

## **Advancement of Longhair Bengals to championship status**

**The Longhair gene has been within our Bengal genetics since the beginning of our breed's development.**

**While some breeders have bred away from this trait, others have embraced the Longhair trait, recognizing and appreciating Longhair Bengals for their unique beauty.**

**Breeders from TICA regions around the world have come together to work on the development of the LH Bengal.**

**Having completed all the requirements and criteria for advancement to championship status in TICA, Longhair Bengal breeders now ask our TICA Bengal Section to confirm by ballot, the inclusion of our Longhair Bengals to championship.**

**PRO** = vote YES to accept LH Bengals for championship status

- Longhair Bengals are Bengals and adhere to the exact same TICA standard except for hair length and furnishings.
- Breeders from regions of TICA worldwide have been actively and enthusiastically working together for over five years on advancing Long Hair Bengals in TICA.
- There is NO outcross as the LH is a recessive gene already in our Bengal breed since the beginning.
- If the LH trait is desired or is not desired in your program, an inexpensive DNA test will identify this trait.
- LH Bengals will be judged with the LH classes.

**CON** = vote NO to decline inclusion of LH Bengals for championship status

- No negative, as this trait is avoidable with a genetic test if not desired in your breeding program.