

THE CAT FANCIERS' ASSOCIATION, INC.®

2025 Proposed Amendments and Resolutions

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PROPOSED BYLAW AMENDMENTS

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– 1 – CFA Executive Board

RESOLVED: Amend the CFA Bylaws, ARTICLE III – MEMBERSHIP, Section 5 – Dues and List of Members, to provide a method for dropped clubs to reapply for membership, as follows:

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.

RATIONALE: There have been times when clubs dropped in June wish to reapply immediately upon learning they were dropped. Typically the annual membership requirements were not met by the deadline due to a misunderstanding or miscommunication among the club members, and the club does not learn they were dropped until June. 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. This amendment would provide a more streamlined approach to reinstatement of former clubs.

– 2 – CFA Executive Board

RESOLVED: Amend the CFA Bylaws, ARTICLE IV – ANNUAL AND SPECIAL MEETINGS, Section 1 – Annual Meetings, as follows:

ARTICLE IV – ANNUAL AND SPECIAL MEETINGS

Section 1 – Annual Meetings

The Annual Meeting of the Association shall be held commencing on the third, fourth or fifth (if applicable) Friday in June, or the first

Friday in July, of each year in each of the regions listed below successively (excluding the Japan and Europe regions), beginning in 1982 and in the following order:

Midwest, Southern, North Atlantic, Northwest, Gulf Shore, Great Lakes, Southwest.

There shall be no change in the order of rotation, and each time an Annual Meeting shall have been held in each of the seven Regions, the order of rotation shall thereafter be repeated. A city within the eligible Region shall be chosen for the Annual Meeting to be held five years hence and announced to the delegates to the Annual Meeting of the Association. Electronic or written notice of the time and place of the Annual Meeting shall be made to member clubs by the Central Office not less than forty (40) nor more than fifty (50) days prior to the opening day of the meeting.

The Executive Board shall have authority by two-thirds (2/3rds) vote of the entire Executive Board to change the Annual Meeting date, location and/or manner of meeting if the Executive Board, in the exercise of sound business judgment, determines that such a change is warranted, circumstances outside the control of the Association arise. Notice of such change shall be provided to member clubs by the Central Office as set forth above.

RATIONALE: The Bylaws currently permit the Board to change the date, location and/or manner of the Annual only "if circumstances outside the control of the Association arise." While traditions regarding the Annual are important, this limitation prevents the Board from even considering changes to the Annual which would make business sense if those changes do not arise from circumstances outside of CFA's control. The amendment does not require the Board to make any changes regarding the Annual; it simply gives the Board the authority to exercise sound business judgment if the circumstances warrant.

– 3 – Ocicats International

RESOLVED: Amend the CFA Bylaws, ARTICLE IV – ANNUAL AND SPECIAL MEETINGS, Section 1 – Annual Meetings, as follows:

ARTICLE IV – ANNUAL AND SPECIAL MEETINGS

Section 1 – Annual Meetings

The Annual Meeting of the Association shall be held commencing ~~on the third, fourth or fifth (if applicable) Friday in June, or the first Friday in July,~~ between June 1 and November 1 of each year in each of the regions listed below successively (excluding the Japan and Europe regions) beginning in 1982 and in the following order:

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RATIONALE: Over the past 2 years we have been challenged to reduce costs associated with the annual to both CFA and the delegates. This proposal will provide a larger window to identify locations at a reduced cost when off season with a 5-year advance window to accommodate any affected clubs to allow for rescheduling or taking a year off without counting against their traditional date. By expanding the window for the annual meeting, we can assure all regions continue to be involved while keeping costs reasonable.

– 4 – *Lucky Tomcat Club, Tiger Lair Cat Fanciers, American Gothic Cat Club, Kentucky Colonels Cat Club; Great Lakes Abyssinian Devotees, Cat'n on the Fox, Huntsville Cat Club, and United Persian Society*

RESOLVED: Effective with the election held in June 2027, amend the CFA Bylaws, ARTICLE VI – OFFICERS AND DIRECTORS,

Section 1 –Titles, and Section 2 – Elections, subparagraphs e. and f., to reduce the number of Directors-at-Large from five (5) to three (3), and ARTICLE VII – EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETINGS AND VOTING, Section 1 – Membership, as follows:

ARTICLE VI – OFFICERS AND DIRECTORS

Section 1 –Titles

The officers of this Association shall be President, Vice President, Secretary, and the Treasurer.

The Directors of the Association shall consist of nine (9) Regional Directors, representing the geographical regions herein specified, provided that not more than one person resident in any one of the Regions specified shall be elected a Regional Director, and ~~five (5)~~ three (3) Directors-at-Large

No person shall hold more than one office.

Section 2 – Elections

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e. Election Procedure. On or before April 25 of each election year, the Central Office shall send by electronic means or mail to all member clubs in good standing and eligible to vote, ballots listing all candidates for whom timely declarations were received. Central Office shall establish procedures, subject to approval by the Executive Board of Directors, for optional electronic voting which shall include securing, printing, and appropriately destroying electronic ballots. Returned ballots must be received by the Central Office by June 1 of such year in order to be counted. Ballots returned by mail shall remain sealed until the Annual Meeting, at which time duly appointed inspectors will supervise the opening and counting of the ballots. Electronic ballots may be tabulated electronically or individually printed by Central Office and brought to the Annual Meeting to be tabulated by the inspectors with the mailed ballots. Ballots that are illegible, incomplete or those containing write-in candidates shall be considered void. Ballots in elections for Directors-at-Large selecting less than ~~five (5)~~ three (3) candidates (or less than all declared candidates if fewer than three) shall be considered incomplete. Results shall be announced at the Annual Meeting as soon as the ballots have been tabulated. Ballots shall remain under the control of the inspectors until a motion to destroy the ballots is passed at which time the ballots shall be destroyed under the supervision of the inspectors. No person other than a duly appointed inspector shall have access to the ballots until after they are destroyed. If the duly appointed inspectors are unable to conduct in-person tabulation of ballots, the Board shall establish a procedure to assure ballots are tabulated by a neutral audit firm with results reviewed and approved by a subcommittee appointed by the chair of the Credentials Committee.

f. Tie-Vote Procedure. In the event of a tie vote in voting for any officer or Regional Directorship, or for the ~~fifth~~ third position in Director-at-Large elections, a special ballot will be conducted as provided herein. No new candidates shall be eligible to run in the special election. Any club in good standing at the time the original election ballots were mailed shall be eligible to vote in the special election, whether or not it voted in the regular election. The Central Office shall send by electronic means or mail special ballot forms to each eligible member club on or before July 15 of the election year and shall establish procedures for optional electronic voting as in e of this section. Returned ballots must be received by the Central Office by September 1 in order to be counted. The opening, inspection for regularity (legibility, completeness, write-in candidate disqualification, etc.), counting of the ballots and reporting of the election results shall be conducted under procedures specified by the Executive Board of Directors, with any seated Board member who is directly involved as a candidate in the tie vote being required to remove themselves from the determination of said procedure. In the event the special election also results in a tie-vote, the office in question shall be resolved by lot by the presiding Chairman of the Board.

If the balloting for one or more Regional Director results in a tie-vote, the presiding Chairman of the Board shall determine by lot,

from among the tied candidates, which shall represent the affected region(s) from the time the tie-vote is declared until a winner is determined by the special mail ballot described above.

ARTICLE VII – EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETINGS AND VOTING

Section 1 –Membership

The government of the affairs of this Association shall be in the hands of the Executive Board. The President, the Vice President, the Secretary, the Treasurer, the nine (9) Regional Directors, and the ~~five (5)~~ three (3) Directors-at-Large of this Association shall be members of the Executive Board.

RATIONALE: The size of the current Board remains too large by almost any measure. With review of Board of Directors' minutes, the normal work seems to be getting completed, without difficulty, since the last reduction in Directors-at-Large, from seven (7) to five (5). In addition, an expectation is that as CFA becomes more global, the number of regions will continue to increase (possibly the International Division, perhaps China). That would add two more Regional Director spaces.

While this may seem to be well into the future, things change and recent budget reports indicate a decline in revenue that is present and significant. We must examine all areas where savings might be accomplished. This is an opportunity to save money on in-person Board meetings so we grow in some areas and mitigate cost cuts to others. While unable to obtain specific data regarding an average Board member cost to attend the meeting in person, common sense tells us two (2) less people would save money.

It would seem reasonable that some of the Director-at-Large projects could be put into Committee format with a Board liaison.

– 5 – CFA Executive Board

RESOLVED: Amend the CFA Bylaws, ARTICLE VII – EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETINGS AND VOTING, Section 2 – Meetings, to reduce the notice required for meetings, as follows:

ARTICLE VII – EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETINGS AND VOTING

Section 2 – Meetings

The Board shall meet from time to time at the call of its Chairman or of any ten (10) members of the Board. The call shall be mailed or provided by electronic means to each member of the Board at least ~~thirty (30)~~ fifteen (15) days prior to the meeting and shall specify the approximate agenda, time, and place of the meeting, which, if held in conjunction with the Annual Meeting, may be held at any place; other Board Meetings to be held within the United States or Canada.

RATIONALE: The thirty-day notice requirement harkens back to the time when meeting notices were mailed to Board members. That is no longer the case. A shorter notice period will allow the Board more flexibility to meet to address critical issues as necessary.

– 6 – Victor Valley Cat Club, Beverly Hills Cat Club, Abyssinian Midwest Breeders, Ocicats International, Scottish Fold Allbreed Alliance, Santa Clara Valley Cat Fanciers

RESOLVED: Amend the CFA Bylaws, ARTICLE VII – EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETINGS AND VOTING, Section 5 – Voting, subparagraph (a), to require that the voting results are included in the published minutes of open session agenda items considered by the CFA Board of Directors, as follows:

ARTICLE VII – EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETINGS AND VOTING

Section 5 – Voting

(a) Each member of the Executive Board shall have one vote. Executive Board members shall not vote by proxy. Every Board Member has the right to abstain, i.e. not vote, on a particular issue. The vote of each Board Member, including any abstentions, and such abstention shall be documented in the meeting minutes. For the purpose of tabulating votes only, a Board Member not

voting for any reason will be considered absent from the meeting when calculating the total affirmative votes required for passing a particular proposal.

RATIONALE: The voting results of the CFA Board of Directors should be reported in the official minutes of open session Board of director meetings. This ensures that there will be full transparency in the voting process of our elected Officers and Directors.

– 7 – CFA Executive Board

RESOLVED: Amend the CFA Bylaws, ARTICLE XII – SHOW LICENSES, to remove the last sentence, as follows:

ARTICLE XII – SHOW LICENSES

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

RATIONALE: Household Pets are the only class mentioned Article XII. This housekeeping change simply puts the Household Pet class on the same footing as every other class when it comes to show licensing. This change does NOT require shows to include Household Pets.

– 8 – JA Club

RESOLVED: Amend the CFA Bylaws, ARTICLE XIV – JUDGES, to remove the last sentence, as follows:

ARTICLE XIV – JUDGES

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Until he reaches the status of "Approval Pending Judge," each person going through the CFA Judging Program is in a probationary status. The Executive Board may suspend from the Judging Program any person in a probational status without notice or hearing.

With the exception of disciplinary action as defined in Article XV, any action to drop, permanently suspend, or reduce in status any individual in the Judging Program shall require the affirmative vote of two-thirds (2/3) of the members of the Executive Board present. The vote of the individual Board members shall be reported in the public minutes of the meeting.

~~No judge may be an officer, director or judge of any other organization having objects similar to those of this Association.~~

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RATIONALE: The current requirement to resign from existing associations prevents talented and experienced guest judging from joining CFA. In emerging locations, this requirement forces potential judges to give up their hobby where no local CFA shows exist. By allowing them to maintain the relationship with the parent organization, CFA can increase licensed judges and licensing income as well as improve consistency of judging performed by current "guest" judges as they would participate in CEUs and tests required for CFA judges.

PROPOSED SHOW RULE RESOLUTIONS

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– 9 – 44 Gatti

INTRODUCTION: The title of Kitten Winner (KW) is awarded to any kitten that achieves 5 or more top 10/top 15 finals Allbreed/Specialty. At least three (3) of these finals must be in Allbreed rings. The finals must be won under at least three (3) different judges. There is no limit to the number of shows where the kitten can earn 5 or more finals. Only shows with at least 20 kittens allbreed present (or 20 kittens longhair/shorthair present for specialty rings) will be considered for a final to count towards this award. This title will not appear in the show catalog and in the judge's book, and only one competitive class for kittens will remain (kitten class, divided between Longhair and Shorthair). The title of Kitten Winner is placed *after* the cat's name and will not be confirmed to the cat's record (pedigree, Herman online, ...) until the Central Office has received a Kitten Winner claim form and appropriate fees. Kittens shown with a Temporary Registration Number will have the title confirmed subject to a permanent registration number.

RESOLVED: Amend Show Rule 7.07, and add new Show Rules 27.01 through 27.03, to add a Kitten Winner title, as follows:

7.07 An official CFA championship claim form/kitten winner claim form and application to obtain a Companion Cat Registration Number, or facsimiles thereof must be printed or inserted in the show catalog or be made available at the Master Clerk's table.

ARTICLE XXVII – OBTAINING TITLES – KITTEN WINNER/CHAMPION/PREMIER

27.01 Any kitten that achieves 5 or more top 10/top 15 finals Allbreed/Specialty is eligible for the "Kitten Winner" title (abbreviated KW). All these finals must be in Kitten class. At least 3 of these finals must be in Allbreed rings. The finals must be won under at least three (3) different judges. Only shows with at least 20 kittens allbreed present (or 20 kittens longhair/shorthair present for specialty ring) will be considered for a final to count towards this award. There is no limit to the number of shows where the kitten can earn 5 or more finals

27.02 The title of Kitten Winner will not appear in the show catalog and in the judge's book. Kitten Winner is listed in show catalog and in the judge's book as kitten.

27.03 This title may be claimed by filing the appropriate form with the Central Office, and paying a fee. There is no time limit to claim the Kitten Winner title. This title will be automatically added to a cat's record once the requirements have been met, and is placed *after* the cat's name.

[Renumber subsequent paragraphs]

RATIONALE: To achieve the title of Regional Winner in kitten class is needed to join 6/7 shows on average. In some Regions, this can mean an economic burden that not all exhibitors can sustain. In addition, the Regional title is limited only to a few kittens and to show a kitten with the awareness of not achieving any title could be un motivating for the exhibitors only joining in the local shows. There are many high quality kittens shown successfully in few shows that can't achieve any title although they are called in more finals. Maybe the prospect of achieving a title for high quality kittens could lure in more local exhibitors at CFA shows, widening the potential number of exhibitors. The Kitten Winner title encourages exhibitors who only join local shows, and are not campaigning throughout the show season in their Region, to show their kittens. The Kitten Winner (KW) is a title to assign to all kittens that achieves at least 5 or more top 10/top 15 finals Allbreed/Specialty. Generally, this target could be met in 2 or 3 shows (of course during the 4 months of a kitten age as set by show rules). This achievement is affordable also for occasional exhibitors who usually show in other associations. The introduction of this title could bring new exhibitors at CFA shows all around the world, especially in areas where other associations are widespread and already offer titles for kittens. The KW title

could encourage many new and old exhibitors to come back in the show halls or show their kittens until the end of the season. The cats shown are always less and less and the kitten class is strongly affected by this decline. During the 2023-2024 show season we had only 10,148 entries in kitten class; they were almost 20,000 18 years ago. This year we again propose this proposal because we are yet more sure of its potential and benefits it could provide to our shows. This proposal could be a first step to try to change a system that isn't able to attract as many new exhibitors as it should. Dear delegates, we need your support for this proposal, please. Below a summary report from 2006-2007 show season to 2023-2024 show season.

TOTAL ENTRIES FOR KITTEN CLASS	
2023-2024	10,148 (280 show) 4,147 (120 show R1-7)
2022-2023	10,501 (225 show) 4,538 (119 show R1-7)
2021-2022	7,757 (206 show) 4,754 (106 show R1-7)
2020-2021	1,911
2019-2020	8,697
2018-2019	11,601
2017-2018	12,892
2016-2017	13,662
2015-2016	13,808
2014-2015	12,126
2013-2014	13,043
2012-2013	13,662
2011-2012	14,489
2010-2011	15,228
2009-2010	15,669
2008-2009	16,726
2007-2008	18,526
2006-2007	19,287

– 10 – *Ocicats International*

RESOLVED: Amend Show Rule 2.23.f., the HOUSEHOLD PET (HHP) CLASS, as follows:

2.23 NON-CHAMPIONSHIP CLASSES

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f. 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. 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. For Bengals known wild cat – domestic cat hybrid crossed to enter this class, they must have a CFA registration number. (See Article VI – Entering the Show) or be at a minimum of 5 generations from wild cat cross.

RATIONALE: There are several domesticated breeds with origins of wild cat (for example the Toyger) with significantly less wild blood contribution than our accepted wild cat – domestic cat hybrid cross (the Bengal) which, per our current rules, are not allowed to compete. By removing the specific breed limitations and the requirement for only one breed of pedigreed cat to need a CFA registration number, we can standardize our policy based upon data and statistics and increase our HHP entries as well as public exposure to CFA.

– 11 – *Southern Dixie Cat Club; Southeastern Persian Society, New River Cat Club, Mount Laurel Cat Fanciers, Greater Lancaster Feline Fanciers, and GEMS*

RESOLVED: Amend Show Rules – ARTICLE XI – DURING THE SHOW – JUDGING AND AWARDS, Paragraph 11.24.c. to clarify use of DISQ/BITE, as follows:

11.24 Disqualified by the judge.

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c. A judge must disqualify and dismiss from his ring any cat or kitten that bites, cannot be judged in the judging ring, or that is, in his/her judgment, behaving in a recalcitrant or threatening manner. This rule does not apply to cats after the completion of judging of color classes. When a judge makes a disqualification based on having in fact been bitten, the judge shall record on the judging color class sheet "DISQ/BITE," otherwise indicate just DISQ if the disqualification is based on recalcitrant or threatening behavior. (See paragraphs 11.19.c and 11.19.d). "BITE" shall not be recorded in instances in which the cat was not behaving in a recalcitrant manner; for example when the cat hits a hand when attempting to grab a toy. Judges shall have discretion to not record BITE if there are extenuating circumstances that cause a fear response in the cat – e.g. fire alarms going off, cages falling over, or extreme public address system feedback.

The Central Office shall record the DISQ/BITE on each cat. When three judges have recorded "DISQ/BITE" for any cat deemed to behave in a manner that injures the judge, the cat shall not be eligible for entry at any CFA show.

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RATIONALE: There is a difference between a cat that is recalcitrant and dangerous to others and a cat that by mistake gets a hand when going for a toy, or a cat in the ring that responds in fear when something scary happens, like cages falling over, public address systems shrieking, or the cat next door having a loud meltdown. Cats that deliberately bite need to be removed from the show hall, but use of the DISQ/BITE when there are extenuating circumstances rather than recalcitrance opens the door to inappropriate and unfair results. Cats should be handled with understanding of their natural responses to scary situations. This amendment clarifies that judges have discretion to excuse incidents that are not the result of recalcitrant behavior, but rather of extenuating circumstance.

– 12 – *Sternwheel Cat Fanciers, United Singapura Society*

RESOLVED: Amend Show Rule 20.01 to adjust minimum compensation for licensed ring clerks and master clerks, as follows:

20.01 a. The CFA licensed certified clerk performing the function of master clerk shall be compensated at the rate of eight (8) ~~ten~~ (10) cents for each catalog entry in each judging ring. A CFA master clerk shall be compensated at ~~ten~~ (10)

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:

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 limit back to back shows (6x6)	\$40.00 <u>\$50.00</u> per day
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 the Ring Clerks receive additional pay, the same additional pay must also be given to Master Clerk.

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~~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.

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

RATIONALE: Since the delegation voted to give the judges a raise in 2024 based on the fact 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 the clerks in probably 10 years.

– 13 – JA Club

RESOLVED: Amend Show Rule 20.04 – Judges Expenses, subparagraph a. as described below:

20.04 Judges Expenses

a. All judges, irrespective of status, and Trainees used to judge Household Pet Classes will be reimbursed for traveling expenses (transportation, hotel, meals, taxis, transportation to and from the airport, parking fees, and tips) in the amount not to exceed that actually expended or the amount defined within the GSA per diem rates as defined each year at <https://www.gsa.gov> (whichever is less).

RATIONALE: Feedback has been received from both clubs and judges expressing concern around the significant variability of judge's bills in costs entered and the inability of the club to budget based upon a standard value, as exists with the mileage rate. By utilizing the GSA travel per diem values, clubs will be able to budget more effectively and judges will not be pressured to not include

items such as \$10 for a breakfast at the airport. The GSA per diem rates are global, evaluated annually and are based upon costs within the given area.

– 14 – JA Club

RESOLVED: Amend Show Rule 20.05 as described below:

20.05 Clubs are required to provide individual hotel accommodations for each judge for the night before the beginning of a judge's judging, the night after the completion of a judge's judging, and for each night in between, if any. Accommodations provided must include a door that locks and a private bathroom. Meals are to be provided within this same time frame; meals and beverages must also be made available at the show. Clubs shall not ask judges to share rooms (although judges may volunteer to do so).

RATIONALE: There have been occasions where judges have been set up in hotels or apartments for multiple judges (of both sexes) without prior knowledge or approvals that have a communal bathroom and in some cases no door locks to assure privacy and safety. This creates an unsafe environment for judges.

– 15 – 44 Gatti

INTRODUCTION: The Continental titles are awarded to any cat shown in Championship/ Premiership or Household Pet class that achieves a minimum of 10 or more top 10/top 15 finals during at least 3 shows held in the same continent or same CFA Region (Reg 1-7; Reg 8 + Asia; Reg 9; ...). At least five (5) of these finals must be in Allbreed rings. The finals must be won under at least five (5) different judges. There is no limit to the number of shows or show seasons where the cat can earn the 10 or more finals but in order for a final to count toward "continental title", at least 30 cats in Championship must be present in the show (or 30 cats longhair/shorthair present for specialty ring), at least 15 cats on Premiership class (or 15 cats longhair/shorthair present for specialty ring) and at least 15 cats for Household Pet class. This title will not appear in the show catalog and in the judge's book. These titles are placed after the cat's name. When a cat is eligible for a continental title, the Central Office will inform the owner. The title will be confirmed to the cat's record only when the Central Office has received the appropriate fees. Cats shown with a temporary registration number will have the title confirmed subject to a permanent registration number. The same cat can achieve one or more continental titles.

List of continental titles:

NAW (North America Winner) for cats shown in Reg 1-7;

SAW (South America Winner);

ASW (Asia Winner) for cats shown in Reg 8 + Asia;

EW (Europe Winner) for cats shown in Reg 9;

AFW (Africa Winner);

OW (Oceania Winner) for all cats shown in Australia, Melanesia (including New Guinea), Micronesia and Polynesia (including New Zealand).*

*CFA does not yet have clubs or activities in these territories (estimated population: about 40 million people).

RESOLVED: Insert a new Article XXIX OBTAINING TITLES – CONTINENTAL TITLES, by the addition of a new Article, as follows:

Article XXIX

OBTAINING TITLES – CONTINENTAL TITLES

29.01 A cat eligible for and shown in the Championship/Premiership or Household pet class will compete for the Continental Titles.

29.02 A minimum of 10 or more top 10/top 15 finals during at least 3 shows held in the same continent or same CFA Region (Reg 1-7; Reg 8 + Asia; Reg 9; ...) are required to

obtain the title. At least five (5) of these finals must be in Allbreed rings. The finals must be won under at least five (5) different judges. There is no limit to the number of shows or show seasons where the cat can earn the 10 or more finals but in order for a final to count toward a "continental title", at least 30 cats in Championship must be present in the show (or 30 cats longhair/shorthair present for specialty ring), at least 15 cats on Premiership class (or 15 cats longhair/shorthair present for specialty ring) and at least 15 cats for Household Pet class.

List of continental titles:

NAW (North America Winner) for cats shown in Reg 1-7;

SAW (South America Winner);

ASW (Asia Winner) for cats shown in Reg 8 + Asia;

EW (Europe Winner) for cats shown in Reg 9;

AFW (Africa Winner);

OW (Oceania Winner) for all cats shown in Australia, Melanesia (including New Guinea), Micronesia and Polynesia (including New Zealand).

29.03 This title will not appear in the show catalog and in the judge's book. These titles are placed after the cat's name. When a cat is eligible for a continental title, the Central Office will inform the owner. The title will be confirmed to the cat's record only when the Central Office has received the appropriate fees. Cats shown with a temporary registration number will have the title confirmed subject to a permanent registration number. The same cat can achieve one or more continental titles.

For example: GC, BWR, NW Pamphili's Bernini, NAW, AW, EW, DM

RATIONALE: A Regional or National award requires effort and sacrifices (time, money, ...) that not everyone is able to do, especially nowadays. For this reason these prestigious awards are for a few. At the same time we have many outstanding cats shown a few times than, also if they stand out in the shows and they pick up GC/GP points, they will never reach an award. Maybe the time has come to add more levels of competition in our system, to pick up and involve new exhibitors toward our shows. The continental titles want to do this and to encourage also the occasional exhibitors to show their cats again in our shows all around the world. Currently if a cat wins one or more finals but the owner can't show the cat in many other shows during the same season, there will be nothing that certifies the value of the cat. This could discourage the owner/exhibitor from showing the cat once again in other CFA competitions especially if the cat is already Grand (and if it is possible to obtain many other titles in other associations!). If in addition to the Grand title the owner had also another aim, easily accessible, maybe his motivation to show the cat again could increase. To attract new exhibitors we also need easier titles that reward quality cats! Thanks to the introduction of these titles the exhibitor that doesn't want to reach Regional or National awards could anyway consider the possibility to show his own cat to more shows (at least 3) to reach another title. These new titles could be also little consolation for all cats that stayed out of the Top 25 of Regional Awards. These cats would not have only the Grand title but also a Continental title. In addition, as the same cat can achieve one or more continental titles, a cat could be shown also during more show seasons and shown in more regions. A cat already EW could be shown in 3 or more shows in North America the next show season to obtain also the title of NAW, and so on. In addition, participation in more shows could bring the exhibitors to run also for higher titles. These new titles are not interesting for a campaigner but could be very interesting for all exhibitors that can't show every weekend. Unfortunately the cats shown are always less and less and we have the duty to find the solutions to reverse this negative trend. Maybe these new titles will not be the solution but it would be interesting to under-

stand the reception by exhibitors. Certainly these new titles don't reduce the value to the other titles but in contrast could encourage many new and old exhibitors to come back in the show halls. Dear delegates, we need more cats in our shows so support this proposal, please.

[Renumber subsequent Articles]

– 16 – 44 Gatti, American Shorthair Lovers of Europe, Cat Fanciers of Finland, Feline Fanciers of Benelux, Felinus International, Fenix Cat Club, Orange Cat Club, Sherwood Manx Club, Sunshine Cat Club, Sophisto Cat Club, UK Cat Fanciers and Universal Cats Club.

RESOLVED: Amend the Addendum – Show Rule 28.04 providing an exception to the grand point requirements for cats in the International Division, Ukraine, and Russia west of the Ural Mountains for the 2025-2026 show season to reduce the number of points required in Region 9 for a Grand Champion title to 150 and for a Grand Premier title to 50, as follows:

28.04 For the 2025-2026 show season, the requirements to obtain the grand title in the International Division outside of China are modified to require 75 points for the Grand Champion title and 25 points for the Grand Premier title, in Region 9 150 points for the Grand Champion title and 50 points for the Grand Premier title, in Ukraine to require 100 points for the Grand Champion title and 25 points for the Grand Premier title, in Russia west of the Ural Mountains to require 100 points for the Grand Champion title and 50 points for the Grand Premier title, and in China to require 175 points for the Grand Champion title and 50 points for the Grand Premier title, as noted in the following table.

Country/Area	GC Pts Rqd	GP Pts Rqd
Regions 1-98 except as noted	200	75
Region 9	150	50
Maritime Provinces of Canada, United Kingdom, Ireland, Malta, Hawaii, Mexico, Russia east of the Ural Mountains, Ukraine, International Division (except China)	75	25
Ukraine	100	25
Russia west of the Ural Mountains	100	50
China	175	50

RATIONALE: Region 9 asks for change to Addendum #4, effective 1 May 2025, for the 2025-2026 show season. Region 9 is very large geographically and CFA shows are spread out over this large area. Unlike other regions and areas, Region 9 has established competition (FIFe established in 1949, WCF established in 1989, and several historically strong independent organizations in several countries) which also provide a "market" to attract new breeders and exhibitors. Many of these breeders and exhibitors would like to participate in CFA but view the point requirements for grand champion and grand premier as a "bridge too far" at 200 points and 75 points, especially at our high level of competition. Region 9 clubs have asked specifically for this reduction in grand points. Additionally, new breeders and exhibitors not only means higher entries to shows and new registrations, but more income for CFA from a region that already provides the highest number of registrations among all the regions.

PROPOSED NON-SHOW RULE RESOLUTIONS

None.