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We were saddened to hear this past August of the untimely passing of TICA Judge William Vermaas, at the age of 52, in Holland in the Northern Europe Region. Although Bill was born in Holland he made sure to all who met him that, first and foremost, he was a Canadian citizen. He considered Canada to be "the most beautiful place on earth".

Bill joined the TICA Judging Program in the eighties while living in British Columbia where he and his beloved wife Trudy successfully showed their lovely Burmese under the cattery name of Theravada. When he and Trudy moved back to their native Holland they both became European Allbreed judges and remained the only Allbreed judges available in the Northern European Region for a long time. We had not seen Bill judging very often in the last couple of years due to his not being able to accept assignments because of his demanding job as well, as we learned later, his failing health. He and Trudy resigned as TICA judges at the end of the 2003/04 show season.

Bill and Trudy knew that he had been named the EN Member of the Year in the July ballot. He will be honored posthumously at the Northern Europe Region Show in October.

Submitted by Kurt Vlach, Northern Europe Regional Director

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### BOARD ACTIONS

The Board of Directors approved the following:

### STANDING RULES

103.3.1 **Add to read:** No matter when in a membership year (i.e, May 1-April 30) a person joins TICA, he/she must renew that membership on May 1 in accordance with By-Laws 113.1, 113.1.1 and 113.1.2.

103.3.1.1 A new member paying membership dues any time in April must indicate to which year membership year the dues apply, the current year ending April 30 or the following year beginning May 1.

#### 106.4.9 **Add to read:** Legislative Committee

To identify legislation and areas affected; to coordinate with other animal organizations to defuse any negative action that would endanger the continuation of owning, breeding or showing cats; to solicit support of the Regional Director in a target area who will appoint two regional members for the purpose of encouraging attendance at meeting and/or writing letters to the people responsible for passing laws and/or ordinances.

Legislation Policy: TICA will OPPOSE legislation regarding licensing, limits, mandatory microchip programs, mandatory data keeping by animal control, and taxation on **pets or pet products**. TICA will SUPPORT EFFORTS to improve shelter conditions, voluntary micro-chip programs, trap-(test)-neuter-(vaccinate)-release programs, and fund raising programs such as vanity license plates which designate part of the income for animal welfare and educational programs.

**NOTE:** Items in parenthesis are not done in all communities that have feral programs.

109.2.1.1 **Amend to read:** Semi-Annual Meeting shall be held the third week or weekend of February in the vicinity of Harlingen, Texas or at a location or on a date approved by the Board of Directors.

209.4.2.1 **Amend to read:** *Whenever possible, the tables on which the judging cages are placed shall have extenders to raise the height of the tables to between 34 and 38 inches (89 and 97 centimeters) from the floor.*

**Delete:** 501.1 - 501.15 Renumber 501.16, 501.17, 501.16.1, 501.16.2 as 501.6, 501.6.1, 501.6.2. Renumber 501.17 as 501.7.

505.2.2 **Add to read:** Correction to the Master Catalog of any kind shall be given to the Master Clerk in writing on the approved form.

505.2.2.1 Master Catalog Correction Forms shall be completed in triplicate. The original shall be forwarded to the TICA Executive Office copies with the Master Catalog. A copy shall be given to the owner/agent making the correction and a copy shall be retained by the Club with the original Master Catalog and the Posting Slips.

505.2.2.2 The Master Clerk shall initial each Master Catalog Correction Form when the correction is made in the catalog.

209.1.1.4 **Amend to read:** Marked Catalogs *Master Correction Forms shall be forwarded to the Executive office with the Master catalog.* The rest remains the same.

901.4.4.2 **Add to read: (to be effective next year)** Special breed awards shall be acknowledged in the TICA TREND, Yearbook, Annual Awards Program and the Annual Media Presentation.

901.2.4.4.1 Special breed awards shall be sent directly to the recipient.

903.8.1 **Amend to read:** From time to time the International Cat Association Board of Directors shall select certain individuals, who have contributed immeasurably to the success of The International Cat Association, for membership in the TICA Hall of Fame. *Nominees' contributions for consideration at the next Semi-Annual meeting must be submitted to the Region Director by November 15<sup>th</sup> and to the Executive Office by December 15<sup>th</sup>.*

1012.2 **Amend to read:** Additional Regions. To apply for a full directorship a region must have had a resident membership of 75 or more members for the past 3 years.

1012.3.1 **Add:** Malta to Isolated Area List: Southern Europe Region.

## JUDGING PROGRAM

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

414.2.1 **Add to read:** Judges failing to accumulate six CEUs in one show season must earn twelve CEUs in the next show season.

### UNIFORM COLOR DESCRIPTIONS

Effective May 1, 2005

71.2.6 **Add to read:** *Miscellaneous Division. In the development of new breeds or new traits, conditions may arise in which a color and/or of a breed is not easily determined to fall within a currently recognized division. Cats that fall into this category may be shown in the Miscellaneous Division. (Examples include the silver tipped Chausie which does not fully meet the criteria for the solid, tabby or silver/smoke division, or those cat which are described as "merle" which have both solid patches of color and shaded or smoke patches of color).*

71.2.6.1 *The Miscellaneous Division shall be restricted to developing new breeds or traits.*

71.2.6.2 *At the time of application to Championship status, a breed will be assigned to an existing division, or, if none is appropriate, a new division may be created.*

74.1 **Amend to read:** The agouti allele (A/-) permits visualization of the tabby pattern by allowing alternation bands of light and dark pigments to appear on the hairs, resulting in contrasting patterns of lighter and darker colored areas. *An unspecified tabby pattern shall be registered and shown as a classic tabby.*

The California Spangled has been moved from Preliminary New Breed to REGISTRATION ONLY.

### MEMBERSHIP BALLOT

There are several proposals on the October Membership Ballot to add to or amend the Show Rules, By-Laws and Registration Rules that are too numerous (or too lengthy) to preview here. All items passed by the membership concerning judging will be addressed in the next issue of the Newsletter.

**!! Please remember to Vote !!**

### REMINDERS

**Membership Dues and License Fees:** All Judges' and Trainees' Membership dues for the 2005-2006 show year must be received by the Executive Office by October 30, 2004, unless you are a Life Member. Unless you are a DJ, your **license renewal fee** must be rec'd by **October 30<sup>th</sup>**. Active Judges Emeriti must be current by **October 30<sup>th</sup>**. Failure to meet these requirements may result in a \$25 fine. Judges failing to pay fines or having missing requirements will be re-licenced pending payment of fees and completion of missing assignments. If fees are not paid by February 1<sup>st</sup>, an additional late fee of \$25 will be assessed by the EO.

### WITHHOLD AWARDS (WW)

In accordance with the SHOW RULES when it is found that an otherwise eligible entry has faults of a nature that it fails to conform to its breed standard (i.e. a cobby SI or a long lean PS) and therefore lacks merit or is in such poor condition (i.e. extremely thin, or dirty) it should not be shown, a judge may:

1. Withhold All Awards and mark WW in the space provided for awards in the judge's book or.....
2. Award less than Best of Color (i.e. second, third, fourth or fifth in which case no higher Division Award may be awarded than that made in the Color Class. NO FURTHER NOTATION IS REQUIRED.

DISQUALIFICATION (DQ) is used for those entries which are removed from competition for reasons set forth in the TICA SHOW RULES or listed in an individual BREED STANDARD: Cats that bite, any cat showing intent to deceive a judge through fraud, or by artificial means, male championship cats not having two descended testicles, and cats with any structural abnormalities listed in ARTICLE SIXTEEN of the SHOW RULES.

CATS THAT BITE must be disqualified and dismissed from the ring. If a cat is disqualified for any reason the judge shall mark DQ in the space provided for awards in the judge's book and IT IS REQUIRED THAT THE JUDGE STATE THE REASON FOR THE DQ ON THE EXECUTIVE OFFICE COPY.

The EO shall note any cat that is disqualified for biting. If three DQs for biting for the same cat occur, the EO will inform the owners that the cat will no longer be scored or allowed to confirm titles.

NOTICE OF INTENT : If your application was not considered at a Board meeting, you must notify your Judging Administrator if you wish to continue to have your name listed in the Notice of Intent.

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### JUDGES' INSURANCE COMPANY

THE INSURANCE MART 6045 Ridgewood Rd, Jackson, MS 38921-2799 PH: (601)956-5093 FAX: (601) 957-7656

*It is strongly suggested that all judges carry our judges' insurance information (above) in your wallet and/or the enclosed Claim Form in your current briefcase at all times.*

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We need at least one School per year in each Region. Breed groups are encouraged to hold Seminars a least every three years. Please notify me of any Schools, Seminars or Judges' Conferences you may be moderating or that are in your Region so that I may post them here and in the TREND.

### JUDGING SCHOOLS & SEMINARS

2004

Oct 23<sup>rd</sup> / 24<sup>th</sup> Nevers, France. Gallic Cats. Genetics Seminar moderated by Adriana Kajon. Contact: Martine Caillard, [MC.CFC@wanadoo.fr](mailto:MC.CFC@wanadoo.fr) or Brigitte Bethelon [brigitte.berthelon@wanadoo.fr](mailto:brigitte.berthelon@wanadoo.fr)

**Nov 19** Okemos, MI. Glace Cat Show in Novi Expo Center, 10 am to 1 pm Judging School facilitated by Fate Mays. Contact; Susan Lee, 517/332-2184 of [CoonsCross@aol.com](mailto:CoonsCross@aol.com)

## **2005**

**March 18<sup>th</sup>** Denver, CO. High on Cats Cat Club, Clerking School at 6 PM in the show hall at the Holiday Inn, conducted by Arnold Farley. Contact: GP RD; Tracy McCullough, 303/355-5959 [mt9@uswest.net](mailto:mt9@uswest.net)

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

**April 23<sup>rd</sup>** Austin TX Sphynx Breed Seminar. In the show hall following completion of judging. Info: Nancy Parkinson [pzazz@audtin.rr.com](mailto:pzazz@audtin.rr.com).

**May** Albuquerque NM. Enchanted Cat Club's 6<sup>th</sup> Annual CEU Fest. Info: TBA at press time.

**Sept 26<sup>th</sup>** Napoleonwirt, Altheim, Austria, a 6 CEU all day Austrian Waltz plus a dinner at a Vienna wine-place. Contact: Kurt Vlach [dreamhunter@chello.at](mailto:dreamhunter@chello.at)