

THE INTERNATIONAL CAT ASSOCIATION

2008 Winter Board Meeting

February 20-22, 2008

Saint Raphael, FRANCE

The meeting was call to order at 10:15 AM on Wednesday, February 20, 2008 by the President, Kay DeVilbiss. The following Board Members were present:

Kay DeVilbiss - President

Nancy Parkinson - Vice President

Motoko Oizumi - Director, Asia

Jamie Christian - Director, Great Lakes

Donna Madison - Director, Northeast

Martin Wood - Director, Northern Europe

Ellen Crockett - Director, Northwest

Lisa Dickie - Director, Mid Atlantic

Linda Kay Ashley - Director, Mid Pacific

Cheryl Hogan - Director, South Central

Jo Parris - Director, Southeast

Genevieve Basquine - Director, Southern Europe

Vickie Fisher - Director, Southwest

Carlos Arrieta - Assoc. Director, South America

Laurie Schiff, Legal Advisor, Bobbie Tullo, Judging Administrator and the translator for Mrs. Oizumi were also present.

The President, when presiding over the meeting, refrains from voting except when the vote is by ballot, or whenever her vote will affect the result.

1. Unanimous consent to go into Executive Session with only elected officials, with the exception of the translator. Without objection.
2. Unanimous consent to allow non-elected officials to return to Executive Session. Without objection.
3. Motion was made by Parris and seconded by Crockett to restore the points for Emanuella Prevatelli from May 1st to September 1st. Motion carried.
4. Motion was may by Fisher and seconded by Ashley to take no action on the Dell V Brown Complaint. Motion carried.
5. Motion was made by Parris and seconded by Dickie to postpone any decision on the Parks v Tye-Balter complaint until after the final court judgement has been entered. Motion carried.
6. Motion was made by Parris and seconded by Christian to take no action on the Sirmans v Kempton complaint. Motion carried.
7. Unanimous consent to relicense all of the judges with the exception of Helene Guillaume, Vickie Howell, Ann Hoehn, Carol Barton, Robin Higgins, Kristine Webster and James Reardon. Without objection.
8. Unanimous consent to relicense Helene Guillaume pending payment of membership fees. Without objection.
9. Unanimous consent to relicense Vickie Howell upon payment of Judging License fees plus penalties. Denied.

DENIED

10. Motion was made by Christian and seconded by Parkinson to relicense Vickie Howell pending payment of Judging License fees plus late fees. Motion carried.
11. Unanimous consent to relicense Carol Barton, Ann Hoehn, and Robin Higgins pending receipt of pictures. Without objection.
12. Motion was made by Parkinson and seconded by Fisher to name Erika de Araujo Judge Emeritus. Motion carried.
13. Motion was made by Fisher and seconded by Parkinson to accept the application for LH/SH Trainee Virginia Lopez Araujo. Motion carried.
14. Motion was made by Fisher and seconded by Christian to accept the application of Canie Brooks for LH/SH Trainee. Motion carried.
15. Motion was made by Ashley and seconded by Fisher to accept the application of Sharon Kalani for LH/SH Trainee. Motion carried.
16. Motion was made by Oizumi and seconded by Fisher to advance Mimi Tsuruoka to Probationary Specialty Judge. Motion carried.
17. Motion was made by Hogan and seconded by Fisher to advance Harley DeVilbiss to Approved Allbreed Judge. Motion carried.
18. Motion was made by Christian and seconded by Ashley to advance Bill Lee to Approved Allbreed Judge. Motion carried.
19. Motion was made by Madison to table. Motion died for lack of second.
20. Motion was made by Parkinson and seconded by Fisher to advance Elektra Hammond to Approved Allbreed Judge. Motion denied.
DENIED
21. Motion was made by Parris and seconded by Parkinson to advance Chris Unangst to Allbreed Approved Judge. Motion denied.
DENIED
23. Unanimous consent to destroy the ballots. Without objection.
24. Unanimous consent to go out of Execution Session. Without objection.
25. Unanimous consent to accept the Consent Agenda with the exception of numbers 6 and 8. Without objection.
26. Withdrawn.
27. Motion was made by Parris and seconded by Crockett to bring the TICA Website maintenance in-house. Motion carried.
28. Unanimous consent to recess until Thursday, February 21 at 9:00AM. Without objection.

29. Unanimous consent to place an added value registration option to prepay titles for a cat after registration but before it is shown outside of a kitten class for \$20 for members and \$25 for non-members. Without objection.

30. Motion was made by Parris and seconded by Parkinson to accept the Revised Budget 2007-2008. Motion carried.

31. Motion was made by Parkinson and seconded by Dickie to accept the proposed revised 2008-09 Fiscal Budget. Motion carried.

32. Motion was made by Fisher and seconded by Parkinson to accept the audit report for the year ended June 30, 2007. Motion carried.

33. Motion was made by Parris and seconded by Parkinson to send Chris Unangst \$1,000 for her assistance with the 2007 Yearbook. Motion carried.

34. Motion was made by Dickie and seconded by Hogan to renew the contract of the Yearbook Editor, John Harrison. Motion carried.

35. Unanimous consent to set a hearing for Dave Clark for the May Meeting. Without objection.

36. Motion was made by Fisher and seconded by Madison that United Kingdom remains in isolated status to be reviewed in 1 year. Motion carried.

37. Motion was made by Crockett and seconded by Hogan that based on statistical information received in the meeting that Louisiana and Arkansas be moved to the South Central Region effective May 1, 2008. Motion denied.

DENIED

38. Unanimous consent to accept the changes to the UCD, Clerking Manual and Standing Rules. Without objection.

Changes required to implement the change in divisions from 20 to 32 to become effective on May 1, 2009. NOTE: Only those sections requiring changes have been included. Instructions that are not part of the publication are in a different type face.

UCD

71.1 TICA recognizes pedigreed and Household Pet cats in ~~twenty~~ *thirty-two* competitive color divisions divided into four categories based upon degree of pigmentation, as follows: Traditional Color Category, Sepia Color category, Mink Color Category, and Pointed Color Category.

71.1.2 Traditional colors have bronze (brown) copper, gold, green or hazel eyes, except in whites which may have aqua, blue or odd-eyes, and in ~~particulars~~ *cats exhibiting the white spotting factor* which may have blue or odd-eyes. Preference is to be given to deeper, richer, more vibrant tones. Individual breed standards may be more restrictive, requiring a single or specific eye color. Traditional coat colors do not dramatically change in intensity with age.

71.2 Within each of the four Categories (Traditional, Sepia, Mink, Pointed) ~~five~~ *eight* pattern divisions are recognized. [NOTE: 71.2.1 - 71.2.4 are the Solid, Tortie, Tabby, and Silver and/or Smoke Division descriptions]

71.2.5 *There are four divisions comprised of the above four divisions with the addition of the white spotting factor (S/-). These are* cats that exhibit the white spotting factor (with the exception of lockets), regardless of the amount of white or basic background color.

71.2.5.1 Solid with White Division. Cats from the Solid Division who also exhibit white spotting.

71.2.5.2 Tortie with White Division. Cats from the Tortoiseshell Division who also exhibit white spotting.

71.2.5.3 Tabby with White Division. Cats from the Tabby Division who also exhibit white spotting.

71.2.5.4. Silver and/or Smoke with White Division. Cats from the Silver and/or Smoke Division who also exhibit white spotting.

71.3 Each of the ~~twenty~~ *thirty-two* divisions is evaluated separately for divisional wins, independent of the other divisions which may or may not be present. Cats competing for division ribbons must be in the **same category and division** (i.e. a black and white CR and a red and white CR compete for division ribbons in the Traditional ~~Particolor~~ *Solid with White* Division while a seal tortie point and white CR and a blue point and white CR *do NOT compete for division ribbons as the first is a Tortie Pointed with White and the second is a Solid Pointed with White*) The division winners compete for Best of Breed.

71.6.2 A breed which recognizes cats in all ~~five~~ *eight* divisions of a category must accept all colors of these divisions.

71.6.5 ~~Any breed accepting~~ *A breed that accepts* the ~~particolor~~ *'with white'* divisions in any color shall include the combination of white together with any and all colors accepted for the breed.

~~76 Particolor Divisions-Any Color With White Divisions~~

76.1 Any color in the ~~other~~ *four non-white* divisions of any category may occur with white spotting. *These cats are judged in the 'with white' division of the corresponding color division/category. Thus a black and white cat is judged in the 'traditional solid with white' division; a seal smoke sepia and white cat is judged in the 'sepia silver/smoke with white' division.* Cats may occur with unspecified white placement or with one of the four recognized patterns of white: gloved, mitted, bi-color or van.

76.6.1 ~~Particolors in~~ *Cats in the 'with white' divisions* of the sepia, mink and pointed categories will have various markings of color and white throughout the body, with the body markings sometimes being darker than in the ~~non-particolors~~ *cats which do not exhibit the white spotting factor*. At no time should color patches or patches of shading on the body be considered a fault.

Delete Section 77 in its entirety.

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STANDING RULES

701.2 Championship Breeds. (only those breeds affected by the changes are listed)

Birman Pointed Category, ~~Particolor~~ *Solid Point with White, Tortie Point with White, Tabby Point with White, Silver and/or Smoke Point with White Divisions*, gloved pattern only, all colors

Ragdoll Pointed Category, Solid Point Division, Tabby Point Division, Tortie Point Division, ~~and Particolor~~ *Solid Point with White, Tortie Point with White, and Tabby Point with White Divisions* (mitted and bicolor patterns), all colors.

Snowshoe Pointed Category, ~~Particolor~~ *Solid Point with White, Tortie Point with White, Tabby Point with White, Silver and/or Smoke Point with White Divisions*, (mitted and bicolor patterns), all pointed colors.

Turkish Van Traditional Category, Solid Division - White ONLY, ~~Particolor division~~ *Solid with White, Tortie with White, Tabby with White, Silver and/or Smoke with White Divisions*, all traditional colors, Van pattern ONLY. Tabbies are not differentiated among the different tabby patterns. (NOTE: Red and white and cream and white cats may show tabby markings with no penalty. This is due to the difficulty in distinguishing between true red and red tabby on a Van patterned cat).

Household Pet ~~Recognized in all colors of the following Household Pet Color Divisions: Solid, Tabby, Tortie, Shaded, Pointed, Solid/White, Tabby/White, Tortie/White, Shaded/White, Pointed/White.~~ *All Categories, all divisions, all colors*

701.3 New Breeds.

Ojos Azules Group

Ojos Azules/Ojos Azules Longhair

All Categories, all divisions, all colors. Preference is given to colors and patterns which would not be expected to have blue eyes in the absence of the Ojos trait. Pointed *cats and those in the 'any color with white' divisions* must exhibit the characteristic white tail tip, as these colors may have blue eyes for reasons unrelated to the unique Ojos gene. Solid white is discouraged for breeding and exhibition since it may be difficult to distinguish a white Ojos from the usual blue-eyed white.

}}}}Standing Rules}}}}

CLERKING MANUAL

Addendum: **Competitive Divisions**

~~Championship~~ Competitive Divisions

There are ~~twenty~~ *thirty-two* divisions for competition in TICA. These are determined by combining four color categories with ~~five~~ *eight* pattern divisions. The four categories are: Traditional, Sepia, Mink and Pointed. The ~~five~~ *eight* pattern divisions are: Solid, Tortoiseshell, Tabby, Silver/Smoke, *Solid with White, Tortoiseshell with White, Tabby with White, and Silver/Smoke with White*. When combined with the four categories of colors, the result is the ~~twenty~~ *thirty-two* competitive divisions.

NOTE: **REPLACE** the four columns of categories with the following chart of the new divisions.

TRADITIONAL	SEPIA	MINK	POINTED
Traditional Solid	Sepia Solid	Mink Solid	Solid Point
Traditional Tortie	Sepia Tortie	Mink Tortie	Tortie Point
Traditional Tabby	Sepia Tabby	Mink Tabby	Tabby Point
Traditional Silver/Smoke	Sepia Silver/Smoke	Mink Silver/Smoke	Silver/Smoke Point
<i>Traditional Solid & White</i>	<i>Sepia Solid & White</i>	<i>Mink Solid & White</i>	<i>Solid Point & White</i>
<i>Traditional Tortie & White</i>	<i>Sepia Tortie & White</i>	<i>Mink Tortie & White</i>	<i>Tortie Point & White</i>
<i>Traditional Tabby & White</i>	<i>Sepia Tabby & White</i>	<i>Mink Tabby & White</i>	<i>Tabby Point & White</i>
<i>Traditional Silver/ Smoke & White</i>	<i>Sepia Silver/Smoke & White</i>	<i>Mink Silver/Smoke & White</i>	<i>Silver/Smoke Point & White</i>

If the term “sable,” or “sepia” is not mentioned in the color name, the color is not a Sepia Category color. If the term “mink” is not mentioned in the color name, the color is not a Mink Category color. The term “point” will be part of the color name for all cats in the Pointed category.

DELETE the Household Pet Competitive Divisions section from the second page of the addendum (pg.22 of CM 05/01/2005)

NOTE: It is highly recommended that the chart of divisions also be placed in the Standing Rules in section 701.

^*^*^*CLERKING MANUAL*^*^*^

39. Motion was made by Fisher and seconded by Christian to accept the amendment to the Judging Program 43.3.1 and 44.2.1 as amended, (See Motion 40). Motion carried.

*******Judging Program*******

40. Motion was made by Fisher and seconded by Christian to amend 43.3.1 and 44.2.1.1 by eliminating: *Must train in at least one other country besides the country of residence AND then amend 44.2.1.1 to read: 44.2.1.1 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 or train in at least 20 shows including one show outside the country of residence. See 44.6. Motion carried.*

*******Judging Program*******

41. Motion was made by Parris and seconded by Ashley to accept the addition of Standing Rules 903.1.15.2 Use of “Poppers” at the Annual: *“903.1.15.2 The use of so-called “poppers” (devices that emit a loud noise and/or confetti) at the Annual banquet is not allowed. Extra cleaning charges incurred due to ignoring this rule will result in the offending party(s) being charged the extra clean up fee.”* Motion denied.
DENIED

42. Motion was made by Crockett and seconded by Parkinson to take no action on Standing Rules 10.22.1.1. The filing fee for ten pages or less shall be \$50. *“At the discretion of the Board of Directors, the \$50 filing fee may be refunded if the complaint is upheld”.* Motion carried.

XXXXXXPROPOSAL REJECTED XXXXXX

43. Unanimous consent to go into Executive Session. Without objection.

44. Unanimous consent to go out of Executive Session. Without objection.

45. Unanimous consent to advance the Kurilian Bobtail/Kurilian Bobtail Longhair to Preliminary New Breed effective May1, 2008. Without objection.

}}}}Standing Rules}}}}

46. Unanimous consent to accept the Kurilian Bobtail/Kurilian Bobtail Longhair standard as revised. Without objection. See attached.

47. Unanimous consent to appoint Sharon Paradis as the Working Breed Chair for the Kurilian Bobtail/Kurilian Bobtail Longhair. Without objection.

48. Motion was made by Parkinson and seconded by Madison to advance the Savannah to Advanced New Breed. Motion carried.

}}}}Standing Rules}}}}

49. Unanimous consent to accept the Savannah standard. Without objection. See attached.

50. Unanimous consent to change British Shorthair to British Shorthair Breed Group as permissible outcrosses for Selkirk Rex/Selkirk Rex Longhair. Without objection.

}}}}Standing Rules}}}}

51. Unanimous consent to change Persian and Exotic Shorthair to Persian Breed Group as permissible outcrosses for Selkirk Rex/Selkirk Rex Longhair. Without objection.

}}}}Standing Rules}}}}

52. Unanimous consent to take no action to delete the American Shorthair as a permissible outcross for the Selkirk Rex/Selkirk Rex Longhair. Without objection.

}}}}Standing Rules}}}}

53. Unanimous consent to have the previous motions retroactive for the Selkirk Rex/Selkirk Rex Longhair. Without objection.

}}}}Standing Rules}}}}

54. Motion was made by Madison and seconded by Parkinson to allow any TICA Breed Committee to allocate points for contrast as a stand alone item in a TICA standard under the Coat/Color/Pattern Category. Motion denied.

DENIED

55. Unanimous consent to have all breed standards brought into compliance with the TICA official Standard Guidelines. Denied.

DENIED

56. Withdrawn.

57. Motion was made by Dickie and seconded by Parkinson to pay Board expenses for the hotel for up to 5 nights and to pay per diem at \$84 for 4 days and at \$99 for 2 days(travel time). Motion carried.

58. Unanimous consent to direct Cheryl Hogan to contact Debra Decker for a marketing proposal. Without objection.

Appoint Denise Hall to the Burmese Committee for the remainder of the term.

59. Motion was made by Parris and seconded by Parkinson to direct Cheryl Hogan to contact Deborah Decker to solicit a marketing proposal. Motion carried.

60. Motion was made by Parkinson and seconded by Christian to pay expenses for Carlos Arrieta for the 2008 May Meeting. Motion carried.

61. Unanimous consent to adjourn. Without objection.

KURILIAN BOBTAIL BREED GROUP (KB/K.)

The Kurilian Bobtail Shorthair (KB) is a Natural Breed, domestic cat, that traces its ancestry to the Russian Kamchatka peninsula, Kuril Islands and the island of Sakhalin. This cat has substantial boning and is known for its pom-pom like tail. The Kurilian Bobtail Longhair (K.) is the semi-longhaired version of the breed.

HEAD	40 points
Shape	10
Eyes	5
Ears	10
Muzzle/Chin	9
Nose/Profile	6
BODY	40 points
Torso	9
Legs/Feet	8
Tail	15
Boning	4
Musculature	4
COAT/COLOR	20 points
Length	7
Texture	10
Color/Pattern	3

CATEGORY: Traditional.

DIVISION: All.

COLORS: All traditional colors, except chocolate, cinnamon, fawn and lilac.

PERMISSIBLE OUTCROSSES: None.

HEAD:

Shape: Large, moderate modified wedge with rounded contours, wide at the cheekbone level.

Eyes: Walnut, oval on top and round on bottom. Set on slight angle between base of ear and tip of nose. one eye width apart, moderately large. Color to be clear, brilliant, no relation to coat color. White cats, vans and harlequins can have blue or odd eyes.

Ears: Medium sized, wide at the base, slightly slope forward. Distance between the ears is equal to the width at the base of the ear. Ears are triangular in shape, slightly rounded at the tips. Light to medium furnishings.

Muzzle: Rectangular muzzle, wider than long, slightly rounded with an obvious whisker break.

Chin: Well-developed wide chin. A bit rounded in profile.

Nose: Medium in length, broad and straight.

Profile: Flat to ever so slightly rounded forehead with a very slight dip at the eyes and a straight nose.

BODY:

Torso: Medium to large, compact, semi-cobby. Chest is broad. Back may be slightly arched, rump slightly raised. Females may be noticeably smaller than males.

Legs: Legs medium in length, substantial. Hind legs are longer than front. Legs almost form a square with the body.

Feet: Rounded paws.

Legs: Legs medium in length, substantial. Hind legs are longer than front. Legs almost form a square with the body.

Tail: Composed of one or more kinks or curves or any combination thereof, appearing as a pom-pom or brush. **VISIBLE** tail length with the coat is from 1.5 cm to 8 cm [.59-3.15 inches] for the shorthair and up to 13 cm [5.12 inches] for the semi-longhair. May be rigid or flexible or a

combination of both (part rigid, part flexible). Size and shape of the tail should harmonize with the common appearance of the cat. When palpated, the tail consists of at least 2 vertebrae, with at least one kink or curve or any amount of combinations thereof. Palpated length of the tail is from 1.5 cm to 8 cm [.59-3.15 inches], counting length of kinks and curves. The tail can be described as “snag”, “spiral” or “whisk”. The direction of the tail is not important.

Boning: Substantial.

Musculature: Well-muscled, and firm.

COAT:

Length:

(KB): Short. Tail coat, same length as body coat.

(K.): Semi-long. Britches, toe tufts and ruff are desirable. Tail coat: full and plumed.

Texture:

(KB): Soft, silky, laying flat, resilient without a plush dense feel, moderate undercoat.

(K.): Fine, silky, laying flat, moderate undercoat.

Color: All traditional colors accepted, except chocolate, cinnamon, fawn and lilac. Any amount of white is allowed, including but not limited to: blaze, lockets, chest, belly or paws on

GENERAL DESCRIPTION: The Kurilian Bobtail is a naturally occurring bobtailed cat with substantial boning exhibiting a compact semi-cobby body. The impression one gets when viewing the Kurilian Bobtail is one of strength and power. This breed is known as an amazing hunter and fish catcher. They are affectionate and active, and must be in the company of their people.

ALLOWANCES: Standard favors the male. Allowance **MUST** be made for size difference between the male and female. Breed is slow to mature. Allow

for wider head and ear set on mature males. Lynx tips allowed on ears. Allow up to 12 cm [4.72 inches] palpated length for “snag” or “spiral” tails, counting length of all kinks and curves, if visible length is no longer than 8 cm [3.15 inches] for shorthair or 13 cm [5.12 inches] for semi-longhair.

PENALIZE: Tail length that is more than 4 inches [actual length] or less than 2 vertebrae. A Delayed Bobtail effect. Extremely arched back. Slender or oriental in body type and head type. Roman nose. Short hind legs.

DISQUALIFY (DQ): Absence of a tailbone. Deformations of the spinal vertebrae. Any tail without a kink or curve. Tails longer than 6 inches.



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.

SAVANNAH (SV)

HEAD	40 points
Shape	3
Ears	7
Eyes	4
Chin	7
Muzzle	7
Profile	5
Nose	5
Neck	2
BODY	40 points
Torso	8
Legs	8
Feet	4
Tail	4
Boning	8
Musculature	8
COAT/COLOR/PATTERN	20 points
Texture	8
Pattern	8
Color	4

CATEGORY: Traditional.

DIVISIONS: Solid, Tabby and Silver/Smoke Division.

COLORS: Black, Brown Spotted Tabby, Silver Spotted Tabby and Black Smoke ONLY.

HEAD:

Shape: The face forms an equilateral triangle. The top of the triangle is the brow line over the eyes; the sides follow down the jaw bone meeting at the chin. The triangle excludes the ears. The head is small in proportion to the body.

Ears: Ears are extremely large and high on the head. They are wide with a deep base and rounded tops. The inside base of the ears is set close at the top of the head. Ear furnishings may be present; pronounced ocelli are desirable.

Eyes: Medium sized and set underneath a slightly hooded brow. The top of the eye resembles a boomerang set at the exact angle so that the corner of the eye slopes down the line of the nose. The bottom half of the eye has an almond shape. The eyes are moderately deep set, low on the forehead, and at least one eye width apart. Tear stain markings are present along and between the eye and the nose. All eye colors are allowed and are independent of coat color.

Chin: From the frontal view the chin tapers to follow the triangle of the head. In profile, the chin is very shallow without much depth.

Muzzle: The muzzle is a tapered muzzle with no break. It falls within the bottom portion of the facial triangle that runs from the brow to the point of the chin.

Profile: The forehead is a straight to slightly convex curve from the top of the head to the ridge just above the eye where there is a slight change of direction and a straight to very-slight concave curve from that ridge to the tip of the nose. In profile, the face also forms a triangle from the top of the eye to the tip of the nose, turning to follow the jaw line and back up to the eye.

Nose: Viewing from the front, the nose is wide across the top with low set nostrils. In profile, there is a slight downward turn at the end, giving a rounded appearance. Nose leather is slightly convex not flat.

Neck: Long and lean.

BODY:

Torso: A semi-foreign body type with a full deep rib cage and a slight, but not extreme, tuck-up and a rounded rump. The hip and thigh are full and long and somewhat heavy in proportion to the rest of the body.

Legs: Very long and slender yet strong. Back legs are slightly longer than the front legs, and due to this extreme length, may now and then give a false appearance of being cow-hocked.

Feet: Oval, small to medium, with elongated toes.

Tail: Medium to thick in width. Medium in length, ending between the hock and just above ground level when standing with preferred length just below the hock. Tail should taper slightly to a blunt end.

Boning: Medium boning with density and strength.

Musculature: Firm, well-developed, yet smooth.

COAT: Short to medium in length with good substance and a slightly coarse feel to it. Coarser guard hairs cover a softer undercoat; the spots have a notably softer texture than the guard hairs. The coat is not inordinately dense and lies relatively flat against the body.

COLORS: Black, brown spotted tabby, silver spotted tabby, black smoke ONLY. The only color variations allowed are the gold to orange ground color with bold, solid dark markings, the silver ground color with bold, solid dark markings, solid black and black smoke. Glitter is undesirable. In any variation the lips are black, as are the prominent black tear duct lines on the inner sides of each eye. On the spotted Savannahs the nose leather can be either brick red, solid black or black with a light red or pink line running down the center. In black Savannahs, the nose leather must be solid black. Paw pads in either color variation should be deep charcoal or brownish black.

PATTERN: The spotted Savannah pattern is made up of bold, solid dark-brown to black spots, which can be round, oval, or elongated. Rosettes are undesirable. A series of parallel stripes, from the back of the head to just over the shoulder blades, fan out slightly over the back and the spotting pattern follows the line of the stripes from the shoulders continuing the length of the body. Smaller spots will be found on the legs and feet as well as on the face. The black Savannah should be solid black. Black spotting on a black background is the ideal. The spots should conform to the spotted Savannah's standard. The smoke pattern will conform to the spotted Savannah's standard.

TEMPERAMENT: The ideal Savannah is to be a confident, alert, curious and friendly cat.

GENERAL DESCRIPTION: The overall impression of the Savannah is a tall lean graceful cat with striking, large, dark spots and other bold markings on a luxurious tawny, gold, orange, silver, black or black smoke background. The cat is a replica of the tall, lean, muscular Serval cat of the African plains from which it originated. Affectionate and outgoing, with exceptionally long neck, legs and ears, as well as a medium length tail, the Savannah is both unusual and beautiful. The Savannah is also an exceptionally graceful, well-balanced cat with striking color and pattern.

PENALIZE: Spots that are any color other than dark brown to black. Any distinct locket on the neck, chest, abdomen or any other area not provided for in the standard. Vertically aligned spots or mackerel tabby type stripes. Cobby body. Small ears.

DISQUALIFY (DQ): Extra toes.



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 disqualification