging Program Rule Section 12.*

DelaBar: Vicki, when we get to that one section that you and I had talked about, do you just want to go ahead and bring it up, and then we don't need to draw it out for any special attention? That was Section 12, paragraph b. **Mastin:** Pam, do you want to talk about that now, or do you want to pull it out from approving the complete motion? **DelaBar:** No. Vicki was going to bring up the fact that there is going to be some revision of this particular section. I didn't know how she wanted to do it. I was just raising that question. **Nye:** Let me get to 12. Specific rule, Pam? **DelaBar:** Section 12, paragraph b as in bravo. **Mastin:** While we are getting there, Allene go down to Section 12.b. **Nye:** As I understand it, the request from Pam has to do with in-conjunction shows. Is that correct, Pam? **DelaBar:** Correct. **Nye:** In-conjunction shows, and especially some of these shows like the Royal Canin multi-association shows, oftentimes judges will judge for CFA one day and get special permission from the board to judge for one of the related associations that's already approved. Those requests have historically been approved in one-off approvals by the board. Pam has asked for this to be incorporated in 12.1.b. that the Guest Judging Administrator may approve guest judging in the circumstance of an in-

conjunction show where they would judge for CFA one day and for the other association on the other. This might also affect an additional rule that judges may not judge two shows in one weekend. I will have to look that up. That may have to be presented at the next board meeting, but I am fine with that. Currently, these are handled in one-off situations. Did that basically cover what you're talking about, Pam? **DelaBar:** Yes it does, Vicki.

Anger: I would like to propose that we bring that back up under Old Business and put this proposal back in and accept it as is. Then we can come back and revisit it under Old Business with a rewrite for what Pam is trying to achieve. Otherwise, I believe the rule except for what Pam is asking for is fine as it stands. I hope I am correct about that. **Mastin:** Vicki Nye, is that correct? **Nye:** Yes, that is correct. I would be fine with that, addressing what we presented here as the Judging Program Rule changes as they are, and then bringing up under Old Business the addition to 12.1.b. **Mastin:** OK.

The motion is ratified by unanimous consent.

Section 13 – Continuing Education of All Trainees and Judges	CFA Judging Program Committee
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SECTION 13 CONTINUING EDUCATION OF ALL TRAINEES AND JUDGES 13.1 Beginning May 1, 2011, all Trainees, judges, Associate Judge Trainees and Associate Judges must accrue twelve (12) continuing education units (CEU's) over a five (5) year period to continue to be licensed as a CFA Judge. The five (5) year period begins on the date an individual enters the CFA Judging Program. Judges may select from the following methods to meet the requirements. a. Attendance at a CFA Judge's Workshop will earn CEU's based on the number of scheduled workshop hours; one (1) CEU earned for each hour of the workshop. b. Attendance at the general session and a Longhair or Shorthair portion of the BAOS including the practical lab will earn ten (10) CEU's. c. Participation as an instructor at a BAOS which includes the presentation of three (3) breeds and conducting a portion of the practical lab will earn twelve (12) CEU's. d. Working with a Trainee at a CFA Show for an official supervised or solo session will earn five	SECTION 13 CONTINUING EDUCATION OF ALL TRAINEES AND JUDGES 13.1 Beginning May 1, 2011, all Trainees, Judges, Associate Judge Trainees and Associate Judges must accrue twelve (12) continuing education units (CEU's) over a five (5) year period to continue to be licensed as a CFA Judge. The five (5) year period begins on the date an individual enters the CFA Judging Program. Judges may select from the following methods to meet the requirements. a. Attendance at a CFA Judge's Workshop <u>or Breed Presentations</u> will earn CEU's based on the number of scheduled workshop hours; one (1) CEU earned for each hour of the workshop. b. Attendance at the general session and a Longhair or Shorthair portion of the BAOS including the practical lab will earn ten (10) CEU's. c. Participation as an instructor at a BAOS which includes the presentation of three (3) breeds and conducting a portion of the practical lab will earn twelve (12) CEU's. d. Working with a Trainee at a CFA Show for an official supervised or solo session will earn five

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RATIONALE: Update to reflect the Judges Workshop may not include Breed Presentations. Attendees at ZOOM Breed Presentation will accrue 1 CEU per hour of attendance. There is no Record Keeper defined, and change was made here to be a JPC member who manages Judges' Education.	

Action Item: Approve presented changes to Judging Program Rule Section 13.

The motion is ratified by unanimous consent.

Section 14 – Conduct of All Trainees And Judges	CFA Judging Program Committee
Existing Wording	Proposed Wording
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14.2 It is expected that all courtesy will be extended by the judge to other judges, spectators, show committees, show secretaries, and other persons or organizations connected with CFA activities. 14.3 It is expected that each person in the Program will reply promptly to any inquiry seeking his/her services. 14.4 Each person connected in any capacity with this Program should conduct himself/herself at all times in a professional and dignified manner, in and out of the judging ring, remembering that he/she is serving in the capacity of an Ambassador for CFA, and seek to be a credit to this organization.	fancy. 14.2 It is expected that all courtesy will be extended by the judge <u>The Judge must extend all courtesy</u> to other judges, spectators, show committees, show secretaries, and other persons <u>anyone else</u> or organizations connected with CFA activities. 14.3 It is expected that each <u>Each</u> person in the <u>Judging</u> Program will reply promptly to any inquiry seeking his/her <u>their</u> services. 14.4 Each person connected in any capacity with this Program should conduct himself/herself <u>themselves</u>, at all times in a professional and dignified manner, in and out of the judging ring, remembering that he/she is <u>they are</u> serving in the capacity of an Ambassador for CFA, and seek to be a credit to this organization.
RATIONALE: Update to pronouns. Removal of “It is expected that” to The Judge must...	

Action Item: *Approve presented changes to Judging Program Rule Section 14.*

The motion is ratified by unanimous consent.

Mastin: Congratulations Vicki and Russell and the Judging Program Committee. Thank you for all your hard work on that. **Nye:** I thank the board very much for taking the time to read this. We hope that this will make definitely Section 2 easier for those people who are looking to apply to the Judging Program. It’s easier to follow, it’s in chronological order. I also want to thank Ed Raymond for his advice on how to make some of these language changes.

Leave of Absence: *None*

Retirements/Resignations: *None*

Death of previously retired CFA Judges

CFA Judge Emeritus Willa Rogers Hawke

Willa Hawke passed away at her home in Oklahoma City on Friday August 2, 2024. Willa had been a Cat Fanciers Association judge for 50 years when she retired in 2016 being awarded Judge Emeritus. Willa began judging for CFA in 1966, served on the CFA Board as Secretary 1990-1998 and also served as the President of the Judges Association. Willa retired from the CFA Judging Program 4/30/2016 and was elevated to the status of Judge Emeritus at the June 2016 CFA Board Meeting. Willa bred Siamese and Burmese cats under the Cattery name Rogers Hts. A cat she owned and loved, New Moon Eclipse of Rogers Hts, appears on many Siamese pedigrees.

At her time of death she was living with her daughter Candice. She is also survived by sons Chuck and Carson. She was proceeded in death by her son Donnie, her husband Bill and her former husband and father of her children, Charles.

There are no services planned for Willa who had been suffering with heart valve issues and dementia. Condolences may be sent to the Willa Hawke family, c/o Candice Rogers, 2417 SW 135th, Oklahoma City, OK 73130. You may make a donation to a cat charity of your choice in her name.

Nye: Moving on in the Judging Program Report, just the announcement of Judge Emeritus Willa Rogers Hawke's passing.

Applications and Advancements:

APPLICATIONS:

Applications received by the June 1, 2024 deadline, to be considered at the October, 14 2024 Board Meeting.

- *Siim Koppel, Longhair Specialty, Murphreesboro, TN. Pre-notice of application was posted on the CFA website July 1, 2024.*
- *Chris Lee, Shorthair Specialty, Shenyang, China, currently a China Shorthair Associate Judge. Pre-notice of application was posted on the CFA website July 1, 2024.*

Nye: Followed in closed session by the current two applications, which were received in a timely manner and will be considered by the board in closed session.

Applicant – from Associate Judge Program:

Accept as Trainee – 1st Specialty:

<i>Chris Lee (Shenyang, China – ID-China)</i>	<i>18 yes</i>
<i>Shorthair 1st Specialty</i>	

Applicant – Regular Judging Program:

Accept as Trainee – 1st Specialty:

<i>Siim Koppel (Murphreesboro, TN – Region 7)</i>	<i>18 yes</i>
<i>Longhair 1st Specialty</i>	

Accept as Trainee – 2nd Specialty:

<i>Laura Gregory (Lutz, FL – Region 7)</i>	<i>15 yes; 3 no (Colilla, Moyer,</i>
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ADVANCEMENTS:

Two advancements to be presented in closed session:

Nye: Also, the advancements of two individuals that are coming up, Kadri Koppel and Alex Chunlap.

Advancements – Regular Judging Program:

Advance from Trainee to Apprentice Specialty:

Kadri Koppel – Murphreesboro, TN (Region 7) 18 yes
Longhair 1st Specialty

Advance from Apprentice to Approval Pending Specialty:

Alex Luk Chunlap – Hong Kong (ID-Other) 18 yes
Longhair 1st Specialty

[From end of Wednesday executive session] **Huhtaniemi:** Did we already get the votes about the judges? **Mastin:** Rachel? **Anger:** I could do that, now that we have them all. Everyone was unanimous except Laura Gregory. She had 15 yes, 3 no. All the rest were unanimous, so everyone was accepted or advanced. **Mastin:** Great. Congratulations to all of them.

What Will be Presented at the Next Meeting:

As of September 26th, 2024, three new applications to the CFA Judging Program have been received. These applications are currently being reviewed and letters of recommendation from clubs and individuals are being received. The deadline for receipt of a Judging Program Application for the February 1, 2025 CFA Board consideration is October 1, 2024.

Breed Awareness and Orientation School Subcommittee

Subcommittee Chair: **Barbara Jaeger**

Brief Summation of Immediate Past Committee Activities:

Vicki Nye has been working with Melody Boyd to collect 1 minute video clips of CFA judges handling and evaluating our various breeds. The video clips will be incorporated into the Friday Longhair and Shorthair curriculum of the BAOS along with the 2023 updated Breed Council Secretary provided 10 slide presentations. Rollout of the video clips will occur at the October 10-13, 2024 BAOS in Cleveland Ohio, and currently contains 34 video clips.

Current Happenings of Committee:

The Fall Breed Awareness and Orientation School will be held October 10-13, 2024 in conjunction with the International Show. The classroom portion will be held at the Crowne

Plaza Airport and the handling portion will be in the IX Center. Registrations opened July 23, 2024. And we have already received several. Closing for registration will be October 1, 2024 or when 30 registrations have been received. The cost to attend will be \$150 for those attending for continuing education credits only, and \$275 for the full class. This class is a requirement to apply to the CFA Judging program in the specialty of your choice. Breed handling video clips of 34 CFA breeds will be included in the classroom portion thanks to the diligent work of Melody Boyd and her videography skills. As of September 25, 2024, there are 11 individuals registered, with 5 more days to go before registration closes. Instructors will be Vicki Nye, Nancy Dodds, Anne Mathis and Kathy Black, and the Ring Handling portion at the IC Center on October 12-13, 2024, will be managed by Nancy Dodds, John Adelhoch and Jennifer Reding.

We are also doing some advanced planning for the Spring 2025 BAOS, planned to be held in Japan. More information will be forthcoming. R9 Director Aki Tamura is looking into a site and 2-day show to accommodate a BAOS.

*Respectfully Submitted,
Barbara Jaeger, Subcommittee Chair*

Nye: As I mentioned before, the Breed Awareness School was held this past weekend in Cleveland Thursday and Friday. We had a total of 12 attendees, followed by two days in the show hall of breed handling. In addition to the breed handling, many of these individuals come from countries that don't have the varieties of breeds that we have here available at the International Show, and it's a great opportunity for them to get the breed-focused experience on some of these breeds. Some of the allbreed judges in attendance have been helping these individuals do the breed handling experiences. Very thankful to the breeders that are willing to share their knowledge and their cats with our attendees, allowing them to handle the cats.

Guest Judging Report

Guest Judging Administrator: Wendy Heidt

CFA Judges to Judge non-CFA Assignments or present seminars:

<i>Judge</i>	<i>Assn</i>	<i>Sponsor/Club</i>	<i>City/Country</i>	<i>Date</i>
<i>Rattanaweerawong, I</i>	<i>Fun Show</i>	<i>Thai Smile Cat Club</i>	<i>Bangkok, Thailand</i>	<i>8/16/24</i>
<i>Suherly, Okto</i>	<i>Fun Show</i>	<i>Mahameru Cat Club</i>	<i>Bekasi, Indonesia</i>	<i>8/18/24</i>
<i>Rattanaweerawong, I</i>	<i>Fun Show</i>	<i>N Mark Cat Show -Independ.</i>	<i>Bangkok, Thailand</i>	<i>8/24/24</i>
<i>Raymond, Allan</i>	<i>Fun Show</i>	<i>N Mark Cat Show</i>	<i>Bangkok, Thailand</i>	<i>8/24/24</i>
<i>Ardinsyah, Ardin</i>	<i>Fun Show</i>	<i>Kelab Meow United</i>	<i>Damansara, Malaysia</i>	<i>9/22/24</i>
<i>Sarriff, Amir</i>	<i>Fun Show</i>	<i>Kelab Meow United</i>	<i>Damansara, Malaysia</i>	<i>9/22/24</i>
<i>Suherly, Okto</i>	<i>Fun Show</i>	<i>Kelab Meow United</i>	<i>Damansara, Malaysia</i>	<i>9/22/24</i>
<i>Sarriff, Amir</i>	<i>Fun Show</i>	<i>Jogja Pet Expo</i>	<i>Jogjakarta, Indonesia</i>	<i>10/6/24</i>
<i>Schleissner, Michael</i>	<i>WCF</i>		<i>Istanbul, Turkey</i>	<i>10/11/24</i>
<i>Raymond, Allan</i>	<i>WCF</i>	<i>WCF</i>	<i>Bangkok, Thailand</i>	<i>10/12/24</i>
<i>Lee, Suki</i>	<i>Seminar</i>	<i>Royal Canin/community</i>	<i>Hong Kong</i>	<i>10/27/24</i>
<i>Sarriff, Amir</i>	<i>Fun Show</i>	<i>IPPA/Crittter Carnival</i>	<i>Johor, Malaysia</i>	<i>11/16/24</i>
<i>Rivard, Lorraine</i>	<i>CCA</i>	<i>Canadian Cat Fanciers Club</i>	<i>Kingston, Ont CN</i>	<i>2/22/25</i>
<i>Webb, Russell</i>	<i>CCA</i>	<i>Hamilton Cat Fanciers</i>	<i>Lancaster Ont Canada</i>	<i>3/16/25</i>

<i>Petty, Tracy</i>	<i>ACF</i>	<i>Cats NSW Inc</i>	<i>Sydney, Australia</i>	<i>4/18/25</i>
<i>Quigley, Neil</i>	<i>CCCoFA</i>	<i>Cats Queensland Inc</i>	<i>Acacia Ridge, QLD</i>	<i>6/15/25</i>
<i>Bennett, Jacqui</i>	<i>ACF</i>	<i>Armidale & New England CC</i>	<i>Armidale, Australia</i>	<i>5/2/26</i>

CFA Club Requests to use a Guest Judge:

<i>Judge</i>	<i>Assn</i>	<i>CFA Show</i>	<i>City/Country</i>	<i>Date</i>	<i>Date Approved or Tier 1 Guest Judge</i>
<i>Lanigan, Pamela</i>	<i>CCC of A</i>	<i>Something Hearts CF</i>	<i>Tokyo, Japan</i>	<i>10/20/24</i>	<i>7/30/24</i>
<i>Gleason, Elaine</i>	<i>CCA</i>	<i>Thumbs Up Cat Fanciers</i>	<i>Inkster, Michigan</i>	<i>11/9/24</i>	<i>8/16/24</i>
<i>Gnatkevitch, Elena</i>	<i>RUI</i>	<i>Mahameru Cat Club</i>	<i>Bekasi, West Java</i>	<i>11/23/24</i>	<i>9/3/24</i>
<i>Merritt, Chris</i>	<i>CCCA</i>	<i>Mahameru Cat Club</i>	<i>Bekasi, West Java</i>	<i>11/23/24</i>	<i>Approved GJ</i>
<i>Pokhvalina, Viktoria</i>	<i>RUI</i>	<i>Edelweiss Cat Club</i>	<i>Moscow, Russia</i>	<i>11/30/24</i>	<i>9/26/24</i>
<i>Vasilieva, Vera</i>	<i>WCF</i>	<i>Edelweiss Cat Club</i>	<i>Moscow, Russia</i>	<i>11/30/24</i>	<i>9/26/24</i>
<i>Ling, Christine</i>	<i>CCA</i>	<i>Hong Kong & Macao CC</i>	<i>Hong Kong</i>	<i>12/7/24</i>	<i>Approved GJ</i>
<i>Jurgen Trautmann</i>	<i>WCF</i>	<i>Universal Cat Club</i>	<i>Padova, Italy</i>	<i>1/25/25</i>	<i>9/26/24</i>
<i>Hamalainen, Satu</i>	<i>FiFe</i>	<i>Universal Cat Club</i>	<i>Padova, Italy</i>	<i>1/26/25</i>	<i>Approved GJ</i>
<i>Hamalainen, Satu</i>	<i>FiFe</i>	<i>Fenix Cat Club</i>	<i>Spain</i>	<i>2/1/25</i>	<i>Approved GJ</i>
<i>Gubenko, Dmitriy</i>	<i>RUI</i>	<i>Fenix Cat Club</i>	<i>Spain</i>	<i>2/2/25</i>	<i>9/9/24</i>
<i>Christisin, Janis</i>	<i>ACF</i>	<i>China Champion CC</i>	<i>KL, Malaysia</i>	<i>3/8/25</i>	<i>10/2/24</i>
<i>DeLuca, Chiara</i>	<i>ENFI</i>	<i>Orange Cat Club</i>	<i>Orange, France</i>	<i>3/8/25</i>	<i>8/6/24 by Board Motion</i>
<i>Hamalainen, Satu</i>	<i>FiFe</i>	<i>Orange Cat Club</i>	<i>Orange, France</i>	<i>3/8/25</i>	<i>Approved GJ</i>
<i>Jurgen Trautmann</i>	<i>WCF</i>	<i>Orange Cat Club</i>	<i>Orange, France</i>	<i>3/9/25</i>	<i>9/29/24</i>
<i>Christison, Janis</i>	<i>ACF</i>	<i>Central Breed Cat Club</i>	<i>Bangkok, Thailand</i>	<i>3/22/25</i>	<i>9/25/24</i>

2024-2025 Season Guest Judging.

Approved Guest Judges limited to 10 or less without Board Approval. All other guest judges may only judge 5 CFA shows per season.

<i>Guest Judge Name</i>	<i># Shows</i>
<i>Buchanan, Pat</i>	<i>1</i>
<i>Christison, Janis</i>	<i>2</i>
<i>DeLuca, Chiara</i>	<i>1</i>
<i>Gleason, Elaine</i>	<i>1</i>
<i>Gnatkevitch, Elena</i>	<i>2</i>
<i>Gubenko, Dmitriy</i>	<i>4</i>
<i>Hamalainen, Satu</i>	<i>4</i>
<i>Ignatova, Elena</i>	<i>1</i>
<i>Lanigan, Pamela</i>	<i>1</i>
<i>Ling, Christine</i>	<i>1</i>
<i>Mantovani, Gianfanco</i>	<i>1</i>
<i>Merrill, Vicky</i>	<i>1</i>
<i>Merritt, Chris</i>	<i>2</i>

<i>Pokhvalina, Viktoria</i>	<i>1</i>
<i>Sadovinkova, Irina</i>	<i>1</i>
<i>Slizhevskaya, Tatiana</i>	<i>1</i>
<i>Trautmann, Jurgen</i>	<i>3</i>
<i>Vasilieva, Vera</i>	<i>1</i>

Nye: Moving on, we have the Guest Judging Report. The next section, the seasonal guest judging, this is provided. We keep track of this to make sure that our Guest Judges are within compliance of our requirements. The Approved Guest Judges may judge 10 times per show season, and those that are not Approved Guest Judges may judge 5 times. There is a process to move from a Guest Judge to Approved Guest Judge. There are certain things that have to occur with evaluations that have to come in and their education of our breeds that are held online, but there is a path for them to follow, to request to be moved up to Approved Guest Judge.

Continuing Education Subcommittee

Sub-Committee Chair: Anne Mathis

Brief Summation of Immediate Past Committee Activities:

A Zoom version of the June 27, 2024 Judges Workshop was held on August 10th, 2024 with 38 CFA Judges and Associate Judges attending.

Continuing education report cards due October 1, 2024 have been submitted by the judges who were due at that time. As of 9/26/24, one remains outstanding, and that judge has been reminded.

Current Happenings of Committee:

The continuing education committee arranges breed presentations each summer and fall to aid judges in earning the required CEUs. The Ragdoll presentation was made via ZOOM by Lauren Tan-Breed Council Secretary, on 9/26/24, and was attended by 44 judges. They earned 1 CEU for attending the presentation. Judges may also watch the Ragdoll Breed Presentation recording and provide proof to Anne Mathis for credit.

Future Projections for Committee:

We will continue to update our continuing education records, and complete planning of this year's second breed presentation in addition to planning next year's judges' workshop.

What Will be Presented at the Next Meeting:

An update on the second breed presentation for 2024-2025 season.

*Respectfully Submitted,
Anne Mathis, Subcommittee Chair*

Nye: Continuing Education. We had four report cards that were due this year. They have all been received. Next year is another small year of report cards that are due. Our judges are required to attain 12 points every 5 years, but the majority of our judges come due in 2026. We provide lots of opportunities for them to collect these points with workshops, breed presentations that are Zoom, attending Breed Awareness Schools and also those that take trainees. We will be sending out many reminders prior to 2026. Anne Mathis manages this piece on the Judging Program. Anne, do you have anything to add? **Mathis:** No, not really. The report cards came in well, so that was good. We hope it works as well in 2026.

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Nye: Moving on. I think we might be toward the end. Yep, that's it. **Mastin:** Does anybody have any questions for Vicki? **Newkirk:** Is there any follow-up on the AJs sending in their paperwork to be reviewed? **Nye:** Yes. Anne has sent out multiple reminders to anyone that wants their paperwork reviewed, that they must send it in to us as they get it. We have tried in the past to go back. Paperwork is sometimes stored in the basement of CFA and we can't be asking them to go down there and find old paperwork. What Darrell is referring to is that there is a process outlined in Section 5.4 of the Judging Program Rules that allows the Associate Judges to not have to do a couple of things – mark their judge's book, breed experience, cattery visits and there is a third piece, but they must provide us with 10 shows and we review them to make sure that they understand the marking of the judge's book and the mechanics. Part of that verifies that they have seen a goodly number of cats. I'm not sure if it really replaces cattery visits. We've kind of advised them it's a good idea for your own educations at stake to continue with those, but as far as I know, we have not been getting any of those recently. **Mathis:** The occasional one. Maybe one every couple weeks, not as they were coming in earlier. **Nye:** I do know, we have utilized this once with Gavin Cao and he had all his paperwork he had selected and provided to me, and I reviewed all of it and found that all 10 shows were sent to us error free, so he was able to utilize that although he was a second specialty judge anyway. **Anger:** My question does not pertain to the AJ paperwork, so if we are still on that topic, I will defer my comment but I did want to point out we have two Vicki's on the discussion. I see Vicki Jensen has her hand up. She has requested we refer to them as Ms. Jensen and Ms. Nye. **Mastin:** Thank you. **Anger:** May I make my comment if we are done with the AJ discussion? **Mastin:** Yes please, make your comment first, Rachel. **Anger:** We do have an item in this report that should come up regarding the request from Pam about guest judging, which we amended the Orders of the Day to address, so the report would not be concluded after questions. There is another Order of Business. **Mastin:** Thank you for that reminder. **Jensen:** I just wanted to thank Vicki Nye and Nancy Dodds and Russell Webb for this incredible undertaking of going through and rewriting the entire process to make it much more streamlined. You have done a fabulous job. Thank you so much. **Mastin:** Darrell, were you done with the AJ question? **Newkirk:** Yes. I just wanted to know if there had been any follow-up with the AJs that they should be sending in their paperwork.

Mastin: Vicki Nye, are we ready to bring up Pam's item? **Nye:** Sure, I can do that. The exact language, not having a moment to actually write it out, but under 12.1.b., where it says, *Judges invited to guest judge for eligible international cat associations must request permission and receive approval from the Guest Judge Administrator prior to signing a contract. Such approval is conditional upon there being no licensed CFA show scheduled within a 500 mile (or*

equivalent kilometer) radius or within a country in Europe of the subject show, at the time the approval is granted. **Mastin:** Rachel, is this the one or is this a different one? **Anger:** I believe this is different. Pam had a specific request. We're going to bring the actual rule change back under Old Business so you have an opportunity to rewrite it, Vicki. **Nye:** Thank you very much. I'm not sure what we're at the point of requesting now, then. **Mastin:** I'm going to call on Pam and let her present it. Pam? **DelaBar:** I am requesting an exception to the Judging Program Rule Section 12, paragraph 1.b., to guest judge for ENFI in Padova, Italy on Saturday, 25 January 2025, traditional style judging. I am judging the in-conjunction CFA show on the 26th of January in Padova, Italy. These are in conjunction. The invitation came from the ENFI president and I realize this is a Europe sort of specialty of these larger in-conjunction shows where in the past we have judged for CFA one day and the approved association the other day. It helps the CFA clubs because they split the expenses of that judge. So, I am asking permission to do the guest judging for ENFI on one day and judge for CFA on the next. **Mastin:** That is your motion, correct? **DelaBar:** Correct. **Mastin:** Rachel, are you seconding? **Anger:** I am seconding. **Nye:** I just wanted to disclose that there was some discussion last board meeting about whether ENFI was an approved association or not. It is not indicated on the CFA website as one of our approved associations, but Rachel went in and researched the minutes and in February of 2016 there was a motion brought to allow ENFI to have in-conjunction shows with CFA and also for CFA judges to judge for ENFI. I will update the CFA website and make sure that Central Office has ENFI as part of the reciprocity judging agreements that CFA judges can judge for.

From February 2016: In an executive session motion, permission was granted to allow CFA clubs to hold in-conjunction shows with ENFI and to allow CFA judges to guest judge for ENFI. [vote sealed]

Nasin: I have a question on the 500 mile rule, if there is a CFA show within a guest show. The question I have is, being Region 1, we have CFF and there would be situations where they're such tiny, little shows and I have guest judged quite a few of them now, being I am conveniently near them. **Mastin:** Doreann, can you hold off on that question, because I don't believe that pertains to Pam's motion. **Nasin:** I'm sorry. Alright, then I will wait. **Mastin:** Thank you. Vicki Nye, did you have additional comments on Pam's motion? **Nye:** I just wanted to make sure everyone was aware that ENFI is already an approved association for us, to have our judges judge for them. **Mastin:** Pam, did you have any further comments? **DelaBar:** Just on the fact that we do have these in-conjunction shows. We have multi-association shows. The Royal Canin Grand Prix in Moscow used to be the largest show in the world, with 5 different associations. Several of us judges have judged CFA one day and for approved associations the next, or vice versa. That's when I first handled 24 Toybobs, was at one of those situations. **Mastin:** Is there any further comments on Pam's motion? Any objections? Seeing no objection, the motion passes unanimously.

The motion is ratified by unanimous consent.

DelaBar: Thank you. **Mastin:** Vicki, do you have anything else? **Nye:** No, I do not. Pam, if you will just send me the details of that guest judging request so I can forward it on to Wendy and she can document it. **Mastin:** She shook her head yes.

[From after lunch break] **Nasin:** It was involving the 500 mile rule of a CFA show. I'm trying to find it on the file thing [File Vista]. Basically, I was concerned about the little association that we have in my neck of the woods being in Region 1, CFF. Myself and a couple of the Region 1 judges have judged those shows. There are roughly around 30-40 cats a show, so I was concerned about the 500 mile rule and the guest judging with that. Is there like an exemption for them? Maybe I'm reading it wrong, I'm not sure, so bear with me. **Mastin:** I'm going to have Ms. Nye explain the rule that pertains to the Judging Program Rule, and then I will ask Ed Raymond to share any comments based on the show rules. I want to make sure we cover all the bases on this. **Nasin:** Right, yep. **Nye:** Doreann, can I ask a question? When you judge these CFF shows, do you request permission from the Guest Judge Administrator to do so? **Nasin:** Yeah, I go through Wendy on that anytime I get an assignment. I got I think three this year and then since you guys started opening up allowing it. I know there's a couple other Region 1 judges that are also judging those shows, as well. They are very tiny shows. **Nye:** So, what happens when Wendy gets these requests, she goes into the show schedule and does a mileage checker to see if there are any shows that are currently licensed that would be in conflict with this 500 mile rule. **Nasin:** Right. **Nye:** If she doesn't find any, then she approves it. If she finds them, she might reach out to the regional director if it is really far away, but any regional director would then get the request, indicating that, "CFA Judge X has been requested to judge a show in Plymouth, Massachusetts or whatever it is, and it's opposite a show that's in Region 1 that would be in conflict. Would you have a problem with this?" Otherwise, if it's not on the show schedule, then she would approve it. Now, there may be something subsequently that gets licensed that would be less than 500 miles, but the show rule reads that it's at the time that she gets the request. **Nasin:** OK, so still go through the guest person, and then as me being Regional Director I just have to contact the club that weekend that this request is coming in and see how they feel about it? **Nye:** Correct. I know that John Colilla has approved some of these in the past, maybe a CCA show that was just under 500 miles away from something that was in his region. He has probably contacted the club. I don't know what the regional director does with that information, but I would assume so. **Nasin:** OK, alright. I was just wanting to make sure I got some clarification on that, since this affects me directly. So yeah, I was just wondering how that worked. **Mastin:** Ed, do you have any additional comments specific to the Show Rules? **Raymond:** The Show Rules actually don't apply to this, because the 500 mile in the Show Rules is simply two CFA shows, so it doesn't impact judging assignments for another association. **Mastin:** OK, so the Show Rules don't call out anything. **Raymond:** Correct. It's just the Judging Program Rules. **Mastin:** Just the Judging Program Rules, OK. **Nasin:** And if there is a denial, it's pretty much on the judge and it's up to the CFF show to decide, "OK, well, I'll have to get a judge from a different association." That's pretty much how I understand this? **Nye:** Yes. If there was a 500 mile conflict and Wendy reached out to the regional director who worked with the club and they said, "No, we don't want you to do that," then it would be up to CFF to get another judge. CFF is a very small organization – **Nasin:** Yeah, it is. **Nye:** They only have 7 judges, and so they are reliant on guest judges to fill their slate. I don't know if they would really want to go up against a licensed CFA show within the 500 miles. **Nasin:** Right. A lot of these formats at their shows is pretty much 4 rings one day. It's not like big entries and the number of rings, so OK, I'm good. **Newkirk:** I just have a question and a point of clarification, basically. Didn't we, a few years ago, vote for judging reciprocity with CFF? **Mastin:** Ms. Nye or Rachel, do either of you know the answer to that? **Nye:** Yes, we did approve judging reciprocity with CFF about two years ago. I know that CFF judges have judged for CFA shows probably 3 or 4 times I have seen

approvals come through, but we do have judging reciprocity with CFF. **Mastin:** Darrell, did you have a follow-up question? **Newkirk:** No. I just wanted to make sure. **DelaBar:** To make sure that you're covered, Doreann, if the CFA club says, "hey, this is OK" and it doesn't quite fit the Judging Program Rule, and if Wendy should say no, you can always come to the board for an exception to the rule. **Nasin:** OK, yeah. I understand. **Mastin:** OK. Thank you Doreann. Thank you, Ms. Nye.

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Mastin: Does anybody have any further questions or comments for Vicki Nye? OK Vicki, great job again. Thank you. **Mastin:** Thank you all very much for all your help. The extra eyes of proofreading were very much appreciated, and to Nancy Dodds, Leslie Carr and Russell who helped on this project.

*Judging Program Reports
Respectfully Submitted
Vicki Nye, Co-Chair
CFA Judging Program*

Mastin: It is 12:00. We will break for one hour.

BREAK.

Mastin: OK everyone, welcome back from lunch. I have asked Vicki to stay on because I failed to bring back Doreann's question. Darrell, thank you for reminding me of that. I did have some text messages during the break. People asked if they could be on video when they speak. I'm all for that, so if you're going to speak, being on video is great. In future board meetings, hopefully we can get everybody on video. OK Doreann, please bring up your question. **Nasin:** It was involving the 500 mile rule of a CFA show. [Transcript goes to end of Judging Program Report]

(15) **SHOW RULES.**

Committee Chair: Ed Raymond
Liaison to Board: Carol Krzanowski
List of Committee Members: Cathy Dunham, Carla Bizzell

Mastin: Next on the agenda is Show Rules. That is Ed and Carol. **Krzanowski:** In the essence of saving time, I will make a standing motion to approve all the show rules presented, as written. **Mastin:** Rachel, are you a standing second? **Anger:** I am a standing second, thank you. **Mastin:** Ed, we're going to turn it over to you.

Brief Summation of Immediate Past Committee Activities:

The Committee has been preparing the show rule changes set forth below based on activity at the 2024 CFA Annual Meeting and requests from Board members, Central Office and other committees.

Board Action Items:

Resolution Pre-Noticed to the 2024 Annual Meeting and Passed by 2/3

Raymond: I hope these pass as smoothly as the Judging Program Rules did. **Mastin:** You just jinxed us. **Raymond:** I know. There's 40 of them, so hopefully we will move through. The first couple of rule changes are items that were resolutions that were pre-noticed at the annual and passed by 2/3.

1. *Ratify the addition of the requirement that a club not holding a show on their traditional date for one year notify the Show Scheduling Committee at least 100 days in advance and the granting of a 14-day reprieve on late licensing fees under certain circumstances to a club assuming the date. Both changes were approved by 2/3 of the delegates at the 2024 Annual Meeting.*

Article XI – Licensing the Show, amend 4.03e		Southern Dixie Cat Club, Southeastern Persian Society	
Existing Wording		Proposed Wording	
4.03 No show license shall be denied because the same date has been scheduled by one or more other clubs with the following exceptions: ... e. Clubs that hold traditional dates and do not plan to hold a show for one year should let the Show Scheduling Committee know as soon as possible. The date will be considered “vacant” for the one year only and will become available to the region or		4.03 No show license shall be denied because the same date has been scheduled by one or more other clubs with the following exceptions: ... e. Clubs <u>in Regions 1-8</u> that hold traditional dates and do not plan to hold a show for one year should <u>must</u> let the Show Scheduling Committee know as soon as possible <u>at least 100 days in advance of their date that they will not produce a show that</u>	

other club(s) for a one-time only show date. With the permission of the Show Scheduling Committee, another club may hold a one-time only show on the vacant weekend. ...	year. The date will be considered “vacant” for the one year only and will become available to the region or other club(s) for a one-time only show date. With the permission of the Show Scheduling Committee, another club may hold a one-time only show on the vacant weekend. <u>When a traditional date is released 120 days or fewer before the traditional weekend, a club with permission to assume that weekend will be given a two-week grace period on penalty fees for late licensing (90 day penalty would apply at 76 days from the show date, the 60 day penalty on day 46, etc.).</u> ...
RATIONALE: In the last few years, a number of clubs have not held shows on their traditional weekends but have not freed the dates for use by other clubs. As a result, there have been significant holes in the show schedule even when there are clubs seeking dates to hold shows. Freeing a traditional weekend for a year will not cause a club to lose that weekend for future years. By freeing up the date for one year use by others, the club helps other clubs seeking a show date and provides benefit to CFA exhibitors seeking shows. A club stepping in to fill another club’s weekend for one year may have limited time to confirm show hall and judges. The fourteen-day waiver of late licensing penalties in this instance acknowledges this challenge, as well as the benefit to CFA for the show to be produced. SHOW RULES COMMITTEE NOTE: The language presented above varies slightly from that approved by the delegation. It has been edited to make clear that it is the Show Scheduling Committee which must be notified, rather than CFA generally.	

Raymond: The first one is a motion to ratify the addition of a requirement that clubs not holding their show on their traditional date for one year notify the Show Scheduling Committee at least 100 days in advance and granting a 14 day reprieve on late license fees under certain circumstances to a club that assumes that other club’s traditional date for that one year. **Mastin:** Discussion? **DelaBar:** This does not specifically address any shows outside the North American continent. The Show Scheduling Committee does not have anything to do with Japan, with Europe, with the rest of the ID. I was against the way that this was passed to begin with, especially in areas where we still have active military conflicts going on. That’s the Middle East, that’s Europe. It just ties the clubs down yet to another thing that’s making it really, really hard to be an active part of CFA. I can’t support this. **Mastin:** Ed, do you want to comment? **Raymond:** As Pam said, the Show Scheduling Committee is only involved in approving new dates in Regions 1-7, so in my mind this portion of the show rule only impacts Regions 1-7. It does not impact Region, 8, 9 or the ID because there is no Show Scheduling Committee involvement in those. The current show rule says that a club which is not going to use their traditional date should notify the Show Scheduling Committee as soon as possible. In practice, many clubs don’t bother to do that. The thought was, as expressed at the annual, that this change would put a little bit of muscle behind that requirement. There is no penalty listed in the show rule, but it would be a protestable offense if the club failed to do this. **DelaBar:** The beginning sentence of paragraph e. says, *Clubs that hold traditional dates*, etc. It does not say Regions 1-7.

That's what I'm saying. It's not specific. **Tamura:** I have some of the clubs request posting of the traditional date from Japan several times. We owe that to the CFA Central Office, but there is a club that has not [inaudible], so we need help to put this traditional date for the regional dates.

Mastin: So Aki, are you in favor of this as it's written? **Tamura:** At first. We can do this

motion, this request. We are not doing the shows. **Anger:** I'm very much in favor of this. As a review, I believe the situation that caused this to come up was the fact that we had a show cancel at the last minute very late in the show season on a very important date. No other club could come forward and even license a show at that time, so this put CFA in a very awkward position. Everyone that was showing their cats toward a goal, large or small, was deprived of an opportunity to advance their goals. If we have this show rule in place, it will allow other clubs to come forward and put on shows. That's what we are in business for – our clubs to put on shows, our breeders and exhibitors to register their cats. I'm very in support of this motion, thank you.

Mastin: Ed, can we add Regions 1-8? **Raymond:** Sure. We could add *Clubs in Regions 1-8 that hold traditional dates* as the first few words. Pam, would that satisfy your – **DelaBar:** Yes.

Mastin: Darrell, do you have any comments or concerns for the ID? **Newkirk:** No. We don't have too many traditional dates. **Mastin:** OK, so we don't need to include China or the ID in this motion? **Newkirk:** No. **Mastin:** OK. So Pam, will you then support the motion if Ed includes

Regions 1-8? **DelaBar:** Yes. I just wanted specificity. I wanted to be more specific, thank you.

Mastin: Did Allene already make the change? **Raymond:** The change has not been made, but it would say, *Clubs in Regions 1-8* as the first couple of words of subparagraph e. **Mastin:** OK, very good. Any further discussion? Any objections? Seeing no objection, the motion passes unanimously.

The motion is ratified by unanimous consent.

2. *Ratify the new rates for approved judges which were approved by more than 2/3 of the delegation at the June 2024 Annual Meeting.*

Article XX – Responsibilities of Show Treasurer – Show Fee Payments, amend 20.03a	JA Club	
Existing Wording		Proposed Wording
20.03 Judging fees are as follows: a. Approved judges will receive \$1.25 per scheduled paid entry with no minimum.		20.03 Judging fees are as follows: a. Approved judges will receive \$1.25 per scheduled paid entry <u>a per-scheduled paid entry fee as described in the table below</u> with no minimum. <u>2025-2026 Show Season..... \$1.30</u> <u>2026-2027 Show Season..... \$1.35</u> <u>2027-2028 Show Season..... \$1.40</u> <u>2028-2029 Show Season..... \$1.45</u> <u>2029-2030 Show Season and beyond \$1.50</u>

RATIONALE: CFA judging fees were last changed 16 years ago in 2008. Since then, the scope of shows has changed. In an effort to increase both show revenue and awareness of our breeds, clubs have added education and entertainment aspects to their shows for spectators and exhibitors. To assist with this outreach, judges are now interacting more with spectators during judging and while performing other outreach activities, while continuing to handle cats in a respectful and professional manner.

Basing estimates on a 160 cat count show, this proposal would only increase fees by \$8 per ring the first year, and gradually increase fees to \$40 per ring by the 2029-2030 season. Adjusted for inflation, \$1.25 in 2008 is equal to \$1.83 in 2024.

Raymond: Our second motion is to [reads]. If you don't mind me putting my other hat on as attorney and parliamentarian, if you are on the board and you are a judge, you should be abstaining from the vote on this. **Mastin:** Rachel, you're OK with your standing second and abstaining on this motion, correct? **Anger:** Correct. **Mastin:** Alright, I'm going to open it up for discussion. Any objections? **DelaBar:** You have to call for the vote because we judges have to abstain. **Mastin:** OK. All those in favor of this motion, raise your hand.

Mastin called the motion. **Motion Carried.** Anger, Calhoun, Colilla, Currie, DelaBar, Griswold, Mathis, Nasin, Newkirk, Tamura and Webb abstained with conflict of interest.

Mastin: Carol, Pauli, Carissa, Vicki, Howard, Janet. Lower your hands. If you are opposed, raise your hand. If you are an abstention, raise your hand. **Newkirk:** Rich, it should be an abstention with conflict of interest. **Mastin:** Thank you, Darrell. Kathy, Rachel, Kenny, Marilee, Russell, John, Doreann, Darrell, Anne, Aki and Pam. Lower your hand. Rachel, when you are ready. **Anger:** That's 6 yes, zero no, 11 abstentions with conflict. **Mastin:** Motion passes.

3. *Ratify the fees for judges' additional duties which were approved by more than 2/3 of the delegates at the June 2024 Annual Meeting.*

Article XX – Responsibilities of Show Treasurer – Show Fee Payments, amend 20.03g	JA Club	
Existing Wording	Proposed Wording	
20.03 Judging fees are as follows: ... g. The fees for Best of the Bests judging are as follows: Kittens–\$20.00, Premiership–\$10.00, Championship–\$60.00, Household Pets–\$10.00. These fees may be negotiated between the club and the judge.	20.03 Judging fees are as follows: ... g. The fees for Best of the Bests judging are as follows: Kittens \$20.00, Premiership \$10.00, Championship \$60.00, Household Pets \$10.00. <u>additional responsibilities are as follows:</u> <u>Best of the best judging \$20 per class</u> <u>Costume Contests \$20</u> <u>Super Specialty Rings..... \$10 per specialty final</u>	

	<u>Bay Check in..... \$20</u> <u>OCP Rings \$10 per add'l final</u> <u>Breed Summit \$10 per add'l final</u> <u>Other Activity</u> These fees may be negotiated <u>directly</u> between the club and the judge.
RATIONALE: Over the past several years, CFA clubs have worked hard to discover more ways of outreach to spectators and exhibitors. A large portion of these outreach efforts rely on our CFA judges, who accommodate these requests in addition to handling their contracted duties of professionally handling and evaluating the cats in competition. We feel that it is reasonable for a judge to be compensated for these additional duties when the club asks for him or her to do so. Additionally, we believe that the current fee schedule for best of the best judging is illogical and that compensation for judging should be the same across classes. SHOW RULE COMMITTEE NOTE: The language presented above varies slightly from that approved by the delegation. It has been edited to make clear that the fee for Super Specialty Rings is per specialty final.	

Raymond: Alright, #3 is to [reads]. There was a note in the rationale that I slightly tweaked the wording from what was presented at the annual, to make it clear that the fee for Super Specialty rings is per specialty final. **Mastin:** Discussion? I'm going to call for the vote. If you're in favor, raise your hand. Please do not lower your hand until I have called all names.

Mastin called the motion. **Motion Carried.** Anger, Calhoun, Colilla, Currle, DelaBar, Griswold, Mathis, Nasin, Newkirk, Tamura and Webb abstained with conflict of interest.

Mastin: Carol, Janet, Pauli, Howard, Carissa and Vicki. Lower your hand. If you are opposed, raise your hand. If you are an abstention with conflict, raise your hand. Just a reminder, please do not lower your hand until I call all of the names. Kathy, Pam, Darrell, Doreann, Marilee, Aki, Russell, John, Rachel, Anne and Kenny. Lower your hand. Rachel, when you're ready. **Anger:** That's 6 yes, zero no, 11 abstentions with conflict. **Mastin:** OK, the motion passes.

4. *Ratify the change in show rules, approved by more than 2/3 of the delegation at the June 2024 Annual Meeting, to allow points earned in Regions 1-7 and Region 9 to count for regional awards in Regions 1-7 and Region 9.*

Article XXXVI – National/ Regional/Divisional Awards Program, amend Awards section, Regional Awards subsection	German Phoenix- Cat Friends Europe; UK Cat Fanciers; Palatina Blue Cat Club; American Shorthair Lovers of Europe	
Existing Wording		Proposed Wording
Regional Awards		Regional Awards
...		...

Regional Definition: Regions are based on the regions listed in CFA’s bylaws. To the extent not already provided in the bylaws, regional assignments for scoring purposes may be made from time to time by the CFA Executive Board. To date, the CFA Board has ruled that exhibitors whose principal residence is in either Puerto Rico or the Bahamas will be scored in the Southern region. Each CFA region, as well as Hawaii and the International division presents its own set of awards based on the points a cat receives using the rules outlined in the “Scoring” section, with the following exceptions: 1. All regional awards given in regions 1–7 are based only on points earned in regions 1–7 by exhibitors residing in regions 1–7. Cats/kittens/household pets may be shown in more than one of these regions and the points earned in shows outside the owner’s region of residence will be included in the scoring process. No cat/kitten/household pet may receive awards in more than one of these regions. 2. All regional awards given in region 8 are based on points earned in region 8 or at the CFA International show. 3. All awards given in Hawaii or Region 9 are based only on points earned in Hawaii or Region 9 by exhibitors residing in those areas, respectively. Points at the CFA International show may also be used toward these awards.	Regional Definition: Regions are based on the regions listed in CFA’s bylaws. To the extent not already provided in the bylaws, regional assignments for scoring purposes may be made from time to time by the CFA Executive Board. To date, the CFA Board has ruled that exhibitors whose principal residence is in either Puerto Rico or the Bahamas will be scored in the Southern region. Each CFA region, as well as Hawaii and the International division presents its own set of awards based on the points a cat receives using the rules outlined in the “Scoring” section, with the following exceptions: 1. All regional awards given in regions 1–7 <u>and region 9</u> are based only on points earned in regions 1–7 <u>and region 9</u> by exhibitors residing in regions 1–7 <u>and region 9</u>. Cats/kittens/household pets may be shown in more than one of these regions and the points earned in shows outside the owner’s region of residence will be included in the scoring process. No cat/kitten/household pet may receive awards in more than one of these regions. <u>Points earned at the CFA International show may also be used toward these awards.</u> 2. All regional awards given in region 8 are based on points earned in region 8 or at the CFA International show. 3. All awards given in Hawaii or Region 9 are based only on points earned in Hawaii or Region 9 by exhibitors residing in <u>this area</u> those areas, respectively. Points at the CFA International show may also be used toward these awards.
RATIONALE: Regions 1-9 compete together for NW and BW awards. Shows in region 9 are going down, and we have lost several countries where shows were formerly held. The show season in region 9 does not usually begin until September or sometimes October. Many exhibitors and breeders must travel to shows in the USA in order to compete for NW and BW awards. We support cat shows in the USA in this way, but the points our cats achieve do not count for our regional wins. This seems unfair as we are still part of regions 1-9. We understand that region 8 has a unique situation as well due to quarantine, but region 8 cannot be fairly compared to region 9. Region 8 has more shows, many more judges and more clerks, allowing them to be more independent from the other regions.	

Raymond: #4 is to [reads]. **Mastin:** Discussion? **Anger:** I did want to comment publicly. I was asked a question at the International Show this weekend. My answer was no, the board is not voting on it, but the question was, “Does this include the ID?” So, I answered no. What resulted was a misunderstanding that people thought we were not voting on this proposal at all.

So, I just wanted to publicly state that the question I was asked that I answered no to is not this proposal. **Mastin:** Thank you, Rachel. Any further discussion or comments? Any objections? Seeing no objection, the motion passes unanimously.

The motion is ratified by unanimous consent.

Show Rule Resolutions From the Floor at the 2024 Annual Meeting Which Passed by More Than 50%. Advisory Only

5. *Amend Show Rules 2.23.f.,g. and h. to prohibit entry of cats with double mutations in Household Pet and Exhibition Only classes and in Agility competition.*

Article II – Definitions, amend 2.23f, g, h	Angel Fairy Sphynx Club, Americans West, Finicky Feline Society, Ragamuffin Cat Fanciers, Central Pennsylvania CF, Sphynx Without Borders, World Lykoi Association
Existing Wording	Proposed Wording
2.23f. The HOUSEHOLD PET (HHP) CLASS is for any domestic kitten (altered/unaltered) or altered cat entry. Household pets, or Companion Cats, are eligible only for awards in the Household Pet Class. Pedigreed cats with a CFA registration number can be scored as Household Pets if the registration prefix is changed to the Household Pet color class prefix (0892H/0893H). This color class transfer is a one-way transfer; reversal is subject to approval by the CFA Executive Board. Within these rules, the terms Companion Cat and Household Pet may be used interchangeably as they refer to the same class. Household pets are to be judged separately from all other cats, solely on beauty and condition. Wild cats or wild cat-domestic cat hybrid crosses are not eligible for entry. For Bengals to enter this class, they must have a registration number. (See Article VI – Entering the Show). g. The EXHIBITION ONLY CLASS is for any cat or kitten for which an entry form has been received, and for which a listing appears in the show catalog, but which is not scheduled for handling in any ring. For Bengals to enter this class, they must have a registration number. h. The AGILITY COMPETITION category is for any cat or kitten for which an Agility Entry has been submitted per show rule 6.24. At shows that are held over a two-day period, each day shall be considered a separate show for agility competition, and scored separately. Agility cats/kittens are	2.23f. The HOUSEHOLD PET (HHP) CLASS is for any domestic kitten (altered/unaltered) or altered cat entry. Household pets, or Companion Cats, are eligible only for awards in the Household Pet Class. Pedigreed cats with a CFA registration number can be scored as Household Pets if the registration prefix is changed to the Household Pet color class prefix (0892H/0893H). This color class transfer is a one-way transfer; reversal is subject to approval by the CFA Executive Board. Within these rules, the terms Companion Cat and Household Pet may be used interchangeably as they refer to the same class. Household pets are to be judged separately from all other cats, solely on beauty and condition. Wild cats or wild cat-domestic cat hybrid crosses are not eligible for entry. <u>Cats that by their appearance are the result of combining two or more structural mutations, or any coat mutation (hairlessness, waviness, wiring, etc. but not including coat length) with one or more structural mutations, are not eligible for entry.</u> For Bengals to enter this class, they must have a registration number. (See Article VI – Entering the Show). g. The EXHIBITION ONLY CLASS is for any cat or kitten for which an entry form has been received, and for which a listing appears in the show catalog, but which is not scheduled for handling in any ring. <u>Cats that by their appearance are the result of combining two or more structural mutations, or any coat mutation (hairlessness, waviness, wiring, etc. but not including coat length) with one or more</u>

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Raymond: Now we are moving on to show rule resolutions from the floor at the annual meeting which passed by more than 50%. These were advisory only. #5 is [reads]. **Mastin:** Discussion? Objections? **Calhoun:** I have a question. So, given the fact that it feels like the onus is on the judge, how do you determine this – whether a cat has two or more mutations? I mean, is this just visual, just whatever you may think? **Raymond:** I would think so. **DelaBar:** I think so. This last weekend in our Household Pet classes, we had in our entries at least two that I can think of right offhand that are actually accepted breeds in another association. This combined the American Curl – which is a structural difference on the ear, though the curl has been passed by several geneticists as being no problem genetically with health problems – but it had the curl to the ear, a bobbed tail – which is also another structural mutation gene – and one was also polydactyl. So, we had three different things there. Of course, we didn’t have this rule but I personally could not use those cats in my finals for Household Pets, but it was definitely something that we judges should be able to pick up on. **Mastin:** Kathy, did that answer your

question? **Calhoun:** I think we're still going to get ourselves in a bit of a pickle on this one. **Mastin:** My take on it is, it now puts the onus on the judge to determine if there are more than two mutations and how will the judge communicate to the exhibitor that either you're going to DQ it or you're not going to final it, as Pam said. **Calhoun:** Correct. **Nasin:** Here's a question. None of the breeds have polydactyl in them, so maybe we can kind of word some of that in there. For example, like certain traits. I know, it's a very slippery slope, but that's a thought that just crossed my mind. **Calhoun:** So, if I'm correct, and I think I read this somewhere – there was a lot on the same topic – that we are to search out the show manager. Did I read that correctly, Ed? **Raymond:** I believe that was part of the rationale, yes. **Calhoun:** So, we search out the show manager and then the show manager does exactly what? **Raymond:** They would ask them to leave the show, the same way the show manager would deal with a sick cat that was at the show. **Calhoun:** So, it's not a matter of disqualifying or not hanging, the cat is removed. **Raymond:** It should be, yes. **Calhoun:** OK. **Colilla:** Pam, I know exactly which two cats you're talking about. The person who has been showing these two cats for many years, if this rule passes, she won't be showing more cats in CFA. I just thought I would mention that. **DelaBar:** I live with American Curls, even though I breed Norwegian Forest Cats. That breed has gone through Roy Robinson, it has gone through Dr. Leslie Lyons, who had her own colony of American Curls to make sure that they were totally healthy. We asked that the Curl be removed from the discussion on what is considered a mutation type of thing. The one also had a wire coat. I don't know, we have to decide as a board how much disfigurement is too much disfigurement for our show bench. I know exactly where these people are coming from that wrote this up. I tried to help with some of the verbiage on it, but it's the same thing that we're getting hit with in Europe. They think all hairless is bad, even though the Sphynx came from Canada. We have to take a stand, and it is up to you to decide how much is too much. I think we have gotten to the point where if we have two identifiable mutations in one cat – we have the Dwelf that comes from Eastern Europe. That's a curled Sphynx. People are adding Sphynx to Manx to curled ears or folded ears, and we have, as I have reported once before, we have an association that came up in the Ukraine that's giving these cats registration. Registration in many people's mind makes that cat official. So, I think it's important for us to decide how much we're going to allow in multiple mutations in one cat. I support this.

Mastin: This one item could take a while, so I'm going to allow you to speak up to twice and that's it, so be as specific as possible on your first time around and maybe we will save a little bit of time. **Newkirk:** Wain Harding and I judged a show in the Ukraine several years ago. There were pointed Brits entered in the show. We went to the show committee and we told them that these cats were ineligible for entry in the show, and that settled it. I don't know why we can't do the same thing here. They are ineligible for entry. **Moyer:** I had an issue brought to me by one of my constituents and it kind of pertains to this rule that I need to discuss in closed session. **Mastin:** Is there anything else you want to discuss at this time, Janet? **Moyer:** No. **Jensen:** Kind of like Darrell said, it would fall under the same lines of a declawed cat. It's something that we're just not agreeable to when they start making these cats that have folded ears, they have no legs, they don't even resemble a cat anymore. They have so many mutations that it just starts looking very sickly, so yeah, I'm also in favor of this and I think that it can be implemented the same way you implement a declawed cat or a cat that doesn't properly fit your standards. **Altschul:** I realize that sometimes there are unintended consequences when we make a rule like this and that we might lose some exhibitors. However, our primary purpose is for the welfare of all cats. If we don't put a show rule like this in place, there are some people who will

intentionally breed multiple mutations for the shock factor or ooh-and-ah factor, to win in the Household Pet class. I think by putting this in the show rules, we make it very clear that that is not what we want to award, it's not what we want to have in our show halls. Yes, it does put a little bit more on the judges and show manager, that they are going to have to perhaps deal with these things, but right now there's nothing in place for them to be able to handle it. Our show rules are where we give the show managers and the judges the power to handle these situations they come across. I'm fully in support of this. **Mastin:** Rachel, you're the last one I'm going to call on, on this. **Anger:** I just want to report that the vote on this was 257 yes, 58 no, so it's a very strong recommendation by our delegates from the floor. Yes, we're going to lose an exhibitor or two, and that is heartbreaking. If we do not implement this, who are we going to lose? I don't know. I haven't heard people say that if we don't pass this they are leaving, but to me it goes to our mission statement. How good is this for the welfare of all cats, to be breeding cats with multiple mutations and doubling up on known health issues? I'm very supportive of this. I hope the board implements it, thank you.

Mastin: Thank you all for your comments. Any objections to this motion? Seeing no objection, the motion passes unanimously.

The motion is ratified by unanimous consent.

[Secretary's Note: The following discussion originally occurred in executive session. An online motion was made by **Ms. Anger**, seconded by **Mr. Newkirk** and unanimously carried (subject to ratification): *Move the discussion and voting results from Agenda Item #26 - Old Business, section (c) regarding Show Rules #2.23.f., g. and h. (proposal #5 from the Show Rules report) from executive session into the open session Show Rules Report, with the CFA Secretary scrubbing out names of individuals, as appropriate.]*

Mastin: Janet, #25. **Moyer:** Well, it was #5 and I apologize. I don't know the show rule numbers. **Mastin:** It was #5? **Moyer:** Yes, it was #5 in the Order of Business yesterday. I wanted to discuss this. I have a couple of issues to discuss on this. I don't think this was even taken to the Household Pet Committee for their input. As being part of the New Exhibitor Program for the last 5 years – **Mastin:** Janet, let's do this first. Make a motion to reconsider. **Moyer:** OK. I move that we reconsider – yeah. **Mastin:** It is Show Rule 2.23.f., g. and h. **Moyer:** Can we put it up? **DelaBar:** 2.23.f. **Raymond:** f., g. and h. **Mastin:** f., g. and h. Allene, can you bring us – **Tartaglia:** I'm working on it. **Mastin:** I think it's page 113 and, as Janet said earlier, it was #5 under Show Rules Report. Pam, are you seconding the motion to reconsider? **DelaBar:** I will second, with the right to vote against. **Mastin:** OK, let me get this straight. Ed, my understanding is, a motion to reconsider is little to no comments during this period? **Raymond:** Correct. There's no substantive discussion. It's simply a question of whether you want to reconsider it or not. **Mastin:** That's correct. OK, I'm going to call for the vote on this.

Moyer: So, I don't get to talk about what I wanted to talk about on this? **Mastin:** Only if the board passes to reconsider. Ed, do I have that correct? **Raymond:** That is correct. **Mastin:** If the board agrees with you and they want to hear more comments on this, then they will pass it. **Moyer:** With all due respect, I didn't get to make my comments yesterday because I thought we were moving this to closed session. I don't even think they would understand my rationale for the reconsideration if they don't get to hear what I have to say. **Mastin:** Hang on a second.

Rachel, my notes have, the board supported this unanimously. What do you have? **Anger:** Let me double check here. You are correct, it carried unanimously. **Mastin:** OK. There was no motion to move this into executive session, correct? **Anger:** There was this morning, to move it to executive session for reconsideration. **Mastin:** Correct. **Calhoun:** There was a comment made when this was in discussion yesterday about moving this to executive session today. Perhaps it wasn't done in accordance with democratic rules, but it did exist. **Currle:** Rachel, the floor vote. Do you have that? Can you provide that? **Mastin:** What's the question, Kenny? **Currle:** The floor vote. What was the floor vote? **Anger:** That was in my notes from yesterday. It will take me just a minute to find it. I had Proposal #21 – and I'm sorry, I forget which proposal this is, so those of you that are bringing it back up, I'm sure you do – was the exhibit traits; the hairless and curled or folded eared, tail, leg mutations, 257 to 58. The question on registration of breeds of cats with two or more mutations was 284 to 26. **Mastin:** Thank you.

Mastin: I want to go back to Kathy and maybe Janet. We'll start with Kathy. Kathy, you just mentioned there was a discussion that the board agreed to hear this in executive session after we voted on it? **Calhoun:** I did not say that. What I said is that the comment was made, and I don't have 100% recall or a tape to play back, but a comment was made to move this to executive session for further discussion and I don't think that it was made in accordance with democratic rules, but in fact it was there. [**Secretary's Note:** The statement was: *Moyer: I had an issue brought to me by one of my constituents and it kind of pertains to this rule that I need to discuss in closed session.*] I think in all fairness, I get us following the rules but let's not let the rules dictate what we hear. **Mastin:** OK. Thank you for sharing those comments. **Newkirk:** We are violating the protocol. The vote is to reconsider. There should not be any debate going on. **Mastin:** Thank you for that reminder, Darrell. I'm going to call the vote to reconsider. If you are in favor of reconsidering, raise your hand.

Mastin called the motion [to reconsider]. **Motion Failed.** Anger, Calhoun, Colilla, Mathis, Moyer, Newkirk, Webster and Webb voting yes.

Mastin: Rachel, Kathy, John, Janet, Darrell, Howard, Russell. OK, lower your hand. **Mathis:** Rich, can you count me as a yes? I didn't get my hand up quickly enough. **Mastin:** OK Anne, thank you. Anne is a yes. Before I call on the abstentions, are there any other yesses that did not get their hand up in time? OK, if you are opposed, raise your hand. Pam, Kenny, Carissa, Marilee, Carol, Aki, Vicki, Pauli, Doreann. Please lower your hand. If you are an abstention, raise your hand. No abstentions. Rachel? **Anger:** That's 8 yes, 9 no, zero abstentions. **Mastin:** The motion fails.

Mastin: Janet, the motion failed to reconsider. We do not further discuss it.

[From end of executive session] **Mastin:** Do we not have anything else that came in? **Anger:** I think we have covered everything I have a note about. **Mastin:** OK. Does anybody else have anything that they want to bring forward while we're still in executive session? **Newkirk:** I want to go back to how we conduct business, and this goes back to Janet Moyer's point about, she thought that that motion was going to be brought back in closed session, so can we get some clarification from you, Rich, and from Ed? If somebody wants to move something into closed session, what process should we go about doing that? **Raymond:** I would suggest that a motion be made to move the item into closed session at the time. **Newkirk:** OK, that was sort of my line

of thinking, too, but we've got lots of new people here on the board and so, I mean, it was really cumbersome when I was president, we used Robert's Rules because every time we had a motion, we voted on it like three times, and so I think the democratic rules is a better way to do it, but we really need a process when somebody wants to table something or somebody wants to move it into closed session, for us to follow a procedure. **Mastin:** I think Ed just covered it well. If a board member wants to move something into closed session, we need a motion, a second, and then if it's approved we move it into closed session. Now, getting back to what Janet was attempting to do yesterday – and I did speak to Janet during the lunch break – she did tell me, this is only her second meeting and she is learning through the process. She felt when she had mentioned that she further wanted to discuss this in closed session, that she was going to get an opportunity to discuss her concerns about the motion that was presented. After the lunch call I had with her, I did text her and I made the recommendation because she can bring it back as a reconsideration to the board today and allow her an opportunity to share her concerns, and if the board is not going to do that, I had suggested to her that if she wants to write a new show rule and present it in December, she should work with Ed to assist her on writing the show rule so she can discuss her concerns that she wants. **Moyer:** So, that is what I would like to do. I would like to try one more time because I actually did believe that I was attempting, at least, to move the entire vote into closed session so that I could raise my points. I didn't even get to discuss my points, and then we voted, and then it became a reconsideration and I didn't even have an opportunity to raise any points. I would like to move, once again, that we reconsider show rule – I don't know the number, but it was item #5. **Anger:** I will second that motion. I had my hand up because I have been on this board for 22 years and I was confused. We were all a little confused on how that happened. I'm glad Janet is bringing this back up. I'm interested to hear what she has to say. **Mastin:** We have a motion to reconsider. Ed, do you know what the show rule is, so we can get it for the transcript? **Raymond:** 2.23.f., g. and h. **Mastin:** OK. Janet made the motion and Rachel, you seconded it, correct? **Anger:** Yes. **Mastin:** OK. I'm going to try it this way and if it works, it does. If it doesn't work, I'll call the vote. Are there any objections to the reconsideration? OK, I will call the vote. **Anger:** I had a question. **Mastin:** Go ahead with your question. **Anger:** Did we get an opportunity to hear what Janet had to say? I'm still confused, sorry. **Mastin:** No, we didn't. **Moyer:** We never did. **Mastin:** The board didn't approve a reconsideration. **Anger:** And that's what we're voting on now? The motion to reconsider. **Mastin:** The motion to reconsider. **Anger:** OK good, thank you. **Mastin:** Are there any objections to the motion to reconsider? If you are in favor, raise your hand.

Mastin called the motion [to reconsider]. **Motion Carried.** Altschul and Huhtaniemi voting no.

Mastin: Kathy, Darrell, Russell, John, Carol, Howard, Janet, Marilee, Aki, Doreann, Rachel, Vicki and Anne. Please lower your hand. If you are opposed, raise your hand. Carissa and Pauli. If you are an abstention, raise your hand. Rachel, no abstentions. **Anger:** That's 14 yes, 2 no, zero abstentions. **Mastin:** OK, the motion to reconsider passed.

Jensen: Yes, this is the one about the Household Pets. So, there was a subsequent one of this about registering. Are we reconsidering that, as well? Because the second one kind of dovetailed off of this one. **Mastin:** No. **Jensen:** OK. **Mastin:** Thank you for bringing that up. **Moyer:** I get to speak now? **Mastin:** You have the floor. **Moyer:** OK. [Name omitted] represented them as being a problem in the Household Pet division in CFA. She represented that

people were breeding these cats in order to win national wins, and I don't believe that to be the case. I don't think this was taken to the Household Pet Committee for any input. I've been involved with the New Exhibitor Program for over 5 years, and 60% of our new exhibitors come in via Household Pets. It's our gateway. We have told them, bring one, bring all, bring your Household Pets as long as they're not declawed; if they're over 8 months they need to be spayed and neutered. That's your only requirement. These people would not have a clue what a double mutation is. So, let's just go down the road about how this will work. Bobbie Sue wants to show her Household Pet. She registers it with CFA. She enters it in the show. She gets to the show. The judge DQ's it. The show manager is supposed to throw them out of the show. I know how this would happen. It would not be handled gently. I've already got a couple of situations that have happened as a result of this being passed by the floor, where one judge got a Household Pet woman and told her, "this isn't allowed here," based on this rule. It didn't end well. It's going to alienate the dedicated exhibitor in Region 4 that shows a double mutation cat. So, now then, the club is going to have to refund the money, CFA is going to have to refund their registration fee, and here's the unintended consequences. We're now going to need Household Pet rules for registration and standards. This is going to cost CFA money. We are creating more issues to solve a problem that doesn't exist. How many of these cats are there? One? Two? Three? I didn't even see any evidence that they were being shown in the first place, other than the one I know of in Region 4. I mean, I understand that we don't want to breed these. I understand that we don't want them on our show bench, but this is the Household Pet class, and I just think it's just not good.

Moyer: Those are the points I wanted to make about the rule and about some of the things that have already happened as a result of this rule, and I don't see any way around it, other than us having to rewrite rules for Household Pet registration. It's going to create a whole can of worms and a lot of nightmares. It will cost us some more money. That's all I wanted to say.

Mastin: OK Janet. Thank you for bringing that to our attention. My apologies for not handling your request the way it should have been handled yesterday.

Griswold: I'm going to have to – I appreciate Janet's comments on this, but I'm going to have to respectfully disagree. I have personally seen a Scottish Fold/Munchkin in the Household Pet class in Malaysia. That's about the worst thing I can ever imagine being created on the face of the planet. I get that backed up by Leslie Lyons, who agrees with me, so it's not just Desiree. I know the Sphynx people have a very strong stake in this and the only other point I would like to make is that our constituents at the annual were very much in support of this. When we as a board backtrack on what our constituents at the annual really want, it does not go well. We need to listen to what our constituents have to say on this.

Calhoun: I think we need to take a step back. First of all, I think the Household Pet Committee needs to be brought into the discussion. I think that there are secondary items driving the push on these cats with double faults. I think that – we mentioned earlier today that CFA was welcoming and embracing. A person who brings in their cat that may have a double defect, that is still a loved pet. That's still a loved pet. I can understand whatever Marilee saw, she could clearly disqualify it if she thought that the cat was somehow in pain and somehow being mistreated, somehow underweight, in bad condition. You certainly as a judge have free will, but to just make a blanket statement to say we don't want these cats as Household Pets and we want the judges to make the call, I think we just need to take a step back. We don't have to do that

today. I think that the Household Pet people need to be brought into the conversation, we can bring this back in December. I do think that there may be ulterior motives in this. I think this should be tabled. I think others should be brought into the discussion – Household Pet Committee – and then we can revisit this in December. **Mastin:** Kathy, do you have anything else? **Calhoun:** Not right now.

Altschul: As was said at the annual, if we award it, we condone it. There is no question that people are purposely breeding multiple mutation cats for the purpose of selling them, and one of the best ways for them to advertise those cats is to show them. Yes, the ones that they show may be neutered or spayed, but they are handing out business cards at the shows while showing their Household Pets to sell the kittens that they have at home and they are using CFA shows to promote these cats that they're not registering in CFA beyond the single Household Pet that they are showing because they're not an accepted breed and now we have already passed that they can't register these cats with the multiple mutations. It comes back to, we are for the welfare of all cats. We already tell people who have declawed cats, who are loved pets I am sure, often rescues. We already tell them, "I'm sorry, you cannot show those cats." This is the same thing. It's not that the owner did anything wrong, it's that we as an association have taken a stand against things that are harmful to cats. Multiple mutations are not in the best interest of the cat. They are not for the welfare of the cat, so I cannot support showing them, awarding them and parading them as an example of something that we want to condone. **Mastin:** Carissa, thank you.

Newkirk: I have a procedural question. Was this a pre-noticed resolution, and what was the vote? **Raymond:** This was a resolution from the floor, so it was advisory only but it was an overwhelmingly supported vote from the delegation. **Mastin:** Rachel, correct me if I'm wrong. I think you reported yesterday, at the annual it was 284 yes, 26 no. **Anger:** Exactly [*sic*, the question on exhibition traits; the hairless and curled or folded eared, tail, leg mutations, 257 to 58. The question on registration of breeds of cats with two or more mutations was 284 to 26.] **Mastin:** OK. See, I take notes. Darrell, do you have further comments? **Newkirk:** No. If this was pre-noticed and passed by 2/3, our hands are tied, aren't they? **Raymond:** The board still has to ratify. The board can decide that it does not wish to make changes the delegation voted in favor of by 2/3 if it wasn't pre-noticed. **Newkirk:** That's sort of like committing suicide, isn't it? **Raymond:** Well, that may be, but the board has the ultimate decision as to what the show rules are, not the delegation. **Newkirk:** So, what's the difference between just a recommendation and a 2/3 pass? **Raymond:** Not a whole lot, just the strength of the – **Newkirk:** It was my understanding in the past, if it passed by 2/3 the board pretty much ratified it. **Raymond:** That may be how they acted, but I believe they have the authority not to ratify it. **Mastin:** So Ed, if the delegation passes a motion to the bylaws, is that different than show rules? **Raymond:** Yes. Bylaws automatically go into effect once that is passed, so there is no board action required on a Bylaw change. Show rules require ratification by the board, because the board has ultimate control of the show rules. **Mastin:** That was my understanding, but I just wanted to clarify it. Darrell, I think when you were president, I don't know if it was the first year or second year, the delegation had passed a show rule by 2/3 and the board actually rewrote the show rule slightly different. I think it was on scoring. Cats placed over 10th or something like that, it got rewritten to what the board liked. I think Annette may have worked on that. The delegation had passed it by 2/3, but yet the board decided to modify it. **Newkirk:** I remember when the board turned down a club application in Japan and Kim Everett brought it to the floor and it overwhelming passed, and the board had to accept that club. **Raymond:** That is true, but that was under a

different section of the Bylaws with different requirements. **Mastin:** We've got two things here and they are somewhat similar. The delegation passed by more than 2/3 the change in the Rules of Registration. Correct, Ed? **Raymond:** They did, but that was not pre-noticed so it was advisory only. It would have been advisory only anyway. **Mastin:** OK, so it was advisory only, even if it passed by 2/3? **Raymond:** Correct. **Mastin:** And then where did the show rule come from? From that? **Raymond:** No. The show rule and the change to the Rules of Registration were sponsored by the same individuals. They were motions from the floor. **Mastin:** OK, OK. Because they were not pre-noticed, they are considered advisory only? **Raymond:** That is correct. **Mastin:** So, even though the one that was presented for the Bylaws, since it wasn't pre-noticed, we do not have to accept it? **Raymond:** Nowhere in the Bylaws does it talk about changes to the Rules of Registration coming from the floor. It talks about, the show rules can be amended from the floor. That's where the pre-notice and the 2/3 comes in, under all circumstances. Even if it were pre-noticed, my view is that a change to the Rules of Registration is always advisory only, no matter how much it passed by. **Newkirk:** Would you say that again, Ed? **Raymond:** The Bylaws do not provide a mechanism for the delegates to change the Rules of Registration. So, even if there were a pre-noticed amendment to the Rules of Registration and it passed by 2/3, the Bylaws don't have that 2/3 provision in there for the Rules of Registration. It's simply advisory to the board. **Newkirk:** I think in years past, if a resolution was pre-noticed and it passed by 2/3 – Rachel, you might have some information about this – it pretty much tied the board's hands that they pass it. **Mastin:** Darrell, are you referring to show rules, Bylaws or Rules of Registration. **Newkirk:** You have to pre-notice a Bylaw change. **Raymond:** Right. **Newkirk:** You can't bring that up from the floor. That has to be pre-noticed and it has to be passed by 2/3. I agree that other things – something from the floor – it comes in as a recommendation if it passes. We're not tied to it, but in the past when a show rule resolution has passed by 2/3 when it has been pre-noticed and voted on, we have accepted it. **Raymond:** I think in practice that may be what the board has done a majority of the time, but the first sentence of Article XIII, which is Rules and Standards, says, *The Executive Board shall from time to time establish "Show Rules"* ... so the board has the power to establish show rules. Otherwise, you wouldn't have to ratify what came from the delegation. **Moyer:** Isn't this essentially a registration rule then? Because we're going to have to change the registration rules that we currently have in order to accommodate this. **Raymond:** That's not the motion that is before us at the moment. **Moyer:** But we will. **Raymond:** Well, maybe, or you could leave the registration rule alone and just say, you can't register them but you can show them. **Mastin:** I want to clarify here. Rachel, I need your help. I don't think we have a motion on the floor right now. We're just discussing. **Anger:** Let me check. **Mastin:** I don't remember Janet making a motion and I don't remember me calling on a second. **Raymond:** You don't. **Moyer:** We did. **Anger:** No. **Newkirk:** Hang on. We are reconsidering the motion we passed. There is a motion. When you vote to reconsider, you take what was presented as the motion, so this is a reconsideration of the motion. There would be no reconsideration, had we not made a motion. **Raymond:** The motion that was passed by the board yesterday was to *amend Show Rules 2.23.f., g. and h. to prohibit entry of cats with double mutations in Household Pet and Exhibition Only classes and in Agility competition*. So, that's the motion being made. Someone needs to second it and then you can vote on it. If you don't want this to go forward, you vote no. If you want the motion to stay adopted, you vote yes. **Mastin:** Ed and Rachel, I still don't think we have a motion. All we did, Darrell, was there was a motion to reconsider to reopen the discussion and we passed that. We haven't gone to the motion yet on the actual show rule. **Raymond:** Correct. **Anger:** Correct. **Raymond:** So, Janet or someone else

needs to make the motion that I just read, and someone needs to second it. **Mastin:** Right. **Newkirk:** Well, I don't agree with that but I'm not running the meeting, so I'll make the motion. **Mastin:** OK, what is your motion? **Newkirk:** As Ed read it. **Mastin:** And that is, as the show rule is written. Ed, read it again so we have it. **Raymond:** The motion is to *amend Show Rules 2.23.f, g. and h. to prohibit entry of cats with double mutations in Household Pet and Exhibition Only classes and in Agility competition.* **Mastin:** Kathy, are you seconding? **Calhoun:** I have a question. So, my comment was that we table this and get input from the Household Pet Committee. If we vote on this now, we have eliminated that option, correct? **Raymond:** No. If you vote no on this now, it will undo what was already done. You can consult with the Household Pet people and it can be brought back in December. **Calhoun:** OK. **Raymond:** If you vote yes, then you are adopting the show rule change as written, which is what you did yesterday. **Mastin:** I still need a second in order to proceed with this, or Darrell can table it, based on your recommendation. Until I get a second, we do not have a motion that we can work on. **Webster:** I'll second it. **Mastin:** I'm doing it by a raise of hands. Sorry, Howard. **Webb:** Russell seconds. **Mastin:** OK Russell, you were next after Kathy. **Jensen:** I have a question. So, we're voting to keep it – **Mastin:** Vicki, hold on. You've got to raise your hand and I'll call on you. I know it's late and you all get tired, but I don't want this to go into open discussion with a free for all. OK Vicki, you have the floor. **Jensen:** OK, because you're confusing me. So, yes is to keep it where it was yesterday and no is the other? **Raymond:** Essentially, that is correct. So, right now, assume that the show rule is as it was yesterday morning before this board meeting started. **Jensen:** OK. **Raymond:** If you vote yes, you are incorporating the underlying changes that you're seeing on your screen. If you vote no, you're not. **Jensen:** OK. **Mastin:** Are you all set, Vicki? **Jensen:** Yes.

Newkirk: I brought the motion because you guys said we didn't have a motion. So, I made the motion and Russell made a second. Now, somebody can make a motion to table this, Kathy Calhoun. **Calhoun:** Oh wait. I'm going to raise my hand. **Mastin:** OK, I see it. Go ahead. **Calhoun:** I would like to make a motion to table this until the December meeting so that we can confer with the Household Pet Committee. **Mathis:** Second. **Mastin:** Ed, is it OK to call discussion? **Raymond:** Sure. **Mastin:** OK. **Anger:** I am sorry, I disagree. We had a motion on the floor that was seconded that we should vote on or withdraw. **Mastin:** Ed, will you explain that – or Darrell, because you are familiar with this – explain that a motion to table is not an interference with the motion on the floor? **Newkirk:** That's correct. **Anger:** OK. **Mastin:** So, we're doing it right. **Anger:** OK, thank you. **Mastin:** It is being handled. Yes, Rachel is correct, there is a motion on the floor and seconded, but anybody can make a motion to table and we have to address that. **Griswold:** I just want to remind people, this was passed overwhelmingly by our constituents, so as Director at Large, I'm not here for my own wellbeing, I'm here because people voted me here. The clubs voted us here and we need to pay a lot of attention to what their desires are. **Jensen:** I think since yesterday this was passed in open session and now you're going to either table it or do something else to it in closed session. It's going to cause a lot of confusion with people who, you know, were following what was going on yesterday and if we table it rather than – if you want to consult with the Household Pet people, wonderful. Then bring it back for a different rule change, but right now there's a whole lot of CFA that believes that this passed and it's going to be very confusing for people if they think that they can either enter their cats or they're not going to see these cats and we need to be cognizant of that with how we go forward. **Mastin:** Vicki, a comment on your point. If this is a show rule that passes, it will not go into effect until May 1, 2025, and the meeting is not over. This whole discussion can

be brought back into open session, because this is an open session item that we did yesterday. Rachel, do I have that correct? **Anger:** You do. **Newkirk:** I was just going to point out that this does not take effect until May 1, like you did Rich. The other thing is, there has been multiple times when we pass something and we had to come back and re-do it. The more input we get, the better off we are and we make better decisions, so that's why I will support tabling this, getting some more input and then bringing it back in December, and then getting a better knowledgeable vote at that point in time. **Mastin:** Darrell, thank you. **Tartaglia:** What about the change that we did make to the Rules of Registration? Because that was put into effect immediately. In fact, the new ones are up online already. Do we need to change that? Do we have to rescind that? I can show you the document and what that change is. We made that when Annette was here. **Raymond:** We will be needing another motion to reconsider. **Mastin:** Ed, I think we lost you a little bit there. You were freezing. I understood you said we would need another motion to reconsider, correct? **Raymond:** Yes. You need to wrap this one up first before you move on to that one. **Mastin:** Correct. OK Allene, do you have anything else? **Tartaglia:** That was it. **Krzanowski:** Can we see the Rules of Registration resolution again? Because I thought that was just that we would not register breeds that show evidence of these combined mutations. That's what I thought it was. I don't think it said anything about exhibiting them at shows, did it? **Raymond:** No. **Krzanowski:** So I don't know that we need to reconsider that. I would be in favor of tabling the current rule as far as exhibiting them at the shows until we hear from the Household Pet people. I think that would be a wise decision. **Tartaglia:** Here is what we did yesterday. **Krzanowski:** That doesn't talk about exhibiting them, that only talks about registering them. **Mastin:** Let's come back to this motion. Thank you for pointing that out, Carol. **Raymond:** I was just going to point out the discussion about voting on this in closed session. If we move the entire discussion into open session, you will need to scrub the naming of names from the earlier discussion, but certainly the board can vote to report the results of this vote in the open session minutes. **Mastin:** OK Ed, anything further? **Raymond:** No. **Jensen:** If you look at that thing that she just put up there. **Mastin:** Vicki, what was your point? **Jensen:** Looking at that, the section that was on there, it says, *CFA will not register any potential breeds or any cats that by their appearance are the result of a combination of two or more structural mutations*. So, it actually prohibits registering the cats. If they're not registered even as a Household Pet, they can't come in. **Newkirk:** I don't think that's true. You don't have to be registered to show a Household Pet. **Jensen:** Even Household Pets have to have a registration number, sorry. **Newkirk:** No, they don't. Do they? Maybe I'm wrong. **Mastin:** Allene, do you want to answer that question? **Tartaglia:** I don't think they do but let me check. I'm not sure. **Mastin:** I'm going to call on Carol while you are doing that. **Krzanowski:** I just want to remind everybody too, there was talk about there might be confusion due to what we passed yesterday, but very few people were tuned in yesterday unfortunately, because it was during the day when people aren't available. When Pam DelaBar sends out her notes, she will indicate whatever the decision is that we arrive at today, so that should clarify things for people. **Mastin:** OK Carol, thank you for bringing that up. Rachel, you are taking notes for Pam, correct? **Anger:** Not really, but I can. **Mastin:** OK. **Griswold:** I know Household Pets can be shown without a registration number. Of course, whatever awards they get will not be accumulated, so I know that I've seen people who show Household Pets, who in retrospect wish that they had registration numbers so that they could count their final or what have you, but they do not need a registration number to show. **Mastin:** Thank you, Marilee. Allene and Ed, can you confirm that? **Tartaglia:** Yes. I just looked up the show rule. **Raymond:** Yes. **Mastin:** OK, so we have put that aside. We've got to stick

with the motion now. Any further discussion on tabling? OK, I'm going to call for the vote. All those in favor of tabling the motion, raise your hand.

Mastin called the motion [to table]. **Motion Carried.** Altschul, Anger, Griswold, Huhtaniemi, Jensen and Nasin voting no.

Mastin: Darrell, Janet, Carol, Russell, Aki, Kathy, John, Anne and Howard. Lower your hand. All those opposed raise your hand. Carissa, Marilee, Vicki, Pauli, Rachel and Doreann. Lower your hand. If you're an abstention, raise your hand. No abstentions. Rachel? **Anger:** That was 9 yes, 6 no, zero abstentions. The motion passes to table.

Mastin: Do we need to do anything with the Rules of Registration? Ed or Darrell?
Newkirk: I would say no, since it's about registration, not about exhibiting. **Mastin:** Ed, do you have any comments? **Raymond:** No, I would agree with Darrell. **Anger:** My question is about moving this from executive session. We discussed it generally above. Do we want to have the results of the motion to reconsider and then the motion to table in the open session minutes?
Mastin: I think yes, but I will ask Ed. **Raymond:** I think you need to, in order to apprise people of the current status of this amendment. **Mastin:** OK, so do we have a motion to move the results into open session? **Anger:** I make that motion. **Newkirk:** I'll second. **Mastin:** Is there any further discussion? Any objections? Seeing no objections, the motion passes unanimously to put the results in open session.

The motion is ratified by unanimous consent.

Raymond: Just one question. This motion is tabled. I assume that in Show Rules I am bringing it back as is in December unless I hear something from whomever is talking to the Household Pet people. Is that correct? **Mastin:** Janet? **Moyer:** Do we need a committee or something to handle this, or how do we handle this? **Calhoun:** I'll handle the conversation with Jen and the Household Pet Committee. I'll set something up. Is that acceptable? **Mastin:** I don't know that we need a committee for this. **Calhoun:** No, I don't think – no, I just think it's to have a conversation. Anybody who would like to be a part of that conversation, just shoot me a note and I'll add you to the list and we'll get something set up to have that conversation, like the middle of November so we can have feedback for the December meeting. **Mastin:** OK.
Newkirk: Maybe Marilee should be involved, since we're talking about genetic changes in cats. **Calhoun:** I can do that. Marilee? Just no. **Griswold:** Sure. I'll be involved in anything. I think you know my stance on this, but yeah. **Mastin:** I want to point out that Marilee just volunteered to be involved "in anything", so if you need anything, Rachel is going to have that in the transcript. I just wanted to point that out, so Marilee, thank you very much. That is, we will take advantage of that. **Calhoun:** Big mistake, right in front of Strategic Planning. Big mistake. **Mastin:** Kathy, thanks for handling that. Janet, thank you for bringing this all back up. It was a good learning lesson for everybody. Kathy, sorry. We just ate up most of your Strategic Planning time, but this was well worth the discussion, to get this right. Darrell, thank you for pointing out, sometimes we just need to take a break and re-evaluate things, to do things right. So, that was time well spent.

6. *Amend Show Rule 5.01 to require that if, the printed show flyer is in a language other than English, a show flyer in English must also be submitted and published.*

Article V – Announcing the Show/Show Flyer, amend 5.01	German Phoenix- Cat Friends Europe; Palatina Blue Cat Club; American Shorthair Lovers of Europe	
Existing Wording		Proposed Wording
5.01 There must be a printed show flyer published on the CFA website no less than 30 days prior to the show and it must include the following: ...		5.01 There must be a printed show flyer published on the CFA website no less than 30 days prior to the show. <u>Additionally, a show flyer in English must be submitted and published if the original show flyer is in a language other than English.</u> The show flyer and it must include the following: ...
RATIONALE: This rule has probably been in place since shows were held only in the USA/North America. In Europe, Asia and even China we have hundreds of different languages. In order to provide equal opportunity for all exhibitors to enter a show, the show flyer must be written in English along with any other local language.		

Mastin: Ed, #6. **Raymond:** #6 is to [reads]. **Mastin:** Discussion? Objections? **Colilla:** I know that some of the show flyers in China, it's a two-day show and they have like 12 rings. They don't list who is judging Saturday and who is judging Sunday. I thought there was a show rule on that. Am I correct? **Raymond:** Believe it or not, I don't have all the show rules memorized. **Colilla:** Sorry. **Raymond:** I know we have to list the judges. I don't remember if they have to be listed by day. **Mastin:** Ed, while you're doing that, I'm going to ask Darrell a question. Darrell, are there any issues in the ID with producing an English version of the show flyer? **Newkirk:** Most of the time when I go on to look for a flyer, it's almost always in hànzi, so there may be a few English words but I rarely see a show flyer that's in English. **Mastin:** Do you think between now and May 1st the ID will be able to begin to comply on this, effective May 1, 2025? **Newkirk:** We can sure communicate that to them. **Mastin:** OK. **Raymond:** To follow up on this particular – it was mentioned that this request actually came from Region 9 clubs, not from the ID, because of the multitude of languages spoken across Region 9. Following up on John's question, the show rule requires that the names of all judges and their assignments, specialty or allbreed, be listed but it doesn't mention what day. **Mastin:** John, do you have any additional questions? **Colilla:** Yes, I do. The only reason I said that, if I'm not mistaken, I think Vicki Nye mentioned that some judges had no idea which day they are judging. That's the only reason that I said that on the flyer. They just listed two rows of judges and we had no idea which day they are judging. Am I correct, Vicki? **Mastin:** Ms. Nye, do you want to address John's question? **Nye:** Yes, there have been many circumstances where it wasn't marked on their contract, or if it was marked it was different than what they were originally intended to judge, and so they didn't know which day they were judging or if they were judging for two days instead of one day. It probably would help if that was included. **Mastin:** Ed, do we need another show rule to require a listing of the judges' names and the days they are on the show flyer, or do you want to incorporate it in this same show rule? **Raymond:** I would have to take that back. This show rule goes on for half a page. I've only given you a bit of an excerpt of it. The show rule is really for the benefit of the exhibitor, as opposed to the judge. I would argue that which day a judge is judging or whether they're judging one day or two is a contract issue, not

necessarily a flyer issue. If you want me to draft a show rule that requires it to be on the flyer, I will do so. **Mastin:** We'll take that separately and if the board wants you to do that, you can bring it back in a later meeting. **Raymond:** Sure. **Mastin:** There were some people that had their hands up and took them down. I'm going to assume you're all set and we can move forward with this. Any objections to the motion? Seeing no objection, the motion passes unanimously.

The motion is ratified by unanimous consent.

Other Show Rule Changes

7. *Amend ARTICLE II – Definitions to add the definition of an AGENT.*

Article II – Definitions, add new 2.01 and renumber current 2.01 – 2.39	Judging Program Committee; Show Rules Committee	
Existing Wording		Proposed Wording
None.		2.01 <u>An AGENT is a person, designated on an entry form, who exhibits a cat or kitten at a show on behalf of its owner.</u> [Renumber current 2.01-2.39]
RATIONALE: The term “Agent” is used more than 20 times throughout the show rules but is not defined.		

Mastin: On to #7. **Raymond:** #7 adds the definition of an agent. This was at the request of the Judging Program Committee. Nancy found the term “agent” used in the show rules multiple times but we didn’t define it. **Mastin:** Discussion? Any objections? Motion passes unanimously. **Raymond:** I should have mentioned with that last show rule change, we’re now talking about show rules that were not brought up at the annual but are just coming from other sources at this time. **Mastin:** That was #7, Ed? **Raymond:** That was #7, yes.

The motion is ratified by unanimous consent.

8. *Amend ARTICLE II – Delete SR 2.14 and amend SR 2.22.*

Article II – Definitions, delete 2.14 and amend 2.22; renumber current 2.15-2.39	Show Rules Committee	
Existing Wording		Proposed Wording
2.14 The CONDENSED SHOW CATALOG contains an entry’s name, registration number, color description, entry number, birthdate, region of residence, and owner’s name – the sire, dam and		2.14 The CONDENSED SHOW CATALOG contains an entry’s name, registration number, color description, entry number, birthdate, region of residence, and owner’s name – the sire, dam and

breeder are not included. A condensed catalog may only be used as the master clerk catalog (see 2.21 and 7.21).	breeder are not included. A condensed catalog may only be used as the master clerk catalog (see 2.21 and 7.21).
2.22 The MASTER CLERK CATALOG is the catalog that the master clerk uses to record the class judging results for submission to Central Office (see 12.14).	2.22 The MASTER CLERK CATALOG is the catalog that the master clerk uses to record the class judging results for submission to Central Office <u>and contains an entry's name, registration number, color description, entry number, birthdate, region of residence, and owner's name – the sire, dam and breeder are not included.</u>
RATIONALE: These definitions are for the same document and do not need to be duplicated in the definition section of the SR. The numbering sequence in Article II would be re-ordered as needed.	

Raymond: #8 is a request to amend Article II by deleting Show Rule 2.14, the condensed show catalog, and clarifying 2.22, the master clerk catalog because really they're the same document. There's no need to duplicate them. **Mastin:** Discussion? Objections? Seeing no objection the motion passes unanimously.

The motion is ratified by unanimous consent.

9. *Amend SR 4.06(a)(1) to provide an entry limit.*

Article IV – Licensing the Show, amend 4.06(a)(1)	Show Rules Committee	
Existing Wording		Proposed Wording
4.06 The CFA Central Office will issue a license for the following types of shows: a. A one day show which permits: 1. one, two, three or four judgments per entry in any combination of Allbreed, Super Specialty, or Specialty rings. Shows with four or fewer judging rings are not required to contain a specialty ring, but may offer them if they so choose. ...		4.06 The CFA Central Office will issue a license for the following types of shows: a. A one day show which permits: 1. one, two, three or four judgments per entry in any combination of Allbreed, Super Specialty, or Specialty rings. Shows with four or fewer judging rings are not required to contain a specialty ring, but may offer them if they so choose. <u>Such shows have an entry limit of up to 225 cats.</u> ...
RATIONALE: The show rule governing one day shows with up to four judging rings is silent as to the maximum number of entries allowed. This causes confusion on occasion.		

Mastin: #9. **Raymond:** #9 is an amendment to Show Rule 4.06.a.1. to provide an entry limit for one-day shows with 1-4 judging rings. The show rule was silent as to what that entry limit could be. **Mastin:** Discussion? Any objections? Seeing no objection, the motion passes unanimously.

The motion is ratified by unanimous consent.

10. *Amend SR 4.06(a)(2) to clarify the entry limit.*

Article IV – Licensing the Show, amend 4.06(a)(2)	Show Rules Committee
Existing Wording	Proposed Wording
4.06 The CFA Central Office will issue a license for the following types of shows: a. A one day show which permits: ... 2. a one-day show format consisting of up to six rings with an entry limit of 225 cats. This format will permit up to six judgments per entry in any combination of Allbreed, Super Specialty, or Specialty rings for shows licensed in Regions 8, 9, or the International Division (excluding China). For shows licensed in Regions 1-7 or China, the combination of Allbreed, Super Specialty, or Specialty rings must include at least one Specialty ring for both longhair and shorthair specialties in kittens, championship, and premiership. The use of a Super Specialty ring will not meet this requirement. ...	4.06 The CFA Central Office will issue a license for the following types of shows: a. A one day show which permits: ... 2. a one-day show format consisting of up to six rings with an entry limit of <u>up to</u> 225 cats. This format will permit up to six judgments per entry in any combination of Allbreed, Super Specialty, or Specialty rings for shows licensed in Regions 8, 9, or the International Division (excluding China). For shows licensed in Regions 1-7 or China, the combination of Allbreed, Super Specialty, or Specialty rings must include at least one Specialty ring for both longhair and shorthair specialties in kittens, championship, and premiership. The use of a Super Specialty ring will not meet this requirement. ...
RATIONALE: Some clubs mistakenly believe that a one-day six-ring show with an entry limit less than 225 is not subject to the specialty ring requirements set forth in this paragraph. This change will help clarify that it is the number of rings which trigger the specialty ring requirements, not the entry limit.	

Raymond: #10 along a similar vein is an amendment to Show Rule 6.06.a.2. to clarify the entry limit. It formerly read, *a one-day show format consisting of up to six rings with an entry limit of 225 cats*. It now will read *of up to 225 cats*. We had some clubs wanting to be creative in believing that if they had an entry limit of 224 cats, the specialty ring requirements did not apply to them, so we're just closing that loophole. **Mastin:** Any discussion? Any objections? Seeing no objection, the motion passes unanimously.

The motion is ratified by unanimous consent.

11. *Add language following SR 4.06(b)(5) to direct readers to a chart setting forth the minimum number of specialty rings required for one-day and two-days shows in various geographies. Add the chart as Appendix A at the end of the show rules.*

Article IV – Licensing the Show, amend 4.06(b)(5) and add Appendix A	Show Rules Committee
Existing Wording	Proposed Wording
4.06 The CFA Central Office will issue a license for the following types of shows: ... b. A two day show which permits up to ten judgments per entry over the two days of the show and a maximum of six judgments per entry per day. It is recommended that a judge shall not be scheduled to judge more than 250 cats on either day. For shows in Regions 1-7 or China utilizing a total of 5, 6, 7, or 8 rings, at least one of these rings must be a shorthair and longhair Specialty ring in kittens, championship, and premiership. For shows in Regions 1-7 or China utilizing a total of 9 or 10 rings, at least two of these rings must be both shorthair and longhair Specialty rings in kittens, championship, and premiership. For shows licensed In Regions 8, 9, or the rest of the International Division (excluding Hong Kong, Macau, Kuwait), utilizing a total of 7, 8, or 9 rings, at least one of these rings must be both a shorthair and longhair Specialty ring in kittens, championship, and premiership. For shows in Regions 8, 9, or the rest of the International Division (excluding Hong Kong, Macau, Kuwait), utilizing 10 rings, two of these rings must be both longhair and shorthair specialty rings in kittens, championship, and premiership. The use of Super Specialty rings will not meet the requirement for specialty rings. There are no specialty ring requirements for shows licensed in Hong Kong, Macau or Kuwait. Two day shows offer a variety of formats: ... 5. The above #2, #3 and #4 described shows may have any combination of Allbreed, Super Specialty, or Specialty rings as long as the number of required specialty rings are met.	4.06 The CFA Central Office will issue a license for the following types of shows: ... b. A two day show which permits up to ten judgments per entry over the two days of the show and a maximum of six judgments per entry per day. It is recommended that a judge shall not be scheduled to judge more than 250 cats on either day. For shows in Regions 1-7 or China utilizing a total of 5, 6, 7, or 8 rings, at least one of these rings must be a shorthair and longhair Specialty ring in kittens, championship, and premiership. For shows in Regions 1-7 or China utilizing a total of 9 or 10 rings, at least two of these rings must be both shorthair and longhair Specialty rings in kittens, championship, and premiership. For shows licensed In Regions 8, 9, or the rest of the International Division (excluding Hong Kong, Macau, Kuwait), utilizing a total of 7, 8, or 9 rings, at least one of these rings must be both a shorthair and longhair Specialty ring in kittens, championship, and premiership. For shows in Regions 8, 9, or the rest of the International Division (excluding Hong Kong, Macau, Kuwait), utilizing 10 rings, two of these rings must be both longhair and shorthair specialty rings in kittens, championship, and premiership. The use of Super Specialty rings will not meet the requirement for specialty rings. There are no specialty ring requirements for shows licensed in Hong Kong, Macau or Kuwait. Two day shows offer a variety of formats: ... 5. The above #2, #3 and #4 described shows may have any combination of Allbreed, Super Specialty, or Specialty rings as long as the number of required specialty rings are met. <u>See chart in Appendix A for the minimum number of specialty rings required for one- day and two-day shows in various geographies.</u>
Appendix A to be added at end of the Show Rules:	

Appendix A

Minimum Number of Specialty Rings Required

[Super Specialty Rings do not meet requirement]

One Day Shows (SR 4.06a)							
# of Rings							
	1	2	3	4	5	6	Two 1- day shows of up to 6 rings in same location
R1-7	0	0	0	0	1	1	1 in each show but both can be held on one day and none on the other day
R8	0	0	0	0	0	0	
R9	0	0	0	0	0	0	
China	0	0	0	0	1	1	
ID outside China	0	0	0	0	0	0	

Two Day Shows (SR 4.06b)							
# of Rings							
	5	6	7	8	9	10	
R1-7	1	1	1	1	2	2	
R8	0	0	1	1	1	2	
R9	0	0	1	1	1	2	
China	1	1	1	1	2	2	
ID outside China excluding Hong Kong, Macau, Kuwait	0	0	1	1	1	2	
Hong Kong, Macau, Kuwait	0	0	0	0	0	0	

RATIONALE: Clubs and Central Office staff alike sometimes have trouble discerning the minimum number of specialty rings required to a license show in various geographies. This chart, which is based on the language of the show rules, will provide an easy-to-use shortcut.

Mastin: #11. **Raymond:** #11, we're adding language following Show Rule 4.06.b.5. to direct breeders to a chart setting forth the minimum number of specialty rings required for one- and two-day shows in the various geographies. The chart will be included in Appendix A at the end of the show rules. This part of this show rule is kind of dense and it's really hard to parse through the requirements, so we have taken the time to do it and express it in a chart format.

Mastin: Any discussion? Any objections? The motion passes unanimously.

The motion is ratified by unanimous consent.

12. *Add Show Rule 5.03 to require that the show flyer state when gate, spectators or visitors will not be allowed at a show and require that a notice to that effect be posted at every entry to the show hall. Renumber current SR 5.03-5.07 accordingly.*

Article V – Announcing the Show/Show Flyer, add new 5.03 and renumber current 5.03-5.07 accordingly	International Division Committee	
Existing Wording	Proposed Wording	
	5.03 <u>The showflyer sent to central office must acknowledge if gate, spectators or visitors will NOT be allowed entry to the event. It should also be clearly posted at every entry to the hall that gate, spectators and visitors are not allowed.</u> <i>[Note: Renumber current 5.03 – 5.07 accordingly.]</i> ...	
RATIONALE: During COVID, we made concessions for acknowledging when a show would be allowing gate in order for exhibitors to decide if they wanted to attend. However, this appears to have disappeared when COVID restrictions were relaxed. It is still important for an exhibitor to know if gate or visitors will not be allowed to attend a show, as they may want family members to attend. A CFA show recently experienced this, when it was posted outside the hall that it was a ‘private event’ and people were denied entry. Having a show rule delineating if gate or visitors will not be allowed will easily cover these circumstances.		

Mastin: On to #12. **Raymond:** #12, a request by the International Division Committee to add Show Rule 5.03 to require that show flyers state when gate, spectators and visitors will not be allowed at the show and require that a notice be posted at the entrances to the show hall. This will require renumbering current 5.03 through 5.07 accordingly. **Mastin:** Discussion? Any objections? Seeing no objections, the motion passes unanimously.

The motion is ratified by unanimous consent.

13. *Remove the requirement that the entry clerk distribute show flyer and entry forms.*

Article V – Announcing The Show/Show Flyer, remove 5.06; renumber 5.07 accordingly	Show Rules Committee	
Existing Wording	Proposed Wording	
5.06 The show entry clerk shall distribute a show flyer and official CFA entry forms or facsimiles	5.06 The show entry clerk shall distribute a show flyer and official CFA entry forms or facsimiles	

thereof to prospective exhibitors.	thereof to prospective exhibitors.
RATIONALE: Entry clerks have not passed out flyers or entry forms in the show hall for some time. This show rule is out of date and not needed.	

Mastin: #13. **Raymond:** #13 removes the requirement that the entry clerk distribute show fliers and entry forms. Everything is online. **Mastin:** Any discussion? Any objections? Seeing no objection, the motion passes unanimously.

The motion is ratified by unanimous consent.

14. *Amend SR 6.09 to clarify that a cat or kitten bred by an officiating judge is not allowed to be shown in that judge's ring, including be handled by a trainee.*

Article VI – Entering The Show amend 6.09		Show Rules Committee	
Existing Wording		Proposed Wording	
6.09 When an officiating judge, including a Best of the Bests judge, is the breeder of a cat or kitten, or the judge's cattery prefix/suffix is on the cat or kitten, such cat or kitten is not eligible for competition in that judge's ring. A. This rule does not apply to shows in Hawaii or when a substitute judge officiates in a Best of the Bests competition. b. This rule does not apply to shows where a trainee is performing color classes. In the event a cat bred by a trainee is presented to the ring the trainee shall request to not handle the entry, stating it is inappropriate due to prior knowledge. c. A cat or kitten not entered in a ring because the advertised judge is the breeder may be judged by a substitute judge in that ring; that is, if the advertised judge is unable to judge at that show, the judge that replaces them at the show may now judge cats that otherwise would have been excluded because the advertised judge was the breeder of that cat or kitten. d. In the event an exhibitor shows a cat in a show where the presiding judge is the breeder of a cat or kitten, or the judge's cattery prefix/suffix is on the cat or kitten, or the cat or kitten is owned or bred by a member of his/her immediate family or household, which includes father, mother, brother, sister, son, daughter, step-children, stepparents, or		6.09 When an officiating judge, including a Best of the Bests judge <u>or officiating judge serving as a training judge</u>, is the breeder of a cat or kitten, or the judge's cattery prefix/suffix is on the cat or kitten, such cat or kitten is not eligible for competition <u>to be shown</u> in that judge's ring. <u>This includes being handled by a trainee when the officiating judge is serving as a training judge.</u> A. This rule does not apply to shows in Hawaii or when a substitute judge officiates in a Best of the Bests competition. b. This rule does not apply to shows where a trainee is performing color classes. In the event a cat bred by a trainee is presented to the ring the trainee shall request to not handle the entry, stating it is inappropriate due to prior knowledge. <u>Trainee judges in the process of Color Class training may not handle any exhibit owned or bred by them or that bears the Trainee's cattery prefix or suffix.</u> c. A cat or kitten not entered in a ring because the advertised judge is the breeder may be judged by a substitute judge in that ring; that is, if the advertised judge is unable to judge at that show, the judge that replaces them at the show may now judge cats that otherwise would have been excluded because the advertised judge was the breeder of that cat or kitten. d. In the event an exhibitor shows a cat in a show	

in-laws, the cat will be mandatorily “x’d” out of that judge’s ring.	where the presiding judge is the breeder of a cat or kitten, or the judge’s cattery prefix/suffix is on the cat or kitten, or the cat or kitten is owned or bred by a member of his/her immediate family or household, which includes father, mother, brother, sister, son, daughter, step-children, stepparents, or in-laws, the cat will be mandatorily “x’d” out of that judge’s ring.
RATIONALE: Cats with an officiating judge’s cattery prefix/suffix are not allowed to be shown in their ring. This rule also needs to apply to an officiating judge serving as a training judge. The cat should not be in the ring.	

Mastin: #14. **Raymond:** This is an amendment to Show Rule 6.09 to clarify that a cat or kitten bred by an officiating judge is not allowed to be shown in that judge’s ring, including being handled by a trainee who is training under that judge. **Mastin:** Discussion? **DelaBar:** When I was going through this, under b. it says, *Trainee judges in the process of Color Class training may not handle any exhibit owned or bred by them or that bears the Trainee’s cattery prefix or suffix.* We hope to get people to enter shows sooner than later. The trainee may not even have been assigned that show when somebody entered their cat. I don’t know what caused this show rule to come up – what situation or anything. We know that if a judge breeds a cat, it should not be entered in that ring no matter how many trainees or whoever is going to be in that ring, but I think that if a trainee gets assigned to do a show and cats that they have bred and sold are entered in the show, then we’re hurting the exhibitor and ultimately the club that’s putting on the show. I have a problem with b. under this. If anything, this should be in the Judging Program Rules and not in the show rules. **Raymond:** This is a rewrite of the existing language which already states that, *In the event a cat bred by a trainee is presented to the ring the trainee shall request to not handle the entry, stating it is inappropriate due to prior knowledge.* The new language only prevents that cat from being handled by the trainee. It does not prevent that cat from being handled by the officiating judge in that ring. **DelaBar:** OK, then I can go with that reading of it. More than one of us were looking at this going, “oh, that doesn’t read right.” **Raymond:** It is specific to the trainee, not to the officiating judge. **DelaBar:** OK, I can go with that, then. **Mastin:** Ms. Nye, you had your hand up. Did you have a comment? **Nye:** I was just going to clarify just what Ed did, that it only applies to the trainee. The trainee X’s the cat out. It doesn’t preclude the cat from being judged by the judge. **Mastin:** Any further discussion? Any objections? Seeing no objection, the motion passes unanimously.

The motion is ratified by unanimous consent.

15. Amend SR 6.16 regarding TRNs.

Article VI – Entering The Show amend 6.16	Central Office
Existing Wording	Proposed Wording
6.16 The temporary registration number (TRN) is obtained for the exhibitor from the CFA Central	6.16 The temporary registration number (TRN) 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 four generation pedigree (or whatever is required for registration of that breed if fewer than four generations are required, or a five generation pedigree if the cat/kitten is a Bengal) issued either by CFA or 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 6.08). If both parents of the entry are registered with CFA, the CFA registration numbers of the parents are acceptable in place of a pedigree. The fee, application form, and pedigree (or CFA registration numbers, if applicable) must be provided to the entry clerk no later than the close of check-in for the show and these will be provided to Central Office in the show package. The Entry Clerk will not issue a TRN until they are in receipt of the application, fee, AND pedigree (or CFA registration numbers, if applicable). The TRN registration number will either remain valid for 60 days from the first day of the show, or be voided if CFA registration requirements are not met for the breed being registered. In cases where the TRN is voided, those cats will not be included in the Official Count for the associated category (C/P). Central Office will notify any exhibitor whose temporary registration number is voided with the basis for such decision. In the case of a Bengal pedigree deemed invalid because it contains an Asian Leopard Cat, the application will be forwarded to the Board for disciplinary action against the exhibitor for violating show rule 10.10 by bringing a non-domestic feline into the show hall. 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 printed in the catalog as if they were permanent. Cats may compete and continue to earn points for 60 days from the first day of the first show where they have obtained a TRN. That number should be used on all subsequent entries after the first show for the 60-day period or until the cat obtains a permanent registration number within that 60-day period. At the end of this 60-day period, the cat may not be shown without a permanent	Office via the Entry Clerk. 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The Entry Clerk will not issue a TRN until they are in receipt of the application, fee, AND pedigree (or CFA registration numbers, if applicable). The TRN registration number will either remain valid for <u>30</u> 60 days from the first day of the show or be voided if CFA registration requirements are not met for the breed being registered. In cases where the TRN is voided, those cats will not be included in the Official Count for the associated category (C/P). Central Office will notify any exhibitor whose temporary registration number is voided with the basis for such decision. In the case of a Bengal pedigree deemed invalid because it contains an Asian Leopard Cat, the application will be forwarded to the Board for disciplinary action against the exhibitor for violating show rule 10.10 by bringing a non-domestic feline into the show hall. 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registration number. For cats to receive credit for Regional, Divisional or National points earned during a specific show season with a TRN, the exhibitor must supply the associated permanent registration number to Central Office by the Monday following the completion of that show season.	permanent registration number. For cats to receive credit for Regional, Divisional or National points earned during a specific show season with a TRN, the exhibitor must supply the associated permanent registration number to Central Office by the Monday following the completion of that show season.
RATIONALE: Entry clerks on a general basis do not deal with the fees related to TRNs. If a club wishes an entry clerk to collect fees for TRNs then that is discussion for the club to have with the entry clerk. Master clerks generally collect the fees and make sure the paperwork and fees are included in the show packet. Show counts are determined during the scoring process and completed before a TRN is processed making it impractical to go back and remove a TRN from the count. With the acceptance of Bengals for championship status the removal of this language brings the rule in line with current policy. The time frame for processing TRNs has been reduced so reducing the time requirement in the rule brings the rule in line with current policy.	

Mastin: #15. **Raymond:** #15 is an amendment to 6.16 regarding TRNs. This came from Central Office, who are the most familiar with dealing with TRNs at the back end. Cathy Dunham, who scores the shows, worked on this. **Mastin:** Discussion? Objections? Seeing no objections, the motion passes unanimously.

The motion is ratified by unanimous consent.

16. *Amend SR 6.32 to clarify when an entry clerk may refuse an entry and the consequences of doing so.*

Article VI – Entering The Show amend 6.32	Show Rules Committee
Existing Wording	Proposed Wording
6.32 a. The show entry clerk must acknowledge receipt of all entries within 15 days of receipt. The entry confirmation must include the name of the club sponsoring the show. b. In confirming an entry, the entry clerk shall at least provide the full name of the entry or entries. It is preferable that the confirmation provide a complete listing of the entry as it will appear in the catalog. c. When the show entry limit(s) have been reached or when the entry has arrived after the closing date or when the entry is not accepted for any other reason, a note of explanation must accompany the entry being returned to the exhibitor. D. An entry clerk may not refuse an entry without just cause. If an entry is improperly refused a	6.32 a. The show entry clerk must acknowledge receipt of all entries within 15 days of receipt. The entry confirmation must include the name of the club sponsoring the show. b. In confirming an entry, the entry clerk shall at least provide the full name of the entry or entries. It is preferable that the confirmation provide a complete listing of the entry as it will appear in the catalog. c. When the show entry limit(s) have been reached or when the entry has arrived after the closing date or when the entry is not accepted for any other reason, a note of explanation must accompany the entry being returned to the exhibitor. D. An entry clerk may not refuse an entry <u>for a valid reason including but not limited to suspension</u>

protest may be filed against the entry clerk, the club and any show official involved in the refusal. In a protest for failure or refusal to accept an entry received on time (before closing date and before the show fills) the burden of proof shall be on the accused to show that the refusal is justified. e. The entry confirmation, whether it be in the form of email, fax or regular mail, must be accompanied by a show flyer or link to a web-page containing the show flyer for emailed confirmations, and driving directions from nearby major highways to the show hall.	of the exhibitor, suspension of the breeder, or the cat is “for breeding only”. Without just cause. If an entry is improperly refused a protest may be filed against the entry clerk, the club and any show official involved in the refusal. In a protest for failure or refusal to accept an entry received on time (before closing date and before the show fills) the burden of proof shall be on the accused to show that the refusal is justified. e. The entry confirmation, whether it be in the form of email, fax or regular mail, must be accompanied by a show flyer or link to a web-page containing the show flyer for emailed confirmations, and driving directions from nearby major highways to the show hall.
RATIONALE: Entry clerks are hired by clubs to perform the task of taking entries. Valid reasons to refuse entries are increasing for clubs and CFA due to suspensions and registration issues. Entry clerks should not be held accountable for something a club has requested of them or that is the outcome of a suspension or registration issue.	

Raymond: #16 amends Show Rule 6.32 to clarify when an entry clerk may refuse an entry and the consequences of doing so. **Mastin:** Discussion? Objections? Seeing no objection, the motion passes unanimously.

The motion is ratified by unanimous consent.

17. *Amend SR 6.35b to require shows in China to close on Wednesday evening.*

Article VI – Entering the Show, amend 6.35b	International Division Committee, Show Rules Committee	
Existing Wording	Proposed Wording	
6.35 Every China show after October 2, 2017 will use one of the Central Entry Clerks designated by CFA. a. Entries will be accepted as soon as the show flyer is posted on the CFA web site, no less than 30 days from the show. Entries must be paid in full within two (2) days of entry submission or by the closing date specified on the show flyer, whichever comes first, for the entry to be included in the show. b. The entry clerk will close the show to additional entries when the entry limit is reached or 9:00 p.m., China time, on the Thursday before the show, whichever is first.	6.35 Every China show after October 2, 2017 will use one of the Central Entry Clerks designated by CFA. a. Entries will be accepted as soon as the show flyer is posted on the CFA web site, no less than 30 days from the show. Entries must be paid in full within two (2) days of entry submission or by the closing date specified on the show flyer, whichever comes first, for the entry to be included in the show. b. The entry clerk will close the show to additional entries when the entry limit is reached or 9:00 p.m., China time, on the Thursday <u>Wednesday</u> before the show, whichever is first.	

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RATIONALE: Based on conversation at the International Division meeting at the June 2024 Annual, it does not appear that moving up the closing date for China shows by one day will impose an undue hardship on those clubs.	

Mastin: #17. **Raymond:** #17. This amends Show Rule 6.35.b. to require shows in China to close on Wednesday evening instead of Thursday evening. **Mastin:** Darrell, do you have any comments? **Newkirk:** No. I'm fully supportive of this. **Anger:** The Executive Committee will be inundated with requests to waive this show rule. If the board supports this unanimously or enough to pass, is there an implied instruction to the Executive Committee and are we bound to take it? I think every show in China requested that we give them a Thursday extension, which we did, and now we're going back to the original Wednesday closing date. **DelaBar:** I have been on record that I do not support any of these mandatory closing times and dates because we're limiting our clubs' ability to getting as many entries as they can, to make as much money as they can. Especially since we have taken away sponsorships in the past, I'm not in favor of mandatory closings for any club, no matter where they are. **Newkirk:** Pam, I don't agree with that. These clubs in the ID, we have all these special rules. They have had this for years and there is no reason that they can't close a show on Wednesday. To me, keeping it open until Thursday – and Rachel, my advice to you and the Executive Committee is one word – no. This is a rule, it's hard and fast, and they should close the show on Wednesday. The problem has been that they don't license these shows until so late, but now we are getting licenses for shows months in advance. So, people know these shows are coming up and if they want to enter, they can enter. I just think that they should conform to what our rules are, and this is just one step trying to get them to close when the rest of us close. So, I'm hoping that everybody will support this. **Calhoun:** I agree with Darrell. This has been a conversation for a while that we would try and back into a standardized closing date for everybody. So, this is just one more step. I agree 100% and I am supporting this. **Mastin:** As I recall at the International Division meeting on Saturday at the annual, the question was posed to the group, "can you comply with the Monday 11:59 p.m. closing?" The response we received was, "maybe we can do Tuesday, we should be able to do Wednesday." I had been in contact with Darrell about this. He and I both agreed that, let's make our way to Monday based on their recommendation that they could do Wednesday, maybe Tuesday. So, that's the reason why it's Wednesday. As for this specific show rule, I think all the regions, all the areas, China and the ID, should have something as for the closing time. Pam, I know you're going to disagree with me and that's OK, but I think Region 9 should also comply with this Show Rule as the rest of CFA is. My recommendation to you would be, pick a day of the week in the furthest west time. I know you've got 16 different time zones. **DelaBar:** 14. **Mastin:** Pick the furthest west and that should solve any issues. I'm just sharing that comment.

DelaBar: I would like to go back and explore briefly the reason that we have mandatory closing times. Is it because we had a show secretary that might have been playing with entries and we had questions on that show and this came up under our special committee recommendation where this was put in? Circumstances have changed since we did that. If I put in something on my most western time, it puts something in the middle of the night for everybody else. As I said, I do not want to put further hindrances on our clubs to be able to have bigger shows, make more money. This is an artificial thing that we're putting on our clubs. For the life of me – and I have talked with show entry clerks, I have talked with Central Office

personnel – we don't need this unless there is some rationale that we're not stating. **Nasin:** Wouldn't this actually – how do I want to say this? With eCats, aren't we actually trying to get some kind of universal entry system in play that would be across the globe, kind of way of putting it? Then just make sure the system goes by each time zone? I'm just bringing that up in discussion. **Newkirk:** May I ask Pam a question, Rich? **Mastin:** Please. **Newkirk:** Pam, you don't want any restrictions on closing, so you're saying on Saturday morning when the show opens, somebody can walk into the show hall and enter their cat? **DelaBar:** Now, you know that that's a bit much, because the catalog has to be printed, as does the master clerk catalog or whatever – the centralized catalog and the judges' sheets. No, but I do believe that we have put enough hindrances on our clubs that this is not needed. **Newkirk:** There has to be a closing time so that people know when they have to get their entries in. There's a lot of things that go into – **DelaBar:** Let the clubs do it, Darrell. **Mastin:** Pam. **DelaBar:** Let the clubs set their closing times and stick by it. **Mastin:** Pam, let Darrell finish, and then raise your hand and I'll call on you. Darrell, finish your discussion. **Newkirk:** I'm just trying to say that there needs to be a reasonable time for the club to get the catalog put together and get the judges' sheets printed, to get the master clerk catalog printed and Wednesday seems like a very reasonable time. I just don't understand why you won't support it. **Jensen:** I support this, because as an exhibitor when we didn't have the universal time shutdown for entries, a lot of times people would ask the entry clerks, "oh, hold it open for another day, hold it open for another day," and it just burns out our entry clerks. Now, people know you have to have your cat entered by 9:00 on Monday or you're not going to that show, and people comply with it. If we know the rule, we follow it. That's what we need to do, is give people rules that they can follow. So, I am so for this. **DelaBar:** Let the clubs set what they need to set. I even have clubs in Region 9 that are closing on Saturday a week before their show. Others may need until Tuesday or Wednesday. It depends on the individual clubs, and that's who we should be doing, the clubs say, "our entries close at such-and-such a time." Give the club the ability to be successful. Let them know what their pro's and con's are towards that level of being successful. That's all I'm saying is, let our clubs have a chance. I'm thinking more of clubs in North America, not European clubs.

Altschul: I think this particular show rule we're talking about is with China. At the International Division [meeting], they did say that Wednesday was possible for them. I think we should kind of support what they said. We definitely need to move toward kind of a set closing date, like Darrell said. Unfortunately when you don't, then sometimes clubs have people who are going to use a floating or nebulous closing date to their advantage of the cats they are showing. That's what we saw a few show seasons ago where clubs supposedly closed and then they're like, "Oh, never mind, we didn't really close. We got 60 more entries in overnight." I think that definitely created a lot of problems that we just did not have a show rule to address. So, I do believe in firm closing dates and I certainly believe that this particular show rule, that we should support it and moving forward we need to look at doing it with all clubs. It makes the playing field more level. I think exhibitors have adjusted in North America to the set closing dates and I think exhibitors all over the world can do the same.

Mastin: I'm just going to make one last comment on this. I believe we have been following the show rule in Regions 1-7 since May 1 of 2023 – 16-1/2 months. I'm not aware of any hindrances placed on any club because of this show rule. I am aware of an incident where I believe the entry clerk or receiving of the entries – the system went down for a short period of time and I don't remember, maybe Allene remembers, maybe Kathy Durdick had to fix

something or switch it over and it was just a matter of hours. I am in full support of this show rule for everybody, as a set closing time. I think it now becomes more fair for all the clubs having shows within that region, that there is a set closing time. I'm going to call the vote on this. All those in favor raise your hand for this show rule. Please do not lower your hand until I ask you to lower your hand.

Mastin called the motion. **Motion Carried.** DelaBar voting no.

Mastin: Darrell, Carissa, Carol, Vicki, Pauli, John, Russell, Doreann, Marilee, Howard, Kathy, Rachel, Janet, Aki, Kenny and Anne. Please lower your hand. All those opposed raise your hand. Pam. Lower your hand. Any abstentions raise your hand. Zero abstentions. Rachel? **Anger:** That's 16 yes, 1 no, zero abstentions. **Mastin:** OK, the motion passes.

18. *Amend SR 6.35d to require shows in China to be entered via the CFA online entry form.*

Article VI – Entering the Show, amend 6.35d	International Division Committee, Show Rules Committee	
Existing Wording	Proposed Wording	
6.35 Every China show after October 2, 2017 will use one of the Central Entry Clerks designated by CFA. ... d. All entries must be received from either the CFA online entry form for China, http://chineseentries.cfa.org or the China WeChat App. No email entries will be accepted. ...	6.35 Every China show after October 2, 2017 will use one of the Central Entry Clerks designated by CFA. ... d. All entries must be received from either <u>through</u> the CFA online entry form for China, http://chineseentries.cfa.org or the China WeChat App. No email <u>or text message</u> entries will be accepted. ...	
RATIONALE: Based on conversation and testing, it appears that Chinese exhibitors are able to submit entries via the CFA online entry form. Using this form will allow tracking of when entries were received and provide the ability to close shows to entries at the designated closing time.		

Mastin: Ed, on to #18. **Raymond:** On to #18, [reads]. As noted in the rationale, testing was done. There are no problems with them using the form. **Mastin:** Darrell, any comments. **Newkirk:** Yes. Cathy Dunham worked up a mock dummy show and I got a hold of about 5 people in China. They all did the link that Cathy set up and there were no more issues than a normal issue entering the show here. So, it was a success. This is going to help people know what the true counts of these shows are, because a lot of times you will go in and look – if you look at the breed summary, there's nothing at all. This will correct some of that. I'm in favor. **Mastin:** This was one of your concerns from the last meeting that you and I had spoke about after the board meeting. Does this satisfy your concern that we're able to process the China entries using the online entry? **Newkirk:** Yes. **Altschul:** I think it's fabulous that this was able to be worked out. Thank you, everyone. **Mastin:** I need to give a lot of credit to Cathy Dunham for

the work that she did on this, so Allene if you would pass that on to her. I'm not sure if she is in the audience. **Tartaglia:** She is. **Mastin:** She is. OK, great. So, Cathy Dunham, thank you. I'm going to call for the vote on this. Any objections? Seeing no objections, the motion passes unanimously.

The motion is ratified by unanimous consent.

19. *Add new SR 6.36b and SR 6.36c (and renumber existing 6.36b&c) to require shows in Japan to close no later than 11:59 p.m. Japan time on Monday and shows in the International Division outside of China to close on Wednesday evening.*

Article VI – Entering the Show, add new 6.36b & 6.36c and renumber current 6.36b & 6.36c	International Division Committee, Show Rules Committee	
Existing Wording	Proposed Wording	
6.36 a. For all shows in Regions 1-7, excluding Hawaii, all shows must close to entries no later than 11:59 p.m. Eastern time on the Monday before the opening of the show. Shows may close to entries prior to that time. b. For all shows in Regions 1-7, all entries must be received through the CFA online entry form on the CFA website. All entries will be time-stamped and the online form will be disabled for each show when that show is closed to entries. c. For all CFA shows, entry clerks must use the CFA entry clerk program. A fee, as specified in CFA’s current price list, is payable by the club to CFA if any other software is used. No further shows will be licensed for the club until this fee is paid.	6.36 a. For all shows in Regions 1-7, excluding Hawaii, all shows must close to entries no later than 11:59 p.m. Eastern time on the Monday before the opening of the show. Shows may close to entries prior to that time. <u>b. All shows in Region 8 must close to entries no later than 11:59 p.m. Japan time on the Monday before the opening of the show. Shows may close to entries prior to that time.</u> <u>c. All shows in the International Division outside of China must close to entries no later than 9:00 p.m. China time on the Wednesday before the opening of the show. Shows may close to entries prior to that time.</u> Bd. For all shows in Regions 1-7, all entries must be received through the CFA online entry form on the CFA website. All entries will be time-stamped and the online form will be disabled for each show when that show is closed to entries. Ce. For all CFA shows, entry clerks must use the CFA entry clerk program. A fee, as specified in CFA’s current price list, is payable by the club to CFA if any other software is used. No further shows will be licensed for the club until this fee is paid.	
RATIONALE: It is already common practice for shows in Region 8 to close no later than 11:59 p.m. Japan time. Based on conversation at the International Division meeting at the June 2024 Annual, it does not appear that setting a closing date of no later than the Wednesday evening before the show will impose		

an undue hardship on clubs in the International Division outside of China.

Mastin: #19. **Raymond:** #19, [reads]. **Mastin:** Aki, do you have any comments on this? **Tamura:** Yes. We have catalog printing issues, so we normally close on Monday. So yeah, we can fix it. We are fine for this show rule. **Mastin:** Darrell? **Newkirk:** I'm supportive of this. **Mastin:** Any further discussion? Any objections? I see Pam shaking her head. All those opposed to this motion raise your hand.

Mastin called the motion. **Motion Carried.** DelaBar voting no.

Mastin: Pam. Any abstentions to this motion? No abstentions to the motion. Rachel, is it OK to assume that everybody else is a yes? **Newkirk:** You need to call the yes votes. **Mastin:** OK. All those in favor raise your hand. Thank you, Darrell. Remember to keep your hand up until I ask you to lower it. Kathy, Carol, Carissa, Janet, Aki, Darrell, Kenny, Vicki, Anne, Pauli, Marilee, Russell, Howard, Doreann, John and Rachel. Lower your hand. Rachel, when you're ready. **Anger:** That's 16 yes, 1 no, zero abstentions. **Mastin:** OK, the motion passes.

20. *Amend existing SR 6.36.b. to require entries for shows in R1-8 and the International Division outside of China to be received through the CFA online entry form.*

Article VI – Entering the Show, amend existing 6.36b	International Division Committee, Show Rules Committee	
Existing Wording	Proposed Wording	
6.36 a. For all shows in Regions 1-7, excluding Hawaii, all shows must close to entries no later than 11:59 p.m. Eastern time on the Monday before the opening of the show. Shows may close to entries prior to that time. b. For all shows in Regions 1-7, all entries must be received through the CFA online entry form on the CFA website. All entries will be time-stamped and the online form will be disabled for each show when that show is closed to entries. c. For all CFA shows, entry clerks must use the CFA entry clerk program. A fee, as specified in CFA’s current price list, is payable by the club to CFA if any other software is used. No further shows will be licensed for the club until this fee is paid.	6.36 a. For all shows in Regions 1-7, excluding Hawaii, all shows must close to entries no later than 11:59 p.m. Eastern time on the Monday before the opening of the show. Shows may close to entries prior to that time. b. For all shows in Regions 1-79 and the <u>International Division outside of China</u>, all entries must be received through the CFA online entry form on the CFA website. All entries will be time-stamped and the online form will be disabled for each show when that show is closed to entries. c. For all CFA shows, entry clerks must use the CFA entry clerk program. A fee, as specified in CFA’s current price list, is payable by the club to CFA if any other software is used. No further shows will be licensed for the club until this fee is paid.	
RATIONALE: Japan is already using the CFA online entry form and International Division Chair supports requiring its use for shows in the International Division outside of China.		

Mastin: Ed, #20. **Raymond:** #20 amends existing Show Rule 6.36.b. which is going to be renumbered to require entries for shows in Regions 1-8 and the International Division outside of China to be received through the CFA online entry form. If you pass this, shows everywhere except for Region 9 will have to use the online entry. **DelaBar:** When I did a check with our people, we do. I was never asked whether – I do not remember being asked whether Region 9 uses the online entry form. With it now having – and Pauli checked this, too – with having it through both eCat and having a non-eCat entry, there should be no problem. **Mastin:** So Pam, are you – **DelaBar:** I’m saying yes, we could do it. **Mastin:** OK, so we can replace, *For all shows in Regions 1-8 to Regions 1-9?* **DelaBar:** Yes. **Raymond:** Sorry Pam, I must have misunderstood your response, that you guys can use this. **Mastin:** OK. So Ed, you’re going to revise that? **Raymond:** Yes. So, b. will now read, *For all shows in Regions 1-9 and the International Division outside of China*, and then continue on with its current language. **Mastin:** Any further discussion? Any objections? Seeing no objection, the motion passes unanimously.

The motion is ratified by unanimous consent.

21. *Amend SR 7.02 to acknowledge that the format requirements are part of the programing for printing the judges’ books in the entry clerking program.*

Article VII – Pre-Show Document Preparation, amend 7.02	Show Rules Committee	
Existing Wording	Proposed Wording	
7.02 The entry clerk or a designated representative is responsible for preparing the judges’ books, including those for judging Best of the Bests competitions, which shall be in numerical, but not necessarily consecutive catalog order. A minimum of two (2) lines must be left between color classes. The color class number, age (indicated in years and months) and the class for each entry must appear in the judges’ books. At least two (2) spaces should be left between each class (Champion and Grand Champion) to allow for transfers. Opens and Bronze/Silver/Gold level Champions and Premiers shall be listed as champions or premiers in the judge’s book, as applicable. Champions (including Bronze/Silver/Gold Champions) and opens competing as champions shall be listed within each color class in sequence by age, youngest to oldest. Premiers (including Bronze/Silver/Gold Premiers) and opens competing as premiers shall be listed within each color class in sequence by age, youngest to oldest. When a color class includes entries of more than one color/tabby pattern, the exact color/tabby pattern indicated on the entry form must be entered in the judges’ books unless	7.02 <u>Using software provided by CFA, the</u> The entry clerk or a designated representative is responsible for preparing the judges’ books, including those for judging Best of the Bests competitions, which shall be in numerical, but not necessarily consecutive catalog order. A minimum of two (2) lines must be left between color classes. The color class number, age (indicated in years and months) and the class for each entry must appear in the judges’ books. At least two (2) spaces should be left between each class (Champion and Grand Champion) to allow for transfers. Opens and Bronze/Silver/Gold level Champions and Premiers shall be listed as champions or premiers in the judge’s book, as applicable. Champions (including Bronze/Silver/Gold Champions) and opens competing as champions shall be listed within each color class in sequence by age, youngest to oldest. Premiers (including Bronze/Silver/Gold Premiers) and opens competing as premiers shall be listed within each color class in sequence by age, youngest to oldest. When a color class includes entries of more than one color/tabby pattern, the exact color/tabby pattern indicated on the entry	

the breed is Sphynx, in which case no color or tabby pattern will be listed in the judges' books. At the end of each breed, the show entry clerk shall type a form for the following awards: Best of Breed/Division, Second Best of Breed/Division for Kittens, Championship and Premiership, and where necessary, Best Champion/Premier of Breed/Division. At the end of the Veterans Class, the entry clerk shall type a form for Best through Fifth Best Cat and, if applicable, Sixth through Tenth Best Cat.	form must be entered in the judges' books unless the breed is Sphynx, in which case no color or tabby pattern will be listed in the judges' books. At the end of each breed, the show entry clerk shall type a form for the following awards: Best of Breed/Division, Second Best of Breed/Division for Kittens, Championship and Premiership, and where necessary, Best Champion/Premier of Breed/Division. At the end of the Veterans Class, the entry clerk shall type a form for Best through Fifth Best Cat and, if applicable, Sixth through Tenth Best Cat.
RATIONALE: This change acknowledges that the format requirements are part of the programming for printing the judges' books in the entry clerking program.	

Mastin: #21. **Raymond:** [reads] **Mastin:** So, we're just adding in the first few words?
Raymond: The first few words at the beginning of the paragraph, yep. **Mastin:** OK. Discussion? Objections? Seeing no objections, the motion passes unanimously.

The motion is ratified by unanimous consent.

22. *Amend SR 7.05 to reflect the size of exhibitor catalogs currently being printed.*

Article VII – Pre-Show Document Preparation amend 7.05	Show Rules Committee	
Existing Wording		Proposed Wording
7.05 Show catalogs must not be smaller than 5-1/2 x 8-1/2 inches.		7.05 Show catalogs must not be smaller than <u>approximately 5-1/2 x 8-1/2 x 11</u> inches.
RATIONALE: Clarification for the size of the exhibitor catalog currently being printed.		

Mastin: OK, #22. **Raymond:** #22, [reads]. This is based on input from Central Office.
Huhtaniemi: I would like to keep the smaller size, because that's what we do and it's working well. Nowadays, we don't even have to send the catalogs to Central Office because we send them a digital show package. So, it really doesn't matter what size the catalog is. So, I am against the rule. **Currle:** I agree with Pauli. This is just too much of a restriction. **Mastin:** Ed, where did this come from, again? **Raymond:** This came from Central Office, input from Cathy Dunham. Based on what she was seeing coming in from the clubs across the world as part of the show package, whether it was digital or hard copy. **Nasin:** I don't see why we need this restriction, especially when it comes to club costs, overhead costs if there's a cheaper way. I can understand if it's tiny little fine print like you see on a bottle, but I'm not sure why we should have the catalogs be restricted to that large, but that's just my opinion. **Mastin:** Allene, do you have any comments? **Tartaglia:** No, I don't. I wasn't aware that this was an issue. I checked and Cathy

Dunham is not in the audience at this point. **Mastin:** Any further discussion? I'm going to call for the vote. If you are in favor, raise your hand.

Mastin called the motion. **Motion Failed.** Krzanowski voting yes. [**Note:** Mrs. Krzanowski intended to vote no but had a technical difficulty.]

Mastin: Carol. OK, lower your hand. If you are opposed, raise your hand. Carissa, Kathy, Kenny, Darrell, Marilee, Doreann, Howard, Aki, Anne, Pauli, Vicki, Rachel, Janet, John, Pam and Russell. Lower your hand. If you are an abstention, raise your hand. No abstentions. Rachel? **Anger:** That's 1 yes, 16 no, zero abstentions. **Mastin:** Motion fails.

23. *Amend SR 7.07 to allow CFA championship claims forms and Companion Cat Registration Application to be made available at the Master Clerk's table or be printed in the catalog.*

Article VII – Pre-Show Document Preparation amend 7.07	Show Rules Committee	
Existing Wording		Proposed Wording
7.07 An official CFA championship claim form and application to obtain a Companion Cat Registration Number, or facsimiles thereof must be printed or inserted in the show catalog.		7.07 An official CFA championship claim form and application to obtain a Companion Cat Registration Number, or facsimiles thereof must be printed or inserted in the show catalog <u>or be made available at the Master Clerk's table.</u>
RATIONALE: This would allow the claim forms and applications to be at the Master Clerk's table so an exhibitor does not need to tear pages out of their exhibitor catalog.		

Mastin: #23. **Raymond:** #23 amends Show Rule 7.07 to allow the CFA championship claims forms and Companion Cat Registration Application to either be included in the catalog or available for pick-up at the Master Clerk's table. **Mastin:** Discussion? Objections? Seeing no objection, the motion passes unanimously.

The motion is ratified by unanimous consent.

24. *Amend SR 7.11 to provide that breeder, sire and dam information shall not be included in the catalog for Household Pets.*

Article VII – Pre-show Document Preparation, amend 7.11	Vicki Jensen	
Existing Wording		Proposed Wording
7.11 The exact registered name of each entry; its CFA registration number (either temporary or		7.11 The exact registered name of each entry; its CFA registration number (either temporary or

permanent), date of birth, sire & dam (including titles) and breeder (if available); and the name and region of residence of the owner—all must be PRINTED in the catalog. The only exception to the requirement for a registration number would be 1) Novices, 2) kittens that are eligible to compete in the kitten class, and 3) cats listed as exhibition only. Their registration numbers may be printed or hand written in the catalog or may not exist at the time of the show. Each entry must have a name.	permanent), date of birth, sire & dam (including titles) and breeder (if available); and the name and region of residence of the owner—all must be PRINTED in the catalog. The only exception to the requirement for a registration number would be 1) Novices, 2) kittens that are eligible to compete in the kitten class, and 3) cats listed as exhibition only. Their registration numbers may be printed or hand written in the catalog or may not exist at the time of the show. Each entry must have a name. <u>No Household Pet shall have its breeder, sire or dam listed in the show catalog. If a Pedigree cat transfers into Household Pet class, the entry clerk shall delete from the cat's record the breeder, sire and dam before entering it in the show documents and notify the owner.</u>
RATIONALE: HHP class should be for rescues and having sire and dam listed encourages breeding of non-standard pedigree cats.	

Mastin: #24. **Raymond:** #24, [reads]. **Mastin:** Discussion? Objections? **DelaBar:** I'm having problems trying to bring up the – OK. What's the reason on this? In Australia, they have split out Household Pets and Companion Cats. Companion Cats are basically those people that breed a cat that cannot be shown for whatever reason, that it would be disqualified or whatever. They make those Companion Cats. We have those in the Household Pet class. This is not a fall on your sword type thing, but what does it hurt if it shows that the cat's name is Sapad I Wanted to be Better, you know? It has the cattery name or maybe the breeder's name on the cat. We're not promoting Household Pet breeding, but that's the cat's name and that's the cat's history, so I was just wondering, what is the rationale behind this? That's all. And should we consider having a Companion Cat category? **Colilla:** I see no harm in keeping the parents and stuff in there. The only thing I'm seeing, another change that requires program changes and it's money that we really don't need to spend. Thank you. **Jensen:** I submitted this because it was brought to my attention that somebody was showing a Household Pet that had the sire and dam and the breeder listed. Household Pets are just that – they are household pets. Just like we had that whole discussion with the people with the mutated cats, by putting the sire and dam and breeder in the catalog, the catalog is not seen by the judge. The catalog is only seen by other exhibitors and maybe somebody that happens to see a cat and say, might be an unusual cat, might be a cat that is one of these ones like I just recently saw a picture of a Maine Coon with folded ears. People are being very creative in their breeding of non-standard cats. It encourages it to allow them to have that listed. The Household Pet category has traditionally been for rescues and for just that – household pets. Pedigreed cats are allowed to show in Household Pet category, but when they make that transition into Household Pet, then it's not a big program change. The entry clerk removes the sire and dam and breeder so that we're not advertising non-standard cats. That's why I brought it up. **Colilla:** Maybe I shouldn't be saying this, OK? I'll be showing a Household Pet next year because I have a miniature cat that won't grow and I'm not going to find him a home. He's going to be my forever cat. He is going to live in my house until he dies, and I'm going to have fun with him. It's a purebred cat, and I don't care. I'm not going to change the registration number. **Mastin:** John and Pam, what's the harm if the sire and dam are not listed, as

is the show rule as being requested here? **DelaBar:** It's just, if the cat has a history and we're trying to get everybody to, "oh, I have a litter, I need to register it and by the by I'm registering the kittens along with it," which is standard practice in Region 9, and then it turns out to have some kind of strange thing where it cannot be registered. You're taking the history away from the cat. I don't see the reason to have it. We're not seeing – we hear of the people who breed Household Pets, but it's something that's not needed and we're causing extra work on the person that is the entry clerk, because they have more work to do to remove this information if they're trying to bring it in from the database. **Colilla:** I agree with Pam. It's just more work, especially a lot of people enter the cat at the last minute. There's a show that we put on. I have to tell you, 100 entries came in the last day. **Newkirk:** So, the whole purpose of putting the sire and dam is, as Pam said, to document the lineage of that cat. However, we're talking about cats that are competing in non-championship classes – Household Pet/Companion Cats. I see absolutely no reason at all to put the sire and dam in there. I think I'm going to agree with Vicki. You've got a lot of cats that are mixed breeds. They have nothing in there. If it's a purebred cat, you're going to know it when you pull it out and handle it, but to list the sire and dam to me just sort of defeats the purpose, in my opinion. **Simbro:** Right now, to enter a Household Pet, you have to have a Household Pet number. You cannot enter a show if you are a pedigreed cat [inaudible, multiple speakers] to show. If you want to show a Household Pet, you re-register the cat as a Household Pet. Household Pets don't have sire or dam. They don't have this information in our database to begin with. **Mastin:** Thanks, James.

Colilla: OK, I have a question. This is my third litter. There's only one kitten. Like I said, I'm going to show him. He has a registration number as the breed. If I want to show in Household Pet, do I have to re-register him as a Household Pet? **Simbro:** Yes. **Colilla:** And then what about, am I going to be kicked out of the breed council as a member? It's my third litter. **Mastin:** Why would you be kicked out of the breed council? **Colilla:** Because it's a Household Pet now. It's not purebred. **Mastin:** Who wants to answer that question? Kathy, do you have the answer? **Calhoun:** I think I do. **Mastin:** OK, go for it. **Calhoun:** I could be wrong, but I think I do. If that is one of your qualifying cats for the council, it no longer counts. I think I'm correct on that. **Mastin:** Allene, I see you raising your hand. Do you know the answer? **Tartaglia:** I think I do. It's a litter. The litter was born and has a CFA registered sire, a CFA registered dam. It just so happens that the cat is small and John wants to show it in Household Pet. I don't think that does away with the litter. It's still a valid litter. **Colilla:** But I have to change it to a Household Pet number. **Tartaglia:** That's the individual cat, not the sire or the dam. You could still register that litter. When we're looking at breed council requirements, we're looking, is the litter registered? It's only when it gets into an individual cat having to be shown that we might look at that, but the litter is a valid litter. **Colilla:** But to show it, I have to have a Household Pet registration. I'm just confused what's going on right now. Sorry folks for taking up your time. **Mastin:** OK John, lower your hand and I'll call on these other people. Maybe they have some answers. **Altschul:** Just what Allene said. John, as long as you have registered one cat from another litter with that breed that you are a breed council member, it's the litter number. You don't even have to register anything from that litter you bred, to count for the breed council. You just have to have three litters and one cat you've registered from any of those litters. So, you're OK if you re-register that cat as a Household Pet, but I don't think this has any bearing on this particular show rule. **Webster:** Yes, that's true. If you've got three litters and you've shown kittens from the other litter, you're fine. **Mastin:** Next time you speak, can you show us who you are? **Webster:** Yes. **Mastin:** Thank you. **Jensen:** You would have to change the number to a

Household Pet number anyways. This isn't doing anything to that. This is just eliminating from the catalog the cat's sire and dam. It doesn't change what titles the sire and dam have already attained. It doesn't change anything regarding the sire and dam. The only thing it does is, it removes from the catalog any information regarding the breeder of that cat or its parents, so that people are not using CFA to advertise cats that are not CFA-standard cats. That's all it's doing.

Mastin: I'm going to call on Pam, then Allene, then Pauli, then I'm going to call for the vote.

DelaBar: With a clarification that the cat has to be re-registered under the Companion Cat as a Household Pet and with the normal information that's shown, I can support this. **Tartaglia:** I'm just going to reiterate what James had said. Household Pets don't have a sire or a dam, so when a CFA registered cat – a regular registered cat – is re-registered as a Household Pet, there is no sire or dam. It doesn't look at a sire or dam, because a Household Pet technically is not litter registered. So, this is a clarification, but it's not something that would happen anyway. **Mastin:** Pauli, did you have comments? **Huhtaniemi:** Nothing anymore. **Mastin:** OK, I'm going to call this. Are there any objections to this motion? Seeing no objections, the motion passes unanimously.

The motion is ratified by unanimous consent.

25. *Amend SR 7.17 to reflect that Junior Fanciers no longer have a separate catalog listing.*

Article VII – Pre-Show Document Preparation amend 7.17	Show Rules Committee	
Existing Wording	Proposed Wording	
7.17 Entries in the catalog should appear in the following order: Junior Showmanship. Non-Championship: Kittens, AOV kittens following entries for the particular breed. Provisional Breeds separated by breed and by kitten, adults and alters. Miscellaneous breeds (non-competitive) separated by breed. The first three or four digits of a Miscellaneous entry's registration number should be used as the Class number, unless class numbers are specified in Article XXXIII. Championship: Longhair and Shorthair. AOV entries should appear at the end of the Championship entries for the particular breed. Premiership: Longhair and Shorthair. AOV entries should appear at the end of the Premiership entries for the particular breed. Non-championship: Household Pets. Non-championship: Veteran.	7.17 Entries in the catalog should appear in the following order: Junior Showmanship. Non-Championship: Kittens, AOV kittens following entries for the particular breed. Provisional Breeds separated by breed and by kitten, adults and alters. Miscellaneous breeds (non-competitive) separated by breed. The first three or four digits of a Miscellaneous entry's registration number should be used as the Class number, unless class numbers are specified in Article XXXIII. Championship: Longhair and Shorthair. AOV entries should appear at the end of the Championship entries for the particular breed. Premiership: Longhair and Shorthair. AOV entries should appear at the end of the Premiership entries for the particular breed. Non-championship: Household Pets. Non-championship: Veteran.	

Exhibition only: Exhibition only cats and kittens should be numbered in the catalog.	Exhibition only: Exhibition only cats and kittens should be numbered in the catalog.
RATIONALE: Junior Fanciers no longer have a separate listing when they show their cat.	

Mastin: Ed, #25. **Raymond:** #25, [reads]. **Mastin:** Discussion? Ed, did this come from the Junior Fanciers? Sheri [Shaffer] or Albert [Sweitzer]? **Raymond:** No. It actually came from Cathy Dunham. **Mastin:** OK. Any objections to this motion? Seeing no objections, this motion passes unanimously.

The motion is ratified by unanimous consent.

26. *Amend SR 7.21 to clarify that the Master Clerk Catalog is the document to be used by a Master Clerk.*

Article VII – Pre-Show Document Preparation amend 7.21	Show Rules Committee	
Existing Wording		Proposed Wording
7.21 A condensed show catalog (see rule 2.14) may be created for the use of the Master Clerk as the official show catalog.		7.21 A <u>Master Clerk Catalog</u> —condensed show catalog (see rule 2.14) may <u>will</u> be created for the use of the Master Clerk as the official show catalog.
RATIONALE: This clarifies that the Master Clerk Catalog is the document to be used by a Master Clerk.		

Mastin: #26. **Raymond:** #26, [reads]. This ties in with the elimination of the definition of the condensed show catalog that you already approved earlier. **Mastin:** Discussion? Objections? Seeing no objections, the motion passes unanimously.

The motion is ratified by unanimous consent.

27. *Amend SR 9.05 to clarify which substances cannot be used as disinfectants.*

Article IX – Procedures Prior to Benching/Check-In, amend 9.05	Janet Moyer	
Existing Wording		Proposed Wording
9.05 The show manager must provide suitable utensils and disinfectants for the use of the veterinarians, judges and stewards to clean and disinfect cages and judging surfaces. Deodorants cannot be used as substitutes.		9.05 The show manager must provide suitable utensils and disinfectants for the use of the veterinarians, judges and stewards to clean and disinfect cages and judging surfaces. Deodorants cannot be used as substitutes. <u>Cleaning and deodorizing agents that contain any of</u>

	<u>the following products may be harmful to cats and are not approved for use as a disinfectant at cat shows.</u> <u>1. Ammonia</u> <u>2. Glycol cleaners</u> <u>3. Formaldehyde</u> <u>4. Phthalates</u> <u>5. Phenol</u> <u>6. Triclosan</u> <u>7. Essential oils-Tee tree, Lavender, Citrus</u> <u>8. Bleach</u> <u>9. Decolorized iodine</u> <u>All disinfectants will be mixed in exact ratios as specified by the manufacturer.</u>
RATIONALE: The use of improper substances as disinfectants, or failure to mix disinfectants in the ratios specified by their manufacturers, can result in injuries to cats and to judges. Given the global nature of CFA, it is not feasible to create a list of approved disinfectants, but it is feasible to list the products which should not be used.	

Mastin: #27. **Raymond:** [reads]. **Mastin:** Discussion? Ed, where did this come from?
Raymond: This came from Janet Moyer. **Calhoun:** I support this, but I just wonder how will this be enforced? So, does the cage service need to come with documentation on what is in the cleaning solution? How will it be enforced? That's my only question. **Raymond:** It's on the honor system, as many things are in the show rules. **Mastin:** Janet, can you speak on this?
Moyer: I sure can. This has been I think a long-standing problem in the show world from my standpoint. I have blue-eyed cats and they are very sensitive to this. I actually had a cat get sprayed in the eye one time because it was in an adjacent cage. They spray and there's gaps and it got in her eye. I'm aware of two other cats that were permanently maimed because they got sprayed in the eye. You talk to judges, and they suffer at these shows from their hands getting burned and the irritation. I'm aware of more than one judge that just dumps it out and pours water in. So, we investigated what could be done about this. Because of the overseas component and all of the different products that they use over there, it was too hard to say what could be used, so we worked with Roger Brown on what substances should absolutely not be in any formula. We have nothing in the show rules right now that call out what can or cannot be used. At least this would give us some teeth if there was an incident, to go back and say, "what was this?" The biggest problem I think is that they're not being properly mixed. When you go to a show hall and you see Windex-colored disinfectant, it's not mixed right. The people that are doing it are not measuring it. They think if a little is good, a lot is so much better and that's just not the case. So, we were just trying to have a starting point. **Mastin:** Thank you for clarifying that. **Griswold:** Janet and I talked about this quite a bit. I sent her photos of my hands after some shows where they are just peeling skin all over. Because when we go overseas, sometimes the sponsors are for these cleaning agents, so it's very hard to define what we could use and that's

when we ended up talking to Roger. I thought his idea of actually defining what we cannot use is probably going to be the best way to go. What I think this does, I don't know how many people are going to go back and check with this, but if something does happen with a bad outcome, like with a judge's hands or with people's cats, then it allows us to have a show rule to fall back on. So, I don't know how many of us are going to go out and specifically check, but for a while I was collecting information about what each cage service was using, and found out that every, single cage service was using something different. Some were using chlorohexidine, some were using some other chemical agents, so it was going to be really difficult for us to try to come up with a list that could be easily obtainable all around the world. So this is kind of, I think, the best that we could come up with. **DelaBar:** There are some other substances that are not on this list that have also caused problems. I've had second degree burns on my hands to where they also peel. As just a little aside, one of the first disinfectants I used the first time I judged in Samara, Russia, was Stoli. So you had a little disinfectant for the table, a little disinfectant for the judge, but there are others that should be on this list. I think Quat is one of them, but I hope that we can add to this list, because it's no fun to have your hands burning and peeling after you have judged a show. **Nasin:** I agree with Pam. On another note, maybe we can add something like a one part to so-many parts formula maybe, because I've had, especially international shows, I've had situations where a vendor had provided the cleaning product and I actually questioned if it should have been used on hands versus the surface. Just imagine if it's like a bleach cleaner for bathroom tiles. I had a situation happen that way, and that's why I provide my own spray bottle, because I started using it and within the first 20 minutes my hands were on fire, so I actually took it into the bathroom, emptied half of it and refilled it to dilute it because it was just so strong. Like I said, that's what I do now. I have a spray mist and I do my parts with it to kind of dilute it if I feel I need to, but that's a concern I have especially on the international side where every country has their own regulations and stuff. Just thinking one part this to ten parts that. I don't know, something like that. Just a thought. **Mastin:** OK Doreann, thank you. Next time you speak, we want to see you. OK? **Raymond:** I just wanted to point out that the last sentence of this show rule amendment requires that, *All disinfectants will be mixed in exact ratios as specified by the manufacturer*. Since we're listing banned substances, we don't know what substances were actually used or what the appropriate ratios are for those substances, so the best we can do is say you have to follow the manufacturer's directions. **Newkirk:** I got a text from someone that said we should add bleach on here. I mean, that's hell on your hands. And white iodine. I just looked up on the internet some warnings about, they call it "decolorized iodine" and that's another one they say, do not get it in your eye. So, I don't know. I think those should be added on. **Mastin:** As I'm taking notes here, Darrell you want to add bleach and white iodine or decolorized iodine? **Newkirk:** Decolorized. **Mastin:** Decolorized. Pam, you said Quat? **DelaBar:** I think it's called Quat. **Mastin:** Quat. **DelaBar:** I will maybe double check that, but that did put me in the emergency room at Brooke Army Medical Center with second degree burns on my hands. **Mastin:** Janet, you were the author of this. Do you have any objections to adding those three? **Moyer:** No, I don't. **Mastin:** Marilee, you helped out. Do you have any objections to adding those three? **Griswold:** I'm trying to look up Quat. I don't even see what chemical that is. **Newkirk:** I'm looking, too. **Tartaglia:** It's Quat, I think. Q-U-A-T. **Mastin:** Quat? **Tartaglia:** That's what I'm seeing 3M Quat Disinfecting Cleaner. So, Q-U-A-T. **Griswold:** That looks like quaternary ammonium compound. It's a group of chemicals. **Mastin:** Do you agree it should be on the list, Marilee? **Newkirk:** If Allene will scroll up to 1-7, I think ammonia is on there. It's an ammonium compound. **Mastin:** #1 is listed as ammonia. **Newkirk:**

So, it would be redundant. **Mastin:** OK, so it's included already. OK. Darrell, do you have anything else? **Newkirk:** No. **Mastin:** Alright, so we're voting on the revised show rule that we see on the screen, adding in 8 and 9, bleach and decolorized iodine. Any further discussion? Any objections? Seeing no objections, the motion passes unanimously.

The motion is ratified by unanimous consent.

Mastin: Janet, thank you. Marilee, thank you. Please thank Roger for his involvement and thank you to everybody for a good discussion.

28. *Amend SR 9.05 to provide that a cage cannot be cleaned while there is a cat in the adjacent cage.*

Article IX – Procedures Prior to Benching/Check-In, amend 9.05	Janet Moyer	
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RATIONALE: Cats in the judging ring have suffered eye injuries as the result of being inadvertently sprayed by a steward cleaning an adjacent cage.		

Mastin: OK, let's move on to #28. **Raymond:** #28 is a subsequent amendment to 9.05. It provides that a cage cannot be cleaned while there is a cat in the adjacent cage. This ties into [inaudible]. **Mastin:** OK Ed, we only got part of what you said. You were freezing on us. I'm not sure what was happening there. I think I got the first sentence and a half. **Raymond:** Sorry, my internet just flipped. So, this provides that a cage cannot be cleaned while there is a cat in the adjacent cage. I was just pointing out that this ties into the story that Janet mentioned earlier about cats being sprayed in the eye when the adjacent cage was being cleaned. **Mastin:** Just so you're aware, at the very end you froze on us again. We got most of the information. It's just that you froze the last 3 or 4 seconds. **Raymond:** Sorry. **Jensen:** I think this would be more of a best practices, and as a certified ring clerk I typically tell my stewards not to spray the cages when there's cats next to them. However, there are situations when, like for example, if you have more than 8 or 9 males in a final, you need to release a cat. Are you going to release others so that you can clean that cage? The better practice is to ask the steward to not spray but just spray the towel

and then clean the cage with the towel, so I think it needs to be more of a best practice, rather than a rule. **Mastin:** Further discussion? Ed, do you see what Vicki's concerns are? **Raymond:** If you want us to bring it back with something different, we can do that. **Mastin:** OK, so we're going to withdraw it? **Raymond:** Yes. **Mastin:** OK, thank you. Vicki, thanks for bringing that up.

Withdrawn.

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[Secretary's Note: The following discussion originally occurred in executive session. An online motion was made by **Ms. Anger**, seconded by **Mr. Huhtaniemi** and unanimously carried (subject to ratification): *Move the discussion and voting results from Agenda Item #26 - Old Business, section (c) regarding Show Rule #9.05 (proposal #28 from the Show Rules report) from executive session into the open session Show Rules Report.*]

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RATIONALE: Cats in the judging ring have suffered eye injuries as the result of being inadvertently sprayed by a steward cleaning an adjacent cage.		

Mastin: Janet? **Moyer:** The first one is the rewrite of show rule [proposal] 28, which was just to add at the end – I sent everybody an email on it – to add at the end the following language: [reads]. **Mastin:** Allene, can you bring that up? **Tartaglia:** Yes, in a moment. **DelaBar:** The show rule is actually 9.05. It was item #28 on the Show Rules report, so it's Show

Rule 9.05. **Mastin:** Thank you, Pam. **Jensen:** I have a question. When I'm a ring clerk and when I see other people ring clerking and when I've been a show manager, OK, we're paying stewards what, \$40 a day? We are heartfelt trying to find them. Usually it's somebody's kid. Who are you going to file the protest against? The judge, the clerk, the steward? Once you make it into a show rule, then it gives somebody grounds to complain beyond the show manager. Like I said yesterday, I think we need to just focus it on yes, let's call it best practices, put it in a guide that we hand out to the stewards, tell them how to do it, but do we really want to hear protests about this? I have had situations where my own cats have been – the judge had the cat on the table and the 10 year old steward went over and sprayed the cage while the cat was on the table and then the judge put the cat back in the cage, and the cage was wet. As you know, with a Persian that's just disaster, but this kind of thing happens. The clerks are not always right there at the ring. They have to carry the papers up to the master clerk. I think that we need to focus on, if we make it a rule it needs to be enforceable and we've got to figure out who are you going to put this against and how are we going to be dealing with this? So, I like the sentiment, I like the idea because not just the cat getting sprayed in the face, but gravity pulls that liquid underneath the barrier to the cage next to it and it can cause a problem with especially our longhair coats. They can get wet because of over-spraying and whatnot, but we have to think about how are we going to enforce it if we make it. So, that's just my comment on it. **Altschul:** I'm in support of this because I've noticed quite a few of the cage services, they have significant gaps either on the top or the bottom or even sometimes you get cats who press their face to the front of the cage and they're trying to play with the steward's paper towel as they're cleaning it and they get sprayed in the face. I've seen this happen multiple times to cats at shows and I've seen the damage done to a couple of cats' eyes that were career-ending injuries to cats' eyes. So, I definitely think unfortunately it's going to require a show rule. I don't think a best practice is going to make this happen. I think if we're able to instruct our stewards how to clean the cages, most of us – I'm a ring clerk – we just tell our stewards how to put back the ribbons. If they can figure out how to put back the ribbons and how to clean a cage, I think they can understand not to clean a cage while there is a cat next to it. May it slow down our shows a little bit? Yes, but I think this again goes back to our core mission statement. We are for the welfare of all cats and I believe that we need to support this in order to protect the welfare of all cats. **Calhoun:** I agree with Carissa and with Janet on this. I think that this is needed. Our primary motivation should be the protection of the cat. As to whether it's enforceable, we have a plethora of show rules that are not enforceable and if we limited our show rules to what we can actually take someone to task on, we would have a very small show rules book. So, I think the thing of it is, is that the published recommendation and wording in the show rules has more credence than in a hand-out to a steward which, by the way, I've never seen a hand-out to a steward, so I support this 100%. **Krzanowski:** I agree with Kathy. She said a lot of what I wanted to say, but I also want to say that I believe we passed the show rule change yesterday and the only thing we're considering now is the addition of another sentence at the end. Am I wrong about that? **Mastin:** I've got to check my notes. I thought it was withdrawn. **Raymond:** It was withdrawn. **Mastin:** Yes, I have it marked as withdrawn. **Krzanowski:** OK, then I stand corrected, thank you. **Mastin:** Ed, can you share your comments? **Raymond:** I was going to say, it was withdrawn. I don't have a problem with the amendment that Janet is suggesting. From a procedural point of view, you need a motion and a second to consider bringing this back up to vote on. **Mastin:** Janet, are you making a motion? **Moyer:** Yes, I so move. **Mastin:** Vicki, I see you have your hand up. Are you seconding? **Jensen:** Well, I was going to clarify that I am in favor of it, but I also think that we

need to consider, you know, the practicalities, but I will second it. **Mastin:** Thank you. Ed, do you have additional comments? **Raymond:** No, I think it's fine. **DelaBar:** Just a clarification. This is a vote for reconsideration. Is that correct? **Raymond:** It's simply a vote. This is being brought back as a new motion. **Mastin:** OK, it's being brought back as a new motion, so we're voting on it overall? **Raymond:** Yes, because it was withdrawn from the beginning. There was never a vote on it to begin with. **Mastin:** Any further discussion? I'm going to call for the vote. If you are in favor, raise your hand.

Mastin called the motion. **Motion Carried.**

Mastin: Janet, Carol, Doreann, Pauli, Anne, Carissa, Howard, Russell, Darrell, Kathy, John, Rachel, Marilee, Vicki, Pam, Aki. Lower your hand. If you are opposed, raise your hand. No one is opposed. If you are an abstention, raise your hand. No abstentions. Well, that passed unanimously.

29. *Amend SR 10.24 to clarify that only cats or kittens eligible for CFA registration may be offered for sale or sold at a show and remove the humane organization exception to the rules that kittens must be at least 4 months old to be in the show hall.*

Article X – Benching/Check In, amend 10.24	Show Rules Committee	
Existing Wording	Proposed Wording	
10.24 The show committee may permit cats or kittens, 4 months old or older, to be present for display or sale. Only cats or kittens eligible for CFA registration may be sold. In the case of Bengals, those cats or kittens must produce a valid CFA individual or litter registration for the cat or kitten to be allowed in the show hall. No kitten under the age of 4 months shall be permitted in the show hall. This does not apply to animals being adopted from humane organizations. Proof of age must be presented upon the request of the show manager (see rule 10.28). Non-entered cats and kittens may be present in the show hall subject to such conditions as the show committee may require. (See rule 6.27)	10.24 The show committee may permit cats or kittens, 4 months old or older, to be present for display or sale. Only cats or kittens eligible for CFA registration may be <u>offered for sale or sold, with the exception of animals being adopted from humane organizations</u> . In the case of Bengals, those cats or kittens must produce a valid CFA individual or litter registration for the cat or kitten to be allowed in the show hall. No kitten under the age of 4 months shall be permitted in the show hall. This does not apply to animals being adopted from humane organizations. Proof of age must be presented upon the request of the show manager (see rule 10.28). Non-entered cats and kittens may be present in the show hall subject to such conditions as the show committee may require. (See rule 6.27)	
RATIONALE: There have been recent reports of non CFA registerable breeds being offered for sale at shows. This change would clarify the show rule to prohibit the offering of such breeds for sale at show, not just the actual sale. Additionally, since pedigreed cats and household pets cannot be shown or even in the show hall until 4 months of age, primarily because of health and vaccination concerns, it does not make sense to allow kittens being offered for adoption from humane organizations to be in the show hall at an earlier age.		

Mastin: #29. **Raymond:** #29, [reads]. It removes the humane organization exemption to the rules that kittens must be at least 4 months old to be in the show hall. The prior show rule provided that only cats or kittens eligible for CFA registration may be sold, but it was silent as to the fact that they could be offered for sale in the show hall, but the actual sale would take place outside the show hall. We're trying to close the loophole. **Anger:** I am very supportive of this, but I would almost like to see it read that they must be registered. We do that with Bengals in other situations. We want to encourage registrations. If they are making a profit from a CFA registerable cat, they should have the registration. I'm not proposing an amendment to the rule right now, but just a thought. **Altschul:** Rachel, you are saying that you want pedigreed kittens that are being offered for sale in the show hall to be CFA registered? **Anger:** Yes. **Altschul:** If I sell a kitten to somebody, I'm not going to know what name it's going to have. They're going to want to name it their own name, so why should I register it with a name when they might want to name it something else? **Mastin:** Rachel, do you want to address that question further? **Anger:** I do. I think at the minimum litter registered or they can change the name, but as I say, at this time I'm not proposing an amendment. I would just like to see that considered somewhere down the line. **Jensen:** I'm not sure I understand this. Are you saying – so, you wouldn't have any kittens that are under 4 months old, but if somebody has got pictures of kittens that are at home, they can't have those there or – I'm not understanding this. **Mastin:** Ed, can you clarify it? **Raymond:** This deals with cats that are physically in the show hall. We can't do anything about pictures. As to Rachel's point, I think she has been reading ahead because the next show rule amendment would require at least a litter registration for the cat to be in the show hall and offered for sale. **Mastin:** We'll talk about that in the next one, then. Vicki, were you all set? **Krzanowski:** I just wanted to expand. It is cats that are present in the show hall. Anyone is free to bring photos or videos or whatever to the hall. This came to light recently because we became aware of the fact that welfare groups and rescue groups had kittens in the show hall that were well underage; for instance, 11 weeks old, some of them. They're not fully vaccinated. From an animal welfare standpoint, that's dangerous for both the kittens and the other cats present in the show hall. The other issue of the registration occurred due to the fact that there have been instances where cats that are non-registerable in CFA have been offered for sale at the shows. Now, no one actually witnessed a sale, so that's why we wanted to tighten up the show rule to specify they could not be offered for sale or sold. **Mastin:** Any further discussion? Any objections? Seeing no objections, the motion passes unanimously.

The motion is ratified by unanimous consent.

30. *Amend SR 10.24 and 10.28 to clarify that only cats or kittens with a CFA litter registration may be sold at a show.*

Article X – Benching/ Check In, amend 10.24 and 10.28	Show Rules Committee	
Existing Wording		Proposed Wording
10.24 The show committee may permit cats or kittens, 4 months old or older, to be present for display or sale. Only cats or kittens eligible for		10.24 The show committee may permit cats or kittens, 4 months old or older, to be present for display or sale. Only cats or kittens eligible for CFA

CFA registration may be sold. In the case of Bengals, those cats or kittens must produce a valid CFA individual or litter registration for the cat or kitten to be allowed in the show hall. No kitten under the age of 4 months shall be permitted in the show hall. This does not apply to animals being adopted from humane organizations. Proof of age must be presented upon the request of the show manager (see rule 10.28). Non-entered cats and kittens may be present in the show hall subject to such conditions as the show committee may require. (See rule 6.27)	registration may be sold. In the case of Bengals, these Those cats or kittens must produce a valid CFA individual or litter registration for the cat or kitten to be allowed in the show hall. No kitten under the age of 4 months shall be permitted in the show hall. This does not apply to animals being adopted from humane organizations. Proof of age must be presented upon the request of the show manager (see rule 10.28). Non-entered cats and kittens may be present in the show hall subject to such conditions as the show committee may require. (See rule 6.27)
10.28 The show manager is responsible for requesting the immediate removal from the show hall any kittens that appear to be under four months of age, subject to the owner or persons responsible for the kittens producing for review by the show management CFA litter registration certificates which verify that the kittens are at least four months old.	10.28 The show manager is responsible for requesting the immediate removal from the show hall any kittens that appear to be under four months of age, subject to the owner or persons responsible for the kittens producing for review by the show management CFA litter registration certificates which verify that the kittens are at least four months old <u>and eligible for CFA registration. Litter registration certificates are not required for cats being adopted from humane organizations.</u>
RATIONALE: There have been recent reports of non CFA registerable breeds being offered for sale at shows. This change would clarify the show rules to provide that all cats or kittens in the show hall must have a CFA individual or litter registration. Given the existing requirement in SR 10.28 that an owner must produce a CFA litter registration to prove that kittens are at least four months old, it can be inferred that the litter registration requirement already applies to kittens offered for sale. This change would remove any doubt that it applies to all cats and kittens offered for sale.	

Mastin: #30. **Raymond:** #30 amends Show Rules 10.24 and 10.28 to clarify that only cats or kittens with a CFA litter registration or an individual registration may be sold at a show. **Calhoun:** This probably goes without saying and without raising my hand, but absolutely in support of this. I was going to raise my hand when Rachel brought it up. I was supportive of it then, I'm supportive of it now. It increases registration. **Nasin:** Is there a pre-registration slip? I think it's a yellow slip. I haven't had a litter in a while, so I don't remember how that is. Like, for a discounted price you can actually register every kitten in the litter, but it's like a blank slip. So then, you give that to the owner and it's already pre-paid. Isn't there something like that for that? Could we add it, and then you'll get your income into CFA. Just like Kathy, I'm agreeing with it. **Krzanowski:** I have mixed feelings about that. While I want to increase registrations, I think people would balk at having to register all the kittens. Personally, I register all my kittens. I get those yellow slips and/or blue slips, depending on whether the new owner has chosen a name or not, but I have spoken with a lot of breeders who just don't agree with that, but if they register the litter, I think that's enough of a requirement for this particular rule. **Griswold:** I agree with Carol. Now, with our new eCats, I'm sending people the registration papers through email, which I could do straight from the show hall. Whether it's a yellow slip or a blue slip or whatever, we're all doing this digitally now. **Mastin:** Any further discussion? **Nasin:** How do we police that, as a show manager if it's paperless? Do they have to look at the cell phones?

Tartaglia: I just wanted to mention, I noticed that we crossed out *in the case of Bengals*, so it looks like we're doing away with the requirement that Bengals are special in regards to being in the show hall, but if we did it on this one then wouldn't we be removing the phrase about Bengals in the prior show rule, as well? Maybe I'm missing what the purpose of removing it is.

Raymond: It's being removed because that requirement now applies to all cats or kittens, not just Bengals. **Mastin:** Carol, you agree with that, right? **Raymond:** The way we will implement this is to implement amendment #29 first, then make the subsequent changes that are set forth in #30. They will come together, but they were presented as two different options to the board.

Mastin: Further discussion? Any objections? Seeing no objections, the motion passes unanimously.

The motion is ratified by unanimous consent.

31. *Amend SR 12.12 to remove the requirement that the master clerk sign the cover of the catalog.*

Article XII – Show Recordkeeping, amend 12.12	Show Rules Committee
Existing Wording	Proposed Wording
12.12 The master clerk shall sign the cover of the official CFA catalog or show information sheet and note his current clerking status, his address, e-mail address (if available), and telephone number.	12.12 The master clerk shall sign the cover of the official CFA catalog or show information sheet and note his current clerking status, his address, e-mail address (if available), and telephone number
RATIONALE: Master Clerks do not need to double the work they do. Signing and providing the required information on the Information sheet is more than sufficient for the club and central office.	

Mastin: #31, Ed. **Raymond:** #31, [reads]. **Mastin:** Discussion? Objections? Seeing no objections, the motion passes unanimously.

The motion is ratified by unanimous consent.

32. *Amend SR 12.13 to clarify when the original entry form must be sent to Central Office.*

Article XII – Show Recordkeeping, amend 12.13	Show Rules Committee
Existing Wording	Proposed Wording
12.13 a. The master clerk is authorized to make corrections in the official catalog to entry information that is printed in error and/or to add registration numbers where not printed in the catalog (see rule 10.23). When such a correction is made, the official entry form and the original copy of the catalog correction request form must be sent	12.13 a. The master clerk is authorized to make corrections in the official catalog to entry information that is printed in error and/or to add registration numbers where not printed in the catalog (see rule 10.23). When such a correction is made, the official entry form and the original copy of the catalog correction request form must be sent

to the Central Office with the official catalog. Submitting the entry form to Central Office Is not required if the catalog correction involves only the addition of a missing registration number or the transfer of a cat from open, champion, or premier to champion, premier, grand champion, or grand premier or when the entry was submitted using the official online entry form provided by CFA. In these cases only the original correction form need be submitted to Central Office. b. The master clerk shall print the corrections and added registration numbers legibly in red ink in the fully marked official catalog to be submitted to the Central Office and the club, and retained by the Master Clerk. When an NCR condensed catalog is used for scoring the show (see rule 2.14), the master clerk shall make all corrections and registration number additions to the NCR condensed catalog only, and shall not mark any corrections in the blank copy of the official show catalog to be sent to the Central Office.	to the Central Office with the official catalog. Submitting the entry form to Central Office Is not required if the catalog correction involves only the addition of a missing registration number or the transfer of a cat from open, champion, or premier to champion, premier, grand champion, or grand premier or when the entry was submitted using the official online entry form provided by CFA. In these cases only the original correction form need be submitted to Central Office. b. The master clerk shall print the corrections and added registration numbers legibly in red ink in the fully marked official catalog to be submitted to the Central Office and the club, and retained by the Master Clerk. When an NCR condensed catalog is used for scoring the show (see rule 2.14), the master clerk shall make all corrections and registration number additions to the NCR condensed catalog only, and shall not mark any corrections in the blank copy of the official show catalog to be sent to the Central Office.
RATIONALE: If a question arises about the way an entry was submitted, the central office has access to the entry database for review. This added paper in the show packet is a waste of time for the entry clerk to print and master clerk to track during the show. It also adds weight to an already heavy and expensive package to mail.	

Mastin: #32. **Raymond:** #32, [reads]. **Mastin:** Discussion? Objections? Seeing no objections, the motion passes unanimously.

The motion is ratified by unanimous consent.

33. *Amend SR 12.15 to remove the requirement that color class sheets be posted.*

Article XII – Show Recordkeeping, amend 12.15	Show Rules Committee
Existing Wording	Proposed Wording
12.15 The master clerk is responsible for initialing and posting the official (white) copies of the color class sheets that have been fully checked. The sheets should be posted in a manner readily accessible to all exhibitors. Once the master clerk has completed checking the color class sheets and has initialed the sheets, the awards can only be changed as follows: If a mechanical error is discovered after the master clerk has initialed the sheets, the error may be corrected by the judge. The	12.15 The master clerk is responsible for initialing and posting the official (white) copies of the color class sheets that have been fully checked. The sheets should be <u>available upon request by an exhibitor.</u> Posted in a manner readily accessible to all exhibitors. Once the master clerk has completed checking the color class sheets and has initialed the sheets, the awards can only be changed as follows: If a mechanical error is discovered after the master clerk has initialed the sheets, the error may be

judge's written confirmation of the correction must be provided with the show records. The only other method of changing the awards after they have been posted is by action of the CFA board.* *If a mechanical error is discovered after the close of the show, the Central Office will void the affected win(s). The proceeding notwithstanding, a mechanical error not discovered until after the master clerk has initialed the sheets may be corrected by the judge. A judge's written confirmation of the correction must be provided with the show records.	corrected by the judge. The judge's written confirmation of the correction must be provided with the show records. The only other method of changing the awards after they have been posted is by action of the CFA board.* *If a mechanical error is discovered after the close of the show, the Central Office will void the affected win(s). The proceeding notwithstanding, a mechanical error not discovered until after the master clerk has initialed the sheets may be corrected by the judge. A judge's written confirmation of the correction must be provided with the show records.
RATIONALE: Master clerks do not always have enough space to make all documents accessible to exhibitors, but all are certainly able to provide them upon request during the show.	

Mastin: #33. **Raymond:** #33 amends Show Rule 12.15 to remove the requirement that color class sheets be posted. Instead, they will be made available upon request. Nobody posts these at shows. **Mastin:** Discussion? Objections? Seeing no objections, the motion passes unanimously.

The motion is ratified by unanimous consent.

34. *Amend SR 12.18 to clarify the documents which the master clerk must check.*

Article XII – Show Recordkeeping, amend 12.18	Show Rules Committee
Existing Wording	Proposed Wording
12.18 The master clerk will check each judge's finals sheet for mechanical accuracy and sign all three copies before the judge leaves the show hall. The judge's copy of his/her finals sheets should be returned to the judge as promptly as possible, but in any event before the judge leaves the show hall.	12.18 The master clerk will check each judge's finals sheets <u>and breed sheets</u> for mechanical accuracy and sign <u>the documents</u> all three copies before the judge leaves the show hall. The judge's copy of his/her finals sheets <u>and breed sheets</u> should be returned to the judge as promptly as possible, but in any event before the judge leaves the show hall.
RATIONALE: This rule left out some important paperwork which must be checked by the master clerk.	

Mastin: #34. **Raymond:** #34, [reads]. **Mastin:** Discussion? Objections? Seeing no objections, the motion passes unanimously.

The motion is ratified by unanimous consent.

35. *Amend SR 13.07 to clarify that only one catalog must be marked for the club.*

Article XIII – Show Completion/Cat Removal/Late fee Collection amend 13.07	Show Rules Committee	
Existing Wording	Proposed Wording	
13.07 The master clerk shall provide the show secretary with two (2) fully marked catalogs, including all rings, at the close of the show. A marked catalog may consist of either an official show catalog or a condensed show catalog (see rule 2.11) that has been marked. Multi-copy (NCR) paper and forms are available from the Central Office for use in producing multi-copy catalogs. No other forms may be used to produce the color class portion of a marked catalog. One catalog, the official CFA catalog, is to be mailed to the Central Office by the show secretary in accordance with rule 13.09. If an “NCR” catalog is used, a blank, official show catalog must also be sent to the Central Office. The second catalog is to be retained by the club for appropriate use and file.	13.07 The master clerk shall provide the show secretary with a fully marked master clerk book two (2) fully marked catalogs, including all rings, at the close of the show. A marked catalog may consist of either an official show catalog or a condensed show catalog (see rule 2.11) that has been marked. Multi-copy (NCR) paper and forms are available from the Central Office for use in producing multi-copy catalogs. No other forms may be used to produce the color class portion of a marked catalog. One catalog, the official CFA catalog, is to be mailed to the Central Office by the show secretary in accordance with rule 13.09. If an “NCR” catalog is used, a blank, official show catalog must also be sent to the Central Office. The second catalog is to be retained by the club for appropriate use and file.	
RATIONALE: Master clerks do not complete multiple catalogs for a club.		

Mastin: #35. **Raymond:** #35, [reads]. **Mastin:** Discussion? Objections? Seeing no objections, the motion passes unanimously.

The motion is ratified by unanimous consent.

36. *Amend SR 14.01 to match current Central Office policy.*

Article XIV – Responsibilities of Exhibitors, amend 14.01	Central Office	
Existing Wording	Proposed Wording	
14.01 Scoring Note: requests to restore wins voided by the Central Office or to receive credit for awards/points earned at a show but not posted to the kitten or cat’s record, due to the presence of an incorrect registration number or the lack of a CFA registration number in the catalog, can be considered only if a correctly completed registration application for the kitten or cat in question was received in the Central Office no later than 21 days prior to the opening day of the show in	14.01 Scoring Note: requests to restore wins voided by the Central Office or to receive credit for awards/points earned at a show but not posted to the kitten or cat’s record, due to the presence of an incorrect registration number or the lack of a CFA registration number in the catalog, can be considered only if a correctly completed registration application for the kitten or cat in question was received in the Central Office no later than 21 days prior to the day before the opening day of the show	

question or an application for a Temporary Registration Number or Companion Cat Registration number is included in the show package. A correctly completed registration number application is one which contains all the information necessary to register the cat, is accompanied by the proper fee, AND for which no registration impediment exists (i.e., genetic improbability, all kittens in litter already registered, etc.). Such requests for registered cats must be made to Central Office within 30 days after completion of the show or the Monday following the end of the show season, whichever comes first, and must include the correct registration number of the cat, the name and date of the show involved, and be accompanied by a fee as specified in the CFA's current price list for point reinstatement. Such requests for HHPs must be made to Central Office 90 days after completion of the show or in the case of regional points, by the Monday following the end of the show season, and must include the correct Companion Cat Registration number of the cat, the name and date of the show involved, and be accompanied by a fee as specified in the CFA's current price list for point reinstatement.	in question or an application for a Temporary Registration Number or Companion Cat Registration number is included in the show package. A correctly completed registration number application is one which contains all the information necessary to register the cat, is accompanied by the proper fee, AND for which no registration impediment exists (i.e., genetic improbability, all kittens in litter already registered, etc.). Such requests for registered cats must be made to Central Office within 30 days after completion of the show or the Monday following the end of the show season, whichever comes first, and must include the correct registration number of the cat, the name and date of the show involved, and be accompanied by a fee as specified in the CFA's current price list for point reinstatement. Such requests for HHPs must be made to Central Office 90 days after completion of the show or in the case of regional points, by the Monday following the end of the show season, and must include the correct Companion Cat Registration number of the cat, the name and date of the show involved, and be accompanied by a fee as specified in the CFA's current price list for point reinstatement.
RATIONALE: This is just updating central office policy. It is also removes the special consideration for HHPs as they are scored in the same manner as all other registered cats.	

Mastin: #36. **Raymond:** #36, [reads] with regard to restoring wins. **Mastin:** Discussion? Objections? Seeing no objections, the motion passes unanimously.

The motion is ratified by unanimous consent.

37. *Amend SR 20.01 to increase the compensation for clerks and master clerks.*

Article XX – Responsibilities of Show Treasurer – Show Fee Payments, amend 20.01	Clerking Committee	
Existing Wording		Proposed Wording
20.01 a. 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		20.01 a. The CFA licensed certified clerk performing the function of master clerk shall be compensated at the rate of eight (8) <u>ten (10)</u> cents for each catalog entry in each judging ring. A CFA master clerk shall be compensated at ten (10)

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, or in lieu of compensation, the clerk may be provided a complimentary entry in the 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	\$35.00
225 back to back	\$40.00 per day
Shows	
1 day, 6 ring shows	\$45.00

NOTE: These are minimal compensations; more can be given per negotiated rate with clerk.

CONTRACTS ARE RECOMMENDED

b. Clerking fees must be paid before the clerk leaves the show hall at the completion of his or her assignment. Payment must be in U.S. currency, unless otherwise agreed in advance.

c. If payment in a foreign currency is involved, a prior agreement and contract between the club and the clerk is recommended.

twelve (12) cents for each catalog entry in each judging ring. A CFA master clerk instructor shall be compensated at fourteen (14) 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)~~ sixty-five (65) dollars per weekend or ~~forty (40)~~ fifty-five (55) dollars for a one day show. (A Best of the Bests ring is not considered as an additional ring requiring compensation.)-

~~b. 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, or in lieu of compensation, the clerk may be provided a complimentary entry in the show, or in lieu of compensation, the clerk may be provided a complimentary entry in the show:~~

Under 150 entries	\$30.00 <u>\$35.00</u> per weekend
151-250 entries	\$45.00 <u>\$50.00</u> per weekend
251-350 entries	\$60.00 <u>\$65.00</u> per weekend
351-450 entries	\$75.00 <u>\$80.00</u> per weekend
1 day shows with	
1, 2, 3, 4 rings	\$35.00 <u>\$40.00</u>
225 back to back	\$40.00 <u>\$50.00</u> per day
shows	
1 day, 6 ring shows	\$45.00 <u>\$50.00</u>

NOTE: These are minimal compensations; more can be given ~~per negotiated rate with clerk.~~ At club's discretion. If Ring Clerks receive additional pay, the same additional pay must also be given to Master Clerk.

CONTRACTS ARE RECOMMENDED

~~b~~c. Clerking fees must be paid before the clerk leaves the show hall at the completion of his or her assignment. Payment must be in U.S. currency, unless otherwise agreed in advance.

	ed. If payment in a foreign currency is involved, a prior agreement and contract between the club and the clerk is recommended.
RATIONALE: Since the delegates just voted to give the judges a raise based on the fact that we ask more of them, the Clerks and Master Clerks are also doing more work and for very little pay. There has not been a raise for them in probably 10 years.	

Mastin: #37. **Raymond:** #37, [reads]. **Jensen:** I am not altogether fond of this one, because in one sense I don't think that your increase is enough. It's \$5, and it also removes the ability for the club to give the ring clerk a free entry in lieu of the fees. Some of these clubs are charging \$75, \$80, \$90 to enter your cat and then they're wanting to give you \$40. Yes, we can negotiate it on our own, but a lot of the clubs revert back to whatever is printed in the catalog. So, I'm not fond of this at all. I understand that clubs need to be able to make money, but we did give the judges a raise. Ring clerks and stewards are also very vital, and if you're going to give them a raise, give them a raise and also leave in the option for the club to be able to provide a free entry in lieu of this. I also noticed that it removed *CFA licensed certified clerks*, which I think is also a mistake because as a licensed clerk we go to school, we go to training, we do what we have to, to keep our license up and now if you remove the certified ring clerk, then what did we do that for? Now I'm done. **Anger:** I agree with most of the points Vicki just made. However, my objection is broader. This proposal is dovetailing onto the judges' raise. It's almost like in animal legislation when they have a bill that's for dogs, and then they throw in *and cats*. That's kind of how I feel this is being presented. So, without being offensive to our clerks, I think they deserve it and they need it, but this should come before the delegates. It affects the clubs, and it's the clubs that should be voting on it, not 18 board members that most of us are fairly well unaffected by it. So, I'm generally in support of the principle, but the way that it was presented – it should be presented as the judges' raise was. The judges discussed it, the delegates passed it and we ratified it. That's how this should come down. The clerks should discuss it, which I understand was not done, the delegates should vote on it and the board should ratify what the delegates want. **Colilla:** How this whole thing started was, there were actually shows that the clerks were getting paid a lot more than the master clerk, plus the clerks haven't had a raise in years. We're asking the clerks and the master clerk to do more and more work nowadays, especially the master clerk because the OCP, the super specialty. They need to be compensated. I have no problem submitting this to let the delegates decide on this, but this will be a start at least to show people that they need to be appreciated for all the hard work. **DelaBar:** The in lieu of compensation by getting free entries is something that I worked to get into this show rule. If it's taken out, then I cannot support this entire show rule. **Nasin:** Wouldn't we be able to do something with a different wage bracket where those that are ring clerking and not currently certified have a different wage rate than the ones that are currently certified, which would also help with clerking licensing and making sure that as a judge at the international shows, in having to kind of be extra eyes and watching my catalogs when I have a newer ring clerk that comes in and we've got to make sure everything is correct, on top of basically we're ring clerking. I was just wondering, just to give that incentive to stay current on their CFA licensing. Just a thought. **Mastin:** John, did you have anything further? **Colilla:** I can do a quick update, since people are mentioning about clerks. We recently did a clerking school. 35 was registered, 29 attended, but some of them were overseas. I appreciate all the regional directors will help these new clerks get assignments, thank you. **Raymond:** I just have a couple of points. These changes all came from

the Clerking Committee. This was their recommendation. You could have different rates for licensed clerks versus non-licensed clerks, but keep in mind that what is expressed in the show rule are minimums. Clubs are free to do what they wish. They could pay more, and some clubs may decide to do that – just pay everybody the same, because they don't want to worry about who is licensed and who's not licensed. They're just happy they got the right number of clerks for the number of rings in their show. The *in lieu of compensation* language was removed because the Clerking Committee was concerned that it was in violation of the show rule that prohibits free entries. I think if we think of it in terms of a pre-paid entry it's fine, but that was their rationale for removing that language. **Mastin:** Thank you Ed. **Moyer:** Ed had answered one of my questions already, but I was curious if this was what we were doing with the unlicensed. Clearly, we've been paying way more than the new fee, almost double, for a very long time for unlicensed or licensed, and if we left it just to licensed, we wouldn't have clerks. We would not have enough clerks for our show. So, what are the minimums for the unlicensed people? Are we making a different number? **Webster:** I travelled a lot last year. I clerked at every show and I didn't make anything under \$45, no matter how big the entries were, and a lot of times paid a lot more. So, being a clerk and all over, I guess these would be the minimums but most every show paid a lot more than this. **Colilla:** I agree, Howard. I pay more than the minimum. **Nasin:** I was just thinking, this is the minimum for the non-licensed. They have to show proof to get the pay raise to the show manager at the show if they are current on their licensing. I'm kind of answering Ed's question there, because that's what I would have done as a show manager. I look at, OK, if you're certified, show me the proof. If there's a way to see it on the CFA website showing that that clerk is currently active, licensed, and then they get the pay raise. **Newkirk:** I think when I first saw it, I thought of this before somebody mentioned it about having a tiered payment system. I think that would be a nightmare for the clubs. Since most of the clubs are paying more than what's listed here, I don't see an issue with passing this without sending it to the delegation, because most of the clubs I think are probably paying more anyway, based on what Howard has said. I know he travels all over the place, so I'll vote for this. **Krzanowski:** I'm all in support of giving the clerks a raise. I think it's long overdue and they really deserve it. I would like to see a way to incentivize the clerks being licensed, but honestly putting the onus on the show manager to check to see which clerks are licensed or not licensed may be a little bit much. I think they are so busy, they're happy to get clerks. They're not going to differentiate between licensed and unlicensed at all. I would love to find another way to encourage more clerks to be licensed. I'm not really sure what the answer is to that particular question. As far as the *in lieu of compensation* a complimentary entry, I don't have a problem with leaving that in the rule. I think that should be up to the club and the clerk to negotiate. **Colilla:** When I was the clerking chair, I mentioned about paying the unlicensed clerks a lesser amount than the regular licensed clerks. I got a lot of flack from that. You cannot pay them less. They would not work. You will not get somebody to work.

Raymond: With my other hat on, I preferred the idea of taking this to the delegation. Just be advised that that would have to be a member club that would have to raise this as a proposal, or it would have to be a board-sponsored proposal. The Committee cannot bring a motion to change the show rules. **Mastin:** Thank you, Ed, for clarifying that. **Webster:** They have a list. In our region the master clerk gets the clerks, but there is like a list of all the licensed clerks. Like in my region there's only 10 and 2 of them live in my house, so they know who all the licensed clerks are. That's how our master clerk gets the clerks for the show. **Jensen:** CFA does have a list of licensed clerks. I do not of – I heard from people who clerk that they didn't know that they

were going to only get paid \$35 after ring clerking all day. When they were given that \$35, they were just like, wow, I'll never clerk again. So, some of the clubs will do that. If you are going to give them a raise, make it legitimate. This is not. I do think that it's important that we appreciate people who are helping us put on shows, but a club that I belong to, we had to fight in our club meeting to get them to raise how much we were paying our clerks and our stewards. We finally did it, and we got them up to \$50 a day, which it was a battle because a lot of people just did not want to give that raise, which was kind of crazy, because \$50 a day is nothing. You spend that much taking people to McDonalds. It's not about the money, it's about the perception. It's showing these people some respect. They do a lot of work. That's all I'm going to say about it.

DelaBar: I still would like to have the statement, *or in lieu of compensation, the clerk may be provided a complimentary entry in the show*. We have within my region alone several different currencies. This was one way that people saved when being charged to change currencies. Also, it helps bring in more entries and it helps us really get more clerks. We are building a good clerking program in Region 9, but it started because our variation of currencies. Not everything is per Euro. And, when we're looking at this, a large majority of CFA now is not based on the dollar.

Newkirk: In response to what Vicki said about this is not enough raise, I tend to agree with her but I think this will go over better by taking this initial step of just upping it by \$5 across the board here, so I'm in favor of what is going on here. I'm not sure how the Democratic Rules of Democracy work, but it seems to me like I'm hearing a lot of people want to keep the *or in lieu of compensation, the clerk may be provided a complimentary entry in the show*. So Rich, I don't know how you want to handle that, because if we were using Robert's Rules, we would have to make a motion.

Mastin: We have two options, Darrell. One is, we can amend this motion and if the maker and the second agree, we can amend it. If they don't agree and don't want to accept the amended motion, we can vote on this and then Pam can bring a separate motion forward asking to have that added in. I believe Carol, you have the standing motion and Rachel, do you have the standing second? **Anger:** Yes, I do. **Mastin:** I'm going to go back to the beginning. I forget who has a standing second. **Colilla:** I don't think there is. I'll second it.

Anger: I have a standing second. **Mastin:** Who is it? **Anger:** Rachel has a standing second on the show rules. **Mastin:** That's what I thought. Carol, do you want to amend the motion to include Pam's request on the complimentary entry in lieu of?

Krzanowski: Yes, I would like to amend my motion. **Mastin:** Rachel, do you agree? **Anger:** Yes, but I'm not supporting it.

Mastin: OK, very good. Darrell, do you have anything further? **Newkirk:** No. **Krzanowski:** I had something else I wanted to say. There are many areas where there is definitely a shortage of licensed clerks. Many shows beg for clerks and they don't care if they are licensed or not. They just need somebody to sit in the ring who somewhat understands mechanics. The other thing is, some new clubs may look at the show rules and say, "oh well, I can get away with paying such-and-such" because they do not have the budget to pay more. Most shows that are established will pay more for their clerks. I'm kind of with Rachel. I think this probably should go to the delegates. **Altschul:** I'm just following up Rachel and Carol. I think something like this that's going to affect the clubs needs to be voted by and discussed by the clubs. I think making a decision like this that could impact their bottom line on whether or not they can have a show definitely needs to come from the clubs or at least needs to be discussed by them. It's just not appropriate at this point.

Mastin: Ed, if this motion, as amended, passes will you be able to come back with a rewrite on the one show rule that you pointed out that no entry is free? I forgot what you had stated earlier. **Raymond:** I don't know that we actually need to do a rewrite on that show rule. I

think that that was the interpretation of the Clerking Committee Chair. Personally, I don't share that interpretation. **Mastin:** OK, thanks for clarifying that. So, if you're not in favor at this time of supporting this and you want this to go to the delegation, you would vote no. If you're in favor of it in advance of bringing it to the delegation, then you support it, or whatever reason you may not support it. **Jensen:** So, basically the amendment is just undeleting that *payment shall be based on* – not that one, but *in lieu of compensation, the clerk may be provided a free entry*. That is just not being deleted, right? **Mastin:** That is correct. That is being amended. **Jensen:** OK, thank you. **DelaBar:** I think Vicki was asking if we're voting on just including that back into the motion, and not on the motion overall. Am I correct on that, Vicki? **Jensen:** I wanted to know – OK, so did we agree that we're going to put that back in? **Mastin:** I have an agreement from the maker of the original motion and the second, so it is added back in. **Jensen:** OK. Now we're voting on it as if that's back in. **Mastin:** That is correct. Ed, do I have that correct? **Raymond:** You do. The version that is on the screen right now has it added back in. **Jensen:** OK, thank you. **DelaBar:** So, if we're happy to see that *in lieu of compensation* back in, however we sincerely believe that this should be going to the delegation, then we would vote no. Is that correct? **Mastin:** That is correct. **DelaBar:** OK, thank you. **Mastin:** All those in favor, raise your hand.

Mastin called the motion. **Motion Failed.** Colilla, Jensen, Nasin, Newkirk and Webb voting yes.

Mastin: Darrell, Vicki, John, Russell, Doreann. OK, lower your hand. All those opposed, raise your hand. Rachel, Pam, Carol, Aki, Pauli, Marilee, Carissa, Kathy, Janet, Anne, Howard and Kenny. Lower your hand. Any abstentions? No abstentions. Rachel, when you're ready. **Anger:** That's 5 yes, 12 no, zero abstentions. **Mastin:** Motion fails.

Calhoun: My question was about the last one. It was mentioned that the Committee couldn't bring it back, so is the board going to bring it to the delegation or not? **Mastin:** John, it's your Committee that you're the liaison to. Do you want this to come to the delegation as board sponsored, or do you want a club to bring it back? **Colilla:** I can bring it back. I have clubs. **Mastin:** OK, thank you John. **Colilla:** Thank you all for debating on this.

[From end of Old Business] **Colilla:** You told me that we need to go back on that clerking raise, having the board recommend it instead of a club sponsoring it. I think it has a better shot with the board. **Mastin:** You wanted the board to sponsor it, John? Do you want the board to sponsor that? **Colilla:** Yes, sir. **Mastin:** OK. Ed? **Raymond:** During the discussion of that show rule, there was a lot of feedback as to whether or not the increases were in a sufficient amount. I guess I'm wondering, should the vote be to sponsor the proposed show rule change as is, or do you want to send it back to the Committee to come up with different numbers for the board to consider? **Colilla:** The reason for the lower increase, I think we have a better chance of getting it approved. We can change it. That's not an issue. It's numbers. **Mastin:** And as I recall, that was minimum numbers. **Colilla:** It's just like you drive, you know, 70 miles an hour. It's a suggestion. You can drive faster. You can always give the clerk more. People have done that. **DelaBar:** The judges' raise was brought forward by a club, not the board. I believe that anything that can cost a club more money should also be brought up by a club and not sponsored by the board. **Mastin:** OK then, let's do this. Let's vote on whether or not the board is willing to sponsor this. John, that's your motion, correct? **Colilla:** Yes. Can I say something? **Mastin:** Yes. **Colilla:** The judges' increase was sponsored by the judges' club. There's no clerks' club.

DelaBar: It's still a club. **Anger:** I don't have a second. I'm willing to second that, with the right to vote no if you need a second. **Mastin:** OK, thank you. **Currle:** The JA Club is a club. **Mastin:** Alright, so we have a motion made by John, seconded by Rachel to vote no, that this be sponsored by the board. If you are in favor, raise your hand.

Mastin called the motion. **Motion Failed.** Colilla, Jensen and Nasin voting yes.

Mastin: Vicki, John, Doreann. Lower your hand. If you are opposed, raise your hand. Carissa, Darrell, Rachel, Aki, Janet, Marilee, Kenny, Carol, Pauli, Howard, Russell, Anne, Kathy, Pam. Lower your hand. If you are an abstention, raise your hand. No abstentions. **Anger:** That's 3 yes, 14 no, zero abstentions. **Mastin:** OK John, the board has not voted in favor. It fails, so bring it through a club. OK John? **Colilla:** No problem. **Mastin:** OK, very good.

38. *Clarify the qualifying ring requirements in SR 27.03 by expressing them as a chart.*

Article XXVI – Agility-Obtaining Title and Scoring, amend 27.03	Central Office					
Existing Wording	Proposed Wording					
27.03 a. Six (6) Qualifying Rings earned under at least two (2) different judges are required for Championship or Premiership confirmation. For cats residing and competing in Hawaii, Mexico, Central America, South America, the United Kingdom, Ireland, and the Maritime Provinces of Canada (New Brunswick, Newfoundland, Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island) four (4) Qualifying Rings earned under at least two (2) different judges are required for Championship or Premiership confirmation. For cats residing and competing in Russia (east of the Ural Mountains), Malta, and Asia (except China, Japan, Hong Kong, Indonesia, and Malaysia) four (4) Qualifying Rings earned under at least two (2) different judges are required for Championship or Premiership confirmation. Qualifying rings are not required for champion or premier if a cat reaches the point requirements for the grand champion or grand premier title for the area in which the show is held. b. Winners Ribbons won prior to May 1, 2011, or as a Novice, satisfy the requirement for an equal number of Qualifying Rings in the corresponding color classes for Championship or Premiership confirmation. c. An Open must complete all of the requirements for Championship or Premiership confirmation	27.03 a. Six (6) Qualifying Rings earned under at least two (2) different judges are required for Championship or Premiership confirmation. For cats residing and competing in Hawaii, Mexico, Central America, South America, the United Kingdom, Ireland, and the Maritime Provinces of Canada (New Brunswick, Newfoundland, Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island) four (4) Qualifying Rings earned under at least two (2) different judges are required for Championship or Premiership confirmation. For cats residing and competing in Russia (east of the Ural Mountains), Malta, and Asia (except China, Japan, Hong Kong, Indonesia, and Malaysia) four (4) Qualifying Rings earned under at least two (2) different judges are required for Championship or Premiership confirmation. Qualifying rings are not required for champion or premier if a cat reaches the point requirements for the grand champion or grand premier title for the area in which the show is held. <u>A. Qualifying Rings earned under at least two (2) different judges are required for Championship or Premiership confirmation.</u> <table><tr><td><u>Cats residing and competing in</u></td><td><u># of Qualifying Rings</u></td></tr><tr><td><u>Regions 1-9 (except as provided below) and China,</u></td><td><u>6</u></td></tr></table>		<u>Cats residing and competing in</u>	<u># of Qualifying Rings</u>	<u>Regions 1-9 (except as provided below) and China,</u>	<u>6</u>
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before competing as a Grand Champion or Grand Premier.	<u>Hong Kong, Indonesia, and Malaysia</u>	
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<u>The qualifying ring provision is not required for champion or premier if a cat reaches the point requirements for the grand champion or grand premier title for the area in which the show is held. However, the confirmation form and fee must still be submitted to Central Office.</u> b. Winners Ribbons won prior to May 1, 2011, or as a Novice, satisfy the requirement for an equal number of Qualifying Rings in the corresponding color classes for Championship or Premiership confirmation. c. An Open must complete all of the requirements for Championship or Premiership confirmation before competing as a Grand Champion or Grand Premier.		
RATIONALE: Exhibitors are having a difficult time understanding the number of qualification rings needed. Turning 27.03 into a chart will help clarify the requirements.		

Mastin: We are moving on to #38. **Raymond:** #38, [reads]. It does not change the substance of the rule, it just makes it a little easier to understand. **Mastin:** Discussion? Objections? Seeing no objections, the motion passes unanimously.

The motion is ratified by unanimous consent.

39. **Motion:** *Permit the Show Rules Committee, working with Central Office, to update show rule number cross-references within the Show Rule without bringing each change to the Board for approval.*

Mastin: #39. **Raymond:** This is a motion to [reads]. So, as we renumber show rules, there may be a reference somewhere else to one of the show rules that got renumbered. We want

the ability to just make that change without having to compile them into a report and asking permission. **Colilla:** Can I change my mind on board sponsored? I think it will have a better chance of passing if the board sponsors it. **Mastin:** John, let's finish this discussion and at the very end we will bring that back up. **Colilla:** OK, thank you. **Mastin:** Alright, back to #39. Does anybody have any comments or questions on #39? **Newkirk:** I think this might be a little bit of a slippery slope. We've gone through all these show rule changes pretty quick and I'm not sure there's that many corrections that need to be made that we couldn't just put them in one little group to update, so I'm not sure that I am supportive of this. **DelaBar:** Darrell just said what I wanted. **Mastin:** Any further discussion? Carol, do you want to comment on this? **Krzanowski:** I did not have my hand up. **Mastin:** I wanted to know if you wanted to comment on it. **Krzanowski:** Not really. I don't have a problem with bringing all these little changes to the board. It's similar to what we were doing with the breed standards and trying to clean them up and things like that. This is similar to that idea, but I guess just to make sure we have all our ducks in a row, we probably should bring it back to the board. **Raymond:** I'm going to disagree with Carol. I think it's a little different than trying to coordinate a bunch of different breed standards to use the same terminology. This is simply updating cross-references. It is nothing substantive. My concern is, by the time we get everything into the show rules and do the final read and identify these things, it's a timing issue of when the next board meeting is going to be. It's true that we don't have to do this stuff until after the February board meeting because usually there's still changes being made in the February board meeting, which puts us in March. I don't know that we can wait until April because we need to get things to the printer. It's simply a timing issue. I agree if we were changing anything substantive like the words of anything, I would be concerned, but really what I'm talking about is when you have a reference that says *See 14.02* and that is now 14.03, I just want permission to change it. **Newkirk:** I get that and I think if it's only about referencing a show rule number, then I can support that. **Mastin:** Pam, you spoke against it. Are you in agreement? **DelaBar:** Something minor is no problem. I just don't want us to put ourselves in a position where there is a change in the meaning of the show rules. It's a little different than breed standards. In show rules, people can be penalized and it costs them money, so I want to make sure that we have our ducks in a line just to cover, that's all. **Mastin:** Carol and Ed, my recommendation is to include exactly what Ed just said – a cross-reference of a show rule number. Right now it just says *to update cross-references*. Can we include what you said, Ed, as the example? **Raymond:** Sure, we can, but to me that is what updating a cross-reference means. I've dealt with cross-references in legal publishing my entire career. **Mastin:** Darrell, are you OK with that, then? **Newkirk:** Yeah, I'm OK with it. I just want to know, if you make these changes will there be like a list of them that will be sent to the board, so we can be updated? **Raymond:** We can make sure that we keep a list, yes. **Mastin:** OK. **Krzanowski:** I don't know if anybody would want to have this more clearly stated, we could simply say, *to update show rule number cross-references within the show rules* if that would be more palatable to everyone. **Mastin:** Is that your amended motion? **Krzanowski:** Yes, I'm amending my motion. **Mastin:** OK. Rachel, are you in agreement? **Anger:** Yes. **Mastin:** OK, very good. Any further discussion? Any objections? Seeing no objections, the motion passes unanimously.

The motion is ratified by unanimous consent.

Rule for Registration Resolutions From the Floor at the 2024 Annual Meeting Which Passed by More Than 50%. Advisory Only:

40. *Prohibit registration of cats with double mutations.*

Rules for Registration Article II – Breed Classification, amend Section 4	Angel Fairy Sphynx Club, Americans West, Finicky Feline Society, Ragamuffin Cat Fanciers, Central Pennsylvania CF, Sphynx without Borders, World Lykoi Association
Existing Wording	Proposed Wording
ARTICLE II - BREED CLASSIFICATION The word BREED is used in all these rules to mean natural breeds, established breeds, mutations, and hybrids. <u>General</u>: a breed may have specific policies regarding allowable ancestry, import requirements, colors and other characteristics. For complete registration information regarding a breed, contact the CFA Central Office. ... Section 4 – Mutations: The natural offspring of a natural breed showing definite characteristics that may be continued by breeding between specimens of the mutation and/or the natural breed from which it originated. A pedigree may show only the breeds listed in the breed-specific rules of registration (contact CO). American Bobtail (longhair & shorthair), American Curl (shorthair and longhair), American Wirehair, Cornish Rex, Devon Rex, LaPerm (longhair and shorthair), Lykoi, Scottish Fold (shorthair and longhair, effective May 1, 2022 no folded ear to folded ear matings are permitted), Selkirk Rex (longhair and shorthair), Somali, Sphynx, Toybob.	ARTICLE II - BREED CLASSIFICATION The word BREED is used in all these rules to mean natural breeds, established breeds, mutations, and hybrids. <u>General</u>: a breed may have specific policies regarding allowable ancestry, import requirements, colors and other characteristics. For complete registration information regarding a breed, contact the CFA Central Office. <u>CFA will not register any potential breeds or any cats that by their appearance are the result of combining two or more structural mutations, or any coat mutation (hairlessness, waviness, wiring, etc. but not including coat length) with one or more structural mutations.</u> ... Section 4 – Mutations: The natural offspring of a natural breed showing definite characteristics that may be continued by breeding between specimens of the mutation and/or the natural breed from which it originated. CFA will not register any potential breeds or any cats that by their appearance are the result of combining two or more structural mutations, or any coat mutation (hairlessness, waviness, wiring, etc. but not including coat length) with one or more structural mutations. A pedigree may show only the breeds listed in the breed-specific rules of registration (contact CO). American Bobtail (longhair & shorthair), American Curl (shorthair and longhair), American Wirehair, Cornish Rex, Devon Rex, LaPerm (longhair and shorthair), Lykoi, Scottish Fold (shorthair and longhair, effective May 1, 2022 no folded ear to folded ear matings are permitted), Selkirk Rex (longhair and shorthair), Somali, Sphynx, Toybob.

RATIONALE: This proposal would serve to stop the practice of combining established breeds with one or more structural mutations to create another breed. This is important when combining bone and cartilage mutations which may produce unpredictable dysfunction or pain to a cat. This rule would also serve to protect established breeds from being used to create “designer” breeds.

Breeds that are a natural mutation need to be protected and preserved.

Some European countries are using these “multiple mutations” breeds as a door to ban the breeding of any type cat that is due to a mutation or is “hairless”, including the Sphynx as written in the CFA standard. The Netherlands is the latest country to ban “hairless” cats and has stated that “for the Sphynx an extinction policy has been implemented”. CFA should make it clear that such “breeds” are not allowed for registration.

Structural mutation: Appearance of the skeletal and/or cartilage expression different from the average domestic cat such as, but not limited to, curled ears, folded ears, any form of shortened tail length and/or tail structural change, short legs (achondroplasia), polydactyl or structural mutations of any form not recognized in current breed standards.

Mastin: Ed, #40. **Raymond:** #40 is actually not a show rule change, it is a Rules for Registration change. I believe Annette is in the audience. She can be added as a participant. She might have something to say about this. This was the resolution from the floor which passed by more than 50%. It’s advisory only to put into the Rules for Registration regarding double mutation cats. It prevents them from being registered now or in the future. **Anger:** I just want to report on the vote. During the delegate meeting, 284 yes, 26 no. Fairly overwhelming. **Mastin:** Thank you, Rachel, Is Annette here? **Tartaglia:** Yes, she is here in the meeting. **Mastin:** Hi Annette. **Wilson:** Hello. **Mastin:** Welcome to our meeting. **Wilson:** I was listening, but then it booted me out and then back in, so I don’t know what Rachel said. **Mastin:** Rachel, will you repeat what you said? **Anger:** I reported the vote during the delegate meeting was 284 yes, 26 no. **Wilson:** Thank you.

Mastin: OK Annette, all yours. **Wilson:** This motion was brought by several clubs. Can I ask what the disposition of the board vote on #5 show rule was, which was the other one from the floor? **Raymond:** It passed. **Wilson:** OK, thank you. [**Secretary’s Note:** #5 was subsequently reconsidered twice then tabled until the December 2024 board meeting so that the board can confer with the Household Pet Committee.] So, that one was basically about showing the cats with stacked mutations. This one was about registering them. It addresses the general registration policies of CFA which is published as a separate document. I think it’s on the last page, section 4, where there are mutations. The other sections are hybrids, natural breeds and I forget the third one. So, this would just address specifically mutations, that we wouldn’t register any potential breeds that are the result of combining two or more structural mutations, or a structural mutation with any coat mutation other than coat length. The clubs were concerned about the Bambinos, which are the Sphynx that have sort legs – so Munchkinized Sphynx – but it could also be cats with folded back ears that are polydactyl, any cat with more than two mutations. One of those mutations could be a wavy or wirey coat, or lack of coat. So, this basically would prevent CFA from registering those cats. We don’t currently register any of those cats. **DelaBar:** The only objection I have gotten from anyone on this has been the inclusion of the specific breeds at the bottom of this, because one, it’s not inclusive and I’m wondering why these particular breeds are – of course, I know why some of them are here, because of natural mutations, but there are others who are not who are also under the gun as far as anti-

breed legislation goes. Can somebody speak to this, starting with American Bobtail and ending up with Toybob? **Wilson:** Pam, that's not actually being changed. That is the list of breeds that we include under the category of Mutations currently. These are existing breeds that are designated as Mutations in the four categories of breeds we have. I'm not sure which one you think is missing, but all we're doing is adding something to this – potential breeds. What's currently listed here are our existing breeds that are designated as a Mutation breed. **DelaBar:** So, those are already on? I didn't go to the Rules of Registration. These are already included in the current Rules of Registration under Mutation. What we're adding is the underlined portion from up there and that's it. **Wilson:** Right. The existing wording is on the left hand side. **DelaBar:** Thank you. **Tartaglia:** I'm wondering if Manx should be in this list. Isn't that a breed of concern? **Wilson:** I don't have the rules in front of me. I can pull it up on my phone, but you've got to give me a minute. **Mastin:** Annette, while you're doing that, Ed you had your hand up and took it down. **Raymond:** I was going to include the same explanation, that it was part of the existing rule. I'm looking at the Rules for Registration, and Manx is listed under Natural Breeds. **Wilson:** I think you're right. **Mastin:** So, it should not be included? **Wilson:** We're not changing what's included where here, but for potential breeds what we're saying is we wouldn't register any cats that are a result of combining two or more structural mutations. That would include Manx with folded back ears. Maybe for the purpose of talking about this, we could just ignore that second paragraph. **Mastin:** Alright, I will do my best to ignore that. **Wilson:** Thank you. **Griswold:** So far as a lot of these breeds are concerned, they are a natural breed. Cornish Rex is a natural breed, Devon Rex. Heck, even Scottish Fold came from the countryside, so I think Manx should be included in there. We don't want a hairless Manx or a short-legged Manx, so I think I'm not sure why the Manx are not included in there, but I would feel better if we added them in there. **Mastin:** So Marilee, you do not want to adhere to Annette's recommendation to ignore that paragraph, correct? **Griswold:** I would prefer to not ignore it, correct. **Mastin:** OK, very good. **Wilson:** When a breed is accepted in CFA, the breed committee and the board agree on what category they are going to be in – a natural breed, a hybrid, a mutation and I forget the last one. That's how they are designated in the general Rules of Registration. Certainly, we could go back and ask breeds if they would like to or would agree to change their designation. I think the last time that was done was probably quite a long time ago, but I don't think it's pertinent to this issue. What we're discussing here is what the delegation voted on; is that CFA will not register any potential breeds or any cats that, by their appearance, are the result of combining two or more structural mutations. If we want to have a different change to the registration rules, then there's a process to move forward with that, but I would hate to see 284 clubs who voted yes on adding this wording denied their wishes because we right now want to move a breed from one category to another. Thank you. **Griswold:** Agreed. **Mastin:** So, why don't we vote on this as is, and if we want to add to it, let's bring that back under another discussion. **Newkirk:** I'm a little bit confused and sort of agreeing with what Marilee said. I understand what Annette is saying about, we've got four categories and those cats go into one of those buckets whenever they come in, but some of those natural breeds are the result of mutations. A tailless cat is not normal. That's a mutation that causes that. The Japanese Bobtail is a mutation, so I don't understand why we can't take cats that are categorized as mutations, but add in other breeds that are a result of a mutation. Can somebody explain that to me? **Wilson:** Yes, I can explain it to you. When a breed is first accepted for registration in CFA, they are put into a category. So yes, the Japanese Bobtail has a mutation, but it was a naturally occurring mutation where the breed originated, as was the Manx. I don't know why some breeds

are here and some breeds are there, but what's pertinent here – I mean, if it would make everybody happy, then put *CFA will not register any potential breeds outside of the sections that divide up the breeds*. So, we're talking about potential breeds. Any potential breed that would have stacked mutations would automatically go under this Section 4 – Mutations, because all of these breeds are designer breeds. So, a Sphynx with curled back ears or tailless or Munchkinized would come in, it would be designated as a Mutation breed. It would be a Section 4 breed, so that's why this was put here, but it doesn't have to be here. We could say, *CFA will not register any potential breeds or any cats by their* – we could put the underscored wording above where we have our four different types of breeds described. Moving cats around in breeds here was not part of the discussion. What we're talking about is registering potential breeds with multiple mutations. **Newkirk:** I get the four buckets, Annette. I understand that, but we're talking about combining two mutations, OK? So, we've got natural breeds that are the result of a mutation. So, are you saying it's OK for a Manx to have folded ears or curled ears? Because people are going to read this and they're going to say, "oh, well I can take a Manx and breed it to a curl and get curled ears," because that breed is not listed here. That's the point I'm trying to make. I understand when we accept a breed, we put them in one of those buckets, and that's where they're going to stay, but some of those breeds are the result of a mutation, and so we're talking about combining mutations and to me it doesn't matter if they're a natural breed or they're in the hybridized breed or they're the result of a mutation. They are still a mutation, even though they might be in a different bucket than the mutation listed breeds. That's the point I'm trying to make. **Mastin:** Annette, do you want to address Darrell's question? **Wilson:** I do understand your point, but we're talking about potential breeds. Any potential breed, whether it is listed here as being part of the new breed or not, would automatically if it has two mutations be under the Mutation section. I personally don't have a problem with taking the wording that we're adding here and putting it ahead of this entire category in the registration rules. Then, it would apply to all the breeds. I'm fine with that. It doesn't list Russian Blue here, either, so if there was a Russian Blue with short legs and curled back ears, it would still apply that CFA would not register that, because it's combining two or more structural mutations. Abyssinians are listed under Natural Breeds. That doesn't restrict an Abyssinian with a bobbed tail and short legs from this applying to it. Do you understand? If that breed applied for registration, it would come in as a mutation and it would be here, and that's where it would say we won't register them. We could move this wording. I just don't have any of this in front of me. This is what the delegation passed. I think we should pass it. Maybe the issue is just not looking at the entire registration rules here, but again this specifically says, *any potential breeds*. **Griswold:** I can see there is other mutations that are not listed here, like the Japanese Bobtail, so we don't want short tails but a Japanese Bobtail is OK, but a Toybob tail is not OK? So, I think it's probably best – I think part of our biggest problem is that this is sitting in this area of the mutations, and then it only lists this handful of cats that are technically in the mutation bucket breed. If we move it out, like what Annette is saying, and we can keep it with the very same verbiage but move it out of this and put it way up at the top of registration, then now we're just talking about two or more structural mutations and it doesn't confuse it with a mutation breed, if that makes sense.

DelaBar: I agree on that. I also feel strongly that we need to pass this policy now. On our February meeting, which Annette is going to have to look at where we might change some of the breeds around within the Rules of Registration, but this policy, this rule of not registering two mutations I believe is very important for us to pass now. We want to go back to the Manx? We've got tailed Manx. The first Distinguished Merit Manx cat was a tailed Manx. We've got all

sorts of things to move around with our breeds and it's not the appropriate time for us to try to categorize them at this time. I believe the policy of the non-registration of two or more mutations is very important for this board to address. **Raymond:** As Annette mentioned, this is what the delegation talked about and voted on. This sits within Article II, which is Breed Classifications. At the top of that article is a section called General. That added language could easily become the second paragraph in that section. It would then be followed by Section I which is Natural Breeds, Section 2 – Established Breeds, Section 3 – Hybrids, Section 4 – Mutations. So, it would sit above them all and be more of a general policy statement. **Wilson:** I would be happy with that. I can't speak for the clubs that presented this, but this change could be made or the amendment could be made. **Krzanowski:** I believe this is a great solution and I think that it definitely holds up what the clubs intended. As long as the policy is indicated in the Rules for Registration, I think that the clubs that presented this would be happy. **Mastin:** Anything else, Carol? Ed, do you have any final comments? **Raymond:** No. **Mastin:** Just for clarification purposes, are we leaving everything as is on our screen? **Raymond:** What I proposed is no. You would remove the added language, so we would leave Section 4 alone, but would move that added language as a second paragraph under Article II – General. **Mastin:** Allene, are you trying to get us to Article II – General? **Tartaglia:** Yes. I'm going to show that to you right now with the verbiage. **Mastin:** Darrell and Marilee – Darrell first then Marilee – are you OK with that? **Newkirk:** I am, and I'm going to vote for this, but I just think that it's a bit confusing and I just see people saying, "well, my breed is not listed there." As long as we can move that up and we talk about mutations in general, then I'm OK. **Mastin:** Marilee, are you OK? **Griswold:** Yes, I am. I think that is kind of over-arching and I think two structural mutations is pretty clear. That separates it out of a Mutation breed, which I think is a different definition. **Mastin:** Darrell and Annette, can you work together on possibly adding the missing breeds to the section that we were just on – Section 4 – and bring that back for either December or February? **Newkirk:** Sure. **Wilson:** OK. There are no missing breeds. There are breeds listed under other sections. All of our breeds are listed under the four sections. I don't feel like we can just move breeds. The ballots have not been posted yet. We could put it on their ballots, but Manx were originally taken as a natural breed. They are a naturally occurring breed from the Isle of Man. Now, why other breeds – you can kind of read through it. We can take a look at it. I would be happy to work with Darrell in going through that, but I think we don't just willy nilly move them. We could, but then you know what happens, so maybe we shouldn't do that. Maybe we should ask those breed councils. **Mastin:** OK. So Annette, you and Darrell will work together on trying to come up with a direction on how you want to address the concerns that Darrell and Marilee brought up? **Wilson:** Sure. **Mastin:** OK. **Newkirk:** I don't see anything in the proposal. Well, I guess I do, but just because a breed is classified as a mutant breed, it doesn't mean that the other buckets don't have mutation breeds in their bucket. So, that's the conflict. We need to get some verbiage that includes those mutant breeds that are classified as Natural breeds. Does that make sense? **Mastin:** I think it makes sense. If you and Annette agree to work together on this and bring it back to the board and do what you have to do with the breeds, I think it's the right direction. **Newkirk:** Yes. **Altschul:** I think we have to be careful with this, because we just changed something in the bylaws where the registration rules now require the 60% approval vote that just got passed this last annual. We're talking about Rules for Registration here, and we just need to be careful and aware of that. I do believe this has to go to the breed councils to change the bucket their breed goes into. **Mastin:** OK Carissa, thank you for sharing that. **Wilson:** I agree we should go to the breed councils if we're going to change it. I don't believe that it is a breed-specific

registration rule. This doesn't have anything to do with actually registrations. These are categories that – this went back to What is a Breed many years ago, and so this was a way of being able to define different breeds and put them in categories for various reasons at the time. I'm certainly happy to work with Darrell on this. I think we should give the Breed Council Secretaries the courtesy of explaining it to their members and [inaudible] but this isn't a registration rule. It's in the registration rules, but it is not a breed-specific registration rule.

Mastin: Ed? **Raymond:** Annette just explained it very well about breed specific. **Griswold:** I'm not even sure we need to change or suggest to change which bucket these breeds are in.

Technically, a Straight Eared Scottish has no mutation at all, so we can leave them where they are. We might just want to define structural mutations a bit more than what we have here, other than the hairlessness, waviness, wiring, structural mutation such as short legs, folded ears, curled ears, no tail, taillessness, short tail, kinked tail, whatever it might be. That may help because a structural mutation doesn't have to be directly related to a "mutated breed". **Wilson:** We actually talked about that when the club was writing this up and the reason we didn't list them was for fear of missing something that someone might come up with sometime in the future. Whoever thought a cat would be born with curled-back ears? Probably 25 or 30 years ago, it didn't occur to anybody, so that's why we went with the overall general thing. Keep in mind again, this is stacking mutations. These are cats with multiple mutations we don't want to register. If someone comes up with a breed that looks like an Abyssinian and it has three eyes, then I guess it would be acceptable. I'm being extreme here, but we don't know what might come up. Who would have thought that short legs were going to be a thing? That's why we're not listing them. We want stacked mutations – multiple mutations – not to be registered. That's what the delegation voted on. **Newkirk:** Annette, I agree with you totally there. I'm thinking that maybe the solution would be to add a sentence following the Toybob and maybe list the natural breeds that are the result of mutations just so they're included in the list, such as the Manx and the Japanese Bobtail come easily to mind. We can work on that Annette, you and I.

Mastin: What are we doing with the underlining on the screen? Are we leaving it there or are we moving it to – Ed, where did you say? **Raymond:** I would suggest that you ignore what you have on your screen and look at what Allene just put together as an addition to the Rules for Registration, the General section. It's the language in red that has just been moved to the General section. I would suggest you vote on that. **Mastin:** We are not running afoul with any of the breeds by doing this, correct Ed? **Raymond:** Correct. **Mastin:** OK, very good. **Raymond:** It's not a breed-specific rule for registration. **Mastin:** Is there any further discussion? **Calhoun:** Can someone just read what's in red? That was very small. Just read it. **Raymond:** *CFA will not register any potential breeds or any cats that by their appearance are the result of combining two or more structural mutations, or any coat mutation (hairlessness, waviness, wiring, etc. but not including coat length) with one or more structural mutations.* It's the same language that was originally proposed in the other section. **Mastin:** Ed, you said this was not part of the show rules, correct? **Raymond:** Correct. It's in the Rules for Registration. It mirrors very closely the language that was adopted as part of the show rules for Household Pets, exhibition only and cats competing in agility. **Mastin:** Rachel, do we have a motion on this and do we have a second on this? **Raymond:** It's in the Show Rules Report, so I'm guessing that Carol's motion and Rachel's standing second apply. **Anger:** Exactly. **Mastin:** Alright, very good. So, we do have a motion and we do have a second. **Newkirk:** Could we add in here right behind wiring, *tail mutations*, and that would cover the Manx and the bobtails. **Raymond:** This is a list of coat mutations. Tail mutation would be a structural mutation, wouldn't it? **Newkirk:** But it says, *two or more*

structural mutations. **Raymond:** Right. So, you can put it in. I'm just saying, what's in parenthetical is a description of various coat mutations. **Newkirk:** You could put it with one or more structural mutations, including mutations to the tail. **Mastin:** Allene, you're going to add it to the very end, right after mutations? **Tartaglia:** What are we going to add? **Raymond:** You did want to add it earlier when you talked about two or more structural mutations, *including mutations to the tail*.

Krzanowski: I was going to suggest that, rather than trying to tweak this now, perhaps this should be brought back at the December meeting, because we're making changes on the fly, we're missing things, we're forgetting to include other things. There's a curled ear or folded ear thing as well that would be part of structural mutations, so I think it needs to be done offline and then brought back in December. **Wilson:** We already spent time – both the writer of this and me and Ed – going through all the mutations. We spent a lot of time on this in August, and it already says what it needs to say, *two or more structural mutations*. It can be ears, it can be tail, it can be toes, it can be leg length. It can be anything that someone might come up with. Or, one structural mutation plus a coat mutation (other than coat length). It already says what it needs to say. We don't need to start including natural breeds that might have mutations, established breeds that might, or current mutation breeds. We don't need to do that. It says exactly what it needs to say. These are for potential breeds. **Newkirk:** Well then, I suggest we just vote on what was voted on by the delegation. That's my recommendation. We're sitting here trying to split cat hairs and the whole thing says that if you combine two or more, we're not going to register it. So, I think we should just take it out of the breed classification thing and leave it where it is and vote on it that way. **Mastin:** Take it out of Article II? **Newkirk:** I don't care, as long as it's listed somewhere. **Mastin:** Alright, then we're going to leave it under Article II. **Raymond:** This is all Article II. The question is whether you want it in Section 4 – Mutations or you want it up above in General. I would suggest up above in General. **Newkirk:** I'm OK with that, but we've got all of those breeds that are listed in the proposal that was presented to the delegation. Are we just eliminating that, or is that included here? **Raymond:** That was part of the existing Rule for Registration. It wasn't going to be changed. **Tartaglia:** The red is the only change, the addition, in what was presented even. **DelaBar:** I'm trying to be good by raising my hand. We had it as a second paragraph under the General of Article II of the Rules for Registration. It worked well there. I recommend we go back and take it out of Section 4 and put it back as the second paragraph under General, just like Annette had suggested we do, and vote on it. If you don't like it there, then vote no; otherwise, I think we need to get this policy on the books now. **Wilson:** I agree with Pam. It should go up under the General. **Mastin:** Very good, there it is. **DelaBar:** Can I call the question? **Mastin:** Are there any objections to the motion? Seeing no objection, the motion passes unanimously.

The motion is ratified by unanimous consent.

Mastin: Annette, do you have anything else for us? **Tartaglia:** Rich, this is effective immediately, is that correct? **Mastin:** Annette? **Wilson:** I don't know. **Raymond:** Yes, I believe they are. **Mastin:** Are you checking? **Raymond:** No. **Mastin:** But you believe they are effective immediately, the Rules for Registration? **Raymond:** They are effective when the board wants them to be effective, so immediately is fine. **DelaBar:** If you need a motion to make it effective immediately, I would make that motion. **Mastin:** May I have a second? Carol, are you the

second? **Krzanowski:** Yes, I am. **Mastin:** OK. Any further discussion? Any objections? Seeing no objections, this motion is effective immediately.

The motion is ratified by unanimous consent.

Mastin: Thank you Pam and Carol. Annette, do you have anything further? **Wilson:** No. Thank you very much.

Other Requests:

Please review the 2024-2025 Show Rule Addendum found at <https://cfa.org/wp-content/uploads/2024/05/24-25show-rules-addendum.pdf>. Please let the Committee Chair know by November 15, 2024 if you wish to have an item on the addendum brought back, either as is or modified, to be considered for extension through the 2025-2026 Show Season or made part of the 2025-2026 permanent show rules.

Mastin: I'm going to go back to Ed and Carol. Do you have anything further?
Raymond: Nothing that requires a vote, but there is a request; that is, to take a look at the current season's show rule addendum. I have provided the link to you. You can ignore Show Rules 11.28 and 11.29.a. that are included on the addendum. Those are permanent show rules. They were just passed too late to be included as part of the printed show rules. I want you to look at the other four that are there. They will expire at the end of the show season unless we do something with them, so I would like to know by the middle of November whether I should be bringing them back as addenda for next show season, or whether they should just be made part of the permanent show rules. **Mastin:** Carol, do you have any comments on these? **Krzanowski:** No, not specifically, but I agree with Ed. We need to have everyone look at these as soon as possible so that if any changes are required, he can have them prepared in time for the December, and at the latest February board meetings. **Raymond:** It's not just changes, it's if you want these to continue, we need the board to vote on a motion to do so. They will automatically expire without any action. **Mastin:** You want us to let you know by November 15th? **Raymond:** Yes, please. That will give me roughly two weeks to get things drafted for consideration in December. **Mastin:** OK, very good. Anything additional? **Raymond:** That's it.

Future Projections for Committee:

The Committee will bring forward any Show Rule Addenda which the Board may wish to extend/modify for the 2024-2025 show season.

*Respectfully Submitted,
Ed Raymond, Chair*

Mastin: It is 4:03. We are going to take a 12 minute break until 4:15. I want to remind the group, we will adjourn at 4:40 so we can go into executive session at 4:45 to bring our Wells Fargo representative in, so wherever we are, we either finish it up after or we do it tomorrow. So, we're on break until 4:15.

BREAK.

Mastin: OK everyone, welcome back. Whatever we don't get finished in open session by 4:40, we will finish up tomorrow. I want to thank Carol, Ed, Cathy Dunham and Carla Bizzell for all the work they did on Show Rules. Thank you very much to all of you.

Reports of Special (Select or Ad Hoc) Committees

None.

Reports of Affiliates

None.

Unfinished Business and General Orders

(16) OLD BUSINESS.

(a) Poppy State Proposal #24.

BACKGROUND: *At the June 2024 annual meeting, a proposal was brought from the floor regarding transparency of regional finances. This is not a rule change, so it was not brought up under Show Rules. It was suggested that the regional finances appear on each region's website in a secure area requiring a password, which would be provided upon request. Should the board ratify this proposal and, if so, how should it be implemented? The proposal, related discussion and vote are included below for your reference. For the sake of pre-notice and to begin the discussion, I have included a motion.*

Action Item: *That the regional directors create a secure area on their regional websites and have the current regional finances available there for regional fanciers who request credentials to view them.*

Mastin: Rachel, Proposal #24. Do you want to start the discussion on that, please?

Anger: Sure. I have included a little bit of a background here on how this came up, as well as the discussion. It did end up passing. The vote appears at the end. I composed a motion, [reads].

That's my motion, reserving the right to vote no. **Mastin:** May I have a second with a show of a hand. Darrell, thank you for raising your hand. **DelaBar:** Regions 8 and 9 are not required to have treasuries. Speaking for Region 9, we have Zoom meetings. We give any club that wants to know what is in the two different accounts that we keep. It's always an open book but we do it privately. We are not in the condition to put anything on any website that can be hacked into. As I said before, we have airplanes having their GPS messed with when they fly by a certain border, so right now it's not secure for us to do so. I believe that people should know how the region's money is spent and how they get the regional money. We have no really way except through regional fundraiser shows to get more money for our regions, but right now it is not prudent for us to have this type of information on our website. **Anger:** I am going with the advice of a former board member who is a CPA/attorney, who pointed out that this opens the regions up for scammers. I think if you are concerned about your regional treasury and the finances are not being shared, consider who your club is voting for. That's the resolution, not putting our clubs' treasuries, and perhaps CFA itself, in danger. **Jensen:** There's ways of conveying that information in a more secure manner than putting it on a website. We always had access anytime that we contacted Pam Moser and asked her for an accounting, she would give it to us. She would give it to us at every meeting. She would tell us how much was in the bank. So, our region has always been incredibly transparent. I do have concerns about any rules requiring treasurers or regional directors to put anything out there on the internet that could be used to try and get scammed. We report it to CFA, we report it to our clubs when they ask us, so posting it is not going to provide any more transparency than we already have, and it's going to open us up to a lot of problems. **Moyer:** Our region was planning do just that – a password protected section of the website. I hear all of the security concerns. My understanding was that that would be a relatively secure way, absolutely not for posting bank statements. We were just going to do a short synopsis every month summarizing income and outgo and what's in the bank. If that is a problem for security, I sure would like somebody to let me know so I won't do it. **Colilla:** I have

a problem with that, too. As a matter of fact, the September statement we'll be sending out to all the club secretaries pretty soon. I have a problem with somebody outside the – I'm having a hard time finding somebody to maintain it or create a new site, so doing that right now is impossible.

Currle: We try to run regular regional meetings at shows during the year where I give them a total. If they want a more detailed accounting, I'll just instruct them to go to my treasurer, who is more than willing to provide it. Usually just the events is what they want – the regional shows that we have, the award shows and benefits – and all of that we keep very, very transparent. We don't really need this requirement as far as a protected board site. Hacking is something that I'm very afraid of, so if they want the information, it's there and we're certainly happy to disseminate it. **Newkirk:** I think everybody needs to realize that private accounts, even though they are password protected, can be hacked. Your email can be hacked, so I don't know what the answer is here, but I know that I think you can see the person who brought this up felt like her clubs were not being notified, other than just a bottom line number. So, they want a little more transparency than was being offered. So, I'm not sure how we can do that safely without the information getting into the wrong hands other than printing it out and giving it to a person one on one, but with the clubs, I think the clubs are entitled to know what's going on in the region. I think that's what the bottom line is here and how that's done, that's up for debate.

Mastin: I'm going to call for the vote on the motion. If you are in favor, raise your hand.

Mastin called the motion. **Motion Failed.**

Mastin: If you are opposed, raise your hand. Vicki, Carissa, Kenny, Carol, Rachel, Aki, Russell, Pam, Marilee, John, Pauli, Doreann, Janet, Anne, Darrell, Kathy, Howard. Lower your hand. If you are an abstention, raise your hand. Rachel, no abstentions. **Anger:** That is zero yes, 17 no, and zero abstentions. **Mastin:** The motion fails. Rachel, thank you for bringing that to our attention.

Newkirk: Rich, how are we going to make sure that the Regional Directors communicate with the clubs when they ask about this? I think the clubs are entitled to know what the finances are in the region, and if you don't like somebody, you can just blow them off and give them a number? That's not being transparent. So, I would like to know how we can make sure that if a club in a region wants to know what the finances are, that they are entitled to know what they are. Somehow or another, they should be provided that information. **Jensen:** The finances have been being provided. I can tell you that, because I have seen them. Whenever I've gone to regional meetings, they were provided to us. I don't want to discuss the whole email chain that went all over the place, but they were provided and including a lot more information than what we would normally want to be handing out, so that particular person seemed to have an issue with the former RD, is what it basically boiled down to. All the rest of the clubs that I know of have never had a problem with acquiring that information. **Mastin:** Thank you Vicki. Just a reminder, when you speak let's see you. **DelaBar:** I think that any regional director sitting on the board of directors, having signed all the paperwork we do for confidentiality and for the CFA board ethics, we say anybody who wants to have our treasurer information who is part of our region, we should be believed that we are going to get this. I don't know how anybody is going to live in our back pocket and find that, "oh, I'm sorry, you did not give that information in the extent that this person wanted it; therefore, you're a bad regional director." We do our jobs the best we can and in the manner that is best for our regions. So, I don't know what else you want

from us. **Colilla:** Before I started sending out the quarterly statements, I used to whenever I was asked for the financial statement, I always tell them, “talk to the treasurer, she will give you all you need.” I have never denied anybody. **Mastin:** John, next time you speak, we want to see you, OK? **Colilla:** I forgot about that. I was going to do that, sorry. **Newkirk:** I’ll just say this; that the person went to all the trouble to try to pass an amendment to have a little more transparency. I don’t know what went down. I wasn’t privy to the email conversations that went on. I just know that the person came forward with an amendment because she felt like she wasn’t getting the information she needed. That’s all I’ll say. **Webster:** We just had a regional fundraiser show and we gave a statement of how much we spent, how much we brought in, what the total amount was that we made, and we didn’t put any account numbers or anything, but we did post it because we feel it’s important to let everybody know what actually had happened. We plan on giving something at least each quarter because we don’t have a lot of money coming in or going out, but we plan on letting everybody know in the region what’s going on. **Mastin:** Any further discussion on this?

– 24 – *Poppy State; Paper Tigers*

RESOLVED: *That all monthly bank statements be posted to the regional website. Provide a link with a password so exhibitors and clubs in the region can log in and see where our money is.*

RATIONALE: *We need transparency.*

Mastin: *Heidi? Heidi Murphy [Paper Tigers; Poppy State Cat Club]: I want a show of hands from the delegates. How many of you know what goes on in your regional council? I want a raise of hands. How many of you know what goes on every month in your regional council. Raise your hands. How many of you know what goes on with your regional treasury? Raise your hands, because I asked for my regional bank statements and all I got was the cover of the statement. I wanted to see the actual statements. I wanted to see what money was spent every month from our treasury and all I got was the top cover of the statement, not the actual statement. I want to propose that all regions have to post their bank statements to be seen by us club members and exhibitors, so we know where our money is going. I talked to George Eigenhauser and Karen Lawrence. We don’t want to make it fully public, but maybe they can make a link on our regional websites that we can log into for these accounts to be posted so we can know where our money is going. There is no transparency right now in most regional accounts, and I think this needs to be changed. Thank you. Mastin: Are there any other proposals from the floor? Before I adjourn the meeting, I have some announcements. George Eigenhauser [Bonita Cat Fanciers; West Shore Shorthair Club]: Are we going to vote on that? Mastin: It didn’t come as a motion. She didn’t make a motion. Heidi, if you’re going to make a motion, bring it forward. Murphy: I brought it to Rachel. Mastin: You have to bring it to the delegation. What is your proposal? Murphy: My proposal is that all our monthly bank statements are proposed for our regional websites. Because we don’t want to make it totally public, the proposal is that on our websites there be a link with a password where we can log in and see our accounts and see where our money is, because there is no transparency in most regional accounts right now and I think that’s a deficit to us as exhibitors and club members and to CFA. We need to know where our money is every month, and I think this is a great proposal for every reason to make transparency. That’s my proposal – put it on our websites.*

Mastin: We are open for discussion. **Barbara Schreck [Anthony Wayne Cat Fanciers; Jazz Kats]:** I'm a CPA and a tax attorney. I am totally against posting anything online that has the opportunity for scammers to pick it up [inaudible, applause]. **Darrell Newkirk [Abyssinian Midwest Breeders; Victor Valley Cat Club]:** Folks, we're entitled to know what's going on in our region. The regional directors should not have the ability to hide the expenses from the people in the region. I agree with what Barb Schreck said. It shouldn't be posted on the site, but you know what? You can send out an email and provide that information. So, I think everybody is entitled to know what's going on within their region. It's only fair. **Eigenhauser:** I just want to remind you, this is only going to be advisory to the board. The idea is, should clubs have access to the financial information from the regions? Yes. How do we implement that best? Maybe some information will have to be redacted to prevent identity theft. Maybe some information can be removed for privacy, but let's at least let the board look at it.

Mastin: Heidi, do you need to make any further comments? **Murphy:** So, as she said, there are scammers. That's why I said, in our website if we could have a separate link where we get a password from our region to open up that link, so only club members or the clubs or exhibitors could get ahold of that password to open up a link on our website, to see that account, so we don't have scammers. I truly believe this is a way of transparency so we can know where our money is going in our region. Thank you. **Mastin:** Discussion is closed. James, please open the voting. Cast your vote. Ten seconds. Please close the voting. Total 298, yes 155, no 143. It passes as advisory.

Question	Yes	No	Abstain	Total Votes
Question 24				
298 Delegates Registered	155	143	0	298

Advisory Only.

(b) Judging Program Rule 12.1.b.

Action Item: Adopt the following Judging Program rule change to Section 12.1.b., effective immediately.

Section 12. Judging Invitation Clarifications	CFA Judging Program Committee	
Existing Wording	Proposed Wording	
SECTION 12 JUDGING INVITATION CLARIFICATIONS 12.1 Judging Invitations to CFA Judges by Non-CFA Associations a. Invitations to CFA judges from clubs affiliated with non-CFA cat associations not domiciled in the U.S. are subject to the approval of	SECTION 12 JUDGING INVITATION CLARIFICATIONS 12.1 Judging Invitations to CFA Judges by Non-CFA Associations a. Invitations to CFA judges from clubs affiliated with non-CFA cat associations not domiciled in the U.S. are subject to the approval of	

the JPC and may be considered only by Approved Allbreed, Approval Pending Allbreed or Approved Specialty Judges. A judge may judge only the specialty/specialties in which he/she is approved. b. Judges invited to guest judge for eligible international cat associations MUST request permission and receive approval from the JPC prior to signing a contract. Such approval is conditional upon there being no licensed CFA show scheduled within a five hundred (500) mile (or equivalent kilometer) radius or within a country in Europe of the subject show, at the time the approval is granted. CFA show(s) licensed after approval has been granted will not negate the approval. The request for approval must contain:	the JPC and may be considered only by Approved Allbreed, Approval Pending Allbreed or Approved Specialty Judges. A judge may judge only the specialty/specialties in which he/she is <u>they are</u> approved. b. Judges invited to guest judge for eligible international cat associations MUST request permission and receive approval from the JPC <u>Guest Judge Administrator</u> prior to signing a contract. Such approval is conditional upon there being no licensed CFA show scheduled within a five hundred (500) mile (or equivalent kilometer) radius or within a country in Europe of the subject show, at the time the approval is granted. CFA show(s) licensed after approval has been granted will not negate the approval. <u>CFA Judges participating in Multi-Association/In-Conjunction shows may be approved to judge for CFA on one day, and guest judge for an approved association on the other day. For a Multi-Association/In-Conjunction request, the five hundred (500) mile (or equivalent kilometer) rule would not apply.</u> The request for approval must contain:
RATIONALE: Document approval for CFA Judges to judge for CFA one-day and an approved association on the other day on multi-association shows.	

Board Action Item: *Approve presented changes to Judging Program Rule Section 12.1 b. to obtain approval judging at multi-association/in conjunction shows which would include judging for CFA on one day and an approved guest judging association on the other.*

Mastin: Moving on to New Business. **Anger:** Sorry, point of order. **Mastin:** Did I miss something, Rachel? **Anger:** Yes. We have Old Business, the Judging Program rule that was a rewrite. It is ready to be presented. **Mastin:** I'm sorry, I missed it. Rachel? **Anger:** Can we promote Vicki? **Tartaglia:** I have it. I can put it on the screen and we can promote Vicki. **Nye:** I think I'm already promoted. **Tartaglia:** Yes, you are. You're in. **Nye:** This is the request from Pam DelaBar to include in 12.1.b. a section to allow judges that are judging the multi-association shows, to judge for CFA one day and for the other approved association the other day. There it is in red. At Ed's suggestion, I included a sentence that excludes them from being affected by the 500 mile rule, since both of the clubs will be in the same show hall. **Mastin:** Discussion? Any objections? **Anger:** Do we need a motion and a second, or will that carry over from the Judging Program Report? **Mastin:** That's a good idea. Are you making the motion? **Anger:** So moved. **Mastin:** Marilee, are you making the second? **Griswold:** I can make the second, but I have a statement also. **Mastin:** Go ahead. **Griswold:** Just to add behind the 500 mile *or equivalent kilometer* rule. That's how we have it normally, like up above here, *within a five hundred (500) mile (or equivalent kilometer) radius*. **Mastin:** Do we know what that is so we can put it in there? **Griswold:** That's the way it's verbiaged a few sentences above. **Mastin:** *or equivalent kilometer*. OK, so it's not how many kilometers, just equivalent kilometers. OK, I see it. **Nye:**

That's fine. Allene, right after in red where it says 500 mile, put in *or equivalent kilometer*.

Jensen: I think judge for a little clarification, maybe we ought to add *in*, because the two shows are together, so that somebody doesn't look at that, thinking that they can have a show within 500 miles of that show. **Nye:** It applies to the in-conjunction request. In-conjunction would mean that those two shows are together. **Jensen:** OK. **Mastin:** Any further discussion? I'm just looking at that. I wonder if we need to spell out the 500 and put the 500 as it is over with the way you have it up above. **Nasin:** Maybe we should have it marked "in the same venue". **Nye:** Well, it's in conjunction. **Nasin:** OK. **Tartaglia:** I don't know where – **Nye:** Down in the red. The first reference to 500. [Side discussions regarding placement of edits were not transcribed.] **Mastin:** Any further discussion? Any objections? Seeing no objections, the motion passes unanimously.

The motion is ratified by unanimous consent.

Mastin: Thank you, Rachel, for reminding me of that. Rachel, do we have another one we need to cover under Old Business before we move on? **Anger:** I don't believe so but let me check just to be sure. **Mastin:** While you're doing that, I'm going to call on John. [Transcript goes to Show Rules Proposal #37]

Judging Program Reports

Respectfully Submitted

Vicki Nye

Co-Chair CFA Judging Program

Mastin: It is 4:41. We need to go into executive session. Whatever we didn't get done in open session today we will do tomorrow. Rachel, if you will put that all on tomorrow's agenda, that would be great. I want to thank everybody for attending today. This meeting is adjourned.

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The Tuesday open session meeting adjourned at 4:41 p.m. Eastern Standard Time.

Respectfully submitted,

Rachel Anger, Secretary

The Cat Fanciers' Association, Inc.

Secretary's Note: The Officers and Board of Directors of the Cat Fanciers' Association, Inc. met on Wednesday, October 16, 2024, via Zoom video conference. **President Richard Mastin** called the video conference meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. Eastern Standard Time for the second day of the regularly scheduled Quarterly Video Conference. A roll call by **Secretary Rachel Anger** found the following members to be present:

Mr. Richard Mastin (President)
Mr. Russell Webb (Vice-President)
Ms. Rachel Anger (Secretary)
Ms. Kathy Calhoun (Treasurer)
Mrs. Doreann Nasin (NAR Director)
Vicki A. Jensen, Esq. (NWR Director)
Ms. Carissa Altschul (GSR Director)
Mr. John Colilla (GLR Director)
Mr. Howard Webster (SWR Director)
Ms. Janet Moyer (MWR Director)
Mr. Kenny Currle (SOR Director)
Ms. Aki Tamura (Japan Regional Director) (attending remotely)
Ms. Pam DelaBar (Europe Regional Director)
Dr. Marilee Griswold (Director-at-Large)
Mr. Pauli Huhtaniemi (Director-at-Large)
Mrs. Carol Krzanowski (Director-at-Large)
Mrs. Anne Mathis (Director-at-Large)
Mr. Darrell Newkirk (Director-at-Large)

Also Present:

Edward L. Raymond, Jr., Esq., CFA Legal Counsel
Ms. Allene Tartaglia, Executive Director
Mr. James Simbro, IT Systems Analyst

Absent:

None.

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

Mastin: Madame Secretary, will you please do the roll call. **Anger:** Sure, I will. By confirming your attendance at the meeting, you are also reaffirming your oath of the Board Member Code of Ethics and Confidentiality Agreement. So, just by saying "here" or "present", it's two answers in one. [**Secretary's Note:** Secretary Rachel Anger called the roll, as reflected above.] We are all present, with the exception of Mr. Webster, so I will turn it back to you, Mr. President. **Mastin:** Thank you, Rachel.

CFA QUARTERLY MEETING AGENDA

October 15/16, 2024

All Times in Eastern Standard Time

Wednesday, October 16, 2024 • Board of Directors Meeting

9:00 a.m.	17.	Meeting Called to Order/Approve Orders of the Day	Mastin
9:05 a.m.	18.	Breeds and Standards	Wilson
4:25 p.m.	19.	New Business – Cat Fanciers of Hawaii Request	Webster
4:30 p.m.	20.	Unfinished Business	
4:35 p.m.	21.	Other Committees – Animal Welfare	DelaBar

(17) MEETING CALLED TO ORDER/APPROVE ORDERS OF THE DAY.

Mastin: Hello, and welcome to day 2 of CFA's Board of Directors October 15/16, 2024 board meeting. Just a note, Kathy Calhoun has no internet right now. She is going to dial in by cellphone. We may see her come and go throughout part of the meeting until she can get her internet situated. The first thing we have to do is Orders of the Day. I need to turn it over to Rachel. Rachel? **Anger:** Thank you. Due to scheduling, I propose that we keep Breeds and Standards as the first Order of the Day, followed by our Tuesday agenda items that we didn't get to yesterday; those are New Business, consisting of the Cat Fanciers of Hawaii Request, the Region 7 Club Issues and the Ratification of Committee Appointment, then Unfinished Business, and this is the unfinished business. The Other Committees Report, which is Animal Welfare, and I would also like to add a 15 minute break in the afternoon during the Strategic Planning Session at 2:45 or 3:00, whenever a good stopping point occurs. **Mastin:** Rachel, thank you. That is very helpful. **Moyer:** I would like to ask for a reconsideration of Show Rule [Proposal] #5 in closed session. I had asked for it to be discussed there yesterday, but we went ahead and voted on it, so I didn't get to make any of the points that I had. I also am bringing a rewrite of Show Rule [Proposal] #28 adding language that should address Vicki Jensen's concerns that she raised. **Mastin:** Rachel, where can we put those in executive session? Put them at the end? **Anger:** The end would be a great place to put it. That would be Old Business. We have an agenda item #25 for Old Business. Pam DelaBar has an issue there, so I could add these after Pam's issue. **Mastin:** OK, so it's Show Rule [Proposal] #25 for reconsideration? **Moyer:** [Proposal] #28 for a rewrite and [Proposal] #5 for reconsideration. **Mastin:** OK. Alright, so those will go after Pam's under Old Business. Janet, do you have anything else? **Moser:** No. **Mastin:** Russell, what do you have? **Webb:** I have New Business in closed session. I have an issue. **Mastin:** OK. Rachel, where would you like that? **Anger:** Our New Business is currently open session, so I can add it to Agenda Item #30, which is the executive session New Business after the item that I have there. **Mastin:** OK, I see it. That's Russell, alright. Does anyone else have any additions to Orders of the Day? Russell, are you all set? **Webb:** Yes. **Mastin:** Alright, any further discussion on the Orders of the Day? **DelaBar:** Can we get a copy of what we are going to be reconsidering and the rewrite on the Show Rules? Usually when we pre-notice these things, we get a copy so we can look it over. **Mastin:** Janet, can you email out to everyone? **Moyer:** I just have one sentence to add at the end of it. Is it alright, because I don't have the program that they use. Can I just add

that sentence and just say, “we’re adding this sentence”? **Mastin:** Yes but refer to which show rule. **Moyer:** OK, I can do that. **Mastin:** If you can do that this morning, multitask would be great so we can get eyes on it before you do it. **Moyer:** Alright good, thanks. [**Calhoun** joins the meeting] **Mastin:** Kathy, welcome to the meeting. **Calhoun:** Thank you. **Mastin:** I warned everybody. Kathy, all we got was “thank you” and then you were gone. I wonder if she has something to add. I’m going to put her on speaker phone. **Calhoun:** I was just affirming and present, so no, I do not have any additions to the agenda. **Mastin:** So, you are affirming and sometimes present. **Calhoun:** Sometimes present. We’ll see how it goes. **Mastin:** Thanks Kathy. Good luck. Rachel, did you get that? Kathy was affirming and she was present, and I said that sometimes she’s present. **Anger:** I’ll indicate that in the transcript. **Mastin:** OK. Any further discussion on the Orders of the Day? Any objections? Seeing no objections, the Orders of the Day are approved unanimously.

The Orders of the Day, as amended, were accepted without objection and became the Orders of Business.

Mastin: I may have forgotten, Rachel. The meeting is called to order. [**Webster** joins the call] **Nasin:** Just to let you know, it looks like Howard is here. I see him coming up on the list there. **Webster:** I’m here and present. **Mastin:** Howard, do you confirm to the Confidentiality Agreement? **Webster:** Yes, I confirm. **Mastin:** OK, thank you.

(18) **BREEDS AND STANDARDS.**

Committee Chair: *Annette Wilson*
Liaison to Board: *Darrell Newkirk*
List of Committee Members: *Carla Bizzell, Melanie Morgan, Krista Schmitt*

Mastin: Rachel, our first Order of Business is the Toybob? **Anger:** It's the Breeds and Standards Committee. **Mastin:** Breeds and Standards. OK, Annette are you with us this morning? **Wilson:** I am, thank you. **Mastin:** Good morning. Welcome back. **Wilson:** Good morning, everyone.

Brief Summation of Immediate Past Committee Activities:

Ongoing receipt and review of advancing breeds' activity in CFA and judges reports on cats shown. Reviewed 19 breed council ballots (73 total proposals) for upcoming voting.

Current Happenings of Committee:

An inquiry has been made by the Donskoy/Don Sphynx for CFA registration; Desiree Bobby is assisting them. Update: application postponed at this time.

All Breed Councils and the Toybob Breed Committee have at least one person running for secretary. There was no declaration for Khao Manee Breed Committee Chair.

Participating in the various new committees (genetics, breed welfare) ZOOM calls. Recommend addressing overlap on the various committees trying to address breed welfare.

Updating Toybob Breed Summary.

Future Projections for Committee:

Second round of reviewing BC ballots in October. Once voting completed, summarize results for February, 2025 board meeting.

Board Action Items:

The Toybob Breed Committee Chair has asked for time at this meeting to re-present their breed, answer Board members' questions, and for an off-schedule vote on advancement to championship. (Note: advancing breeds are reviewed and voted on at the scheduled February board meetings)

Wilson: First of all, I have several motions but I can defer motions #3 and #4 regarding the Khao Manee to the report for the next meeting if you like, just to save some time, because I have some additional information for it. **Mastin:** OK, then let's defer it if you have additional information. **Wilson:** Defer it? **Mastin:** Defer it to the next meeting if you have additional information. **Wilson:** OK, perfect. I have two action items. Just some background. The Toybob breed requested advancement to championship at the February 2024 board meeting, and the

board voted not to advance them at that time. So, they requested a re-vote and because they had not met all of the requirements for advancement, I suggested that we defer it until they did, so they have now met all of the minimum requirements for advancement to championship and there is a separate summary of their activity and an updated of judges' reports attached to my report.

Motion 1: *Consider an off-schedule vote on advancement of the Toybob to championship (to be effective May 1, 2025).*

Committee input: keep the current schedule of advancements considered at the February board meeting.

Wilson: My first action item is, they would like to have the board vote on their advancement at this meeting. They would not be eligible to show in championship until May 1, 2025. The Committee recommends against that, because I think once we start setting precedents of just voting on breed advancements outside of the standard February meeting, I think we should avoid that. We don't always have complete information and so on, but that's up to the board. Then, if the board passes a motion to vote on their advancement at this meeting, then the board would vote on advancement in closed session. So, the Breed Committee Chair, Gigi Guerriero, and Meg Lambert are on the call. I don't know if you want to review some of this information before they come on. They did send some additional documentation and are prepared to present it and answer questions. I told them they had 10 or 15 minutes, so that's where we are with it.

Mastin: I'm going to call on Darrell and Pam before we make a decision on bringing them in. **Newkirk:** First of all, voting today or February makes no difference when they come into championship if the board approves it. I will vote and support them, but I agree with Annette. This is an off-cycle vote and it doesn't advance them until May, and so I don't want to go against the breed group, but it makes no sense to vote on it now when we typically vote on this in February. If they get the vote in February, they would go into championship on May 1. I'm going to agree with Annette and the Committee that we should not advance them at this meeting. **DelaBar:** I voted last February to advance them. Of course, they did not advance. There is no reason to go off cycle, as Darrell said. I can't support that. We have a full schedule to begin with today anyway. I believe that we should keep to our business, as scheduled, like the Show Rules in October and Breeds and Standards in February. I appreciate all the extra information, especially the genetic information that we got on the uniqueness of the Toybob gene, but let's do it on cycle. **Currle:** I understand Darrell and Pam's concern as far as keeping precedent is concerned, but this particular breed is pretty skittish. They lost advancement ahead of time by one year, by one vote. They don't want to wait until February where another issue may come up against this particular breed, so I am for bringing it up for a vote in closed session. **Griswold:** I've been approached by several judges who feel like the Toybob may not be ready for advancement. They have a lot of inconsistencies in their structure. In particular, I have heard some are cow hocked and that concerned some judges, but as a Director at Large I also got emails from exhibitors and I know some other people on the board did also, concerned about going off schedule for an advancement. That just kind of sets a poor precedent. I have also been approached by Marianne Clark, the Japanese Bobtail Breed Council Secretary, who asked me to speak up on their behalf, that they are against the Toybob as a look-alike breed and they are very much against them coming up early for advancement and not going through the regular cycle. In

the end, we have a Committee that meets and is run by a group of very bright people who have all voted to keep the current advancement schedule. So, if we don't want to listen to a Committee, what's the point of having them? **Newkirk:** I do not agree with the comment that they are a look-alike breed. I just think that's far out. The other thing is, I have read through all the documentation – those four supporting documents that they sent to us. To me, that only further clarifies in my mind that this gene is not a Manx gene. I think that was one of the big concerns. So, as far as Kenny is concerned, I think that anything that was going to come up would have come up over the years. They have worked to get their standard sort of standardized. It's a starting point and there's always imperfections in standards, so in my mind it only solidifies my yes vote that I would give it in February. **Webster:** I saw them when they first came in. I voted to have them come in as their status was. I think they are nothing anywhere close to a Bobtail. I don't accept that. I think they should be advanced. Whether we do it now or in February, I'm supporting the breed. **Anger:** I guess I'm the point of order police today. We're discussing Motion #1. All of the comments regarding advancement of the breed are supposed to be in closed session, so if we could redirect our comments specifically to Motion #1, it will make it nice and clean, and we can move forward onto Motion #2 with executive session discussion. Thank you. **Mastin:** Thank you, Rachel. **Calhoun:** Apologize for the problems with the internet. Hopefully it will hold now. Motion #1, I think it's important to CFA in all aspects to have a sense of urgency around many things, this being one. I would not hold back on an off-schedule vote just for the sake of being off schedule. Our registrations are down. Let's just say that they are down, and we need to do everything to move that in a positive direction as soon as possible. I have no problem with an off-schedule vote, thank you. **Mastin:** Is there any further discussion on Motion #1?

Currle: I just have a question. Have we officially made a motion to consider this?
Mastin: Not yet. We're just talking about it. I will ask Darrell if he wants to make a motion.
Currle: And I will second it. **Mastin:** Darrell, do you want to make the motion? **Newkirk:** Yes, I'll make the motion with the right to vote no. **Mastin:** OK, and Kenny, you are a second?
Currle: Yes, sir. **Mastin:** OK Kenny, we now have a motion. Do you want to further discuss it, Kenny? Does anybody else have any additional comments on an off-schedule vote? OK, I'm going to call for the vote. If you are in favor, raise your hand. Just a reminder, please leave your hands up until I ask you to take it down.

Mastin called the motion. **Motion Carried.** Altschul, DelaBar, Griswold, Huhtaniemi, Krzanowski, Mathis and Newkirk voting no.

Mastin: Rachel, Kathy, Kenny, Howard, Russell, Janet, Aki, Doreann, Vicki and John. Please lower your hand. If you are opposed, raise your hand. Marilee, Darrell, Carissa, Carol, Pauli, Anne and Pam. Please lower your hand. If you are an abstention, raise your hand. No abstentions. Rachel, when you are ready. **Anger:** That's 10 yes, 7 no, zero abstentions. **Mastin:** Motion passes.

Motion 2: *If motion #1 passes, vote on the advancement of the Toybob (voting on advancement to championship is done in executive session and must pass by two-thirds).*

Committee input: while we prefer to have updated registration and exhibition data presented in February with a decision made then, the Committee believes the Toybob has met the

advancement requirements and absent any new issues, would recommend advancement in February for championship status May 1, 2025.

Mastin: Annette, do you want to continue? **Wilson:** Motion #2 would be to vote on the advancement of the Toybob, to advance them to championship status. The Committee supports the advancement, based on the information we have. This is where the Toybob breed would like to present their additional material and be available to answer questions. So, while the vote has to be in executive session, I don't know how you want to handle this but they would be available for questions or to review the material which they forwarded. **Newkirk:** I was prepared to make the motion. I think this is going to pass, so I'm not sure that any additional information is going to change anyone's mind. I don't want to deprive them if they feel it's necessary to present the information, but that's just going to take more time in our meeting. **Anger:** I am seconding Darrell's motion. **Mastin:** Thank you. Annette? **Wilson:** What? **Mastin:** Do you want them to come in and speak, or is it necessary? **Wilson:** That's all up to you. I mean, if Darrell doesn't think it's necessary – the problem is, you vote in executive session and then if it doesn't pass, they haven't had their opportunity. How does it work? **DelaBar:** Then they come back on cycle. **Mastin:** Darrell, how do you want to proceed? **Newkirk:** I'm going to vote for them and I think most everybody else is, too. I think the #1 motion was just about the off-cycle vote. I think most of us are supporting it, so my suggestion would be that we vote and if it passes, then we can let them know. If they still want to come in and present their data, then I don't have a problem with it. I think what they want, they think their presentation will convince us to vote for them and I think we're already there because the Committee now is supportive of this. **Currle:** Is there any way, Rich, you can consider since they are already on the line, once we go into executive session, to take this up first? **Mastin:** Rachel, where is that on the agenda for executive session? **Anger:** That's a very good question. Let me take a look here and see when a smart place would be to have it. If we do it under #25 – Old Business, that will be the third item in executive session. **Newkirk:** Then since we're in open session, let's go ahead and admit them. Let them in, ask them to please make their presentation short. **Mastin:** OK, let's bring them in, Allene. **Tartaglia:** So I'm bringing in Gigi and who is the other person? Margo? **Wilson:** Margo.

[**Gigi Guerriero** and **Margo Hill** join the call] **Mastin:** Hi Gigi and Margo. Welcome to the meeting. **Guerriero:** Hello, good morning. Can you hear me? **Mastin:** I can hear you. **Guerriero:** OK, wonderful. **Mastin:** Is Margo present? **Tartaglia:** Yes. She's on a phone but she is here. **Mastin:** OK. Gigi and Margo, we ask that you keep your additional comments brief. Gigi, go ahead and begin. **Hill:** We want to present really a summary of the genetic study that was done over the years. Once we applied to Miscellaneous status for the breed with CFA, we felt like we provided very extensive genetic study for the breed. However, that information wasn't really carried forward to the consequential meetings with the board when we tried to advance through the different statuses. We felt like the question about the genetics kept coming in and the presentation wasn't there to confirm our statement in terms of the breed not being connected to the Japanese Bobtail or the Manx, so again the same question came up in February when we tried to advance to championship. We felt like that was detrimental in terms of the voting with the data not being there. Therefore, it brought to the board a lot of speculation whether the breed is connected to those different other breeds, have some specific genes related to the Manx or Japanese Bobtail, so we generally speaking wanted to clarify all of that information and just make sure it's presentable to the current board, so all the members can actually make a clear decision in terms of understanding the data and vote accordingly, not really

being persuaded with some hearsay or speculation by opinions of other people or judges, etc. We just want to bring the physical facts into the conversation so that question will be cleared off the table, so to speak. **Mastin:** Thank you for providing the additional information. I am now going to turn it over to the board for any questions.

Newkirk: Gigi, I want to thank you and Margo for sending the supplemental data on the genetics. I really appreciate that. I read through it and it makes perfect sense to me, so that put my mind at rest. Thank you, I appreciate it. **Guerriero:** You're welcome and thank you for this opportunity. **Mastin:** Do any other board members have questions for Gigi or Margo?

Guerriero: I would like to say one thing, though. Since 2019, our breed group has demonstrated not only by our words but by our actions how we prioritize the health and integrity of our breed. Coming into CFA, we wanted mandatory DNA testing for outcrosses for all unwanted structural mutations and testable diseases. This would have, of course, included the Manx. We were told that CFA is not capable of doing this. We were the first breed ever throughout all the associations to disqualify the dominant blue eye gene before most people even knew the term for it. We recently also disqualified evidence of wild ancestry because we are seeing now charcoal in the Oriental Shorthair and in the British Shorthair. To be honest with you, we have taken it personally and found it offensive when we find that we have been attacked with accusations of being related to this breed or that breed when, like I said, we have proven on multiple occasions how we feel about our breed and how we want to keep it as authentic to not only the phenotype, but of course its genetics. **Mastin:** OK, thank you for those additional comments. I believe we have ended the discussion. When we go into closed session, we will take this matter up and discuss it and vote on it then. Thank you, Gigi. Thank you, Margo. **Hill:** Thank you very much. Again, thank you for the consideration and time of the board of allowing us to speak and reviewing the information. **Mastin:** Great, have a good day. [**Guerriero** and **Hill** leave the meeting] Annette, do you have any additional comments? **Wilson:** I do not. Thank you for letting them have their say and for reading their material. I am going to be out and about the rest of today, so I don't know, Rachel, if you want to let Gigi know and me of the result, or Darrell could. I'll have access to email but I'm not going to be able to be available otherwise. **Mastin:** OK. Darrell, do you have any additional comments? **Newkirk:** No, I don't. **Mastin:** Does the board have anything for Annette or Darrell?

Mastin called the motion. **Motion Carried.** [vote sealed]

There is no Khao Manee Breed Committee Chair and no members of the Khao Manee Breed Committee. Since there are specific requirements for joining the committee, at this point, this breed could use a 'cheerleader.' I have perhaps two individuals willing to fill that role: Mary Ellen Troup and Judy Ganoë. We can't call the person the Breed Committee Chair, but perhaps "Breed Contact?" Or "Interim Breed Contact?"

Motion 3: *Appoint Mary Ellen Troup as the Breed Contact for the Khao Manee.*

Withdrawn.

Motion 4: *If Motion 3 fails, appoint Judy Ganoë as the Breed Contact for the Khao Manee.*

Withdrawn.

Anger: Don't we have two more motions, or did we dispense with those? **Wilson:** We deferred them to the next meeting. I have an additional volunteer for Khao Manee and I just found out about it a couple days ago, so I will write up a new report for the next meeting.

What Will be Presented at the Next Meeting: *A report if there is any updated or outstanding information.*

*Respectfully Submitted,
Annette Wilson*

Mastin: Anyone else have anything for Annette? OK Annette, thank you very much.
Wilson: Thank you, bye.

KHAO MANEE – MISC Breed Status Report (Oct., 2024)

May 1, 2018 Accepted for Registration and MISC Status

May 1, 2019 Standard Revision

May 1, 2022 Standard Revision

Summary: 136 Khao Manee registered over 6 years. However, there has been a dramatic drop-off in registrations since 2021 with fewer than 10 registered in each of the past two years.

There has also been a large drop-off in the number of cats shown, particularly since 2020. Only 4 cats shown in Region 4 (at several shows) and 1 cat in Reg 1-7 (at 2023 CFA Int'l Show).

Cattery prefixes/suffixes: 14

Breed Committee: there are **no** current members of the breed committee and **no** chair

Breed Standard Revised May 1, 2022

Breed Club: Khao Manee Cat Club is in good standing currently

25 Active Breeders – NO, Requirement Not Met

		Khao Manee Registrations and Registrations by Pedigree (CY 2014-2023)														
		2018		2019		2020		2021		2022		2023		Totals		
		Region	Regs	Ped.	Regs	Ped.	Regs	Ped.	Regs	Ped.	Regs	Ped.	Regs	Ped.	Regs	Ped.
1		1	0	0	0	0	2	2	3	3	0	0	1	0	6	5
2		2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
3		3	0	0	0	0	3	2	3	0	0	0	0	0	6	2
4		4	2	2	1	1	0	0	0	0	4	4	0	0	7	7
5		5	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1
6		6	20	19	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	20	19
7		7	1	1	10	4	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	12	5
		North America	24	23	11	5	6	4	6	3	4	4	1	0	52	39
8		Japan	0	0	0	0	6	6	10	5	1	0	3	0	20	11
9		Europe	7	7	13	2	1	1	14	0	3	0	2	0	40	10
EC		East China	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
NC		North China	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
WC		West China	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
		China	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
HK		Hong Kong	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
ID		Indonesia	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
KR		South Korea	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
MY		Malaysia	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
OC		Aust./New Zeal.	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
SI		Singapore	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
TH		Thailand	19	18	3	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	2	24	23
VN		Vietnam	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
		Asia East	19	18	3	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	2	24	23
AW		Asia West/Africa	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
IS		Israel	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
AS		South America	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
		Totals	50	48	27	10	13	11	30	8	8	4	8	2	136	83

Khao Manee Exhibit Data (Show entries, not unique cats)

48 Different (unique) cats were shown between May 2018 and Sept. 2024.

Region of Show, with Owners								
Count of Reg. #	Column Labels							
Row Labels	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	Grand Total
3	3							3
4	3	5						8
5	4							4
6	1							1
7	7	5	3					15
9	6	13	1	4	2	3		29
ID 2024-Nasha Chaimano	26	7					5	38
13 (2023 Int'l Show)						1		1
Annie & Gaetan Desmarais						1		1
2							1	1
Dennis/Judy Ganoe							1	1
Grand Total	50	30	4	4	2	4	6	100

7 Unique cats shown CY 2021, 2022, 2023 (note the table below includes the 2021 info from table above):

Count of Cat_Reg	Column Label				
	2021	2022	2023		Grand Total
Row Labels	Reg 9	Reg 9	Reg 9	Intl Show	
SAPHIRA BOREALE				1	1
SIIH AAM AQUA AURA	1		1		2
SIIH AAM OH GAAT SIANG PAAI			1		1
SIIH AAM RAAT	1				1
SIIH AAM RAYA NEE	1				1
SIIH AAM ROR HOB KAB KON MIH	1				1
SIIH AAM SIIH KHOW		2	1		3
Grand Total	4	2	3	1	10

TOYBOB Summary (Oct., 2024)

The Toybob Breed Committee Chair has requested advancement from PROV to CHAMPIONSHIP status. Here are the registration and updated entry statistics.

Breed accepted:	May 1, 2019
Breed advanced:	May 1, 2023, to PROVISIONAL status Feb., 2024, advancement to CHAMPIONSHIP requested, Board turned down
No. of Breeders:	27 (some at same address with different cattery names)
No. of Reg:	282 (including 100 reg-by-ped) 67 registered in 2023.
No. Entries:	58 (30 unique cats), in regions 1, 3, 4, 6, 7, 8, 17, Hong Kong and Int'l Show (2023)
Breed Committee:	Gigi Guerriero, chair. 4 other members
Breed Club:	International Toybob Cat Club is in good standing.
Standard:	Continues to change; most recent 4 changes presented at Feb 2024 meeting NO standard changes balloted 2024 (for May 2025 effective date)
OTHER:	Japanese Bobtail Breed Council objects to 'lookalike' breed and fast-tracking Concerns from some judges regarding frequent standard changes (*no ballot for 2024) Judges reports 76% in favor of advancing to championship Judges' biggest complaints are not seeing more of a variety of cats at shows; often only 1 (and the same one); when they do see more than one, the often do not look like the same breed.

NOTE: I do not have registration updates in time for producing this summary report.

Toybob Registrations and Registrations by Pedigree (CY 2014-2023)															
	Region	2018		2019		2020		2021		2022		2023		Totals	
		Regs	Ped.	Regs	Ped.	Regs	Ped.	Regs	Ped.	Regs	Ped.	Regs	Ped.	Regs	Ped.
1	1	0	0	44	28	15	2	29	3	12	2	13	0	113	35
2	2	0	0	2	2	1	0	9	6	6	2	7	1	25	11
3	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	0
4	4	0	0	3	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	3
5	5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	0	3	0
6	6	0	0	1	0	7	3	4	2	0	0	0	0	12	5
7	7	0	0	4	4	0	0	1	0	4	1	10	2	19	7
	North America	0	0	54	37	23	5	43	11	22	5	34	3	176	61
8	Japan	0	0	6	4	4	0	17	3	21	5	19	3	67	15
9	Europe	0	0	9	9	0	0	4	3	12	8	7	2	32	22
EC	East China	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
NC	North China	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
WC	West China	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	China	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
HK	Hong Kong	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	5	2	5	2
ID	Indonesia	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
KR	South Korea	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
MY	Malaysia	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
OC	Aust./New Zeal.	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
SI	Singapore	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
TH	Thailand	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
VN	Vietnam	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Asia East	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	5	2	5	2
AW	Asia West/Africa	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
IS	Israel	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
AS	South America	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	2	0
	Totals	0	0	69	50	27	5	64	17	55	18	67	10	282	100

Note that in above numbers, the registrations-by-pedigree are included in the # of registrations.

30 Unique Cats Shown 5/23/2023 – 9/1/2024:

Count by Show Region

Count of Reg. #	Column Labels		
Row Labels	2023	2024	Grand Total
1	5	6	11
3	2		2
4	3	1	4
6	1	2	3
7	11	5	16
8	2	9	11
13	4		4
17	3	1	4
HK	1	2	3
Grand Total	32	26	58

27 Breeders through 9/1/2024:

List of Breeders			
Cattery Name	Breeder Name	Lit Reg Dt	Country
Bees Knees	Katie Biesinger	1/11/2023	US
Bel-Moors	Anna Gromova	1/9/2023	Russia
Emberview	M Carno-L Stasiuk	6/21/2020	Canada
Glassheart	Hiromi Matsubara	9/7/2022	Japan
Jet-Setter	Sharon Vega	12/12/2022	US
Kat-I-Tood	Marilyn Mogle	7/25/2022	US
Li'l Wonders	Nellie Mogle	1/11/2023	US
Libertybell	Hiroshi Ishizawa	12/12/2022	Japan
Naughtykitty	Martin-Kazumi Frost	12/15/2022	Japan
Petite Toy	Renan Rangel	1/9/2023	Brazil
Nobcats	Nobuhiro Sumi	(new) *	Japan
Rostov Toys	Angela Soto	6/28/2022	US
Rostovspirit	Mila Denny	7/30/2022	US
Saturncat	Lukas Swid	12/7/2021	US
Singamabob	M Carno-L Stasiuk	1/12/2023	Canada
Singville	Margo Hill	12/11/2021	US
Small Toys	A Moronov-I Syrchina	1/10/2023	Russia
Smallkitty	Irina Syrchina	1/17/2023	Russia
Soul-Beans	Liu Yuen Yi	9/11/2023	HK
Starry Kitty	Deborah Lopez	9/19/2021	US
Sunny Shores	Rachel Zimmer	1/5/2023	US
Tinybob	Angela Crowley	4/22/2020	US
Toy-Lee	Alexander Lee	1/11/2023	US
Toybob Tales	Laura Mejia	1/4/2023	US
Ural Gems	Natalia Soboleva	1/9/2023	Spain
Whisperstar	Margo-James Hill	12/31/2019	US
Wonderlyn	Giselle Guerriero	10/6/2022	US

*New Cattery Name registration April, 2024

Judges Comments from Shows 1/28/2023 through 9/14/2024; reports during this period had 28 in favor of advancement and 8 not in favor of advancement:

				--I'd like to see more shown to support this breed advancing to CH
				--Just had one cat which fit well to the standard, but
2024	1/28/2024	HK	1	cannot say anything overall of the breed

2024	2/17/2024	7	5	--Nice consistency with this group --there was a cat that looked like a JBT and another with a snotty nose --Breed is not present enough. They need to increase their presence and gain consistency
2024	3/24/214	8	4	(Ignored one submitted by Japanese judge as the answers were inconsistent, possibly not understanding the question.)
2024	3/3/2024	8	3	--I judged 2 kittens at this show. They are LH Toybob they are so pretty at my ring. I felt that it was very distinctive and had a diverse tail configuration compared to the Japanese Bobtail. It was very difficult to tell by word but, It was small in size and had a very cute appearance. I like this breed very much. I hope that the genetic differences between the tail and the Japanese Bobtail will become clear soon. --(Ignored two submitted by Japanese judge as the answers were inconsistent, possibly not understanding the question.)
2024	7/13/2024	1	2	--Standard description is clear, cats are not. We need to give consideration to prevent excessive miniturization. We do not see sufficient number of cats/shows to justify advancement. Want to see them out more consistently.
2024	8/3/2024	HK	2	--One male more shy, other quite personable
2024	8/4/2024		1	
2024	8/24/2024	1	2	I think the standard has improved greatly since the breed was accepted for Misc status. I voted for their advancement last February. I originally judged 2 dozen of these cats in Moscow and several were presented by the originator of the breed. Personally I feel the breed should be pointed but we do accept them in all colors. I had a shorthair trainee for this show and it was great she was able to handle them and ask questions from the Toybob exhibitors
2024	9/1/2024		1	--Too few to provide any comparison

				--7 month old kitten; coat a bit rough, could be grooming. Eyes could be larger, muzzle was distinctive, size small but not miniaturized. This should be what a 7mo old male TB should look like. Good condition, pointed and white. Need to see more in class but this was a good example.; --Can't evaluate consistency when only one is shown. Std broad when it comes to body type. Need to see more examples on a consistent basis throughout the year to see if they are ready for advancement. --I have seen the same cat 4x now. While having conversation with the owner, the coat is wrong as it's inbetween long and short hair. they indicated there was a specific class in other organizations for this coat; if we move forward I need to see more than one cat and consistency in type. While I have no problem accepting new breeds, I need to see more of them on a consistent basis.
2024	9/7/2024		1	--Improve Std: Head structure, coat texture --Discription about the size in both length and weight. In general said "smallest" breed. --both had great temperment
2024	9/14/2024	8	2	--size; big vs. small

Judges Comments from Judges through 12/2023 Shows

Of the 44 reports received during the 8 (May through Dec, 2023) month period, 33 judges recommended advancement and 11 did not recommend advancement.

CY	Show Date	Region	# Cats	Comments
2023	6/3/2023	HK	1	This kitten did not meet the standard in head type. The standard should "flow" more...it's difficult to imagine what a Toybob looks like from reading the standard. There are too many superfluous words and some contradictions. We continue to mostly see one at a time; that's not how to evaluate a breed. The standard needs work and it's been over a year since I saw a Toybob that at least resembles the standard. Only judged one cat so didn't have anything to compare it with at this show.
2023	7/15/2023	1	5	Lovely cats, wonderful breed.

				--Some Terminology in the standard is unclear, but I admire that they are striving for global standardization. Rethink the word "almost" in the standard. Kudos for bringing 9 cats to compare/contrast and finally cats with bodies I expect to see. --Type is not consistent and does not meet the standard --Could be in a little better condition --the numbers that I judged look the same, move to CH --No color descriptions
2023	9/16/2023	7	9	--Cats well behaved, good type
2023	9/30/2023	4	1	--Nose, slight convex curve, then goes to describe profile. I would think that wording belongs in profile, not nose. --These 2 are consistent, however I see many which are inconsistent and not matching the standard at the Florida show. There is not consistency in the breed. Get agreement on type and document it --as evidenced by these two cats, two different profiles are permitted. they should pick one. Both cats had rather sparse, patchy coats. One had a straight nose profile, the other curved that was close to a stop. Nice muscular bodies. Round eyes. Each had acceptable tails
2023	10/7/2023	4	2	
2023	10/8/2023	8	2	
2023		13	4	--Well Behaved, good type --Standard has improved re: consistency --I believe this breed should be pointed and the other colors AOV
2023	10/29/2023	17	3	
2023	11/11/2023	3	2	--What is evidence of wild ancestry?
2023	12/2/2023	7	2	--Really like the type of the solid lilac the other cats don't have the type; great presentation.

(19) **NEW BUSINESS.**

(a) **Cat Fanciers of Hawai'i Request (Webster).**

Mastin: Next item, and Rachel help me along the way here, New Business. Are we doing Cat Fanciers of Hawai'i? **Anger:** Correct. **Mastin:** Alright, and that is Howard.

BACKGROUND: *The Cat Fanciers of Hawai'i is planning a five ring show on January 18, 2025 in Honolulu, Hawaii (Region 5). They would like to have 5 allbreed rings, one of which would be an OCP ring with reduced entry qualifications. Two motions are required to accomplish this.*

Motion #1: *For the Cat Fanciers of Hawai'i five ring show on January 18, 2025 in Honolulu, Hawaii (Region 5), grant an exception to Show Rule 4.06.a.2. to waive the specialty ring requirement and allow the club to license a five allbreed ring show.*

4.06 *The CFA Central Office will issue a license for the following types of shows:*

a. A one day show which permits:

...

31. *a one-day show format consisting of up to six rings with an entry limit of 225 cats. This format will permit up to six judgments per entry in any combination of Allbreed, Super Specialty, or Specialty rings for shows licensed in Regions 8, 9, or the International Division (excluding China). For shows licensed in Regions 1-7 or China, the combination of Allbreed, Super Specialty, or Specialty rings must include at least one Specialty ring for both longhair and shorthair specialties in kittens, championship, and premiership. The use of a Super Specialty ring will not meet this requirement.*

Webster: Do you want me to read the background first, or the motion first? **Mastin:** No, I don't want you to read the background. Just read the motion. Make the motion if you are going to make the motion and I'll ask for a second by raising hands. **Webster:** I'll make the motion [reads]. They've had a waiver for specialty rings, because they're usually quite small. **Mastin:** Thank you, Howard. **Calhoun:** I am making a second. **Newkirk:** I hope everybody will support this. They have worked their backsides off in Hawaii to keep CFA alive there. It's always a small show – 60, maybe 70 – and Donna her team, they really put on a great show. Please support this. **Mastin:** Thank you, Darrell. Does anybody else have additional comments? Howard, do you have any additional comments? **Webster:** They do have a great team. The last time we were there, they had like 21 just taking the clerking test. They had a couple practicing to be master clerks. Their numbers have increased and their numbers of cats have increased. We see growth there and I think we should do this. **Mastin:** Any further discussion? Any objections to this motion? Seeing no objections, the motion passes unanimously.

The motion is ratified by unanimous consent.

Motion #2: For the Cat Fanciers of Hawai'i five ring show on January 18, 2025 in Honolulu, Hawaii (Region 5), grant an exception to Show Rule 2.24 to change the minimum entry for OCP championship from 30 opens/champions entered to 20 and change the minimum entry for OCP premiership from 15 opens/premiers to 10.

2.24 An OPEN, CHAMPION, PREMIER RING (OCP) is an allbreed competition where a judge will award Best AB Champion through 10th Best AB Champion and/or Best AB Premier through 10th Best AB Premier. Such a ring may be part of an existing judging ring or held as a stand-alone ring. In order for an OCP ring to be held in Championship, at least 30 Champions and Opens in Championship must be entered in the show. In order for an OCP ring to be held in Premiership, at least 15 Premiers and Opens in Premiership must be entered in the show.

Mastin: Howard, Motion #2. **Webster:** Motion #2 [reads]. **Calhoun:** Second. **Mastin:** Thank you. Discussion? Howard, I see no discussion so I'm not going to ask you for any additional comments. Any objections to the motion? Seeing no objection, the motion passes unanimously.

The motion is ratified by unanimous consent.

Mastin: Howard, do you have anything else? **Webster:** Yes. Thank you very much for everyone supporting this. I wish we could get as much activity in the mainland as we have over there. It's really encouraging to have them be able to do this kind of a show and progress. Thank you to all the board members for supporting it. **Mastin:** Thank you, Howard.

(b) Region 7 Clubs (Currel).

Mastin: On to the next agenda item. I believe it is Kenny with his two shows. Kenny?
Currel: We can make one motion out of this. That's My Point had a show planned 10/19 at the Plant City Strawberry Hall. It has been destroyed or heavily damaged, so they lost that show hall. Land of the Sky in Asheville from Hurricane Helene, that devastated Asheville. Basically, all I'm asking for is a board motion to allow them to use the monies that they had spent for licensing of these two shows to be forwarded to their next show date. That's my motion. **Newkirk:** Second.
Mastin: Discussion? **Colilla:** I want to support this because we have a kind of precedent on that when the Mansfield show lost electric power. The license fee, we get to use it at our next show, so I do not see a problem at all with letting them use it for the next show. I fully support this.
Tartaglia: I just wanted to mention, in general, when a show is cancelled like that, first, they haven't even used the show insurance because the show hasn't taken place yet, so that's never an issue. The second thing is, most of the cost of a show license comes after the fact – the scoring and that type of thing. What we ask the club is, please hold onto your show package. We've already sent the show package. We've expended the cost for that, so we ask them to please hold onto the show package so we don't have to send another show package out and we don't have an additional cost. So, I think it's almost a common thing at this point when cancellations like this happen, that it's just something we've been doing. **Mastin:** Thank you, Allene. Any further discussion? Any objections? Seeing no objections, the motion passes unanimously.

The motion is ratified by unanimous consent.

Mastin: Kenny, thank you.

(c) Ratification of Committee Appointment (Mastin).

On October 11, 2024, the following motion was pre-noticed in an email to the CFA Executive Board:

MOTION: Ratify the appointment by CFA President Mastin of Cathy Dunham as Chair of the Entry Clerk Committee.

Please note that this committee is different than the subcommittee “Entry Clerk Program” under the IT System Optimization committee.

Mastin: The next agenda item is, I need a motion to ratify the appointment of Cathy Dunham as Chair of the Entry Clerk Committee. **Anger:** So moved. **Newkirk:** Second. **Calhoun:** I just wondered if we can get a definition of responsibilities for this Committee. I’m sure that Cathy Dunham is more than qualified to do whatever she is assigned to do, but I just want to understand the difference between the entry clerk program and the two committees that were listed. Also, I can’t find the email right offhand that Rachel sent, but there was another committee reference that is not on the website. **Mastin:** I will ask Cathy to provide the scope of work that the Committee will work on. The difference between the two projects that Cathy will be working on is, she is currently on and has been – I think it either goes back to when Mark was president or when Darrell was president – Cathy Dunham was responsible for the entry clerk program that worked with CFA’s system. Not the Entry Clerk Committee. That is a subcommittee of the System Optimization. There’s a number of different subcommittees underneath the IT System Optimization work that’s done through Central Office. There’s a number of people on it. I know Cathy Dunham has one or two subcommittees, Paula [Noble] has a subcommittee, Dick [Kallmeyer] and Chai [Wuttivorrattana] are on it, and James and Tim head it up. James has Optimization or System Administration. This is specific to the entry clerk duties. A matter came up at the August board meeting that had to do with entries in the ID-China area and we worked with Cathy on resolving this issue. I say “we”, Darrell headed it up along with some others from his Committee to get Cathy involved in making this work. During the discussion, I had shared a text message with somebody on the call, the Zoom meeting, and the individual had suggested what I was thinking; we needed a separate committee specific for this to handle these types of things. Cathy agreed to do it. In addition, Cathy has requested Janet Moyer be the board liaison for her Committee. Janet has accepted. I spoke to Janet about this at the International Show, should the board agree to ratify Cathy Dunham’s appointment. Any further discussion, questions or comments? Any objections? Seeing no objections, the motion passes unanimously.

The motion is ratified by unanimous consent.

Mastin: Congratulations to Cathy Dunham for more work.

Committee	Chair/Co-Chair/Sub-committee Chair	Vice Chair	Board Liaison	email
Entry Clerk Committee	Cathy Dunham		Janet Moyer	cathy.dunham0@gmail.com

(20) **UNFINISHED BUSINESS.**

Mastin: The next item, we're going into Unfinished Business, correct? **Anger:** Yes. I have nothing under Unfinished Business.

(21) **OTHER COMMITTEES.**

(a) **Animal Welfare.**

Committee Chair:	Charlene Campbell
Liaison to Board:	Pam DelaBar
List of Committee Members:	Charlene Campbell Acting Breeders Assistance
	Tracey Dalton Food Pantry
	Tamara Sender Breed Rescue
	Cyndy Byrd Treasurer
	Linda Berg Disaster Relief Liaison

As most of you are aware, Charlene Campbell has been very busy with investigations and is almost overwhelmed with responding to disaster assistance with Hurricane Helene and the approaching Hurricane Milton. Charlene has not evacuated (yet). I am providing a brief report, with her permission. She will not be able to attend the International Show.

Mastin: We have Other Committees, correct? **Anger:** Correct, Animal Welfare. **Mastin:** That's Pam. **DelaBar:** Most of you know that Charlene has been very involved with both hurricanes. She did escape any type of serious destruction of her place. However, she has been very busy with trying to get help and aid out to our breeders who have been very adversely affected. Disaster Relief comes under the Breeder Assistance Program, but it spends money within that.

Charlene wants to strongly advise all breeders and owners to ensure their cats are microchipped, especially considering the destruction of homes and property we are seeing in the news. Charlene has also been very involved with investigating complaints against breeders who have allegedly sold cats with health problems. Many states already require cats to have veterinarian health certificates when sold and this would cut down on the amount of bad publicity resulting from complaints against breeders.

DelaBar: If I can go touch a couple places on the report, Rich. **Mastin:** Go ahead, Pam. **DelaBar:** I realize that we're going to be talking about the CFA Cattery of Excellence Program later on today. Charlene and I, we got sort of sidetracked by hurricanes and flooding. We're revising the cattery standard. It has needed update since Joan Miller and I put it together back in 1992. When we get to that discussion, I'm going to ask for a little delay on it. We are still – especially with the disasters that have happened – we are begging our breeders to please find means to identify their animals. Cats and dogs and pets get loose during disasters. The only way that we can get them back is when we can identify who the owner is. Even if we find that the animal is no longer alive and we find the animal, we're still able to at least let the owner know that their animal is deceased. I checked not only in Europe but with a couple of vets that I am friends with in the U.S., and I said, "how much does it cost to microchip your cat?" When the kittens are brought in for their first vaccinations, we're looking at maybe \$10 extra for a microchip which gives them not only the chip itself but the registration for identification. We're also really strongly urging breeders to have their animals health checked before they go to another home. Charlene is still being inundated with sick kitten/sick cat complaints coming in.

There are things that separate us from backyard breeders, and these little extra steps we take are some of those things that help put us at a higher level. **Altschul:** I wanted to also give some input about microchipping. I'm never going to be an advocate for mandatory microchipping, but I certainly think it's useful. As far as marketing, I definitely think that is something we should look at. AKC has a partnership with Reunite, which is super cool. We use it for our dogs, and we actually use those chips with our cats. The nice thing about it is, you can buy chips that are pre-programmed to be always registered to the breeder, so that if the animal is ever picked up and scanned, the first contact is the breeder. We've never had any issues with the cats that we have scanned, like one of our cats has gotten out or ended up anywhere, but once or twice a dog has gotten outside and they took it to a place and they scanned it, and we were notified within an hour of the animal being picked up and we were able to get it back to the owner, who had unfortunately accidentally let it outside. So, I understand the push for microchipping. My encouragement is that we strongly encourage but do not require, as I believe it is an undue financial burden on some of our breeds, but we can certainly promote it positively as to the reasons why we would microchip. Definitely, if we can come up with a program and market it on CFA, I think there are definitely some opportunities there. **DelaBar:** That's a good idea. We tried that back at a Houston International, Carissa, where we were offering microchips for \$10 and that included the registration of the chip with the owner. Unfortunately, even for that \$10 we only had 10 people sign up and have their cats microchipped. Two of those 10 were mine. **Altschul:** If I'm at a show showing my Persian, I am not going to have it microchipped at the show, to be completely honest. I can totally see why people at a show would not want to get their cats microchipped at the show. I think we need to market it in the way that the chips can be shipped to people at home and they can either take it to their vet if they don't feel comfortable implanting the microchip themselves, or they could do it on their own. If I'm showing a cat, it needs to look perfect and sometimes the microchip insertion can leave a mark. I think I was at that Houston show and I think that's what a lot of people were saying, why they didn't want to microchip their cats at the show. **Mastin:** Thank you, Carissa. Thank you, Pam.

Charlene and I are working on revising the CFA cattery standard to bring this almost 30 year document up to date. We recommend delaying consideration of renewing the Cattery of Excellence inspections until the standards and the inspection form are revised.

Altschul: I just wanted to touch on what Pam was talking about with revising the cattery standards. I wanted to ask if I could at least peripherally be involved with that as someone who is actively breeding and was involved in that program. We have cattery inspections once a year with the State of Texas, so it's certainly something that I would like to at least have some input on before it's presented to the board, if Pam could answer that. **DelaBar:** Sure. If you want to be in on it, I would be happy to run things by you once we get started back on working on it, Carissa, but I'm writing your name down right now so you will not be forgotten.

Disaster Relief funding is being stretched as much as possible. However we have breeders and owners in the southeastern portion of the United States that have already needed assistance due to Hurricane Helene. Hurricane Milton, at a monstrous Category 5 level, is targeting Florida as I type this. Since Hurricane Andrew in 1992, CFA has the reputation of providing needed assistance to animals in disaster, and we are getting requests for help, many we may not be able to honor without additional donations. I am asking individual and clubs to donate to the The

CFA Board has recently supported rescue and relief in the Maui fires and flooding in China. I am making the following motion:

Motion: *The CFA Executive Board approve a donation to the Disaster Relief Fund, part of the Breeder Assistance Program treasury, in the amount of \$10,000, to assist in the rescue and relief of animals in disaster.*

DelaBar: Currently, there's about \$2,000 left for disaster relief and they have really just started. Therefore, I have asked for in the view of what we have done in the recent past for Hawaii and China. I'm asking for a donation to Disaster Relief of \$10,000. **Mastin:** That's your motion? **DelaBar:** That's the motion. **Newkirk:** I will second Pam's motion. I understand we're in a financial pinch, but I think the \$10,000 should be \$20,000 in my own personal opinion. Pam, I will pledge \$1,000 out of my own personal money that I will send to them to help with disaster relief. **DelaBar:** I have done the same, Darrell. **Calhoun:** Darrell and Pam, I applaud you for putting your personal funds, more or less putting your money where your mouth is. I applaud that. I would encourage any member of the board to do so at their level of affordability. While I struggle with this from a financial perspective, I also am empathetic with what has happened. So, as much as my struggle exists, I'm leaning in on this motion and I will support it. **Mastin:** Further discussion? Any objections? Seeing no objections, the motion passes unanimously.

The motion is ratified by unanimous consent.

DelaBar: That's the end of my report. **Mastin:** Thank you, Pam. Does anybody have any additional questions or comments for Pam? **Calhoun:** Pam, I think one of the things that would be really great is if we had – and I know there is confidentiality around the work that this Committee does, but if we could have more in the way of reporting, and actually reporting is a way to get the word out. The shelters or whatever they're working with for the situations in Florida and North Carolina, that would be a really good article. Also, a real push maybe on the website about microchipping. My veterinarian has a huge page around microchipping, identifying some of the very same reasons that you did, Pam. I think we need to maybe market this, which may be the same problem that the Legislative Committee has had with getting the word out and marketing. So, just consider that. I think it would be a good move. **DelaBar:** Thanks for those comments, Kathy. I will get them to Charlene. Just to let you know, I wrote the report up at the last minute for Charlene because she was so involved with her own preparations for Hurricane Milton when it was coming in. That was, of course, after [Hurricane] Helene. She was in self-survival mode and I picked up what she wanted to bring up. I wrote up the report, so I will definitely get those things back to her.

*Pam DelaBar, Liaison
Animal Welfare/Breeder Assistance Program*

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Mastin: Rachel, are we finished with [Wednesday] open session. **Anger:** That is all I have for open session. **Mastin:** I'm going to ask the whole group, does anybody else have anything for open session that we didn't cover? Seeing no hands, I'm going to thank everyone

for attending. The board is to sign on in executive session as soon as you can. Thank you all. The meeting is adjourned.

The Wednesday open session meeting adjourned at 10:18 a.m. Eastern Standard Time.

*Respectfully submitted,
Rachel Anger, Secretary
The Cat Fanciers' Association, Inc.*

(22) DISCIPLINARY HEARINGS AND SUSPENSIONS.

Disciplinary Hearings And Suspensions: Cases that have been reviewed by the Protest Committee and for which a recommendation was presented to the Board. The following case was heard, a tentative decision was rendered, timely notice was given to the parties, and no appeal and/or appeal fee was filed. Therefore, final disposition is as follows:

24-023 CFA v. Pan Xiaoxiao (Pan Xiao Xiao) / Mao Furen / Bofeng Liang

Violation of CFA Bylaws Article XV, Section 4 (b)

Guilty. *The board has imposed the following disciplinary action: [vote sealed]*

As to Respondent Pan Xiaoxiao (Pan Xiao Xiao), a one year suspension of all CFA services and a \$1,000.00 fine; the fine to be paid within 30 days. If the fine is not paid prior to the end of the suspension period, the suspension will continue until the fine is paid in full. In addition, CFA shall void the registration of litter F4342922, void the registrations of all cats, kittens, and litters registered from that litter, and void the registration of any cats, kittens, and litters who are descendants of the litter. [vote sealed]

As to Respondent Bofeng Liang, a one year suspension of all CFA services and a \$1,000.00 fine; the fine to be paid within 30 days. If the fine is not paid prior to the end of the suspension period, the suspension will continue until the fine is paid in full. [vote sealed]

As to Respondent Mao Furen, a six month suspension of all CFA services and a \$500.00 fine; the fine to be paid within 30 days. If the fine is not paid prior to the end of the suspension period, the suspension will continue until the fine is paid in full. [vote sealed]

SUSPENSION OF ALL CFA SERVICES means that the person suspended will be prohibited from participating in any CFA activity including, but not limited to:

- i. Utilizing CFA's registry services*
- ii. Acting in any capacity at a show*
- iii. Entering cats owned by the suspended person, agenting cats, or having cats owned by the person suspended agented at a CFA show*
- iv. Presenting cats in a show ring*
- v. Participating in a clerking school*
- vi. Participating in a Breed Council*
- vii. Acting as a delegate at an Annual or Special Meeting of the Association*

The suspended person will be permitted to purchase the CFA Yearbook and other CFA publications. However, the person suspended will not be permitted to

advertise in any CFA publication or show catalog. including, but not limited to, the online Find a Breeder listing.

A person who is suspended may remain a member of a CFA member club, but may not be an officer or director of a member club. They may also attend their Region's Annual Banquet and Award Ceremony, and the CFA Annual Awards Banquet provided that they do not officiate, make any presentation, accept any awards, or participate in any way other than as a guest at the banquet or award ceremony.

Board-Cited Hearing: The Board may consider any protest filed by any member of a member club or in any other manner brought to the attention of the Executive Board. The Board may delegate authority to one or more persons to review, investigate, and determine if probable cause exists for the filing of a formal protest. This case was heard on direct cite by the CFA Executive Board. Timely notice was given to the party, and the matter was heard in open session, at the request of the respondent.

None.

Appeals: Cases that have been reviewed by the Protest Committee and for which a recommendation was presented to and heard by the Board, a tentative decision was rendered, timely notice was given to the party, an appeal and/or appeal fee was timely filed, and the appeal was heard by the Board of Directors. Therefore, final disposition is as follows:

None.