

MINUTES

AUSTRALIAN CAT FEDERATION (INC.)

2019 GENERAL MEETING

HELD ON TUESDAY, 11TH JUNE 2019, FOLLOWING ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING,

AT The Hills Lodge 1 Salisbury Rd (Cnr Windsor Rd), Castle Hill, NSW 2154

Note abbreviations used for member bodies throughout are

C.A.N.T. The Cat Association of the Northern Territory (Inc)

C.A.T. Cat Association of Tasmania (Inc.)

Cats N.S.W. Cats NSW Inc.

COAWA Cat Owners Association of Western Australia Inc

C.V.I. Cats Victoria Inc.

Cats WA Feline Control Council of WA (Inc)

F.C.C.Q. Feline Control Council of Queensland Inc.

G.C.C.F.S.A. Governing Council of the Cat Fancy of South Australia Inc.

G.C.C.F.V. The Governing Council of the Cat Fancy of Australia and Victoria Inc.

Q.F.A. Queensland Feline Association Inc.

Q.I.C.C. Queensland Independent Cat Council Inc.

1. OPENING & WELCOME

Present

Judith Jordan – President

Carole Galli - Secretary

CANT	Sandi Gemmell	Julie Schuller
CAT	Lesley Morgan	
CATS NSW	Jenny Weekes	Peta Sperduty
CATSWA	Sue Game	Betty Payne
COAWA	Annette Joesbury	Janet Sterry
CVI	Cindy Grimes	
FCCQ	Isobel Johnstone	Robbie Walker
GCCFSA	Fiona Hawkins	
GCCFV	Wendy Miegltz	Linda Kitson
QFA	Nick Tricarico	
QICC	Julie Walker	

2. APOLOGIES: Tish Newman, Kingsley Schmidtke

3. PREVIOUS MINUTES

Previous minutes accepted as a true record

Moved: Julie Schuller

Seconded: Julie Walker

All agreed

4. SUBSEQUENT AGREEMENT

The minutes for 2018 were agreed to by all member bodies. QFA had concerns that some votes did not comply with their committee instructions to the delegates, however, as this did not significantly alter the outcome of any of the motions, they accepted the voting.

No Discussion

5. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE 2018 GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

a) Social Media Policy – ACF President Judith Jordan –

Judith to continue working on the policy

b) Social Media Policy – ACF Judges Isobel Johnstone

Isobel thanked GCCFV for providing their policy and allowing it to be used to develop the Judges Guild Social Media Policy to be developed using it as a source document. The draft policy has been circulated and discussed and amendments made at the Guild meeting. The Judges Guild renewal form to be updated to include a statement that the judge accepts the policy.

Motion: that the Judges Guild Social Media policy be accepted by ACF

Moved FCCQ – Isobel Johnstone

Seconded COAWA – Annette Joesbury

Carried

c) Constitution updates – ACF President Judith Jordan

Updated Constitution was circulated to all members for review. The work on the changes to meet the new requirements under the Associations Act WA was undertaken by solicitors in WA on approval of Executive Committee. It was noted that clause 20 was missing in the circulated copy and this is to be inserted before the document is lodged before June 30. The website also to be updated with the new document.

Motion: That the revised Constitution be accepted and submitted by the Secretary to the Associations Branch of Consumer Affairs WA before 30 June 2019.

Moved President Judith Jordan

Seconded GCCFV – Wendy Miegltz

Carried

d) Policy & Procedures – ACF Treasurer Robbie Walker

Robbie Walker circulated the draft Policy and Procedures document. It was agreed that the document be developed further and that to ensure consistency across Bylaws and this document.

Motion; that a small subcommittee be formed to review all documentation for consistency. This committee to include Judith Jordan, Robbie Walker, Sandi Gemmell, Carole Galli and Julie Schuller

Moved CANT – Sandi Gemmell

Seconded CATSWA – Sue Game

Carried

e) Recognition of AICC pedigrees – COAWA – discussed and passed during the year for ratification
Decision ratified

f) UTJ/UTH rules – From 2018 meeting

Motion: that a subcommittee be formed to work on developing a policy by November 2019 for circulation and then voting at the meeting in January. Subcommittee to be Debs Armishaw, Keryn Rivett, Tony Hurry, Robbie Walker

Moved: FCCQ- Isobel Johnstone

Seconded: CVI - Cindy Grimes

Carried

j) Feral Cats Policy – Julie Schuller

Motion: that the policy developed and circulated be accepted

Moved CANT – Sandi Gemmell

Seconded: CATSWA – Sue Game

Carried

k) Glossary – Robbie Walker, Lesley Morgan

The Glossary was to be researched and developed by Sandi Gemmell, Lesley Morgan and Jo-anne Frank. Research was done but not circulated. The Guild agreed to review glossaries from other organisations and endorsed the idea of diagrams being used.

Motion: that the glossary be developed by the same group and circulated in November 2019. To be voted in January 2020

Moved CANT – Sandi Gemmell

Seconded – FCCQ Robbie Walker

Carried

l) As raised by delegates at this meeting.

Julie Schuller noted that the review of the Birman Standard had been carried over from the 2018 GM but did not appear on this agenda. Secretary stated that no new motion or material was received from the proposers in 2018 for this meeting.

6. REPORT FROM THE 2019 NATIONAL SHOW

The show was supported well by all states and affiliates. ANCATS was well represented and it was noted that the change to the date of the ANCATS anniversary show had been a big benefit. The accounts have not been done at this stage.

A vote of thanks to Jenny Weekes and her small team from Cats NSW was proposed by the President

Carried Unanimously with acclamation

6.1 REPORTS—SUB-COMMITTEES

a) Breeding Rules Sub-Committee

The report was circulated to members and discussed in detail at the Judges Guild.

- 8.11 wording was tidied up
- Identified the need to align the Show Rules and Breeding Rules for consistency
- Need to change terminology from 'experimental breeding', which carries negative connotations to 'Breed Development Program'. All documentation needs to have terminology changed. This was supported by the Judges Guild
- Need to define what is meant by 4 Gen pedigree as there is confusion. This to be accepted at Parents, Grand Parents, Great Grand Parents and GG Grandparents. Many breeders try to include the cat as the first generation, and this needs clarification to Registrars.

Motion: that the report with amendments made at the Judges Guild be accepted and changes made

Moved FCCQ – Isobel Johnstone

Seconded – CVI Cindy Grimes

Carried

b) Judges Guild

Judges Guild report to be sent to Secretary for circulation

Moved CANT – Sandi Gemmell – Guild Secretary

Seconded – GCCFVSA – Fiona Hawkins

Carried

c) Cat Legislation Committee

Report circulated. Commissioner Andrews has retired and to date no response from the new Commissioner for Endangered Species.

Moved to accept report Julie Schuller – Committee Chair

Seconded CAT Lesley Morgan

Carried

d) Experimental Breeding Programs

List circulated to members. In addition, FCCQ has the following programs Sphinx outcrossed using domestic

Australian Mist

Mandalay

Tonkinese

Cats NSW has a program for Burmese outcrossing to American Burmese

7. MEETING OF WORLD CAT CONGRESS

a) 2019 meeting not yet held.

b) Sandi voted last year to represent ACF. Robbie is attending as an advisor at his own cost **Carried**

c) WCC Meeting, plans for 2020. Report from Robbie Walker on progress

Robbie visited Perth in November 2018 (at his own cost) and identified the Novatel Hotel as suitable venue for delegates and seminars/functions. Discussion on the timetable for events and concern expressed by Lesley Morgan that functions for ACF and WCC not be scheduled at the same time as people may want to attend both. Robbie explained that there is a need to not extend the events over too many days as interstate exhibitors still have limited time and also, we don't want to increase the accommodation cost for the sake of a half day meeting.

Some discussion on how the seminars to be run and proposed that a Q and A session would be popular. The proposed program and speakers were discussed, and the timetable circulated. Robbie has liaised with the show committee and Penny Bydlinski, the WCC Secretary. Discussions to continue. Lesley expressed concern that ACF should not be left out of pocket as WCC can be expensive. L Morgan proposed that a somewhat structured Q and A session with questions submitted prior, in writing

8. NEW BREEDS

8.1 RECOGNITION OF ASIAN TABBY BREED

Moved by QFA

Seconded COAWA – Annette Joesbury

Motion for recognition was not supported by the Guild. Recommended the motion be deferred to 2020 when cats need to be available for inspection. Also, clarification whether Silver is to be included as one of the foundation cats was a silver Devon Rex cross.

- a)** That ACF recognise the Asian Shorthair in the Ticked Tabby pattern which is currently recognised by the QFA as the Asian' breed.
- b)** That ACF recognise the Asian Shorthair as a standalone breed as it has done with both the Burmilla and Mandalay breeds.
- c)** That ACF recognises the Asian Shorthair in the colours of Brown, Blue, Chocolate, Lilac, Red, Cream and Tortoiseshell.
- d)** That ACF accepts the attached) breed standard as is currently adapted by QFA Inc'.
- e)** That ACF accepts that the Asian Shorthair is only eligible for champion status when it is fourth generation or full register'.
- f)** That ACF accepts that the only allowable breeding partners of the Asian Shorthair are the Asian Shorthair and Burmese'.

Some discussion around the rules for recognition of a new breed. Julie Walker questioned how a breed not recognised by ACF can be awarded ACF ribbons. She also questioned that this proposal is different to the original presented last year that included Silver. Lesley Morgan commented that last year the breeders and QFA were asked to bring cats this year as per the Bylaws for acceptance of new breeds. Also, there has been no evidence of DNA testing, as required in the Breeding Rules. Not enough information for acceptance.

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After the lunch break the QFA delegate asked that he be allowed to propose and amended motion following discussion with the breeders and his committee. The Chair allowed this to be put forward

Amended Motion: That the ACF recognise the Asian Tabby Breed in Ticked, Classic, Mackerel and Spotted pattern as recognised by GCCF UK (Country of Origin) and the GCCF UK Standards for these patterns

The only allowable breeding partners are Asian Tabby and Burmese. The breeders of Asian Tabby in Australia understand the requirement for DNA testing and results will be forwarded to the ACF Secretary

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At this point the President/Chair, Judith Jordan, stated that delegates and affiliates MUST be careful drafting motions. Affiliates make decisions on voting according to the motions on the agenda and amendments that change the meaning or intent of a motion cannot be accepted. There is time wasted in meetings trying to reword motions and this is not acceptable. People with similar motions were asked to confer before the meeting to decide if they could combine motions or if one could be withdrawn.

8.2 RECOGNITION OF MUNCHKIN BREED

Moved by QICC

Seconded by CatsWA – Sue Game

Guild supported recognition with recommendation that better wording than ‘extreme bowing’ Breeder and Breeding Rules committee to develop breeding policy

Fully discussed at the Judge Guild meeting where cats were presented by the breeders. Breeders advised they have no intention of crossing the Munchkins to other breeds, emphasised that there are no known health issues. Standard needs to be restructured to reflect General Faults, withholds. Fiona Hawkins suggested ACF add breeders notes that Munchkins are not to be used in other breeding

ACF fully recognises the Munchkin breed for breeding and showing.

WON	10	0	1
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8.3 RECOGNITION OF THE NEBELUNG BREED

Moved by COAWA

Seconded by: CatsWA – Sue Game

Motion Amended to exclude Part 2 (Nebelung Short Hair)

Supported by Judges Guild excluding Part 2

- 1) ACF accepts the Nebelung Cat for full recognition based on the GCCF UK standard in both Longhair and Shorthair.
- 2) The Nebelung Shorthair variants to be shown in its own individual classes, and not to be confused with or added to the Russian Blue classes.
- 3) Nebelung Shorthair is not to be used in a Russian breeding programme
- 4) All shorthair Nebelung kittens not to be retained for a Nebelung breeding programme are to be desexed before homing as pets.”

WON	9	2	
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To be placed in Gp1 6 Gp3 5

Carried to be in Gp 1

9 CORRESPONDENCE AND SUBMISSIONS – BY-LAWS

9.1 BYLAW PART 1 – CRITERIA FOR RECOGNITION OF NEW ACF OR CCCA STATE REGISTERING BODIES

Moved by CATSWA

Seconded by CANT – Sandi Gemmell

CATSWA sought approval to defer the motion for 3 months for a rewrite of the proposed By Law

Seconded FCCQ – Isobel Johnstone

Sue Game emphasised that this motion was to set a standard for recognition of all new bodies. Whereas in the past there has been stability with CCCA and ACF bodies there have been new bodies established in NSW (AICC) and now in WA (CUWA). Judith Jordan stated that ACF was constrained by our own Constitution which has not been changed whereas CCCA has modified their guidelines. ACF cannot force CCCA to comply with their own rules, we can only govern ourselves. Sandi Gemmell commented that whereas initially this issue looks straightforward any changes need to be carefully considered as there are currently some conflicts between documents that need to be reviewed at the same time to ensure consistency. Sue Game agreed that this Bylaw must be carefully written, and she too had been concerned at the complexities once she started writing the proposed changes. On balance Sue agreed that time for consultation and redrafting of the motion would be worthwhile.

Deferred for 3 months for rewrite and voting at meeting in September

9.2 BYLAWS PART 1 – RECOGNITION OF CATS UNITED WA AS A CCCA PROVISIONAL MEMBER

Moved by CATSWA

CATSWA sought permission to withdraw the motion - granted

Executive Committee proposed the following motion.

Seconded by FCCQ – Isobel Johnstone

“That In line with the Co-ordinating Cat Council of Australia (Inc) (CCCA) advice that they have given associate member status to CATS UNITED WA (CUWA), the Australian Cat Federation (Inc) (ACF) gives partial recognition to CUWA. Partial recognition means:

- 1** Pedigrees will be accepted provided:
 - a)** they can be verified by the data recorded in ACF Member bodies records; or
 - b)** from certified pedigrees of imported stock; or
 - c)** the progeny of cats which have been imported into the CUWA register from overseas on verification to the satisfaction of an ACF Member body of the parents’ export certified pedigrees; and
that the breeding of cats under subparagraph (a) to (c) above is within the ACF Breeding Rules.
- 2** Cats which comply with subparagraph 1 above, may be shown in ACF shows, but are not eligible for ACF awards;
- 3** ACF will not recognise CUWA Judges;
- 4** ACF Member Bodies’ exhibitors may show at CUWA shows but Challenge/Award of Merit Certificates will not count towards that Member Bodies Titles; and
- 5** ACF Member Bodies’ Judges may not judge at CUWA shows.

This limited recognition will remain until CUWA status with CCCA changes, when it may be reviewed.”

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9.3 RECOGNITION OF AUSTRALIAN NATIONAL CATS INC

Moved by CATSWA

Seconded by Cats NSW – Jenny Weekes

that effective from endorsement of ACF AGM 11 June 2019 decisions, that the ACF recognises Australian National Cats Inc

Strong opposition from Lesley Morgan to recognition given history and ongoing issues with ANCATS pedigrees. Lesley was also concerned that another recognised body in Tasmania would fragment the cat community even more. Fiona Hawkins stated that ANCATS was not recognised as a prescribed body under the SA legislation. General discussion about pros and cons with recognition

LOST	5	6	0
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9.4. BYLAWS PART 2 – BREEDING AND REGISTRATION RULES – COMBINATION OF STRUCTURAL MUTATIONS

Moved by CAT

Seconded QICC – Julie Walker

Supported by Judges Guild

That ACF Inc will not at any stage recognise any breed which results from more than one structural mutation.

WON	11	0	0
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9.5 RECOGNITION OF ROAN COLOURATION KNOWN AS KARPATI IN PEDIGREE CATS

Moved CANT

Seconded QFA – Nick Tricarico

Judges Guild Supported that ACF recognise Karpati pattern in breeds using domestic cats

that The ACF (In.) recognise the roan colour in cats known as karpati, specifically in La Perm and breeds where the allowable outcross is the domestic cat.

Amended Motion: that The ACF (Inc) recognise the pattern known as karpati, specifically in La Perm and breeds where the allowable outcross is the domestic cat.

It was noted that reports from Australian breeders and overseas have not identified any adverse health outcomes to date. TICA have this pattern.

WON	10	1	0

9.6 CLARIFICATION OF RULES 8.11 and 9.13 FOR JUDGING EXPERIMENTAL KITTENS

Moved by GCCFV

GCCFV sought permission to withdraw this motion. Granted and motion withdrawn

9.7 Clarification for assessing new and developing breeds/varieties and showing variant kittens as part of a complete litter in litter classes

Moved by GCCFV

Seconded by FCCQ – Isobel Johnstone

The Judges Guild Supported

Motion 1 that a rule for Assessing new and developing breeds/varieties be added to the ACF Inc Breeding and Registration Rules

WON	10	1	0
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Motion 2 “that a Rule for allowing Variant kittens from Breed Development Programs to be shown as part of a complete litter in litter classes be added to the ACF Inc Breeding and Registration Rules”

WON	10	1	0
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Motion 3 “that a Rule for allowing Variant kittens from Allowable outcross breeds to be shown as part of a complete litter in litter classes be added to the ACF Inc Breeding and Registration Rules”

WON	10	1	0
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Motion 4 “that a Rule for allowing Variant kittens from Established breeds to be shown as part of a complete litter in litter classes be added to the ACF Inc Breeding and Registration Rules.

WON	10	1	
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NOTE: Motions 2,3 and 4 voted together

9.8 Clarification of British Shorthair Rule 13.5.8.5 Parts c, d and e

Moved by GCCFV

Seconded by CANT – Sandi Gemmell

Judges Guild supported motion if amended to 5 generation instead of 8.

Supported the withdrawal of Motion 2

Supported Motion 3

Add extra words to British Shorthair Rule 13.5.8.5 Part c (Motion 1), Part d (Motion 2) and Part e (Motion 3) to assist Member bodies, Registrars and Breeders with understanding and implementing these Parts of Rule 13.5.8.5 that were approved by ACF (Inc.) member bodies in 2018.

Motion 1:

Rule 13.5.8.5

Part (c) No imported cat should be registered as a full generation British Shorthair if they have breeds other than the accepted outcrosses within the last 8 generations in their pedigree. ACF (Inc.) Member bodies may register imported British Shorthair cats that have non-accepted outcross breeds in their 8-generation pedigree, in an approved Experimental Breeding program for British Shorthair

Motion was amended to require 5 generation pedigrees instead of 8.

LOST	5	6	
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Motion 2:

Part (d) Where a British Shorthair is allowed as an outcross for another breed the progeny will not be recognised as a British Shorthair. ACF (Inc.) Member bodies may register outcross progeny who display British Shorthair phenotype, in an approved Experimental Breeding program for British Shorthair.

Motion 2 was withdrawn – no voting

Motion 3:

Rule 13.5.8.5

Part (e) Where another breed has been used in a British Shorthair mating is under an approved Experimental Breeding Program for any breed including British Shorthair, the progeny of such a mating will be identified with the EMS code to identify the non-British Shorthair breed genotype after the registration number ad infinitum.

WON	7	2	2
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9.9 British Shorthair – 8 Generation Pedigrees

Moved by FCCQ

Seconded by CVI – Cindy Grimes

Supported by Judges Guild

Part A - Amend By-laws Part 2 Clause 13.5.8.5. Note c) to read

- c) “that No imported cat should be registered as a British Shorthair if they have breeds other than the ACF accepted outcrosses within the last **8 Five (5)** generations in their pedigree.

Part B – That by-laws Part 2 Clause 13.5.8.5. Note e) be deleted

~~Where another breed has been used in a British mating under an approved Experimental Breeding Program, the progeny of such a mating will be identified with the EMS breed code to identify the breed after the registration number ad infinitum.~~

If Part B is lost, then we propose Part C – that the rules for experimental programs be amended to read that all other breeds used in any experimental programme will be identified with the EMS breed code to identify the breed after the registration number ad infinitum.

- ACF currently recognise cats within experimental programs after 4 generations as being full register cats. (By-laws Part Two 5.1)
- The phenotype is the physical expression, or characteristics, of that trait, therefore after the 4 generations, in line with ACF current rules on experimentation that British Shorthair to Selkirk Rex (for example) would be full register after 4 generations of British to British and considered a British Shorthair, therefore there would be no requirement for breeds used and EMS codes attached to registration numbers ad infinitum.
- If by-laws Part 2 Clause 13.5.8.5. Note e) is not deleted then the requirement to have EMS codes included in the registration number ad infinitum should apply to all breeds used in any experimental breeding programme and not single out any one breed.

It should be recognised that recent registration bodies, for example those in China would not have access to 8 generations of pedigree data.

Part A

WON	7	4	0
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Part B

LOST	5	6	0
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Part c

WON	7	2	2
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9.10 BYLAWS PART 3 – AMEND ACF COMPANION STANDARD

Moved by FCCQ

Seconded by GCCFV – Wendy Meiglitz

Supported by Judges Guild

that the Revised companion Pet standard replace the current standard

In the past there has been discussion on accepting or not in the companion Pet class any cat with physical defects such as missing ears, blind cats, three legged cats etc. The Current ACF standard does not address this issue and as TICA has a comprehensive Household Pet standard much of it has been added to the ACF standard as the TICA general description and standard does address the issue of less than physically perfect Companion Pet cats.

Discussion around adding under eyes that cats that are blind or have one eye should be confident in the environment. Similarly cats with three legs should be confident and move with ease.

WON	9	2	0
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9.11 BENGAL – RECOGNITION OF CHARCOAL COLOUR/PATTERN

Moved By CANT

Seconded by FCCQ – Isobel Johnstone

that The ACF (In.) recognise the charcoal colour/pattern in Bengal cats

Sandi Gemmell and Lesley Morgan to liaise with FIFe to develop an EMS Code and Standard

WON	8	3	0
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9.12 UPDATE TO LYKOI BOTH BREEDING AND SHOWING

Moved by CVI

Seconded by QICC – Julie Walker

CVI sought permission to withdraw the motion. Granted. Motion Withdrawn

9.13 BREED STANDARDS – LYKOI- AMEND REMARKS

Moved by CVI

Seconded by QICC – Julie Walker

Not supported by the Judges Guild

CVI sought permission to withdraw the motion. Granted. Motion withdrawn

9.14 BREED STANDARD OCICAT - Amendment of the ACF Inc Breeding and Registration Rules and Ocicat standard to allow Classic Ocicats to be shown in Assessment classes and kittens to be shown as part of a complete litter in litter classes

Moved by GCCFV

Seconded by QICC – Julie Walker

Supported by the Judges Guild with Amendments b (i) Only for assessment and litter must be shown complete

that the Rules for Ocicat be amended to read: -

13.5.24. Ocicat

13.5.24.1.

Tabby coat pattern (Spotted only) (Black, Blue, Chocolate, Lilac, Cinnamon & Fawn only plus Silver equivalents)

Note:

- a) Allowable outcross Abyssinian (including Silver), for kittens born before 31/12/2030.
- b) Cats with a Classic Tabby pattern are classed as Any Other Variety: They
 - i) cannot be awarded a challenge (*i.e. adults can only be shown in Assessment classes*); but
 - ii) can be used in breeding programs
 - iii) *kittens can be shown in Assessment classes and as part of a complete litter in litter classes*

WON	8	2	1
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9.15 Snowshoe – changes to Standard, Breeding and Registration rules

Moved by GCCFV

That the following changes (*shown in italics*) be made to the Snowshoe Breed standard, Breeding and Registration rules

- a) **Motion 1:** Remarks – to add the wording: *“Cats that display a white Inverted “V” on their face with limited amounts of white on their paws, back legs, chin and chest should be judged in the Bicolour class”.*
- b) **Motion 2:** *Colourpoint and cats with excessive White or Van pattern – to be registered as AOV*
- c) **Motion 3:** Allowable outcross – change current wording from “none” to *“Siamese and suitable domestic within an approved experimental breeding program”.*

Motion 1 Remarks – to add the wording: “Cats that display a white Inverted “V” on their face with limited amounts of white on their paws, back legs, chin and chest should be judged in the Bicolour class”.

WON	9	2	0
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Motion 2 Colourpoint and cats with excessive White or Van pattern – to be registered accordingly

WON	8	2	1
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Motion 3: Allowable outcross – change current wording from “none” to *suitable domestic*

WON	6	4	1
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9.16. Recognition of allowable outcrosses be added to the Sphynx Standard

Moved by QICC

Seconded by CVI – Cindy Grimes

Not supported by Judges Guild

ACF includes the allowable outcrosses of American Shorthair and Devon Rex to the Sphynx Standard

Amended Motion

ACF includes the allowable outcross of Devon Rex to the Sphynx Standard

Including the allowable outcrosses as per the TICA standard, American Shorthair and Devon Rex, will allow a wider gene pool accessible to the Sphynx breed and as a result will improve the overall health of the breed and decrease the occurrence of HCM.

Motion amended to delete American Shorthair.

LOST	2	9	0
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9.17. BYLAWS PART 4 – JUDGES TRAINING SCHEME -Additions to the ACF Judges Training Scheme

Moved by GCCFV

that

- a) time frames be added to the returning of marked exam papers to the trainees.
- b) Judge Emeritus and its definition be added to the list of categories of judges.
 - a) There needs to be a time frame set for trainee judges to have access to their marked papers and for these papers to be lodged with the Member Body.
 - b) The title Judge Emeritus may be used by some ACF Member associations e.g. GCCFV for 'retired' Judges. Although this title is only used at the Member Body level, it needs to be defined in the ACF Judges Training Scheme categories of Judges to cover Emeritus Judges who are appointed by their Member Bodies as Tutor Judges, so that their signature on JTS training forms can be accepted by ACF.

Noted that judges must be an Associate Member of the Judges Guild and financial.

Motion a)

WON	11	0	0
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Motion b)

WON	7	3	1
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9.18 BYLAWS PART 5 – AWARDS – COMPANION AWARD OF HONOUR

Moved by FCCQ

FCCQ sought permission to withdraw the motion. Granted. Motion withdrawn

9.19 COMPANION AWARD OF HONOUR - Awarding of ACF Companion Award of Honour Certificates.

Moved by QFA

Seconded by FCCQ – Robbie Walker

Judges Guild supported the best neuter and best spey with no minimum numbers

Eligibility for Award

That Section 5.4.3 of the ACF By-Laws be amended to read:
Awarded to the Best Adult Companion in Show, where a minimum of three (3) adult companions are entered and where that cat is the highest placed adult companion in the Top Three (3) awards.'

Advancement to Next Level

That Section 5.4.8 of the ACF By-Laws be amended to read:
For each level, applications must be accompanied by ten (10) original award certificates and sent to the affiliate control.'

CCCA Registered Cats

That Section 5.4.12 of the ACF By-Laws be amended to read:
Application for AoH title for a cat registered with an affiliate of CCCA may be made as above, through the ACF affiliate control in the state of residence, or may be sent direct to the ACF Titles Registrar, on the appropriate form, with ten (10) original certificates and payment.'

There are sometimes less than five (5) adult companion cats at shows in Queensland which precludes the awarding of the Award of Honour Certificate. Reducing the threshold for eligibility of the award to three (3) adult companion cats in show will encourage exhibitors to continue to exhibit their cat and strive for the award.

Furthermore, kittens compete with adults for best in show awards and sometimes achieve best in show. The highest placed adult companion behind the kitten should be eligible for the Award of Honour Certificate as long as it is placed in the top three (3).

Given the low number of adult companion cats being shown, reducing the number of awards from 15 to 10 to achieve the next level may encourage exhibitors to continue to show their cats and even lead to greater numbers of companion exhibits. The reduction in the number of certificates is also consistent with pedigree cats which only require ten (10) awards for advancement to the next level

No amendments to the motion so minimum number of 3 cats remains.

WON	10	1	0
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9.20 BYLAWS PART 6 – NATIONAL SHOWS - Resubmission 2018 Motion
ACF National Vetting Procedure & Veterinary Inspection Rejection
Notification Form
Moved by FCCQ
Seconded by QICC – Julie Walker

1. ACF National Vetting procedure be added to the Policy and Procedures Manual and a reference added in By-laws Part 6.2 Show Rules part 17 b). which include an exhibitor who has travelled with the exhibitor whose exhibits have been rejected.
2. Add a new clause N. Vetting to ACF-Bylaws-Part 6.1-Show_Rules_Admin with the Veterinary Inspection Rejection Notification Form as an appendix

The current show rules state that a Veterinary Surgeon may reject an exhibitor's kitten or cat and if determined may reject all the exhibitor's entries.

17 b) The veterinary surgeon shall order any cat to be removed from the show if, in his/her opinion, it is suffering from any infectious or contagious disease or has external parasites. Their decision in this regard will be final. Should the veterinarian reject one of an exhibitor's cats or kittens, all the exhibitor's entries may be rejected.

Currently there is no procedure whereby the show committee, exhibitor or an exhibitor who has travelled with the exhibitor whose exhibits have also been rejected can follow and/or refer to the process which needs to be followed.

WON	9	2	0
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9.21 Diane Page Award

Members recall that ACF (Inc.) instituted a Diane Page Memorial Trophy presented at the National Show from memory for Burmese, this continued for a number of years and we wondered why it was discontinued?

EXPLANATION: The award was never an ACF Award. It was donated privately for 5 years and then discontinued.

10. RECOMMENDATIONS FROM 2019 EXEC MEETING

- a) That the exclusion periods for judges officiating at ACF Shows be added to the National Show Rules and Published on the ACF website

Seconded by GCCFV – Wendy Meiglitz

Carried – Unanimously

- b) That for judges who judge at the National Show and also represent their affiliate at the AGM/GM the travel costs be shared between the National Show and the Affiliate. Accommodation costs for the show days will be a show expense.

Carried 10/1 CAT against

- c) **ACF Meetings.** ACF needs to hold more meetings a year and Judith Jordan suggested that electronic meetings are a cost-effective way to progress business whilst retaining the AGM and GM as face to face meetings in June. It was proposed that electronic meetings be held in September 2019 and January 2020.

The Secretary pointed out that shortened timeframes for circulation of agendas and approvals need to be implemented as the current six-week notice periods for member bodies to meet is not workable. It was agreed the agendas would be circulated two weeks prior to meetings and member bodies will need to utilise email to advise and consult their members rather than waiting for meeting dates.

Next meeting 3 October 2019 7pm EST
Agenda items to Secretary 19 September

Meeting 9 January 8pm EST

11. GENERAL BUSINESS

11.1. National Show Venues

2020: Proposed to be held in Perth in conjunction with WCC. Progress report The Silver Jubilee Pavilion at the Showgrounds has been secured at a vastly reduced rate. The RAS will be noted as a sponsor for the show. Hotels for the delegates and WCC delegates secured with three city hotels agreeing to accept cats apart from entire males. A security bond of \$500 required and a signed agreement as in previous years. Sponsorship from Royal Canin and Oz Pet confirmed. Committee seeking other sponsors. The Facebook page for ACF National Cat Show 2020 Perth went live on Sunday evening with initial information and sponsors.

2021: GCCFV – Melbourne confirmed. Venue at Showgrounds secured

2022: FCCQ – Confirmed

2023: QFA – to be discussed

11.2 Consistency – Show Awards, Title Structures **Moved by FCCQ**

- Consistency of show award terminology, e.g. Best in Show v Best in Group
- Title structures
- Awards – Alter Cat Challenge v Alter Cat Award of Merit (ACF By-laws 6.2)
- Other differences which may arise through the discussion.
- As determined by the meeting a subcommittee to be formed.
- Cats colour &/or pattern reclassification – should they retain their current titles?

There was some discussion about the benefits of uniformity across affiliates however it is also recognised that in some areas there are significant differences. A sub committee was formed to explore the options and liaise with member bodies. Sub Committee: Robbie Walker, Fiona Hawkins, Cindy Grimes, Kerryn Rivett, Peta Sperduty

11.3 Roles of Executive Officers, Ordinary Committeepersons & Deputy Ordinary Committeepersons **Moved by FCCQ**

CANT have also requested this topic be discussed.

- Define what is and is not confidential.
Draft Definition
"That a subject be determined to be confidential if it has potential legal ramifications against ACF or individual people or if it contains personal information and that it could place a person in a position where others can pursue them privately or on social media."
- Should all non-confidential issues be discussed with the relevant affiliate executive or management committee before replying.
- What time frames do we expect issues to be discussed.
- When are affiliate deputy committee persons involved and when are they not, given that they are constitutionally a member of the Committee of Management?

"The committee shall consist of - (a) the officers of the Federation with the exception of (c) Immediate Past President; and (b) an ordinary committeeperson and an elected deputy committeeperson of each affiliated body in such a way each member is represented with one vote per affiliate. "

- Define the roles of the Executive positions to include input from the President, Secretary Treasurer, and ILO in discussions of the Committee of Management.
- Where there is no definition of executive roles a definition be developed, and current roles updated accordingly.

Guidelines to be developed and circulated by a small group led by Judith Jordan including; Fiona Hawkins, Sandi Gemmell, Isobel Johnstone.

11.4 Undesirable side effects from vaccination were Crandell Rees Feline Kidney (CRFK) Cell are used **Moved by CANT**

that the ACF (Inc.) lobby research groups into feline health such as the Feline Health Fund to investigate the excessive use of vaccination where Crandell Rees Feline Kidney (CRFK) Cells are involved and the perceived relationship to increased kidney disease in cats

There has been a disastrous growth in the incidence of kidney disease in cats especially pedigree cats over the years and it is speculated that some of this may be attributed to over-vaccination (encouraged by drug companies and veterinarians) for other than preventative health measures.

Some discussion but no action other than to remind member bodies that it was agreed that all would raise funds for the Feline Health Research Fund as this is an avenue to push for research in specific areas. It was agreed that ACF would donate \$100 to FHRF again this year.

12. Other Business

13. CLOSE 3.15pm