# THE INTERNATIONAL CAT ASSOCIATION, INC.
## 2007 Annual Board Meeting
### August 29-31, 2007
#### Albuquerque, NM

### (Open Session)

**August 29, 2007, Wednesday, 8 AM**

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109.1 Annual Convention.

109.1.1 Annual Convention. Labor Day weekend each year is reserved for the Annual Convention. No other shows may be held the weekend of the Annual Convention with the following exception. A club may receive permission to hold a show on the Annual weekend upon application to the Board. Application must state specific reasons for the request for exemption and why such a show would have no impact on the Annual.


109.1.1.2 Proposals to host the Annual Convention in the designated region must be received for the Annual Meeting 3 years prior to the proposed convention.

109.1.1.3 In the event no club submits an acceptable proposal, any club in any region may submit a proposal to host the Annual Convention by the agenda deadline for the Semi-Annual Meeting 2½ years prior to the convention and a notice soliciting such proposals shall be published in the TICA TREND.

109.1.1.4 The subsequent designated order of rotation will remain the same.

109.2 Meetings of the Board.

109.2.1 All Board Meetings shall be scheduled for a minimum of 2 days.

109.2.1.1 Meetings of the Board shall be the fourth full weekend in January (Winter Meeting, the third full weekend in May (Spring Meeting) and the week immediately preceding Labor Day weekend (TICA Annual).

109.2.1.2 The Winter Meeting shall be held in Harlingen TX without a show OR at a location outside the United States in conjunction with a show, approved by the Board.

109.2.1.3 The Spring Meeting shall be held in the United States, rotating from Central to West to East, with or without a show. The meeting venue must be at or near a major international airport at a hotel with adequate meeting space, full restaurant service and airport shuttle.

109.2.1.4 The Winter and Spring meeting locations shall be selected by the Board without consideration of accompanying show.

109.2.1.5 Minutes of all meetings of the Board of Directors shall be completed within 10 working days following the meeting.
CONTRACT FOR EDITORIAL SERVICES
TICA TREND
2007-2009

1.1 The International Cat Association (TICA) is a Non-Profit Corporation in the state of Texas which is required by its By-Laws to publish a bi-monthly newsletter. The name of the newsletter is the TICA TREND.

1.2 Nancy Prince (PRINCE) is a professional journalist, and is qualified to edit and produce TICA's newsletter.

1.3 Both parties wish to memorialize the terms and conditions of PRINCE's engagement to edit and produce the newsletter, as set forth in this agreement.

UPON the foregoing premises, and in consideration of the mutual promises herein contained, it is agreed as follows:

2.1 PRINCE shall edit and produce the Association's bi-monthly newsletter, the TICA TREND commencing with Volume 28, Number 3.

2.2 The term of this agreement is two (2) years, commencing with the signing of the contract, provided either party may terminate it upon 90 days prior written notice, and further provided, all issues scheduled for publication after notice but before the effective date shall be published as provided herein.

2.3 PRINCE shall be responsible for providing any required office space, telephone, equipment and other overhead items at her own expense.

2.4 PRINCE's duties shall include writing, soliciting and assigning articles, exercising day-to-day editorial responsibility for the content (including text, art work and photography), design and layout of the newsletter, setting advertising rates, soliciting advertising, arranging for the printing and assembly of the newsletter and mailing the newsletter. PRINCE agrees that mailing expenses are to be the most reasonable rates possible. Editorial policy shall be as listed under "Editorial Policy Statement for Nancy Prince" attached. Ultimate control on matters of editorial policy shall reside with the Association. All items mandated by the By-Laws or other rules of the Association shall be included in every issue.

2.5 PRINCE's sole compensation for services rendered shall be:

a. Two Thousand Three Hundred Fifty Dollars ($2,350) per issue for editorial services.

b. Fifty percent (50%) of all gross advertising revenues (all revenues derived from advertising in the newsletter), and twenty-five percent (25%) commission on all show ads, with the exception of: Items to be placed in the TRENDsetter and Outstanding Sire or Outstanding Dam sections.

c. The remaining gross advertising revenues (50%) and 100% of advertising revenues for exceptions as listed above shall belong to the Association.
2.6 The Association shall be responsible for Cost of Production to include the costs of printing, collating, binding and trimming the newsletter and the cost of preparation for mailing and cost of postage. The Association SHALL NOT be responsible for any overhead costs. PRINCE guarantees the cost of production (exclusive of the editor's fee and commission) shall not exceed the Board-approved Budget for the TICA TREND.

2.7 The Association shall reimburse PRINCE for mailing the TICA TREND to members entitled to receive it at Third Class Bulk or First Class mailing rates, whichever is applicable. Labels shall be provided by TICA. PRINCE agrees that mailing labels and information provided by TICA shall not be used by PRINCE for any purpose other than distribution of the TICA TREND and shall not be made available to any third person. One hundred (100) copies of each issue shall be furnished to the Executive Office.

2.8 The Association shall reimburse PRINCE for expenses after the completion of each issue upon receipt of a detailed statement supported by original invoices as listed below:

a. Itemized printing costs.
b. Cost of preparation of mailing per issue.
c. Itemized postage by First Class, International, and Bulk Mail.
d. Itemized list of miscellaneous items, i.e., telephone and fax charges, etc.

2.9 The Association shall pay PRINCE's percentage of the gross advertising revenues after the completion of each issue upon receipt of an itemized statement of gross advertising revenues to include:

a. Name of advertiser and price of each advertisement.
b. Representation of each ad.
c. PRINCE shall submit a statement for payment of Editorial Fee and reimbursement of production costs and mailing fees (original receipts are required) upon completion of each issue.

2.10 PRINCE agrees to submit a written report to the Board of Directors on the TICA TREND for the Semi-Annual Meeting (February) and Annual Meeting (Wednesday before Labor Day) to include costs and revenues and any information the Editor feels pertinent; report to be provided to the Executive Office 60 days prior to each meeting.

2.11 This agreement contains the full understanding between both parties. There are no other oral or written agreements affecting PRINCE's engagement. All figures are negotiable during the terms of this contract upon written agreement by both parties.

The International Cat Association: TICA TREND Editor:

By KAY DEVILBISS, President Nancy Prince

Date: __________________________ Date: __________________________
I. I will work towards making the TICA TREND as self-sufficient as possible. This will include the following:
   A. Keeping the cost of printing to the lowest prices possible while still improving the quality of the TICA TREND.
   B. Working with the Executive Office and the Board to find ways of better balancing the cost of the TICA TREND with TICA’s income.
   C. Improving the quality of the TICA TREND in general and advertising in particular so that:
      1. We have more member advertising.
      2. We have more commercial advertising.

II. I will work towards making the TICA TREND a more professional looking publication, which will include the following:
   A. Encouraging more professional advertising layouts.
   B. Improving all layouts to make them attractive and easy to read.
   C. Putting more information in the TICA TREND, especially articles of interest to all the various members of TICA.
   D. Working with the membership in general and the Executive Office and the Board in particular to make sure the content of the TICA TREND is as accurate as possible and reflects the interests of TICA and its readers as much as possible.

III. Editorial Policy will include the following:
   A. Nothing will be published anonymously.
   B. An Editor’s job is to edit and this will be done.
   C. The TICA TREND will NOT be a forum for personal problems, defamatory material or inflammatory viewpoints.
   D. The intent of the TICA TREND will be the promotion of TICA, its clubs, and its members.
   E. Household Pet owners, novice breeders and members outside of North America will be actively included in the TICA TREND.
   F. Individual officers will be encouraged to use the TICA TREND to speak directly with the membership.

Nancy Prince
TICA TREND Editor
LICENSING AGREEMENT

This agreement is entered into by and between Reiss Design Assoc., LLC and TICA. In consideration of the mutual promises made in this agreement and other valuable considerations, the receipt and sufficiency of which is acknowledged, the parties agree as follows:

The following agreement describes and defines a one year licensing contract between Reiss Design Associates LLC (to be referred to as the licensee) and TICA (to be referred to as the licensor) for the purpose of encouraging public awareness of and growth for both entities.

Meow-Wear™, a division of Reiss Design Associates LLC, is a new company producing feline-related accessories, for sale to the general public. The prospective licensee (see above) is proposing that it be granted the use of the TICA logo as a sales and education aid/embellishment on its website (www.mymeow-wear.com) and all of its future packaging through the term of one (1) year from the agreed upon start date.

The two-fold goal of this would be to:

1) enhance the Meow-Wear™ brand’s overall visibility as a new company while aiding in its credibility with the pure bred cat fancier population.

2) provide TICA with more exposure to the general public and sales channels (PetsMart, Petco, etc.) thru the addition of the TICA logo and appropriate links, on the Meow-Wear™ website and, eventually, Meow-Wear™ packaging.

The Licensee would pay the licensor the sum of one (1) dollar for the use of the logo through the term of one (1) year.

At the end of that first year, based on Meow-Wear™ sales to date, the agreement would be re-negotiated to include a quarterly paid royalty on all sales or allowed to lapse by both parties, at the discretion of Licensor, which would make the final decision in any case. A typical royalty percentage in the pet trade is usually 1-2%, of each item’s sales-to-the-trade price. Licensee would provide accurate records of accrued sales to Licensor, showing number of items sold, price for each and accumulated royalties based on those sales.
While the end goal would be to compensate Licensor in a monetary manner for use of its logo after the first year, Licensor may see adequate public exposure benefits thru the Meow-Wear™ website and links to Licensor's own website that might very well entirely satisfy Licensor's own desires as to this agreement.

Licensor would have review rights over the use of its logo either on the Meow-Wear™ packaging or website, so long as the placement of the logo fits appropriately in the specific application. Should Licensor and Licensee not be able to agree on the size/placement of the logo, the agreement can be voided immediately by either party.

This agreement shall be governed by the laws of the state of New Jersey and Texas.

This agreement, including any attached exhibits and addenda, constitutes the entire agreement of the parties. No representations or promises have been made except those that are set out in this agreement. This agreement may not be modified except in writing signed by all of the parties.

In witness thereof, the parties have signed this agreement under seal on (date).

Signatures:

CARLA Z. REISS 6-26-07
Licensor Representative Name (Print) Date

Kay Devilbiss 7-21-2007
Licensee Representative Name (Print) Date

Licensor Representative Signature

Kay Devilbiss
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Good morning, Leslie

1. Here at Bank of America, 2007 has been a very important year for the growth of our existing endorsed marketplace, and ICA has been identified as a key part of this growth.

Upon review of your current compensation structure with Bank of America, ICA is eligible to offer two products that we have yet to add to your suite. You have the opportunity to offer both a rewards card, and a card designed for members of the emerging credit marketplace.

We have found that today's cardholders are much more likely to apply for, and carry, a card that provides them with cash back and rewards for every dollar spent. By updating your agreement to this effect, your members will now have the ability to choose their ICA card as the rewards product in their wallet, rather than looking elsewhere.

Not only will more of your members apply for a rewards card, but the increase in dollars spent on these cards is an average of 65% - thereby increasing the compensation for your organization.

Your members will carry a rewards card from someone. We believe it should be from you.

The Emerging Credit card is a credit rehabilitation product designed to allow us to “say yes more” to your members, providing for an increase in both your member satisfaction and your compensation. This card will bring our approval rate for your members from an average of 45% - 55%, in most cases, to over 95%.

If you have any questions at all about the product or the addendum I’ve attached, please feel free to contact me anytime at 617-434-0410. If not, please follow the instructions below.

1. Sign signature page (page 3) providing signature/by, name & title

2. Fax the signed signature page to my attention - fax# 617-434-8371

3. Mail or overnight two (2) signed originals of the Addendum to my attention (address below). We will countersign and return a fully executed original back to you

Thank you.
Michael Pellegrino
Sr. Change Analyst
Bank of America
100 Federal St, MA5-100-06-05
Boston, MA 02110
Direct: 617.434.0410
Fax: 617.434.8371
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Email: michael.pellegrino@fiacardservices.com
WORLD POINTS AND EMERGING CREDIT CARD ADDENDUM TO THE INTERNATIONAL CAT ASSOCIATION AGREEMENT

THIS ADDENDUM (the “Addendum”) is entered into as of this ___ day of ___________, 2007, by and between The International Cat Association (“TICA”), and FIA Card Services, N.A. (f/k/a MBNA America Bank, N.A.) (“Bank”), for themselves and their respective successors and assigns.

WHEREAS, TICA and Bank are parties to an Agreement dated as of September 20, 1996, as the same may have been amended (the “Agreement”), wherein Bank provides certain Financial Service Products to certain persons included in certain Mailing Lists provided to Bank by or on behalf of TICA; and

WHEREAS, TICA and Bank mutually desire to amend the Agreement to include the loyalty rewards program (as defined below) as another aspect of TICA's Program under the Agreement;

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the mutual covenants and agreement contained herein, TICA and Bank agree as follows:

1. The above recitals are incorporated herein and deemed a part of this Addendum. Capitalized terms used but not otherwise herein defined are used as defined in the Agreement.

2. The following definitions are hereby added to Section 1 of the Agreement as follows:

   “Emerging Credit Card Account” means a Credit Card Account coded by Bank with one of Bank’s risk management identifiers.

   “Emerging Credit Card GIP Account” means an Emerging Credit Card Account opened pursuant to a GIP in which TICA complies with the GIP provisions of this Agreement.

   “Emerging Credit Card Reward Account” means an Emerging Credit Card Account carrying the Emerging Credit Card Reward Enhancement and opened pursuant to the Program.

   “Emerging Credit Card Reward Enhancement” means the loyalty reward Emerging Credit Card Account enhancement as provided through Bank and offered as part of the Program for Emerging Credit Card Reward Accounts. The Emerging Credit Card Reward Enhancement may be marketed under another name (e.g., World Points), as determined by Bank from time to time, in its sole discretion.

   “Emerging Credit Card Reward GIP Account” means an Emerging Credit Card Reward Account opened pursuant to a GIP in which TICA complies with the GIP provisions of the Agreement.

   “Reward Credit Card Account” means a consumer Credit Card Account carrying the Reward Enhancement and opened pursuant to the Program.
“Reward Enhancement” means the loyalty reward consumer Credit Card Account enhancement as provided through Bank and offered as part of the Program for Reward Credit Card Accounts. The Reward Enhancement may be marketed under another name (e.g., World Points), as determined by Bank from time to time, in its sole discretion.

“Reward GIP Account” means a consumer Reward Credit Card Account opened pursuant to a GIP in which TICA complies with the GIP provisions of the Agreement.

3. The parties agree that the Reward Enhancement is now part of the Program (as such credit card account enhancement and Program may be adjusted or amended from time to time by Bank, in its sole discretion). Bank may, at its option, offer the Reward Enhancement to some or all of the persons included on the lists provided by TICA under the Agreement. The Reward Enhancement may be marketed under another name (e.g., World Points). Bank reserves the right to change the Reward Enhancement name(s), in its sole discretion, from time to time.

4. TICA agrees to not endorse, sponsor, promote aid, advertise, or develop a loyalty rewards program similar to the Reward Enhancement (other than Bank programs). Subject to the foregoing, all of TICA’s promises arising from its exclusive arrangement with Bank in the Agreement shall also apply to the Reward Enhancement.

5. During the term of the Agreement, TICA will receive the Royalties set forth on Attachment #1, for the Reward Credit Card Accounts, Emerging Credit Card Accounts and Emerging Credit Card Reward Accounts. Reward Credit Card Accounts, Emerging Credit Card Accounts and Emerging Credit Card Reward Accounts shall only generate the Royalty compensation set forth on Attachment #1 notwithstanding any other provision of the Agreement.

6. Upon termination or expiration of the Agreement, or any aspect of the Program, TICA shall not take action to cause the removal of TICA’s design, image visual representation, identification, trademark, trade dress, service mark, logo or tradename (each, a “Mark”) from the credit devices, checks or records of any customer of Bank prior to (i) the expiration of said customer’s credit device, with respect to Marks appearing thereon; and (ii) the exhaustion and clearing of such customer’s extant check supply, with respect to Marks appearing thereon. Subject to the other provisions of the Agreement, and the extent not otherwise granted, TICA hereby grants to Bank a limited, exclusive license to use the Marks in connection with the Program, including without limitation the promotion thereof. TICA represents and warrants that TICA has full right, power and authority to license the Marks to Bank as provided in the Agreement and this Addendum.

7. Except as amended by this Addendum, all the terms, conditions and covenants of the Agreement are valid, shall remain in full force and effect, and are hereby ratified and confirmed. Any inconsistencies between this Addendum and the Agreement shall be governed by this Addendum. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in the Agreement, the Agreement, as amended by this Addendum, shall be governed by and subject to the laws of the State of Delaware (without regard to its conflict of laws principles) and shall be deemed for all purposes to be made and fully performed in Delaware. Certain Financial Service Products or services under the Agreement may be offered through Bank affiliates.

8. This Addendum may be executed in any number of counterparts, each of which shall be considered an original, and all of which shall be deemed one and the same instrument. The Agreement, as amended by this Addendum, contains the entire agreement of the parties with respect to the matters
covered and no other prior promises, negotiations or discussions, oral or written, made by any party or its employees, officers or agents shall be valid and binding.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, each party hereto, by its representative, has duly executed this Addendum as of the date first above written, and such party and its representative warrant that such representative is duly authorized to execute and deliver this Addendum for and on behalf of such party.

THE INTERNATIONAL CAT ASSOCIATION

By: ____________________________
Name: ____________________________
Title: ____________________________
Date: ____________________________

FIA CARD SERVICES, N.A.

By: ____________________________
Name: ____________________________
Title: ____________________________
Date: ____________________________
I. REWARD CREDIT CARD ACCOUNT ROYALTIES

Reward Credit Card Account Royalty compensation provisions will not affect any other Royalty compensation provisions contained in the Agreement, and the Royalty compensation provisions referencing any other form of Credit Card Accounts will not apply to Reward Credit Card Account.

A. $1.00 (one dollar) for each new Reward Credit Card Account opened, which remains open for at least ninety (90) consecutive days and which is utilized by the Customer within the first ninety (90) consecutive days of the Reward Credit Card Account’s opening for at least one purchase or cash advance which is not subsequently rescinded, the subject of a charge back request, or otherwise disputed. This Royalty will not be paid for any Credit Card Account which, after opening, converts to a Reward Credit Card Account or for any Reward GIP Account.

B. $1.00 (one dollar) for each Reward Credit Card Account for which the annual fee is paid by the Customer. If no annual fee is assessed by Bank (other than as a result of a courtesy waiver by Bank), then such Royalty will be paid for each Reward Credit Card Account which: 1) has a balance greater than zero as of the last processing day of every twelfth month after the opening of that Reward Credit Card Account; and 2) has had active charging privileges for each of the preceding twelve months. A Reward Credit Card Account may renew every twelve (12) months after the opening of the account.

C. 0.20% (twenty basis points) of all retail purchase transaction dollar volume generated by Customers using a consumer Reward Credit Card Account (excluding those transactions that (1) relate to refunds, returns and/or unauthorized transactions, and/or (2) are cash equivalent transactions (e.g., the purchase of wire transfers, money orders, bets, lottery tickets, or casino gaming chips)).

D. $15.00 (fifteen dollars) for each Reward GIP Account opened, which remains open for at least ninety (90) consecutive days and which is utilized by the Customer within the first ninety (90) consecutive days of the Reward GIP Account’s opening for at least one purchase or cash advance which is not subsequently rescinded, the subject of a charge back request, or otherwise disputed. Such Reward GIP Accounts will not qualify for any other opening-of-an-account Royalty.

II. EMERGING CREDIT CARD ACCOUNT ROYALTIES

Emerging Credit Card Account Royalty compensation provisions will not affect any other Royalty compensation provisions contained in the Agreement, and the Royalty compensation provisions referencing any other form of Credit Card Accounts will not apply to Emerging Credit Card Accounts.

A. $1.00 (one dollar) for each new Emerging Credit Card Account opened, which remains open for at least ninety (90) consecutive days and which is utilized by the Customer within the first ninety (90) consecutive days of the Emerging Credit Card Account’s opening for at least one purchase or cash advance which is not subsequently rescinded, the subject of a charge back request, or otherwise disputed.
B. $1.00 (one dollar) for each Emerging Credit Card Account for which the annual fee is paid by the Customer. If no annual fee is assessed by Bank (other than as a result of a courtesy waiver by Bank), then such Royalty will be paid for each Emerging Credit Card Account which: 1) has a balance greater than zero as of the last processing day of every twelfth month after the opening of that Emerging Credit Card Account; and 2) has had active charging privileges for each of the preceding twelve months.

C. 0.20% (twenty basis points) of all retail purchase transaction dollar volume generated by Customers using an Emerging Credit Card Account (excluding those transactions that (1) relate to refunds, returns and/or unauthorized transactions, and/or (2) are cash equivalent transactions (e.g., the purchase of wire transfers, person to person money transfers, bets, lottery tickets, or casino gaming chips)).

D. $10.00 (ten dollars) for each Emerging Credit Card GIP Account opened, which remains open for at least ninety (90) consecutive days and which is utilized by the Customer within the first ninety (90) consecutive days of the Emerging Credit Card GIP Account’s opening for at least one purchase or cash advance which is not subsequently rescinded, the subject of a charge back request, or otherwise disputed. Such Emerging Credit Card GIP Accounts will not qualify for any other opening-of-an-account Royalty.

III. EMERGING CREDIT CARD REWARD ACCOUNT ROYALTIES

Emerging Credit Card Reward Account Royalty compensation provisions will not affect any other Royalty compensation provisions contained in the Agreement, and the Royalty compensation provisions referencing any other form of Credit Card Accounts will not apply to Emerging Credit Card Reward Account.

A. $1.00 (one dollar) for each new Emerging Credit Card Reward Account opened, which remains open for at least ninety (90) consecutive days and which is utilized by the Customer within the first ninety (90) consecutive days of the Emerging Credit Card Reward Account’s opening for at least one purchase or cash advance which is not subsequently rescinded, the subject of a charge back request, or otherwise disputed. This Royalty will not be paid for any Emerging Credit Card Account which, after opening, converts to an Emerging Credit Card Reward Account, or for any Emerging Credit Card Reward GIP Account.

B. $1.00 (one dollar) for each Emerging Credit Card Reward Account for which the annual fee is paid by the Customer. If no annual fee is assessed by Bank (other than as a result of a courtesy waiver by Bank), then such Royalty will be paid for each Emerging Credit Card Reward Account which: 1) has a balance greater than zero as of the last processing day of every twelfth month after the opening of that Emerging Credit Card Reward Account; and 2) has had active charging privileges for each of the preceding twelve months. An Emerging Credit Card Reward Account may renew every twelve months after the opening of the account.

C. 0.20% (twenty basis points) of all retail purchase transaction dollar volume generated by Customers using an Emerging Credit Card Reward Account (excluding those transactions that (1) relate to refunds, returns and/or unauthorized transactions, and/or (2) are cash equivalent transactions (e.g., the purchase of wire transfers, bets, lottery tickets, or casino gaming chips)).
D. $10.00 (ten dollars) for each Emerging Credit Card Reward GIP Account opened, which remains open for at least ninety (90) consecutive days and which is utilized by the Customer within the first ninety (90) consecutive days of the Emerging Credit Card Reward GIP Account’s opening for at least one purchase or cash advance which is not subsequently rescinded, the subject of a charge back request, or otherwise disputed. Such Emerging Credit Card Reward GIP Accounts will not qualify for any other opening-of-an-account Royalty.
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We saw a dramatic decrease in advertising income with my final Trend. I believe this was because many members did not know if I was still the Editor.

We have seen more increases in both international and U.S. postal rates. This is the primary reason the Trend is increasing in per copy cost above.

This is my final report on the Trend, as the June/July ‘07 TICA Trend was my final issue as Editor. Thank you for your confidence in me over the past 10 1/2 years. I have enjoyed my years as the TICA Trend Editor and I have found that TICA truly is “For Fabulous Felines, Fun & Friendships!”

Yours,
Cathy Welch
TICA Trend Editor
13.1 Qualifications. Membership shall be open to any individual person who is interested in owning, breeding or exhibiting domesticated cats. New members must complete the application for membership which includes an agreement to abide by the rules and regulations of the Association, and pay the required fee for membership dues. A member’s region of record is the region where the member resides.

Rationale: Requiring ownership of a cat or cattery has been detrimental to TICA’s growth, especially in new developing areas.
Amend By-Laws 17.3 Duties of Regional Directors

Current rule:

17.3.1 The Regions shall be represented by Regional Directors. The Regional Directors shall have charge of the efficient operation of the Regions including but not limited to scheduling shows for the Regions, the appointment of Deputy Regional Directors, the promotion of Regional Awards, the promotion of judging schools and seminars in conjunction with shows, the recruitment of new clubs and new members of the Association, the dissemination of information to the clubs in the Regions and the Board of Directors and all other duties delegated to that office by these By-Laws or the Board of Directors.

17.3.2 The Regional Directors shall attempt to resolve complaints which have been filed or called to the attention of an official of TICA.

Add the following:

17.3.3 The Regional Director shall appoint a Regional Treasurer who will be in charge of all regional funds.

17.3.4 The Regional Director shall give a report to the regional members.

17.3.4.1 At a regional meeting held in conjunction with a show, the Regional Director shall give the membership a financial report at least every quarter.

17.3.4.2. The Regional Director shall submit to the TREND editor a regional financial report to be printed in the December/January issue of the TREND.

Rules Comments:

Laurie Schiff - I really think we need to keep any mention of a regional treasurer or that sort of thing out of the rules -- if we exert control over those types of things, income may be attributable to TICA. Actually, I'd feel much more comfortable with an opinion from Vickie or someone that has a clue about taxes (I really, really don't) when dealing with exerting control over money (which is why our clubs are all completely independent). Also, mandating the appointment of a regional treasurer opens another can of worms - like how is that individual screened, etc, which I would much rather we don't touch.

Alice Rhea - I do not like making rules to take care of a perceived problem with one person or small group of people. I know one is very vocal about the lack of membership oversight in the regional treasury, but the membership can decline to contribute if they are unhappy with the way finances are handled, or think they should have more control or more information. Most regional funds are very properly handled. I recommend that we leave that sleeping dog right there in front of the fireplace. He looks like he might bite.
Amend By-Law 18.1.1 Contracts (Board Directive)

18.1.1 The Business Manager/Executive Secretary shall be an employee of the Association, employed by contract specifying a salary and signed by the Secretary and the President with approval of the majority of the Board. Board of Directors.

Rationale: Eliminates potential issues when a board member is not present at a meeting, or refuses to sign the agreement that has been approved by a majority of the board.
Amend Registration Rules 33.1 through 33.3 - New Breed Registration Process

Replace the current 33.1 through 33.3 with the following:

33.1 Registration of New Breeds. New Breeds shall be recognized as follows:

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.

33.1.2 Transfer New Breed - A breed accepted for championship competition in another cat association. Transfer New Breeds shall be registered in either the Stud Book Registry or the Foundation Registry (See 36.2, 36.3, 36.4, 36.5, 36.6). Formal approval of the Board of Directors is REQUIRED for Registration Only Breed status.

33.2 Classification of Registrations. A breed shall be classified for registration as one of the following:

33.2.1 Domestic Hybrid Breed - A breed developed from a deliberate cross between two existing domestic breeds, incorporating characteristics of both parental breeds into the new breed.

33.2.2 Domestic x Non-Domestic Source Species Hybrid Breed - A breed being developed by means of deliberate foundation crosses between domestic cats and a single non-domestic source species.

33.2.3 Native Breed - A breed identified through selection of phenotypically similar individuals from a naturally occurring population indigenous to a particular geographic region.

33.2.4 Mutation Breed - A breed which has been defined by the introduction of new gene(s) not present in an established breed.

33.2.5 Household Pet - A household pet which has been altered shall be accepted for registration regardless of ancestry or phenotype (appearance). Board approval is not required to register a Household Pet.

33.3 Procedures for Acceptance for Registration. The Registration process begins as either an Experimental New Breed or as a Transfer New Breed.

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.)

33.3.2 A proposed breed name that is unique.

33.3.3 A proposed breed contact person.

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

33.3.3.1 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.

33.3.2 Transfer New Breed. A Transfer New Breed may apply for acceptance as a recognized breed for REGISTRATION ONLY by making application at least 90 days prior to the Board meeting at which acceptance is sought by submitting an
electronic application to each member of the Genetics Committee and each member of the Rules Committee. Following approval of the application by the Genetics Committee and Rules Committee, the application will be submitted by the Chair of the Rules Committee 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. Application for Registration Only Breed status must include the following: (applications available from the TICA Executive Office or at ticaeo.com)

- A brief description of the breed distinguishing it from other breeds recognized by the association
- A standard of the breed from another established cat association
- A proposed designation of Breed Classification (See 33.2)
- A proposed breed name that is unique
- A proposed two-letter registration code
- A proposed breeding program
- A proposed provisional Working Group Chair

33.3.2.1 It is understood that acceptance for Registration Only implies only that TICA agrees to provide registration facilities for development of the breed in question. There is no explicit or implied guarantee that TICA will accept the breed for championship either simultaneously or at any time in the future.

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
33.3.3.2 At least 10 cats of the breed have been registered in the Experimental Registry
33.3.3.3 At least 5 litters of the breed have been registered
33.3.3.4 At least 3 TICA members in good standing from 2 different Regions are on record
33.3.3.5 Submission of an electronic Application for Advancement to Registration Only Breed 90 days prior to the Board meeting at which recognition is sought to each member of the Genetics Committee and each member of the Rules Committee. Following approval of the application by the Genetics Committee and Rules Committee, the application will be submitted by the Chair of the Rules Committee 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. (applications available from the TICA Executive Office or at ticaeo.com)

33.3.3.5.1 Application must include the following: (applications available from the TICA Executive Office or at ticaeo.com)

- A brief description of the breed distinguishing it from other breeds recognized by the association
- A proposed breed name that is unique
- A proposed two-letter registration code
- A proposed breeding program
- A proposed designation of Breed Classification (See 33.2)
- A proposed provisional Working Group Chair
- Documentation of 33.3.3.1 through 33.3.3.4

33.3.4 A Notice of Intent to Apply for Advancement to REGISTRATION ONLY Breed status 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.

33.3.5 Upon official acceptance by the Board of Directors as a Registration Only Breed, cats will be registered in the Stud Book or Foundation Registry. (See 36.2, 36.3, 36.4, 36.5, 36.6) The approved two-letter registration prefix will be used (without EX).

33.3.6 It is understood that acceptance for advancement to Registration Only implies only that TICA agrees to provide registration facilities for development of the breed in question. There is no explicit or implied guarantee that TICA will accept the breed for championship either simultaneously or at any time in the future.

33.4 Breed Names.

33.4.1 A new breed may not use a name the same as or substantially similar to that of a recognized breed.

33.4.2 A breed name shall not be derogatory, nor shall it make unsubstantiated claims regarding the merits or geographic or genetic origins of the breed.

33.4.3 TICA may change a breed name at any time it is felt to be in the best interest of the association to do so. In such instances selection of a new name shall be by majority vote of the breed section with approval of the Board. If no clear majority of the breed section agrees on a new breed name, the Board may designate a breed name.

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.

NOTE: Renumber following beginning with “33.5 Championship Advancement Class Program” as the new numbering.
33.6 Preliminary New Breed Status.

33.6.1 Requirements for Application. A breed recognized for Registration Only Status may apply for Preliminary New Breed Status no sooner than 2 years after acceptance for Registration Only Status and upon completion of the following:

- At least 15 cats which have attained the age of 8 months are registered with TICA;
- At least 10 litters have been registered with TICA;
- At least five TICA members in good standing, in at least three different regions are actively breeding the breed ("actively breeding" means breeding at least one litter within the previous 2 years);
- Submission of an electronic Application for Acceptance as a Preliminary New Breed 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. Following approval of the 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 ticaeo.com)

  33.6.1.4.1 A Letter of Intent to apply for approval as a Preliminary New Breed, including a list of suggested people eligible to serve as Preliminary New Breed Working Group Chairperson and a list of the proposed Preliminary New Breed section members to be confirmed by the Board;
  33.6.1.4.2 A proposed breed name that is unique;
  33.6.1.4.3 A proposed breeding standard with permissible outcrosses, if any;
  33.6.1.4.4 A proposed processing fee of $50;
  33.6.1.4.5 A proposed two-letter breed designation code, which shall be automatically included in the Registration Rules upon approval as a Preliminary New Breed (if one has not been assigned previously);

33.6.1.5 A Notice of Intent to Apply for Advancement to Preliminary New Breed status 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.

- Any advancement to Preliminary New Breed status is entirely within the discretion of the Board of Directors. If accepted for Preliminary New Breed status, the Board shall appoint a liaison (or mentor) to work with the breed committee through the new breed process.
- The Preliminary New Breed Working Group Chairperson serves at the pleasure of the Board of Directors, and may be replaced at any time.

33.6.2 Competition and Exhibition.

- A member of a breed designated as a Preliminary New Breed may be entered in any TICA show in the Preliminary New Breed category provided the cat has a TICA Registration number. (203.1.1)
- Cats which have non-domestic ancestry may be entered in accordance with Show Rule 23.19 and Standing Rule 203. Preliminary New Breed cats appear in the catalog, and judge's books and judges shall include these cats in judging fees.

33.6.3 Preliminary New Breed Class Breed Committee.

- During the period of time a breed is designated Preliminary New Breed, the Preliminary New Breed Class Breed Committee will include all of the active TICA breeders of the breed and all members of the Genetics Committee.
- The Executive Office shall furnish the Preliminary New Breed Chairperson Working Group Chair and the Board appointed liaison with a list of the Preliminary New Breed Class Breed Committee section members.
- The Preliminary New Breed Class Breed Chairperson Working Group Chair shall provide an electronic report on the status of the breed development and other issues relevant to the breed to the Genetics Committee, the Rules Committee, and the Executive Office for inclusion in the Agenda at least 60 days prior to each Annual Meeting. Any member of the Genetics Committee or Rules Committee may submit comments on that report, or on any aspect of the breed, to the Board of Directors.
- If the report is not received by the Genetics Committee and the Executive Office at least 60 days in advance of the meeting, or if the report reflects lack of interest in the breed, the breed may be returned to Registration ONLY status until any requirements imposed by the Board of Directors have been met.
- The Executive Office shall forward a report on litter registrations and individual cat registrations for the breed to the Preliminary New Breed Working Group Chair each year after the Winter Meeting. This information shall be used in preparing the required breed report for the Annual Meeting. Such reports shall be published in the TREND.
33.7 **Advanced New Breed Class Status.**

33.7.1 **Requirements.** A Preliminary New Breed Class Breed may apply for Advanced New Breed status upon completion of the following:

33.7.1.1 At least 1 year has passed since the breed was first advanced to Preliminary New Breed Class Breed status.

33.7.1.2 At least 100 cats, which have attained the age of 8 months, are registered with TICA; of these at least fifty (50) must either correspond to requirements for the assigned registration category for Championship or have a registration code such that the offspring could be eligible for Championship.

33.7.1.3 At least 25 litters have been registered with TICA;

33.7.1.4 At least 25 TICA members in good standing, in at least five different regions are actively breeding the breed.

33.7.1.5 At least 15 individual cats of the breed have been shown in TICA shows. (NOTE: Kittens and alters may be included in this total but each cat only counts once toward the total, regardless of how many times the cat may have been shown.)

33.7.1.6 **Submission of an electronic Application for Acceptance as a Advanced New Breed 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 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 ticaeo.com)

- 33.7.1.6.1 A Letter of intent to apply for approval as an Advanced New Breed Breed, signed by at least ten TICA members in good standing:
- 33.7.1.6.2 A copy of the breed standard with any proposed changes.
- 33.7.1.6.3 A copy of the breeding program with any proposed changes.
- 33.7.1.6.4 A processing fee of $50;

33.7.1.7 A Notice of Intent to Apply for Advancement to Advanced New Breed Class Status 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.

33.7.1.8 Make a formal presentation at the meeting of the Board of Directors, including photographs, illustrations, statistics, health and breeding reports, representatives of the breed and any other relevant material.

33.7.2 The Board of Directors may approve, disapprove or impose additional requirements on the Advanced New Breed Class Breed, including, but not limited to, appointing a different Chairperson 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. The Board of Directors shall designate a member of the Genetics Committee as a liaison to the New Breed Committee.

33.7.2.1 Any advancement to Advanced New Breed Class status is entirely within the discretion of the Board of Directors.

33.7.2.2 The Advanced New Breed Class Breed Chairperson serves at the pleasure of the Board of Directors, and may be replaced at any time.

33.7.3 **Competition and Exhibition.**

33.7.3.1 A member of a breed designated as an Advanced New Breed may be entered in any TICA show in the Advanced New Breed class provided the cat has a TICA registration number (203.1.1) and provided that the cat meets the pedigree requirements for championship in the proposed registration category or has a registration status code such that its offspring could be eligible for Championship competition. Cats
which have non-domestic ancestry may be entered in accordance with Registration Rules 37.6.4, Show Rule 23.19 and Standing Rules 203.

33.7.3.1.1 Advanced New Breed cats appear in the catalog and judges' books and judges shall include these cats in judging fees.

33.7.4 Advanced New Breed Committee.

33.7.4.1 During the period of time a breed is designated an Advanced New Breed, the Advanced New Breed Class Breed Committee will include all of the active TICA breeders of the breed and all members of the Genetics Committee.

33.7.4.1.1 The Advanced New Breed Class Breed Chairperson Working Group Chair shall be appointed by the Board.

33.7.4.2 The Executive Office shall furnish the Advanced New Breed Chairperson Working Group Chair and Board appointed liaison with a list of the New Breed Committee members.

33.7.4.3 The Advanced New Breed Chairperson Working Group Chair shall provide an electronic report on the status of the breed development and other issues relevant to the breed to the Genetics Committee, the Rules Committee, and the Executive Office for inclusion in the Agenda at least 60 days prior to each Annual Meeting. Any member of the Genetics Committee or Rules Committee may submit comments on that report, or on any aspect of the breed, to the Board of Directors.

33.7.4.4 If the report is not received by the Genetics Committee and the Executive Office at least 60 days in advance of the meeting, or if the report reflects a lack of interest in the breed, the breed may be returned to Preliminary New Breed or Registration ONLY status until any requirements imposed by the Board of Directors have been met.

33.7.4.5 The Executive Office shall forward a report on litter registrations and individual cat registrations for the breed to the Advanced New Breed Working Group Chair each year after the Winter Meeting. This information shall be used in preparing the required breed report for the Annual Meeting. Such reports shall be published in the TREND.

33.8 Championship Status. Requirements. An Advanced New Breed may apply for Championship Status upon completion of the following:

33.8.1 At least 1 year has passed since the breed was first advanced from Preliminary New Breed status.

33.8.2 A minimum of 200 adults registered of which 100 are potentially eligible for championship competition.

33.8.3 List of at least 100 shows at which cats have been exhibited, including regions and judges.

33.8.4 List of 25 individual cats that have been shown, including registration numbers and regions shown. (See 33.6.5.)

33.8.5 List of judges who have judged the breed. (At least two-thirds of active licensed judges must have judged the breed.)

33.8.6 The North American regions are represented by a minimum of fifteen breeders who are TICA members in good standing actively breeding the breed.

33.8.7 At least 25 unique cats shown in the Advanced New Breed Class including entries shown in at least two-thirds of the North American regions and two unique cats shown in each of two non-North American regions during the year preceding the application.

33.8.8 Submission of an electronic Application for Advancement to Championship 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 the proposal by the Genetics Committee and Rules Committee, the application must be submitted by the ANB 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 ticaeo.com)

33.8.8.1 A Letter of Intent to apply for approval as a Championship Breed, signed by at least ten TICA members in good standing;
33.8.8.2 A proposed breed standard which includes the approval of each member of the Genetics Committee;
33.8.8.3 A proposed breeding program;
33.8.8.4 A processing fee of $50.

33.8.9 A Notice of Intent to Apply for Advancement to Championship Status 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.

33.8.10 Make a formal presentation at the meeting of the Board of Directors, including photographs, illustrations, statistics, health and breeding reports, examples of the breed and any other relevant material.

33.8.11 The Board of Directors may approve, disapprove or impose additional requirements on the breed which the Board of Directors, entirely in their discretion, may require.

33.8.12 No breed may recognize for championship cats which are phenotypically indistinguishable from an already established breed; that is, each breed recognized for championship must be unique. However, this restriction does not apply to registration. Such cats are acceptable for registration and breeding purposes.

33.8.13 If the breed is approved for Championship, a Breed Committee shall be elected in the next regular election.

33.8.14 Meeting the requirements set forth in these rules does not guarantee advancement. The Board of Directors shall judge each request for advancement on a case by case basis.

33.8.15 Every NEW breed must meet the following requirements in each of the next three show years following acceptance in order to retain championship status:

33.8.15.1 Register a minimum of 25 additional cats of the breed.
33.8.15.2 Exhibit a minimum of 10 individual cats of the breed in at least 15 rings in at least 3 regions.
33.8.15.3 Have at least 5 TICA members in a minimum of 3 regions who are actively breeding the breed.

33.8.16 It is the responsibility of the Breed Committee to document that all requirements have been met by providing a report to the Genetics Committee, the Rules Committee and the Executive Office. Failure to meet the requirements of 33.8.15 will result in the breed being returned to Advanced New Breed status.
33.9 New Traits of a Championship Breed.

303.9 Trait: A visible distinguishing characteristic.

33.9.1 Any new trait or traits of a Championship Breed, not recognized for competition in the kitten, cat or alter class of that breed, may be exhibited in the New Traits Class. New Traits Class cats appear in the catalog and judges' books and judges include these cats in judging fees.

33.9.2 Requirements for Championship Status. A new trait or traits may apply for Championship Status upon completion of the following:

33.9.2.1 At least ten individual examples of the new trait or traits have been shown, documented on the approved form.

33.9.2.2 At least ten TICA members in good standing actively breeding and/or exhibiting the new trait or traits in the New Traits Class, documented on the approved form.

33.9.2.3 A minimum number of cats expressing the new trait or traits have been registered in the 3 years prior to application as follows:

33.9.2.3.1 Ten cats in breeds registering fewer than 100 cats OR

33.9.2.3.2 Ten percent of the cats registered, not to exceed 50 cats, for those breeds registering 100 or more cats.

33.9.2.3.3 When registering a cat with a new trait other than color, the "non-standard" box on the blue slip must be checked and the trait(s) indicated on the blue slip in order to facilitate tracking.

33.9.2.4 Submission of an electronic Application for Advancement to Championship to each member of the Breed Committee, (and if part of a Breed Group, to each member of each Breed Committee in the Breed Group), each member of the Genetics Committee, and each member of the Rules Committee, at least 120 days before the applicable Board meeting. The application must be signed by at least ten TICA members in good standing (applications available from the TICA Executive Office or at ticaeo.com)

33.9.2.4.1 Any required standard changes must be included in the application.

33.9.2.5 Following approval of the Genetics Committee and the Rules Committee, and at least 90 days prior to the applicable Board meeting, the approved application shall be submitted by the Breed Committee Chair to the Executive Office for polling of the Breed Sections. The application shall include comments of the Genetics Committee on the genetic validity of the new trait or traits and any comments of the Rules Committee.

33.9.2.6 Upon receipt of the application marked as approved, the Executive Office shall issue a poll to all members of the related Breed Section(s). Polls must be returned to the TICA Ballot Judge no later than 30 days from the date of issue. In cases of a Breed Group, a majority of the Breed Section Members voting in EACH of the Breed Groups, must vote to approve the new trait or traits in order to advance to championship status. The results of the poll shall be included in the meeting agenda with the application.

33.9.2.6.1 The expense of any poll shall be the financial responsibility of the individuals requesting the poll.

33.9.2.6.2 At the request of those breeders working with the new trait or traits:

33.9.2.6.3 All polls have been sent to the TICA Ballot Judge for counting.

33.9.2.6.4 The poll has included the original letter of intent and the report of the Genetics Committee members.

33.9.2.6.5 A majority of the Breed Section Members voting, vote to approve the new trait or traits. In cases of a Breed Group, a majority of the Breed Section Members voting in EACH of the Breed Groups, votes to approve the new trait or traits forwarded to the Executive Office by the Ballot Judge for inclusion in the Agenda and to each member of the Genetics Committee at least 60 days prior to the meeting of the Board of Directors.

33.9.2.7 A Notice of Intent to Apply for Advancement to Championship Status 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.

33.9.3 Meeting the requirements set forth in these rules does not guarantee advancement. The Board of Directors shall judge each request for advancement on a case by case basis.
Amend Show Rules 21.73 Congress Formats

Amend 21.73 as follows:

OPTION 1

21.73.1 ALL Congresses shall be judged as SPECIALTY Rings. Congresses which include both longhair and shorthair breeds of cats must be judged by an Allbreed judge.

OR

OPTION 2

21.73.1 Congresses which include breeds of cats of a single coat length (i.e. longhair or shorthair) shall be judged as SPECIALTY rings. Congresses which include breeds of cats of both coat lengths (i.e. longhair and shorthair) shall be judged as ALLBREED rings.
Amend Show Rule 27.1, 27.2 & Related Standing Rule 207.1.1 & 207.1.2 (TICA EO)

27.1  CHAMPION/CHAMPION ALTER/MASTER: An eligible male or female cat registered in TICA shall be entitled to the prefix "CHAMPION", an eligible neuter or spay cat registered in TICA shall be entitled to the prefix "CHAMPION ALTER", and an eligible TICA registered household pet shall be entitled to the prefix "MASTER" when it has won a minimum of 300 points under no less than 4 different judges and acquired a minimum of 1 final. AND confirmation applied for. However, in such isolated areas as defined in Standing Rules 1012.3, cats will be entitled to Champion, Champion Alter or Master status by being awarded no less than 150 points under no less than 2 different judges, and acquired a minimum of 1 final. AND confirmation applied for.

27.2  GRAND CHAMPION/GRAND CHAMPION ALTER/GRAND MASTER: An eligible male or female cat registered in TICA shall be entitled to the prefix "GRAND CHAMPION", an eligible neuter or spay cat registered in TICA shall be entitled to the prefix "GRAND CHAMPION ALTER", and an eligible, TICA registered household pet shall be entitled to the prefix "GRAND MASTER" when it has won a minimum of 1,000 points, and acquired a minimum of 6 finals under no less than 4 different judges, three of which are within the Top 5 Cats in a specialty ring or Top 10 Cats in an allbreed ring AND confirmation applied for. However, in such isolated areas as defined in Standing Rules 1012.3, cats will be entitled to Grand Champion, Grand Champion Alter or Grand Master status by being awarded no less than 500 points, and acquired a minimum of 3 final awards under no less than 2 different judges, one of which is within the Top 5 Cats in a specialty ring or Top 10 cats in an allbreed ring. AND confirmation applied for.

Related Standing Rules

207.1.1 Requirements for Titles. All points earned are cumulative. After earning the points required for one title, any remaining points apply to the next title.

207.1.1.1 Champion HHP Requirements for Titles (Points are cumulative)

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207.1.1.2 Isolated Areas:

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207.1.1.3 More than one title can be earned in a single show (subject to later confirmation by the Executive Office), except that the Best Cat/Alter/HHP Final for a SGC/SGA/SGM MUST be earned at a later show than the show at which the title of QGC/QGA/QGM is earned.

Rationale: The intent of this proposal is to bring the rule into compliance with the actual practice used to confirm titles in the TICA EO. If the rule, as currently written, were followed to the letter, a cat could only confirm one title per show. That was not the original intent of the rule.
210.7 An exhibitor shall not request that his entry(ies) be judged separately from the regular class(es) for the entry(ies).

210.7.1 If an exhibitor does not wish his entries handled by a trainee that may be present, he shall notify the clerk in that ring that the cat will be absent from that ring.

Comments:
NP - I believe that this rule takes away a basic right of the an exhibitor to choose who does or does not handle his/her cat. On the other hand, I also believe that it shows no respect for the trainee.
 Amend Show Rules 216.4 Handling (Clarification)

216.4 Judges must handle and physically examine all cats entered in the show—presented in the ring except as provided in ARTICLE THREE of the Registration Rules. No awards may be given to cats that have not been handled and physically examined by the judge.
Amend Show Rules 216.12, 216.12.1 and 216.12.2

Option 1. (Nancy Parkinson)

216.12 Many abnormalities which are detected in judging are not breed specific, but, rather occur in all cats. Responsible breeding aims to conserve our breeds while maintaining their health which means focusing on reducing or eliminating these abnormalities. **Household Pets are excepted from this rule because they are not the result of planned breeding programs.**

**Except as otherwise stated in this rule, judges shall penalize or disqualify, depending upon severity,** championship cats, non-championship kittens, Preliminary New Breeds (PNB), Advanced New Breeds (ANB), and New Traits Class (NT) [see TICA Standing Rules 701.4.3], and shall penalize championship alters for the following:

216.12.1 All or part of the tail missing, except when a Board approved standard requires all or part of the tail to be missing. *This provision DOES NOT apply to cats shown in the New Traits class*

216.12.2. Having more or less than five toes on each front foot and four on each back foot unless proved to be the result of an injury, or is authorized by a Board approved standard. *This provision DOES NOT apply to cats shown in the New Traits class*

Rationale: Preliminary New Breeds should be included in this section. It makes no sense to include Advanced New Breeds and New Traits, but omit Preliminary New Breeds. New Traits should be considered as they arise, such as tail or toe issues.

Option 2. (Alice Rhea)

216.12 Many abnormalities which are detected in judging are not breed specific, but, rather occur in all cats. Responsible breeding aims to conserve our breeds while maintaining their health which means focusing on reducing or eliminating these abnormalities. **Household Pets are excepted from this rule because they are not the result of planned breeding programs.**

**Except as otherwise stated in this rule, judges shall penalize or disqualify, depending upon severity,** championship cats, non-championship kittens, Preliminary New Breeds (PNB), and Advanced New Breeds (ANB), and New Traits Class (NT) [see TICA Standing Rules 701.4.3], and shall penalize championship alters for the following:

Rationale: Preliminary New Breeds should be included just as Advanced New Breeds currently are. Penalizing New Traits defeats the whole point of the New Traits class.
Amend Show Rules 217.5 and 217.6
To become effective on May 1 after the uniform division changes are implemented in the EO

Option 1.

Make NO changes. All household pet entries continue to receive a first place or merit award as currently outlined in 217.6.1 and adult household pets receive division awards in accordance with the new divisions as outlined in 217.6.2

Option 2.

217.5 Championship, and Kitten and Household Pet Classes.

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2017.5 (2017.6) Household Pet Color Classification. Each household pet may be presented to an Allbreed Judge in order to determine the correct color on each entry, prior to the start of judging, and that classification will hold throughout the entire show.

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217.5.1 Each judge shall select and place a first, second, third, fourth and fifth place award in each color class, except as provided in 216.7 or in the Household Pet Standard.

217.5.2 When a cat is judged, but receives less than 5th best of color, the judge shall clearly mark a dash (-) in the space in the judge's book where an award would have been placed to indicate that the cat was handled and judged.

217.5.3 Each judge shall select and place Best, Second and Third Best of Division, except as provided in 216.7 or in the Household Pet Standard. These selections are made from the Best, Second and Third Best of Color class awards.

217.5.4 Each judge shall select and place Best, Second and Third Best of Breed awards, except in Household Pet classes, and except as provided in 216.7. These selections are made from all of the Best, Second and Third Best of Division awards.

217.5.5 Division awards and Breed awards shall be posted in the judge's book after each division and breed, respectively. If provision for these awards is not made in the judge's book, the judge must hand-write it in.

217.6 Household Pets.

217.6.1 All household pet entries, adult and kitten, receive a first place or merit award, except as noted in the Withhold All Awards section of the Household Pet standard.

217.6.2 At the end of each adult household pet division, the judge shall select and place Best, Second and Third Best of division for each respective household pet division. The selections shall be posted in the judge's book.

217.6.3 Household pet kittens do not receive division awards.

Rules Comments:

DB - If we are indeed going to adopt a "PROPOSAL TO REVISE THE CATEGORIES AND DIVISIONS FOR UNIFORMITY OF SHOWING ALL CATS...", then it seems to me that we need to consider uniformity in the way awards are given.

BT - I don't see where making colors and divisions the same across the Board has anything to do with giving all HHPs a merit award. HHPs are many exhibitors introduction to the world of showing and we all know that the professional HHPs would take the color awards if the cats were ranked while the shelter cats or beginners cats would fall behind maybe just due to grooming. It could be very discouraging and a deterrent to them coming back.
Move By-Law 118.1.3 to Reg. Rules, Art 3 as outlined below:

**CURRENT**

118.1.3 In order to retain championship competition status, every new breed accepted for championship competition shall, in each of the next 3 show years following such acceptance, register a minimum of 25 additional cats of said breed per year, maintain a minimum of five TICA members in good standing in at least three regions who are actively raising the breed, and exhibit a minimum of ten specimens of the breed in at least fifteen rings in each of three regions per year.

**PROPOSED**

Add to Reg. Rules 33.8 (new numbering):

33.8.15 Every NEW breed must meet the following requirements in each of the next three show years following acceptance in order to retain championship status:
   Register a minimum of 25 additional cats of the breed.
   33.8.15.2 Exhibit a minimum of 10 individual cats of the breed in at least 15 rings in at least 3 regions.
   33.8.15.3 Have at least 5 TICA members in a minimum of 3 regions who are actively breeding the breed.

33.8.16 It is the responsibility of the Breed Committee to document that all requirements have been met by providing a report to the Genetics Committee, the Rules Committee and the Executive Office. Failure to meet the requirements of 33.7.15 will result in the breed being returned to Advanced New Breed status.

**Rationale:** Since the membership voted not to delete By-Law 118.1.3 on the 2006 October Ballot, the rule needs to be moved to the correct place. The rule belongs in the Registration Rules with the requirements for advancement of new breeds.
Amend Judging Program 42.3.1 & 42.3.2

42.3.1 For Breeders. Prior to application, must:
   42.3.1.1 Have bred a minimum of five TICA registered litters.
   42.3.1.2 Have shown in at least 25 TICA shows (back-to-back shows will be considered as one show).
   42.3.1.3 Have shown to TICA Grand Champion status a minimum of four cats, as follows:
       42.3.1.3.1 Three of the four must be unaltered.
       42.3.1.3.2 One of the four must have been bred by the applicant; any cat not bred by the applicant must be acquired by 5 months of age and must live with the applicant from the time the cat is acquired until the requisite title is achieved.

   42.3.1.3.2.1 For developing areas of TICA where quarantine or equivalent restrictions exist, the requirement to acquire a kitten at 5 months of age or younger may be waived by the Board as follows:
       • Proof that the kitten cannot come out of quarantine until it reaches a specified age up to one year;
       • The kitten/cat has not been shown or earned any titles prior to the applicant’s showing of the cat as part of the Judging Program requirement.

   42.3.1.3.3 One of the three unaltered cats must have achieved the title of Supreme Grand Champion.
   42.3.1.3.4 One of the three unaltered cats must have received a Regional Win in the Top 20 Allbreed Cats.
   42.3.1.3.5 One of the four must be a cat of opposite body type and coat length Selection of the breed of cat of opposite body type and coat length must be approved by the Judging Administrator.

42.3.2 For Non-Breeders. Prior to application must:
   42.3.2.1 Have acquired all qualifying cats at 5 months of age or younger.

   42.3.2.1.1 For developing areas of TICA where quarantine or equivalent restrictions exist, the requirement to acquire a kitten at 5 months of age or younger may be waived by the Board as follows:
       • Proof that the kitten cannot come out of quarantine until it reaches a specified age up to one year;
       • The kitten/cat has not been shown or earned any titles prior to the applicant’s showing of the cat as part of the Judging Program requirement.

   42.3.2.2 Have shown a minimum of five cats from both longhaired and shorthaired breeds to TICA Grand Champion or Grand Champion Alter status with no fewer than three from one body type and coat length.
       42.3.2.2.1 Three of the five Grand Champions or Grand Champion Alternatives must achieve the title of Supreme Grand Champion or Supreme Grand Champion Alter.
       42.3.2.2.2 One of the Supreme Grand Champions or Supreme Grand Champion Alternatives must be a different body type and coat length from the primary body type and coat length.
   42.3.2.2 Have achieved a minimum of three Regional Wins in the Top 10 Allbreed Cats or Alternatives.
   42.3.2.2.1 One Regional Winner must be in the opposite body type and coat length from the primary body type and coat length.
   42.3.2.3 Have shown in 25 TICA shows (back-to-back shows will be considered one show).
Amend Judging Program 43.3.1 and 44.2 for Developing Areas (Board Directive)

43.3.1 Training will consist of:
- 43.3.1.1 A minimum of 40 ring training sessions.
- 43.3.1.2 A minimum of four solo judging sessions. Solo judging cannot be started until all ring training sessions have been completed.

For developing areas of TICA which are isolated or remote (such as, but not limited to, South America, Russia, Korea) a Trainee must complete the requirements of 43.3.2, 43.3.3, 43.3.5 and 43.3.6 WITH THE FOLLOWING EXCEPTIONS:
- Must complete 20 training sessions, 5 of which must be completed with Licensed Ring Instructors
- Must complete 2 solo sessions, both of which may be completed in the Trainee’s region of residence with any Approved Allbreed Judge.

Upon completion of these requirements, the Trainee may apply for a Probationary Specialty License in (Country, Region). See 44.2.

43.3.2 Ring Training.
- 43.3.2.1 Ring training consists of handling a minimum or 40 kittens, cats, alters, household pets or new breeds. The selection of the cats for training is at the training judge’s discretion. Training may consist of handling full classes (such as championship cats, etc.) or handling full breeds or breed groups (such as the Persian Breed Group or Maine Coon kittens, cats and alters, etc.). The trainee is expected to handle his or her own cat(s) during the training session without calling attention to the ownership of the cat. The trainee is expected to remain in the judging ring until dismissed by the instructor.
- 43.3.2.2 There may be no more than two training sessions per show weekend. A “show weekend” is defined as a 1-day, 2-day or 3-day show. Only one training session is permitted per day.
- 43.3.2.3 The trainee may train with any Approved Allbreed Judge. At least ten of these judges must be Licensed Ring Instructors.
- 43.3.2.4 North American trainees shall train in a minimum of six North American Regions. It is strongly suggested that ALL trainees train Internationally at least once.

43.3.3 Solo Training.
- 43.3.3.1 Solo judging consists of handling no fewer than 20 entries (or of handling the entire class if fewer than 20 cats are present,) as directed by the instructor, marking the judge’s book correctly, hanging ribbons and presenting final awards. Trainees must furnish their own rosettes for their solo finals.
- 43.3.3.2 A solo training session may not be done on the same day as a ring training session. Solo judging may take place before the show begins, during the show or after the completion of the show, under the direction of the instructor.
- 43.3.3.3 At least two of the four solo training sessions must be done outside the region of residence or beyond 500 miles from the trainee’s residence.
- 43.3.3.4 At least three of the solo judging sessions must be with Licensed Ring Instructors.

44.2 When the training portion of the program has been completed, the trainee shall send the completed Application for Advancement to Probationary Specialty Judge to the Trainee Coordinator, the Allbreed Sponsor and the Judging Administrator to be received by May 15th for application at the Annual or by November 15th for application at the Semi-Annual.

44.2.1 Trainees in developing areas completing the requirements outlined in 43.3.1.3 may apply for a Local Probationary Specialty License in (Country, Region). This license will allow the individual to judge ONLY in the specific area noted on the license.

44.2.1.1 Upon completing an additional 20 ring training sessions OR 20 judging assignments OR a combination of ring training and judging, the individual may apply to the Judging Administrator for an unrestricted Probationary Specialty License. In order to advance to Approved Specialty, the Probationary Specialty judge must judge an additional 20 shows. See 44.6.
Amend Standing Rule 106.4.5

Current rule:

106.4.5 Feline Welfare Committee. To give the Board of Directors recommendations on programs to be undertaken by TICA to promote feline welfare and responsible breeding.

Amend to read:

106.4.5 The role of the Feline Welfare Committee is to assist in resolving complaints made to TICA about the welfare of cats, to aid and assist breeders who may need or request help, to promote the Responsible Breeder Program, to create and assist in the implementation of a breeder mentoring program or other programs to assist TICA members with feline welfare issues, and to make recommendations to the Board of Directors on programs to promote feline welfare and responsible breeding.
209.1.1.4 Marked Catalogs. The show committee is required to forward (via first class mail or better) one completely marked catalog to the Executive Office of TICA, the regional reporters and the appropriate regional director within 48 hours after the close of the show. As an alternative to mailing, clubs are encouraged to submit a copy of the marked catalog via email in an electronic format known to be readable by the Executive Office, within 72 hours after the close of the show. The show committee is required to forward one completely marked catalog to the judging administrator, to each judge, the master clerk and to any person who ordered a marked catalog NO LATER THAN 7 DAYS AFTER THE SHOW. The show committee shall also send a catalog marked with the finals page(s) and the appropriate breed awards to each certified ring clerk within 7 days after the show.
Amend Standing Rules 601 & 901.4.3 Scoring for RW & IW (TICA EO)

601.1 Unregistered Cats. Unregistered cats may be shown only once in TICA without a registration number. All points and/or wins for titles and/or Annual Awards acquired by an unregistered cat in the second and/or subsequent shows shall be irrevocably lost. The exhibitor is obligated to furnish the registration number to the entry clerk or master clerk and the Executive Office. In order to obtain credit for any points and/or wins received at the first show where the cat, kitten, alter, household pet adult or household pet kitten, was shown as unregistered, the owner must notify the Executive Office in writing requesting the first show to be credited and stating the name, date and location of the show, and the name of cat, breed (if applicable), registration number, and entry number.

601.2.2 No scoring is done in the Executive Office unless the correct registration number is in the scored catalog (excluding Household Pet Kittens) or the owner notifies the Executive Office as above. (See 601.1)

601.2.25 No scoring is done in the Executive Office unless the registration number is in the scored catalog (excluding Household Pet Kittens)

901.4.3 Calculation of Regional and International Awards. The Executive Office will accumulate the scores of each registered cat, kitten, alter and household pet as well as household pet kittens as shown in the marked catalogs from all TICA sanctioned cat shows held during the period May 1st through April 30th (show year). NO cat, kitten, alter, household pet or household pet kitten shall receive a regional or international award unless it has a TICA registration number.

RATIONALE:

Now that the scoring program is being completed, it is difficult to track unregistered household pet kittens between catalogs. The kittens are listed with different names, different birthdates, different owners, and the current rule permits owners to perpetuate these discrepancies in the catalogs which makes accurate scoring impossible. This rule change would prevent the changing of birthdates to place HHP kittens in better positions for judging and would give the EO a way of researching awards for HHP kittens. Last year (2005-2006 show year), there were 102 unregistered HHP kittens out of 191 in the regional awards and 5 unregistered HHP kittens in the international awards. That means that 102 HHP kittens received notifications, certificates, plaques and rosettes and they were never even registered with our association. In the 2007 show year there are 111 out of 209 in the regional awards and 3 international winners. These statistics show that in each show year of 2006 and 2007, 53% of the household pet kittens remained unregistered. The costs of these various awards/scoring is considerable when you discover that there was no revenue for the association deriving from these cats.

The EO currently confirms titles for cats shown more than once as pending, hence the deletion of “titles and/or” from 601.1. This rule only refers to scoring for regional and international wins.
Amend Standing Rules 903.1 Annual Show (Clarification)

903.1 TICA Annual Show Meeting/Awards Banquet Guidelines. The Annual Show, and the club or clubs producing that show, shall comply with any sponsorship agreements that TICA may have with corporate sponsors as of the date the Annual Show is to be held, regardless of whether or not such agreements are in place at the time of the award of the Annual Show to the club or clubs producing that show. Clubs hosting an annual show and banquet are expected to conduct the show and banquet according to these guidelines. In the event a club has good cause to deviate from these guidelines, a request to do so must be submitted, in writing, to the Annual Meeting Liaison to the Board of Directors not less than 30 days prior to the Semi-Annual Winter Meeting immediately preceding the Annual Meeting, and specify the guideline for which deviation is requested, and the reason for the request. The Board may then approve or deny the request.
Amend Standing Rules 905.1 TVRB Program

905.1 TICA Voluntary Responsible Breeder Program Protocols.

905.1.1 The TICA Voluntary Responsible Breeder Program will be known as the TVRB Program. A participant in the program will be known as a VRB (Voluntary Responsible Breeder).

905.1.2 Only one person may be named on the Voluntary Code of Ethics.

905.1.3 The TICA Executive Office shall note consecutive years of participation in the TICA Cattery Inspection Program (Outstanding Cattery or Cattery of Merit). If the current date of inspection is no more than 60 days past the prior year’s inspection, the notation of years of participation will be printed on the current cattery certificate.

905.1.4 References to “Outstanding Cattery” or “Cattery of Merit” on any material (i.e. web site, advertising, etc.) issued by the cattery must include the date that these designations were last earned.
• 109.1.1.3 In the event no club submits an acceptable proposal, any club in any region may submit a proposal to host the Annual Convention by the agenda deadline for the Semi-Annual Winter Meeting 2½ years prior to the convention and a notice soliciting such proposals shall be published in the TICA TREND.

• 1017.1 Amendments. Proposals to amend the Show rules and Registration Rules shall be considered by the Board of Directors at annual or semi-annual regularly scheduled meetings. Proposals from the membership must be in writing and received by the Rules Committee no later than 90 days prior to the opening day of the meeting to allow time for review in order to reach the Executive Office 60 days prior to the opening day of the meeting. Proposals received by the Rules Committee after the 90-day deadline will be placed on the following meeting agenda. Proposals are to be submitted according to ARTICLE SEVENTEEN of the TICA By-Laws.

• 1018.2 Amendments. Proposals to amend Standards shall be considered by the Board of Directors at annual or semi-annual regularly scheduled meetings and must be in writing and received in accordance with ARTICLE EIGHTEEN, 118.2 of the TICA By-Laws. Proposals must be received by the Genetics and Rules Committee no later than 120 days prior to the opening day of the meeting. Proposals received after the 120-day deadline will be placed on the following meeting agenda.

• 1024.1 Amendments. Proposals to amend the By-Laws shall be considered by the Board of Directors at annual or semi-annual regularly scheduled meetings. Proposals from the membership must be in writing and received by the Rules Committee no later than 90 days prior to the opening day of the meeting to allow time for review in order to reach the Executive Office 60 days prior to the opening day of the meeting. Proposals received by the Rules Committee after the 90-day deadline will be placed on the following meeting agenda. Proposals are to be submitted according to ARTICLE TWENTY-FOUR, 124.1.1 of the TICA By-Laws.

• 903.1 TICA Annual Meeting/Awards Banquet Guidelines. Clubs hosting an annual show and banquet are expected to conduct the show and banquet according to these guidelines. In the event a club has good cause to deviate from these guidelines, a request to do so must be submitted, in writing, to the Annual Meeting Liaison to the Board of Directors not less than 30 days prior to the Semi-Annual Winter Meeting immediately preceding the Annual Meeting, and specify the guideline for which deviation is requested, and the reason for the request. The Board may then approve or deny the request.

• 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 Semi-Annual Winter meeting must be submitted to the Regional Director by November 15th and to the Executive Office by December 15th.

• 903.8.2 The Regional Director shall discuss the names of the nominees at the Semi-Annual Winter meeting of the BOD in Executive Session. 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 Semi-Annual Winter 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.

• 903.9.1 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 Semi-Annual Winter meeting.
Add Entry Clerking License to Clerking Program

Add to the Clerking Manual as follows:

51.2.4.4 Licensed Entry Clerk

51.2.4.4.1 Eligibility for entrance in the Entry Clerk program is current membership in TICA

51.2.4.4.2 Each applicant must submit documentation of the following to the Clerking Administrator:

51.2.4.4.2.1 Attendance at an entry clerk seminar

51.2.4.4.2.2 Served as an entry clerk for a minimum of two shows. The applicant must submit favorable evaluations from each show signed by the show manager stating that the catalog was accurate; that the benching was done accurately, if applicable; that all entries were printed in the catalog and the judges' books; and that all entry fees were properly accounted for.

51.2.4.4.3 Experienced entry clerks are not required to attend an entry clerk seminar, but they must meet all other requirements.

51.2.4.4.3.1 An experienced entry clerk shall be one who has served as entry clerk for a minimum of three shows.

51.2.4.4.4 All applicants must pass an entry clerk examination with a minimum score of 90%.
Add UCD 71.8 Color & Pattern Variations

71.8 Color & Pattern Variations

71.8.1 Paw pads and nose leather of non-domestic source breed hybrids (i.e. Bengal, Chausie, Savannah) may be the base color of the cat, pink or mottled. These color variations are a direct result of hybridization with the non-domestic source species.
71.8.2 Grizzled. Grizzled is a pattern effect caused by a mutation at the agouti locus or extension locus. It is a dominant trait. The hair shaft is banded with lighter coloration at the skin (akin to mouse coat) alternating dark and lighter bands of ticking and ending with a dark tip. All patterns of grizzled tabbies are possible as are all basic colors. On patterned tabbies (i.e. classic, spotted, etc.) the grizzled effect appears in the ground color. The grizzled effect is the result of the use of the Jungle Cat (Felis chaus) in the development of the Chausie breed. The Jungle Cat ancestor (black) exhibiting the grizzled effect has solid black nose leather and pink paw pads.
Amend UCD 74.1.1.2.1 Marbled Tabby

74.1.1.2.1 Marbled Tabby. Markings, while derived from the classic tabby gene, should be uniquely different with as little “bull's-eye” similarity as possible. Pattern should, instead, be random, giving the impression of marble, preferably with a horizontal flow when the cat is stretched. Vertical striped mackerel influence is undesirable. Preference should be given to cats with three or more shades; i.e., ground color, markings, and dark outlining of those markings. Contrast must be extreme, with distinct shapes and sharp edges. Belly must be spotted patterned.
74.2.2 One tabby variation seen is the golden. Goldens are shaded tabbies showing a preponderance of the ground color rather than the marking color. Goldens come in all of the basic colors in the shaded or chinchilla pattern, including shaded or chinchilla golden torbies. A high degree of rufousing giving apricot or golden tones to the undercoat is considered desirable. Goldens are genetically agouti (A/-), with any underlying tabby pattern, with a high degree of rufousing polygenes and wide-band (Wb/-) polygenes. Goldens compete in a separate color class within the traditional tabby division.

Rationale: Golden colors are listed for all four categories in 74.2.3, not just the Traditional category.
Amend:

**GRIZZLED TABBY:**
Modification of ticked tabby that is grey or lighter at the skin followed by black and is marked by lighter bands of color or ticking on the shaft ending in a black tip. Faint tabby markings may be present on the torso.

*Grizzled is a pattern effect caused by a mutation at the agouti locus or extension locus. It is a dominant trait. The hair shaft is banded with lighter coloration at the skin (akin to mouse coat) alternating dark and lighter bands of ticking and ending with a dark tip. All patterns of grizzled tabbies are possible as are all basic colors. On patterned tabbies (i.e. classic, spotted, etc.) the grizzled effect appears in the ground color.*

**TIPPING:**
Having colored ends of the hairs, with a different color on the lower portion of the hair shaft. In silvers the degree of tipping can **determine** whether a cat is classified as a chinchilla or a shaded or smoke. The defining characteristic of a smoke is **NOT** the degree of tipping, but the fact that the cat is a non-agouti, or solid, cat regardless of how the silver manifests itself.

**TRIPLE COAT:**
The awn, down and guard hairs are all the same length. A triple coat is a normal coat. It consists of guard hairs, awn hairs and down. Guard hairs are the longest with the awn hairs being almost as long. Down is the shortest coat and is usually seen in the undercoat. (See Awn Hairs, Down Hairs, Guard Hairs, Undercoat.)

Add:

**PARTICOLOR:**
A particolor patterned cat can be a solid and white, tortie and white, tabby and white or silver/smoke and white. The pattern of white may vary from unspecified to one of the four recognized patterns of white: gloved, mitted, bi-color or van.
### HEAD ................................. 40 points

- **Shape** ................. 7
- **Ears** ................. 7
- **Eyes** ............... 5
- **Chin** ............ 4
- **Muzzle** ........... 4
- **Nose** ............ 5
- **Profile** ........ 6
- **Neck** ........... 2

### BODY ................................. 40 points

- **Torso** ........... 10
- **Legs** ............ 8
- **Feet** ............ 4
- **Tail** ............ 4
- **Boning** .......... 7
- **Musculature** .. 7

### COAT/COLOR/PATTERN .......................... 20 points

- **Texture** .......... 5
- **Pattern** ........ 8
- **Color** .......... 7

### CATEGORY: **Traditional.**

### DIVISION: **Solid, Tabby**

### COLORS: **Black, Brown Ticked Tabby, Black Grizzled Ticked Tabby.**

### PERMISSIBLE OUTCROSSES: **Jungle Cat, Abyssinian, Domestic shorthair, not a member of a recognized breed**

**HEAD:**

- **Shape:** Modified wedge, medium in size with a long, sloping forehead and high, angular, long cheekbones that meet a strong, full muzzle and chin. A change in direction at the sides of the muzzle gives the appearance of rounded whisker pads.
- **Eyes:** Medium, slightly flattened oval and set on bias to just below the outside edge of the ear. Gold or yellow eye color preferred, hazel to light green allowed.
- **Profile:** Long sloping forehead flows into the rise between the eyes, continuing down with good length, to meet the nose bump, which is rounded where it meets the convex nose leather.
- **Ears:** Tall, large ears should be placed fairly close together on top of head with a wide base cornering the head and the ear set at a slight outward angle. The ear itself should be fairly wide all the way up with rounded ear tips. Ear tufts preferred, lack of tufts not a penalty.
- **Neck:** The muscular neck is of medium length and thickness.
- **Muzzle:** Proportionate to the cheekbones and length of nose, with full whisker pads.
- **Chin:** Strong, full, both in profile and frontal view with depth resulting from good bone structure.
- **Nose:** Medium-wide slightly broader between the eyes. Nose leather is convex and full.

**BODY:**

- **Torso:** Long, lean and muscular, firm to the touch; the large rectangular body is strong and athletic, with a balanced chest and good depth of body without any roundness of the ribcage.
- **Legs:** The legs are moderately long, well muscled with medium boning. The hind legs are slightly longer than the front, as the cat is built for running and leaping.
- **Feet:** The feet are round and small in comparison to the overall size of the cat.
- **Tail:** Three-quarter full length tail acceptable; the 3/4 tail has fewer vertebrae and is preferred. Both tail lengths should be of medium thickness and fully articulated.

**Musculature:** The musculature of the Chausie is long and lean rather than bulky.

**Boning:** The Chausie has medium leg boning with long, lithe legs, while the torso is substantial with good depth.

**COAT/COLOR/PATTERN:**

- **Length:** Short to medium, with enough length to accommodate at least two bands of ticking. Not open.
- **Texture:** A dense, softer undercoat with a coarser resilient texture to outer coat.

**COLORS:**

- **Brown ticked tabby** - A Mouse-gray color next to skin with sandy-gray to reddish-gold base coat. There will be two or three bands of dark ticking following the mouse coat with tabby markings on the face, legs & tail. Bold barring on the upper inside of the front leg is preferred with lighter to no barring on the outside of the front leg. There may be faint barring on the back leg. Neck may or may not have necklaces. Faint tabby markings on the body may be present but not preferred. A white or off-white color should outline the eyes and muzzle. A Lighter underside is preferred the stomach may appear flecked, speckled or spotted. The backs of ears will have “thumbprint” markings of a lighter color.

**Black:** Solid black.  
**Grizzled:** A pattern effect caused by a mutation at the agouti locus or extension locus. It is a dominant trait. The hair shaft is banded with lighter coloration at the skin (akin to mouse coat) alternating dark and lighter bands of ticking and ending with a dark tip. The grizzled effect is the result of the use of the Jungle Cat (Felis chaus) in the development of the Chausie breed. The Jungle Cat ancestor (black) exhibiting the grizzled effect has solid black nose leather and pink paw pads.

**GENERAL DESCRIPTION:** The Chausie is a statuesque cat, tall, upright, medium to large framed with legs more moderate in boning giving the cat a tall, slender-legged look. Its musculature is that of an agile hunter with great jumping ability. They have large upright, tufted ears. Males will be proportionately larger than the females. The over-all appearance should bring to mind the Middle Eastern/Asian Jungle Cat as the breed retains a strong resemblance to its ancestor. This cat is good-natured, loyal and intelligent and should be amenable to handling showing no signs of challenge.

**ALLOWANCES:** Variation in tail length starting from just below the hock (3/4) to full length. Slight ghost body markings on kittens. Black paw pads with rosy or pink overtones allowed.

**PENALIZE:** Vivid green eyes. A cat that is too refined or too heavily boned. A cat void of tabby markings on the legs or tail.

**WITHHOLD ALL AWARDS (WW):** True classic pattern. Any colors other than the three allowable colors. White sockets.

**DISQUALIFY (DQ):** Tail too short, resulting from a mutated gene (MX/PB/BB). Tail kinked or lacking flexibility.

**Temperament must be unchallenging; any sign of definite challenge shall disqualify. The cat may exhibit fear, seek to flee, or generally complain aloud but may not threaten to harm. In accordance with Show Rules, ARTICLE SIXTEEN, the following shall be considered mandatory disqualifications: a cat that bites (216.9), a cat showing evidence of intent to deceive (216.10), adult male whole male cats not having two descended testicles (216.11), cats with all or part of the tail missing, except as authorized by a board approved standard (216.12), cats with more than five toes on each front foot and four toes on each back foot, unless proved the result of an injury or as authorized by a Board approved standard (216.12.3), visible or invisible tail faults if Board approved standard requires disqualification (216.12.4), crossed eyes if Board approved standard requires disqualification (216.12.5), total blindness (216.12.6), markedly smaller size, not in keeping with the breed (216.12.9), and depression of the sternum or unusually small diameter of the rib cage itself (216.12.11). See Show Rules, ARTICLE SIXTEEN for more comprehensive rules governing penalties and disqualifications.**
COAT COLOR TEST RESULTS

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Case: CAT10643
Date Received: 02-Apr-2007
Report Date: 06-Apr-2007
Report ID: 6868-6355-9992-6164

Cat: Wild Katz Moonlight Madness
YOB: 00  Breed: XX  Sex: F  Microchip: NO

Sire: Sir Sidney of WildKatz
Dam: WildKatz Cinnamon

AGOUTI  BROWN  COLORPOINT

A/A

Interpretation of Result Code:

Agouti (banded hair or solid):
A/A  All offspring will have agouti banded hair.
A/a  Offspring can be agouti or non-agouti depending on the genetics of the mating.
a/a  Non-agouti. If bred to a non-agouti, only non-agouti offspring will be produced.

Brown (Chocolate and Cinnamon)
B/B  Full color, cat does not carry brown or cinnamon alleles
B/b  Full color, carrier of brown
B/b₁  Full color, carrier of cinnamon
b/b  Brown
b/b₁  Brown, carrier of cinnamon
b₁/b₁  Cinnamon

Colorpoint Restriction (Burmese and Siamese)
C/C  Full color, cat does not carry Burmese (sepia) or Siamese alleles
C/cₜ  Carrier of Burmese (sepia) color
C/cₛ  Carrier of Siamese colorpoint restriction
cₜ/cₜ  Burmese (sepia)
cₛ/cₛ  Siamese
cₜ/cₛ  Mink, intermediate color between Burmese and Siamese
HIGHLANDER BREED GROUP (HG/HL)

The Highlander (HG) is a medium to large shorthair domestic cat. Distinguishing features are its sloping forehead, wide nose blunt profile, and the loose relaxed curl to its wide based ears. The Highlander Longhair (HL) is the long hair version.

HEAD .............................................. 40 points
  Shape .................. 6
  Ears .......................... 10
  Eyes .......................... 5
  Chin ......................... 6
  Muzzle ...................... 6
  Nose ......................... 4
  Profile .................... 3

BODY ............................................. 40 points
  Torso .......................... 10
  Tail ......................... 10
  Boning ...................... 8
  Musculature ................. 7
  Legs/Feet .................. 5

COAT/COLOR/PATTERN ...................... 20 points
  Length ...................... 4
  Texture ..................... 4
  Pattern ..................... 6
  Color ....................... 6

CATEGORY: All.

DIVISION: Solid, Tortie, Tabby, Silver/Smoke

COLORS: All.

PERMISSIBLE OUTCROSSES: Domestic longhair/shorthair, not a member of a recognized breed.

HEAD:
  Shape: Wide inverted pear-shaped head with substantial width to muzzle.
  Eyes: Medium to large set far apart. Set on a slight bias. Slightly flattened oval in shape. Eye color independent of coat color except in Pointed Category
  Ears: Medium to large, wide at the base, set as much on the top of the head as on the side, as erect as possible. Ears must be firm at the base, flexible at the tips. Loose relaxed curl with little backward direction, allowing the tips of the ears to be clearly visible in a frontal view. Ear furnishings and ear tufts are desired but not required. Kittens may have a greater degree of curl but not more than 90°.
  Chin: Strong and deep. Must align with top of jaw.
  Profile: Rounded back skull, sloping forehead, change of direction at the nose bridge, slight curve to nose. Nose, muzzle and chin form a blunt look in profile
  Nose: Wide with substantial nose leather

BODY:
  Torso: Medium to large in size with noticeable depth. Rectangular in shape. Straight back with hips higher than shoulders. Overall muscled, athletic appearance. Males are proportionally larger than females.
  Legs: Medium in length, back legs longer than front.
  Feet: Medium to large, rounded with large knuckles. Longhair (HL) must have toe tufts.
  Tail: Short and thick. Bone length must be a minimum of 2 inches in adults with proportional length in kittens. Must not extend past the hock. Slight kinks and curls are allowed.
  Boning: Moderately heavy and substantial.
  Musculature: Well-muscled.

COAT/COLOR/PATTERN:
  Length:
    (HG) Short, dense and resilient.
    (HL) Long hair up to 2-1/2 inches with shaggy belly hair, longer than the rest of the coat.
  Texture:
    There will be texture variations depending upon the color of the cat.
    (HG) Resilient, snapping back into place
    (HL) Soft
  Pattern:
    Spotted: Random pattern preferred. Spots should be well-defined. May be oval, round, squared or triangular in shape.
    Classic: Will have spots and swirls distinguishing it from the normal classic pattern.
    Pointed: Expression of the underlying tabby pattern is desirable.

GENERAL DESCRIPTION: The Highlander is a muscular, athletic domestic cat. Selective breeding has contributed to protecting the unique features and enhance the bloodlines. Highlander cats come in both short hair and long hair. Physical characteristics include a sloping forehead and wide nose, with the nose and muzzle forming a blunt look in profile. The curled ear is seen in profile as a loose, relaxed curl with minimal backward direction. The ears are wide-based, open and stand tall.

LOCKETS: Withhold All Awards

ALLOWANCES: .Tarnishing in Silvers

PENALIZE: Ears that are not open or wide based, ears too small or low set. Tips of ears not visible from frontal view in adults. Kittens with more than 90° curl.

DISQUALIFY: Ears not erect. Tail too short, too long or docked.

Temperament must be unchallenging; any sign of definite challenge shall disqualify. The cat may exhibit fear, seek to flee, or generally complain aloud but may not threaten to harm. In accordance with Show Rules, ARTICLE SIXTEEN, the following shall be considered mandatory disqualifications: a cat that bites (216.9), a cat showing evidence of intent to deceive (216.10), adult whole male cats not having two descended testicles (216.11), cats with all or part of the tail missing, except as authorized by a Board approved standard (216.12.1), cats with more than five toes on each front foot and four toes on each back foot, unless proved the result of an injury or as authorized by a Board approved standard (216.12.2), visible or invisible tail faults If Board approved standard requires disqualification (216.12.4), crossed eyes if Board approved standard requires disqualification (216.12.5), total blindness (216.12.6), markedly smaller size, not in keeping with the breed (216.12.9), and depression of the sternum or unusually small diameter of the rib cage itself (216.11.1). See Show Rules, ARTICLE SIXTEEN for more comprehensive rules governing penalties and disqualifications.
MINSKIN (MS) BREED STANDARD

HEAD: .................40 points
Shape: ..................8
Ears: ...................5
Eyes/Color: ..........10
Muzzle/Chin: .........10
Nose: ..................2
Profile: .................3
Neck: ...................2

BODY: ..................35 points
Toro: ....................8
Legs: ...................5
Feet: ....................2
Tail: ....................4
Boning: ................8
Musculature: ...........8

COAT: ..................25 points
Length: .................10
Texture: .................10
Color/Pattern: ...........5

CATEGORY: All.
DIVISION: All.
COLORS: All.

PERMISSIBLE OUTCROSSES:
Domestic shorthairs not a member of a recognized breed.

HEAD:
- Shape: Rounded, wider than long, with no flat planes.
- Ears: Large, open and alert, with slightly rounded tips. Broad at the base with bell cups or jugs.
- Placement is as much on the side of the head as the top.
- Eyes: Large and round. Set wide, more than an eye's width apart. Expression is open and alert.
- Muzzle: Short and broad.
- Prominent whisker pads.
- Chin: Firm and strong, aligning with the tip of the nose.
- Nose: Slight curvature at the end, neither straight nor humped.
- Profile: Visible stop.
- Neck: Well developed and flexible. Not bulky.

BODY:
- Toro: Semi-cobby, may appear longer due to short legs. The back is straight but allowance may be made for a slight rise from shoulders to tail as the back legs are, or may appear to be, slightly longer than the front legs. The chest is broad, strong and well muscled.
- Legs: Short. The front upper and lower forelegs should be equal in length. The back thigh and lower legs approximately equal in length and may be slightly longer than front legs.
- Feet: Rounded, compact and strong. All four feet point directly straight forward and not inward or outward.
- Boning: Sturdy, not fine boned, may appear and feel heavier with muscling.
- Tail: Slightly longer than the body, tapering gently from the base to a slightly blunted tip.
- Musculature: Hard, lean and muscular.

COAT:
- Length: Short. Fur-points; the fur extending from the legs may rise up onto the shoulders, the hips and the buttocks. The temples (forehead in front of ears) are noticeably sparse with bareness extending from the top of the eyes to the frontal base of the ear. Furnishings, if any, are sparse. Ear muffs may or may not be present. Whiskers may be present, sparse, broken or absent. The neck, chest and abdomen may appear hairless but are covered in a very thin, fine down. Both adults and kittens may have some wrinkling to the skin but this is more apparent in kittens.
- Texture: The furpoints are rippled and soft, with an overall feeling of a fine cashmere garment.

GENERAL DESCRIPTION:
The Minskin is a noticeably small and stocky cat with a sweet and alert expression. They have a rounded head, large round eyes and a semi-cobby body. Minskins are easy to identify by their short, soft fur-points and their short stature. The Minskin coat has an overall look and feel of a soft cashmere garment and they are quite warm to the touch. The short-stature of the Minskin is the result of a natural spontaneous autosomal dominant mutation. Their short legs and small size allows them to easily sit upright on their haunches like a Meerkat. The short-legged gene expression does not hamper mobility or quality of life. Minskins are swift and agile, sweet tempered and respond well to being handled.

LOCKETS: Penalize
ALLOWANCES: Mild bowing in the front legs is allowed.

PENALIZE: Narrow chest; cow hocked; foreign type; undershot chin; small or close-set eyes.

WITHHOLD ALL AWARDS (WW):
Extensive hairlessness or completely rex-coated. Lack of fur-points.

DISQUALIFY (DQ): Sway back.

DEFINITIONS:
- Fur-points: Short, closely packed soft fur, covering the entire mask, ears, legs, tail and scrotum. Fur-points are defined by the density of the fur on the outer extremities in comparison to the rest of the body which is visibly more sparsely coated.

Temperament must be unchallenging. Any sign of definite challenge shall disqualify. The cat may exhibit fear, seek to flee, or generally complain aloud but may not threaten to harm.

In accordance with Show Rules, ARTICLE SIXTEEN, the following shall be considered mandatory disqualifications: a cat that bites (216.9), a cat showing evidence of intent to deceive (216.10), adult whole male cats not having two descended testicles (216.11), cats with all or part of the tail missing, except as authorized by a board approved standard (216.12.1), cats with more than five toes on each front foot and four toes on each back foot, unless proved the result of an injury or as authorized by a Board approved standard (216.12.2), visible or invisible tail faults if Board approved standard requires disqualification (216.12.4), crossed eyes if Board approved standard requires disqualification (216.12.5), total blindness (216.12.6), markedly smaller size, not in keeping with the breed (216.12.9), and depression of the sternum or unusually small diameter of the rib cage itself (216.12.11.1).

See Show Rules, ARTICLE SIXTEEN for more comprehensive rules governing penalties and disqualifications.
**COAT:**
The Peterbald coat is the single most important feature of the breed. A Peterbald may have a single coat type or it may have a combination of coat types. Generally, if there is more than one coat type, the body has one type and the extremities or points have another. A Peterbald may be born with one coat type which changes to a different type over time. Peterbalds may be born with or without coat. Those born bald may be **100% hairless or may have barely discernible fine residual hair at the base of the ears, on the muzzle, feet, lower legs and tail that feels like velvet.** Except in those Peterbalds that are **born completely hairless with no whiskers or eyebrows,** the Peterbald coat changes or evolves with age. For those born with coat, that become hairless, loss of coat begins at the top of the head or nape of the neck and continues down the body to the tail. Short fine down may be retained on the extremities.

There are two basic Peterbald coat textures: hairless and brush type. The hairless Peterbald has soft, warm, elastic skin that may range from "sticky" to having a texture akin to suede or peach skin or feeling like silk. The hairlessness can range from being 100% hairless to having almost imperceptible fine hairs, to having short fine, down which appears truly hairless when viewed from a distance. When inspected closely there are clearly visible hairs. Coat that is retained on the extremities is short, close-lying and downy.

Brush coat ranges from a sparse wiry coat of irregular texture in which the skin is seen through the coat, to a dense, wiry, short, wavy or kinky **true-brush** coat. Brush coat ranges from 5mm or longer in length and should in no way feel or look like a normal coat when closely inspected. A cat with **true heavy dense brush coat will not lose its coat.**

In kittens, when conformation is equal, preference should be given to the "hairless" coat texture. Brush coat is a withhold wins in adult cats.

**GENERAL DESCRIPTION:** The overall impression of an ideal Peterbald is an elegant and intelligent cat. The Peterbald has a sturdy, long, lean body that contributes to its graceful movement. The first Peterbalds were born in Russia in January, 1994, the result of breeding an Oriental Shorthair (Radma vom Jagerhof) to a light-boned Oriental-looking Donskoy (Afinoguen Myth). The original litter demonstrated that the Peterbald/Donskoy gene is a dominant gene, unlike the (Canadian) Sphynx gene. Typical of the breed are various unusual coat textures ranging from hairless to full brush coat to normal coat. While "hairless" cats are desired and preferable, the "brush" coat is essential to the Peterbald breeding program.

**LOCKETS:** Allowed

**ALLOWANCES:** Brush coat in kittens. Light, fine, down on the extremities:

**PENALIZE:**
- **Head:** Curved profile; weak chin; muzzle break.
- **Body:** Heavy, rounded body; bowed forelegs.
- **Coat:** Heavy brush coat

**WITHHOLD ALL AWARDS (WW):** Long haired cats; normal coat. Brush coat in adult cats.

**DISQUALIFY (DQ):** Protruding sternum; visible tail fault; crossed eyes. Any sign of any means of artificial hair removal.
Temperament must be unchallenging; any sign of definite challenge shall disqualify. The cat may exhibit fear, seek to flee, or generally complain aloud but may not threaten to harm. In accordance with Show Rules, ARTICLE SIXTEEN, the following shall be considered mandatory disqualifications: a cat that bites (216.9), a cat showing evidence of intent to deceive (216.10), adult whole male cats not having two descended testicles (216.11), cats with all or part of the tail missing, except as authorized by a Board approved standard (216.12.1), cats with more than five toes on each front foot and four toes on each back foot, unless proved the result of an injury or as authorized by a Board approved standard (216.12.2), visible or invisible tail faults if Board approved standard requires disqualification (216.12.4), crossed eyes if Board approved standard requires disqualification (216.12.5), total blindness (216.12.6), markedly smaller size, not in keeping with the breed (216.12.9), and depression of the sternum or unusually small diameter of the rib cage itself (216.12.11.1). See Show Rules, ARTICLE SIXTEEN for more comprehensive rules governing penalties and disqualifications.
SOKOKE (SK)

HEAD  . . . . . . . . . . 30 points
Shape  . . . . . . . . . . 5
Ears  . . . . . . . . . . 4
Eyes  . . . . . . . . . . 4
Chin  . . . . . . . . . . 2
Muzzle  . . . . . . . . 4
Nose  . . . . . . . . . . 4
Profile  . . . . . . . . 5
Neck  . . . . . . . . . . 2

BODY  . . . . . . . . . . 40 points
Torso  . . . . . . . . . . 6
Legs  . . . . . . . . . . 9
Feet  . . . . . . . . . . 3
Tail  . . . . . . . . . . 6
Boning  . . . . . . . . 9
Musculature  . . . . . . 7

COAT  . . . . . . . . . . 30 points
Texture  . . . . . . . . 10
Pattern  . . . . . . . . 12
Color  . . . . . . . . . . 8

CATEGORY: Traditional.
DIVISION: Tabby.
COLOR: Brown Tabby ONLY.
PERMISSIBLE OUTCROSSES: None.

HEAD:
Shape: Modified wedge, appearing small in relation to body, top of the skull almost flat, and length should be slightly longer than width at temples. Cheek bones high and well defined.
Ears: Medium large; broad at the base, upright with tips slightly rounded. Tufts on the tips desirable, but not required. Set medium high, with a distance of one ear's breadth in between preferred.

Chin: Strong and broad, in line with the tip of the nose. Not fleshy.
Muzzle: Whisker pad-well defined. There may be more bulk, or definition to the rear of the whisker pad than to the forefront, giving the frontal view a smooth look, with gently rounded contours.
Nose: Broad, with a relatively abrupt end of the tip.
Profile: Nose of medium length, straight; with a short, softly convex curved bridge.
Neck: Slender, medium to slightly long in length yet strong, muscular.

BODY:
Torso: Medium long, slender, lithe and graceful, with well-developed chest, level back, and rounded rib cage.
Size: Males tend to be from 10 to 40% larger than females.
Legs: Long, slender with medium or fine boning. Hind legs well angled and muscular and longer than the front legs. The position of the hind legs gives a "tip toe" gait that is very characteristic of this breed, yet even when standing at ease the back remains level.
Boning: A fine to medium boning giving a slender, yet sturdy look.
Musculature: Well-developed musculature especially pronounced in neck and shoulders. These cats look fine and delicate; but, when lifted should be surprisingly solid and give the feel of strength.
Feet: Oval and medium small. Should be in balance with overall size.

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Tail: Medium to long, and has a firm, tight, muscular feel from base to tip; tapers, whip like, to a narrow pointed tip.

COAT:

Texture: Very short, close lying with an almost hard - not silky feel and little or preferably no undercoat.

Pattern: Modified classic tabby. The pattern should be muted by ticking. This ticking, along with the modifications of the pattern are hallmarks of the Sokoke breed. The Sokoke pattern differs from the standard classic pattern in the following manner: at least one chin strap (broken allowable); the shoulder butterfly may be broken, just a blotch or not obvious; the bullseye should be broken, and the forehead "M" may be broken, but must be vestigially present.

COLOR: Any shade of brown tabby. It should be noted that the Sokoke is not a highly Rufoused cat and the shades of brown can range from cool to warm. Black tail tip may also be ticked.

GENERAL DESCRIPTION: The Sokoke is a recently discovered breed, found in and near the threatened Arabuko Sokoke Forest on the coast of Kenya. The first Sokoke Cats were discovered in the 1970’s, and exported to Europe where a breeding program was started. The Kenyan Sokokes are a naturally occurring breed, free roaming and self-sufficient, yet living in close proximity to human settlements. The Sokoke is a sleek, slender, naturally athletic, muscular cat, with a medium frame dressed in a tight, short, ticked modified classic tabby coat. The local Girama natives describe them as "looking like tree bark". Even when relaxed, their slightly longer rear legs give the appearance of being "at the ready". Their graceful athleticism, alert intelligence, and peaceful personality combine to make the Sokoke a true companion-animal who thrives on affection. They can exhibit a vocal possessiveness towards their feline families and human companions with whom they deeply bond.

PENALIZE: Head type too oriental or too round, stop too distinct; neck short and thick; body too cobby, lack of elegance; weak ticking on pattern.

WITHHOLD ALL AWARDS (WW): Lockets, no ticking.

DISQUALIFY (DQ): Tail faults.

Temperament must be unchallenging; any sign of definite challenge shall disqualify. The cat may exhibit fear, seek to flee, or generally complain aloud but may not threaten to harm. In accordance with Show Rules, ARTICLE SIXTEEN, the following shall be considered mandatory disqualifications: a cat that bites (216.9), a cat showing evidence of intent to deceive (216.10), adult whole male cats not having two descended testicles (216.11), cats with all or part of the tail missing, except as authorized by a Board approved standard (216.12.1), cats with more than five toes on each front foot and four toes on each back foot, unless proved the result of an injury or as authorized by a Board approved standard (216.12.2), visible or invisible tail faults if Board approved standard requires disqualification (216.12.4), crossed eyes if Board approved standard requires disqualification (216.12.5), total blindness (216.12.6), markedly smaller size, not in keeping with the breed (216.12.9), and depression of the sternum or unusually small diameter of the rib cage itself (216.12.11.1). See Show Rules, ARTICLE SIXTEEN for more comprehensive rules governing penalties and disqualifications.
TICA Entry Clerking Program Specification - Addendum 1 (Draft 0b)

This document is part of the TICA Entry Clerk Program Specification. It applies only to programs designed for multiple shows, each show being handled by a different entry clerk, where the users of the system are typically in different locations from the system itself.

1. **Program Environment**
   1.1 The multi-show program should be accessible from a PC using an Internet browser interface.
   1.2 The program should support all commonly used browsers and must not rely upon proprietary features from a specific browser.
   1.3 The supplier of the program is responsible for providing the operating environment in which the program will run, including maintaining regular backups of all data.

2. **User Management**
   2.1 Each user must be allocated a unique user-name and an associated password.
   2.2 Users should be classified as one of four types: “administrator”, “show manager”, “entry clerk” or “exhibitor”.
   2.3 Only administrators can add or delete “administrator”, “show manager” or “entry clerk” user names or alter the role of a username.
   2.4 A facility should be provided to allow users to add themselves as a new “Exhibitor” role, checking that the proposed user-name is not already in use.
   2.5 Users must have the ability to reset their own passwords at any time.
   2.6 If a user forgets their password, a facility should be provided to allow them to log on again after an authentication process.
   2.7 “Exhibitor” users may store the details of their cat(s) on the system so that cat details do not need to be re-entered for each new show.

3. **Access Rights**
   3.1 Each show on the system should be allocated to a specific “entry clerk” user and “show manager” user. These users may be allocated multiple shows.
   3.2 “Entry clerk” and “show manager” users can only access details of the shows that are allocated to them.
   3.3 “Exhibitor” users can only access their own cats’ details and must not be able to access any other user’s cats under any circumstances.
   3.4 “Exhibitor” users must not be able to alter details of the cats they have entered once they have been entered in a show.

4. **Security**
   4.1 When logging in, invalid logins should be rejected only after a password has been supplied.
   4.2 Rejected login messages must not indicate which field is invalid.
   4.3 Usernames and passwords must be transmitted end-to-end encrypted using a recognized industry standard encryption method.
   4.4 Any financial data (e.g. credit card details) entered by a user must also be transmitted end-to-end encrypted.
   4.5 It must not be possible, under any circumstances, for one user to access any other user’s show records.
   4.6 If a user is logged in already, an attempt to log in the same user from a different PC should be rejected.
   4.7 Passwords must be a minimum of 6 characters long.
   4.8 If a user has been idle for 20 minutes, then the session should be terminated and the user automatically logged out.
   4.9 (Optional) After a successful login, display the date/time that the user last logged in.
   4.10 (Optional) The program should enforce the selection of strong passwords (e.g. include numeric or punctuation characters, minimize duplication of characters).
   4.11 (Optional) User transactions (such as entering a cat into a show) should be transmitted over the Internet end-to-end encrypted.

5. **Audit Trail**
   5.1 There should be an audit trail for each show recording major events (e.g. adding entry, changing entry, deleting entry, running catalogue, viewing audit trail).
   5.2 The audit trail should include, as a minimum, the following information: date/time, user name, user’s IP address, show identification, record number, activity type (e.g. record added).
   5.3 The audit trail must not be accessible to any “entry clerk” or “exhibitor” user type.
   5.4 The audit trail should be available in both printed and on-screen form.
   5.5 (Optional) The user can select a date/time range for entries, not just the entire audit trail for a show.
Proposal Submitted by Georgia Morgan - Who’s Who

January 9, 2007

TO: Board of Directors, TICA, Inc.,

I hereby request the Board of Directors establish a “Who’s Who” category or program designed to recognize TICA members for outstanding achievements in support of our Association. At this juncture we have TICA Treasure, Hall of Fame, Judge of the Year, Judge Emeritus, Distinguished Judge and Judges of Merit, Regional Members, Junior Members, and Humanitarian of the Year; Cat, Kitten, Alter, Household Pet, and Household Pet Kitten of the Year; Catalog of the Year, Regional Clerk of the Year, etc., etc.,.

The above requested program is an attempt to bring to the forefront the long time supporters that only see their name on a Show Flyer as Show Manager, Secretary or Entry Clerk, on the Exhibitors List, recognition on the Annual Awards or when they are paying for registering their cats, confirming titles, renewing various causes. I’m really thinking about the dozens of members that work tirelessly in support of our Association throughout the years that are seldom recognized for all their dedication, their financial and moral support.

In conjunction with this request, I respectfully submit the following criteria be approved and included in our official publications:

To even be considered for this achievement the application must be in writing, with all verified documentation included; the recipient must be a current member, have a TICA Registered Cattery, and have accumulated 500 or more points, acquired by any or all of the following:

1. One point for each year they are a TICA member (this number must be accumulated without any interruptions);
2. Ten points for any of the following:
   a. Charter Member;
   b. Life Member;
   c. TICA Registered Cattery (CANNOT BE considered without a TICA Cattery);
   d. Each Kitten, Alter, HHPK or HHP featured in the Top 20 International Awards;
   e. Each Annual Show & Awards ceremony they have attended;
   f. Each show they have managed;
   g. Have served on a TICA Standing Committee for a three year term;
   h. Have served as an Appointed Official for a three year term, and
   i. Have served on an Ad Hoc Committee for the time the committee is required.

Rules Committee comments:

DB - I have two major problems with Georgia's proposal.
1. It states: "To even be considered for this achievement the application must be in writing, with all the verified documentation included; the recipient must be a current member, have a TICA Registered Cattery, and have accumulated 500 or more points..." How can an applicant provide documentation for some of these things? For example, I have attended every Annual banquet, but three, since 1984. How can I document that? My cat, Voodoo, was the best cat in the legion in 1984. How can I document that? I have been on the Board, with the exception of 4 years, three years when I took a hiatus and one year when Nancy became VP. How can I document that? I have been Clerking Administrator for about 12 years. How can I document that? And on and on.
2. It seems to me, and perhaps I am wrong, that virtually no one would have 500 points given Georgia's point system. I also think, if we go along with this, that Judge of the Year and Regional Judge of the Year should be worth some points.

DL - Not surprisingly, I object to the requirement of a TICA registered cattery. There are those of us who show only HHPs and do not have a cattery. There are potentially (don't know if there are) exhibitors of alters only who do not have a cattery name. Also has anyone worked over the requirement for 500 points? At 10 points for suggested items, that seems like an awful lot of points. Yes, we don't want to make it cheap, but...

FY - I think that a person should be nominated for this honor by someone else who can cite that these things have been done.

MW - I'm in agreement with the suggestion that we pass it back to Georgia, listing our concerns, and asking her to rework it.

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Dear TICA’s Executive Office, Genetics Committee and Board of Directors,

Please accept this application for Preliminary New Breed for consideration of the Minskin (MS) at the TICA Annual in Albuquerque, New Mexico August 29~31, 2007. In accordance with TICA’s bylaws, this application is being submitted in compliance with the following:

33.5.1 Requirements for Application. A breed recognized for Registration ONLY may apply for Preliminary New Breed status upon completion of the following:

33.5.1.1 At least 15 cats which have attained the age of 8 months are registered with TICA;
On Wednesday February 28, 2007; TICA’s executive office reported that there are 59 Minskin cats registered, up to date, with TICA (see below).

33.5.1.2 At least 10 litters have been registered with TICA;
On Wednesday February 28, 2007; TICA’s executive office reported that there are 51 Minskin litters registered, up to date, with TICA (see below).

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From: Paul McSorley [mailto:trt@minskin.com]
Sent: Wednesday, February 28, 2007 10:07 AM
To: registration@ticaeo.com
Subject: Minskin Request

Dear TICA,

The Minskin breed section is in the process of submitting application for acceptance as Preliminary New Breed with TICA. As the board approved Contact Person for the Minskin breed; I am kindly requesting the following:

Article 33.5.1.1 At least 15 cats which have reached the age of 8 months are registered with TICA
*Will you please inform me of *how many Minskin cats are individually registered* with TICA?

Article 33.5.1.2 At least 10 litters have been registered with TICA
*Will you please inform me of *how many Minskin litters have been registered* with TICA?

Thank you for your time.
Kind regards,
From: registration@ticaeo.com  [mailto:registration@ticaeo.com]
Sent: Wednesday, February 28, 2007 11:46 AM
To: 'Paul McSorley'
Subject: RE: Minskin Request

Paul,

There are 59 Minskin cats registered and 51 Minskin litters up to this date.

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33.5.1.3 At least five TICA members in good standing, in at least three different regions
are actively breeding the breed ("actively
breeding" means breeding at least one litter within the previous 2 years);
More than five TICA members in good standing are in the Minskin breed section and there are
members in more than three different regions who are actively breeding Minskins:

1) Paul McSorley – NE
   441 Intervale Road
   Temple ME 04984

2) Jon Gour
   106-176 The Esplanade
   Toronto ON M5A 4H2
   Canada

3) Toni Stephens
   PO Box 305
   Star City AR 71667

4) Nina L Adkins
   916 CR 702
   Cleburne TX 76031

5) Dai Green
   PO Box 63
   New Richmond WI 54017

6) Carla J Epperson
   5072 Stonespring Way
   Anderson IN 46012

7) Barb Ochse
   14 Lily Lane
   Gorham ME 04038

8) Dr. Alfred Pappalardo
   9 Center Street
   Provincetown MA 02657

9) Lynne Daggett
   736 E Street
   Fernley, Nevada 89408
33.5.1.4 Submission of an Application for Acceptance as a Preliminary New Breed to the Executive Office and a copy to each member of the Genetics Committee 120 days prior to the Board Meeting at which approval is sought, which includes the following:

33.5.1.4.1 A Letter of Intent to apply for approval as a Preliminary New Breed, including a proposed Preliminary New Breed Chairperson and the names and addresses of the proposed Preliminary New Breed Committee to be confirmed by the Board;
Paul McSorley – Board approved Contact Person; requesting approval as PNB Chairperson for the Minskin with Breed Committee Names and addresses provided above (excluding Nina Adkins)

33.5.1.4.2 A proposed breed name that is unique (if not already assigned);
Minskin (MS)

33.5.1.4.3 A proposed breed standard that is unique;

**MINSKIN (MS) BREED STANDARD**

*(2005 standard, currently pending new changes per Poll results and board approval)*

* see new proposed Minskin (MS) Breed Standard, with changes, included in application.

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**CATEGORY:** All.

**DIVISION:** All.

**COLORS:** All.

**HEAD:**
- **Shape:** Rounded, wider than long, with no flat planes.
- **Ears:** Large, open and alert, with slightly rounded tips. Broad at the base with bell cups giving a hobbit-like appearance. Placement is as much on the side of the head as the top.
- **Eyes:** Large and round. Set wide, more than an eye's width apart. Expression is open and alert.
- **Muzzle:** Short and broad. Prominent whisker pads.
- **Chin:** Firm and strong, aligning with the tip of the nose.
- **Nose:** Slight curvature at the end, neither straight nor humped.
- **Profile:** Visible stop.
- **Neck:** Well developed and flexible. Not bulky.

**BODY:**

Torso: Semi-cobby, may appear longer due to short legs. The back is straight but allowance may be made for a slight rise from shoulders to tail as the back legs are, or may appear to be, slightly longer than the front legs. The chest is broad, strong and well muscled.

Legs: Short. The front upper and lower forelegs should be equal in length. The back thigh and lower legs approximately equal in length and may be slightly longer than front legs.

Feet: Rounded, compact and strong. All four feet point directly straight forward and not inward or outward.

Boning: Sturdy, not fine boned, may appear and feel heavier with muscling.

Tail: Slightly longer than the body, tapering gently from the base to a slightly blunted tip.

Musculature: Hard, lean and muscular.

COAT:

Length: Short. Fur-points; The fur extending from the legs may rise up onto the shoulders, the hips and the buttocks. The temples (forehead in front of ears) are noticeably sparse with bareness extending from the top of the eyes to the frontal base of the ear. Furnishings, if any, are sparse. Ear muffs may or may not be present. Whiskers may be present, sparse, broken or absent. The neck, chest and abdomen may appear hairless but are covered in a very thin, fine down. Both adults and kittens may have some wrinkling to the skin but this is more apparent in kittens.

Texture: Rippled and soft like a fine cashmere garment.

PERMISSIBLE OUTCROSSES: Munchkin, Sphynx, Burmese and domestic shorthairs, not a member of a recognized breed.

GENERAL: The Minskin is a noticeably small and stocky cat with a sweet expression and a hobbit-like appearance. They have a rounded head, large round eyes and a semi-cobby body. Minskins are easy to identify by their short, soft fur-points and their short-stature. The Minskin coat has an overall look and feel of a soft cashmere garment and they are quite warm to the touch. The short-stature of the Minskin accentuates their hobbit-like appeal; this is the result of a natural spontaneous autosomal dominant mutation. Their size and stature does not hamper mobility or quality of life. They are swift and agile, sweet tempered and respond well to being handled.

LOCKETS: Penalize

ALLOWANCES: Mild bowing in the front legs is allowed. Consideration should be given to seasonal and hormonal variations in the coat.

PENALIZE: Narrow chest; cow hocked; foreign type; undershot chin; small or close-set eyes.

WITHHOLD ALL AWARDS (WW): Extensive hairlessness or completely rex-coated, lack of fur-points.

DISQUALIFY (DQ): Sway back.

DEFINITIONS:

Fur-points: Short, closely packed soft fur, covering the entire mask, ears, legs, tail and scrotum. Fur-points are defined by the density of the fur on the outer extremities in comparison to the rest of the body which is visibly more sparsely coated.

Temperament must be unchallenging; any sign of definite challenge shall disqualify. The cat may exhibit fear, seek to flee, or generally complain aloud but may not threaten to harm. In accordance with Show Rules, ARTICLE SIXTEEN, the following shall be considered mandatory disqualifications:

- a cat that bites (216.9),
- a cat showing evidence of intent to deceive (216.10),
- adult whole male cats not having two descended testicles (216.11),
- cats with all or part of the tail missing, except as authorized by a board approved standard (216.12.1),
- cats with more than five toes on each front foot and four toes on each back foot, unless proved the result of an injury or as authorized by a Board approved standard (216.12.2),
- visible or invisible tail faults if Board approved standard requires disqualification (216.12.4),
- crossed eyes if Board approved standard requires disqualification (216.12.5),
- total blindness (216.12.6),
- markedly smaller size, not in keeping with the breed (216.12.9),
- depression of the sternum or unusually small diameter of the rib cage itself (216.12.11.1).

See Show Rules, ARTICLE SIXTEEN for more comprehensive rules governing penalties and disqualifications.

Minskin (MS) Breed Standard May 1, 2005
MINSKIN (MS) BREED STANDARD (updated and current; pending Board approval)

HEAD..................................40 points
Shape..................................8
Ears.....................................5
Eyes/Color..........................10
Muzzle/Chin..........................10
Nose.................................2
Profile...............................3
Neck.................................2

BODY..................................35 points
Torso.................................8
Legs....................................5
Feet....................................2
Tail....................................4
Boning...............................8
Musculature..........................8

COAT..................................25 points
Length...............................10
Texture...............................10
Color/Pattern.........................5

CATEGORY: All.
DIVISION: All.
COLORS: All.

HEAD:
- Shape: Rounded, wider than long, with no flat planes.
- Ears: Large, open and alert, with slightly rounded tips. Broad at the base with bell cups or jugs. Placement is as much on the side of the head as the top.
- Eyes: Large and round. Set wide, more than an eye’s width apart. Expression is open and alert.
- Muzzle: Short and broad. Prominent whisker pads.
- Chin: Firm and strong, aligning with the tip of the nose.
- Nose: Slight curvature at the end, neither straight nor humped.
- Profile: Visible stop.
- Neck: Well developed and flexible. Not bulky.

BODY:
- Torso: Semi-cobby, may appear longer due to short legs. The back is straight but allowance may be made for a slight rise from shoulders to tail as the back legs are, or may appear to be, slightly longer than the front legs. The chest is broad, strong and well muscled.
- Legs: Short. The front upper and lower forelegs should be equal in length. The back thigh and lower legs approximately equal in length and may be slightly longer than front legs.
- Feet: Rounded, compact and strong. All four feet point directly straight forward and not inward or outward.
- Boning: Sturdy, not fine boned, may appear and feel heavier with muscling.
- Tail: Slightly longer than the body, tapering gently from the base to a slightly blunted tip.
- Musculature: Hard, lean and muscular.

COAT:
- Length: Short. Fur-points; The fur extending from the legs may rise up onto the shoulders, the hips and the buttocks. The temples (forehead in front of ears) are noticeably sparse with bareness extending from the top of the eyes to the frontal base of the ear. Furnishings, if any, are sparse. Ear muffs may or may not be present. Whiskers may be present, sparse, broken or absent. The neck, chest and abdomen may appear hairless but are covered in a very thin, fine down. Both adults and kittens may have some wrinkling to the skin but this is more apparent in kittens.
- Texture: Rippled and soft like a fine cashmere garment.

PERMISSABLE OUTCROSSES: Domestic shorthairs, not a member of a recognized breed.

GENERAL: The Minsk is a noticeably small and stocky cat with a sweet and alert expression. They have a rounded head, large round eyes and a semi-cobby body. Minskis are easy to identify by their short, soft fur-points and their short-stature. The Minsk coat has an overall look and feel of a soft cashmere garment and they are quite warm to the touch. The short-stature of the Minsk accentuates their otter-like appeal; this is the result of a natural spontaneous autosomal dominant mutation. Their size and stature does not hamper mobility or quality of life. They are swift and agile, sweet tempered and respond well to being handled.
LOCKETS: Penalize

ALLOWANCES: Mild bowing in the front legs is allowed. Consideration should be given to seasonal and hormonal variations in the coat.

PENALIZE: Narrow chest; cow hocked; foreign type; undershot chin; small or close-set eyes.

WITHHOLD ALL AWARDS (WW): Lack of fur-points.

DISQUALIFY (DQ): Sway back.

DEFINITIONS:
- Fur-points: Short, closely packed soft fur, covering the entire mask, ears, legs, tail and scrotum. Fur-points are defined by the density of the fur on the outer extremities in comparison to the rest of the body which is visibly more sparsely coated.

Temperament must be unchallenging; any sign of definite challenge shall disqualify. The cat may exhibit fear, seek to flee, or generally complain aloud but may not threaten to harm. In accordance with Show Rules, ARTICLE SIXTEEN, the following shall be considered mandatory disqualifications:
- a cat that bites (216.9),
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- total blindness (216.12.6),
- markedly smaller size, not in keeping with the breed (216.12.9),
- depression of the sternum or unusually small diameter of the rib cage itself (216.12.11.1). See Show Rules, ARTICLE SIXTEEN for more comprehensive rules governing penalties and disqualifications.

Minskin (MS) Breed Standard May 1, 2008
# Comparison Between the Munchkin and the Minskin Standards

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<td>Rounded, wider than long, with no flat planes.</td>
<td>Medium-sized, broad, modified wedge with rounded contours. Forehead is flat, rounded top head with high cheekbones. Heads on males may appear broader.</td>
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<td>Ears:</td>
<td>Large, open and alert, with slightly rounded tips. Broad at the base with bell cups or jugs. Placement is as much on the side of the head as the top.</td>
<td>Medium to medium large (in proportion with head). Broader at base, ending slightly rounded tips. Placed as much on top of head as on the sides, not flaring; alert. Furnishings long hair acceptable.</td>
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<td>Eyes:</td>
<td>Large and round. Set wide, more than an eye’s width apart. Expression is open and alert.</td>
<td>Medium large: Walnut shaped. Placed rather wide apart to give an open and alert expression and at a slight angle toward the base of the ears. No relationship between coat and eye color. Deeper, more vivid colors preferred.</td>
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<td>Firm and strong, aligning with the tip of the nose.</td>
<td>Firm, but not unusually prominent.</td>
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<td>Short and broad. Prominent whisker pads.</td>
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<td>Slight curvature at the end, neither straight nor humped.</td>
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<td>Tail:</td>
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<td>Boning:</td>
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<td><strong>Coat. Color and Pattern:</strong> Length:</td>
<td>Short. Fur-points; The fur extending from the legs may rise up onto the shoulders, the hips and the buttocks. The temples (forehead in front of ears) are noticeably sparse with bareness extending from the top of the eyes to the frontal base of the ear. Furnishings, if any, are sparse. Ear muffs may or may not be present. Whiskers may be present, sparse, broken or absent. The neck, chest and abdomen may appear</td>
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<td>The Minskin is a noticeably small and stocky cat with a sweet and alert expression. They have a rounded head, large round eyes and a semi-cobby body. Minskins are easy to identify by their short, soft fur-points and their short-stature. The Minskin coat has an overall look and feel of a soft cashmere garment and they are quite warm to the touch. The short-stature of the Minskin accentuates their otter-like appeal; this is the result of a natural spontaneous autosomal dominant mutation. Their size and stature does not hamper mobility or quality of life. They are swift and agile, sweet tempered and respond well to being handled.</td>
<td>The Munchkin’s distinctive short legs developed from a spontaneous autosomal dominant mutation which has occurred several times in the domestic cat. Munchkins exhibit shortening and may have slight bowing of the long bones. The spine is unaffected and similar in form and flexibility to that seen in other domestic cats. The short legs do not hamper mobility or survival ability. The breed has been established from spontaneously occurring domestic cat lines with augmentation by outcrosses to other domestic cats. Munchkins are outgoing, intelligent, and respond well to being handled. They are accepted in both long and short coat lengths. The Munchkin</td>
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and the Munchkin longhair are distinguished only by the appearance of the coat. The shorthair having a medium length plush, resilient all-weather coat and the longhair a semi-long silky all weather coat.

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33.5.1.4.4 A proposed breeding program;

The Minskin breed began development in 1998 within a well structured and established International Award Winning TICA Cattery. With suitable and unrelated lines of outcross, the first standard furpointed Minskin kittens were born in 2000 and the numbers of registered Minskin breeders have continued to grow from year to year.

The Minskin working group and breed section are committed to sharing, trading, buying, selling and exchanging outcross kittens to satisfy and expand a healthy Minskin gene pool. Minskin breeders in the United States and Canada are working together and we also hope to help in developing Minskin breeding programs to cat fanciers in Europe, South Africa, Australia, Russia and abroad.

The intentions of the Minskin working group are continued expanse of the Minskin gene pool through exchange and outcross with suitable domestic cats which are not a member of a recognized breed. The Minskin breed section has voted by a poll, to request that the Board of Directors allow the Minskin breed to be recognized by TICA as a “Category I Breed”. Veterinarian and Minskin breeder Alfred Pappalardo owns several Minskin cats and he oversees the overall health of the Minskins along with numerous veterinarians across the U.S. and Canada. If any questionable health related issue arises, one perhaps seen in any domestic feline, those kittens/cats are culled from the breeding program immediately. We have not seen any breed specific health problems in the Minskin.

Furpoints are a consistent set coat within the Minskin gene pool. There is a balance that breeders have found which is between nearly-naked and fuzzy-coated. There have been numerous standard furpointed kittens produced over the past nine years. On occasion there will be a sparser coated kitten but those kittens make for wonderful pets and there is a demand for them in breeding programs as well.

The focus for the future development of the Minskin breed is HEALTH, uniqueness, temperament, structure, balance, type and vigor. Outcross of healthy lines continues to enhance future development of this remarkable and unique new breed.

There are currently hundreds of Minskin cats in their ever growing vast gene-pool.
Minskin Breed History

Minskins are a hybrid breed which expresses two combined, naturally occurring traits. They have a sparse coat with “fur-points”, unusually short legs and a very unique look. The breed as we know it today began in Boston, Massachusetts. In 1998, the first draft of the Minskin Breed Standard was written and it was at that time that select cats were bred to a very unique line of short-legged felines which derived from an International award winning cattery.

The Minskin’s short legs are the result of a dominant genetic mutation, affecting only the long bones of the front and rear legs. This mutation apparently occurred spontaneously within the feline gene pool and any cat that possesses this gene will exhibit the short legs. A cat that has received the “short-statured gene” from one parent will produce Minskin kittens at an approximate ratio of one short to one tall kitten.

Cats with short legs are not new to the scientific world: An English Veterinary Record of 1944 contains an entry by Dr H.E. Williams-Jones who describes four generations of cats with short limbs, including an 8 1/2 year old black female, documented as having had an extremely healthy life. Her dam, great dam, and some of her progeny were similar in appearance. The cat’s movements were described as ferret-like, but other than the short legs the cats were reported to be normal and healthy in every way. Unfortunately, these cats seem to have disappeared during World War II, not surprising in that many feline bloodlines, even established ones, disappeared completely during this period of deprivation.

In 1956, Max Von Egon Thiel of Hamburg, Germany described a cat that he had first seen in Stalingrad in 1953. The cat had unusually short legs but was in no way functionally hindered and was seen playing among its normal siblings and other young cats. At times it was noted to sit on its haunches with its front legs in the air, similar to the alert stance of a prairie dog.

Because of this behavior, the cat was dubbed the “Stalingrad kangaroo cat” by the author. Based on the description, this undoubtedly represents the same trait seen previously in Great Britain.

In a paper published by Dr Solveig Pflueger (Jan ‘99), she states: “One concern I had when I first began working with short-legged cats in 1990, was that there might be a risk for malformed homozygous kittens. This was not an unreasonable fear based on the lethality of homozygous achondroplasia in humans. However, I have bred short-legged cats together, without producing anything vaguely resembling the phenotype of homozygous achondroplasia.
There is sufficient data at this point to suggest that abnormal homozygotes similar to human achondroplasia are unlikely to appear with future breedings.” She further states; “I believe that short cats are happy and healthy cats”.

Minskins became an established breed for registration with The International Cat Association in 2005.

Minskins are being reproduced in other parts of the world and are gaining acceptance by cat fanciers and breeders. They have proven themselves to be extremely popular with the Judges in the USA and the public is smitten with them; watching these happy little cats strutting up and down the cat walk, then sitting like prairie-dogs on their haunches!

**Agility**

Minskins love to wrestle and play with each other and with their long-legged feline friends, happily unaware that there’s anything different about them. Nor do their feline companions treat them like members of the vertically challenged. Most Minskins also adore dogs, both large and small.

Fanciers assert that Minskins can do anything an ordinary cat can do, except leap to the top of the refrigerator. Many Minskins can jump onto the kitchen counter, while others take a more scenic route. They are playful but not destructive.

There is something intriguing about a Minskin, you really have to see them for yourself to understand their appeal. Maybe it’s a maternal thing; a kitten that never grows up. They appear to be small and kitten-like throughout their lives and tend to melt one’s heart. Truth is that they are strong and robust, swift and agile. They speed over the ground and dash under a bed without ducking. Considering their height, they are extremely powerful climbers and jumpers!

**Personality**

Regardless of the controversy surrounding them, Minskins go on being just what they are... cats. Self-assured, outgoing and friendly. These little low riders are affectionate and curious, leaving no part of the home or its inhabitants unexplored and fully investigated.

As well as having sweet natures, Minskins are affectionate, outgoing and intelligent. They love company, especially that of children with whom they seem to be especially popular. They are exceptionally playful and get along well with other cats, dogs and pets. Minskins are very amusing to watch, which is a real bonus in anyone’s life is. They’re excellent hunters and love a good game of fetch or feather teaser, but when playtime is over, all they want is a warm lap to snuggle into and strokes from a loving hand, just like any other domestic cat.
33.5.1.4.5 A processing fee of $50;
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33.5.1.4.6 A proposed two-letter breed designation code, which shall be automatically included in the Registration Rules upon approval as a Preliminary New Breed (if one has not been assigned previously).

Minskin (MS)

33.5.1.5 At least 90 days prior to the Board Meeting the Genetics Committee shall forward a written report commenting upon the application. Comments from individual members may be attached to the report as needed. Such report may recommend approval to advance to Preliminary New Breed status, recommend denial of advancement, that further requirements be met prior to approval, return to Registration ONLY status, or may make further comments. pending

33.5.1.5.1 Any advancement to Preliminary New Breed status is entirely within the discretion of the Board of Directors.

Please take into consideration that the Minskin breed has been in development for nine years, since 1998.

33.5.1.5.2 The Preliminary New Breed Chairperson serves at the pleasure of the Board of Directors, and may be replaced at any time.

Understood

33.5.1.6 Cause a Notice of Intent to Apply for Advancement to Preliminary New Breed status to 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.

On Feb 26, 2007, at 11:13 AM, Paul McSorley wrote:
> From: Paul McSorley [mailto:trt@minskin.com]
> Sent: Sunday, February 11, 2007 1:35 AM
> To: 'trend.editor@tica.org'
> Cc: 'ticatrend@comcast.net'
> Subject: Trend Notice of Intent
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> Dear Cathy,
> I am writing to submit notice to be published in the TICA Trend for
> “Cause a Notice of Intent to Apply for Advancement to Preliminary
> New Breed” for the Minskin (MS). Article 33.5.1.6 states that the
> application must be published “at least 120 days prior to meeting
> at which the application for advancement will be heard”.
> The Minskin Breed Section intends to go before TICA’s Board of
> Directors on September 1-2, 2007 at the Southwest Convention Center:
> Southwest Region (TICA Annual)
> Showhall: Albuquerque Convention Center
> 401 2nd Street NW
> Albuquerque, NM 87102
> Please let me know if you need any additional information,
> photographs, etc.
> Thank you,
> Paul McSorley - TRT Cattery - NE
> TICA Board Approved Contact for the Minskin Breed
> 207-778-6233
> trt@minskin.com
> 441 Intervale Road
> Temple, Maine 04984
Hi Paul,

I don't need anything but this.

Thanks,
Cathy
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1). Breed Category change.
2). Minskin Breed Standard Changes
3). Minskin Application for Acceptance as a Preliminary New Breed.

**POLL #1**

*Change the Minskin from a Category IV to a Category I breed.*

**YES VOTE:** 7 (out of 9)

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(continued)…
NO VOTE: 0

ABSTAIN: 2 (out of 9)

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Comments:
* “Category I” best suits the Minskin breed - McSorley
POLL #2

*Minskin Breed Section vote for changes to the Minskin (MS) Breed Standard:

YES VOTE: 7 (out of 9)

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NO VOTE: 0
<the following sections are the suggested changes to the Minskin Breed Standard>

HEAD:
Ears: Large, open and alert, with slightly rounded tips. Broad at the base with bell cups
<remove> “giving a hobbit-like appearance” <add> “or jugs”.

PERMISSIBLE OUTCROSSES:
<remove> “Munchkin, Sphynx, Burmese and” <leave> Domestic shorthairs, not a member of a recognized breed.

GENERAL:
The Minskin is a noticeably small and stocky cat with a sweet <add> “and alert” expression. <remove> “a hobbit-like” expression. They have a rounded head, large round eyes and a semi-cobby body. Minskins are easy to identify by their short, soft fur-points and their short-stature. The Minskin coat has an overall look and feel of a soft cashmere garment and they are quite warm to the touch. The short-stature of the Minskin accentuates their <remove> “hobbit-like” <add> “otter-like” appeal; this is the result of a natural spontaneous autosomal dominant mutation. Their size and stature does not hamper mobility or quality of life. They are swift and agile, sweet tempered and respond well to being handled.

WITHHOLD ALL AWARDS (WW):
<remove> “Extensive hairlessness or completely rex-coated” <leave> Lack of fur-points.
POLL #3

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Comments:
* The Minskin breed has been in development for nine years and it is time for this unique breed
to advance – McSorley

C: acceptance in TICA - Stephens

C: Minskins are such a joy in our family and it is time to advance this viable breed in TICA –
Ochse

C: After working with this remarkable breed for 7 years and 4 generations I feel it is appropriate
that this ever growing popular cat be acknowledged as a separate breed - Gour

C: Comments: I have been working with the Minskins since 2001 and find them extremely
unique and very healthy. I would love to be able to show them in Preliminary New Breed,
like I was able to show the Munchkins in NBC when I started out in 1996. These cats are
truly different than the Munchkins.

C: *From: CJEpperson@aol.com
Sent: Sunday, February 11, 2007 7:45 AM
To: trt@minskin.com
Subject: Minskin

TICA Board of Directors
I am writing to encourage you to accept the Minskin cat for Preliminary New Breed recognition. As a
breeder of 7 years, I have never had a cat who's appearance and personality 'stands alone' like the
Minskin does. When you have a Minskin who fits the standard for this breed, you have a very unique
looking cat that you cannot help but want to touch. Their cashmere coat and fur points makes them
distinctly a Minskin. As far as health goes, I have had absolutely no problems. Their playfulness and
appearance makes them a total joy to own and love.

Thank you,
Carla J Epperson
Blackkats Cattery
Great Lakes Region

CJ Epperson
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Ph. 765-378-0014

C: I would like to express my commitment to the Minskin breed. Although I am new to the Cat
Fancy, I am a long time breeder of Chinese Shar Pei and before that, the Jack Russel Terrier
(JRTCA days).
I began this adventure with the Minskins and greatly admire and appreciate the integrity of the work and vision Paul McSorley has used to found this breed and move it forward. I also admire his loyalty and trust in the process TICA has set. I have never once heard Paul complain or make demands that his chosen breed be exempt from this process. He has remained centered and faithful to the Minskin and the TICA process.

This breed has become a family project at my house. I have 3 teenagers with various degrees of autism. The ability of these cats to bring out so many positives in my children emotionally and on an educational level (my daughter has studied the genetics) is amazing. My older son with Aspergers spends much time being happy now and holding and petting them. They have provided him a way to distress (sensory integration) and have brought all of us closer as a family. The cats have been a life saver for me and to be working on a breed with such integrity and so much to offer helps me to focus on the positive and be creative within the physical limits now placed on my life. Thank you, Toni Stephens – KindredOne Cattery

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**Individual Poll Replies**

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**From:** Jon Gour  [mailto:anomaly@allstream.net]
**Sent:** Monday, February 12, 2007 7:13 PM
**To:** 'Jon Gour'; 'Paul McSorley'
**Subject:** RE: Minskin Breed Section POLLS

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**From:** Paul McSorley  [mailto:trt@minskin.com]
**Sent:** February 10, 2007 8:23 PM
**To:** 'Jon Gour'
**Subject:** Minskin Breed Section POLLS

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**Minskin Breed Section Members,**

Please complete the following three polls and be sure to write your name, address, phone number and email address at the bottom. Return to: trt@minskin.com ASAP. You may mark your yes or no answer with an “X” or your initials. Comments are optional. If you don’t understand something or have a question, please contact me directly.

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Thank you,

Paul McSorley – Minskin Breed Chair

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YES VOTE: YES

NO VOTE:

ABSTAIN:

Comments:

POLL #2

*Minskin Breed Section vote for changes to the Minskin (MS) Breed Standard:

YES VOTE: YES

NO VOTE:

ABSTAIN:

Comments:

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NO VOTE:

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From: petvet9@comcast.net [mailto:petvet9@comcast.net]
Sent: Sunday, February 11, 2007 10:34 AM
To: Paul McSorley
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---------- Original message ----------
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NO VOTE:

ABSTAIN:
Comments:

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YES VOTE: CJ

NO VOTE:

ABSTAIN:
Comments:

POLL #2

*Minskin Breed Section vote for changes to the Minskin (MS) Breed Standard:

YES VOTE: CJ

NO VOTE:
ABSTAIN:

Comments: Not sure 'otter like' is still the right wording but at least you get the gist of it.

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**ABSTAIN:**

Comments: 

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POLL #3

*Minskin Breed Section vote for Application for Acceptance as a Preliminary New Breed:

YES VOTE: Yes

NO VOTE:

ABSTAIN:
Comments: With the gene pool it is time to advance in TICA with this viable breed.

Barbara Ochse
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Sundari Minskins
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Minskin Breed Section Members,
Please complete the following three polls and be sure to write your name, address, phone number and email address at the bottom.
Return to: trt@minskin.com ASAP. You may mark your yes or no answer with an “X” or your initials. Comments are optional.
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Thank you,
Paul McSorley – Minskin Breed Chair

Minskin Breed Section Polls (page 1 of 3)

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POLL #1

*Change the Minskin from a Category IV to a Category I breed.

YES VOTE: TS

NO VOTE:
ABSTAIN:

Comments:

POLL #2

*Minskin Breed Section vote for changes to the Minskin (MS) Breed Standard:

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NO VOTE:
ABSTAIN:
Comments:

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YES VOTE: TS

NO VOTE:

ABSTAIN:
Comments:
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Star City, Arkansas
    71667

ph: 870-628-4851

From: Paul McSorley [mailto:trt@minskin.com]
Sent: Saturday, February 10, 2007 8:35 PM
To: 'Paul McSorley'
Subject: RE: Minskin Breed Section POLLS
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Comments: I have been working with the Minskins since 2001 and find them extremely unique and very healthy. I would love to be able to show them in Preliminary New Breed, like I was able to show the Munchkins in NBC when I started out in 1996. These cats are truly different than the Munchkins.

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Importance: High
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NO VOTE:

ABSTAIN:

Comments: The Minskin breed has been in development for nine years. It is time for this unique new breed to advance.

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April 24, 2007

Notice of Intent to apply for Acceptance as a Preliminary New Breed at the 2007 Annual Meeting.

The Sokoke Breed Group intends to apply for Preliminary New Breed Status at the 2007 TICA Annual Board Meeting.

We have met the Registration requirements of at least 15 cats which have attained the age of 8 months registered with TICA, at least ten litters registered, and have surpassed the requirement of at least five TICA members in good standing in at least three different Regions actively breeding.

We have a current TICA Breed Standard on file with the EO, our Breed name of Sokoke is abbreviated with the approved SK abbreviation, and we anticipate having Sokokes shown in US and European TICA Regions, with possible expansion to South America shortly.

As a naturally occurring Native Breed, our Breeding Program has a dual focus on expansion of the overall gene pool, as well as preservation breedings of the only two separate gene pools known: The “Old-line” as discovered originally in the Arabuko-Sokoke Forest area of Kenya and exported/developed as a Fife registered Breed to CH. status in Europe, with secondary development in Canada as a CCA reg. Experimental) and the “New-line” recently discovered near the Arabuko-Sokoke Forest Preserve boundary and originally exported to the USA and Europe, as well as currently bred in Africa. These new-line cats have been gathered and bred in Kenya by a Breeder, Jeannie Knocker, with the TICA reg. cattery name of Arabuko.

Advanced in years and struggling with age-related limitations, this woman who had no background in the Cat Fancy, wanted these cats in the hands of Breeders who would ensure the survival of this rarest Breed, teetering on the verge of extinction. Working closely with TICA Breeders in the USA and Europe, she went through tremendous personal and physical sacrifice, even flying on bush planes escorting her precious cargo on the first legs of the long journey from isolated Kenya to far-flung parts of the world from Colorado to Montana, and Denmark and Norway.

Her cats were the first TICA registered Sokokes, and many feel with the umbrella of TICA, and this new gene pool, the Breed can truly develop and expand to a World-wide viable gene pool now.

We have bred Old-New line, New-New line, with more interest expressed in Old-Old line breedings to keep separate gene pools going within the SK Breed, which does not allow outcrossing.

The following TICA members in good standing have registered litters with TICA in the past two yrs.:

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   Sunbright Cattery
   PO Box 6028
   Great Falls, MT. 59406 USA

Susan Speegle-SE Region
   Aaliyah Cattery

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PO Box 430
Okaheumpka, FL 34762

Rosi Carroll-GP Region
Rojon Cattery
204 Pennsylvania
Woodland Park, CO 80863

Cathy Hidalgo-GP Region
Macushla Cattery
Denver, CO.

Anita Engebakken-Europe North Region
Kimburu Cattery
Skienseveien 340 3830
Ulefoss NORWAY

Jane Casey-SW Region
Cerbat Mtn. Cattery
Kingman, AZ

The following people are SK Owners and TICA members in good standing and would like to be included as well as those mentioned above in a SK Breed Committee:
Raven Simons-Mid-Pacific Region
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Salt Lake City, UT 84105
(Alter Owner)

Lindsey Wright-Europe North Region
3 Tylney View
Hook
Hants England
RG27 9LJ
(Breeder)

The Proposed Breed Chair is the current SK Breed Contact Person, Lynn Schafer-Russell
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Respectfully, 
Lynn Schafer-Russell

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### Application for Acceptance as a Preliminary New Breed

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Subject: Request for Advancement to Preliminary New Breed

Dear Sir/Madame:

The Highlander (HG) Breed Group respectfully requests your consideration for advancement to Preliminary New breed as a category III breed.

Our breed’s application along with our $50 filing fee was submitted in September 2006 for advancement to Registration Only Status at the Winter Meeting. Although all of our paperwork and our presentation were submitted to the EO well before the deadline to be on the agenda for both the Winter and Spring meetings, through unfortunate circumstances on many levels, they were not sent to the appropriate committee members.

We have encountered numerous setbacks and have worked rapidly and tirelessly to correct what errors were made on our part as well as those that were beyond our control. When we learned that most of the 23 presentation packets we had submitted for the proper committees and their members were nowhere to be found and had never been distributed to the designated committee members, we rushed to supply the committees and EO with electronic presentation packets as quickly as we could get them made. We wanted to clearly show our commitment to our breed’s advancement at the Spring meeting. When we learned that a contact person who has nothing to do with our breed had been contacted and that she had informed Leslie that we were no longer interested in advancing the Highlander, we rushed to rectify that. With Leslie’s gracious help we were able to get back on the agenda.

We have since been advised that what we had applied for in September 2006, Registration Only Status, was applied for in error. We attribute this to the difficulty understanding the rules as they are written. In fact, we learned there are no provisions made for advancement in the rules as they are written and there is nothing in place for a breed to move from Experimental to Registration Only Status. We were informed only after the Spring meeting that our application should have been for advancement to PNB. We were also advised a week prior to the Spring meeting that it had been our breed group’s responsibility to have our “Intent to Advance” published in the TREND, to make sure the Rules and Genetics Committee had our presentations in hand, to solicit their responses on our own, and to make sure those responses were presented at the Spring meeting. We have learned along the way that the process for advancing a breed is a confusing and difficult process to understand for even the most conscientious among us, and although we sought advice many times during this process, we received no help or guidance other than being advised to read the registration rules and that everything we needed could be found in the rules.

The Highlander Breed Packet is now in the hands of the EO, all members of the Board of
Directors, Rules, and Genetics Committees. We ask for your consideration in our breed’s advancement to Preliminary New Breed as a category III breed.

We wish to thank Bobbie Tullo and Nancy Parkinson for the endless hours and days they have taken from their busy schedules to advise us, to answer our questions (often more than once) and to help us understand and prepare according to TICA rules. These two remarkable women embody the true spirit of TICA. They have shown this to our breed group through their kindness, and their untiring willingness to share their vast knowledge and to guide us through this process. Thank you both from the Highlander Breed Group.

Respectfully,

Cindy Hillard
Highlander Breed TICA contact
TICA membership #R-2592-GL
Simply “Earizistible” Highlanders #C-16455
(937)217-1068
Attention:  Board of Directors

Subject:  Request for Advancement Preliminary New Breed

Dear Sir/Madame:

It is with great pleasure, anticipation, and pride that the Highlander Breeders Group files intent for advancement and asks for your consideration in the Highlander breed’s advancement to “Preliminary New Breed”. Included in our presentation packet are the names of current TICA members/breeders who are actively involved in the growth and development of the Highlander breed. Also included are our Breed Standard, photographs of both kittens and adult cats, and a pictorial demonstration of the Highlander’s body make-up.

We currently have 14 members with 8 actively breeding, 4 that will be active by TICA definition of an “active breeder” within the next few months, and 2 members that own altered Highlanders. Our Highlander members are located throughout 5 TICA regions. Active Highlander breeders are located in three of the TICA regions. We anticipate rapid growth in our numbers of breeders and Highlander cats in the coming years. We have worked diligently to educate all members of our group on sound breeding practices, ethics, and breeding for quality rather than quantity. Our cats currently registered as Experimental Highlanders have produced 21 litters consisting of over 80 kittens. These cats continue to breed true for type and personality with each generation.

Our members have used Highlander cats and kittens for educational purposes as well as for therapy animals in nursing homes. Their outstanding easygoing personalities make adaptation to almost any environment an effortless transition. We have developed and published a Highlander Breeders Group Website that can be found at www.highlanderbreeders.com The site includes our breeders’ cattery information, pictures, breed standard, and information about the breed itself. We have prepared documents and as numbers increase in our breeders we plan to make application for a TICA club.

We established a Highlander Rescue on March 15, 2006 for the protection of all Highlanders and preservation of the breed. It, too, is included on our breed group Website. We have foster homes in place. To this point we have not received any rescues into the program. Perhaps this speaks to the adaptability of the breed to any environment as well as the commitment of Highlander breeders to placing their kittens into good homes. Of course we all know that no matter how carefully potential owners are screened, situations will arise that necessitate cats being re-homed. We felt that it was our ethical responsibility to the breed to ensure that this mechanism was in place very early on in the breed’s development.
Breed Goals:

To continue to breed Highlanders per our standard that consistently conform to the type and personality that have made our Highlander kittens so sought after.

To continue to welcome and mentor new breeders who will strive to put the breed’s best interest first and foremost in their breeding programs.

To register Highlander litters and individual cats and kittens with TICA.

To continue education in various formats.

To continue rescue of all Highlanders in need.

To continue to provide a forum for Highlander breeders to interact, exchange ideas, and work together in a cooperative and supportive environment.

We hope that you will find Highlanders as exciting and wonderful a breed as we do. The Highlander Breeders Group requests that Cindy Hillard be approved as the Breed Group Working Chairperson. Should you have any questions concerning the Highlander or any of the information contained in this packet, please contact me.

Respectfully submitted,

Cindy Hillard

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The Origin of Highlander Breed:

The Highlander breed first began development in 2004 with its roots tracing back to the Highland Lynx. An east coast breeder developed the Highland Lynx in 1993 and although given the name that included “lynx”, these domestic cats were not of any lynx ancestry. These cats immediately attracted interest and a devoted following rapidly developed due to their unique looks, size, and playful, clown-like personalities. Upon welcoming the Highland Lynx into our homes and families we immediately realized that these cats were special, both in personality and looks. Unitig together we worked to set up our breeding programs and develop a standard that we all agreed to adhere to and began working to develop a cat with a “big cat look” in a purely domestic breed.

In late 2005 we took the name Highlander to further identify our cats as a breed of their own merit. We worked diligently to educate the public; to bring about an awareness of how special these cats are, both in personality and looks; and mostly to earn respectability for this breed and eventual championship status as a member of the cat fancy in one of the largest cat registries in the world, TICA.

Our foundation cats were carefully hand picked for the qualities important to our development in producing the Highlander’s “big cat look”, with domestic short hair and domestic long hair being allowed as acceptable outcrosses when needed. It is important to note that Highlanders have never used any other recognized breed as an outcross.

We have carefully selected each and every Highlander foundation cat by a combination of the unique Highlander profile that immediately draws attention to the long-sloping forehead, intense wide-set eyes separated by a wide nose with substantial nose leather that gives the Highlander a look of its own. The nose, muzzle, and chin form a blunt look, giving an overall boxy appearance in profile. The Highlander has also maintained the loose curl that affects the top 1/3rd of the ear. It is not a tight curl like the American Curl, and we believe it came from a Canadian breed called the Hemingway Curl through the Highland Lynx. These incredible features all tie together to create the unique “big cat” look of the Highlander breed in a domestic cat.

Highlander breeding programs continue to selectively breed to protect and enhance this distinctive look as well as to enhance the bloodlines to keep them genetically different and pure from other breeds.

Although their look is one of power and fierceness, Highlanders are fun-loving, good-natured cats that constantly entertain their humans with zany antics. They enjoy being the center of attention.

Highlander Breeders Group
2007 Highlander Breed Group

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HIGHLANDER BREED GROUP

(HG/HL)

The Highlander (HG) is a medium to large shorthair domestic cat. Well-muscled and feral in looks, the Highlander has the look of the "big cats" in a purely domestic breed. Highlanders are playful and good natured. The Highlander Longhair (HL) is the long hair version.

HEAD 40 points
   Shape 6
   Ears 10
   Eyes 5
   Chin 6
   Muzzle 6
   Nose 4
   Profile 3

BODY 40 points
   Torso 10
   Tail 10
   Boning 8
   Musculature 7
   Legs/Feet 5

COAT/COLOR/PATTERN 20 points
   Length 4
   Texture 4
   Pattern 6
   Color 6

CATEGORY: All.

DIVISION: Solid, Tortie, Tabby, Silver/Smoke.

COLORS: All.

PERMISSIBLE OUTCROSSES: Domestic longhair/shorthair, not a member of a recognized breed.

HEAD:
   Shape: Wide inverted pear-shaped head with substantial width to muzzle.
   Eyes: Medium to large set far apart. Set on a slight bias. Slightly flattened oval in shape. Eye color independent of coat color except in Pointed Category.
   Ears: Medium to large, wide at the base, set as much on the top of the head as on the side, as erect as possible. Ears must be firm at the base, flexible at the tips. Loose relaxed curl with little backward direction, allowing the tips of the ears to be clearly visible in a frontal view. Ear furnishings and ear tufts are desired but not required. Kittens may have a greater degree of curl but not more than 90°.
   Chin: Strong and deep. Must align with top of jaw.
   Profile: Rounded back skull, sloping forehead, change of direction at the nose bridge, slight curve to nose.
   Nose, muzzle and chin form a blunt look in profile.
   Nose: Wide with substantial nose leather.

BODY:
   Torso: Medium to large in size with noticeable depth. Rectangular in shape. Straight back with hips higher than shoulders. Overall muscled, athletic appearance. Males are proportionally larger than females.
   Legs: Medium in length, back legs longer than front.
   Feet: Medium to large, rounded with large knuckles. Longhair (HL) must have toe tufts.
   Tail: Short and thick. Bone length must be a minimum of 2 inches in adults with proportional length in kittens. Must not extend past the hock. Slight kinks and curls are allowed.
   Boning: Moderately heavy and substantial.
   Musculature: Well-muscled.

COAT/COLOR/PATTERN:
   Length:
   (HG) Short, dense and resilient.
   (HL) Long hair up to 2-1/2 inches with shaggy belly hair longer than the rest of the coat.
   Texture:
   There will be texture variations depending upon the color of the cat.
   (HG) Resilient, snapping back into place.
(HL) Soft

Pattern:
Spotted: Random pattern preferred. Spots should be well-defined. May be oval, round, squared or triangular in shape.
Classic: Will have spots and swirls distinguishing it from the normal classic pattern.
Pointed: Expression of the underlying tabby pattern is desirable.

GENERAL DESCRIPTION: The Highlander began its development in 2004, tracing its roots back to the Highland Lynx. The Highland Lynx that were originally used in the development of the Highlander have no other breeds within a three generation pedigree. The Highlander is a muscular, athletic domestic cat. Selective breeding has contributed to protecting the unique features and enhance the bloodlines. Highlander cats come in both short hair and long hair.

LOCKETS: Withhold All Awards
ALLOWANCES: Tarnishing in Silvers

PENALIZE: Ears that are not open or wide based, ears too small or low set. Tips of ears not visible from frontal view in adults. Kittens with more than 90° curl.

DISQUALIFY: Ears not erect. Tail too short, too long or docked.

Temperament must be unchallenging; any sign of definite challenge shall disqualify. The cat may exhibit fear, seek to flee, or generally complain aloud but may not threaten to harm. In accordance with Show Rules, ARTICLE SIXTEEN, the following shall be considered mandatory disqualifications: a cat that bites (216.9), a cat showing evidence of intent to deceive (216.10), adult whole male cats not having two descended testicles (216.11), cats with all or part of the tail missing, except as authorized by a Board approved standard (216.12.1), cats with more than five toes on each front foot and four toes on each back foot, unless proved the result of an injury or as authorized by a Board approved standard (216.12.2), visible or invisible tail faults if Board approved standard requires disqualification (216.12.4), crossed eyes if Board approved standard requires disqualification (216.12.5), total blindness (216.12.6), markedly smaller size, not in keeping with the breed (216.12.9), and depression of the sternum or unusually small diameter of the rib cage itself (216.12.11.1). See Show Rules, ARTICLE SIXTEEN for more comprehensive rules governing penalties and disqualifications.
BODY SHAPE

MEDIUM TO LARGE IN SIZE WITH NOTICEABLE DEPTH. STRAIGHT BACK WITH HIP SET HIGHER THAN THE SHOULDERS. OVERALL MUSCLED AND ATHLETIC APPEARANCE.

HEAD, EYES, NOSE AND MUZZLE

WIDE INVERTED PEAR SHAPED HEAD WITH SUBSTANTIAL WIDTH TO MUZZLE.
EYES: MEDIUM TO LARGE SET FAR APART. SLIGHTLY FLATTED OVAL IN SHAPE. EYES SHOULD BE SET ON A SLIGHT BIAS.
NOSE: WIDE WITH SUBSTANTIAL NOSE

MUZZLE: FULL, WIDE AND STRONG WITH DEFINITE BREAK. PROMINENT WHISKER PADS SHOULD MAKE IT APPEAR SQUARED. MUZZLE LENGTH SHOULD MAKE HEAD APPEAR LONGER THAN IT IS WIDE.

PROFILE

ROUNDED BACK SKULL, SLOPING FOREHEAD, SLIGHT CURVE TO NOSE.
NOSE AND MUZZLE FORM A BLUNT LOOK FROM SIDE VIEW.

TAIL

TAIL: SHORT AND THICK.
BONE MUST BE A MINIMUM OF 2 INCHES.
MUST NOT EXTEND PAST THE HOCK.
SLIGHT KINKS AND CURLS ALLOWED.
PROPORTIONAL LENGTH IN KITTENS.
...."Barn cats were never vaccinated, no known parentage. I would guess that a curled ear cat would bring more questions to the effect if it was an "injury". Bobtail cats and 6 toed cats (as they were called) were a common occurrence. The farm had several cats/kittens with curled ears but thought it was because they had gotten sunburned!!" CANADA 1962

****Thank you Gloria for the information and allowing us to use your photo.

EARS

MEDIUM TO LARGE, SET AS MUCH ON TOP OF HEAD AS ON SIDE, BEING AS ERECT AS POSSIBLE. MUST BE WIDE BASED AND APPEAR OPEN. CURL TO BE LOOSE AND RELAXED ALLOWING TIPS OF EARS MUST BE CLEARLY VISIBLE FROM FRONTAL VIEW ON ADULTS. EARS SHOULD HAVE MORE OF A VERTICAL CURL THAN A HORIZONTAL ONE. KITTEN CURL TO BE LESS THAN 90 DEGREES.

DESIRABLE CURL

ACCEPTABLE DEGREES OF CURL

ACCEPTABLE KITTEN CURL

PENALIZE: EXTREME CURL OR EAR TOO SMALL

FEET

MEDIUM TO LARGE, SHOULD APPEAR ROUNDED WITH LARGE KNUCKLES AND FLESHY TOES. LONGHAIR CATS MAY HAVE TOE TUFTS.

PERSONALITY

THE HIGHLANDER IS EXTREMELY AFFECTIONATE AND FUN LOVING. THEY ENJOY SPENDING QUALITY TIME WITH FRIENDS AND ARE AVID TV WATCHERS WITH A DISCRIMINATING TASTE FOR EDUCATIONAL TELEVISION. HIGHLANDERS HAVE A UNIQUE FELINE SENSE OF HUMOR AND CANNOT WAIT TO ENTERTAIN AN AUDIENCE WITH THEIR ENDLESS ZANY ANTICS AND THEIR "BIG CAT" HUNTING SKILLS.
The Chausie Breed Committee has continued making strides towards advancing the Chausie breed this past year. With the numbers of “C” level cats rising (as shown below in Figure 1), breeders have been successful in keeping the focus on Chausie to Chausie breedings. As the graph indicates the numbers of both “A” and “B” cats have been decreasing with numbers of “C” cats steadily increasing. This has resulted in more consistency as well as type in our kittens. It has also resulted in the birth of our first “SBT” kittens.

Figure 1

** Please note that the year 2007 was left off due to an incomplete breed registration report. The report had no information for the current year.

The Chausie Breed Committee maintains an active E-Group list where various aspects of the breed, feedback from the shows, and revisions to the goals of the breed are discussed. The breed group updated its website after the first of the year, as we do every year, and invites you to visit the website at www.chausiebreedcommittee.com to view photos and breed information.
As indicated below (in Figure 2), the Chausie breed group has been working to increase the number of cats registered. This steady growth indicates that Chausie breeders are continuing to maintain a presence within TICA in compliance with our breed goals.

**Figure 2**

**Chausies and Litters Registered by Year**

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*Please note that “... by Year” is an incomplete number due to the fact that only a portion of the year has passed when these numbers are posted.

Chausie breeders have also maintained a consistent presence in the show hall (Figure 3). Both breeders and pet owners, who show their cats, are not only educating judges but receiving valuable feedback concerning standard and type. The Chausie took another exciting step forward in having been shown internationally. As a breed group we

**Figure 3**

**CU Show Stats**

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*Please note that the number of shows listed for the year 2006-2007 also includes the international regions.*
are looking forward to this upcoming TICA Annual. We will presenting information to the general public as well as the board and judges.

The Chausie breeders were delighted to see our cats featured in three magazines this past year. We were on the cover of *Cat Fancy* and had a spot highlight in *Cats USA*. Chausies were also featured in *Cat's Life*, a Korean publication as well.

Chausie Rescue (established March 21, 2001) is still helping Chausies in need. The rescue organization is currently listed with Purebred Cat Rescue and works with Hybrid Cat Friends as well. Although the main focus is still Chausies in need, the organization has helped out with other breeds and non-Chausie groups when needed. Chausie Rescue will continue to operate in this manner not only to assist their breed of choice but other cats in need as well. Currently, the rescue group has been successful in assisting all cats that were referred to Chausie Rescue.

In conclusion, Chausie breeders are continuing to mentor new breeders and continue education in various formats. We are looking forward to an exciting year as we see more “C” and “SB” level cats. We feel that the Chausie is progressing consistently and are appreciative of the support from the TICA community.

Respectfully Submitted,
Bobbie Tullo
Chausie Working Breed Chair
2007 Annual Savannah Breed Report  
Carol Streit – Provisional Working Group Savannah Breed Chair

We are pleased to present this Annual Savannah Breed Report of a healthy, viable and thriving new breed for TICA. This past year has been a wonderful year of growth and development of our breed.

Registration Numbers of Savannas Updated

Registration numbers of Savannahs (SVs) continue at a steady pace. What was exciting for us to see from the 2006 registration figures was that this was the first year the majority of SVs registered were of “B” registration (Savannah to Savannah breeding), this was a figure of 55%! The trend of SV to SV breeding has continued early in 2007 with over 70% of new registrations being B registered SVs and nearly 10% C registered SVs. The Board will remember that a major obstacle for our hybrid breed is dealing with the late generational fertility in our SV males, we have had to wait on average until F5 generation (five generations away from the Serval) to get somewhat reliable fertility in our males. The exciting majority of B registrations tells us that we are overcoming that obstacle and moving down the generations now to SBT level. Indeed the numbers of “C” registered SVs (two generations of SV to SV breeding) has also increased significantly and this year we have already had our first SBT SV litter with many more expected before the Annual meeting this year!
Already over a quarter of total registrations of Savannahs are B and C registered, we feel this is a definite indication that we are becoming a breed. Although from the above figure there may seem a slight decrease in registrations from 2005 to 2006 we do not feel that this small discrepancy is significant. We feel it is more likely due to the change in the SV pet market where numbers have reached the point that just being a SV no longer means a huge price will be paid for a kitten. A number of breeders that may have purchased breeding queens with the idea of making a profit may not be finding it so easy and have closed their programs. We feel that this is a necessary “teething” step in the development of our Breed. Please note that the column depicting A registered SVs takes a significant decrease from 2005 to 2006 but there is a concurrent increase in B registered SVs therefore the difference in total SVs registered between 2005 and 2006 is in reality only a matter of 40 cats.
It is much easier to see the progression of the Savannah breed by looking at an alternative way to present the Registration data. By looking at the percentages of A, B and C registered SVs by year it is easy to see that in the last couple years there is a definite trend towards SV to SV breeding. This is mainly due to the commitment of our breeders to develop our breed. We are keenly aware that SV to SV breeding is increasing the type in the kittens we are producing, and this has encouraged many more breeders to acquire SV stud males to replace the domestic outcross males they had previously been using. By using the percentages then it is clear to see that this trend is continuing in 2007, and the number of C registered SVs is clearly increasing also. Many breeders have had their first C litters this year, and we expect many more to be registered by the time of this meeting. To date, we have 35 registered C SVs but we may even have the required 50 by the time of the Annual meeting. Therefore, we may be considering a request to be moved back to Advanced New Breed status next year.

Our Breed Section is currently slowly and deliberately moving through the Savannah Breed Standard, to carefully tweak and reword certain sections based on input by judges participating in SV Breed Seminars in the past. This is not a swift process, not only does each point need to be discussed in detail, we have a large and varied membership in our breed section and our Breed Chair, Carol Streit, has been very clear that she wishes us all to participate in this process. We believe it is very educational for new and experienced breeders alike to revisit each point in our Standard and discuss it anew. It is likely to take us some time however, to have this process completed and a new Standard ready to present for Board approval.
Savannah Male Fertility Project

In the past year about 6 male Savannahs have had semen analysis and the results of that have been accurate when compared with what was known from test matings or was found on analysis of the testes after neutering.

Results are back on testicular samples submitted from 5 male savannahs known to be infertile and 1 additional male savannah neutered for other reasons. In 4 of the 5 infertile savannahs (2.9% to 12.5% serval) no germ cells were found in the testes. Germ cells are the earliest progenitor cells of sperm and are present in a normal cat before puberty. This preliminary information suggests that very early developmental defects are common in the reproductive system of many of the infertile males.

One F2 (25% serval) male which was shown infertile through semen analysis and neutered at one year of age did have germ cells, spermatozoa and sperm were not seen though. One B registered F4 (9.4% serval), this is the cat neutered for other reasons and not tested for fertility, was shown to have spermatozoa and may actually have been fertile.

In addition 3 of the 6 infertile males had inflammatory/immune cells present in the testes and the significance of this is unknown.

The project is ongoing with several more samples submitted.
Kristin Filseth, DVM.

Publicity of Savannahs this Year

Savannahs continued to be covered in the media, online and in print. We were exceedingly pleased to have a very positive article in print this year, the Savannah cat was the Feature Breed for the June issue of Cat Fancy Magazine. The article emphasized the playful interactive nature of our breed, and included some lovely pictures of a range of our SVs as well as comments by the SV Breed Chair Carol Streit, and breeders Kristine Alessio and Brigitte Cowell. Pictures of SVs have also been submitted by Helmi Flick for a feature article of SVs in a Russian cat magazine that will be published this year. A SV breeder in Sweden, Eva Rubin of Wildside cattery, was featured in an issue of “Kattliv” also. And just recently the National Geographic Kids issue for June has an article on Hybrid companion animals, featuring a lovely picture of a SV owned by breeder Cynthia King and comments by her on the SV’s personality.

SV displays at shows, Savannah-Ramas, continue to be held. This year there is a Savannah-Rama planned in July in Wisconsin but the BIG event for us will be at this year’s TICA Annual show where we shall have most likely our largest Savannah-Rama yet. We were very excited and pleased to be asked to hold this display of SVs at this show. We look forward to showing off a lovely range of generations of SVs, as well as presenting educational posters about our Breed and a Breed Seminar.
**Savannahs in Shows**

Besides our highly popular Savannah-Ramas, Savannahs continue to be getting out to many other shows. We are pleased to report that not only are there a number of different SVs being shown but also by a number of different individuals, and representing a number of different catteries. We do not wish to be a breed represented by only one breeder!

In the past show year, 63 cats were shown at 48 shows in 6 different show regions (including Europe North). These cats were shown by 32 separate owners, and were bred by 26 different catteries. We are so pleased to demonstrate that more than only a couple of exhibitors are showing our Savannahs, and that many catteries are producing our show cats.

**Savannah Rescue**

Savannah Rescue (The International Savannah Cat Club Rescue) has become a full fledged part of the feline rescue community. Currently, we are listed on the Purebred Cat Rescue, Inc. (“PCBR”) website as the official rescue for SVs. This has resulted in our Rescue being notified immediately when there have been SVs in need of rehoming or those that have been surrendered to animal shelters, and allows us to coordinate easily with most cat shelters and rescues. We have rehomed a total of nine SVs in the past year.

Savannah Rescue has also joined forces on a National level with Bengal Rescue and Chausie Rescue in the form of a Yahoo group which allows for correct breed identification and a sharing of rescue resources. We are encouraged that this interaction will aid our ability to identify SVs that need rescue and help us build further networks necessary for effective and efficient breed rescue.

Both breeders and pet owners are involved with Savannah Rescue and we are also very involved in rescue efforts for all purebred cats. Members of the SV community have readily assisted other rescues with transport and fostering of other breeds, such as Persians, Siamese, Havana Browns, Exotic Shorthairs, Ragdolls, Bengals, Chausies and Oocats throughout the United States in the past year. We remain firmly committed to all rescue work and to maintaining an organized group to handle SVs in rescue and to assist with other rescue groups in their specific breed rescues. We are very proud of our breed group members who have stepped up to the plate to assist with rescue efforts.

Additionally, we have put some effort into thinking of additional ways to fund Rescue work without draining our volunteer’s wallets continually. All that do Rescue work have found that they tend to expend far too much money that never gets reimbursed. While we do not expect this to stop, we have put some effort into identifying other ways to raise money for SV Rescue. Volunteer work helping to put together this year’s highly successful 2007 Savannah Cat Calendar led to a substantial donation by www.savannahcat.com proprietor Patrick Kelley to Savannah Rescue. Additional work lead to the design for some
SV Cat tshirts and various logo-ed products on online stores (Café Press), which also generate funding for Savannah Rescue, kindly promoted also by savannahcat.com. Currently, the Savannah Rescue Group is working on a new plan whereby breeders may find homes for their retired breeders AND generate a donation to Savannah Rescue. We realize that as our Breed grows in popularity and numbers, so does the risk of SVs ending up in Rescue. We still have a much larger waiting list for Rescue SVs than the number of cats we have gotten into Rescue, but we realize that this will not continue. We are serious about planning to protect our Breed.

Kristine Alessio and Brigitte Cowell
Savannah Rescue Coordinators

Conclusion

Finally, we feel that our Breed is progressing steadily in registration codes and in total numbers, and that this is matched by an increase in the physical type of the cats we are producing. We have garnered consistent praise from judges about the improvement in type of the cats that we are bringing to the ring compared to previous years. We are pleased that most judges love our Breed and take the time to encourage our efforts and to understand the process we have had to undertake to produce our strikingly beautiful Savannah Cat Breed. We are thankful for the support and encouragement we receive from the TICA Board and the TICA community in general.
TO: Bobbie Tullo  
FROM: Karen Sausman, Chair Serengeti Breed Committee  
SUBJECT: Serengeti Breed Committee Report  

DATE: June 13, 2007  

The Serengeti Breed Committee undertook the revision of the judging standard in response to comments made by judges regarding body type and differentiating the Serengetis from Orientals and Saannahs. The Revisions were approved in March.

The group’s list serve, Serengeti Founders, has grown to 33 members. All are members of TICA and have been requested to join the Serengeti Breed Group. The group site has pictures of Serengetis and the current standard, as well as a data base of registered Serengetis and those being shown.

Serengetis continue to grow in popularity, especially in Europe. There are several breeders starting programs in the UK, Germany and the Netherlands.

While Serengetis now have breeders in many TICA regions, it will still be some time before we reach 25 active breeders and can consider petitioning to advance in status.

Since my personal work schedule still requires many weekends, I am still not able to go to many shows to promote the breed. Other breeders are starting to be more active showing their cats. I do hope to have more time starting next season to attend more shows.

I want to thank our Breed Advisor, Bobbie Tullo, for her unfailing support over the years, as well as the TICA Board and Executive Director, Leslie Bowers, for her help.

Respectfully submitted,  
Karen Sausman
First, I would like to note that several committee members have spent long hours in the fight against California’s AB 1634. This bill, like the Washington, DC proposed legislation, needs to be defeated or fanciers will see a proliferation of this type of legislation across the country.

The legislative Committee welcomes Shere Crossman as watcher for New York State.

Web Site: Completed and available at www.tica.org

Article: Domestic Hybrid Cats Position Statement– Kelly Crouch

State:

California State AB 1634
Date of initial notice: 2/23/200
Main Liaison Contact: Jay Bangle
Legislation: MSN, Breeder licensing with unworkable exemptions for competition dogs or cats, requirements for sale of unaltered animal
Current Status: Passed Assembly and now in Senate
TICA legislative Activities: Jay and Kristine Alessio have been working with Joan Miller of CFA, and Bill Hemby of PetPac to defeat this bill. Jay and Kristine pulled together financial information on AB 1634 to share with legislators. They also spent time getting the word out and educating breeders about this bill. Jay was able to attend committee meetings and meet with Assemblyman Ted Lieu. Jay attended an open forum hosted by Senator Joe Simitian (D – Palo Alto). Kristine has been in contact with Assemblyman Joel Anderson and Senator Dennis Hollingsworth. Shere Crossman has helped educate and motivate breeders in her region to help in the fight against this bill. Kelly Crouch sent letters to both Assembly committees on behalf of TICA.

District of Columbia
Date of Initial Notice: 6/5/2007
Legislation: MSN, breeder licensing similar to California’s AB 1634
Legislative contact: Marie Vodicka
Legislative Liaison: Kelly Crouch
TICA legislative activities: An email alert was forwarded to TICA members and a letter sent on behalf of TICA to the DC committee members.

Iowa State
Date of initial notice: 4/20/2007
Legislation: Wild Animal Legislation
Status: Signed into law.
TICA legislative activities: Assisted local members.
Minnesota State:
Date of initial notice: 2/25/2007
Liaison: Kelly Crouch
Legislation: "Dog and Cat Breeders Act" breeder licensing
Status: legislative Session ended without a hearing but it was reintroduced on 5/14/2007 and will be active again in January.
TICA legislative activities: Sent letter on behalf of TICA.

Nebraska State
Date of initial notice: 2/1/2007
Liaison: Kelly Crouch
Legislation: Anti-hybrid legislation
Status: Was dropped in favor of another bill.
TICA legislative activities: Sent letter on behalf of TICA.

North Carolina State
Date of initial notice: October 2006
Legislation: Inherently Dangerous Animals, Hybrids
Main Contact: Susan Wolf, North Carolina Responsible Animal Owners Association
Status: This bill was unsuccessful.
TICA legislative activities: Sent letter on behalf of TICA. I contacted the Chausie Breed Committee because the NC Study Group wanted more information on the Chausie.

West Virginia State
Legislation: West Virginia Nonnative Species Act
Status: Defeated

Local:

Orange (Huntington Beach), California
Date of Initial Notice: 4/19/2007
Liaison: Kristine Alessio
Legislation: City of Orange (Huntington Beach) City Council approved a directive to staff to research issues and costs to enact a Los Angeles County style ordinance (MSN, microchip including dogs, cats and rabbits.) (7 members, 5 yes, 1 no, 1 absent)
TICA legislative activities: Kristine has enlisted the assistance of members living in Huntington Beach to monitor this issue and inform her of any action that should be taken by TICA.

Davidson County, North Carolina
Date of initial notice: 1/7/2002
Liaison: Kelly Crouch
Legislation: MSN, Breeder licensing
Status: Legislation was unsuccessful
As you know, I am the TICA Liaison on the Board of CFA Purebred Rescue AKA Purebred Cat Breed Rescue (PCBR). PCBR has been undergoing some significant changes in recent months:

1. Our present Board of Directors now includes an experienced CPA, a veterinarian, a county humane society President, the TICA GL Regional Director, a retired ex-Director of the SPCA of Texas, and experienced rescuers. We have recently changed our Bylaws to remove the requirement of a CFA Board Member on our Board. At this time, we do not have an official representative from CFA participating in our effort. Presently, TICA has two representatives on the PCBR Board - Christian and myself.

2. Currently, we are incorporated in MN, but will be incorporating in KY, as well. Eventually, KY will be the only state we are incorporated in. (We no longer have a Board member or representation in MN.)

3. We changed our By-Laws to conform with our past practice. They now read: "This corporation is organized and shall be operated exclusively for charitable purposes, and in particular to engage in the rescue, sheltering, treatment and placement of domestic cats, with non-exclusive emphasis on purebred cats, as well as to educate the public regarding cat ownership issues and participate in efforts to prevent relinquishments and abuse of cats."

4. There is high probability we may be changing our name to the Cat Fanciers' Alliance Purebred Rescue. I will let you know if this comes about.

Funding always remains an issue. Our last plea for funds didn't bring in anywhere near what we had hoped. As a result, we need ways to raise money and I am hoping this committee can brainstorm this and come up with some ideas. More on that in a separate post.

The BOD of PCBR, and I, personally, would like to thank Kristine and Sal for their help over and over again on rescues!!! Kudos to you both!!!

DeLynne