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2004 SEMI - ANNUAL

Thank you, Northern Illinois Cat Enthusiasts and Midwest Norwegian Forest Cat Club, for hosting the February 2004 TICA Semi-Annual Board Meeting at the Radisson Hotel in Schaumburg, Illinois.

Kay welcomed back established Board members, congratulated those reelected, and welcomed and congratulated, the newly elected Regional Directors, Vickie Fisher (SW), Tracey McCullough (GP), and Kurt Vlach (EN).

With the exception of South America's Luiz Paulo Faccioli, all Regions were represented. Also present were Laurie Schiff, our Legal Advisor, as well as the Judging Administrator and the Rules Committee Chairperson and an interpreter.

Congratulations to all who have been accepted to train or approved for advancement in The International Cat Association's Judging Program and congratulations to our hard working New Breed and Color persons, both two legged and four, for their advancements and recognition as well!

ADVANCEMENTS

Approved Allbreed

Lisette Baudoux
Lynn Judge

Provisional Allbreed Asia Only

Nozomu Yano
Keiko Yoshino

Approved Allbreed Asia Only

Yumeko Katoh
Eriko Odaka

Probationary Specialty

Donna Gonyea

Provisional Allbreed

Elektra Hammond
Sandi Mattingly

LH/SH Trainee

Alexandra Chisholm

Kazuhito Nakamoto has resigned as a Trainee.

Trudy and William Vermaas have resigned from the Judging Program.
Vickie and Peter Markstein have retired from Judging.

Trudy, Bill, Vickie and Peter will fulfill all assignments and obligations through April 30th of this year.

NEW BREEDS and COLORS

May 1, 2004

The Savannah will advance to Advanced New Breed.

The silver Bengal will advance to Championship.

The sex-linked red color factored Tonkinese will advance to Championship.

JUDGES' YEARBOOK PHOTOGRAPHS

CURRENT photos for the TICA Yearbook are due NO LATER THAN **June 30th**. John would greatly appreciate it if you would not wait until the last minute to submit pictures. If you're due for a new snapshot this year, have one taken now and send it to John as soon as possible. Check with John for the particulars on scanned pictures. Send to John Harrison, TICA Yearbook Editor, 7354 Meadow Breeze, San Antonio, TX 78227-1629 JHCats@aol.com

BE REMINDED...There is an automatic \$25 fine for failure to submit a new photo for the Yearbook every three years.

PLEASE BE REMINDED

Judging fees are applicable to all TICA and guest judges regardless of the type, location or duration of the show and are determined by the license status at the time of signing the contract.

Judges who have moved or changed their place of residence or traveling from a point other than their place of residence subsequent to signing a contract, shall be reimbursed only the amount for traveling from their place of residence at the time the contract was signed unless otherwise stipulated in the contract.

When judging multiple rings at two or three day shows, or an Alternative Format show, make sure you judge each ring, morning, afternoon or evening as a separate show and handle each entry with equality.

BOARD ACTIONS

The Board approved the updated edition of ***Uniform Color Description (UCD)*** as well as the expanded ***Glossary of Terms***. They have been taken out of the Standing Rules and made into a new publication. The UCD and Glossary are currently available on the TICA web site and will be sent to you with your new publications.

***** LOCKETS *****

Effective May 1, 2004 lockets (see Glossary for revised definition) will no longer be an automatic withhold. Each breed will designate in the standard whether lockets are to be an allowance, penalty or withhold all awards.

Effective immediately a 5-year membership fee for regular and international members is to be established: \$110 for regular and \$135 for international members.

The Official Definition of Domestic LH/SH for the Standing Rules and the Glossary: Any cat belonging to *Felis domesticus* not registered as a recognized breed.

STANDING RULES ADOPTED or AMENDED

1012.1: **Amend Regional List:** Delete Hong Kong from Asia (now part of China). Move the Channel Islands (UK) and Iceland (Nordic country) from International to Northern Europe. In the recent past several political borders and/or countries have been changed and/or eliminated. The amended list will reflect these changes.

1012.3.1 **Amend Isolated Area List:** Asia-entire Region, except Japan, Northwest-the Alaskan area. South America-entire Region, South Central-Costa Rica and

Mexico, Southwest-Hawaii, Northern Europe-United Kingdom, Belorussia, Russia and the Ukraine, International-Australia.

1019.3: **Add to read:** The names and dates of service of Retired Judges for the current show year shall be listed in the Annual Edition (i.e. Yearbook) annually.

1023.1.8: **Add to read:** Selection of a retired judge for the title of "Judge Emeritus" should be guided by the following criteria:

1023.8.1: Years if Service

1023.8.2: Overall contributions to TICA (i.e. clerking program administrator, legal counsel. etc.)

1023.8.3: Overall contribution to the Cat Fancy (i.e. humanitarian endeavors, publications, etc.

1023.8.4 Any other consideration deemed worthy by the Board of Directors

2015.2 through 2015.2.6.1, International Guest Judges, as amended*, has been moved to the **JUDGING PROGRAM** as ARTICLE NINE.

*All reference to the Standing Rules is to be deleted.

NOTE: ARTICLE EIGHT, the Overseas Judging Program, was in effect until May 1, 2002. After that date, new applicants began and continued under the regular rules of the Judging Program. After **May 1, 2004** all judges shall follow the Judging Program guidelines as set forth in ARTICLES TWO through SEVEN with **NO Exceptions**.

The current ARTICLE NINE, Judges from Other Associations, will become ARTICLE EIGHT.

JUDGING PROGRAM

Amendments and Additions Effective Immediately (Available on the TICA web site)

ARTICLE TWO - Applicants

42.6: **Amend to read:** The applicant may request a comprehensive written open book examination covering TICA By-Laws, Show Rules, Breed Standards, Ethics, and the cat fancy in general up to one year prior to the anticipated date of application. The applicant must score 95 percent or higher on the examination, and all questions missed must be answered correctly. Should the applicant fail to complete examination within the time allowed, application may not be resubmitted for six (6) months.

42.6.1: **Add to read:** Application and examination must be received no later than May 15th for application at the Annual or November 15th for application at the Semi-Annual

42.7: **Amend to read:** Upon successful completion of the examination the Judging Administrator shall submit the applicant's name for consideration by the Board of Director for admittance into the TICA Judging Program.

Application for Advancement to Probationary Specialty

44.2: **Add to read:** 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: **Add to read:** All training, including all solos, must be scheduled by May 15th or November 15th and completed no later than June 15th or December 15th prior to the respective Board Meeting.

REPLACE "90 days" with "May 15th or November 15th" and "60 days" with "June 15th or December 15th" in the following articles:*

44.3, 44.5, 45.2.5, 45.2.6, 45.3.1, 45.3.1.1, 45.5, 45.6, 46.2.6, 46.3.1, 46.3.1.1, 46.5, 46.6, 47.4.2, 47.5, 47.7, 49.2, 49.8, 49.9.4, 49.9.4, 410.2, 410.2.2.4, 410.5, and 418.12.

*Editor's Note: The changes in dates/deadlines apply to all applicants applying for entrance into the TICA Judging Program as well as those of you who are applying for advancement within the program.

ARTICLE NINE (Soon to be EIGHT) - Judges from Other Associations

49.1: **Add to read:** At the time of sending notice of intent to your Judging Administrator a new applicant to the Judging Program must send a photo- graph to the TREND editor for publication with the notice in at least one issue of the TREND prior to the Board Meeting at which the applicant is applying.

49.4.1: **Amend to read:** Must be a member of TICA in good standing *at the time of application*.

49.4.3: **Amend to read:** Must be a licensed TICA Master Clerk.

49.4.6.5: **Delete.**

49.4.7.4: **Amend to read:** Must resign their current Judge's License prior to apply if applying from an association within the United States or Canada.

49.7: **Amend to read:** *An applicant who is a licensed Allbreed Judge in his/her current association at the time of application shall be granted a license ONLY AFTER the applicant has trained with TICA Instructors, handling all cats and kittens in a minimum of six different TICA shows. Prior to licensing the applicant shall do one solo training session handling a minimum of 30 cats/kittens or alters. The applicant shall write breed critiques on all breeds not recognized in the association in which the applicant previously judged.*

49.7.1: **Add to read:** *An applicant who is licensed less than Allbreed in another domestic association (i.e. United States and Canada) must complete the requirements of 43.3 and a minimum of half the training requirements in ARTICLE THREE of the Judging Program (43.7 through 43.9).*

49.7.2: **Add to read:** *An applicant not currently licensed to judge all breeds of cat from a non-domestic association where licensing is by Group shall be granted a license ONLY AFTER training a minimum of 10 shows with licensed TICA Approved Allbreed Judges, six of which must be Licensed Instructors, handling those breeds not currently licensed to judge, handling all applicable entries. In addition, the applicant shall do three general training sessions handling a minimum of 30 cats/kittens or alters. The applicant shall write breed critiques as assigned by the Judging Administrator.*

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OCTOBER 2003 BALLOT RESULTS FOR THE NEW SHOW SEASON

SHOW RULES

23.10: **Amend to read:** No kitten under the age of 3 calendar months is permitted in the show hall under any circumstance.

23.10.1: **Add to read:** The show committee, at its discretion, may require a TICA litter registration as proof of age for kittens under the age of 4 months of age entered as Exhibition or For Sale.

29.3.2: **Amend to read:** In NON-ISOLATED areas a judge may not judge more than two Alternative Format show on the same weekend, except in cases of emergency whereby a contracted judge has canceled and a new (i.e. different) judge cannot be contracted. (See 29.4)

29.16: **Amend to read:** No club may contract any judge to judge any cat or cats more than twice in one day, three times in two days, or four times in three days, including congresses except in cases of emergency whereby a contracted judge has canceled and a new (i.e. different) judge cannot be contracted. (See 29.4)

216.13.3: **Amend to read:** Spots, patches or sprinkling of incorrect color (i.e color faults) other than lockets and belly spots.

BY-LAWS

117.1.4: **Amend to read:** Amendments to the Registration Rules shall take effect immediately unless the proposal itself provides another effective date. Any changes in the Registration Rules which will effect the way a cat may be shown shall take effect May 1 of the ensuing year. Amendments to the Show Rules shall take effect May 1 of the ensuing year, unless the proposal itself provides another effective date.

REGISTRATION RULES

37.4.5 & 37.5.5: **Amend:** Delete word: "American" to read: (domestic longhair/shorthair, not a member of a recognized breed).

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**NOTE:** The Judges' Update and Record Form are enclosed. All active judges, JE, DJ, and JM, who are judging any shows, must complete both the Upgrade and the Record Form and return both to Nancy Parkinson postmarked, faxed, or e-mailed no later than June 30<sup>th</sup>. **If you live outside the United States and are mailing the Update and Record Form, you must send them AIRMAIL.**

**NOTE from the Rules Committee Chair:** The Show Rules have been reorganized and renumbered. The numbers in parentheses are the old rule numbers. Be sure to read through these. Hopefully, the reorganization will help in finding information. Once all of the pubs are cross-checked a master index and footnoting will be done. NP

## JUDGING SCHOOLS & SEMINARS

We need at least one Judging School per year in each Region. Breed Committees are encouraged to hold Breed Seminars at least every three years. Please notify me of and Schools or Seminars (or Judges' Conference) that you may be moderating or that are in your Region so that I may post them to this Newsletter and in the TREND.

### REMINDERS

**INTERNATIONAL GUEST JUDGES:** Official TICA Application for Invitation of International Guest Judge Forms are available from Nancy Parkinson, the EO, or the TICA web site. The club sponsoring the Guest Judge is to send the completed application form with the required documentation to the Judging Administrator/ Designee no later than 60 days prior to the show. The JA will submit the completed application to the Guest Judge Committee.

**JUDGING PROGRAM FORMS:** The Judging Program, the Official TICA Judging Contract, Information Sheet, and all other forms involving the judging program are available on the TICA web site, or by contacting Nancy Parkinson. Nancy has all forms in Word or pdf format.  
Nancy: (512) 420-8510 or pzazz@austin.rr.com

**JUDGES' EXPENSE FORMS:** Profits from the Expense Forms go into a fund for your Judging Administrator and upcoming educational seminars. The booklets are two part NCR and come 20 forms to the book for \$5. They may be ordered by contacting Steven Savant, 100 Jonah Circle, Lafayette, La 70508. PH: (337) 989-0085.  
savantcats@earthlink.net

**JUDGES AND TRAINEES:** Please check to make sure your current contact information is listed correctly at the Executive Office, in the TREND, as well as with your Judging Administrator.

#### NOTICE OF INTENT:

If you are applying for advancement at the 2004 Annual in Edmonton, Alberta, Canada your notice of intent must be received by your Judging Administrator by April 25<sup>th</sup>. The JA will post your notice in the TREND.

If your application was not considered at a Board meeting, you must notify the JA if you wish to continue to have your name listed in the Notice of Intent.

*Upon reflection.....*

*It has been well documented that for every smoke or drink or extra bite of food we don't have, and every minute that we exercise, will add a minute to our life. This enables us, at eighty-five years of age, to spend an additional six months in a nursing home spending all that money we saved by not smoking, drinking or eating.*

*Ed.....*

### 2004

**April 23<sup>rd</sup>** West Springfield, MA. Geneticats, Judge's Conference moderated by Aline Noel. **April 24<sup>th</sup>** – Malocclusion in Persian Breed Group conducted by Mary Arnold in the Show Hall immediately following judging.  
Contact: Mike Hammond, (605) 255-8575, korann@accel.com

**May 22<sup>nd</sup>** Baltimore, MD. East Coast All day CEU Event at the Courtyard at the Marriott Hotel at the Baltimore Airport.  
Contact: Lisa Dickie, purberi@msn.com or Mark Coleman, barisarius@comcast.com

**May 29<sup>th</sup>, 30<sup>th</sup>** Albuquerque, NM. Enchanted Cat Club's 5<sup>th</sup> Annual CEU Fiesta, Albuquerque Animal Service Eastside, Training Room. 14 Continuing Education Units. Info: Vicky Shields, or Adrian Kaon, PH/FAX , (505) 255-2255, vsheids@spinn.net, or akajon@spinn.net

**June 5<sup>th</sup>** San Jose, CA. Pacific Coast Cat Fanciers, Singapura Breed Seminar, Show Hotel, 7:00 pm, Info: Jeff or Heather Roberts, (530) 795-3700, chaparralbengals@yahoo.com

**June 19<sup>th</sup>, 20<sup>th</sup>** Vienna, Austria, Blue Danube Cat Club's First Annual CEU Waltz in Vienna. 14 Continuing Education Units available for the weekend. Contact: Kurt Vlach, (431) 810-6492, dreamhunter@chello.at

**July 17<sup>th</sup>, 18<sup>th</sup>** Wisconsin, IL, Wisconsin - Illinois Cat Fanciers, Ragdoll Congress, Judge Connie Webb, Ragdoll breed Seminar moderated by Mrs Webb immediately following a 7:00 buffet in the Lafayette Room adjacent to the show hall Contact: Connie Webb, (610) 399-0926, lotus20@msn.com

**Aug 7<sup>th</sup>** Denver, CO. High on Cats Cat Club, Egyptian Mau Breed Seminar at 6:00 p.m. in the show hall at the Holiday Inn, moderated by Vickie Fisher. Contact: Vickie Fisher: coonquest@operamail.com

**Oct 23rd/24th** Nevers, France, Gallic Cats, Genetics Seminar moderated by Adriana Kajon. Contact: Martine Caillard MC.CFC@wanadoo.fr or Brigitte Berthelon brigitte.berthelon@wanadoo.fr

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**March 18<sup>th</sup>** Denver, CO. High on Cats Cat Club, Clerking School at 6:00 p.m. in the show hall at the Holiday Inn. Conducted by Arnold Farley. Contact: GP RD: Tracey McCullough, (303) 355-5959, mt9@uswest.net.

**March 19<sup>th</sup>** Denver, CO. High on Cats Cat Club, A Scottish Fold (SS/SF) Breed Seminar at 6:00 p.m. in the show hall at the Holiday Inn. Moderated by Mark Coleman. Contact: Mark Coleman: barisarius@comcast.com