



# AGENDA

## AUSTRALIAN CAT FEDERATION (INC.) COMMITTEE & GENERAL MEETING



To Be Held On Wednesday, 26 February 2025,  
Via Zoom at commencing at 1930 AEST (QLD)

1. Opening & Welcome

2. Apologies

3. Previous Minutes

a. Corrections To The Minutes

Amended Minutes as advised by

b. Matters arising from the October 2024 Committee & General Meeting Minutes

As raised by delegates at this meeting.

4. Finance

ACF Treasurers Report

5. Correspondence

Exotic Species DCCEEW new policy decision to cease the import of Bengal cats. **Attachment 5.I**

6. Reports — Sub-Committees

Please note that currently an ACF subcommittee cannot submit a proposal to ACF, it may make recommendations that then need to be moved and seconded by a member body before being voted on and accepted by ACF.

These recommendations need to be discussed at member body level prior to the meeting to allow the committee person to vote accordingly.

a. Breed Groups Review Sub-committee

b. Breeding Rules Sub-committee Report.

**Attachment 6.b**

**Recommendation One**

**Attachment 6.b.I**

“that By-laws Part 2 Rule 1.2 be amended as shown in red: ACF (Inc.) will not recognise any breed which results from more than one structural *or ‘hairless’* mutation (ie that no two or more mutations *that affect bone or cartilage or result in a hairless appearance* be combined in any breed)“

**Rationale:**

The need to clarify and expand Rule 1.2 has come about due to feline health and welfare concerns when mutations that affect bone, and cartilage or result in hairlessness are deliberately combined to produce cats with two or more mutations.

**Recommendation Two**

**Attachment 6.b.2**

Clarification of the eligibility of cats that resemble non-recognised ACF-breeds or designer cats that display more than one structural or ‘hairless’ mutation in Companion Pet standard.

**Rationale:**

The need to clarify the Companion Pet standard has come about due to feline health and welfare concerns when mutations that affect bone, and cartilage or result in hairlessness are deliberately combined to produce cats with two or more mutations.

c. Breed Standards Review Sub-committee

d. Feline Health Research Fund

e. Feline Terminology Sub-committee Report

f. Legislative Watchdog Sub-committee

**Attachment 6.f**

g. UTH/UTJ Sub-committee

7. Meeting Of World Cat Congress

## 8 – Submissions By-Laws

### 8.1 ACF By-laws Part ACF By-Laws Part 6.I Section 4.3

**Motion from Cats NSW**

**Attachment 8.1**

“that ACF By-Laws Part 6.I National Show Administration – Section 4.3 be amended from ‘proof of closure of bank account’ to ‘proof of the bank account being returned to its opening balance.’”

**Rationale:**

Banking has become much more complicated in recent times, with increasingly complicated procedures being introduced by banks for the opening, managing and closing of bank accounts, and establishing identity of signatories which may be located remotely from each other. Opening a bank account for the sole purpose of the ACF National Show, to then be required to close it again would appear unnecessary. The account could be used subsequently by the affiliate body for another purpose. Use of an existing bank account, which may have some funds in it, would be a more efficient and effective use of existing accounts by affiliate bodies for the running of the ACF National Show.

### 8.2 ACF By-laws Part ACF By-Laws Part 6.2 National Show Rules – Rule 9 and Rule 29

**Motion from Cats NSW**

**Attachment 8.2**

“that the ACF By-Laws Part 6.2 National Show Rules, Rule 9 and Rule 29 be amended to replace ‘Show Manager’ with ‘National Show Committee’.

**Rationale:**

The Cats NSW Committee experience in running the 2024 ACF National Show has highlighted that by having rules which restrict some decisions to being made solely by the Show Manager, there is opportunity for these decisions to be criticised and the show manager to be targeted.

Decisions made by the Show Manager may be perceived as biased or made in the context of unconscious or actual bias, by putting personal interests ahead of what is required of the person occupying the role of Show Manager. There is also the potential for the Show Manager to make decisions against the majority decision and advice of the National Show Committee.

By making the decision to refuse or return any entries the shared responsibility of the National Show Committee and not solely the Show Manager, the opportunity for the perception of bias is removed, as is the potential for remonstrance against the Show Manager. It also reduces the opportunity for the Show Manager to be seen to be attempting to stymie competition or to sway the judging outcomes. It further reduces the opportunity for discrimination against certain breeds/breeders or the members/exhibitors of other Australian governing bodies. While this could be viewed as perception, there may be exhibitors and others in the cat fancy who see this as a reality.

Similar reasons can be considered for the proposal to require the National Show Committee to make decision to amend prize lists and alter judging assignments, namely, to remove the perception of bias or in some way reduce competition or exposure for sponsors and invited judges.

### 8.3 ACF By-laws Part 6.2 National Show Rules – New Rule

**Motion from Cats NSW**

**Attachment 8.3**

“that the ACF By-Laws Part 6.2 National Show Rules be amended to include a new rule regarding exhibitor behaviour at the National Show”

**Rationale:**

It is an unfortunate reality that on, occasion, attendance at a cat show may see some exhibitors or visitors conduct themselves in a manner which results in behaviours considered by attendees as inappropriate at a show. This behaviour may be directed at any person attending a show in any capacity and may arise because of any occurrence at a show, or because of their inability to put personal interests aside for the benefit of the event or cat fancy. Often, people do not realise the significance of their behaviour or unintended consequences that their behaviour may have on others.

Having a rule in place to address such behaviour, thereby giving the National Show Committee authority to act, may diminish the likelihood of such behaviour occurring. It would also reduce such actions bringing the Cat Fancy into disrepute because of the behaviour of a very small minority. To grow attendance and participation in the Cat Fancy, especially by younger people, it is imperative that shows, and other events are conducted with the welfare of all who attend being of paramount importance.

The Cats NSW Committee experience in running the 2024 ACF National Show highlighted to them that a show rule to address inappropriate behaviour was missing. The inclusion of the wording about expulsion 'by the show committee' means that no one person is solely responsible for the decision to expel a person for behavioural reasons, reducing the opportunity for personal bias by the show manager or a single committee member, or for remonstrations towards the show manager or individual committee member.

## 9 - By-laws Part 3 - Breed Standards

### 9.I Burmese - Mandalay

Motion from FCCQ

Attachment 9.I

#### Part A

"that the colours Cinnamon, Fawn, Caramel & Apricot be removed from the Mandalay standard to allow full intermateability, as Cinnamon, Fawn, Caramel & Apricot are not recognised in the ACF or CCCA Burmese standards.

#### Rationale:

If Burmese and Mandalay are to be fully intermateable, then the Mandalay should only be recognised in the colours in Burmese.

#### Part B:

"that the ACF Ticked Tabby coat pattern and colours to be added to the Mandalay Breed Standard.

#### Rationale:

If Burmese and Mandalay are to be fully intermateable, then the Mandalay should only be recognised in the colours and patterns in Burmese.

#### Part C:

"That - Genetically proven sepia (cb/cb) progeny from be registered as Burmese with no restrictions added to the registration. Progeny registered as Burmese from a Mandalay program are eligible for breeding in Burmese programs and competing in the Burmese breed group at championship level."

#### Rationale:

With the recent CCCA change to the Breeding Notes for the Burmese standard allowing for cb/cb kittens born in Mandalay litters to be registered and shown as Burmese, ACF should align breed standards and registration policies.

Currently a kitten in Qld must be registered as MDY AOV with FCCQ, QFA & QICC however with Cats Qld it can be registered as a Burmese, which makes it difficult to be shown. To continue with the current process of aligning standards this anomaly to ACF standards and registration rules, can be corrected before creating a larger task in the future, when undertaking to rectify the inaccuracies between national bodies and their affiliates.

**9.2 Burmese – Mandalay - Recognition of cb/cb kittens born in Mandalay litters to be registerable as Burmese.**

Motion from GCCFSA

**Attachment 9.2**

**Part A:**

1. “that cb/cb kittens from Mandalay/Mandalay or Burmese/Mandalay mating shall be registered as Burmese.”
2. “that Burmese and Mandalay be fully intermateable, the (c<sup>b</sup>c<sup>b</sup> registered as Burmese & C/- or C/cb registered as Mandalay) offspring from any Mandalay/Mandalay or Burmese/Mandalay mating shall be registered depending on phenotype”
3. Breeding Notes for both the Mandalay and Burmese be updated to say “Breeding partner to Mandalay/Burmese”

**Part B:**

“that the colours Fawn, Cinnamon, Caramel and Apricot be removed from the Mandalay standard to allow full intermateability, as Fawn, Cinnamon, Caramel and Apricot are not included in the ACF or CCCA Burmese standards”

**Part C:**

“the definitions of the ACF Ticked Tabby coat pattern and colours to be added under page 2 of the Mandalay Coat Patterns.

**Rationale:** With the recent CCCA change to the Breeding Notes for the Burmese standard allowing for cb/cb kittens born in Mandalay litters to be registered and shown as Burmese it is in the interest of ACF to update and align breed standards and registration policies. Currently a litter in SA, which can be dual registered will be MDY AOV in GCCSA and Burmese in a CCCA affiliate. And to continue with the current process of aligning standards this anomaly to ACF standards and registration rules, can be corrected before creating a larger task in the future, when undertaking to rectify the inaccuracies between national bodies and their affiliates.

## 10 - General Business

**10.I ACF & CCCA Joint Meeting Recommendations**

**Attachment 10.I**

The attachment shows the suggested wording should the meeting agree to the proposals.

Both organisations to discuss & agree or make suggestions to be put to the next meeting.

For discussion and approval by ACF & CCCofA

1. Exhibitors should be able to use any challenges they have currently have so long as they have not been used prior., eg: perhaps they have 2 now and just need one more, they can they use those 2 plus one from any National show.
2. Going forward any 3 Challenges from either body to achieve the award.
3. ACF & CCCA Secretary to check with each other if the challenges have been used before, this will avoid exhibitors trying to use the same challenge for two titles.
4. Suggested that the ACF National and CCCA National show challenges be renamed to “National Show Challenge the challenge would have both logos on them.
5. Suggested that rather than having ACF National Champion or CCCA National Champion the tile is amended to “National Show Champion” the title certificate would have issued by either the ACF Secretary or by the CCCA Secretary
6. Meeting proposed that the two Secretaries Sue Thomas and Robbie Walker design/create a template to be used by either body.
7. National shows to be called National Australian Show

**Discussion:**

Loving Cats Worldwide (LCWW)

Should Australian judges be permitted to be involved with the 2025 LCWW Australian Shows conducted by one of the LCWW Charter clubs, does this qualify as a conflict of interest between their ethical obligations to their association if are assisting in the running of a these shows or events other than just being an exhibitor.

CCCA & ACF need to be unified in our approach on this matter, wouldn't LCCW be classified as an unrecognised governing body. Under ACF by-laws they are classified as such.

**Recommendation:**

To be discussed by ACF judges at the ACF Judges Guild Meeting 12 February 2025 and at the ACF Committee & General meeting on 26 February 2025.

**Marketing**

ACF and CCCA need to start marketing ourselves in a positive light, do we know of anyone in our organisations who are social media marketing gurus. We need to look for someone that will commit to the long term with minimal costs.

**Recommendation**

Both organisations discuss and identify people within their organisations.

From January I we need to look at promoting the 2025 National, as Australian National Show, suggested National Australian Show, unfortunately putting Australian and National

**Next Joint meeting 5 March 2025**

I0.2 ACF National Titles – presentation of certificates

I0.3 Matters referred from the ACF Judges Guild

I0.4 CCCA Recognition ANCATS Pedigrees

I0.4 National Shows

☛ 2025 New South Wales – NSW CFA

☛ 2026 South Australia – GCCFSA

☛ 2027 Australian Capital Territory - CCI

☛ 2028 – Western Australia -Cats WA

I0.5 Other Business

I0.6 Next Meetings:

22 July 2025

22 May 2025 – Notice of Meeting

7 June 2025 – Deadline Motions & Reports

22 June 2025 - Agenda

15 October 2025

11 February 2026

II. CLOSE