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We wish to thank the gracious people in the Harlingen, Texas area for helping to make the five-day Semi-Annual Board Meeting a success.

The meeting was called to order at 8:00 a.m. on Wednesday, February 16 by President Kay DeVilbiss. The established members were welcomed back and the newly seated members were congratulated, introduced and welcomed to the Board.

In addition to Kay, and TICA's Business Manager/Executive Secretary and Data Systems Technician, Leslie Bowers, the following Board Members were present: Dewane Barnes, Vice President, Motoko Oizumi, Asia, Jamie Christian, Great Lakes, Tracy McCullough, Great Plains, Donna Gonyea, designated proxy for Louise Van de Water, Northeast, Kurt Vlach, Northern Europe, Ellen Crockett, Northwest, Lisa Dickie, Mid Atlantic, Pamea Barrett, Mid Pacific, Don Caruthers, South Central, Jo Parris, Southeast, Genevieve Basquine, Southern Europe and Vickie Fisher, Southwest.

Also present was our Legal Advisor, Laurie Schiff. By unanimous consent of the Board, Bobbie Tullo, Judging Administrator, and Nancy Parkinson, Rules Committee Chairperson and the interpreter were seated.

Beatriz Deya, Director for South America was not present for the meeting.

Congratulations to all of you who have been accepted to train or approved for advancement in The International Cat Association's Judging Program.

## **BOARD ACTIONS**

### **ADVANCEMENTS**

#### **Ring & School Instructor**

Vickie Jo Harrison

#### **Approved Allbreed**

Eriko Odaka  
Kurt Vlach

#### **Provisional Allbreed**

Lisa Dickie  
Toni Jones  
Katherine Ruttan  
Chris Unangst  
Keiko Yoshino

#### **Probationary Specialty**

Heather Roberts  
Jeffery Roberts  
Pascal Remy  
Hisae Tasaki  
Elaine Hawksworth-Weitz

#### **LH/SH Trainee**

Jay Bangle  
Susan Lee  
Karen Stinson

## **BREEDS and/or COLORS**

**May 1, 2005**

The Peterbald will advance to Advanced New Breed class.

The Napoleon has been accepted as REGISTRATION ONLY status

The British Longhair is allowed as an acceptable out cross for the Scottish Fold LH/SH.

The British SH and the British LH will be treated as a breed group for clarification purposes only.

The Board of Directors caused the following to be adopted or amended.

### **STANDING RULES**

Policy: **Amend to read:** Legislative Policy, second sentence, (see Newsletter # 88), TICA will generally SUPPORT, etc., and **add** the Legislative Policy to the Standing Rules where the policy resides on the website.

109.2.1: **Add:** Upon application to the Board, to include specific reasons for the request for the exemption, and why such a show would have no impact on the Annual, a club may receive permission to hold a show on the Annual weekend.

2016.1: **Add:** An emergency is an unforeseen, exigent (urgent) circumstance.

2016.5 **Add:** Minimum Handling Requirements

2016.5.1: A judge must have the ability to remove from and return to the judging cage every cat entered in the show, except for those cats not amenable to handling. In the event that a judge believes that a cat may not be amenable to handling, the judge may request that the owner or agent remove the cat from and/or return the cat to the judging cage.

2016.5.1. A judge must disclose an inability to meet the minimum handling requirements to the club at the time the club offers the judging assignment to the judge or, as soon as such inability is known to the judge.

2016.5.1.2 If the inability to meet the minimum handling becomes known to the judge after entering into the contract, the judge must notify the club of such a change of circumstances as soon as possible. Either the club or the judge may, at that time, cancel that judging assignment.

2016.5.2: In the event that a judge is unable to meet the minimum handling requirements, the **club** must:

2016.5.2.1: Contact a handler at the time of contracting the judge or as soon as the inability of the judge to meet the minimum handling requirements becomes known. The handler must be a licensed judge or a trainee. (Show Rule 216.1)

2016.5.2.2: List the handler on the flyer with the judge or, if the inability to handle is unknown until after the assignment is published, list the handler on all revisions of the show flyer, and on all other show announcements including the show schedule.

2016.5.2.3 Compensate the handler with lunch on the day of handling, a fully marked catalog and an amount per cat equal to the rate of a Probationary Specialty Judge.

203.9.1.1: The following breeds with a non-domestic ancestor no closer in relation than a great-grandparent may be shown in the Preliminary New Breed and Advanced New Breed classes:

203.9.1.1.1 Chausie

203.9.1.1.2 Savannah

**MILEAGE** The Internal Revenue Service's 2005 standard allowance for mileage rate for the use of an automobile is 40.5 cents a mile.

### **JUDGING PROGRAM**

Effective Immediately

42.2.5: **Amend to read:** Breeding and/or Showing

42.2.5.1: (For Breeders) Prior to being granted a Probationary Specialty License shall have been breeding cats for at least 5 years; shall have bred a minimum of 5 TICA registered litters: *and shall* have shown in at least 25 TICA shows, (back-to-back shows will be considered as one show).

42.2.5.2: (For Non-Breeders). Prior to being granted a Probationary Specialty License shall have been actively showing cats for at least 5 years; shall have acquired cats at 5 months old or younger; shall have shown a minimum of five cats to TICA Grand Champion or Supreme Grand Champion Alter, three of which must have achieved the title of Supreme Grand Champion Alter; shall *have* achieved a minimum of three Regional wins in the top ten; shall *have* shown in 25 shows (back-to-shows will be considered one show).

42.3: **Amend to read:** A longhair/shorthair specialty applicant shall have bred and/or acquired as a kitten (5 months of age or younger) and shown to TICA Grand Champion status a minimum of two whole cats in the applicant's breed specialty and one cat of opposite coat length/body type (may be an alter). The cat of opposite coat length/body type must be owned or leased by the applicant and **must reside with the applicant.**

42.3.1: At least one whole cat bred and/or acquired by the applicant as a kitten (5 months of age or younger), shall be shown to Supreme Grand Champion status.

42.3.2: Applicants applying under the requirements of 42.2.5.2 must have shown to TICA Grand Champion or Grand Champion Alter 5 cats from both the longhair and the shorthair breeds, with no fewer than three from one coat length/body type and the remaining from the opposite coat length/body type. One Supreme Grand Champion or Supreme Grand Champion Alter and Regional Winner must be in the opposite coat length/body type from the primary coat length/body type.

#### **JUDGES' INSURANCE COMPANY**

THE INSURANCE MART

6045 Ridgewood Rd. Jackson, MS

PH: (601) 056-5093 FAX: (601) 957-7656

Please remember to carry our judges' insurance information (above) in your wallet and a copy of the Claim Form in your current briefcase at all times

JUDGES' EXPENSE FORMS: Profits from the Expense Forms go into a fund for your JA 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. (337)989-0085 or [savantcats@earthlink.net](mailto:savantcats@earthlink.net)

JUDGING PROGRAM FORMS: The Judging Program, the Official Judging Contract, Information Sheet, the Official Application for Invitation of International Guest Judges and all other forms involving the Judging Program are all available on the TICA web site, or by contacting Nancy Parkinson. Nancy has all the forms in Word or pdf format. Nancy: (512) 420-8510 or [pzazz@austin.rr.com](mailto:pzazz@austin.rr.com)

## JUDGE'S UPDATE & RECORD FORM

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

## JUDGES' YEARBOOK PHOTOGRAPHS

CURRENT photos for the TICA Yearbook are due NO LATER THAN **June 30**. John would greatly appreciate it if you would not wait until the last minute to submit photos. If you're due for a new snapshot this year, have one taken now and send it to John as soon as possible. Contact John for the particulars for scanning pictures. Send to John Harrison, TICA Yearbook Editor, 7354 Meadow Breeze, Sam Antonio, TX 78227-1629 [JHCats@aol.com](mailto:JHCats@aol.com)  
**NOTE . . . There is an automatic \$25 fine for failure to submit a NEW photo for the Yearbook every three years.**

The following judges require a new photo for the yearbook this year:

Thomas Andersen  
Mary Arnold  
Carlos Arrieta  
Dewance Barnes  
Catherine Bastide-Costes  
Sue Becknell  
Martine Caillard  
Don Caruthers  
Alex Chisholm  
John Creech  
Ellen Crockett  
Harley DeVilbiss  
Kay DeVilbiss  
Ryoko Doi  
Luiz Paulo Faccioli  
Vickie Fisher  
Franziska Gagern  
Penny Garrett  
Lindajean Grillo  
Elektra Hammond  
Mike Hammond  
Marge Hanna  
Vicki Jo Harrison  
Toni Jones  
Lynn Judge

Mariko Kikuchi  
D'Ann Kovic  
Dorothy Lewis  
Debbie Lopeman  
Carlos Lopez  
Sandi Mattingly  
Aline Noel-Garel  
Nancy Nolen  
M. Nottingham  
Chieko Ohira  
Motoko Oizumi  
Melissa Parsley  
M. Picardello  
Jimmy Reardon  
Deborah Reed  
Steven Savant  
Laurie Schiff  
Robin Sessler  
Lynne Sherer  
Chiho Shindou  
Tomoko Tanaka  
Chris Unangst  
Irene van Belzen  
L. Van de Water  
Connie Webb  
Hisako Yamada

**NOTICE OF INTENT:** If you are applying for advancement at the 2005 Annual in New York, your notice of intent must be received by your Judging Administrator by April 25. If your application was not considered at a Board meeting, you must notify your JA if you wish to continue to have your name listed in the TREND's Notice of Intent.

## OCTOBER 2004 BALLOT RESULTS

### REGISTRATION RULES

Amendments to our Registration Rules take effect immediately upon passage by the membership unless the proposal itself provides another effective date. Changes in the Registration Rules which effect the way a cat may be shown shall take effect May 1, 2005.

**34.2: Amend to read: Rules Governing Registration of a Color.** A cat is to be registered according to it's genetically (genotype) determined color and/or pattern.

**34.2.1: Add to read:** When a discrepancy is present between the genotype (genetically determined color and/or pattern) and the phenotype (physical appearance of the cat), registration should be based upon genotype. (See Show Rule 23.3.1 and Standing Rule 203.2.1.).

**36.3.1: Amend to read: Last sentence:** No ancestry registration number for a cat in Category I -IV shall be issued without a signed Certification Form (#\_\_\_) from three TICA Allbreed judges stating that they have handled the cat in question and find that it sufficiently meets the standard for its breed to be used in a breeding program

**37.3.3: Amend to read: Last sentence:** For a domestic breed, a signed Certificate Form (#\_\_\_) from three TICA Allbreed judges must be submitted stating that they have handled the cat in question and find that it sufficiently meets the standard for its breed for use in a breeding program.

**37.1.3: Add to read:** For a list of breeds recognized in each registration category see Standing Rule 307.2, 307.3, 307.4, 307.5 and 307.6.

**Delete:** From the Registration Rules: 37.2.4, 37.3.4, 37.4.5, 37.5.5 and 37.6.4:

**37.3: Amend to read: Category II:** Natural Breeds.

**37.3.1 Amend to read: Purpose.** This category is for natural breeds which may have need to augment their gene pool with additional cats of unregistered ancestry but have little to gain (and perhaps much to lose) by out- crossing to other breeds. For the most part these breeds are ones which originated in specific geographic regions where good representatives of the breed still to be found in their native state as pets, barn cats, or feral cats, etc.

### SHOW RULES

Amendments to our Show Rules take effect May 1, 2005, unless the proposal itself provided another effective date.

**23.3: Amend to read:** Cats erroneously registered and/or entered in an incorrect class may be transferred to the correct class at the option of the owner.

**23.3.1:** The color class in which a cat is shown should be determined by the phenotype (physical appearance) of the cat. This may not be the same as the genotype-based color recorded on the registration certificate.

**Standing Rule 203.3.1:** For purposes of scoring, the Executive Office shall be notified in writing whenever a cat is shown in a different color class for the genotype-based color recorded on the registration certificate, (i.e., a cat registered as a self (solid) red but shown as a red-spotted tabby, etc.).

**23.3.1.1:** A cat may be transferred from one color class to another at any time without loss of previously earned points or awards.

**Amend:** ARTICLE FIVE, Vetted and Non - Vetted Shows, has been completely rewritten clarifying the requirements and responsibilities for the removal of a cat (or cats) from

the show hall that show evidence of having fungus, parasites, or any infectious or contagious illness.

NOTE: Of particular interest to our judges:

25.3: Non Vetted Shows. Any exhibitor, judge or show committee member suspecting any cat of having fungus, fleas, ear mites or any infectious or contagious illness may report the same to the show manager.

(See excerpts from Standing Rule 205 below)

205: **Add:** Vetted and Non Vetted Shows (From Show Rules, ARTICLE FIVE), added to clarify procedures for the removal from the show hall of cats suspected of illness, time limits, party(s) responsible for entry and/or veterinarian fees and awards prior to removal and/or the return to the hall of the cat(s).

NOTE: Of interest to judges:

205.3: Non Vetted Shows. If a cat is suspect under Show Rules 25.3, it is the duty of the show manager to have the cat in question immediately removed from the show hall until a veterinarian confirms and/or diagnoses the suspected illness OR certifies that the cat is free of contagious or infectious illness.

205.3.2.1: If the cat is diagnosed as having a contagious or infectious illness, all charges for veterinarian services shall be paid by the owner or agent of the cat.

205.3.3.1: If the cat is certified free of contagious or infectious illness, all charges for veterinarian service shall be paid by the complaining party.

205.3.5: In no event is the club or the show management required to refund entry fees.

211.5.3: **Delete:** "xxx" no longer applies.

213.4.2: **Add:** Conflicts in Dates (from the Standing Rules) Any judge who has signed a contract to judge a show shall not accept another contract to judge on that same date unless the original show is canceled. In the event that more than one contract has been signed, the earlier date of signing will determine the applicable contract.

215.4: **Delete:** Duplicate of Show Rule 23.2

216.5.1 **Amend to read:** Any cat not amenable to handling on the judging table should be penalized for temperament and awards may be withheld from that ring, but the cat will be counted present and competing in that ring. If awards are withheld, the judge shall make the notation "unable to handle" in his/her judge's book.

#### **FROM THE EO**

Please remind your judges and show managers of the following Standing Rule:

209.4.7.1: Judging vs. Finals. If a cat is being judged in a ring, it may not be removed from that ring to be placed in a finals ring. If a group of cats is being judged and a member of this group is being called to another ring for finals, the cat must go to the ring to be judged **unless the finals have already started.**

We have had complaints from exhibitors that judges are marking cats absent who are already up in someone else's finals.

Leslie

**Please be reminded that an exhibitor and/or the show committee shall not request that you judge any entry(ies) separately from the regular class(es) for the entry(ies). See Show Rule 210.7.**

Show Rule 210.2: An exhibitor shall not, in any way, let an officiating judge know which entry(ies) belong(s) to him. In doing so, the exhibitor may be ignorant of the rules, or habitually ignoring them, and should be made to know that he may also be in violation of 210.1.1 and may be subject to disciplinary action in accordance with our By-Laws, Article Twenty-two.

#### **SCHOOL A' LA ARGENTINA**

We have in our Region six young people interested in the Judging Program. Not one of them speaks English and, of course, all of it is very difficult for them. Carlos Arrieta and I had the idea to have a Judging School in a different way. We will have meetings with these six people for three hours every Saturday on weekends with no shows. We will speak about one breed at each class - more if necessary. If the breed is available in Argentina, we will have them present. If not, we will use pictures or slides. We will include Show Rules, handling, etc., and offer a glossary in English in order to help them when they are ready to take their test. Carlos Lopez will be instructing schools for clerks starting, or continuing, in the Clerking Program so that they may be ready for their test at the end of this year or the beginning of next. It will be very hard work for all of us but we think it may be the only way Argentina will have more judges in the future.

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#### **JUDGING SCHOOLS & SEMINARS**

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

#### **2005**

**May 21:** Mid Atlantic CEU Workshop in Baltimore, MD near the airport. The Hotel is the Holiday Inn Express, 7481 Ridge Road, Hanover (Baltimore) MD 21076. Agenda contact: Lisa Dickie (410) 884-9911 or [purberi@msn.com](mailto:purberi@msn.com)

**June 4:** Compadres Cat Club, El Paso, TX, Judging School Saturday evening in the show hall at the El Paso Convention and Performing Arts Center. Instructor; Marge Hanna. Contact: Sue Becknell (915) 584-5798 or [soozbb@yahoo.com](mailto:soozbb@yahoo.com)

**June 11-12:** Enchanted Cat Club, Albuquerque, NM, 6th Annual two-day 14 CEU Fiesta including at least one each: Breed Seminar, Genetic Seminar, Judging School, Judging Conference a TICA Workshop, several meals and a fabulous dinner party at the Fisher's in Corrales. Info and/or reservations: Vickie Fisher [coonquest@opermail.com](mailto:coonquest@opermail.com)

**June 18:** San Antonio, Texas CEU Roundup. Featuring a Judging School, a Judges' Conference and a Breed Seminar. Further information contact: Vicki Harrison at [JHCats@aol.com](mailto:JHCats@aol.com) or Toni Jones at [Tjones3028@aol.com](mailto:Tjones3028@aol.com)

CHAUSIE (CU)  
5/1/05

HEAD		40 points
Shape	7	
Ears	7	
Eyes	5	
Chin	4	
Muzzle	4	
Nose	5	
Profile	6	
Neck	2	
BODY		40 points
Torso	10	
Legs	8	
Feet	4	
Tail	4	
Boning	7	
Musculature	7	
COAT/COLOR/PATTERN		20 points
Texture	5	
Pattern	8	
Color	7	

CATEGORY: Traditional

DIVISION: Solid, Tabby and *Miscellaneous* Divisions

COLORS: Black, Brown Ticked Tabby and Silver Tipped.

PERMISSIBLE OUT CROSSES: *Domestic shorthair* not a member of a recognized breed, Jungle Cat, Abyssinian.

HEAD:

Shape: *Modified wedge, medium in size with a long, sloping forehead and high, angular, long cheekbones that meet a strong, full muzzle and chin.* A change in direction at the sides of the muzzle gives the appearance of rounded whisker pads.

Eyes: Medium, slightly flattened oval and set on bias to just below the outside edge of the ear. *Gold or yellow eye color preferred, hazel to light green allowed.*

Profile: Long sloping forehead flows into the rise between the eyes, continuing down with good length, to meet the nose bump, *which is rounded where it meets the convex nose leather.*

Ears: Tall, large ears should be placed fairly close together on top of head with a wide base cornering the head and the ear seat a slight outward angle. The ear itself should be fairly wide all the way up with rounded ear tips. Ear tufts preferred, lack of tufts not a penalty.

Neck: The muscular neck is of medium length and thickness.

Muzzle: *Proportionate to the cheekbones and length of nose, with full whisker pads.*

Chin: Strong, full, both in profile and frontal view *with depth resulting from good bone structure.*

Nose: Medium -wide *slightly broader between the eyes. Nose leather is convex and full.*

BODY:

Torso: Long, lean and *muscular, firm to the touch;* the large rectangular body is strong and athletic, with a *balanced* chest and good depth of body without any roundness of the ribcage.

Legs: The legs are moderately long, well muscled with medium boning. The hind legs are slightly longer than the front as the cat is built for running and leaping.

Feet: The feet are round and small in comparison to the overall size of the cat.

Tail: Three-quarter of full length tail acceptable: the 3/4 tail has fewer vertebrae and is preferred. Both tail lengths should be of medium thickness and fully articulated.

Musculature: The musculature is long and lean rather than bulky.

Boning: Medium leg boning *with long, lithe legs, while the torso is substantial with good depth.*

COAT/COLOR/PATTERN

Length: Short to medium, with enough length to accommodate at least two bands of ticking. Not open.

Texture: A dense, soft undercoat with a harder resilient texture to the outer coat.

COLORS:

Brown ticked tabby: A mouse-gray color next to the skin with sandy-gray to reddish-gold base coat. The coat will have two or more bands of color in the ticking. Reverse ticking and/or flecking may also be present. There should be tabby markings on the face and barring on the legs and tail. Barring on the front legs appears primary on the upper front and inside of the leg, with the inside being more bold than the outside. The barring on the front legs be more bold than on the back legs. The tail should be black tipped. Barring may or may not be present on the neck. Faint tabby markings on the body may be present but not preferred. The backs of the ears will have "thumb print" markings of a lighter color. A white or off-white color should outline the eyes and muzzle. Nose leather pink to brick red. The underside will range in color from white or off-white to sandy-gold. Stomach may appear flecked, speckled or spotted.

Black: Solid black.

Silver tipped: *This pattern is a new gene that appears to be a form or modification of ticked tabby in that it is gray or lighter at the skin followed by black and is marked by lighter bands of color or ticking on the shaft ending in black tips. Faint tabby markings on the torso may be present but not preferred. Ear furnishings will appear silver and will be banded. Nose leather is black. The Silver Tip gene is a dominant gene found in the Chausie breed as a result of the Jungle Cat ancestor used to develop the breed*

GENERAL DESCRIPTION: The Chausie is a statuesque cat, tall, upright, medium to large framed with legs more moderate in boning giving the cat a tall, slender-legged look. Its musculature is that of an agile hunter with great jumping. They have large upright, tufted ears. Males will be proportionately larger than females. The overall appearance should bring to mind the Middle Easter/Asian Jungle Cat as the breed retains a strong resemblance to its ancestors. This cat is good-natured, loyal and intelligent and should be amenable to handling showing no signs of challenge.

ALLOWANCES: Variations in tail length starting from just below the hock, (3/4) to full length. Slight ghost body markings on kittens. *Black paw pads with rosy or pink overtones allowed.*

PENALIZE: Vivid green eyes. A cat that is too refined or heavy boned. A cat void of tabby markings on the legs or tail.

WITHHOLD ALL AWARDS (WW): True classic pattern. Any color other than the three allowable colors. White lockets.

DISQUALIFY (DQ): Tail too short, resulting from a mutated gene, (MX/PB/BB). Tail kinked or lacking flexibility.

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## PETERBALD (PD)

5/1/05

### HEAD: 40 points

Shape	9
Ears	7
Eyes	7
Profile	7
Muzzle	5
Chin	3
Neck	2

### BODY 40 points

Torso	12
Musculature	10
Boning	8
Legs and feet	5
Tail	5

### COAT 20 points

Texture	20
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CATEGORIES: All

DIVISIONS: All

COLORS: All

PERMISSIBLE OUT CROSSES: Oriental Shorthair, Siamese, Don Hairless (Don Sphynx)

#### HEAD:

Shape: Long, inverted triangle, measuring from ear tip to ear tip to blunted chin, forming a wedge.

Ears: Extra large, pointed, and broad at the base, slightly flared. Set to extend just below the line of the wedge.

Eyes: Medium in size, almost almond in shape. Obliquely set, flush with the skull, neither protruding nor recessed. Distance between eyes not less than width of one eye. Eye color independent of coat color.

Profile: Almost straight profile with slightly noticeable angle from forehead to nose; two planed, Flat forehead.

Muzzle: Strong, smooth, slightly blunt. Not narrow. No whisker pinch.

Kinky Whiskers

Chin: Strong, tip of nose in line with tip of chin. Not protruding.

Neck: Long and slender.

#### BODY:

Torso: Medium-sized, long and graceful. Shoulders and hips equal in width.

Legs: Long, medium-fine boned. Firm muscles. Straight vertical fore legs. Hind legs slightly longer than front legs.

Feet: Oval, medium in size with long, agile, prominent toes and a discreet, non prominent foot pad.

Tail: Long, strong and whippy

Musculature: Firm and well developed.

Boning: Medium fine.

#### COAT:

The Peterbald coat ranges from completely hairless, to a flocked or velour coat, to a brush coat. The gene which causes the Peterbald coat is a "hair -losing" gene rather than a "hairless" gene. **All coat types are accepted and no preference should be given to one coat type over another. Instead, attention should be paid to the quality of the coat type.**

The hairless Peterbald has soft, warm skin that feels almost sticky, but not oily, to the touch. The texture is chamois-like. The hairless Peterbald may have wrinkles all over the body. The flocked or velour coat ranges from a short fine, sparse down to a slightly longer, closer down which offers resistance to the hand when stroked. The flocked or velour coat may appear hairless until touched. The texture is suede-like

The brush coat is one of the Peterbald's most distinguishing characteristics. No other breed has a coat similar to this. The brush coat is a dense, wiry coat of irregular texture, ranging from soft to coarse. The brush coat may range from one-eighth of one-quarter inch, but should in no way feel or look like a normal coat when closely inspected.

In some instances, a Peterbald may combine coat types. For example, a cat may have brush coat on the extremities (i.e., muzzle, ears, legs, tail) and have a flocked or velour coat on the body. In such cases, coat that is retained on the extremities is short, close lying and downy in texture, rather than the typical wiry texture.

GENERAL DESCRIPTION: The overall impression of an ideal Peterbald is an elegant and intelligent cat. The Peterbald has a sturdy, lean elongated body that contributes to its graceful movement. Peterbalds originated in Russia in January 1994. They were originally produced by mating an Oriental Shorthair with a Don Hairless (Don Sphynx). The original litter demonstrated that the Don Hairless gene is a dominant gene, unlike the Sphynx. It also demonstrated various unusual coat types, including the distinctive brush coat.

ALLOWANCES: Lockets.

#### PENALIZE:

Head: Curved profile, weak chin, muzzle break.

Body: Heavy, rounded body, bowed forelegs.

WITHHOLD ALL AWARDS (WW): Long-haired cats, normal coat. Any evidence of illness or poor health.

DISQUALIFY (DQ): Protruding sternum, visible tail fault, crossed eyes.

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