



AGENDA

AUSTRALIAN CAT FEDERATION (INC.) GENERAL MEETING



To Be Held On Tuesday, 11 June 2024, Immediately Following
The Australian Cat Federation (Inc.) Annual General Meeting
Crowne Plaza, Hawkesbury Valley

1. Opening & Welcome
2. Apologies
3. Previous Minutes
4. A. Corrections To The Minutes
Amended Minutes as advised by CANT & QICC attached with Agenda
- b. Matters Arising From The February 2024 Committee & General Meeting Minutes
As raised by delegates at this meeting.
As advised by
5. Finance
 - a. Motion from Cats WA Attachment 5.a
“that ACF charge a fee to facilitate the clearance and transfer of prefixes with the Central Registry. The fee to be:
 1. \$20.00,
 2. \$15.00; or
 3. \$10.00.**Rationale:**
Currently, the ACF Secretary arranges the clearance and transfer of prefixes free of charge. With income from National Shows halving in the future this would provide an income stream. Also of note, is that the member bodies charge a fee for prefixes to cover their costs, but ACF does not. This is merely a one-off fee for a service.
6. Report From Committee
 - a. Judges Guild
 - b. 2024 ACF National Show
7. Reports — Sub-Committees – As circulated prior to meeting & Confirmation of 2024/2025 committeepersons
 - a. Breed Groups Review Sub-committee
Carole Galli
 - b. Breeding Rules Sub-committee Attachment 7b.
Isobel Johnstone (Chair), Jenny Weekes, Kerry Fowler
Dominant Blue Eye Article (Marie Abitbol) Attachment 7b-I.
 - c. Breed Standards Review Sub-committee Attachment 7c.
Lesley Morgan (Chair), Debs Armishaw, Jo-anne Frank
 - d. Feline Health Research Fund Attachment 7d.
Isobel Johnstone
 - e. Feline Terminology Sub-committee Attachment 7e.
Isobel Johnstone (Chair), Kathryn Hill, Jo-anne Frank, Lesley Morgan
 - f. Legislative Watchdog Sub-committee Attachment 7f.
Julie Schuller (Chair), Linda Kitson, Fiona Ransley
 - g. UTH/UTJ Sub-committee
Peta Sperduty (Chair), Barbara LaRocca, Linda Kitson, Debs Armishaw

8. MEETING OF WORLD CAT CONGRESS

- a) Report from the 2024 meeting.

9 - Submissions – By-Laws

9.1 ACF By-laws Part One Clause 5 Attachment 9.1

Motion from CANT

“that By-Laws Part I, Clause 5 - Other Partially Recognised Governing/Registration Bodies Within Australia be amended by deleting

5.1. At, 10th June 2019 these are:

5.1.1. Australian National Cats Inc, (ANCATS); and

5.1.2. The Australian Independent Cat Council Inc. (AICC)

Rationale:

The clause is out of date and not relevant.

9.2 ACF By-laws Part One Clause 5 Attachment 9.2

Motion from CANT

“that By-Laws Part I - Clause 5. Other Governing/Registration Bodies Within Australia be amended by adding:

5.1 By-Laws Part 2 Clauses 5.8 & 5.9 applies to the registration of cats not bred under the auspices of ACF(Inc.) or CCCA Member Bodies in accord with the World Cat Congress Constitution.

5.2 Judges listed by Members of the World Cat Congress are recognised by the ACF(Inc.).

9.3 ACF By-laws Part One Clause 5 - Partial Recognition of Cats Australia Attachment 9.3

Motion from Cats NSW

“that ACF recognises Cats Australia under the same rules as applies to ANCATS-

By-Laws Part I – Administration – amend to read

| Current Wording | Proposed New Wording |
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| 5.4.I. ANCATS 5. 4.I.I. Exhibits which comply with subparagraph 5.3.I.I to 5.3.I.4 above may be shown in the Federation’s National Show, and Member or Provisional Member Bodies shows provided they comply with the applicable Show Rules and are within the Federation’s Breeding and Registration Rules but are not eligible for the Federations’ awards | 5.4.I. ANCATS and Cats Australia 5.4.I.I. Exhibits which comply with subparagraph 5.3.I.I to 5.3.I.4 above may be shown in the Federation’s National Show, and Member or Provisional Member Bodies shows provided they comply with the applicable Show Rules and are within the Federation’s Breeding and Registration Rules but are not eligible for the Federations’ awards. |

By-Laws Part 2 – Breeding And Registration Rules – amend to read

| Current Wording | Proposed New Wording |
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| 5.I6. All kittens bred in Australia must be first be registered with a Cat registering body in the state where the kittens are born which is affiliated with an ACF (Inc.), a CCCA body or ANCATS. | 5.I6. All kittens bred in Australia must be first be registered with a Cat registering body in the state where the kittens are born which is affiliated with an ACF (Inc.), a CCCA body or ANCATS or Cats Australia. |

Rationale:

The rationale for this motion being that ACF accepts pedigrees as they do currently for ANCATS through partial recognition. This would include accepting show entries and allowing breeders to buy and sell cats/kittens and providing/accepting stud service from Cats Australia breeders. Only cats/kittens which comply with ACF Breeding and Registration rules would be accepted. ACF already recognised TICA pedigrees for imported cats and kittens and Cats Australia register their cats according to TICA standards.

10 - Submissions – By-laws Part 3 - Breed Standards

10.1 British Shorthair & Longhair

Attachment 10.1

Motion from Cats WA

“that Persians be removed as an allowable outcross in the breeding of British Shorthair/Longhair.”

Rationale:

Persians carry the gene for brachycephalic structure. We do not want to introduce brachycephalic structure into the British Shorthair/Longhair. The allowable outcross was to introduce new colours. British now have all colours including colourpoint so this is no longer required. Unsupervised use of Persian to introduce longhair to breed British Longhair may lead to significant change to the head type and introduce health problems associated with brachycephalic breeds.

Persians being used to develop British Longhair should be done under a supervised breed development programme.

10.2 Peterbald

Attachment 10.2, 10.2a, 10.2b

Motion from Cats NSW

“that that ACF adopt the TICA standard for the Peterbald in place of the FIFe standard”

Rationale:

Source of the current Peterbald standard in use by ACF is FIFe 2013. ACF generally uses the country/body of origin when adopting new breed standards. There is discrepancy between the acknowledged body of origin of the breed. In 1996, the breed was recognised by the Russian *Sectional Feline Federation (SFF)*. This organisation no longer appears to be active. TICA recognised it in 1997 and gave full championship status to the breed in 2005. The World Cat Federation (WCF) recognised the Peterbald in 2003. FIFe did not recognise the breed until 2012.

II - General Business

II.1 Matters referred from the June 2024 ACF Judges Guild AGM

II.2 WCC Matters For Discussion

- a. Leslie Lyons - ICEDogs Press Release Initiative Health Dogs. Attachments - II.2a, II.2a-1 II.2a-2
- b. Leslie Lyons - Persian Breed Standards. Attachment II.2b

II.3 National Shows

- 👉 2025 New South Wales - CCCA
- 👉 2026 South Australia – GCCFSA
- 👉 2027 – CCCA
- 👉 2028 – ACF

Cats WA (Subject to CCCA not hosting the 2027 National in WA

Appendix II.3

II.4 Other Business

Next Meetings:

- 16 October 2024
- 12 February 2025
- 22 July 2025 - TBC

12. CLOSE