

# **THE INTERNATIONAL CAT ASSOCIATION, INC.**

2009 Summer Board Meeting

May 15-17, 2009

Chicago, IL

The meeting was called to order at 8:30AM by President, Vickie Fisher. All of the directors were present except for Motoko Oizumi and Lisa Dickie (who had notified the Board of airline delays) and Carlos Arrieta who arrived at the meeting shortly thereafter. Jo Parris joined the meeting telephonically, and Laurie Schiff was present as Legal Advisor. The President welcomed Ralph Stadter back to the Board as Interim Director for Northern Europe.

## President's Remarks

The President commented to the Board that the Spring Board Meeting was typically devoted to business planning and strategic thinking. In lieu, however, of a formal business planning session, the Board would have an open session and dialog with Dr. Solveig Pflueger, Chair of the Genetics Committee and original author of TICA's Registration Rules. Everyone was challenged to use that discussion and our time together to focus not on where TICA is going, but on where we want TICA to go.

The President noted that TICA was celebrating its 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary and that a promotion of that fact would begin June 1. Directors were all given a copy of TICA's Logo User Guide and a preview of promotional items soon to be available at TICA's Online Store. Complete copies of both the Guide and the logos would be available to the directors and should be passed along to their respective clubs.

The Yearbook staff is working on a 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary commemorative book. The President commented that it is TICA's responsibility to market the Yearbook and solicited the support of the Board to promote the publication within their regions.

## Governance

The Board reviewed the items included in the Follow Up Report. Cheryl Hogan presented the report on Embrace Pet Insurance Partnership 2009. The Board instructed the Marketing Committee to continue discussions relative to the proposal. (See Addendum.)

\*\*\*\*\***See Addendum**\*\*\*\*\*

The Board discussed the report of the Legislative Committee, noting that several Directors were in the process of finding interested members to represent their regions.

The President recommended that, since a number of director positions were up for election this fall and that the Winter meeting would be in Japan on the third weekend of January, it would be appropriate to conduct balloting earlier in October so that results would be available in time for affected directors to make travel arrangements. After some discussion, it was agreed that the President would work with the Executive Office to begin the balloting process no later than mid-October.

## Breed Committee Appointment

Unanimous consent to appoint Margaret Mello to fill the vacant position on the American Shorthair Breed Committee. Without objection.

Unanimous consent to appoint Ursula Hummel to the British Shorthair/British Longhair Breed Committee. Without objection.

Unanimous consent to appoint Deb Decker to the Havana Breed Committee. Without objection.

Unanimous consent to appoint Rosemary Caunter to the Ocicat Breed Committee. Denied.

Motion was made by Crockett and seconded by Ashley to appoint Rosemary Caunter to the Ocicat Breed Committee. Motion carried with Madison opposed.

Unanimous consent to appoint Marie Hill to the Persian Breed Committee. Without objection.

Unanimous consent to appoint Christie Smith as Chair and Kate Mabry and Geert Van Droogenbroek to the Peterbald Breed Committee. Without objection.

Unanimous consent to appoint Cheryl Hogan to the Scottish Fold Breed Committee. Without objection.

Unanimous consent to appoint Heike Patz to the Selkirk Rex/Selkirk Rex Longhair Breed Committee.

Unanimous consent to appoint Michael Gilbert to the Turkish Angora Breed Committee. Without objection.

Appointments to the Snowshoe Breed Committee were postponed until the arrival of Director Dickie.

The President reported on the World Cat Congress Meeting held at the Mercure Hotel in Arnhem, The Netherlands on April 14, 2009.

#### Fiduciary

Motion was made by Crockett and seconded by Stadter to accept the 2008 audit as published. Motion carried unanimously.

Lisa Dickie arrived to join the meeting.

Motion was made by Christian and seconded by Hogan to accept the 2009-2010 Budget. Motion carried with Crockett and Ashley opposed.

#### Breed Committee Appointments (continued)

Unanimous consent to appoint Sandy McAllister to the Snowshoe Breed Committee. Without objection.

Unanimous consent to appoint to Virginia Gabbert to the Snowshoe Breed Committee. Denied.

Motion was made by Madison and seconded by Stadter to appoint Virginia Gabbert to the Snowshoe Breed Committee. Motion carried with Ashley, Christian, Crockett, Dickie and Levine opposed.

Administrative

Motion was made by Dickie and seconded by Crockett to reimburse directors for up to 5 hotel nights and per diem of \$64 per day up to 5 days. Motion carried unanimously.

Proposals

Motion was made by Christian and seconded by Crockett to amend 15.4.2.5.1 to read:

15.4.2 Qualifications for Election to a Breed/Breed Group Committee. Candidates for election to a Breed/Breed Group Committee shall provide documentation of having met the following requirements for election:

15.4.2.1 Have met the eligibility requirement(s) to vote in any TICA election (See By-Laws 113.1).

15.4.2.2 Have met the requirements for Breed/Breed Group Section membership (See By-Laws 14.1).

15.4.2.3 Have paid TICA membership dues for the 3 years of the applicable term.

15.4.2.4 Have a TICA registered cattery (except for the HHP Breed Committee).

15.4.2.5.1 Have bred and registered with TICA a minimum of two litters of the appropriate breed ~~within the 3 years immediately preceding the election~~ (except for the HHP Breed Committee).

Motion carried with Basquine opposed because she wanted a time limit.

**>>>>Membership Ballot<<<<<**

Unanimous consent to reinstate language in 15.4.2.5.2 as below. Denied

Motion was made by Christian and seconded Crockett to reinstate the language in 15.4.2.5.2 to read:

15.4.2.5.2 Have owned and shown a cat of the appropriate breed in a minimum of five shows ~~within the three show seasons immediately preceding the election~~. (**Note:** Applicants for Household Pet Breed Committee(s) must meet this requirement to qualify for breed committee election.) Motion denied with Christian, Dickie, Madison, Parris and Stadter in favor.

**XXXXXXPROPOSAL REJECTED XXXXXX**

Motion by Parris and seconded by Madison to add By-Law 19.2.7 to read: In the event any Regional Director becomes unable to attend a meeting of the Board of Directors due to illness of the Director or the immediate family of the Director, that Director may designate, in a properly executed proxy, some other member of that Region to attend the meeting in his or her place. The proxy will assign all the rights, duties and responsibilities of the Regional Director to the designee for that meeting only, including the right to vote on all matters brought before the Board. Motion denied with Basquine, Christian, Madison, Parris, and Wood in favor.

**XXXXXXPROPOSAL REJECTED XXXXXX**

Motion was made by Stadter and seconded by Basquine to accept the following proposal: All appointments by the President will be subject to Board approval. Motion denied with Arrieta, Ashley, Basquine, Christian and Parris in favor.

**XXXXXXPROPOSAL REJECTED XXXXXX**

Unanimous consent to accept Standing Rule to Registration Rules 303.9.1 and Standing Rule to Show Rules 2017.7.3: At the option of the judge, any New Traits Class cat(s) may be called to the ring with cats of the parental breed. Denied.

**XXXXXXPROPOSAL REJECTED XXXXXX**

Motion was made by Crockett and seconded by Hogan to accept: Standing Rule to Registration Rules 303.9.1 and Standing Rule to Show Rules 2017.7.3 At the option of the judge, any New Traits Class cat(s) may be called to the ring with cats of the parental breed. Motion carried with Arrieta opposed.

**}}}}Standing Rules}}}}**

Unanimous consent to approve amendments to Standing Rules 903.8.1 - 903.8.3 and 903.9.1 - 903.9.2.

903.8.1 From time to time the International Cat Association Board of Directors shall select certain individuals, who have contributed immeasurably to the success of the International Cat Association, for membership in the TICA Hall of Fame. This honor may be awarded to persons living or deceased. Nominees' contributions for consideration at the next Winter meeting must be submitted to the Regional Director by October November 15th and to the Executive Office by November December 15<sup>th</sup>.

903.8.2 The Regional Director shall discuss the names of the nominees at the Winter meeting of the BOD in Executive Session. If no names are submitted for the Winter meeting then they may be submitted to the Regional Director by February 15 and to the Executive Office by March 15 for the Spring Meeting. There shall be no limit to the number of names submitted by any Regional Director. It is not required that every Regional Director submit nominees every year.

903.8.3 Nominees shall be voted on at the Winter meeting, except if there are no nominees, nominees shall be voted on at the Spring meeting. Each Board member will have 3 Hall of Fame votes and may not cast more than one vote per nominee. The two nominees receiving the greatest number of votes will be inducted into the Hall of Fame. A nominee must receive a minimum of a 2/3 vote of the Board. No more than two persons per year may be inducted; however, it is not required to induct anyone.

903.8.4 New inductees shall be highlighted and pictured in the TICA Yearbook. All members of the TICA Hall of Fame shall be listed each year in the Yearbook and the TICA TREND. 903.8.5 Inductees to the TICA Hall of Fame shall be awarded a plaque at the TICA Annual and a perpetual trophy will be kept at the Executive Office.

903.9 TICA Treasure.

903.9.1 From time to time the Board of Directors of The International Cat Association may select a member to be honored while living and whose title will be "TICA Treasure" in keeping with an old Japanese custom of honoring those who have contributed beyond measure to their chosen art, craft or profession. The official Yearbook of The International Cat Association shall devote a page (or section) titled "Our TICA Treasures", which shall include pictures and accomplishments of the recipients. Those persons selected for this honor may not be selected while holding elected office in this association and may only be so named by an affirmative vote of not less than two-thirds of the Board of Directors present and voting at the Winter meeting.

903.9.2 Nominations shall be submitted by letter to the Regional Director for presentation to the Board of Directors for consideration. Letters of nomination must outline in detail the contributions and accomplishments of the individual nominee. The Regional Director must receive letters of nomination no later than November 30th for consideration at the Winter meeting, or February 15 for consideration at the Spring meeting. Nominees must have been members of The International Cat Association for a minimum of 20 years.

903.9.3 A Regional Director shall make no more than one nomination per year. All voting shall be done by secret ballot and names shall be kept confidential until the announcement is made at the Annual Awards Banquet. Only one TICA Treasure may be awarded in any given year however, there may be years with no TICA Treasure nominated.

903.9.4 TICA Treasures shall be awarded a plaque at the TICA Annual and a perpetual trophy will be kept at the Executive office.

Without objection.

**}}}}Standing Rules}}}}**

Motion was made by Crockett and seconded by Dickie to go into Executive Session. Motion carried unanimously.

Unanimous consent to take no action on Doss v. Font. Without objection.

Motion was made by Crockett and seconded by Levine to take no action on Julien v Lagarde. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion was made by Christian and seconded by Stadter to take no action on Matson v Whyte. Motion carried with Madison opposed and Dickie abstaining.

The Board reviewed the Follow-up Report from the Judging Administrator, relative to those judges who had not completed all requirements for licensing as set out by the Board at its Winter Meeting. The Board, in reaffirming its vote at the Winter Meeting, requested that confirmation be sent to the Judging Administrator that the following are not relicensed: Lorre Smith and Paul Lahey. At the request of Carlos Arrieta, action on Virginia Lopez was deferred; later, it was determined that no action was necessary.

Motion was made by Madison and seconded by Tullo to accept David Nudleman as a LH/SH applicant. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Wood and seconded by Ashley to advance Phillipa Holmes to Probationary Specialty subject to completing additional training. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Hogan and seconded by Levine to advance Karen Stinson to Provisional Allbreed. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Parris and seconded by Christian to advance Rob Seliskar to Provisional Allbreed. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Basquine and seconded by Stadter to advance Jean Marc LaGarde to Provisional Allbreed. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Levine and seconded by Hogan to advance Sandra Mattingly to Approved Allbreed. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Ashley and seconded by Levine to advance Jeff Roberts to Approved Allbreed. Motion carried.

Unanimous consent to destroy the ballots. Without objection.

Motion was made by Tullo and seconded by Basquine that Phillipa Holmes complete 30 training sessions, half the solo sessions, 3/4 of the breed critiques, and 3/4 breed comparison with a focus on shorthair breeds and longhair breeds for which she is not licensed. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Stadter and seconded by Tullo to go out of Executive Session. Motion carried unanimously.

Unanimous consent to go into a Committee of the Whole for a presentation by Dr. Solveig Pflueger. Without objection.

The Board conducted an interactive discussion and educational session with Dr. Pflueger on the development of new breeds, classifications of breeds, and TICA's system of breed categorization.

Genetics Instructor appointment.

Motion was made by Christian and seconded by Hogan to appoint Anita H. Engebakken as Genetics Instructor. Motion carried with Basquine opposed.

Proposals (continued) and Breed advancements

Janet Poulson from Minnesota presented the Khaomane breed to the Board .

Unanimous consent to advance the Khaomane to Registration Only. Without objection.

**}}}}Standing Rules}}}}**

Unanimous consent to go out of a Committee of the Whole. Without objection.

Motion was made by Crockett and seconded by Ashley to take no action to change Standing Rule 307.4.3 to read: Breeds using one breed in a breed group must allow all breeds in the breed group as permissible. Motion carried unanimously.

**XXXXXXPROPOSAL REJECTED XXXXXX**

Unanimous consent to amend Standing Rule 701.4.5 Names and Abbreviations for Experimental Breeds to read: The following is a list of the names and current abbreviations for experimental breeds. Without objection.

**}}}}Standing Rules}}}}**

Motion was made by Stadter and seconded by Crockett to amend Registration Rules 32.1, 32.3, 36.7.1 as presented.

Amend Registration Rule 32.1 to read: The association shall maintain a data base (Studbook and Foundation, and Experimental Registry) for purposes of registration or recording of all cats which qualify for registration or recording as defined within these rules. The Experimental Registry is referred to as an "Experimental Tracking System" in all documents published by TICA.

Amend Registration Rules 32.3 to read: The registration certificates for cats registered in the Foundation or the Experimental Registry shall be distinguished from those registered in the Stud Book to avoid potential confusion regarding the status of a given cat or breed within the association. Experimental Registration Tracking Certificates shall clearly state, "Not Eligible for Exhibition" and that the breed and breed name are not recognized or approved by TICA.

Annex 1: References to Experimental Registry in Registration Rules

32.1 The association shall maintain a data base (Studbook and Foundation, and Experimental Registry) for purposes of registration of all cats which qualify for registration as defined within these rules.

32.3 The registration certificates for cats registered in the Foundation or the Experimental Registry shall be distinguished from those registered in the Stud Book to avoid potential confusion regarding the status of a given cat or breed within the association. Experimental Registration Certificates shall clearly state, "Not Eligible for Exhibition".

33.1.1 Experimental New Breed - New breeds which are in development and which do not have an approved breed name. Experimental New Breeds are registered in the Experimental Registry. Formal approval of the Board of Directors is NOT REQUIRED

33.3.1 Experimental New Breed. The Experimental New Breed shall be registered in the Experimental Registry by making application to the TICA Executive Office. The following information must be included in the application for breed recognition:

33.3.1.1 A brief description of the proposed breed. (This is to enable the office to identify the breed. It could be a paragraph written by a breeder, a standard from another association, or another means for identifying the cats included in the breed.)

33.3.1.2 A proposed breed name that is unique.

33.3.1.2.1 The proposed breed name used for registration in the Experimental Registry is not in any way to be considered an official breed name accepted or approved by TICA and may be changed, removed or revoked at any time.

33.3.3 Advancement from Experimental New Breed to Registration Only New Breed. An Experimental New Breed may apply for approval of the Board of Directors as a Registration Only Breed upon completion of the following:

33.3.3.1 At least 1 year has passed since the initial registration of the breed in the Experimental Registry.

33.3.4.2 At least 10 cats of the breed have been registered in the Experimental Registry.

33.4.4 Experimental breeding programs which do not have an approved breed name shall be designated by the code EX.

33.4.4.1 Cats registered in the Experimental Registry shall be designated with EX preceding the proposed two-digit breed prefix.

36.1 Determination of Status. The registration of a cat shall be based upon ancestry as evidenced by a three generation pedigree. A cat shall be classified as eligible for the studbook, ancestry record, hybridization record, foundation registry or experimental registry

36.7 Experimental Registration.

36.7.1 Purpose. The Experimental Registry is for registering cats not yet recognized in TICA for the Stud Book or Foundation Registries. Registration of these proposed breeds will provide a precise chronicle of the proposed breed's progress and development. Records will include analysis of any genetic problems inherent in a particular breeding program thus proving or disproving its future acceptance as a viable, healthy breed

36.7.2 Requirements for Preliminary New Breed or Advanced New Breed Status. Any proposed breed registered in the Experimental Registry as Category VI must declare intent for registration status in Category I, II, III, IV or V prior to acceptance for recognition in Preliminary New Breed Class or Advanced New Breed Class. Registration in the Experimental Registry does not in any way imply or assure that the proposed experimental breed will advance to one of the more restrictive categories or will be accepted into Preliminary New Breed or Advanced New Breed any time, now or in the future.

36.8.5 Experimental Registry Codes:

EB - The proposed experimental breed has no cats which are unknown, unregistered, or of another breed or breed group within a standard three generation pedigree. (NOTE: Ancestry and Hybridization codes may be used as applicable.)

37.7 Category VI: Experimental (Developing) Breeds.

37.7.1 Purpose. This category is for new breeds which are still in active development. Use of both hybrid crosses and outcrosses to cats of unknown or unregistered parentage is permitted. There are no limitations or restrictions on the breeding programs for such breeds.

37.8.1 At the time of recognition for registration in either the Stud Book, the Foundation Registry, or the Experimental Registry, each breed or proposed breed shall be provisionally assigned to one of the six registration categories based upon size of the established gene pool within the breed or proposed breed and the necessity of outcrosses outside the breed. Initial assignment shall be at the discretion of the Board of Directors and the Genetics Committee using the information in the proposed breeding program submitted by the breeders.

37.8.2 A proposed breed which is accepted for the Foundation Registry or Experimental Registry may be assigned to any of the six categories, however a breed must be provisionally assigned to Categories I-V only prior to acceptance for Preliminary New Breed.

Annex 2: References to Experimental Registry in Standing Rules

303.3.3 There will be no formal breed committee or breed section for cats in the Experimental Registry.

303.3.3.1 The Executive Office will maintain statistics from the Experimental Registry: the number of litters registered, the number of individual cats registered, the names and addresses of owners and breeders of the experimental breed. Such statistics will be made available should a petition for advancement to Registration Only status be submitted.

307.7 Category VI Breeds. The following breeds are included in Category VI:

701.4.5 The following is a list of the names and official abbreviations for experimental breeds registered in the Experimental Registry (ER) effective 05/01/09:

XAR - Experimental American Ringtail	XFT - Experimental Fantasy	XLB - Experimental Lambkin
XRA - Exp American Ringtail Longhair	XGT - Experimental Genetta	XLD - Experimental Leopold
XBM - Experimental Bambino	XKM - Experimental Khaomane	XMB - Experimental Mekong Bobtail
XBE - Experimental Bramble	XKI - Experimental Kinkalow	XSK - Experimental Skookum
XCA - Experimental Caracat	XKK - Experimental Kinkalow Longhair	XSS - Experimental Skookum Shorthair
XCT - Experimental Cheetoh	XKS - Experimental Krinkle	XTB - Experimental Toybob
XDW - Experimental Dwelf	XKN - Experimental Krinkle Longhair	
XEF - Experimental Elf		

Motion denied with Christian, Parris and Wood in favor.

**XXXXXXPROPOSAL REJECTED XXXXXX**

Motion was made by Dickie and seconded by Christian to accept Registration Rule 33.5.3 and 33.10 to read: 33.5.3 Part Three outlines the requirements for advancement of breeds recognized by at least two other World Cat Congress members at Championship level.

AND

33.10 Advancement of Transfer New Breeds. Breeds that are Championship status in at least two full members of the World Cat Congress may apply to the TICA Board of Directors for acceptance in TICA at a higher level, or for a reduction in the time required to progress to the next level in the New Breed program. The Board of Directors will address applications on a case-by-case basis.

The Board of Directors may approve, disapprove or impose additional requirements on the Breed, including, but not limited to, appointing a different Working Group Chair and requiring changes to the standard and/or breed name, or any other modification which the Board of Directors, entirely in their discretion, may require.

33.10.1 The breed must have been at Championship status for a minimum of 5 years in at least 2 full members of the World Cat Congress.

33.10.2 A minimum of 10 cats of the breed (50 in the case of advancement to Championship) must have been registered in TICA during the 12 months preceding the application.

33.10.3 Submission of an electronic Application for Advancement to each member of the Genetics Committee and each member of the Rules Committee at least 90 days prior to the board meeting at which approval is sought. Any proposed modifications to a previously approved standard must be submitted with the application. Following approval of proposal by the Genetics Committee and Rules Committee, the application must be submitted by the proposed Working Group Chair to the TICA Executive Office at least 60 days prior to the Board Meeting for inclusion in the agenda. Any comments of the Genetics Committee or Rules Committee must be included. The application must include the following: (applications available from the TICA Executive Office or at [www.tica.org](http://www.tica.org)).

33.10.3.1 A letter of intent to apply for Advancement, signed by at least five TICA members in good standing;

33.10.3.2 A proposed breed standard, approved by the Genetics and Rules Committees, including any permissible outcrosses.

33.10.3.3 An indication that the breed is to be categorized as an Established Breed, a Natural Breed, a Mutation Breed or a Hybrid Breed and the rationale for the proposed category. (See RR 37.1.2).

33.10.3.4 A proposed Working Group Chair for the breed

33.10.3.5 A processing fee of \$50.

33.10.3.6 Statistics from the other organizations showing number of cats registered and shown during the last 5 years. If official statistics are not available, then copies of pages from show catalogues may be provided to demonstrate that sufficient cats have been shown and bred in other organizations to ensure it is a viable breed within TICA.

33.10.4 A Notice of Intent to Apply for Advancement must be published in the TICA TREND at least 120 days prior to the meeting at which the application for advancement will be heard, and which invites comments about the breed to be forwarded to the Executive Office.



33.10.5 Make a formal presentation at the meeting of the Board of Directors.. Information presented should include photographs, illustrations, statistics, health and breeding reports, representatives of the breed and any other relevant material.  
(Results below.)

Motion (friendly) was made by Crockett and seconded by Tullo to remove the words within parenthesis "(50 in the case of advancement to Championship)" and then to amend the opening sentence of 33.10 to read "may apply to the TICA Board of Directors for acceptance in TICA at the ANB level or for a reduction in time" remainder stays the same. Motion carried with Christian, Dickie, Hogan, Madison, Tullo opposed. Madison maintained that the original proposal gave more options in assisting existing breeds in advancing.

The original motion carried with Christian, Dickie, Madison opposed and Hogan abstaining.

**>>>>Membership Ballot<<<<<**

Motion was made by Parris and seconded by Stadter to deny the request to move the Elf to Registration Only. Motion carried unanimously.

**XXXXXXPROPOSAL REJECTED XXXXXX**

Motion by Madison and seconded by Hogan to move the Leopold to Registration Only. Motion denied with Arrieta, Basquine, Hogan, Levine, Madison, and Tullo in favor.

**XXXXXXPROPOSAL REJECTED XXXXXX**

Motion was made by Madison and seconded by Christian to accept By-Law 14.3.1. to read: For those breed sections that have been merged into a breed group section, membership in only one breed of the breed group is sufficient to allow the member to vote on any ballot concerning the breed group section. Motion carried unanimously.

**>>>>Membership Ballot<<<<<**

Motion was made by Madison and seconded by Christian to accept By-Law 14.3.2 to read: For those breed sections that have not been merged into a single breed group section, membership in any breed section of the breed group is sufficient to allow the member to vote on any ballot concerning the breed group, but a member must be a member of the specific breed section to vote on any ballot that concerns that specific breed only, and not the entire breed group. Motion carried unanimously.

**>>>>Membership Ballot<<<<<**

Motion was made by Madison and seconded by Christian to accept By-Law 14.3.3 to read: For those championship breed sections or breed group sections that consist of breeds whose only difference is the hair length, a member who is qualified to vote on issues concerning either hair length of the breed may also vote on any ballot concerning the entire breed sections or breed group sections. Members whose section membership is only for a non-championship breed, trait and/or hair length may not vote on issues that affect the championship breed, trait and/or hair length, including acceptance of non-championship breed for championship competition. Motion carried with Wood, Basquine and Tullo opposed.

**>>>>Membership Ballot<<<<<**

Unanimous consent to remove the requirements on the Korat standard: "All Korats, including kittens and alters must be registered in TICA prior to entry in shows." Without objection.

Unanimous consent to take no action on adding the asterisk to the LaPerm breed. Denied.

Motion was made by Crockett and seconded by Stadter to take no action on adding the asterisk to the LaPerm breed. Motion denied with Crockett, Hogan, and Levine in favor.

**XXXXXPROPOSAL REJECTED XXXXX**

Motion was made by Stadter and seconded by Tullo to allow the use of the asterisk on the LaPerm breed. Motion carried with Crockett and Hogan opposed.

**}}}}Standing Rules{{{**

Unanimous consent to amend the two affected Standing Rules (214.2.3 and 1019.2) to allow candidate statements in either the Aug/Sep or Oct/Nov issues of the TREND. Without objection.

**}}}}Standing Rules{{{**

Motion was made by Wood and seconded by Hogan to change the Judging Program 42.2.1 to read : Be 18 years of age or older. Motion carried unanimously.

**~~~~Judging Program~~~~**

The meeting was adjourned by the President.

# ADDENDUM

# TICA-Embrace Pet Insurance Partnership 2009

## Summary

Since launching in 2006, Embrace Pet Insurance has earned a reputation for superior coverage and customer service that truly wows. A high-quality pet health insurance plan from Embrace will help all TICA members ensure that their own cats or cats going into new homes can always get the best veterinary care regardless of cost. This is more important than ever considering our current economic climate with restricted access to credit. See our reviews at [PetInsuranceReview.com/embrace.asp](http://PetInsuranceReview.com/embrace.asp). This proposal summarizes several marketing initiatives that stemmed from a conversation between Embrace, Deb Decker, and Cheryl Hogan held on May 1st, 2009. At this stage the initiatives are preliminary and subject to further fleshing out but the descriptions below should help to paint a picture of what the mutual obligations and benefits would be. Embrace is currently undergoing a major upgrade to its website and quoting platform. Once this project is finished we will be in a position to dedicate resources to the partnership with TICA. We anticipate this will be in August 2009.

## Program 1: TICA Member Discount

TICA members in good standing would be eligible for a 10% discount on all Embrace plans for their own pets, both cats and dogs. An additional 5% discount would apply if paying annually. Signup would be via web or phone and Embrace will provide a unique code that the TICA member can use to identify herself. A simple web link containing the embedded member code could be placed on the TICA website in a password-protected, members-only area. It can also be embedded in e-mail and printed newsletters.

## Program 2: Prepaid "Take Home" Coverage

The idea behind this program is to allow TICA members to bundle an Embrace pet insurance policy with each kitten being placed into a new home. The breeder pays for the pet insurance and takes it out in the name of the new cat owner. As an incentive to bundle the insurance the TICA-registered breeder would receive 12 months coverage for the price of 10. Some indicative annual rates for kittens of two popular breeds living in two different metro areas are outlined in the table below. Note that pets in large cities such as Philadelphia tend to pay more for coverage owing to the higher veterinary costs in these areas. On the other hand pets in rural or exurban areas usually have lower premiums. An optional wellness plan can be included with each policy for an additional \$149 per year. Discounts are not available on wellness plans as they are already sold below cost.

Note that insurance rates can and do change. The rates above are in effect as of May 2009.

	<b>Bengal</b>		<b>Scottish Fold</b>	
	<i>Regular</i>	<i>TICA Member</i>	<i>Regular</i>	<i>TICA Member</i>
<b>Philadelphia, PA (zip 19106)</b>	\$344.96	\$287.47	\$371.50	\$309.58
<b>Kansas City, MO (zip 64121)</b>	\$310.46	\$258.72	\$334.35	\$278.63